



Westminster

Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship at 10:00 A.M.

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*If you're interested
in joining the
Riemans for a fun
Kahoot Quiz on
Game Night June
5 @ 7 PM, we'd love
it! You'll need a
computer or
smartphone, and
you'll need to send
Andy an email so
that you can
receive the Kahoot
Quiz game PIN. The
quiz will cover
Westminster topics
(the Bible, Christian
movies, and WPC
trivia)*



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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NEWS AND VIEWS

June 1st, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES*: * All meetings are via ZOOM unless otherwise noted.

6/2 Administration Meeting, 6:30 P.M.*

6/3 Session 7:15 P.M.*

6/4 JPCM @ 1st Baptist 4:30 P.M.

6/5 GAME NIGHT 7-9 P.M. (See sidebar)*

6/9 Presbytery Meeting

6/11 JPCM @ 1st Baptist 4:30 P.M.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Dear Friends,

Until I read the book Waking Up White by Debbie Irving, on which we offered a study about 3 years ago, I'd never thought much about the reality of white privilege or how I'd benefited from it, though it is abundantly clear that privilege is part of my story. As I read and hear responses to the recent tragic violence against people of color, including George Floyd and Ahmaud Audarby, I'm struck by another concept that I hadn't really considered before: being "anti-racist." It's not the same as saying "I'm not racist," or "I try not to act in a racist manner." An anti-racist is someone who opposes racism wherever they find it, even within themselves. I don't have to be perfect to be anti-racist; I just have to be willing to grow. If you are interested in joining me in such a process of growth, I'll be glad to receive resources from you and share what I find with you. I'm going to post this link on the church's Facebook page, <https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge>, and will print some of the articles for you if you'd like to read them without using the internet. We can also find a way to talk about our growth together.

With prayers for healing, and for all it will take for that healing to occur,

Karen

SERVING ONE ANOTHER

***“Give you a ride to church”** If you are frustrated by technology and having to punch in codes, OR if you have a finite amount of long-distance minutes, we can place a three-way call to add you to our service by phone. Please let Rev. Karen know, and she'll connect you with a phone buddy who can give you a telephone “ride”!

***Anthem Offering** If you enjoyed the anthem and would like to hear it again any time you wish, contact the church office with an email and Jon will send an MP3 to you for your enjoyment.

***Libby Rieman Offers to Buy Groceries**

If you are need of someone to buy groceries for you, please contact Libby Rieman. Please stay safe and continue to follow social distancing guidelines.

***Christie Willcock has offered to make masks** for anyone who needs one.

***Bible Study to Begin**

Marilyn Acton-Dowell has expressed her willingness to begin a Bible Study over Zoom. Thank you, Marilyn! No day or time has been determined yet. We do have the list of those who indicated on their Three Gifts forms that they would like to be part of a Bible Study. Feel free to let Marilyn or the office know if you also are interested (or aren't sure whether or not you wrote that on your form.)

SET UP YOUR PERSONAL WORSHIP SPACE

As we continue to gather for worship from our homes, some have found it helpful to set up a space for worship, using items that draw your attention to God, or that remind you that you stand on holy ground. A cross, a Bible, a picture, a candle are not objects that we worship, but they are visual cues that point us to the One whom we do worship. This may well be a space that you also use for other tasks, but on Sunday mornings you can set aside the purpose of worship.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Know that your WPC Session, Pastor and Staff are holding every single one of you in prayer during this difficult time.

CAMP GREENWOOD

Due to the current Pandemic we made the decision to cancel in-person summer camp for the 2020 season. This does not mean that Summer Camp 2020 is not happening. We are in the process of finding ways to "Bring Camp to You". A survey will be coming out with more information and we eagerly await your response. For other information about our cancellation policy and virtual camp please visit us at: <http://campgreenwood.org/summer-camp/summer-camp/>

ONLINE GIVING OPTION

WELCOME NEWS! There is a link on our website and on our Facebook page. Those who are already giving should be aware that if you choose to give online, there is a 2% fee deducted when your gift is transferred to the church. There is an option available to increase the gift to help offset this fee. If you want to set up your regular gift to be sent to the church automatically, you may be able to do it through your own bank or credit union without fees.

