



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA

May 2021



NEWS

MISSION STATEMENT

*Our calling as believers in Jesus Christ is to love and live by His example,
to share God's Word and to find new ways to serve.*

VISION

Worship Prayer Community

Reflections from our Minister-In-Training:

Take the Moment*

*If you got love (Got love)
Got love (Got love)
If you got love to give
If you got love (Got love)
Got love (Got love)
If you got love to give
Give it to the past and present
Give it to the future and your friends
And take the moment*

*Take the Moment by The Classic Crime 2020

The above song lyrics come from one of my all-time favorite bands, the Classic Crime. They are an Alternative Rock band based out of Seattle and I have been listening to them since I was in high school. So, you might be wondering why I am sharing song lyrics from a band I listened to in high school. Well, the answer is twofold.

- The first is that I believe music can be a way in which we connect to God and experience the divine. Even if it isn't explicitly Christian in nature doesn't mean that we cannot experience God touching our souls through the lyrics and the rhythm.
- The second answer is I believe the message of 'take the moment' to be a helpful reminder to us. It is a call to us that, if we have love, to give that love to our whole person and to those around us. Give it to the past, the present, the future, and our friends. This means to love ourselves; both who we were, who we are, and who we are becoming. It also means to love those in our lives; in the past, the present, and those who we will meet in the future.

However, the thrust of the song is that if we have love to give, to take the moment and give it; to ourselves, to our friends, our family and to God. As Christians we are called to follow in the path of Jesus; we are called to be people of love. So let us give that love to ourselves, to our friends and family, and of course to God. So Church, take the moment.

Blessings,
Drew



Treasurer's Corner April 2021

For the first quarter of 2021 pledged donations have been \$74,687.63, 93% of budget. Open plate donations have been \$12,010.10, 112% of budget. Combined, we are at 97% of budget, about \$3,900 below budgeted donations. The PPP loan the church received last May in the amount of \$43,665 was forgiven in January and converted to a grant. The portion of the grant attributable to the first quarter is \$10,916.25. Total revenue for quarter was \$97,639.28. Expenses for the quarter were \$92,654.58, resulting in an increase in the operating fund of \$4,984.70.

The mortgage balance is \$162,731.23. With just the required monthly payment, the mortgage should pay off in March 2025. Any monies donated to mortgage fund are paid out monthly as additional principal and will advance the pay off date. I have been gratified and humbled by the faithfulness of this congregation through this very trying time. It was wonderful seeing so many of you on Easter Sunday!

Larry Bartlett, Treasurer

Nominations for Ruling Elders

During these challenging times, the leadership of our church has never been more important. Each year, as five members of the 15-member session complete their term, five new members are elected. In this regard, the Nominating Committee is beginning the process of identifying candidates to be presented to the congregation later this year for election as ruling elders of Westminster for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2022 (Class of 2024).

As we prayerfully consider members for nomination, if you are feeling a conviction to serve in this important capacity, or if you would like to recommend someone for consideration, please reach out to any committee member. Thank you for your help with this process.

The Nominating Committee
Jimmy Cartrette, Mike Francis, Mark Judice,
Barbara Wheeler and Linda Wynne

2021 SESSION MEMBERS

Larry Bartlett (T)	Alex Seleny (T)
Becky Bittle	Barbara Wheeler (T)
Bob Bittle (T)	Rick Bargas
Alice Carter	Gordon Couch (T)
Kaye George	Mark Judice
Donna Christian	Barry Miller
Becky Earley	Chris Sullivan (T)
Susan Green	

2021 TEAMS and LEADERS

Building & Grounds	Bob Bittle
Christian Education	Alice Carter
Finance	Barbara Wheeler
Membership	Mark Judice
Outreach & Mission	Susan Green
Personnel	Alex Seleny
Worship	Chris Sullivan

It's a Boy!

Please join us for a drive-by baby shower honoring Samantha & Nathan

Saturday May 15, 2021

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

(Please contact the church office for the location)

Registered at Amazon



Books for Baby

*One small request, that won't be too hard;
Please bring a book, instead of a card.
By signing your book, we'll remember and share
Your special gift, even when you're not there!*

WPC Mission: Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

Every year, Outreach & Mission designates part of our budget to organizations we believe are making a difference to those in need in our community. We'll highlight these throughout the year so you can better know their mission and why we support them. One is Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS).



**Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM**

PCHAS serves nearly 5,000 children and families across three states – Texas, Louisiana and Missouri – every year. With support from foundations, churches and individuals, the nonprofit has one mission: to provide Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need.

One of the main ways PCHAS serves is to offer a variety of residential- and community-based programs. This includes foster care and adoption, residential services and mentoring and family preservation. The closest group home to Fort Worth is in Itasca, Texas, which some of our members have visited.

Only 25% of PCHAS' costs are covered by the state and federal funding, with the rest covered in part by an endowment – but more than 50% is provided by congregations and individuals, which is why WPC has long been a supporter. Thanks to this support, children within the PCHAS ministry are working to overcome the trauma inflicted on their lives. They are building courage, confidence, calm and the ability to become independent, educated and loving people themselves.

If you would like to learn more about or donate to PCHAS, visit www.pchas.org. There are a number of ways you can share your time and talents as well.



