



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

September 2025

THE GOOD NEWS

*We are called to be and to make disciples who
love God and who love our neighbors.*



FROM THE PULPIT

August 31

Colossians 1:15-20

We Walk with Jesus:

In Praise of Jesus Christ

Guest: Rev Tricia Petraven,
Church of the Arts

September 7

Colossians 1:21-23

We Walk with Jesus: Reconciled



September 14

Colossians 1:24-29

We Walk with Jesus: Christ in You

September 21

Colossians 2:1-7

We Walk with Jesus:

Rooted and Built Up

September 28

Colossians 2:8-12

We Walk with Jesus:

Beware the Deceivers

October 5

Guest: WPC Mission

Partner in Eastern Europe,
Ellen Smith



October 12

Colossians 2:13-23

We Walk with Jesus:

Jesus and the Law

October 19

Colossians 3:1-17

We Walk with Jesus:

A Higher Calling, Part I
Stewardship Dedication Sunday



Kickoff Ministry Fair, August 17, 2025

GREETINGS: WE WALK WITH JESUS

From Pastor Daniel

I've always been drawn to the way I heard a preacher describe learning to walk with Jesus. He pointed to the way farmers break in a new ox or horse on the farm. Particularly if the new animal was spirited, he would be placed right beside an older, seasoned one. The two would be yoked together and hitched to the plow. As the steady ox took a step forward, the young one would struggle, pushing and pulling in an effort to break free of the yoke and do his own thing. It wouldn't last long, though. Once the new animal settled in, the older one would take another step forward. The rebellion process would start all over, but the process worked. With each step, the rebellion lessened until the younger animal learned to walk in step with the older one.

The preacher said that's what it is like learning to walk with Jesus. Step by step, we learn from the one to whom we are yoked, and over time, the rebellion in us is tamped down.

It's not a bad way to think of discipleship.

Yoked to Jesus,

Pastor Daniel



NEW HERE?

Connections Class is for you!

Sunday, September 14

10:00 - 10:40 a.m.

Admin Hall, Pastor Daniel's Office

Connections: 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:

Church Office

office@wpccharleston.org

FELLOWSHIP

Wonderful Wednesdays Are Back!

6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

Join us every Wednesday for dinner for adults and children. \$4 kids, \$8 adults, \$25 for a family max. Follow the E-news and Bulletin for menus and special programs.

September 3 W.E. Pack

September 10

September 17

September 24 Fellowship Tailgate

Second Sunday Social Potluck

Sunday, September 14 following

11:00 a.m. Worship

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, all are welcome to a fried chicken luncheon in Covenant Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship. We provide the chicken and drinks while sides are good ole fashioned pot luck. Please prepare enough to share; drop your dish off in Covenant Hall during the Sunday School Hour.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

You're Invited to Adult Sunday School

Classes Begin Sunday, September 7

The After Party

A 6-week video and discussion course designed to help Christians navigate today's challenging political environment. It's no secret that the church has been challenged by extreme polarization, entrenched tribal affiliations, and the broken relationships that often result. This course is both inspiring and practical and will help you reorient your heart and mind towards a Christ-centered political identity. We'll consider the "how vs. the "what" of politics, and explore what the Bible has to say about it all. Facilitated by Pastor Daniel and Natasha Akery.

There is a waitlist; sign up by calling or emailing dsmoak@wpccharleston.org.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, September 18

1:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

Dr. George Dickenson, retired Professor of Sociology from the College of Charleston, will speak on "The American Way of Dying". Light lunch, \$5 per person. No sign-up required.

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, November 13

1:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

Speaker will be from the College of Charleston's Center for Creative Retirement. Lunch plans will be forthcoming!

Worship at Westminster

9:00 a.m. Worship

Nursery available

**10:00 a.m. Sunday School
for Children, Youth & Adults**

Nursery available

11:00 a.m. Worship

*Children's Church
& Nursery available*

Scan for Livestream

Adult Sunday School Classes

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Anchor Class

Room 15, CE Building

Cary Grayson Class

Room 4, Covenant Hall

The LIFE Class

Library, Covenant Hall

The After Party

Covenant Hall



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Sunday School Classes
and descriptions.

