

September 2021



# THE GOOD NEWS

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- 9:00 a.m.** *In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary  
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# GREETINGS

## *From Our Pastor*

Jesus' words in Matthew 28 are commanding and worth celebrating! Jesus said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit." As the church we respond, "HERE I AM LORD!" I love that Jesus didn't say, "if you wanna" or "when you have time", Jesus gave the directive and blessed the ministry.

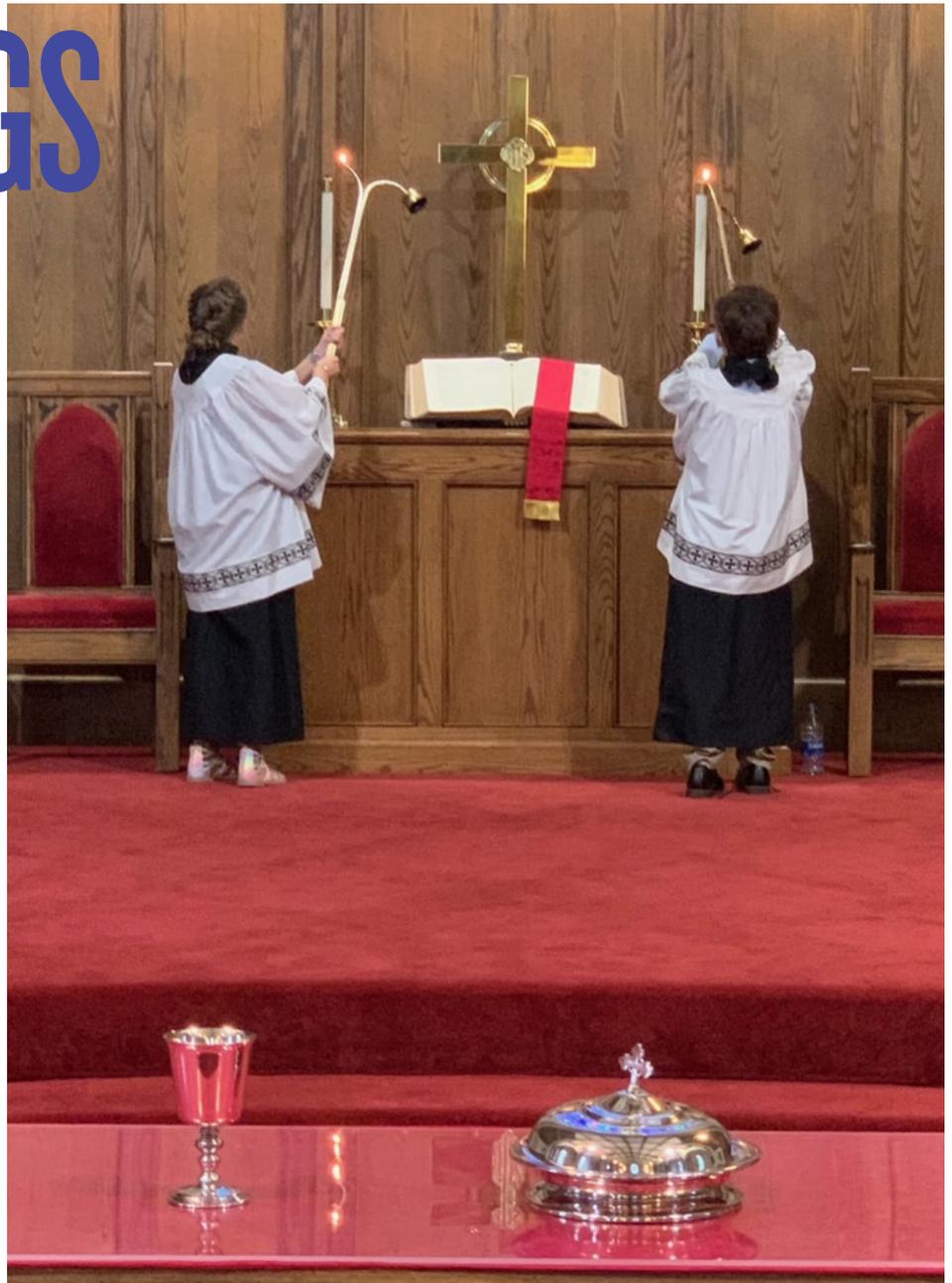
We asked the question on Kick-Off Sunday, "What is discipling?" Greg Ogden writes, "Discipling is an intentional relationship in which we walk alongside other disciples in order to encourage, equip and challenge one another in love to grow toward maturity in Christ. This includes equipping the disciple to make disciples who make disciples." The next week we asked the question, "Who is a disciple?" with the response, "A disciple is one who responds in faith and obedience to the gracious call to follow Jesus Christ. Being a disciple is a lifelong process of dying to self while allowing Jesus Christ to come alive in us."

