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I don't know if you were as consumed by the pageantry and tradition as some, but the "Royal Wedding" last month certainly was a cultural phenomenon. According to *Forbes*, over 29 million people in the US got up early on Saturday, May 19th to watch the service, which began at 7AM! That isn't counting the millions of people in England and across the world who tuned in to witness the event. I suppose this Royal Wedding was of particular interest to Americans because the new Princess, Meghan Markle, is an American actress. While not a household name to all, I will confess that I knew who she was, as she has acted on a show I have enjoyed for some years now, *Suits* on the USA Network. In short, the plot revolves around a character, Mike Ross, who lies, presenting himself as a lawyer even though he is not one, and proceeds to become a superstar legal mind, marry the girl of his dreams (the aforementioned Meghan Markle), and seemingly, have it all. Which is, of course, before it all comes crashing down. I have yet to watch the latest season (or two), so who knows if it will all work out? It is TV after all, so it probably will. But, I can't help but think that while the show would have been significantly less interesting had the lie in episode 1 never been told, it would not have taken them 7 seasons to unravel the layers of deceit, unmask the betrayals, and undo the damage set in motion by one lie (and the lies created to cover it up). However, that is how lies work, and not just on TV! But, it is a fun show, I suppose, and I've always thought that the new Princess seemed quite pleasant. But, not so pleasant as to inspire me to wake up early on a Saturday to watch the parade of hats into St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle.

I am not trying to be a "party pooper" for those of you who did watch. Because, I did watch some of the service, including the sermon, later via youtube, and I quite enjoyed it. It seems I was in good company, as comments from around the world shared their admiration for (and almost *wonder* at) the message of the power of love in community, the hope we share as children of our one heavenly Father, and the Christian gospel preached with enthusiasm by the highest bishop in the Episcopal Church in the US, the Most Rev. Michael Curry. The counterpart to the Most Rev. Curry in the Church of England (the Episcopal church equivalent there), the Archbishop of Canterbury, officiated the vows at the service.

Two thoughts occurred to me: First, for me, it would be a little daunting being known by millions of people as the "Most" Reverend, literally, the person to be "revered" the most. Yikes! That's a lot to live up to. Secondly, like many offering their opinions online and on TV, I did enjoy the sermon and the conviction with which it was delivered; however, it didn't strike me as particularly "new" or groundbreaking. It was a good sermon, and I thought it was consistent with the character of many sermons you or I have heard over the years as regular churchgoers. It seemed that there were so many who experienced this sermon as something new, and for that I am grateful. Because perhaps it lit a spark of curiosity in them for more. And, while I am glad that this may indeed be that spark, I can't help but be a little disappointed that a faithful and articulate exposition of the gospel was such a new idea for many. We have work to do to ensure that the words of Scripture and their faithful interpretation are heard by the millions who are still hungering to hear a word of hope in their lives. So, onward we go, together, to share the good news with the world.

In Christ, Pastor Matt

Mission Partnership News!