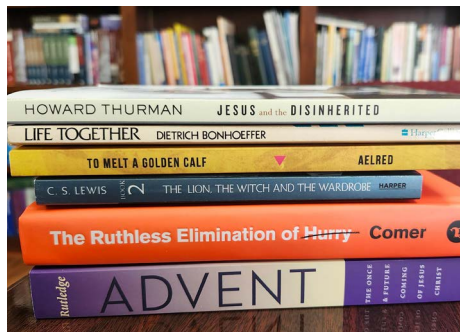
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2025 Book Study Series

Group Discussions the 4th Sunday of every other Month, 5:00 p.m.

Join Pastor Daniel in reading any (or all!) of these books in 2025. 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 (\$10 for *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*)

- **October 26th, John Mark Comer's *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*.**
- **December (date TBD), Fleming Rutledge's *Advent*.**



COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Westminster is helping Start a New Church in Park Circle.

Church of the Arts is a Christ-centered new church development marked by a desire to be:

Welcoming: If you've ever felt like an outcast, too edgy or different or damaged to belong in church, then this may be the place for you. The Church of the Arts is a no-judgment zone where you can be yourself.

Inclusive: The Church of the Arts includes all people regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religious background, race, nationality, artistic ability, age, marital status, or military position. You matter here.

Creative: Imagination and creativity are key components of Church of the Arts worship services. You'll encounter dance, drama, visual art, storytelling, vocal and instrumental music, poetry, and maybe even puppets in any given service, all designed to point us to the love of God exemplified and taught by Jesus. First worship experiences planned for Advent.

More Info:

churchoftheartspcusa.org



FELLOWSHIP

Save the Date:

Westminster Presbyterian Women's Retreat

March 6-8, 2026

More details coming soon.

Interested in planning or attending?

Contact:

Church Office

office@wpccharleston.org



WESTMINSTER MONTHLIES

Hooks & Needles

**Monday, September 8
10:00 a.m.**

Classroom 4, Covenant Hall
We knit and crochet baby blankets for WPC baptisms among other projects. All are welcome to come (even just for the fellowship).

Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday, September 9
8:00 a.m.**

Trotter's Restaurant
Men of all ages join us for Breakfast and Bible Study Pastor Daniel leading.

Circle 4

**Tuesday, September 9
10:00 a.m.**
Classroom 4, Covenant Hall

Circle 5

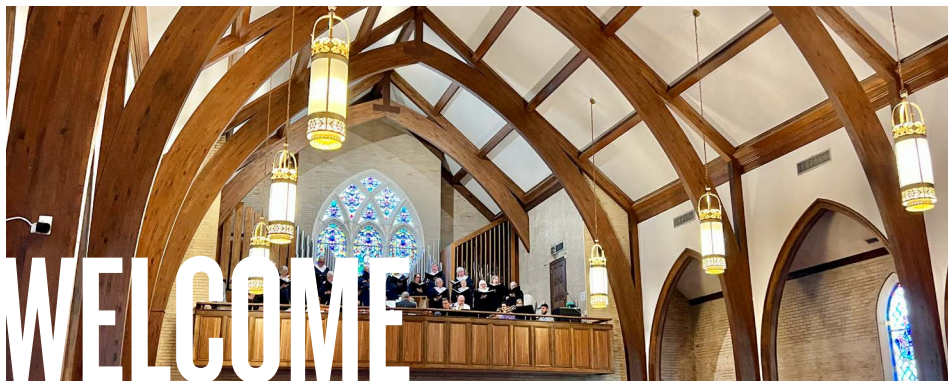
**Tuesday, September 9
10:00 a.m.**
Parlor, Admin Building

Circle 1

**Monday, September 15
6:30 p.m.**
Library, Covenant Hall
*Please join us as we continue our study of *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver.*



Scan for Church Calendar.