These are excellent questions to continue our discipleship work as a church! They help us hone in on how we relate to each other, how we encourage one another, and how we celebrate the community we have with each other.

It is a joy to begin a new season together as WPC!

To God Be the Glory,  
Pastor Lissa

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## **WORSHIP JOYFULLY** *From the Westminster Pulpit*

### **September 5**

*James 2:1-13*  
Called to Love  
Our Neighbors  
Fully  
*The Lord's  
Supper*

### **September 12**

*James 3:1-12*  
Paying Attention  
to the Small  
Things

### **September 19**

*James 3:13-4:  
3, 7-8a*  
Drawing Near  
to God

### **September 26**

*James 5:13-20*  
Praying Fervently



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as well as Facebook and YouTube.

# COVID PROTOCOLS *Revised August 5, 2021*

1. Hand sanitizer will be available and should be used upon entering.
2. Following the guidance of the CDC and our concern for the most vulnerable, masks are required for all who are Kindergarten and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings.
3. Please allow ushers to seat you and your family. Socially distanced seating is available.
4. During time for children, the children will remain with their family and not gather on the chancel steps. Following time for children at 11:00, adult leaders will lead children ages 3-5k to the Playground (weather permitting) or Covenant Hall for Children's Church. Parents may pick them up there following the service.
5. Offering plates will be at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
6. While the ropes have been removed from some of the sanctuary and seating is open, there are some reserved sections:
  - Socially distanced seating is available. Please indicate your preference to an usher.
  - A few other pews are reserved for ushers/latecomers, acolytes, and staff. At the end of the service, those in the socially-distanced section will be dismissed first, followed by the rest of the congregation.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY *to our September Disciples*

9/1	Eleanor Akery	9/13	Roy Nickles
9/2	Laura Nunn	9/14	Shantell Frazier
9/3	David Purcell		Lauren McCullough
	Angie Smoak	9/17	Bob Maki
9/4	Thomas Sams	9/18	Mary Martschink
	Susan Newkirk		Kayten Peterson
9/5	Amy Kuenzel	9/20	Mark Friedrichs
	Carlton Stoney		Jamie Hulon
9/6	Zoe Holtzclaw	9/21	Taffy Tamblyn
	Gray Maki		Ruth Haupt
	Carrie Gentry	9/22	Dee Bee Wright
9/7	Mary McAbee		John Hider
9/8	Tyler Owens		Caroline Robinson
	Connor Chandler		James Ramsay
9/9	Lisa Couch		Angelle Beaty
	Meghan Fort	9/23	Karen McInnes
	Laura Patrick		Deborah Pell
	Ada Hendrickson	9/24	Marcus Gore
9/10	Irene Mills		Savanna Kerr
	Emily Shelor	9/25	Debbie Redmon
	Grahame Long	9/26	Stephen Chandler
	Ernie Mallard	9/27	Gloria Purcell
9/11	Mark Aydlett		Tommye Owen
	Jahmes Jones		Lindley Pennekamp
	Graham Wade	9/28	Meg Dorsel
	Collin Camburn	9/29	Natasha Akery
9/12	Andrew Smoak		
	Jillian Ramsay		
	Charlotte Anderson		

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Whitener Family:  
Benjamin, Myra,  
Noelle, and Ava  
1847 Piper Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407

Tissie Watson  
2224 1B Folly Road  
Charleston, SC 29412

Bob and Debra Ferguson  
1107 Neighborhood Lane  
Ravenel, SC 29470

## HOOKS & NEEDLES

*Monday, September 13  
Covenant Hall,  
Classroom 1  
10:00 a.m.*

The Hooks and Needles Mission Group will resume meeting (WPC Covid protocols followed) at 10:00 a.m. on the second Monday of each month beginning on September 13 in Classroom 1. Bring all those projects you have been working on and let's plan to organize the storage closet. Always looking for new knitters/crocheters to join our group. Experience not required, (we can teach you) and supplies are provided. Any questions contact Deborah-Anne Ferguson: [daferguson11@gmail.com](mailto:daferguson11@gmail.com) or 914-263-3742.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesday, September 14  
Trotter's Restaurant  
at Town & Country Inn  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.*

Join us for Breakfast & Bible Study from 8:00-9:00 a.m. the Second Tuesday of every month. We are meeting IN PERSON for breakfast at Trotters Restaurant at Town and Country Inn and Suites (2008 Savannah Highway). All Men Welcome to join in encouragement and fellowship.