President Mai Aiki Kadade of the Evangelical Church in Niger, a partner denomination of the PC(USA) will be helping to lead worship and preaching HERE at Westminster on July 1! More details will be announced (we are still figuring out a time for folks to meet and greet President Kadade, as he has a busy schedule while in the US), but please mark your calendars for this momentous day in the life of our Presbytery's growing partnership with the inspiring Christians of Niger!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div>June</div>		
<div>3</div> <div>           9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Hall            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time            1:45 p.m. Piano Recital         </div>	<div>4</div> <div>7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting</div>	<div>5</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hands            6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting            7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts         </div>
<div>10</div> <div>           9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Hall            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time         </div>	<div>11</div> <div>           6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting            6:30 p.m. Small Group            7:00 p.m. Family &amp; Fellowship            7:00 p.m. Stewardship         </div>	<div>12</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hands            1:00 p.m. Lions Sight &amp; Hearing            6:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth            7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts         </div>
<div>17</div> <div> <i>Happy Father's Day</i>             9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Hall            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time         </div>	<div>18</div> <div>Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Vacation Bible School</div>
<div>24</div> <div>           9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Hall            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time         </div>	<div>25</div> <div>6:30 p.m. Small Group</div>	<div>26</div> <div>           10:00 a.m. Hearts &amp; Hands            1:00 p.m. Aging &amp; Spirituality Movie            1:00 p.m. Log Crew            5:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry            7:00 p.m. Session Meeting            7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts         </div>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div> <i>Happy Birthday to...</i>             Shirley Estabrook            Howard Schmidt            Beverly Rector            Lucille Newcomb         </div> <div>           Patricia Quantz            Roy Grigg            Bernice Anderson            Darrell Darling         </div>		<div>1</div> <div>10:30 a.m. My Tempo Music Therapy</div>	<div>2</div>
<div>6</div> <div>           6:00 p.m. Property            7:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships         </div>	<div>7</div> <div>           8:30 a.m. TOPS            3:30 p.m. My Tempo Music Therapy            7:00 p.m. Women of Westminster Board         </div>	<div>8</div> <div>10:30 a.m. My Tempo Music Therapy</div>	<div>9</div>
<div>13</div> <div>           5:45 p.m. Bay City Fireworks            7:00 p.m. Worship         </div>	<div>14</div> <div>           8:30 a.m. TOPS            1:00 p.m. Esther Circle         </div>	<div>15</div>	<div>16</div>
<div>20</div> <div>Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>21</div> <div>           Vacation Bible School             1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle            6:00 p.m. WOW Association Meeting            7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle         </div>	<div>22</div> <div>Vacation Bible School</div>	<div>23</div>
<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>           8:30 a.m. TOPS            9:00 p.m. My Tempo Music            5:00 p.m. Food of Faith            6:30 a.m. Hannah Circle         </div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>

\*Birthdays listed are for our 75+ Members



## Communion Servers



### June

John Hegenauer  
Joyce Hegenauer  
John Tapley  
Martha Tapley  
Nancy Swantek  
Ann West  
Diana Hennrick  
Judy Randall  
Joy Thompson  
Lisa Beson



Dear Westminster  
Family,

Your generous  
prayers and  
support surely  
helped my family  
and me to travel  
through one of the  
toughest medical

journeys we've ever encountered. Thank you is not  
enough to say for what your love and concern meant  
to us. But 'thank you' it is, from the bottom of our  
hearts for your caring ways.

*Pam Binder & Family*



Dear Westminster  
Church Family,

I want to express  
my heartfelt  
appreciation for all  
of the many

prayers, cards, texts, phone calls, and visits during  
my recent health issue. I really enjoyed being able  
to watch the sermons on the church website. I am  
so thankful for my church family. Blessings,

*Bonnie Scheddel*



## Baptism

Meadow Lee Gustafson, daughter of  
Laura Gustafson, was baptized on  
Sunday, April 29, 2018 with  
Rev. Matthew Schramm officiating.

Meadow's sponsors are Ben Kusterer  
and Miranda Pawlak.

Dear Friends & Family of Westminster  
(and most of all, my choirs):

Thank you so very much for my  
wonderful and overwhelming send-off-  
into-retirement. God blessed me so much  
and allowed me to share my love of  
music for His honor. I know I'll never  
forget my wonderful day. Thank you so  
much!

*Peggy Hanson*



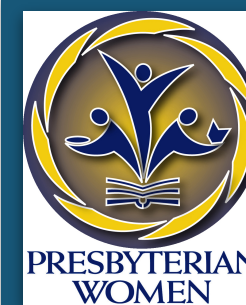
Enjoy hot dogs, Better Made chips, ice  
cream sandwiches, and 16 oz. Pepsi  
products all available for \$1 at the Great  
Lakes Grill locations.

## GREAT LAKE LOONS

### Fellowship Night

**Thursday, July 19**  
**7:05 p.m.**

Westminster has a limited number of tickets. To  
reserve your seat, please pay the church office  
before June 29. Tickets are \$10.00 each.



The WOW Executive  
Committee will meet on  
Thursday, June 7 at 7:00  
p.m. in Fellowship Hall.  
The Committee will not  
meet in July.

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All women are invited to the Annual  
Presbyterian Women's Association meeting and  
potluck on Thursday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m. in  
Fellowship Hall. The program will feature  
Jasmine and Lin, who will tell us what it is like  
to be a woman living, working, and being a  
parent in China. Jasmine and Lin are both nurses  
who live in Guangzhou and have children at  
home. Lin is a nurse manager and Jasmine is a  
nurse educator. They are here as part of an  
exchange at Saginaw Valley State University.