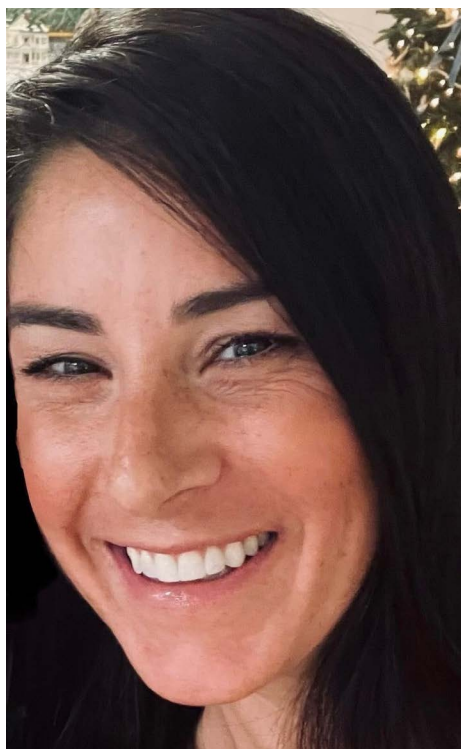


Westminster Welcomes Our New Office Administrator, Kate Cowart

A Word from the Search Team

(Michael Patrick, Nita Rushton, Daniel Smoak, Paul Patrick, and Tom Whetstone)

After a search that included several well-qualified applicants, multiple interviews, and much prayer, we are glad to announce Kate Cowart as Westminster's new Office Administrator. The Spirit surely provided guidance in the process, and we couldn't be more pleased. Kate has been a member at Westminster for several years, and we have found her to be a perfect combination of kindness and productivity. Her heart for the Lord and the church is evident. Kate will begin on August 18.



Get to Know Kate

How long have you been a follower of Jesus? Tell us a little bit about your faith journey:

I have been a follower of Christ my entire life, committing myself to him when I was 8 years old. I have been extremely blessed to be raised by parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who are all believers which helped me to become a very confident and steadfast believer. Even when I have found myself off the beaten path and at times in the dark I knew that my God would not abandon me. He would lead me back to the light, all I had to do was have the faith to follow him. As a Christian I think one of our greatest gifts is that of Hope. I always have hope in everyone and everything. I have always believed that the best is yet to come!

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Allen, and I have been married for 15 years this October, and we have 3 children. 11 year old boy/girl twins, Gibbs and MCrae and a 9 year old little boy, Hart. The twins begin Middle School at Orange Grove this fall and Hart will be in 4th grade at OG Elementary. Like all parents of young kids, we spend our lives running here and there to all the sports and activities and we both LOVE IT! We are the crazy sports parents who think it is the most fun to watch all the games, go to all the meets and all extras!

Tell us about why you're excited about coming to Westminster.

I have felt at home at Westminster from Day 1. And as time has passed I have felt a tug to be more involved in the life of our church. I just wasn't sure how exactly that was going to take shape. After noticing the "advertisement" for a new office administrator both in the bulletin and in the e-news letter, I began to wonder if it might be a good fit for me, my family, and the church. As they say, one thing led to another, and after prayerful consideration from all parties I am delighted to accept the role and absolutely thrilled to embark on this new journey!

What else should we know about you?

As everyone will most assuredly come to know, we Cowarts are BIG Clemson fans! Memorial Stadium on an upstate fall afternoon is my happy place, and my heart is full watching my family and friends enjoy and learn to love all the traditions I hold so near and dear.

Laughing is my favorite—a good sense of humor and a laugh that makes you cry is just good for the soul and I'm always here for it!

I could not be more excited to meet and get to know better all of the members at Westminster. I hope everyone will come by and say "hey" when/if they have a chance!