# LIVE WORTHILY CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Discipleship Series in September  
10:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall*

*19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Each week, we will have a memory verse through our Discipleship Series! Additional ways to use the verse in Bible Study is available through the WPC ENews each week.

September 5: Psalm 1:1-3  
September 12: 2 Timothy 3:16-17  
September 19: Matthew 6:9-13  
September 26: Revelation 4:11

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS** *Opportunity to Serve!*

Have you noticed things around our campus that need attention, repair or an upgrade? Wish there was an “app for that”? Although we don’t really have an “app”, we do have several ways you can report and/or volunteer to help:

1. Report a repair need to the church office, preferably by submitting a “Repair Ticket”: these are available in the church office and can be submitted directly into the Buildings and Grounds box in the work room. The ticket will ask you to describe the need, the urgency of the request, and your contact information so we can ask for more information if needed.
2. Become an “Independent Contractor”: The Buildings and Grounds team will create and update an ongoing list of minor projects needing attention and many of you have expressed a willingness to help on an “as needed” basis. Please check the Tuesday e-news for the list which will be updated weekly. No committee meetings required!
3. Church Work Days: Once it gets a bit cooler, we will schedule a Church Work Day: a Saturday morning where we will meet at the church and complete a number of projects together.

Contact Carole Russell (843-442-5276 or [clsrussell@comcast.net](mailto:clsrussell@comcast.net)) if you have questions, ideas, or talents to offer!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**RED CROSS**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**MOBILE AT**  
**WESTMINSTER**  
**SUNDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 10**



# RE SHAPE

***Congregation-Wide Launch Event***

***Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. in Covenant Hall***

The ReShape Program is designed “as a guided process for capturing and integrating the innovation and adaptation resulting from volatile life experiences, transforming churches into greater expressions of the body of Christ”. What a mouthful! This is the purpose statement from the developers of the ReShape initiative which is Pinnacle Leadership Associates. We will be working under their guidance as we move forward.

Our Session has worked with this organization prior to the pandemic, as we were looking at a shift in ministry from membership to discipleship. Unfortunately, the limitations from the Covid restrictions interrupted that process. Those same disruptions, however, have provided us with a unique opportunity to discern our hopes and dreams for our future ministry and to determine what type of church we will be post-Covid.

This is really an exciting opportunity! It will, however, require some time and thought, hard work, and prayers from our congregation. The work is really done in small groups, involving as many members of the congregation as are willing to participate. So much is good about the church that we love and are involved with. The goal is not to throw out what is good in our faith community, but rather to open ourselves up to new approaches and new opportunities in ministry.



# LIVE WORTHILY CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The students are back in school, and the classes are full. It is so exciting to have school back to a new normal. Our staff is back to full capacity, and we are happy to announce our new teachers and assistant. Ms. Kelly Vaughn left our school to resume her career as a Speech Therapist at CE Williams Middle and Springfield Elementary. Ms. Shelby Earnst has joined the staff at Orange Grove Charter School as an assistant and Ms. Savannah Kerr will be a paraprofessional at Pattison's Academy. We would like to thank these wonderful educators for their hard work this past year and wish them much success in years to come.

We welcome to our staff this year Ms. Annie Klingshirn as Enrichment teacher four days a week and Funnastics teacher on Wednesdays. Last year we were not able to fill the position in Enrichment. So, it is very exciting that we will be able to offer this unique option to our students. Joining our staff in the four-year-olds is Ms. Natasha Ganjbakhsh, in the three-year-olds is Tasha Hawkins and Lynsey Rushton as an assistant in our two-year-old class. We are so excited to start the year with the addition of these wonderful women.

Last year we began the year with many Covid protocols, and we are happy to report that the year ended with little to no problems. This year we were looking forward to school being a little more normal but unfortunately that does not seem to be the situation currently. So, the school year will begin with only students and staff allowed in the building. The staff will stay vigilant in keeping the children safe by washing hands and cleaning the toys and classroom equipment throughout the day.

Please continue to pray for our students and staff throughout the year!

Blessings from the Preschool!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*10:00 a.m.*

### **Preschool - 5K**

Christian Ed Building  
Room 16

### **1st - 5th Grade**

Christian Ed Building  
Room 15

### **Youth Sunday School**

Covenant Hall  
Room 1

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

*Covenant Hall*

*5:00 - 7:00 pm*

We will learn about being disciples and celebrate the way God connects us. Make sure Mrs. Janie has your updated emails and phone numbers for schedules.  
[jbruce@wpccharleston.org](mailto:jbruce@wpccharleston.org).

