



# THE WESTMINSTER LOG

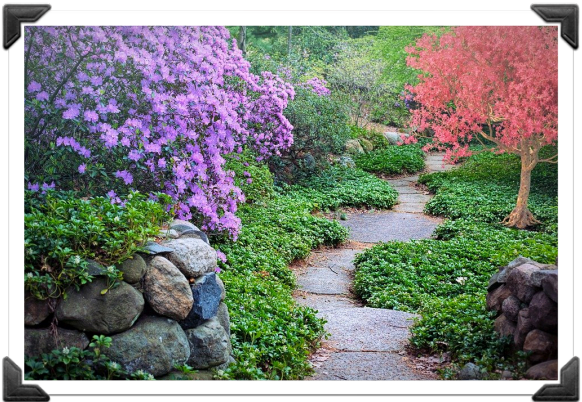
## Where Do We Go From Here?

by Karen Schoeppach and the Stewardship Committee

We have navigated through many months of 2021, and we still are experiencing some ups and downs. We went from not being able to even be in our building to enjoying indoor activities with rules and limitations. As I am writing this, it is still unclear when we will be able to come together in our building without wearing masks. The hope is that there will be positive changes that will bring us back to getting together without masks, distancing, and/or limits on how many can be in one place at the same time.

When changes began in March of 2020, churches and their congregations were thrown for a loop! Some were totally shut down and unable to connect in any way. Others were blessed with technology which allowed them to record worship and either distribute DVDs or broadcast the recordings through digital media. A few fortunate congregations (ours was so blessed) were able to begin livestreaming their worship services. There were, of course, congregations which decided not to change their worship service and continued to meet as they had always done. Some had masking and social distancing precautions, and some made absolutely no changes whatsoever. It is safe to say that every way to decide to proceed was chosen by some congregation somewhere.

There were two issues that faced every congregation regardless of the choice made: will we lose members, and will we receive enough money to continue. Westminster's Session tried to base decisions on presbytery, CDC, state government recommendations, and the impact decisions would have on the safety and wellbeing of our church family. The Session created a task force to analyze information and give recommendations based on that information. Were we concerned about finances? Of



course, we were! We had staff and building to consider. We had a loan to repay. We had begun the process of calling a pastor. There was a whole lot of praying going on! Westminster's Session had one major thing going for them: Our faith in our church family! We were secure in the knowledge that our church family has a great love for each other and in continuing to do God's work in our community and beyond.

We carried on and met financial obligations, supported mission, and (to our great joy) called a new pastor to join our church family. God is good! We also reached out to the members of our church family to make sure we did not lose contact. We met outside. We Zoomed. We emailed. We used our website and Facebook page to share information. We called. Some of us went old-school and used the U.S. Postal Service to keep connected.

Now it is time to begin thinking about what we will be doing and where we will be going in 2022. What will our world look like? Will things be closer to pre-Covid times, or will we still have to deal with some of the Covid precautions? What changes that were made in 2020 and 2021 do we wish to continue, and will they require additional funding to do so? What longtime programs need to be changed and receive increased funding? Which ministries here at Westminster need to grow?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>1</b>  10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150 6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting
<b>8</b>  10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Pastor Jamie's Installation	<b>9</b>  6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. Stewardship	<b>10</b>  10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting 1:00 p.m. Lion's Club 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 150 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4  1:00 p.m. Coffee & Conversation via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Property 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking Wellness 7:00 p.m. Mission	5  8:30 a.m. TOPS 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom	6  <u>Happy Birthday</u>  Bonnie Scheddel Jeannie Bradley Marilyn Lewis Kaye Walker Barbara English Barbara Conklin  Mary Jessup Carolyn Eichhorn Peggy Hawkins Carole Fulcher Thomas Kayner Web Tally	
11  1:00 p.m. The Wired Word Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking Wellness 8:00 p.m. Worship Comm.	12  8:30 a.m. TOPS 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran 6:30 p.m. Christian Education Parent Meeting		
18  1:00 p.m. Coffee & Conversation via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking Wellness	19  8:30 a.m. TOPS 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study via Zoom 7:00 p.m. Loons Game	<u>WELLNESS WALKING GROUP</u>  Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.  Come join your church friends for some exercise and fellowship!  The Sweaty Sheep Wellness Walking Group meets weekly at different parks throughout Bay City! In case of rain/thunderstorms, we will walk at the Bay City Mall (Bay City Town Center)  Contact Sandy (sandra.graves@gmail.com) or Tami (tami.sivy@gmail.com) with questions or to be added to the Facebook group.	
25  1:00 p.m. The Wired Word Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 p.m. Sweaty Sheep / Walking Wellness	26  8:30 a.m. TOPS 1:00 p.m. Summer Movie Series 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran		
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\*Birthdays listed are for our 75+ Members



