

October 2023



# THE GOOD NEWS

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- 9:00 a.m.** *In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary*  
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- 10:00 a.m.** *Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School*  
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- 11:00 a.m.** *In-Person and Livestream Worship Service*  
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# GREETINGS

*From Pastor Daniel*

Dear Friends,

For the past months, we have been reflecting on God's faithfulness. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" when it comes to our lives, the 200 year history of Westminster Presbyterian, and especially in the gift of Jesus. God is faithful, indeed!

In October, we're going to turn the corner a bit with the question: In light of God's faithfulness, how shall I live?" In particular, we're talking about financially supporting the mission and ministry of God in giving to the church. Your gifts to the church are a blessing to you and to others, and they provide the means for faithful ministry. The Elders and Deacons are prayerfully leading the way by already completing their 2024 Estimates of Giving Cards, and in the next weeks, you'll have the chance to re-examine your commitments and take steps forward in faith. Look for all the details in the next few weeks, and Commitment Sunday is October 15th. We encourage generosity with proper motivation.

Here's what I mean: There are some good motivations for giving and some not-so-good motivations for giving. For instance, consider these motives for giving to the church:

- I give because I want to impose my will on the direction the church takes.
- I give because I expect something in return.
- I give because I want to feel good about myself.
- I give out of a sense of duty or obligation.
- I give because I'm thankful to the Lord.

We all have different motives for giving, but from a biblical standpoint, the highest motive for giving is that we are so thankful we just can't help it. We are so gripped by the faithfulness of God and so ready to live for him and take part in the work of the Kingdom that we cannot wait to give ourselves and our resources to his work. When that is the condition of our heart, guess what? We forget about all those selfish motives and are free to be thankful! It's just like David says: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! (Psalm 145:10)

My stewardship prayer for WPC is this: that we would be so gripped by God's faithfulness, so transformed by his grace, and so thankful for our redemption that we can't do anything but live for him and cheerfully give of our time, talent and money for the work of his Kingdom.

All for His Glory,

*Pastor Daniel*

## WORSHIP JOYFULLY

*From the Pulpit*

**October 1**

Exodus 12:21-28

*God is faithful in delivering us.*

**October 8**

Lamentations 3:1-26

*God is faithful in the dark.*

**October 15**

Stewardship Dedication Sunday

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*God is faithful to call us to fellowship.*

**October 22**

Matthew 17:14-27

*Dysfunctional Disciples: Jesus corrects his disciples' weak faith and lack of understanding.*

**October 29**

Matthew 18:1-6

*Who Is the Greatest?*

**November 5**

Matthew 18:7-9

*Temptations to Sin*



Livestream available at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org) as well as Facebook and YouTube.



Dial (843) 252-0146 anytime to listen to Sunday's Sermon with no charge.

# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*Stewardship Dedication  
Sunday is October 15!*

Please bring your 2024 Estimate of Giving Cards to worship on that day! You may also complete the card online at [wpccharleston.org](http://wpccharleston.org).



## CONNECTIONS

*New Here? Make Some Connections at Westminster  
Sunday, October 29  
10:00 a.m. in Pastor Daniel's Office*

Connections: An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. The next Connections Class is October 29. We meet from 10:00 – 10:40 in Pastor Daniel's office at the end of the Admin Hall. Kids are welcome or can go to Sunday School/Nursery. Save your spot at the October 29 Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## SAVE THE DATE CHURCHWIDE RETREAT

*Bethelwoods Camp &  
Conference Center  
Friday, November  
3-Sunday, November 5*



Sign-up by October 15th to attend the Churchwide Retreat at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center located in Rock Hill, SC. Registration is available online through a link in the Enews. All ages are welcome to join us for some fun at camp! There will be canoeing, singing, hiking, fellowship, good food, and smores.

## WELCOMING DISCIPLES TO WESTMINSTER

### ***New Members***

Patrick and Cathy Grills, by transfer of letter from Westminster Presbyterian in Greenville, SC. July 16, 2023

Dana Tumbleston, by transfer of letter from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Charleston. September 17, 2023

Tim and Suzanne Fox, by reaffirmation of faith. September 17, 2023

### ***Births***

Murray Pate Scruggs, son of Michael and Annelise Scruggs. Born September 12, 2023

### ***Baptisms***

Ann Isbell Robinson (7), daughter of Joshua and Michelle Robinson. Matthew Akery, assisting elder. August 20, 2023.



