

THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN ALL WE DO

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Psalm 133:1

A MOTHER'S *Love*

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.



05 - McCoy Wehmeyer
17 - Ava Fisk
17 - Cheryl Simmons
20 - Lorraine Moxter
26 - Karol Knierim

Happy Anniversary

14 – Angela and George
McClane

CHURCH SPEAK CONTINUED

We continue in our exploration of “churchy” words we use but rarely define. The words are familiar but sometimes we can be hard pressed to completely define them. Last month we looked at words we use to describe places in the church. This month we will look at five more church speak words we may have heard: Apostate, Heresy, Holy, Parousia and Herald.

Apostate: What do we mean when we say someone is an apostate? Generally, this means that one has abandoned their beliefs. When someone says they are an atheist this means they do not believe in the existence of God. When someone is an apostate it means they once believed but do not anymore. Apostasy is the abandonment of faith. In Matthew 24:10-12 Jesus describes this happening during the end times when evil, hate and persecution will be great. *“At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold”*. Someone may be an apostate intellectually - where the person denounces Christianity and the church, but there is moral and spiritual apostasy as well where one denounces any ecclesiastical authority. “The persecutions of the early Christian centuries forced many to deny Christian discipleship and to signify their apostasy by offering incense to a heathen deity or blaspheming the name of Christ.” (Dwight M. Pratt, International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)

Heresy - This occurs when one believes something that contradicts the established teachings or beliefs in Christianity. For instance, in one church, I pastored there was a man who believed that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene. This is considered a heretical belief as it challenges the established understanding of who Jesus is and how he lived. Heresy isn’t just about disagreeing with someone’s views; but it is about disagreeing with established doctrines or beliefs. Another common heresy is that all roads lead to God. Jesus says in John 14:6, *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”* As opposed to being an apostate, someone with heretical beliefs doesn’t deny all the doctrines within Christianity’s just some. Other heresies often fall around the divinity of Jesus or his humanity and the authority of Scripture. Heresy involves a deliberate or persistent rejection of a core belief not just a disagreement.

Holy - This means something is consecrated to God or is sacred. Throughout the bible holy is most often used in relation to God who is pure, sinless and perfect. Holy signifies something that is set apart, dedicated and pure. When we take communion often the person who is serving the communion will ask that these common items, the bread and the cup, would be set aside for a holy purpose for God. When we say God is holy, we mean that God is so uniquely amazing that there is no way to fully measure or comprehend the greatness of God’s being. God is greater in every way than everyone, and everything whether seen and unseen. In Colossians 1:2 the people in Colossal, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ are referred to as holy.

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Parousia - In the bible this refers to the Second Coming of Jesus when Jesus will return to judge the people and set up his kingdom. Whereas eschatology refers to the last things that are connected to the second coming of Jesus, parousia means presence or arrival. Jesus will be present at the parousia. With his coming and presence there will be significant change and fulfillment. Early Christians lived with the expectation of Jesus' imminent return and this shaped their faith and how they lived.

Herald - A herald is someone who announces or proclaims a message, often good news. A herald signals the coming of something important as in the Christmas carol: *"Hark, the herald angels sing, 'Glory to the new-born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild; God and sinners reconciled.'"* Or in Isaiah 40:9, *"You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God!'"* When a herald arrives in Scripture it is associated with good news or an important message on behalf of God.

Pastor Angie



Easter Lily Cross 2025



Mary Garrison and Adrienne Müller
wearing their Easter Bonnets



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Chapter 1337— “Prayers and Squares”

The Prayer Quilt Ministry.

The Prayers and Squares ministry aims to promote an active prayer life among the participants, not just to make and give away quilts. We strive to involve as many people as possible in our prayer efforts. Together with the United Methodist Church, meetings will occur on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. May Meetings: Saturday, May 3 & Monday, May 19. Something always needs to be cut, ironed, tied, labeled, sewn and organized. Please join us for this fun, creative, worthwhile mission. If you don't know how, we'll show you! Contact Holly Cagle if you have any questions.



Prayers and Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry group met on Monday, April 21st. Adrienne Müller demonstrated AccuQuilt fabric cutting machine. Holly Cagle instructed on how to make a Friendship Star Quilt Block. Members made a block or 2 to contribute to a Friendship Quilt Holly will be putting together. Saturday, May 3rd an outing is planned to go to The Sanctuary Coffee and Quilts in Richland, MO. If you would like to join us, please let Holly Cagle or another member know.