# Treasurer's Report

## Building Improvement Fund

June Balance:  
\$30,625.05  
July Income:  
\$386.00  
July Expense:  
\$4,250.00  
July Balance:  
\$26,761.05

## Operating Fund

July Income:  
\$28,387.22  
July Expense:  
\$42,402.62

## Major Repairs Fund

\$54,171.62

## Capital Campaign Fund

July Income:  
\$4,335.38  
July Interest Expense:  
\$1,176.92  
Loan Balance at end of July  
\$364,121.09

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[www.wpcbc.org](http://www.wpcbc.org)



Thank you to all of the members of Westminster who sent cards and called me for my 100th birthday. Thank you for making my day!

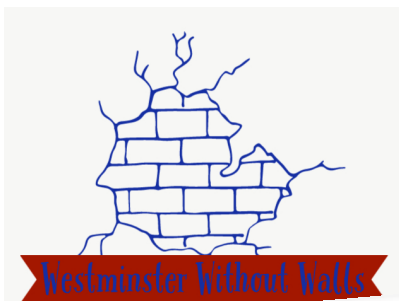
*Dale Grigg*

Dear Church Partner,

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$65.00. Churches like yours enable World Vision to provide essential care, encouragement, and hope to hurting children and families.

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*The children and youth collected this gift during Vacation Bible School in June to fund mosquito nets.*



## Westminster Without Walls Water Days Worship Service

Sunday, July 18



## Join us for the Installation of THE REVEREND JAMIE MILTON

**Sunday, August 8, 2021  
3:00 p.m.**



The Pastor Nominating Committee of Westminster Presbyterian Church is pleased to invite you to the Installation Service for our new pastor, The Reverend Jamie Milton.

We rejoice that the Lord has led Pastor Jamie to lead our congregation, and we look forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God.

**A time for fellowship and food will follow the service. Please confirm your attendance by Thursday, August 5 by contacting the church office at 989-686-1360 or [office@wpcbc.org](mailto:office@wpcbc.org).**



## GREAT LAKE LOONS Fellowship Night

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

*Game Highlight:  
Fireworks Loontaculars*

**Westminster has a limited number of tickets. To reserve your seat, please pay the church office before August 12. Tickets are \$12.50 each.**

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH - MERCI BEAUCOUP - TUSEN TAKK - DANKE SEHR



There are so many ways to say "thank you." The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians (which for me — like so many — is one of my favorite books of the Bible), "I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way we have been partners in ministry..."

I feel most blessed to have been called to ordained ministry now for twenty years, and to have served most recently at Westminster. What a wonderful surprise it was to be affirmed in that call and to

have you celebrate this joy with me on Sunday morning (July 4th). Thank you for the warm wishes, the lovely cards, the beautiful flowers, and the delicious cake.

Paul goes on to write in Philippians, "I'm sure about this: the One who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the joy by the day of Christ Jesus." This verse is both a personal and a faith community message — each of us can be grateful for God's work in our individual lives through the years and most certainly grateful for God's work in the life and ministry of Westminster though its 150+ years. It is my joy to have traveled with you in that journey these past six years. Thank you.

*Rev. Linda*



Following is not always the easiest thing to do. Following someone in your car from one place to another can be frustrating. You might be used to going at a different speed than the person you are following. You might get stopped at a traffic light that the leader makes it through. You might need to take a break from driving while the other person is fine just to keep going.

Following someone in a leadership position, at your job, or in a relationship, can also be difficult. There will always be comparisons to the previous person that filled the role you now fill, whether intentional or not. As we have been reading the Hebrew Scripture narratives about Saul and David, we have seen this very clearly. Our ancestors in the faith constantly compared their leaders to Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Jacob. While not always helpful, there is some good that can come out of comparing ourselves to the leaders that we follow. If we seek to learn from the good examples set by the ones we follow, we will grow in our own roles as leaders, and as followers. For the Hebrew people, this happened individually, and communally.



