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# THE WESTMINSTER LOG

We were talking recently during confirmation class about one of the most common questions that I receive when it comes to understanding the confessions of the church: “Why do we say ‘I believe in the holy catholic church’ in the Apostles’ Creed if we aren’t catholic?” It’s a fair question, but it is rooted in the difference between a “capital C” and a “small c.” We believe that there is just one church, that we are united in mission and ministry with Christians of every time and place. So, the word “catholic” does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church, but is simply an adjective to describe the church, meaning, “universal” or “whole.” The word was first used in the second century by Ignatius of Antioch, who said, “Where Jesus Christ is, there is the catholic church,” but can be seen even in the teachings of Jesus, who prayed that all his disciples may be one, just as He and the Father are one.

When we say that we believe in the catholic church, we are confessing that Jesus Christ is the church’s one foundation; and, though 2000 years of changes have led us to thousands of different expressions of faith in Him, we pray that all who trust in the Lord might have fellowship with one another and experience the joy of unity with brothers and sisters in Christ - if not in this world, then in the Kingdom of Heaven.

This does harken back to what we discussed last month: our heritage, our “DNA” as Christians: how we got to where we are now. When you go back far enough in a family tree, you are bound to find common ancestors with almost anyone. In the church, that is not any different, as we share over 1500 years of common heritage with the Catholic Church, up until the time of the Protestant Reformation!

It has been said for many years that “to be Presbyterian is to be ecumenical,” meaning it is a fundamental principle of our faith that we have good relationships with and respect for people who find themselves on another branch of the Christian “family tree.” We are not alone. We are not alone in mission, in teaching, preaching, or living as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. We are not alone because we are beloved by the Father of the whole human family, and because we are called to be part of something greater than ourselves. We are a part of what God intends for the world as we seek to follow Christ in our home, our congregation, our denomination, our faith, and in the world that our one Father has created!

However we slice it, we are part of the same pie - the human family - created by God, loved by God, and called “very good.” May we do our part to make that true!

Pastor Matt



I am happy to share that this summer we will be hosting the President of one of our partner denominations, the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger, here at Westminster. Dates and details will be available next month. I am hopeful that we can have a wonderful “family reunion” with a leader from another branch of the Christian family tree!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div>May</div>		1 Rummage Sale Set-Up 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands 12:00 p.m. Bay ISD 6:00 p.m. Personnel 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Men of Music
6 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Hall 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time	7 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting	8 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands 12:00 p.m. Bay ISD 1:00 p.m. Lions Sight & Hearing 6:00 p.m. Spiritual Growth 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
13 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Hall 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:45 a.m. Fellowship Time	14 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m. Small Group 7:00 p.m. Family & Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Stewardship	15 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands 12:00 p.m. Bay ISD 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
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27 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Hall 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:45 a.m. Volunteer Appreciation Party	28 6:30 p.m. Small Group	29 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands 1:00 p.m. Log Crew 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Rummage Sale Set-Up 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. W @ W 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Property 6:00 p.m. Rummage Sale - For Members 7:00 p.m. Mission Partnerships	3 8:30 a.m. TOPS 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale 9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training 12:00 p.m. Bay ISD 3:30 p.m. My Tempo 7:00 p.m. Women of Westminster Board	4 10:00 a.m. My Tempo	5
9 5:30 p.m. W @ W 5:45 p.m. Bay City Fireworks 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Worship	10 8:30 a.m. TOPS 9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training 12:00 p.m. Bay ISD 1:00 p.m. Esther Circle 3:30 p.m. My Tempo	11 10:00 a.m. My Tempo	12
16 5:30 p.m. W @ W 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice	17 8:30 a.m. TOPS 9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training 12:00 p.m. Bay ISD 1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle 3:30 p.m. My Tempo 7:00 p.m. Deborah Circle	18 10:00 a.m. My Tempo	19
23 9:00 a.m. Bay ISD Prom 5:30 p.m. W @ W 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice	24 8:30 a.m. TOPS 12:00 p.m. Bay ISD 3:30 a.m. My Tempo	25 10:00 a.m. My Tempo	26
30	31 8:30 a.m. TOPS 6:30 a.m. Hannah Circle	<div> <i>Happy Birthday</i>  <div>           Doris Bibbee            Donna Gould            Judith Randall            Ermal Oswald            Richard VanNostrand            Fred Cole         </div> <div>           Charley Curtiss            Patricia Horning            Doreen Newcombe            Carol Castrodale            Ronald Vantol            Vi O'Hare         </div> </div>	

\*Birthdays listed are for our 75+ Members





## Communion Servers

### May

Phil Reagh  
Penny Reagh  
Pam Monville  
Heather Heidtman  
Jan Witucki  
Pam Binder  
Jeff Rogers  
Candy Green  
Bill Shelt  
Nancy Harrelson

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### June

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

Dear Westminster Friends,

On behalf of my family, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for your kindness and support during my mother's illness and her passing. Your prayers, cards, words of encouragement, and hugs have been such a blessing to us during this difficult time. I'm so grateful Collin and Dylan were able to witness this outpouring of love shown to them, to me, and to their grandmother during a time when we all needed it the most. Peace and much love to you all,

*Heather Heidtman*



Prayers of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Pati LaLonde**. Pati passed away on **Saturday, March 31, 2018**. A funeral service was held at **Westminster Presbyterian Church** on **Wednesday, April 4, 2018** with **Rev. Matthew Schramm** officiating.



