



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## The Chimes

September 2024



### Beloved Community

By Rev. Narcissis TuckerBishop

America's changing culture(s) influences how churches function. These influences, particularly after the pandemic, have left residual markers like isolation, aloneness, uncertainty, fearfulness, and wonderings about what's going to happen next. I believe our Good Lord has given us the answer. I believe church renewal through *caregiving* is a holistic way of healing, growing, and flourishing despite these changing dynamics. In 2024, what does *caregiving* look like?

*Caregiving* looks like strengthening our resolve to be people who give and receive love in community. This is called a *beloved community* or a *shalom community*. It looks like empowering people to **be** the church. Being a *beloved community* is where God's love and justice are experienced realities so that healing, enthusiasm, and growth can occur in each one of us. It looks like creating relational bridges that span people's multiple gaps of uncertainty. These gaps are found within us and can be put upon us by "outsiders" who are "different" from us. Individually, these gaps prevent us from being in a growing authentic relationship with God. Collectively, it inhibits us from being a *beloved community*.

*Caregiving* is spiritual. Being spiritual is a practice. Practicing our spirituality is what we have all learned to do, believe and ponder. We've learned to cope with these practices because we've learned there are things we can't control (newsflash J). Let's work on things we can control. Things like strengthening and blending our traditions with innovations, finding practical solutions to modern challenges, adapting church practices to meet contemporary needs, and striving to be approachable and relatable to our immediate and extended congregation and community. This places value on authenticity and transparency, which is an important attribute in healthy growing churches. It looks like defining our values and living into them. It looks like reframing our church's collective identity and shared norms so that we function as God's *beloved caregiving community* with love and hope. And remember, we're in this together.

By God's grace, I remain,  
Rev. Narcissis TuckerBishop, M.Div.

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# september

2024 CALENDAR 

- Sunday, Sept 1 10:00 am Worship / Communion
- **Monday, Sept 2** **Office Closed / Labor Day**
- Sunday, Sept 8 10:00 am Worship
- Sunday, Sept 15 10:00 am Worship
- Sunday, Sept 22 10:00 am Worship / Fall Begins
- Sunday, Sept 29 10:00 am Worship

## BIRTHDAYS

- Bob Grier 9/7
- Dottie McIntyre 9/16
- Hank McIntyre 9/22
- Bonnie McIntyre 9/24

## ANNIVERSARIES

- Clint & Kim Weaver  
September 25, 1982
- Patti & George McCormick  
September 13, 1963
- Bob & Faye Grier  
September 5, 1958



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

# AUGUST EVENTS AT WESTMINSTER



**Congratulations**

**Floyd!**

**Well Done!**



## Friendship Sunday

**We had our first Bring A Friend to Church Sunday on August 4, 2024. It was a great day of fellowship. After a great service we went into the Fellowship Hall for coffee, hot chocolate, and tasty Danish pastries. We are looking forward to trying something like this again.**



Heifer International gratefully recognizes

# Westminster United Presbyterian Church

for your contribution of healthy animals and training  
in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

*“The Earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” Psalm 24:1*

*Christy Moore*

Heifer International

July 2024

Date



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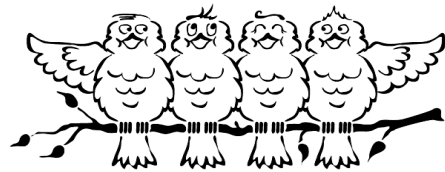
# A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

*Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.*

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J Q W A W    B C O    X E E  
 J E A A    X E'    U N O    J Q W A W  
 B C O    N L U A    E    J E A A  
 N L U A    B C O A    N W E N A W  
 J E A A    X W    F A  
 N W E N A W    U N O  
 B C O A    X E E  
 F A    X E E    **RUTH 1:16, NIV**



W	A		E	T
B	U	H	D	O
G	R	L	Y	I
	N	S	P	M

Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God." Ruth 1:16, NIV

# Report from the Budget & Finance Committee

## Summary of Revenue & Expense For July 2024

<b>Revenues</b>							
Headstart	Use of Facility	Tithes & Offerings	1 Great Hour of Sharing	Interest CD Account			
\$10,689.22	\$375.00	\$7,321.00	\$20.00	\$320.32			
Interest Cincush MM	Covenant Fund			<b>Total Revenue (Cincush Fund Not Included)</b>			
\$3.56	\$1,338.46			<b>\$20,064.00</b>			
<b>July Weekly Tithes and Offerings.</b>							
July 15	July 29				<b>July Total</b>	<b>July Budget</b>	<b>June Total</b>
\$5,440.00	\$1,881.00				<b>\$7,321.00</b>	<b>\$5,247.00</b>	<b>\$4,495.00</b>
<b>2024 Total Pledges Received: \$37,775.00. We budgeted \$35,854.00. We are \$1,921.00 above the budgeted pledged amount.</b>							
<b>July Major Expenses</b>							
Administration	\$1,762.08	Programs (Choir)	\$210.00				
Building & Grounds	\$485.28	Programs (Worship Support)	\$379.54				
Pastor Expenses	\$3,157.00						
Personnel	\$3,594.62						
Utilities	\$3,450.44						
<b>Total Expenses = \$13,853.96/ Net Income For July= \$6,210.04</b>							
<b>Net Income 2024 YTD = \$23,389.15</b>							
<b>Special Offerings Balances as of end of July 2024:</b>							
Easter = \$285.00/ One Great Hour = \$210.00/ Pentecost = \$320.00							





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Interim Pastor  
Caroline Lopez,  
Office Administrator  
David Clemensen,  
Music Director  
Jim Costa,  
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### Elders

Jesse Rose  
Judy Conacher  
Tweddy Vander Laan  
Lynn Elliott  
Marline Van Alstine

### Clerk of Session

Ginny Mansfield

### Volunteer Support

Budget & Finance: Jesse Rose  
Endowment: Jesse Rose  
Facility & Property: Jesse Rose  
Fellowship: Tweddy Vander Laan  
Flower Coordinator:  
Tweddy Vander Laan  
God's Tellers: Tweddy Vander  
Laan, Ginny Mansfield  
Mission: Lynn Elliott  
Nominating Committee:  
Marline Van Alstine  
Personnel: Barbara Alwin  
Sound System.: Jesse Rose  
Worship: Tweddy Vander Laan



Happy  
**LABOR DAY**  
weekend



Faith by itself,  
**IF IT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY ACTION, IS DEAD.**

James 2:17, niv