



**Westminster**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH USA**

July - August 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**

## A Lesson in Weeds

As I have gotten older, I've had more trouble sleeping straight through the night. At times I find myself awake for extended periods of time, with random thoughts keeping my brain from resting. Often I will use these times of wakefulness as an opportunity for prayer, but sometimes my mind wanders and my thoughts start branching out in different directions.

While some of my thoughts can be anxiety-laden, other times I feel that God is using my wakefulness as an opportunity to communicate with me by placing life lessons in my consciousness. About a year ago I found myself thinking about the weeds I used to encounter in my yard when I lived in Arizona. While every place has weeds, there are some weeds that are specific to geographic areas. Being a desert, Arizona has vegetation that is meant to withstand the dry conditions and extreme heat of the summers. While it's a good thing for the plants to be sturdy and drought-resistant, those same qualities also apply to the weeds.

In pulling weeds from our desert landscape, I noticed that the smallest, shortest weeds can sometimes be the heartiest. A short, 'wimpy' weed can have an extremely long, robust root. Pulling weeds of this sort can be very labor-intensive! Even if you are able to pull these weeds out by their stubborn roots, eventually they will spring up again elsewhere.....kind of like sin.

When I pulled weeds, I would squat down since kneeling on a rocky landscape was not very comfortable! I can remember some occasions where I encountered some weeds so stubborn that when I finally freed the roots, the effort would knock me on my behind! Again, kind of like sin; it can knock us off our feet. Those instances where we get knocked off our feet can be good opportunities to reflect on what we need to change in our lives.

When things don't go the way we intended, could it be God trying to remind us that we need to let go of our plans and follow His plans instead? Sometimes we start out with good intentions but get frustrated or upset over a glitch that we don't think should have happened, causing us to lose focus. That's probably a good time to re-evaluate our plans and ask for God's guidance.

Although we are sometimes able to pull weeds without God's help, we always need His help to tackle sin. We just can't do it alone, no matter how self-sufficient we think we are. We aren't designed to be totally self-sufficient; that's why believers meeting in a community of faith is so important – so we can combine our strengths and our gifts to carry out God's will.

If there is a lesson that we want to copy from the weeds, it's not their stubbornness, but rather their strength. Let us firmly plant our roots in God (rather than in the world), grow with His strength and follow His plans for our lives.

Blessings,  
*Sheri*  
(Your Office Administrator)

## June 2021 Session Notes:

- Thank you, Westminster church family! Your response to the Bus 'N Boots support for Christian Community Assistance was GREAT! \$2,092! Your hearts and hands in this endeavor will enable others to get boots for jobs and/or be able to get to those jobs, training school and other life events they would not otherwise be attending!
- Also thank you for your generosity to Nathan and Drew. Your support and gratefulness for the work of these two young men was evident in your contributions.
- The power surge/outage last week resulted in damage to various electronics, including the fire alarm system and fire control panel. Repairs are underway.
- Some of the doors to the Narthex portion of our building have not been operating properly for a long time but this issue is currently being addressed with the hope of repair in the not too distant future.
- New lighting should be installed in the sanctuary for the chancel within the next week.
- New Church Directories will be available at church on the coming Sunday, and plans for a new pictorial directory are "in the works" for the fall.
- Session has voted to eliminate all mask requirements beginning July 4, leaving masking decisions solely to the individual.
- Your current session members are Rick Bargas, Larry Bartlett, Becky Bittle, Bob Bittle, Alice Carter, Donna Christian, Gordon Couch, Becky Earley, Kaye George, Susan Green, Mark Judice, Barry Miller, Alex Seleny, Chris Sullivan and Barbara Wheeler. Contact information is available in the church directory or through the church office. Please feel free to contact any one of them if you have any questions or concerns.
- The Pathfinders Class meets at 9:00 a.m. and is studying of the book of Acts; please bring your Bible (but extras will be available).
- The Friendship Class meets at 11:15 a.m. with Donna Christian for a study based on the book, *Lies My Preacher told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament*.
- A Confirmation class will be starting soon. Anyone thinking of baptism or of potential membership is requested to contact the church office for information.
- Any one willing to lead a children's Sunday school class is encouraged to contact the church office for information.
- 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 our services online. Access through tablets is easily learned and there are tech people who can easily and quickly explain the process.
- Session thanks the continued commitment of the Worship Team 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 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.

### 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



Westminster has been a partner with Bruce Shulkey Elementary for a number of years, providing mentors to students. Students are matched by the school and Westminster's program director and the relationships formed are supported by prayer partners. A mentor meets on campus once a week with a student for no more than an hour. Relationship building activities serve as the top priority, with time spent on academic, fun activities and life skills. Life building conversations take place - together!

This past year has been a challenge as the school has been a closed campus for the year. The coming fall start up of school is uncertain as to whether we would be allowed on campus once again. However, we would like to be prepared for the opportunity to spend time with a student, to make a difference in that student's life . . . because someone who is not related and does not have to care, does care about him or her. THAT is a powerful message! A Prayer Partner supports each student/mentor during the length of the relationship. If you would like to learn more about the opportunity to come along side a young elementary student needing extra encouragement, please contact Patricia Klint or see her at church on Sunday!