This fall, we are embarking on a new journey together as followers of Jesus. "Following Jesus is a lifelong journey where we learn and do what Jesus said and did. It takes more than the head, checking off boxes of belief. It even takes more than the heart, feeling deeply about another person or a cause. Following Jesus is about these things and more. It is also about doing. And it takes practice. And practice. And more practice. We are not practicing for perfection, however, but practicing to put faith and love into action. As we explore faith practices, we are diving into the essence of what makes us Christian, those who follow the one who practiced what he preached!"

As we journey together down this road to more active discipleship, we will be using a new, churchwide, intergenerational curriculum that will be incorporated into all aspects of our worship, education, and work together. The Biblical focus

and practices will be the focus in worship on Sunday mornings, our children's and adult Sunday School and Bible study lessons, our youth group discussions, and even our intergenerational and fellowship events.

"Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living is [designed to help] people of all ages follow Jesus. This study is for lifelong Christians and those beginning to ask questions. Each unit centers around something Jesus told his followers to do." As we look at many of the practices that we will focus on, you may "notice many familiar words associated with the Christian faith and, to be honest, with just being a good person. Jesus, however, took these well-known behaviors, feelings, and attitudes and showed those around him—people throughout history and us today—how we can love God and love others. In each unit, aspects of the practice are

explored; biblical stories illustrate them and how the Christian community has understood them through more than two thousand years. More important, there are ample opportunities for you to practice these actions, both individually and in community."

We do things better as a community. In community we can lift each other up and

encourage one another along our faith journeys. We support and pray for one another. When one of us stumbles, we can help steady a misstep, and pick each other up when we fall. Following Jesus is a commitment, a challenge, and a joy, the rewards of which will be seen in our strengthening relationships, our growing community, and the love that we share with all those around us. I am excited to join you on this journey!

*Pastor Jamie*

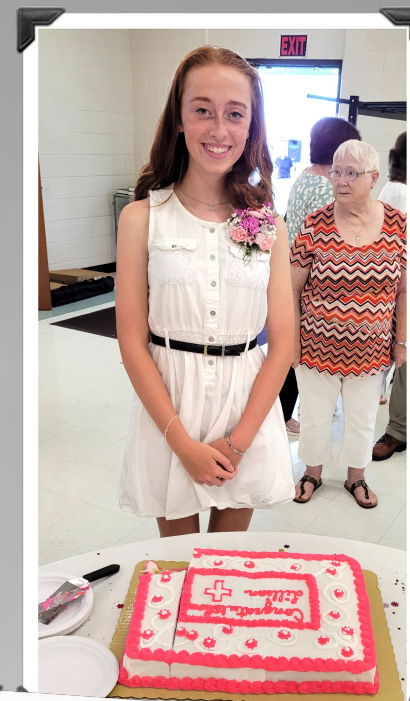
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## LILLIAN CHAMBERS

### Statement of Faith

*The impact Jesus has had on my life  
Is greater than any continuous frights  
He has helped me through all of my difficult times  
And been there with me when I've done nothing but thrive  
Confirmation to me means these beautiful things  
That God's word needs to be heard as well as seen  
My faith is important to me and to all  
That with God's works, I'll surely stand tall  
When people see me, I hope they will see that  
Wow, she's a Christian!  
Now I want to believe!  
So then people will know the glory of  
Being a Christian and not giving up  
Trusting that God will take care of us all  
Now we must take care of the world He installed  
Spending time at church and praying  
I know God will take care of all that is straying  
Making a change in our world can happen right now  
It takes little money, but God's power to know how  
It took me awhile to come back on my path  
I questioned and worried I may never pass  
God directed me back to where I was going  
Showed me my life was part of a story  
My church has helped me grow in faith  
They've shown me lots of reasons to give thanks  
"Do not fear," God has said  
"For I am with you till the end"  
"Do not be dismayed, for I am your God"  
You know my love's for eternity  
And the church given to you is family  
In the future, I see myself going to church  
Working with them to help spread the word  
The four mighty questions are my conclusion  
That I now have a new solution  
The answer to these is in my heart  
And filled with peace from the start*

*Lillian Chambers*





# Congratulations Confirmands!

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

Over the course of about three months, Lillian Chambers and Sabine Sivy met with Nikelle Johnson, Pastor Jamie, and church mentors Anne Remington and Kaye Walker to complete their Confirmation Classes. Throughout their time together they explored what it meant to be a faithful follower of Christ and a faith member of the church. As a final requirement, they were invited to write a personal statement of faith. Their statements reflect their personalities and their faith at this point in their lives, and are deeply personal. We share these statements with you all in hopes that your own faith may be strengthened.