Men interested in singing in the Men's Choir  
on Sunday, June 17, please contact  
Scott Tuttle at [dstuttle@svsu.edu](mailto:dstuttle@svsu.edu).

Rehearsal times to be determined soon.

## NEW PROPERTY

Over the last two months, the Session has  
inquired after, and purchased, the property on  
the corner of DeWitt and Vermont, immediately  
to the north of the church. This house is on the  
same block as our small parking lot on the  
corner of Vermont and Wenona.

In the immediate future, the Finance and the  
Property committees are pursuing the rental of  
this property to a tenant; however, the Session  
saw this as an excellent opportunity to position  
Westminster to, in the long run, eventually offer  
more options for parking near the church.

The home was purchased with a portion of the  
funds available from the sale of the manse in  
2015.







Christ caring  
for people  
through people



### STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

Congratulations to Linda Johnroe, Randy Thibo, and Sandy Thibo who were commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, May 13, 2018.



Congratulations Peggy Hanson on your retirement!

Peggy was recognized for her many years of service during the worship service on May 20, 2018.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Spring Rummage & Bake Sale possible! Another big thank you to those who donated goods to sell. The amount raised from the rummage sale was \$1,428.39. The bake sale raised \$209.57. All proceeds support the Presbyterian Women's Association.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Building Improvement Fund

March Balance:  
\$15,420.35  
April Income:  
\$729.00  
April Expense:  
\$55.96  
April Balance:  
\$16,093.39

#### Operating Fund

April Income:  
\$37,896.62  
April Expense:  
\$27,864.59

#### Major Repairs Fund

\$13,291.00

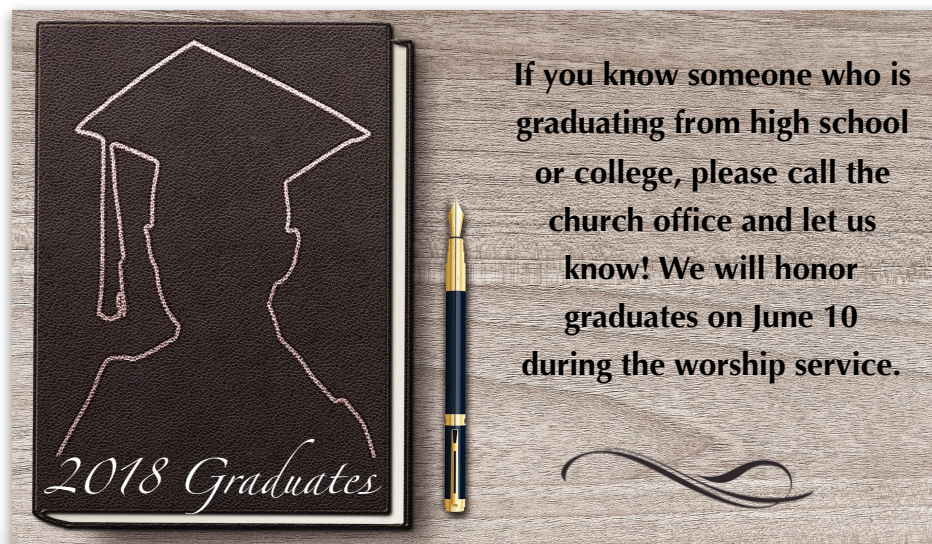
Donate online at  
[www.wpcbc.org](http://www.wpcbc.org)



Dear Friends of Westminster,

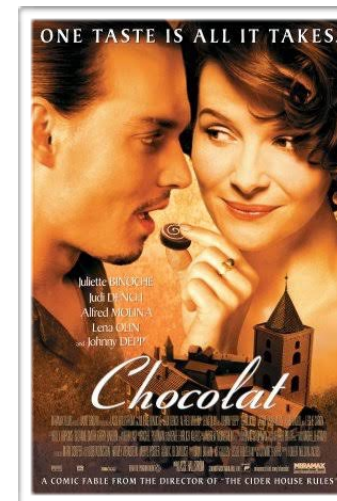
Thank you for blessing us with a Baby Shower of wonderful gifts for our clients. You will help us touch many lives in our community.

