

December 2020 Session Notes:

- Session extends its sincere condolences to the families of Don Wheeler, who died on November 24 and Dutch Holland, who died on December 12, both of whom will be missed.
- Elders-elect to the Class of 2023 Mark Judice and Barry Miller will be ordained during our worship service on January 3, 2021 and all Elders-elect to the Class of 2023 Ricardo “Rick” Bargas, Gordon Couch, Mark Judice, Barry Miller and Chris Sullivan will be installed. Session is grateful for their service beginning on that date.
- Session is also very grateful for the service of the Class of 2020, who will rotate off session after three years’ service with the installation of the Class of 2023 on January 3: Jimmy Cartrette, Robi McAllister, Barbara Stephenson, James Werner and Jim Wynne. They each have contributed their time and talents over the past three years and particularly during this past challenging year. They have earned a rest! Thank you to each of you, without whom Session would not have been as strong, wise or able to accomplish more than would have happened in your absence.
- Session members were placed on its 2021 Teams and designated Team Leaders beginning January 4, 2021 as follows: Building and Grounds: Bob Bittle, Leader and Gordon Couch; Christian Education, Alice Carter, Leader and Barry Miller; Finance: Barbara Wheeler, Leader and Becky Bittle with Larry Bartlett as a resource; Membership: Mark Judice, Leader and Rick Bargas, Outreach and Mission: Susan Green, Leader and Becky Earley; Personnel: Alex Seleny, Leader, and Donna Christian; and Worship: Chris Sullivan, Leader and Kaye George.
- Any congregation member willing to work with a Team may contact the Leader of that Team so that dates (normally the first Monday of each month except for Finance, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month), times and method of meeting may be communicated.
- On January 3, 2021, we will receive our “Penny Collection” for the Presbyterian Night Shelter. Its mission statement, “We welcome anyone without a home. And then we help them find one” utilizes more than an overnight night sleep in a clean, dry location. It provides housing assistance, support services and employment opportunities in an attempt to break the cycle of homelessness. Donations will be received in person that day but also by mail, through the Church Center or in person during office hours with prior notice to the Office Administrator.
- Session encourages everyone to join in viewing the Christmas Eve Service, which will be available at 7:00 p.m. on December 24.
- There are four tablets available for those who wish to participate in the Sunday worship and Wednesday mid-week ministries but do not have computer, tablet or other way to connect with these services online. Access through tablets is easily learned and there are tech people who can easily and quickly explain the process.
- Session gratefully thanks those members who have responded to the pledge drive and the time and talent survey. If you have not, there is still time to respond. We would love to hear from you. We also are grateful to those members for their continued financial support, which enables Rev. Hogg and others to continue the work and mission necessary despite inside-facility protocols and restrictions.
- Session thanks the continued commitment of the Worship committee and participants as well as the Tech Team involved to provide Sunday morning worship in several platforms for viewing.
- Please be in prayer as session and its Teams continue to discern God’s will for Westminster, its mission and its ministries.
- Please continue to join us in daily prayer at noon – or as close as possible – as we continue to lift our collective prayer for God’s will for His church at Westminster, as well as prayers for our first responders.
- Reminder: Session minutes are available, upon request, through the church office.
- A reminder: articles for the December newsletter will be due Thursday, December 17.