May 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Please note: as of this writing, all events listed - except for Worship Services, Meals on Wheels & ELP Classes - are virtual events only						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir			6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir Rehearsal		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir		7 PM Finance Meeting	6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir Rehearsal		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir			Newsletter and Calendar Deadline 6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir Rehearsal		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir <i>Pentecost</i>			6 PM Mid-Week Ministries	7 PM Choir Rehearsal		
30	31					
10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Bell Choir	Memorial Day <i>(Staff Holiday)</i> 					

A Sad Goodbye

Nathan Logsdon has resigned as our Director of Technology; his last day for Tech Arts (all things to do with worship) was April 4th and his last day for Tech Services (all things to do with staff network and station support) will be May 7th. We are very sorry to see him go!

Nathan has been an invaluable volunteer at Westminster for the past ten years. He has brought us to the place where we are able to serve our congregation and the world through worship and other aspects of ministry, even before the pandemic, and especially after it arrived. We are now able to record and stream our worship services in a very professional way with multiple cameras and amazing sound quality (if only the internet could keep up with us). We have a very stable work environment which has made it much easier for the staff to do all the things necessary to keep our office up and running. When the pandemic started Nathan made it possible for the staff to work from home by connecting to the church servers where our documents are stored. We have WiFi in all parts of our building and connections for our Sunday school teachers to provide materials to their classes that are provided by Right Now Ministries.

We cannot thank Nathan enough for all his endless hours of hard work, his training and guidance of our tech volunteers, as well his overall dedication to the staff, session and congregation at Westminster. Nathan leaves a big hole that will be very difficult to fill!

We wish him nothing but the best and pray that God will walk with him in all he does.

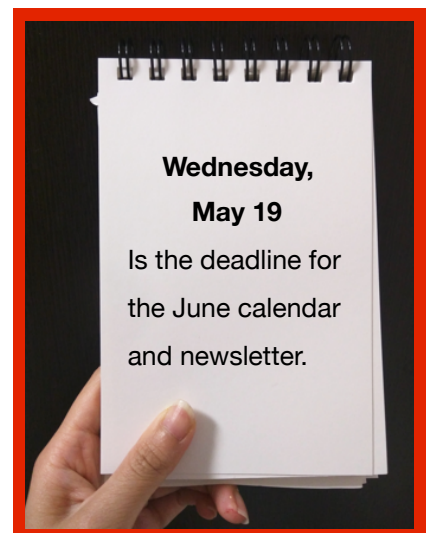


Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming in June

Outreach & Mission would like to continue the Bus-N-Boots program, which benefits Christian Community Assistance. There will be a table in the Narthex on **June 6 & 13** (the first two Sundays of the month). You will be able to put cash or a check in a drop box, sign an "honor or memory" sheet with your name and your father's name, and pick up a Father's Day card if you wish.

**\$35 buys a pair of boots or 7 bus passes,
but any amount is appreciated!**

Watch for more information in the eNews later in May, as well as in the June newsletter.



May Birthdays

05/01 Donna Rauer
05/03 Marcy Head
05/05 David Bernardez
05/05 Lincoln Chin
05/06 Carol Edley
05/10 Michele Nelson
05/11 Harold Leeds
05/12 Scott D'Amico
05/12 Barbara Stephenson
05/14 Judy Brunn

05/15 Colleen Foster
05/16 John Thorsen
05/17 Geraldine Parish
05/18 Dorothy Rouse
05/20 Marci Schuman
05/20 Jane Post
05/20 Drew Southworth
05/21 Bob Craig
05/21 John Seleny
05/22 Kily Jones
05/26 Katie Parker
05/26 Carter de Carion
05/28 Logan Winn



Serving the Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021 - Communion

Sermon: "Abide in Christ's Love"
Scriptures: 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Donna Christian
Usher Team: Herman Wardlaw, Lincoln Chin,
Mickey Rigney, Susan Green
Greeters: Gordon & Linda Couch
Elder on Call: Kaye George

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sermon: "Friends Called to Love"
Scriptures: 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Drew Southworth
Usher Team: Gordon Couch, Linda Moore,
Robert Nance, Susan Bennett
Greeters: Jim & Linda Wynne
Elder on Call: Donna Christian

Sunday, May 16, 2021

Sermon:
Scriptures:

Preaching: Drew Southworth
Liturgist:

Usher Team: Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette
Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner
Greeters: Linda Moore & Rosie Vela
Elder on Call: Becky Earley

Sunday, May 23, 2021 - Pentecost

Sermon: "The Breath of God"
Scriptures: Acts 2:1-4; Ezekiel 37:1-14
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Eva Riggs
Usher Team: Herman Wardlaw, Lincoln Chin,
Mickey Rigney, Susan Green
Greeters: Mickey & Patricia Rigney
Elder on Call: Susan Green

Sunday, May 30, 2021 - Memorial Day Sunday

Sermon: "Born of Water and the Spirit"
Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Liturgist: Barry Miller
Usher Team: Gordon Couch, Linda Moore,
Robert Nance, Susan Bennett
Greeters: Kim & Mark Judice
Elder on Call: Alex Seleny

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Main: (817) 292-1155
10:00 am Worship Service
9:00 & 11:15 am Christian Education

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