

March 2024



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# GREETINGS

## *From Pastor Daniel*

Our Presbytery (Charleston Atlantic) has called a new General Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors. That's a mouthful. Here's what it means:

Our presbytery is a group of close to 50 churches from Hilton Head up to Orangeburg and over to McClellanville. We are a wonderful mixture of small and large churches, spanning a wide range geographically, politically, and racially. Our presbytery has a small staff, and the General Presbyter functions as both the Head of Staff and the Pastor to the pastors in our presbytery. Charleston Atlantic functions well together in mission (think Hands of Christ and campus ministry) and ministry (think our newest church in Charleston, Parkside).

I recently had the great privilege of co-chairing the Search Team to seek our new General Presbyter. We prayed and looked, finally feeling led to the one God called before us. Her name is Rev. Becky Albright, and since she has been part of the presbytery for many years, you may already know her. Here's some more information.

After a thorough search, including the development and posting of a Ministry Discernment Form in the PCUSA call system, consultation with our Synod Executive, advertising and recruitment through a national publication, interviews with candidates, and much prayer and discernment, we are of one mind and spirit in recommending Rev. Rebecca Albright to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery as the person God is calling to the position of General Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors.

Becky is a gifted and experienced Pastor, one we believe has been brought to the forefront for such a time as this. She brings years of experience as a small business owner and accountant, serving in the Presbyterian Church in countless ways. Her call to ministry, seminary experience, call to serve in the local church, and the call to serve as the presbytery's Bridge General Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors has prepared her for this moment. Her faith, reliance on the Spirit, commitment to the church, and vision for the future impressed the Search Committee and helped us discern her as the candidate God had provided.

God is good! Becky was installed, along with our new Stated Clerk, David Yandle, at the meeting of Presbytery on February 24. It was a day of celebration. We look forward to welcoming Becky for a visit to Westminster in the near future.

*Pastor Daniel*

# WORSHIP JOYFULLY

## *From the Pulpit*

### **February 25**

*Matthew 21:12-17*

*Clearing the temple*

*Jesus has no tolerance for the false religion that stands in the way of true faith.*

### **March 3**

*Matthew 21:18-32*

*"Bearing Fruit"*

*Jesus wants followers who bear fruit for the Kingdom.*

### **March 10**

*Matthew 21:33-46*

*"From Praise to Rejection"*

*The parable of the tenants is a warning for the ones who reject God's son and his work.*

### **March 17**

*Matthew 22:1-14*

*"On Having the Wrong Clothes"*

*The parable of the wedding banquet shows: only the invited ones who are clothed in Christ will spend eternity with God*

### **March 24**

#### **Palm Sunday**

*Matthew 22:15-46*

*"3 Attempts to Trick Jesus"*

*The opposition to Jesus is growing. His opponents look for ways to trap him in his own words, yet Jesus silences them.*

### **March 31**

#### **Easter**

*John 20:1-18*

*I Corinthians 15:1-22*

*"The Defeat of Death"*

*The Resurrection means Death and the effects of Death are defeated and we are Alive!*



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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

## ***Palm Sunday Worship***

***Sunday, March 24***

***9:00 and 11:00 a.m.***

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

## ***Maundy Thursday Worship***

***Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.***

The darkness falls as we worship- remembering the night Jesus was betrayed and arrested. We'll share the Lord's Supper.

## ***Good Friday Worship and Lunch***

***Friday, March 29, 12:00 p.m.***

We gather in the sanctuary for worship that focuses on the final hours and final words of Jesus' life. Lunch follows in Covenant Hall from 12:30 – 1:00.

## ***Easter Sunday Worship***

***Sunday, March 31***

***9:00 and 11:00 a.m.***

The tomb is empty and death is defeated! Praise God for the victory we have in Jesus, and hear what difference the resurrection makes for us today. Special music and instrumentalists at both services.

# WELCOMING DISCIPLES TO WESTMINSTER

## ***New Members***

Alex and Joyce Nelson (sons,  
Parker and Patrick)

Jason and Amy McCabe

Suzanne Elliot

Holly Martin

Collin and Grace Clair

## ***Baptism***

Patrick Losson Head, son of  
Jimmy and Margaret Head  
January 28, 2024

## ***In the Hope of Resurrection***

Nancy McCoy Waller  
12/3/1940 – 1/29/2024

"I am the resurrection and the  
life. Whoever believes in me,  
though he die, yet shall he live,  
and everyone who lives and  
believes in me shall never die."

John 11:25-6

LIVE WORTHILY

# CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP



Senior Adult Ministry Lunch & Learn with Special Guests from Wild Birds Unlimited

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

*Every Wednesday Night at 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall*

Join us every Wednesday for a delicious supper for adults and children. Nursery is available. Families eat for a maximum of \$20.00 and individuals for \$7.00. Follow the Enews and Bulletin for menus and special programs

**Want to help in the kitchen?** Please email Betsy McLaughlin [betsymclaughlin@hotmail.com](mailto:betsymclaughlin@hotmail.com).

