



Westminster Chimes

July 2020

Pastor Message
Ellen Gurnon

Dear Friends,

Nearly every Sunday, I close our worship service with the charge: “Let us go out into the world to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.” Jesus pointed out that these are the two greatest commandments, as they also provide a summary of the whole law of God.

My focus in preaching is to make the scriptures relevant to our daily lives and to help all of us struggle with the specifics. WHO is our neighbor, and HOW can we live out our love for God, neighbor, and self. I was taught to “preach with the Bible in one hand and the newspaper in the other.” (Karl Barth, 20th century theologian)

In our nation and in our world, we are facing the issue of racism. People of color are feeling as though their lives don’t matter. They are crying out for equality. Speaking for myself, I don’t know enough about the obstacles they face and how their lives are different from mine. I believe that loving my neighbor calls me to listen and learn.

I have invited the congregation of First Presbyterian, and I invite all of you to join me in a **21-day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge BEGINNING ON JULY 1ST** <https://debbyirving.com/21-day-challenge/>. This program offers *hundreds of resources* for learning and ways we can take action to become more racially sensitive and aware of the structures that support racism. The idea is to do just ONE thing per day for 21 days. Choose from categories of: Read, Listen, Watch, Notice, Connect, Engage, Act, Reflect, and Stay Inspired.

The activities can take **AS LITTLE AS FIVE MINUTES OF YOUR TIME**. I will also be sharing in the weekly E-news additional resources to add to the lists offered on the website. At some point, we will gather (virtually or in person) to talk about things we did, what we learned, and what we continue to struggle with.

Westminster is a vital congregation, as was recognized by our newest members. And I know that each one of us is committed to loving God, loving ourselves, and loving our neighbors. But it’s never as easy as it sounds. It’s a journey and a commitment that needs to be renewed day by day.

In gratitude and hope,

Pastor Ellen



LECTIONARY

July 5th

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45: 10-17

Romans 7: 15 – 25a

Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25-30

July 12th

Genesis 25: 19-34

Psalms 119: 105-112

Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

July 19th

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24

Romans 8: 12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 26

Genesis 29: 15-28

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45b

Romans 8: 26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Calendar

July 1st Begin 21 Day Challenge
(see Pastor's letter for details.)

July 5th Worship Service
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Hymn Sing
9:15 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service
10:45 a.m.

July 12th Worship Service
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Communion celebrated
9:15 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service
10:45 a.m.

July 19th Worship Service
Westminster Presbyterian Church
9:15 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service
10:45 a.m.

July 26th Worship Service
Westminster Presbyterian Church
9:15 a.m.

Livestream Worship Service
10:45 a.m.



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REMINDER: Pastor Ellen will be on vacation the first first week of the month therefore we will be offering Holy Communion on the second **Sunday, July 12th**.

Erica Scott	July 20
Debb Tracy	July 21
Kristin Jones	July 22
Frank Linn	July 27
Peggy Stieneke	July 28
Becky Christian	July 29
Lois Scott	July 29



You're Session wants to hear from you!

These are strange times – if you have a suggestion about something at the church, an activity, mission, or an idea about how to support each other – please contact any member below! Stay Safe!

- Velda Price (Clerk)
- Bill Tucker (Worship)
- Gerald Campbell (Finance)
- Danna Cotner (Missions)
- Charlene Christian (Outreach)
- Allen Lane (Buildings & Grounds)
- Jim Dale (Pastoral Care)
- Jeanie Dale (Christian Life)



AND NOW A WORD FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN ...



Tips From:



❖ FREEZE YOUR BERRIES

Spread unwashed berries in a single layer on a cookie sheet and put the sheet into the freezer. When the berries are frozen, transfer them to a plastic container or freezer bag.

❖ PICKLE YOUR VEGGIES!

Got an abundance of cucumbers? Just make fridge pickles. No canning needed. Enjoy delicious pickles in no time!

For best results when pickling, use white distilled or cider vinegars with 5 percent acidity. Use white vinegar when light color is desirable, as with fruit and cauliflower.

Use pickling salt, not iodized salt. Pickling salt has no additives. Iodized salt makes the brine cloudy and may change the color and texture of the vegetables. It may also leave a sediment at the bottom of the jars.