Have you signed up to receive our weekly Tuesday E-news?  
Email [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) to be added to our Constant Contact e-mail list.



# LIVE WORTHILY CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



## BOOK & BIBLE COLLECTION

Old Sunday School or Bible Study books cluttering your home? Bring them to WPC! We are still collecting for our church library and would love to keep building class sets. Please drop books in the WPC Library when you bring them by.

## SAVE THE DATE

***Thanksgiving Eve Oyster Roast***  
***Wednesday, November 22***

If you want to help set-up tables, cook some oysters and shrimp, etc. we would love your assistance. Call the church office to volunteer.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

***10:00 - 10:45 a.m.***

### **Anchor Class**

*Room 15, CE Building*

### **Cary Grayson Class**

*Room 4, Covenant Hall*

### **Jesus in the Gospel**

*Parlor, Admin Building*

### **Daughters of Grace**

*Library, Covenant Hall*

# DAUGHTERS OF GRACE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

*Starting Sunday, October 1 in the Library*

Throughout the Old and New Testaments, we are introduced to a variety of women who had a significant impact on the story of redemption found in the Bible. Throughout each woman's story, God's steadfast love and constant grace are evidenced. Please join us in celebrating these women in our six-week Sunday School offering "Daughters of Grace." Class will be facilitated by Catherine Morgan, Jennifer Binnicker, and Sonya Willemse.

# HOOKS AND NEEDLES

*Second Monday of every Month*

*Monday, October 9*

*10:00 a.m. in Classroom 4 of Covenant Hall*

Hooks and Needles are finally meeting again in person after over two years of working on our knitting/crocheting projects at home. All are welcome to come (even just for the fellowship). Contact Deborah-Anne Ferguson at 914-263-3742 or daferguson11@gmail.com.

# MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Second Tuesday of every Month*

*Tuesday, October 10*

*8:00 - 9:00 a.m. at Trotter's Restaurant*

Men of all ages: Join us for Breakfast and Bible Study from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on 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). Pastor Daniel will be leading; join us for the Fellowship and Encouragement!

# WOMEN'S CIRCLE 4 & 5

*Monthly Meeting*

*Tuesday, October 10*

Circle 4 meets in Covenant Hall, Room 1, and Circle 5 meets in the Parlor in the Admin Building. If you aren't sure what Women's Circle you're in, please reach out to the church office.

# GATHER: A DAY RETREAT AT WESTMINSTER FOR WOMEN

*Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.*

A day filled with fellowship, study, workshops and worship! Please register by contacting Sonya Willemse [sonyawillemse@gmail.com](mailto:sonyawillemse@gmail.com) or Jennifer Binnicker [j.s.binnicker@gmail.com](mailto:j.s.binnicker@gmail.com).

# WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

*Every Wednesday*

*6:00 p.m.*

*Covenant Hall*

Gather with friends and family of all ages for food and fellowship Wednesday evenings beginning in September! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

Throughout the year there will be special events and speakers that parents and families can attend, and there will be WINK (Wednesday Night Kids) for children and youth to participate in brief faith related activities, while parents and families can attend these special events. More information will be provided as these events are planned!

# SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL POTLUCKS

*Sunday, October 8*

*Following 11:00 a.m.*

*Worship*

All are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of each month. Cash donations for fried chicken welcome, bring a pot luck side or dessert to the kitchen during the Sunday School hour to share. Be filled with fellowship.



# LIVE WORTHILY CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



## TRUNK AND TREAT

**Sunday, October 15**

**4:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Children, Youth, Family and Friends are invited for a fun afternoon of Trunk & Treating in your Halloween costumes at Westminster. We are inviting you to park in the front parking lot and walk the carpool loop along the back of the Church Campus to visit all the trunks along the way.

