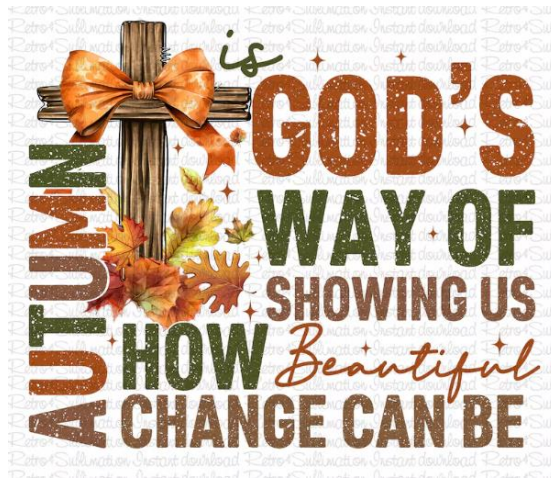


THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

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



Psalm: 107:1

*Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is
everlasting.*

November 06 ~ Kay Daniels
November 28 ~ Samantha Knierim

Gratitude is Foundational

When one thinks about a foundation, what springs to mind? Brick, mortar, something strong and durable, able to withstand all kinds of weather without crumbling. Houses with cracked foundations are in trouble. Foundation cracks will worsen over time and if one has an inspection on a perspective house and it is determined that the foundation is cracked the deal is usually off. No one wants to mess with a cracked foundation.

When we think of a foundation in spiritual terms the verse Isaiah 28:16 comes to mind.

“But the Master, God, has something to say to this: “Watch closely. I’m laying a foundation in Zion, a solid granite foundation, squared and true. And this is the meaning of the stone: a trusting life won’t topple.”

The essential idea from this verse is that the Lord’s people are invited to build their lives upon the promises God has made. These promises are a sure foundation, trustworthy and true.

What do you think is a good foundation to lay for your life? What is your cornerstone, your foundation? For the Christ follower Jesus is our cornerstone, our sure foundation. And with him securing the building of our lives what is to be our response?

It seems to me that gratitude is the foundation of our response to Jesus. With gratitude as the response to Jesus a host of other strong and life-giving responses will follow gratitude leads to love, joy, peace, patience etc. If gratitude is not present love will turn to resentment; generosity will turn sour; joy will be more conditional etc. One’s heart rather than remaining soft will become hardened. Gratitude can transform common days into days of thanksgiving and ordinary opportunities into blessings.

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In all things, give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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We have been given the gift of a new life in the kingdom of God. This is not because we are good but because God is good and God loves us. This gift of life to us has come through Jesus. Our response is gratitude, which is foundational to our life in the new kingdom. Someone said, “gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others.”

As we enter into the month of Thanksgiving, let us lay gratitude as our foundation and see what else begins to grow from that point. It is a great place from which to commence the month.

Prayer: Lord, we want to be grateful people, to live our lives from a place of gratitude for all the ways you have blessed us through Jesus. Help us to remember that all we are and all we have is a gift from your hand. In the tough places that you have allowed in our lives, the places we do not understand help us to trust and follow you with soft hearts. In Jesus we pray, Amen.

Pastor Angie

Happy
Thanksgiving



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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. November meetings: Sat. Nov. 02 & Mon. Nov. 18. December meetings: Sat. Dec. 07 & Mon. Dec. 16.

Come sew, and be creative!
Prayers and Squares update:
Completed 26 and have given 16.

PRAYERS & SQUARES is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. The purpose of Prayers & Squares is to promote prayer through the use of quilts.

Our motto is: "It's not about the quilt; it's all about the prayers."

EACH KNOT REPRESENTS A PRAYER

As each knot is tied, a prayer is offered for a person in need – someone who has asked us to pray for them. The finished quilt goes to that person as a silent testimony to our belief in the power of prayer. These quilts truly can be called "comforters".

PRAYERS & SQUARES HAS CHAPTERS WORLDWIDE

Chapter 1 was formed in 1992 at Hope United Methodist Church in San Diego, California.





Pancake Breakfast on opening day of The Versailles Olde Tyme Apple Festival.

\$750. 00 in donations went to Morgan County R-2 for
the Food Program and the Kindness Program



UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- ▶ **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**— Paul Chappee teaches Adult Sunday School. 9:30 a.m.
- ▶ **ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** – We are in the process of putting together the 2024 Advent Devotional Book. Thank you all for your contribution.
- ▶ **ADVENT BAGS** - MUP Youth Committee is put together 100 Advent bags for people through Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. As a member of the Committee, we assembled coloring pages (“It Was a Dark and Cloudy Night” A Christmas Tale to Color and Share by Sarah J. Butler), prayers, and provided 2-gallon zip lock bags.
- ▶ **WESTMINSTER’S PRAYERS AND SQUARES CHAPTER 1337**
Together with The United Methodist Church meetings to take place on the first Saturday and the third Monday of the month. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. November meetings: Sat. Nov. 02 & Mon. Nov. 18. December meetings: Sat. Dec. 07 & Mon. Dec. 16. —
If you have any questions, please get in touch with Holly Cagle.
- ▶ **TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER** – 9:00 a.m. upstairs in the conference room.
- ▶ **BIBLE STUDY**—Monday Evening – 5:30 p.m. / Tuesday morning- 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ **MEN’S WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE**— 7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
(Downstairs in the dining area “Hill Hall”)
- ▶ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**— Join in on “Fellowship Time” with refreshments after worship.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETING**—Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- ▶ **THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE**—November 25, 2024—7:00 p.m.
First Christian Church 1000 N. Monroe, Versailles.
- ▶ **WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN IS HOSTING THE PRESBYTERY MEETING—NOVEMBER 16- 9:00 a.m.—3:00 PM.—**
Approximately 50 Persons will be in attendance.
- ▶ **BELL CHOIR**— Our Bell Choir will perform at the Royal Theater on December 7.

Christians are not citizens of this world going to heaven; but citizens of heaven making our way through this world.”

—Vance Havner

Tuesday Morning Prayer

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



Bible Study

Monday evening:

5:30 p.m. at the Church

Tuesday morning -10:30 a.m.

Downstairs, Clingan Hall



Session Meeting

Wed. November 20th

10:00 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult and children

9:30 a.m.

**•Wednesday: Men's Coffee and Donuts:
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
October**



**Offerings for
October 2024
Pledges: \$3355.00
Non-Pledges: \$265.00
Basket: \$97.72**



**Paul Chappie teaches
Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m.**



Hours:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship/refreshments after Worship

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