Thank you Scott Tuttle and Jeff Hall for sharing your talents with us on Sunday, April 8!



### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Building Improvement Fund

February Balance:  
\$14,515.35  
March Income:  
\$905.00  
March Expense:  
\$0.00  
March Balance:  
\$15,420.35

#### Operating Fund

March Income:  
\$37,494.13  
March Expense:  
\$40,007.52

#### Major Repairs Fund

\$12,297.00

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

## **WESTMINSTER THANKS YOU, PEGGY HANSON!**

Sunday, May 27th will be the last Sunday leading worship for one of the most familiar faces at Westminster. The beloved director of our bell choirs, Peggy Hanson, will retire at the close of this program year. Peggy has worked tirelessly as Westminster's Bell Choir Director for many years, exhibiting great leadership with the Adult Bell Choir, and loving energy and exuberance with the children's choirs. She has shown nothing but the utmost love and dedication for her work. On behalf of a grateful congregation, the Session extends its heartfelt thanks for her outstanding service. She will be greatly missed by the Adult Bell Choir, Junior Bell Choir, Chime Choir, and Ringers.

Peggy's retirement is certainly a loss for Westminster, but caps a distinguished career in music all around the area, and will offer a well-deserved respite for her.

Scott Tuttle, Peggy's grandson-in-law and our Choir Director, will take over the bell choirs in September at the start of the new program year. Scott has taught bells and chimes in parochial schools around the region for several years, and we are fortunate to have someone so experienced carry on this wonderful ministry.

In celebration as a church family for such wonderful service to this community by Peggy, she will be recognized during our annual picnic celebrating the close of our program year. You are invited to join your friends and neighbors in expressing your gratitude to Peggy for her dedicated service, as well as to the many hands that make our congregational life so meaningful. The annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 27 after the worship service, and we hope to see you there!



## **Spring Rummage Sale May 2 – 3**

Remember to set aside items for the upcoming Rummage sale taking place on Wednesday, May 2 for members and Thursday, May 3 for the public.

Please do not drop off any items for sale earlier than after church Sunday, April 29 and no later than Tuesday, May 1.

For the Bake Sale, please bring in brownies, cookies, cakes, and breads to sell on May 2.

**Proceeds support the Presbyterian  
Women of Westminster.**



**May 2**  
**Open to Members**  
**6:00 p.m. -**  
**8:00 p.m.**

**May 3**  
**Open to Public**  
**9:00 a.m. -**  
**4:00 p.m.**



**Sunday, May 13 is Mother's Day** and also the celebration of another Baby Shower put on by Westminster's Presbyterian Women! All baby related items are welcome, but please consider one of the following: onesies, diapers, bottles, baby bath wash, baby shampoo, baby lotion, bibs, sleepers, gowns, socks, washcloths, towels, blankets, toys...did I mention diapers?

We hope to receive enough items to be able to donate to several organizations. Once we have collected everything, we will know how many and which organizations will receive our baby items.

Bring your items on Mother's Day and place them on the tables in the hall outside the sanctuary. If you are unable to bring them that Sunday, please consider dropping them off at the church office during the week prior to Mother's Day. We thank you, and the parents of the babies thank you, too!



**TUESDAY, MAY 1  
7:30 P.M.**

**WESTMINSTER  
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CHURCH**

On Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. the Men of Music, a 50-member men's chorus from the Midland Center for the Arts, will perform at Westminster.

This is a voluntary donation concert to benefit the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. The Men of Music will sing some of the most popular pop love tunes of the past 50 years.

Do you remember: "Go Away Little Girl", "Bye Bye Love", "All I have to do is Dream", "Turn Around Look at Me", and "Maria". These, plus many other songs will have you humming and singing along.

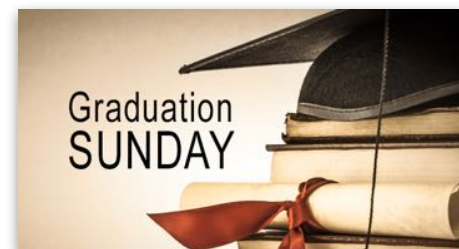
## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

**You Help Make A Difference At Westminster!**

Without the help of our volunteers, the wonderful things that happen around our church would not be possible.