# July / August 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b><i>NO Sunday Bell Choir or Thursday Choir Rehearsals for the months of July and August</i></b>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 AM Pathfinders' 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Friendship <b><i>Independence Day</i></b>	<i>Independence Day Observed (Staff Holiday)</i> 		6 PM Mid-Week Ministries 7:15 PM Ensemble Rehearsal	9 AM Project Linus		
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<b>August 1</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 AM Pathfinders' 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Friendship	6:15 PM Team Leaders' Meeting		6 PM Mid-Week Ministries 7:15 PM Ensemble Rehearsal			
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## July Birthdays

07/02 Paul Brunn  
 07/04 Susan Head  
 07/04 Barbara Wheeler  
 07/07 Patricia Rigney  
 07/08 Stephen Cartrette  
 07/10 Johnny Moore  
 07/14 Sarah Totten  
 07/16 Barry Miller  
 07/18 Chuck Bosworth  
 07/18 David Sanders  
 07/20 Fred Doelling  
 07/22 Ellen White  
 07/22 Kim Judice  
 07/23 Kirsten Adams  
 07/24 Carol Lindsay  
 07/26 Kyle Klovstad  
 07/26 Kathryn McClain  
 07/27 Leroy Campbell  
 07/27 Sarah Russo  
 07/29 Amy Leger  
 07/31 Cody Parker



## August Birthdays

08/01 Joanne McClendon  
 08/01 Lucas Lyon  
 08/04 Adam Riedel  
 08/05 Linda Tallman  
 08/08 Red Lindsay  
 08/08 Matthew Bailey  
 08/09 Seleta Rizzo  
 08/09 Maya Chauhan  
 08/09 Elizabeth Dyer

08/10 Lisa Winn  
 08/12 Tara Jones  
 08/14 Robert Nance  
 08/14 Dub Godby  
 08/15 Margaret Auwaerter  
 08/15 Sandra Sullivan  
 08/15 Jamie Bittle  
 08/16 Wesley Head  
 08/16 Ken Nicoll  
 08/17 Nathan Logsdon  
 08/18 Donna Christian  
 08/18 Linda Moore  
 08/20 Kara Beth Boyd Cocek  
 08/20 Jean Kepnga  
 08/20 Harold Sawyer  
 08/24 Rip McClendon  
 08/24 Chris Sullivan  
 08/25 Lucile Wise  
 08/26 Robert Riggs  
 08/26 Tyler Foster  
 08/27 Vicki Timberlake  
 08/28 Greg Foster  
 08/29 Teddy Claus  
 08/30 Molly McCurdy  
 08/31 Angela Vlasow



## Serving the Church in July

### Sunday, July 4

**Sermon:** "In Our Weaknesses"  
**Scriptures:** II Samuel 5:1-10  
 II Corinthians 12:1-10  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Barry Miller  
**Usher Team:** Herman Wardlaw, Lincoln Chin,  
 Mickey Rigney  
**Greeters:** Peggy & Teddy Claus  
**Elder on Call:** Gordon Couch

### Sunday, July 11

**Sermon:** "Blessings Come from God"  
**Scriptures:** II Samuel 6:1-19  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Nancy Craig  
**Usher Team:** Gordon Couch, Linda Moore,  
 Robert Nance, Susan Bennett  
**Greeters:** Kim & Mark Judice  
**Elder on Call:** Mark Judice

### Sunday, July 18

**Sermon:** "Fellow Citizens in the  
 Compassion of Christ"  
**Scriptures:** Mark 6:30-34  
 Ephesians 2:11-22  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Alex Seleny  
**Usher Team:** Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,  
 Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner  
**Greeters:** Ann & Herman Wardlaw  
**Elder on Call:** Barry Miller

### Sunday, July 25

**Sermon:** "The Power to Comprehend"  
**Scriptures:** John 6:1-15  
 Ephesians 3:14-21  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Barry Miller  
**Usher Team:** Herman Wardlaw, Lincoln Chin,  
 Mickey Rigney, Susan Green  
**Greeters:** Geraldine Parish & Susan Bennett  
**Elder on Call:** Chris Sullivan

## Serving the Church in August

### Sunday, August 1

**Sermon:** "The Gifts of God"  
**Scriptures:** John 6:24-35  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Judy Ewald  
**Usher Team:** Gordon Couch, Linda Moore,  
Robert Nance, Susan Bennett  
**Greeters:** Jim & Linda Wynne  
**Elder on Call:** Bob Bittle

### Sunday, August 8

**Sermon:** "Jesus Christ the Bread of Life"  
**Scriptures:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Susan Bennet  
**Usher Team:** Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,  
Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner  
**Greeters:** Peggy & Teddy Claus  
**Elder on Call:** Alice Carter

### Sunday, August 15

**Sermon:** "Living by God's Wisdom"  
**Scriptures:** I Kings 2:1-10, 3:3-14  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg

**Liturgist:** James Werner  
**Usher Team:** Herman Wardlaw, Lincoln Chin,  
Mickey Rigney  
**Greeters:** Kim & Mark Judice  
**Elder on Call:** Patricia Klint

### Sunday, August 22

**Sermon:** "Your Whole Armor"  
**Scriptures:** I Kings 8:22-30  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Donna Christian  
**Usher Team:** Gordon Couch, Linda Moore,  
Susan Bennett  
**Greeters:** Ann & Herman Wardlaw  
**Elder on Call:** Donna Christian

### Sunday, August 29

**Sermon:** "A Doer Who Acts"  
**Scriptures:** Proverbs 2:1-8  
James 1:17-27  
**Preaching:** Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg  
**Liturgist:** Barry Miller  
**Usher Team:** Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Cartrette,  
Sandra Sullivan, Shar Werner  
**Greeters:** Geraldine Parish & Susan Bennett  
**Elder on Call:** Becky Earley

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

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