NEW MEMBERS

Luis & Tatiana Carvajal

Children: Miguel & Rafael Carvajal
Address: 1541 Nautical Chart Dr.
Charleston, SC 29414
Date Joined: May 18, 2025

Juliana Miller

Address: 349 Blowing Fresh Drive
Charleston, SC 29492
Date Joined: June 1, 2025

Jerry Adams

Address: 2107 Pinehurst Ave.
Charleston, SC 29414
Date Joined: June 1, 2025

Hudson Sealey

Address: 2120 Telfair Way
Charleston, SC 29412
Date Joined: June 15, 2025

Tucker & Erin Dille

Children: Brooks Dille
Address: 52 Boardman Rd.
Charleston, SC 29407
Date Joined: June 29, 2025

AJ & Halley Manett

Children: James Manett
Address: 16 Brisbane Drive
Charleston, SC 29407
Date Joined: June 29, 2025

Joe & Rae Tompkins

Children: Sulley & Michael Tompkins
Address: 1406 Downing Street
Charleston, SC 29407
Date Joined: August 3, 2025

BAPTISMS

Aubrey Jane Gaither

Parents' Names: Zachary & Caroline
Gaither
Date of Baptism: May 11, 2025
Assisting Elder: Brenda Gibson

Miguel Carvajal

Parents' Names: Luis & Tatiana Carvajal
Date of Baptism: June 1, 2025
Assisting Elder: Dorothy Winter Wright

Ahlora Mackenzie Lewis

Parents' Name: Sheila Lewis
Date of Baptism: June 15, 2025
Assisting Elders: DeeBee Wright & Jill
Lundgrin

Lauren McGhee Cook

Parent's Name: Kristin Cook
Date of Baptism: June 29, 2025
Assisting Elder: Allyn Bruce

Pamela Kristin Cook

Date of Baptism: June 29, 2025
Assisting Elder: Allyn Bruce

Brooks Condon Dille

Parents' Names: Tucker & Erin Dille
Date of Baptism: June 29, 2025
Assisting Elder: Sandy Pennekamp

BIRTHS

Charlotte Anne Garee

Parents' Names: Brent & Kathy Garee
Date of Birth: August 15, 2025

Augustus Wayne Pace

Parents' Names: Emma Fruth & Zach Pace
Date of Birth: August 22, 2025

INTO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Jean Isbell

Date of passing: March 17, 2025

Frankie Earnst

Date of passing: May 19, 2025

Rachel Crews

Date of passing: July 26, 2025

Roy Nickles, Jr.

Date of passing: August 16, 2025



CHILDREN & YOUTH

PRESCHOOL

It's that time of year again—school is back in session, and Westminster Preschool is excited to join the rest of Charleston County in kicking off a new school year!

For many of our students, this is their first school—and faith—experience. It's an exciting but sometimes challenging time, so please keep our families in your prayers as they begin or return to Westminster. We're blessed to introduce these young hearts to Jesus and the stories of the Bible.

Each day, our students will learn to pray with their teachers, and once a week, they'll receive a special message from Ms. Claire. Our three- and four-year-olds will attend Chapel in the Sanctuary, while Ms. Claire brings her message directly to our two-year-old classrooms. What a privilege it is to be part of these foundational moments in their lives.

We also make it a point to share all the events and services Westminster offers, encouraging our preschool families to visit and consider making Westminster their church home. Over the years, many families have done just that.

Please continue your prayers for our students, teachers, families, and school for the new year.

Blessings,
The Preschool

Contact:

Alicia Crosby, Director

(843) 571-0321

preschool@wpccharleston.org

CONFIRMATION 2025-2026

Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th Graders

We look forward to guiding students as they affirm or reaffirm their faith through study, fellowship, and writing their statements of faith. Please save the following dates—attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged, and the retreat is mandatory for confirmation.

Informational Meeting

Sunday, September 28

12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

Second Sunday Luncheon with Confirmands and Elders

Sunday, October 12

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat

Camp Fellowship, Greenwood, SC

January 23-25

Parent/Grandparent Bible Study

Sunday, February 22

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Examination

Sunday, March 8

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, March 22

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Each confirmand should choose a current or former church elder to be their confirmation partner—someone who can guide and support them in their faith journey. Please ask your chosen elder in person or by phone, and let Ms. Claire know your selection by October 10th. If you need help choosing, Ms. Claire is happy to assist.