## SABINE SIVY Statement of Faith

*To me, God is our creator and He cares for and loves us. After all, we are made in His image. Since Jesus is His Son, Jesus also cares for us and so does the Spirit. He looks out for us and wants to keep us safe. Confirmation to me is getting to better know God and also us becoming stronger in our belief in Him and His word. I think it's very important that I consider what God would want me to do before I do anything or associate myself with someone. I want to be confident in knowing that I can talk to God about any dilemma that I may have. Overall, I think that I am ready to confidently and thoroughly answer our four questions and continue my journey in faith.*

*Sabine Sivy*

*You are citizens with the saints  
and also members of the household of God,  
built upon the foundation of  
the apostles and prophets,  
with Christ Jesus himself as the  
cornerstone.*



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

For our youth pre-K through 4th grade, beginning September 12 during our Sunday School hour (9:00 every Sunday morning) and Children's Church (2nd and 4th Sundays during worship service), our children will explore what it means to "Follow Jesus" both at home and in our community.

Let's think about this for just a moment...from the very beginning of our lives we are instinctual followers. As babies follow their parents innately, our children are then primed to follow people on a daily basis. Parents, teachers, coaches, and caregivers are all people our children look up to and follow for safety and comfort, thus helping them grow and learn new skills. Our jobs as parents, teachers, and church family are to help our children learn to follow Jesus, who is someone they cannot see but whom they can trust. To help instill the principle of following Jesus to our children, we will complete fun craft projects, play games, watch videos, and have special guests visit us.

For our youth in 5th to 12th grade, it is an exciting and challenging time in life — a developmental time of both emotional and faith growth. We are excited to begin our youth group this year with "Follow Jesus", which is a journey of discipleship. The growth that happens during these formative years is quite different for each person, and this is the time when most young people try to figure out their identity and their place among their peers.

Youth need space to be able to explore and question, so beginning Thursday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. we will meet with the youth for a more modern café-style discussion of following Jesus and how this is more of a lifestyle than a destination. Beginning Sunday, September 19 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., we will hold a more contemporary youth group meeting with food, fellowship, and faith formation. As youth of this age often resist being "told" what to do, we hope to create an environment where instead of telling them what to do, letting the teachings of Jesus inspire them as they learn more about themselves and who and how to follow.

Any questions, please contact Brandi Higgins, Director of Youth Ministries

### INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Parents of pre-K through 12th grade youth:  
Join Brandi on Thursday, August 12 at  
6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Learn what's new for  
the upcoming program year!

### Christian Education Opportunities for Youth Pre-K through 12th Grade

#### Sundays at Westminster

##### Sunday School Pre-K through 4th Grade

Every Sunday beginning September 12  
at 9:00 a.m.

##### Children's Church Pre-K through 4th Grade

2nd and 4th Sundays during  
the worship service

##### Youth Group Meet-Up 5th Grade through 12th Grade

Every Sunday beginning September 19  
from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday Evenings at Westminster

Begins September 16

##### Pre-K through 12th Grade

Thursday evening activities begin  
at 5:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more details!



**Each month the Spiritual Growth Committee will share in the Log, a few thoughts on the journey of grief that we all experience. We hope these brief thoughts will be of help and support to all.**

*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."*  
Helen Keller

Before each job interview, Andrew slips on his father's gold watch. It's a weighty piece of jewelry, a reminder of his father's long and successful career and he feels more confident when wearing it. At holiday time, Mandy puts her mother's cut glass water decanter on the dinner table and is flooded with joyful memories of her mother's love and guidance as well as the wonderful meals she prepared for the family.