April 22, 2025

Randy Washburn and Kody Dyke
beautified the front of our church by cleaning up,
and planting flowers and shrubs.



THINGS TO TAKE NOTE OF



Potluck



FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH

Please continue to join in the fellowship after church. Session has offered a slight change. On the first Sunday of the month there will be a potluck after church. All other Sundays there will be a light snack such as a donut or cheese and crackers plus coffee. We are scaling back the “food offering” but not the fellowship! This change begins May 4, 2025.



Sunday, May 18, we will be honoring our graduating seniors! Well done Jlee Clark, Elliott Nations and Gregory Allen.

Please join in as we congratulate them on a job well done. A light snack will be served after worship as usual.



THURSDAY, MAY 1, NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.

Join with the Mayor, Pastors and fellow residents of Versailles at noon to pray on the courthouse steps. If it rains the time of prayer will be held indoors at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- ▶ **PENTECOST OFFERING**—April 21st to June 8th. We are participating in the Pentecost offering, with a goal of \$1000.00. 40% of which stays in our church.
- ▶ **SUNDAY MAY 11— REV. BOB BALWANZ** will be preaching as Pastor Angie is visiting her family in Oregon.
- ▶ **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** brought in \$912.90. We keep 25%.
- ▶ **OUR CHURCH WEBSITE** has been given a new and improved look. We are in the process of updating with current photos and information. If you have any photos or information that you would like to see on the website, please email your photos with a description or information to Evangelina: presby1902@gmail.com
- ▶ **SPRING CLEANUP** April 19th was rained out, but Elder Randy Washburn and Kody Dyke cleaned, and planted flowers and shrubs at the front of our Church on April 22, 2025
- ▶ **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:** The pregnancy center is having a baby bottle fundraiser from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Pick up your baby bottle here at church and fill it with change then return it by Father's Day. All donations will be given to the pregnancy center.
- ▶ **LITURGISTS/LITTLE LAMB TIME SCHEDULE** — Please check the Schedule so you don't forget which Sunday you are the liturgist & Little Lamb time leader. Please sign up for available dates.
- ▶ **MINUTE FOR MISSIONS**—If you see the kids during passing of the Peace with "Bounty Buckets" please give them your change. We are collecting loose change for missions in our community. Collected so far \$250.50.
- ▶ **TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER** — 9:00 a.m. — upstairs in the conference room.
- ▶ **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**— 10:30 a.m.—downstairs in Clingan Hall.
- ▶ **MEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE**— 7:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.—downstairs in the dining area "Hill Hall".
- ▶ **PRAYERS AND SQUARES CHAPTER 1337**—Together with the United Methodist Church, we shall meet on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month 9:00 a.m. to Noon — May Meetings: Saturday, May 3 & Monday, May 19. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle.
- ▶ **REFRESHMENT SIGN-UP LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP TIME AFTER WORSHIP:** Please check the refreshment sign-up list on the bulletin board in the kitchen to sign up on available dates. Please don't forget your date. Thank you!
- ▶ **SUNDAY SCHOOL—ADULT & CHILDREN**—9:30 a.m.
- ▶ **MINISTRY HOUSE**—119 W. Jasper, Versailles— Free Weekly Meal, Every Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m.— Westminster Presbyterian will next serve the Ministry House dinner, May 22. All are welcome!
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING:** Wednesday, May 28 at 10:00 a.m. (Meetings on the 4th Wed. of the month)

Tuesday Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. – upstairs in the
Conference Room

**Bible Study**

Tuesday -10:30 a.m.

Downstairs, Clingan Hall

Session Meeting

Wed. May 28th
10:00 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult and children

9:30 a.m.



Join in on the
Men's Coffee and Donuts:
Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

•Join us for
"Fellowship Time"
refreshments after Worship
(Downstairs in Hill Hall)



**25 persons,
average attendance for
April**



Offerings for April 2025

Pledges: \$5475.00

Non-Pledges: \$600.00

Basket: \$121.00



NEW CAMERA AND FACEBOOK PRESENCE

Also stay tuned as Gregory Allen has helped move us forward with our technology in the Sanctuary. Soon we will have a regular live presence on Facebook each Sunday morning. We are looking for volunteers to learn how to run this newer system.

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"I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT"

Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we join together to support the faith of young people all around the world who enrich the Church with their creativity and vibrancy. We are there to correct the lack of access to education for children-at-risk, nurture the faith and vocation of youth and create space for young adults to explore and grow as leaders in Christ's church.

This Offering helps our young people begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime.



WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Please give generously...
for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Hours:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship/refreshments after Worship

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