**Calling all Trunk or Treat Volunteers.** We need volunteers who are willing to decorate their trunk and pass out treats. If a couple families would like to share a trunk to allow time to go around with your children that would be great. If you would like to sign up to host a trunk please contact [cwinkles@wpccharleston.org](mailto:cwinkles@wpccharleston.org).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**10:00 - 10:45 a.m.**

**Children's Ministry  
in the CE Building**

**0-2's:** Nursery

**3-5K:** Room 14

**1st-2nd Grade:** Room 13

**3rd-5th Grade:** Room 17

**Youth Discipleship  
in Covenant Hall**

**Mid Highs:** Room 1

**Senior Highs:** Room 3

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## WiNK

**Wednesday, October 11**

**6:30 p.m.**

All Elementary age kids join us following Wonderful Wednesday Dinner for a "wink" of fellowship and learn a little bit about Jesus and the Bible through various activities.

## CLUB 3, 4, 5

**Sunday, October 22**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall**

3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to join us for bible study, games, and more in Covenant Hall. We'll meet once a month with upcoming dates: November 12, December 3, January 21 and February 4.

## SINGING NEXT DOOR

**Sunday, October 29**

Our Elementary Sunday School classes will visit Viviant Healthcare during their Sunday school hour to share songs and a snack with residents.

# YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP

## CHICKEN AFTER CHURCH

**Sunday, October 8**

**12:00 - 1:00 p.m. at Kickin' Chicken**

High School Youth are invited to walk across the street to Kickin' Chicken for a meal after 11:00 a.m. worship. We will have "Chicken after Church" one Sunday a month. We hope to see our high school youth there! Upcoming Dates: November 19, Dec. 10, Jan. 28.

## TRICK CAN TREAT

**Sunday, October 29**

This is an ALL YOUTH event you do not want to miss! We will be driving around some neighborhoods in the Charleston area doing a little bit of "Trick CanTreating"! Kids will be driven by youth leaders to different houses where they will leave a bag (with information) to collect canned goods for the Lowcountry Food Bank! This is Trick or Treating with a twist, and a Westminster Presbyterian Youth Tradition that you do not want to miss! Please let Ms. Claire know if your child will be joining us. Permission slips will be sent accordingly!

# PARENTING CLASS

*Beginning Wednesday, October 11*

Brenda Clarey is offering a four-class parenting program at Westminster and the Preschool with a focus on "Raising Children God's Way". This will be designed specifically for the parents of preschool aged children. Westminster Presbyterian Church families are welcome to attend! Brenda incorporates her experience of raising 4 children, 11 grandchildren and teaching at the preschool for 24 years. Brenda shares, "I feel parents need support at this time and the Bible is our source of knowledge to grow these precious children of God."

## DATES

October 11th, October 18th, October 25th, and November 1st.

## MORNING SESSION

9:00-10:00 AM in the church parlor

## EVENING SESSION

6:30-7:30 PM in Covenant Hall Library

Please plan to attend all 4 classes. We hope you will take advantage of this chance to learn more about raising a family with God at the center of your lives! Look for the sign up in the Church and Preschool E-News. Please sign up by October 6th so that we can plan accordingly.



# SERVE FAITHFULLY

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH



## HAMMER IT OUT HUSTLE

*Saturday, October 14*

*3450 McLeod Mill Road, Johns Island, SC US 29455*

*[www.hammeritouthustle.com](http://www.hammeritouthustle.com)*

Enjoy some of the most iconic lowcountry scenery of the Charleston area as you run beside the Stono River on the West Ashley Greenway. If the running doesn't take your breath away, the views will. After the run, stick around for some family fun. Shrimp and grits, live music, drinks to quench your thirst, a bounce house and much more.

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.

## MISSION PARTNER DISBURSEMENTS

*August - October*

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy  
Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts  
Hammer Out Pediatric Cancer  
Hands of Christ  
Healing Farms  
Journey  
Metanoia  
Parkside Presbyterian Church  
Thornwell



# MISSION PARTNER UPDATES & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## Mary Ford Early Learning and Childhood Center

The school is in full swing and we are thankful for those who have continued to Adopt-a-Classroom and volunteer in the garden! Contact Jim Frye fecr1@yahoo.com or Pastor Lissa for more information.

## Neighbors Together

Want to help with Neighbor's Together Trunk-Or-Treat on Saturday, October 28 by hosting a 'trunk' or providing candy? Please let Dee Bee Wright deebeewright@comcast.net know and she'll connect you.