# WORSHIP PREP CLASSES

*For 1st & 2nd Graders*

*Sundays, September 12 - October 24*

*First Communion, November 7*

*Following Time for Children at 11:00 a.m. Worship*

Class will meet on Sunday mornings after the children are dismissed following the Time with Children. While we are inviting first graders, older elementary aged children are welcome if they have not previously completed this class.

One of the ways we keep the vows we make when our children are baptized is to give thought, effort and prayer to their participation in worship. Good worship experiences don't "just happen". If children feel loved, included and accepted in worship it is because both the church and you have been faithful to their tasks. To that end, we will talk about where we worship, why we worship, how we worship and about prayer. We will also learn about both sacraments celebrated in the Presbyterian Church, Baptism and Communion.

One parent or grandparent must attend class with your child. Each parent/child will be appropriately social distanced from others during class. Face masks will be required and hand sanitizer provided. If you are not comfortable attending class this year in person, we will welcome you to join us next year. If you have any questions call Dee Bee Wright at 843.729.7005.

# CONFIRMATION CLASS ORIENTATION

*Youth and their Families (Youth 7th and 8th Grade)*

*September 12th at 4:30 p.m. in Covenant Hall*

Confirmation Classes begin January 8 with a Confirmation Day Retreat! Confirmation Class will join on Sunday, April 10.

# NEW ACOLYTE TRAINING

*For 3rd - 6th Graders*

*September 26, 12:15-3:30 p.m.*

*Sanctuary and Covenant Hall (lunch)*

Training will be in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Your parents may leave you after church or they may stay with us. We will need your parents back by 2:15 so that they may watch you practice and will know how to help you when you serve! The schedule will be distributed to you shortly after training and you may switch with others as necessary. Please let me know if you are coming to training so I will have enough pizza! Please call me if you have any questions and I look forward to working with each of you. Dee Bee Wright at 843.729.7005.



Lately, from the  
Westminster Instagram  
@WPC\_Charleston



*Vacation Bible School*



*Montreat Youth Conference*



*Montreat Youth Conference*



## BACKPACK BUDDIES

**Wednesday,  
September 8  
6:00 pm. in  
Covenant Hall**

Join us as we pack weekend food kits for local elementary school students. We will pack in Covenant Hall, wearing masks and social distancing. The work takes about 45 minutes, and all ages are welcome. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and masks are required.

Save the Date for upcoming Backpack Buddies Packing Dates:

October 6  
November 3  
December 1  
January 5  
February 2  
March 2 (Ash Wednesday)  
March 30  
April 27

# SERVE FAITHFULLY

*Doing God's Work in our Community*

## TRICOUNTY FAMILY MINISTRIES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Beginning September 7, TriCounty will be open serving hot meals to our neighbors four days a week - Monday - Thursday from 10:30-12:30.

In addition, volunteers are needed for carline emergency distribution of groceries, diapers, personal hygiene items, and clothing every Wednesday and the second Saturday of each month. Please sign up by visiting [tricountyfamilyministries.org/become-a-volunteer](http://tricountyfamilyministries.org/become-a-volunteer). Questions? Please contact Brenda Gibson at (843) 478-0026.

## HANDS OF CHRIST



Clothing distribution to local schools began August 18th, providing approximately sixty bags of clothing for students at each school. We hope to serve up to 3000 children from our donations here at Westminster, that's 2000 more than last year. It is a huge challenge with the Covid crisis, but Westminster in true fashion has been tremendous in their gifts, donations, and offers to help.

Right now our shortest inventory will be boy's underwear, particularly small, medium, and large.

Hands of Christ mission is to bring Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations together to meet the basic needs of children showing them Christ's love through providing them clothing and school supplies.

To get involved, email Jim Frye at [fecr1@yahoo.com](mailto:fecr1@yahoo.com).

## BLESSING BAGS

Youth have made a basket of Blessing Bags for people in our community. Please feel free to take a bag or bags to keep in your car. Blessing bags have toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, wipes, etc. The Blessing Bag Basket is located in the Narthex.

# BETTER NORTH BRIDGE

Westminster's Session recently formerly declared their support for improvements to the North Bridge which will make it safer for pedestrians

crossing the bridge. There will be several ways that we can all help advocate for a Better North Bridge and associated connectivity and we would love your help! Please keep in mind that many of our neighbors living right over the North Bridge have limited access to grocery stores, doctor offices and pharmacies. Your support is critical!