The watch and the decanter are linking objects, items belonging to deceased loved ones that provide a source of solace for both Andrew and Mandy. A linking object is literally any object or image that connects the griever in a comforting way with a loved one. Linking objects can be used to create a ritual of remembrance and continuity as well as a reminder of a needed behavior when establishing new routines. They are used to create powerful connections that can last for months or even years.



A common fear people often mention after a death is that treasured memories will begin to fade away. So when death is still new and raw, we tend to think that everything that was important to the deceased becomes important to us simply because it was important to him or her. We hold tight to every physical reminder — from toothbrushes to cashmere sweaters. But problems can arise when we accumulate too many possessions that take up too much space. Over time, this memory clutter can begin to impede our ability to feel a sense of peace and calm. That's when using a linking object can provide a bridge to memories.

The use of linking objects wasn't always widely recommended by grief experts because many falsely believed that these objects tended to encourage a pathological holding on to the deceased while neglecting the task of reinvesting in life. In reality, though, linking objects can be pivotal motivating factors in accepting the death of a loved one and beginning the new life without the physical presence of the deceased. These objects are one type of learning tool to bring empathy, understanding, and awareness of enduring love into the experience of massive

change. Psychotherapist Thomas Moore put it another way when he wrote, "Grief is complete only with a shift in being, in the way you live, think, and relate to the world." You can emerge from your sorrow and sadness with new strength, compassion, and vision you never realized you possessed.

### Creating Linking Objects

Are you interested in creating a linking object? Here are a few things to keep in mind when utilizing this important coping tool.

1. Pick any object that belonged to the deceased that has special meaning for you. It could be a key chain, coin, medal, photo, piece of clothing or jewelry. It could be something your loved one purchased for you or something you bought when you were with this person. Carry or wear this object when you long for comfort or connection.
2. Another type of linking object is to choose a word or saying that is descriptive of the character or essence of your loved one. Take it to a calligrapher and have it written so that it can be framed or reproduced. It can then be placed in various locations that are meaningful to you and used as an inspiration, tribute or reminder.

3. Call on your creativity to bring special meaning from a linking object. One woman took her husband's wedding band and hers to a jeweler where they were melted down and made into a new piece of jewelry that symbolized their enduring love. Look online to find symbolic meanings to various objects or colors. For example, the color green is symbolic of life and growth. Decide how you can weave the information you find into the choice of your linking object.

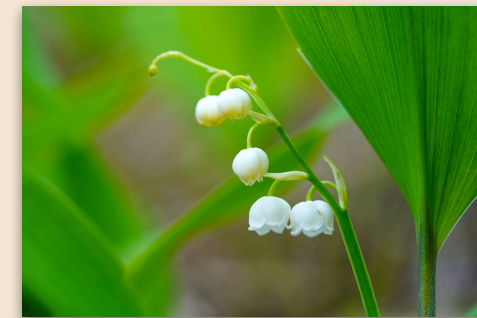
Linking objects are transitional items that assist the griever in maintaining a healthy bond of remembrance and thanksgiving, as one begins the journey to find new ways to reinvest emotional energy into life. While others may not see the significance, a linking object can have intimate meaning for the person who is grieving a loved one's death.

### The Power of Talking

Many people have grown up in families where expressing strong

emotion was discouraged. Maintaining the "stiff upper lip" was considered the best way to cope with loss.

Keeping feelings bottled inside can lead to physical symptoms. In fact, just the opposite is true: talking is healing. Talking enables the person who is grieving to locate the pain, bring it to the surface and release it.



Because the pain of grief doesn't magically disappear, we need to talk about a particular feeling or memory again and again. In fact, it's been said that people who are grieving need to share their story of loss 50 to 100 times. The number isn't as important as the telling, that talking helps release pain and helps the griever make sense of the magnitude of their loss.

The key to talking through grief is finding people who will listen without offering advice or cheerful clichés. These are what we call healing people, H-E-A-L:

H is for Here — People who make time for you because they know their presence is one of the best gifts they can provide.

E is for Empathetic — While no one can truly know what your'e feeling, people with empathy do their best to understand and let some of your pain touch them.

A is for Accepting — These people don't judge you, try to change you, or tell you what you should do or how you should thank.

L is for Listening — They focus on what you have to say. They let you share your feelings, as raw as they may be, and know how important it is to tell your story again and again.

