

Westminster Chimes

Pastor Message Ellen Gurnon

Westminster is a busy place!

As you've probably heard, the SEMO Prom Mothers project has hundreds of beautiful, fancy dresses downstairs in our building. The project moved here from Jackson last spring, but... you know the rest of that sentence! This Spring, though, has kept our volunteers (from both churches) busy helping teenage girls find a dress with all the accessories to make them feel pretty and confident at their prom.

If you haven't been downstairs to see the dresses, it is a sight to behold!

And now, right across the hall from the prom project is the new home for Boy Scout Troop 4004 and Cub Scout Pack 4015! These scouts are chartered by First Presbyterian Church, but their location across from the church on Broadway has been sold. While they considered moving back to First Presbyterian, they also talked about other options. Westminster provides much wonderful green space for them to run and play, work on projects, and even camp out (for a whole week at the end of June)! After touring the building and grounds and visiting with the Session, the scouts have arrived! (Additionally, they will be donating \$3,000 per year to the church for use of the space.)

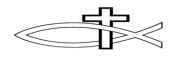
Both of these projects are worthy ministries, enriching the lives of children and teenagers. Not to mention that it is good stewardship of our resources to have the building used during the week.

As I mentioned in my sermon last Sunday, the Session – after learning of the fire that destroyed the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – extended an offer to let them use our sanctuary until they can rebuild. We have not heard back from them, but I am proud of the gracious generosity of our congregation.

We may be small in number, but we are mighty in reaching out and inviting in. We can all be grateful for these opportunities to do God's work and to share God's love in our community.

Grateful for you,

Ellen



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PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Offering supports our ministries with children and youth.

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT! April 5 - May 23, 2021

MATTHEW 25



The Pentecost Offering is an integral part of every congregation's participation in the Educate A Child Initiative through the Presbyterian Mission Organization.

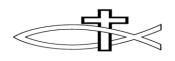
Sunday, May 23rd WPC will collect this special offering during services right before we have our Pentecost Picnic!

- 10 percent will go to help at risk children
- 25 percent will go to ministries with youth
- 25 percent will go to young adult volunteers

40 percent will stay here and be donated

to youth at Cottonwood Residential Treatment Center







LECTIONARY READINGS

May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:26–40 Psalms 22:25–31 1 John 4:7–21 John 15:1–8

May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:44–48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1–6 John 15:9–17

May 13 Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1–11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15–23 Luke 24:44–53

May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:15–17, 21–26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9–13 John 17:6–19

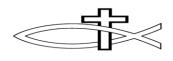
May 23 Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1–21 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b Romans 8:22–27 John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

May 30 Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6:1–8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12–17 John 3:1–17

- May 4 Bill Tucker
- May 6 Jo Lynn Ford
- May 12 Eric Scott
- May 16 Deloris Scott
- May 27 Debra Tucker



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CALENDAR

May 2

Westminster Presbyterian 9:15a.m. Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Communion celebrated

May 9

Westminster Presbyterian 9:15a.m. Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Mother's Day

May 13 Ascension of the Lord

May 16

Westminster Presbyterian 9:15a.m. Livestream Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

May 18

Women's Bible Study 9:30a.m.

May 23 PENTECOST SUNDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN 10:45 A.M. Bring lawn chairs

> PENTECOST PICNIC with First Pres. Immediately following service Please bring a side dish to share