## CHURCH LIBRARY

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.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

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

### **Anchor Class**

*Room 15, CE Building*

### **Cary Grayson Class**

*Room 4, Covenant Hall*

### **Christianity 101**

*Covenant Hall*

# CHRISTIANITY 101

## *Sunday School Class*

Join Pastor Lissa in walking through the highlights of being a Christian Disciple in the Presbyterian Church. We will walk through PCUSA polity, worship, sacraments, discipleship and so much more all to prepare us for writing and sharing our statements of faith with one another. Our class will meet in Covenant Hall from 10:00-10:45 a.m.

<b>February 25</b>	How We Worship
<b>March 3</b>	Responding in Discipleship
<b>March 10</b>	Fellowship of the Church
<b>March 17</b>	Sacraments
<b>March 24</b>	Missions Fair
<b>March 31</b>	Easter
<b>April 7</b>	Prayer

## READ GOOD BOOKS IN 2024!

Join Pastor Daniel in reading any (or all!) of these books in 2024. A variety of topics, authors, and genres, the choices are designed to stimulate the heart and mind and be a catalyst for growth in discipleship. Read each in preparation for the group discussion at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every other month. Books may be purchased online or at church.

**On April 28th we'll discuss Philip Yancey's *The Jesus I Never Knew*.** From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers--a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith. We'll cut through some preconceptions and cultural appropriations of the most important person who ever lived.

## NEW HERE? MAKE SOME CONNECTIONS!

***Sunday, April 14, 2024***

***10:00 - 10:40 in Pastor Daniel's Office***

*Connections Class is an opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet others and learn more about LIFE at Westminster. Kids are welcome or can go to Sunday School/Nursery. Save your spot at the April 14 Connections class by emailing [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org)*

## SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK SOCIALS

***Sunday, March 10  
following 11:00 a.m.  
Worship***

All are welcome to a fried chicken & potluck luncheon following 11:00 a.m. worship the 2nd Sunday of the month. We ask folks to bring a side dish to share (enough that would feed your family), side dish can be dropped off during the Sunday School Hour in Covenant Hall. Cash donations welcome for the fried chicken!

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

***Second Tuesday of  
every Month***

***Tuesday, March 12  
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 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!

# LIVE WORTHILY CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

As the March wind blows the Preschool begins preparing for Easter and the hope of an early Spring, if Puxatawney Phil is to be believed. Christian Nurture is filled with stories of Jesus's miracles and the time leading up to his dying on the cross and Resurrection. A very hard subject to teach small children but an important lesson.

The month will also be filled with a special breakfast for Dad's in the three-year-old class. And in the four-year-old class a week of visits from Community helps including a Tow truck driver, an Emergency Room Doctor, an Officer with the Charleston County Sheriff's Department, and a former US Air Force Pilot. As the month winds down the children will get excited about Easter Egg Hunts, the Easter Bunny and plans for Spring Break which will be the week after Easter. It will be a very busy month.

Registration for the 2023-2024 year continues. At present the MMO and 2-year-old classes are full. There are a few openings in the threes and fours. If anyone is interested, please contact the Preschool Office.

Blessings,  
*The Preschool*

## 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

# CLUB 3,4,5

*Sunday, March 3*

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

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship, bible study and fun. Club 3,4, 5 will meet once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 in Covenant Hall.

# HIGH SCHOOL CHICKEN AFTER CHURCH

*Sunday, March 17*

*12:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

Join us to eat lunch at Kickin' Chicken following 11:00 a.m. Worship, and then head out on an afternoon adventure.

# EASTER EGG HUNT

*Saturday, March 23*

*10:00 - 11:30 a.m.*

Join us for our annual Westminster Easter Egg Hunt! We invite children ages 0 up to 5th grade to come and hear the story of the resurrection, create some Easter crafts, enjoy an Easter snack, and of course participate in our Easter egg hunt for fun prizes! We will have kids divided up into groups based on age, so that your child will have an age appropriate and fun experience. We hope to see you there for an egg-celent reminder of the real reason for Easter!

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

*Sunday, March 24*

*11:00 a.m.*

We are excited to celebrate our 7th & 8th Graders on their faith journey as we welcome them as members to Westminster!

# YOUTH SUNDAY

*Sunday, April 14*

*Both 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship*

If your child is in grades 6-12th grade we would like to invite them to lead worship and share their talents with our congregation on youth Sunday. More details and sign ups to follow!