**Children's
Sunday School**
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
in the CE Building

Infants - 2T
Nursery

3-5K
Room 14

1st-2nd Grade
Room 13

3rd-5th Grade
Room 17

**Youth
Sunday School**
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
in Covenant Hall

Middle School (6th-8th)
Room 1

High School (9th-12th)
Room 3



Scan for a full list of
Sunday School Classes
and descriptions.

Sunday Night Youth Group

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

in Covenant Hall

All Youth Dinner

5:00-5:30 p.m.

Peer Group Fellowship

5:30-6:30 p.m.

*Middle School & High
School break into small age-
appropriate groups for bible
study, games and fellowship.*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Feed the Youth!

Sunday Nights 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.

Interested in providing a meal for our Youth Discipleship Group on Sunday Nights? Remember you don't have to have a youth to feed the youth. They are happy with home cooked or hot-N-ready.

Click link below for a list of dates to sign up to feed the youth on Sunday Nights from 4:45 - 5:30 p.m.



Scan to Sign Up to Feed the Youth!

Youth Fall Dates:

All Youth Trick-Can-Treating

Sunday, October 19

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Lead Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 26

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Mid High CAP Retreat at Bethelwoods

November 7-9

Festival of Lights Youth Night

Sunday, November 30

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Lead Parents Night Out

Sunday, December 7

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Angel Tree Shopping

Sunday, December 14

5:00-7:00 p.m.

For More Info:

Claire Winkles, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

cwinkles@wpccharleston.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

First Club 3,4,5

Sunday, September 7

4:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited for fellowship, bible study, games and a snack. We will meet once a month from 4:00 to 5:00 in Covenant Hall. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

Future dates: October 5, November 2, January 11, February 8, March 1, and May 3.

Worship Prep Class

Sundays, September 14 thru

November 2, 2025

Following Children's Time at

11:00am in Covenant Hall

While the class is primarily for first graders, older elementary children who haven't yet participated are also welcome.

This class helps fulfill the promises made at baptism by preparing children to engage meaningfully in worship. Together, we'll explore where, why, and how we worship, learn about prayer, and study the sacraments of Baptism and Communion as practiced in the Presbyterian Church.

A parent or grandparent must attend with the child.

For More Info:

Church Office

(843) 766-8311

office@wpccharleston.org

Acolyte Training

Sunday, October 19

12:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Third through Sixth graders interested in serving as an acolyte re invited to training will be Sunday, October 19 from 12:15 -3:30 p.m. We will do our training in the Sanctuary after we have pizza in Covenant Hall. Parents may leave children after church or they may stay with us. We will need parents back by 2:00 to watch practice and know how to help when you serve!

*Previously trained acolytes do not need to be present for this training.



SAVE THE DATE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

Trunk or Treat!*

Sunday, October 26

4:00 - 5:30pm

Children's Sunday

Sunday, November 16

11:00 am Service

Parent's Night Out*

Sunday, November 7

5:00 - 7:00pm

Children's Christmas Gift

Making Workshop!

Saturday, December 13

9:00 - 10:30am

Family Friendly

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24

3:00 & 5:00 pm

High School CAP Retreat

at Bethelwoods

February 20 - 22, 2026

All Youth Oscars Party

Sunday, March 15

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt*

March 28, 2026

10:00 - 11:30am

Easter

April 5, 2026

Youth Sunday

April 19, 2026

Save the Dates

June 7-13: HS Montreat

June 21-25: VBS*

July 12-17 MS Youth Mission

***Youth Volunteer**



GLOBAL MISSIONS

Be Part of a 2026 Mission Trip to Mexico!

We're returning to share in the Cistern Ministry of Todd Luke in the Yucatan. Todd works with local families in building rainwater cisterns so families can have a year-round supply of safe water. The church identifies the needs and works alongside families and mission teams to construct needed cisterns.

Mark your calendar and look for information about two opportunities in 2026:

- a team of adults February 23-28
- a team of older youth and adults June 29 – July 4

The total cost of each trip is about \$2100, and the cost will be divided in thirds between participant contribution, the church's Global Mission Fund, and group fundraising.

GET INVOLVED WITH CAJM

Charleston Area Justice Ministry - Next WPC Meeting Thursday, September 4 12:00 p.m.