To thank you, we would like to invite you to an Appreciation Picnic.

**SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018  
11:45 A.M.**



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



# Ahoy!

**Join us for  
VBS**

**June 18 - 22**

**Registration Form  
(One Per Child)**



Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_



**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.



**MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 29, 2018**



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
*March 30, 2018*



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
*April 1, 2018*







APRIL 2 – MAY 20

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering, which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, your congregation participates in helping our children, youth, and young adults grow up to proclaim with the Psalmist, *"O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds."*

### YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

#### **Congregational Initiatives with Young People**

**40%** of the Pentecost Offering remains with your congregation to support ministries with children and youth in your church and local community.

Churches have used these funds to:

- Run an affordable day care for young teen mothers to enable them to complete their education.

- Conduct workshops and presentations, and develop resources to end child sex and labor trafficking.

*The Pentecost Offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start — a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.*

#### **Serving Communities (Young Adult Volunteers)**

**25%** goes to **Young Adult Volunteer (YAV)** experience. Your gifts to the Offering have helped this ministry area to:

- Train and equip volunteers to engage in mission at more than 20 sites in the U.S. and around the world.

- Reduce barriers to serve by providing assistance with student loan debt, medical insurance, and a simple living stipend.

#### **Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries)**

**25%** supports **ministries with youth**, ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them. Your gifts to the Offering helped this ministry area to:

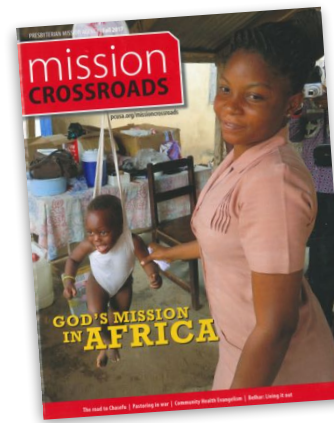
- Support the planning of the 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

- Provide partnership funding for the daily digital devotion at [www.d365.org](http://www.d365.org).

#### **Child Advocacy**

**10%** supports the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative, which was affirmed at the 221st General Assembly (2014). The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020.

*Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$14 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more — to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.*



The Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program promises "a year of service for a lifetime of change." If you ask the 2016–17 YAVs who served in Zambia, they will tell you there is nothing hollow about that promise.

**Olivia Orth**, 22, graduated from Westminster College in May 2016, where she studied elementary and special education. She agrees that all YAVs change and grow through their experience. "It pushes you to your limits," she said, "but more importantly it helps you find out who you are and how far you can go."

**Kim Jurczyk**, 22, graduated from Penn State University with degrees in English and communications arts and sciences. She said she has learned many important things living in Zambia. "I am so much more aware of the little things in my life that make me happy," she said. "Zambians are constantly thanking God for giving them another year to live, for protecting their loved ones, for blessing them with food, for providing them with shelter. When I leave, I am determined to bring these values with me when I return home and keep them as important parts of my identity."

## 'A year of service for a lifetime of change'

Zambia's YAVs grow during their international experience

By, Kathy Melvin

Published in Mission Crossroads Fall 2017

Sherri Ellington, the YAV site coordinator for Zambia, has enjoyed walking alongside Zambia's YAVs. She has watched them struggle and has celebrated their triumphs. "In the end, they look back and realize that they have formed meaningful relationships, forged new levels of personal strength and have experienced Christian life in a setting completely different from how they were raised. Their worldviews have been forever deepened by experiencing on a visceral level what life is like in a poor but developing country."

**Susannah Bryant**, 22, a graduate of Wofford College with degrees in English and environmental studies, said she has grown tremendously through her church family. "It's really great to be a part of a worshipping body in another culture and to be fully integrated into it," she said. "We are partnering with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian, and we are all in communities. What an amazing experience to

see how other people worship the same God."

**John Black**, 23, found the worship services to be a source of inspiration. "When I began to worship with my new congregation, even though I could not understand most of the worship because of language differences, I could feel the weight of every word spoken," he said.

"Zambia's YAVs have experienced God's hand holding them fast through many challenges this year," Sherri said, referring to Psalm 139. "I hope that this will give them a firm foundation of knowing throughout their lives not only that they can do anything but that with God's presence they can meet whatever challenges life may bring."

To learn more about the YAV program or to apply, visit [youngadultvolunteers.org](http://youngadultvolunteers.org).



The Rev. Sevat Kabaghe, general secretary of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's (CCAP) Synod of Zambia (left), and the Rev. Rodwell P. Chipeta (right) worked with Kim Jurczyk, who served as a communications associate for the CCAP during her YAV year in Zambia. Photo credit: John Black