# SAVE THE DATES

**High School Montreat  
Youth Conference**

**June 9 - 15**

**Middle School to CROSS  
Ministries**

**July 14 - 19**

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 23 - 27**

**Registration Opens March 12**

**Westminster's Week  
at Bethelwoods**

**July 21 - 27**

# WPC youth discipleship

## **March 3**

5:00 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. Middle & High  
School Youth Group

## **March 10**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

All Youth Oscar Party  
at the Wright's House

## **March 17**

5:00 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. Middle & High  
School Youth Group

## **March 24**

5:00 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. Middle & High  
School Youth Group

## **March 31**

5:00 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. Middle & High  
School Youth Group

# SERVE FAITHFULLY MISSIONS & OUTREACH



Water Missions Walk for Water at Riverfront Park Last Year, 2022

## WATER MISSIONS WALK FOR WATER

*Saturday, March 23  
Riverfront Park*

Since 2006, thousands of walkers have raised millions of dollars to fight the global water crisis through Walk for Water events. The Water Mission Walk for Water started in Charleston, SC, and has expanded to Walk events across the United States and in more than 35 countries around the world.

Walk for Water is just around the corner on Saturday, March 23! Please register with our WPC Team and join in providing clean, safe drinking water for all.



## MISSION PARTNER DISBURSEMENTS

*January - February*

- Thornwell Home for Children
- Hands of Christ
- Backpack Buddies
- Lowcountry Food Pantry





# WAYS TO SERVE

*Volunteer Opportunities with our Mission Partners*

## **VOLUNTEER**

### *at Mary Ford Early Learning and Childhood Center*

Varying Time & Opportunities. Contact Pastor Lissa for more information and to volunteer at [mlong@wpccharleston.org](mailto:mlong@wpccharleston.org).

- Reading Partner
- Teacher Support
- After school volunteer

## **VOLUNTEER**

### *at Neighbors Together*

**Wednesday, March 20**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

6-8 WPC Volunteers needed the third Wednesday of every month. Serve a hot meal or provide groceries to our neighbors in need at Neighbors Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405. For details or sign up, email our Suzann in the church office, [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org).

## **VOLUNTEER**

### *during Backpack Buddies*

**Wednesday, March 27 and April 24**

**Following Wonderful Wednesday dinner at 6:30 p.m.**

Pack bags for children with food insecurity to have food on the weekends. Join us for Wonderful Wednesday dinner at 6 and packing at 6:30 p.m.

## **DONATE ITEMS**

### *for Westminster Food Pantry & Blessing Box*

Our Food Pantry and Blessing Box are always in need. Please reach out to Suzann Lilienthal at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) for a list of items to donate.

## **WALK**

### *for Healing Farms*

**Walk and Roll: We See Ability**

**May 2024**

More information to come so all can join in the celebration of the ministry Healing Farms provides for the young adults under their care.

# MISSION PARTNER UPDATES

## ***Souper Bowl of Caring for our Food Pantry & Backpack Buddies***

On February 12th, WPC collected countless bags and buckets of nonperishable food items for our food pantry, and raised nearly \$1,222 to go towards our Backpack Buddies program! Thank you for all of your support!

## ***Thornwell Lush Acres New Additions***

LushAcres farm is a cherished aspect of Thornwell's ministry. LushAcres has big plans this year as they intend to increase their crop and livestock production.

In January, Thornwell acquired three Nigerian dwarf goats for the barnyard. They're also excited to announce the birth of 15 calves with roughly 20 more due between now and the end of spring.



GIVE GENEROUSLY

# TITHES, OFFERINGS & BLESSINGS



*Packing Backpack Buddies at Westminster*

## 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 Suzann Lilienthal at [office@wpccharleston.org](mailto:office@wpccharleston.org) or stop by the front office.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**Mental Health Crisis Hotline**  
988

**Community Resource and Support Hotline**  
211

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

**AI-ANON**  
(843) 762-6999

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
(843) 852-3001

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

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

# GIVE TO BACKPACK BUDDIES

## HOW IT WORKS

- The Lowcountry Food Bank first piloted the BackPack Buddies Program in 2006 to address the specific problem of weekend hunger among at risk children in the lowcountry.
- WPC picks up pallets of food from Lowcountry Food Bank on Wednesday
- Food is sorted and packed at Wonderful Wednesday Supper
- A typical weekend menu consists of a whole grain cereal, two single serving proteins, a cereal bar, a yogurt pouch, a vegetable and a fruit.
- WPC packs for 110 children at Goodwin Elementary School to receive food each weekend.
- In addition to those that we pack, WPC is also paying for the food for 140 children each week at Stono Park Elementary whose weekend meals are packed by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Wappoo Road.

## NEED

**We need funding to provide these meals and our financial commitment to this program is losing some of its strength. We need donations of about \$25,000 each year to feed the children we are currently feeding.**

## DONATE

- To sponsor one child for the school year, the cost is \$200.
- Give Now using the directions to the right and notate you want it to benefit the Backpack Buddies program.

## VOLUNTEER

- Help pick Up Pallets at Lowcountry Food Bank (approx. 2:30 p.m on Wednesdays)
- Unload and Organize Food at Westminster before packing
- Join for Wonderful Wednesday supper and stay after to pack bags
- Help Count/Double Check bags to make sure all items are packed properly
- Stay after to help breakdown boxes/pallets
- Help Deliver to the Schools

## QUESTIONS

Dee Bee Wright at 843-729-7005

## GIVE NOW



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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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