SPRING “WORK DAY”

Westminster's Spring “Work Day” this year didn't happen due to the governor's “Stay Home-Stay Safe” orders. However, the Johns' removed the bush from in front of the Cross outside, and Kenworthy's are committed to beautifying our great outdoors by spreading grass seeds! There's a black notebook in the box to the left of the main entrance with a list of things needing to be done. You'll need to bring your

own tools, or arrange with Jon or Karen to borrow a key to the shed. Thanks for helping if you're able to do so, and please initial tasks completed and make notes if needed in the notebook!

A TASTE OF COVENANT GATHERING

Are You Ready for a Taste of Covenant Gathering? We're going virtual this year! Your Design Team has planned a delightful menu!

*Appetizer: The dates still July 12 to 17, 2020 -- just online instead of in person!

*Soup & Salad Course: Early morning e-mail with all the info you'll need for the day, including video to watch if/when you are able.

*Main Serving: Afternoon scheduled class times 2 days (1 hr) for pre-K to 5th grade, 2 days (1 hr + for Mid and High School). Adult class offering is by video, with an offering of late afternoon large group spiritual practice time, and also Bible Study.

*Dessert Course: Evening worship or keynote or intergenerational activity. Social time follows.

*Bread for the Journey: Holy Communion in closing worship. Take Bread of Life into the world.

This is being offered free to all participants this year, though there will be an option to donate during the week. Sample what sounds good as time allows! Reservations Required! Registration info and more details early this week (May 18 – 24); contact Pastor Karen

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Gathering

Offered Virtually
July 12-17, 2020



SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADES WITH VIDEO STREAMING

WPC received a generous gift requesting that it be used for 'something special'. We'll be upgrading our sound system with a video camera, which will allow us to bring worship to your home, even if we are in the sanctuary. An unexpected benefit of our inability to gather has been to extend worship to family members, travelers, and others whose health doesn't allow them to be present!

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION – SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Westminster's Annual Meeting is held in June each year. Session has determined that we need to hold this meeting electronically, because we still will be worshipping together electronically at that time. Although our bylaws do not forbid this option, they also do not specifically permit it. *Therefore, the first action of the meeting will be to suspend the by-laws and allow the ordinary business of the Annual Meeting to take place electronically.* All other rules, such as the quorum, will remain in effect. Everyone will be able to hear, active members will have an opportunity to speak, and those connected by video on computer or phone will be able to see as well. Annual Report books will be produced as usual. Andy Rieman has offered to deliver these books to those who would like to receive a printed copy. They will also be e-mailed to those who receive newsletters and bulletins by e-mail.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: Dial in or come online at 6:00 P.M. for a brief devotion, a time of prayer, and then stay on and visit with one another! You can even have dinner while we're "together".

2020 GRADUATES – Congratulations from your friends at Westminster!

WORSHIP BROADCAST TIMES & ACCESS CODES

SUNDAYS, 10:00 A.M. To participate by phone:

Call 1-646-876-9923 (you don't need the "1" on a cell phone). When prompted, enter the meeting ID **296 834 183 #**

When prompted for a participant ID, just enter another #

When prompted for a password: 949592#

To participate by computer, use this link: Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/29683418>

Stay online afterwards for a virtual "Coffee Hour"

WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 P.M.

(ending no later than 7:00)

To participate by computer: <https://zoom.us/j/657108907>, password 849066

Or call on ANY Phone 646-876-9923 (prefix "1" on a landline but not with a cell phone). When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 657-108-907 #

When prompted for a participant ID, just enter another #

When prompted for a password, 849066#