Your friends at  
*Beacon of Hope*



If you know someone who is graduating from high school or college, please call the church office and let us know! We will honor graduates on June 10 during the worship service.

## *Aging & Spirituality* SUMMER MOVIE SERIES 2018

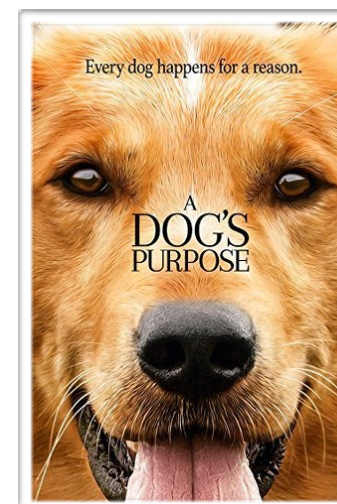


The lazy, hazy days of summer are upon us... a good time to slow down and catch up on a few good movies. On **Tuesday, June 26** we will watch *Chocolat* — a movie nominated for 5 Academy Awards, including Best Picture. It is a beautiful and captivating movie with obvious surface meaning, but digging more deeply...

When mysterious Vianne and her child arrive in a tranquil French town in the winter of 1959, no one could have imagined the impact that she and her spirited daughter would have on the community stubbornly rooted in tradition.

Within days, she opens an unusual chocolate shop, across the square from the church. Her ability to perceive her

customers' desires and satisfy them with just the right confection, coaxes the villagers to abandon themselves to temptation — just as Lent begins.



On **Tuesday, July 24** we will watch *A Dog's Purpose*, a movie based on the book by the same name. A devoted dog discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch developed an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan. As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self. The movie appeals to all of us who continue to explore the meaning of life — the meaning and purpose of our life at different times and stages.

The movie for August is yet to be determined. Many wonderful suggestions have been put forth, so stay tuned for what we decide.

### 2018 Summer Movie Series

**Tuesday, June 26**

**Tuesday, July 24**

**Tuesday, August 28**

**1:00 p.m.  
with popcorn**

### Message from the Crisis Committee

You may have noticed that our Food Pantry has been open on most Sundays. If the door is open, you may leave food donations on the cart in the pantry. There is a new white board on the inside of the door, which will be used to highlight food that is needed for the pantry. The Crisis Committee will also use this white board to make announcements regarding needs for the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission.

When the Food Pantry is closed, please leave food donations on the cart in the Dewitt Street coat closet, or bring them to the church office during business hours. Thank you for your continued support on this mission!





**June 18 - 22**  
**9:00 a.m. - noon**

This summer at Shipwrecked VBS, kids will discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life — something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot!

Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid, that will provide seeds for families in Haiti to grow food.

Be a part of vacation Bible school at Westminster Presbyterian Church during June 18-22, 2018. It's an adventure that will help everyone involved to begin or grow in their relationship with God!

We're praying this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with God's power. Help kids in our community discover that:

When you're lonely...Jesus rescues!

When you worry...Jesus rescues!

When you struggle...Jesus rescues!

When you do wrong...Jesus rescues!

When you're powerless...Jesus rescues!

**For:** Children ages 3 through the completion of 5th grade.

**Register:** Visit [www.wpcbc.org](http://www.wpcbc.org) and follow the directions on the home page. Or, fill out the registration form on the next page and return it to Nikelle or the church office.

**Volunteer:** Adults and youth who have completed 6th grade and up are needed as volunteers. Sign up online to volunteer, or talk to Nikelle.

Registration Deadline:  
June 1

After June 1:  
\$10 fee per child

Day-of registration:  
\$15 fee per child

These fees help cover expedited shipping costs for VBS supplies.



## Westminster Welcomes New Members

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018



*Amelia  
Bailey-Majchrzak*

Amelia is the wife of member Jim Majchrzak and daughter-in-law of members Tom and Peggy Majchrzak. Amelia is a mother of a four-year-old daughter and two-year-old son. She is an elementary school teacher currently teaching second grade. Amelia enjoys reading and crafting.