## Backpack Buddies

School is back in session and so is our opportunity to pack weekend meal bags for children at Mary Ford Early Childhood Center. Mark your calendars October 4, November 1 and November 29 for packing nights.

## Thornwell Home for Children

Fall is a wonderful time of year for our friends at Thornwell! They will be hosting their annual Fall Festival Oct 7-28 at Lush Acres Farm from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Petting zoo, games, playground, and all the fall produce!

## Metanoia

Mark your calendars for the fall Build a Better Block Party will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2023, along Reynolds Avenue right in front of the local businesses we work with and beside St. Matthew Baptist Church. It starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

## Healing Farms

Healing Farms is hosting their fall Believe in Possibility banquet with Chris Norton as the speaker on Tuesday, October 24 and we have a few seats left at the Westminster Table! If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

If you are starting to think about holiday shopping for teachers, co-workers or clients, please look at the incredible products the Healing Farms participants help to create. HealingFarms.com/shop. There are salsa's, honey bee products like lip balm, honey and candles and more!

## Water Missions

Walk for Water 2024 will be Saturday, March 23. If you are interested in helping WPC coordinate a team please contact Dee Bee Wright.

## Journey and EmpowerHer College Ministries

Many thanks to the crew that fed Citadel Cadets at a Journey meeting at the end of August as we walk in discipleship with them this year. The College of Charleston EmpowerHer groups have begun to meet for Bible study and fellowship as well. If you are interested in helping with the next Journey meal or sponsoring an EmpowerHer study (one week, one month, one year) please contact Jane Warner jane.warner99@comcast.net.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Mental Health Crisis  
Hotline-988

Community Resource and  
Support Hotline-211

My Sister's House  
*Domestic abuse support*  
(843) 744-3242

AI-ANON  
(843) 762-6999

Narcotics Anonymous  
(843) 852-3001

Wake-Up Carolina  
*Support for families and  
individuals battling substance  
abuse*  
(843) 972-8154

Alcoholics Anonymous  
*Meets at WPC Sunday and  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00  
p.m. in Covenant Hall*

## CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

- Table Set-Ups in Covenant Hall
- Backpack Buddies Pick-Up helpers
- Backpack Buddies Delivery helpers

**How to Volunteer?** Please contact the church office by dropping in, calling 843-766-8311 or emailing office@wpccharleston.org if you are interested in helping with any/all of these needs.

# GIVE GENEROUSLY TITHES, OFFERINGS & BLESSINGS



## STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY

*Sunday, October 15*

Our Stewardship theme is "Great is Thy Faithfulness," inspired by Hebrews 10:23: *Let us hold fast to the confessions of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.* Christ is God's ultimate gift to us, and we should cling to him with all our hearts, soul, and mind. Nothing can separate us from his love or his purpose for our lives. As we follow him, we also support the missions and ministries of Westminster. For 200 years, he has been faithful to us in every way, and he will provide for all our needs.

In the coming weeks, you will receive in the mail a letter from our Stewardship Committee outlining Westminster's goals for 2024 as well as an Estimate of Giving card for your planned contributions in 2024. As these items come about, please reflect and pray over them.

## STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

*The Children will be  
singing during 11:00  
a.m. Worship.*



# GIFTS & MEMORIALS

## *In Memory of*

Jim Hammersmith  
Bill Pennekamp  
Pam Smith  
Rob Luhn

## *In Celebration of*

Cliff & Liz's 60th Wedding Anniversary

## *In Honor of*

Tom Harvey's 90th Birthday

## *Given By*

Jerry & Sue Smoak  
Kate Pennekamp  
Brenda Jonsson  
Michael & Becky Huber  
Johnny & Debbie Doscher  
Joan Leon  
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David & Donna Purcell  
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#### Sundays at Westminster

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**9:00 a.m. Worship Service**  
*Nursery Available*

**10:00 a.m. Sunday School**  
*Children, Youth and Adult Classes Available*

**11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Livestream Available**  
*Nursery & Children's Church Available*

#### Westminster Session

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**Class of 2024**  
Norman Hook  
Abbie Mobley  
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Laura Patrick  
Chuck Towne  
Dee Bee Wright

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