For now, please sign the Charleston Moves Bridge the Ashley petition for the Ashley River Bridge, North Bridge, James Island Connector and Wappoo Cut. You can access the petition here.

Additionally, if you have experience biking or walking over the North Bridge, or you know someone who does, please take their survey here.

More information will be provided in the near future. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this issue further, please contact Blair Wade (blair\_goodman@hotmail.com or 843.693.9938) or Dee Bee Wright (deebewright@comcast.net or 843.729.7005). Thank you!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR A POLICE-ESCORTED RIDE OVER THE NORTH BRIDGE

***Saturday, October 2***  
***1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.***

You're invited! Please join us for a police-escorted bike ride over the North Bridge and along key North Charleston corridors Charleston Moves is working to upgrade. This is a unique opportunity to catch amazing views of the Ashley River between North Charleston and West Ashley, while supporting our work to build a Better North Bridge. The link below will provide details.

You can meet friends and park at Westminster to carpool to the event. There is no cost to participate but registration and a liability release are required. If you have any questions, please call/text Dee Bee Wright (843.729.7005) or Blair Wade (843.693.9938).

If you don't want to ride but still want to help, please give Dee Bee a call. We would love for someone to man a water table here at WPC and cheer folks along on their ride! We need someone to take the lead on this for us!

<https://charlestonmoves.networkforgood.com/events/33089-better-north-bridge-ride>



## WESTMINSTER FOOD PANTRY

***Always in Need***

Did you know that our Food Pantry not only provides non-perishable food items, but also diapers, formula, detergent, toothpaste and so much more.

Thanks to your generosity, we have doubled the Food Pantry outreach, now offering 72 food bags per week to people in the community.

For more information and a full list of items we provide, email Nita Rushton at office@wpccharleston.org or stop by the front office.

## GIFTS & MEMORIALS

*In Honor of  
Carol Patrick*

*Given By  
Jerry and Sue Smoak*

## THANK YOU

*Dear WPC family,*

Thank you for your cards, messages and support following the passing of my dad, Jack Watson.

A special thank you to the Session for welcoming both my mom and dad as new members prior to his passing. I thank God every day for such an amazing cloud of witnesses.

*With lots of love,  
Meg Dorsel*

# GIVE GENEROUSLY

*of Your Time, Your Money, Your Resources  
and Give Thanks for Your Blessings*

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ALREADY?

*Think About Giving a Gift that Blesses Two Ways*

Alternative Gift Giving will begin in November. Instead of things, you can give towards our WPC Mission Partners! If someone on your shopping list is impossible to buy for, please consider making a donation "gift" in their honor.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE HAMMER IT OUT 5K AND FUN RUN

*Saturday, October 9, 2021*

The Hammer It Out Hustle race is a family-focused event that raises money for MUSC Children's Health.

The Hammer It Out Hustle 5k and Fun Run runs in conjunction with the Hammer Out Pediatric Cancer campaign. Hammer Out Pediatric Cancer was started in 2013 by Chuck and Christine Towne in an effort to give back to MUSC after their son, Chase, went through months of treatments after being diagnosed with stage 4 Neuroblastoma at the age of 8 months. Through the support of the community the Hammer Out Pediatric Cancer campaign has donated thousands of dollars to the Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital. The all-volunteer board works passionately in hopes of making a difference with children and families battling cancer.

One hundred percent of profits raised through the Hammer It Out Hustle will be donated directly to MUSC Children's Health.

Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/JohnsIsland/TheHammerItOutHustle5KandFunRun> for details.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

*July 31, 2021*

Total Contributions	YTD (actual) \$403,273	Budget \$388,721	+\$14,552
Total Income	\$445,408	\$485,911	
Total Expenses	\$446,800	\$485,911	+\$39,110
Positive Cash Flow			+\$53,662

Through the first seven months of 2021, our Westminster Finances are steady with a positive cash flow. You may recall the Budget approved by the Session in January 2021 included a Budget Contingency (shortfall) of \$112,611. Thus far, none of the Budget Contingency has been used thanks to the generous giving by the Congregation and the Session's efforts to control expenses.

We have 132 pledging units this year and almost all are making progress to fully meet their pledge. We encourage you to take a look at your Financial giving using the Church's Realm account to make sure your giving is up to date.

There are numerous ways to contribute to Westminster: mail, drop by the Church office, online or Sunday morning in the collection plate.

Again, this good financial news would not be possible without the generous and faithful giving by you, the Congregation of Westminster.

Thank you,

The Session  
*The Westminster Finance Committee*

**GIVE NOW** 



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#### Westminster Session

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##### ***Class of 2022***

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