Sources:  
Kenneth C. Haugk, Finding Hope and Healing

St. Luke's Hospice Bereavement Program, Bethlehem, PA.

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Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be here before we know it and Westminster Presbyterian Church's Stewardship Committee is beginning to make plans. Soon we will ask ministries, groups, and programs to look at their place in the budget and what their work in 2022 will require financially. In order to know where Westminster will go in 2022, Session needs to know where you, our family, stand. Please begin to consider how you will support Westminster and our work within our walls and what support you will give to Westminster "without walls".





## CONNECTIONS

### Adult Faith Formation

BEGINNING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 9:15 &  
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
AT 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

This fall our adult faith formation classes will be using “Follow Jesus,” “Welcome All,” and “Confess.” For the month of September, we will be using the Adult Reflection Guide as we consider what it means for adults to follow Jesus. “When we speak of seeing what Jesus wants us to see or hearing what Jesus wants us to hear, we are really talking about perceiving and discerning.” As one musical artist says, hearing the voice of God “is often like hearing a whisper.”

We read in the Gospels that Jesus said, “Come and see.” So we will ask questions like: What evidence of God’s love do we see around us? Where — in the lives of people, in structures of power, in the wounds of the world — do we see a yearning for God’s love to be

made real? What is it that you need in order to see what Jesus desires you to see?

**In an attempt to accommodate people’s various schedules, we will offer classes at two different times — Sunday mornings at 9:15 before church meeting in the Session Room and again on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The same materials will be used at both gatherings.**

Any questions regarding classes or material, please contact Rev. Linda at the church (686-1360) or email [parishassoc@wpcbc.org](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org). The Adult Reflection Guide is available in the church office.

### The Wired Word / Coffee & Conversation

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS  
AT 1:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

**The Wired Word & Coffee & Conversation.** During the month of August we are changing up our Wednesday afternoon — 1:00 p.m. Zoom — gathering. Summer is a bit more relaxed, so it was decided that when we gather on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, we will gather for conversation without any structured discussion. It will simply be a time to chat and catch up on what’s happening in our lives, community, or even the world. A weekly Zoom invitation will continue to go out to those interested in gathering. All you need to do is sign up by calling the church office at 686-1360 or emailing Rev. Linda at [parishassoc@wpcbc.org](mailto:parishassoc@wpcbc.org).



Those who have been receiving TWW materials will continue to get those for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Of course, anyone new interested in doing in the Wired Word discussion — Where Current Events and Faith Intersect — you are always welcome; just call to let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you —

August 4 & 18 - Coffee & Conversation

August 11 & 25 - The Wired Word



## CONNECTIONS

### Civility Series

AUGUST 15  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

#### Civility: American Politics and Christian Response

*Civility has deep moral roots in Christianity.*

*This commitment to civility, though often absent in our current politics, is actually a virtue with deep roots in the American tradition.*

We will wrap up our “Civility” gatherings — “Chew, Chat, Consider” — on Sunday, August 15 following the worship service. So often when we think about having “civil conversations” we think about “what or how we will say what we want to or need to say.” What we have focused on, though, is that civil conversations have more to do with being a good listener than a good talker. In our last gathering we will explore “what kinds of commitments, behaviors, and practices civility actually require.” We will also hear from two more teams as they share what they have learned about new ways of hearing and sharing information and opinions.

Come join us over a light brunch and great conversation as we listen and learn together; as we practice having “civil dialogue” even in the face of differences of opinions.

Any questions, please call the church office, Pastor Jamie, or Rev. Linda.



### Summer Movie Series

AUGUST 26 AT 1:00 P.M.  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**The Summer Movie Series** will meet on Thursday, August 26 at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will view *Just Mercy* (PG-13). The movie is open to all ages (age appropriate), and will be followed by an opportunity for discussion. And of course, any movie experience is not complete without popcorn and soda!

### Sunday Worship

10:30 A.M.  
WESTMINSTER WITHOUT WALLS WORSHIP -  
AUGUST 22 AT 1:00 P.M.

**Sunday Morning Worship** during August will take place outdoors (weather permitting) under the tent on the Vermont Street side of the church.



#### SAVE THE DATE

#### Westminster Without Walls Worship Community Worship Service

August 22  
1:00 p.m.  
location: TBD

September 12  
4:00 p.m.  
Wenonah Park  
under the pavilion