*Carolyn Eichhorn*

Carolyn is retired with two adult children and six grandchildren. Carolyn grew up in the church and has served in many capacities — choir, handbell choir, women's circle and association. She has also served as a youth group advisor and elder.



*Susan Lauria*

Sue is a recently retired accountant and tax preparer. She is a mother of three adult children and a grandmother of six. She loves to travel, spend time at the cabin, read, and craft.



*Linda Johnroe*

Linda is a retired financial analyst for the State of Michigan, where she worked for over thirty years. She completed her career in Lansing and moved to Bay City to care for her brother and sister. While in the Lansing area, she studied Stephen Ministry, and once in Bay City completed her training and became a commissioned Stephen Minister at Westminster on May 13, 2018.



*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.*

1 Peter 2:9





Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church,

April 16, 2018

Thank you for your support of the Rescue Mission through the Annual Golf Challenge. Your \$2,500.00 gift in combination with others will help provide emergency shelter services to the homeless of the Bay area this summer.

Thank you for being a part of the 2018 golf challenge and providing hope to those in need this summer.

With gratitude,  
Dan Streeter



In addition to the sponsorship from the Mission Partnership Committee, Westminster's golfers raised another \$2,500 from individual sponsors. The Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan had its most successful golf outing ever, raising over \$99,000 to help those in need in our community!



Pastor Linda's Seasons of Grace - Aging & Spirituality class met in March with Officer Leslie Darrow of Bay City Public Safety. Officer Darrow provided an excellent lecture on internet and email scams. Here is a brief overview of how to avoid common scams:



### BEWARE OF COMMON SCAMS

#### Prize Scams

- Never send money to collect a prize, sweepstakes check, or lottery winnings. If you have to pay, it is a scam.
- Never deposit a check and send back money, even if the funds appear in your account. That is a sure sign of a scam.
- If anyone calls asking you to pay for a prize, hang up and report it to the FTC 1-877-382-4357.

#### Telemarketing Scams

Here are a few red flags to help you spot telemarketing scams. If you hear a line that sounds like this, say "no, thank you," hang up, and file a complaint with the FTC 1-877-382-4357.

- *You have been specially selected (for this offer).*
- *You will get a free bonus if you buy our product.*
- *You have won one of five valuable prizes.*
- *You have won big money in a foreign lottery.*
- *This investment is low risk and provides a higher return than you can get anywhere else.*
- *You have to make up your mind right away.*
- *You trust me, right?*
- *You do not need to check our company with anyone.*
- *We will just put the shipping and handling charges on your credit card.*

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

April 18, 2018

Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church,

For 20 years, you have celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Pentecost Offering. Your participation has engaged you in worldwide ministries that build a life of faith in children, youth, and young adults. Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have joined together to raise more than \$14,000,000 for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

Since its beginning, you have shown the importance of this ministry by receiving this offering every single year! Your leadership in showing such long-standing and generous support is outstanding and worthy of celebration.

Westminster Presbyterian Church,  
in the 20-year lifetime of this Offering, you have participated every single year.  
Thanks be to God for your ministry and participation!

As Presbyterians, we are called to inspire, guide, and nurture young people as they build a strong foundation of faith. Your leadership and consistent support of the Pentecost Offering continues to allow the whole church to do just that — nurture the faith of our children, youth, and young adults.

In deepest gratitude and in service to Jesus Christ,

Bryce E. Wiebe  
Director  
Special Offerings & Appeals

**WOW!**  
Thank you so much for 20 years and  
\$10,562! Your generosity has helped  
shape so many lives!



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
**Presbyterian Mission**

April 23, 2018

### **Over 80 Congregations Participate in All 20 Years of Pentecost Offering**

According to our records, there are at least 87 congregations within the PC(USA) — representing 44 presbyteries and 13 synods — who have participated in the Pentecost Offering each of the past 20 years. We are so grateful for these congregations' leadership and consistent support of the Pentecost Offering and wish to lift them up and thank them for their faithful giving.

### IN MICHIGAN...

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn  
Community Presbyterian Church, Waterford  
First Presbyterian Church, Alpena  
First Presbyterian Church, Fenton  
First Presbyterian Church, Holland  
First Presbyterian Church, Spring Lake  
Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Manistique  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bay City  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Jackson