Covenant Hall

The Charleston Area Justice Ministry (CAJM), is a growing network of faith-based congregations who are culturally, economically, geographically and religiously diverse who come together to make the Charleston area a more than just a place to live, work, and do business.

HELP WITH MARY FORD

Mary Ford Early Learning and Childhood Center

Mary Ford is one of our Mission Partners and there are a variety of ways to dip your toes in a little or a lot.

If you can be involved regularly:

- **Adopt a Classroom:** Individuals or groups can sponsor a classroom, Helping provide supplies, encouragement, and support to teachers and students.
- **Tutoring:** Helping students from 1:15- 2:15 with flash cards and reading to them.

If you can be involved occasionally:

- **Work in the Library:** Help shelve books, help students pick out books, and/or donate books to the school library.
- **Food Pantry:** Help shelve donated items, donate items, help shoppers in the Mary Ford food Pantry.
- **Garden Volunteers:** Volunteers are needed to help clean out beds, planting new plants, watering, and cleaning of the green house.

Sign Up/More Info:

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VOLUNTEER

W.E. Pack Wednesday Wednesday, September 3 Wonderful Wednesday Supper 6:00 p.m. in Covenant Hall

The first Wednesday of the month "W.E. Pack" weekend food kits for students with food insecurities. People of all ages can participate in a fun and meaningful mission project together.

Neighbors Together Wednesday, September 13 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need the third Wednesday of every month at Neighbors Together; 2105 Cosgrove Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405.

Donate Non-Perishable Items to the Food Pantry Our Food Pantry is always in need.

Adopt the Blessing Box Adopt for two weeks at a time, making sure it's stocked and replenishing items as needed. Great opportunity for Circles, Sunday School classes, neighbors, and families.

Sign Up/More Info:

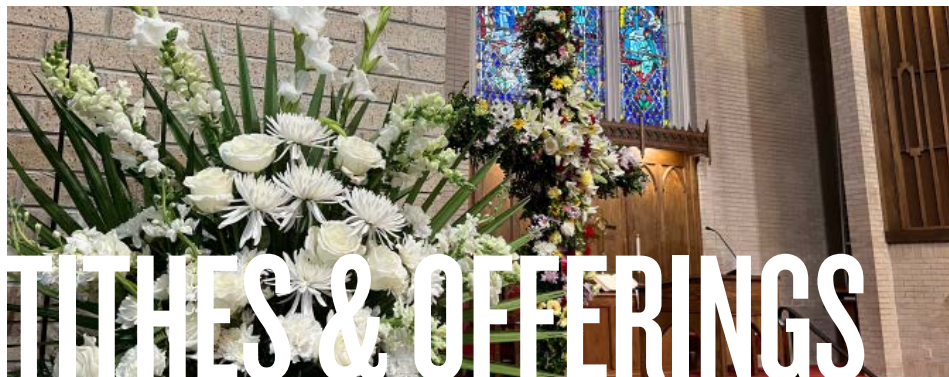
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& to sign up!

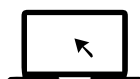


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to 73256



ONLINE

wpccharleston.org



MAIL or DROP OFF

1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.

REALM CONNECT APP OR ONLINE

Schedule one-time and/or recurring gifts in the Realm Connect App OR online by scanning QR Code below.



FLOWER MINISTRY

Ever wonder what happens to the beautiful flowers we have in the sanctuary on Sundays? The Flower Committee (part of Worship Committee), often breaks the large arrangements down into smaller vases so our deacons and pastors making home visits can share them with those in need of a smile.

- **Volunteer** and help break down arrangements.
- **Celebrate, memorialize, or honor someone special by placing flowers in the sanctuary.** The cost is \$60 and the Committee will create and place the arrangement based on your date and floral request.
- **Donate!** Love having beautiful arrangements at worship, but don't have a specific reason to celebrate other than the love and joy of Jesus Christ? Make a donation to the Flower Ministry at Westminster.

Sign Up/More Info:

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OR Scan QR Code below to sign up online!



MEMORIALS

In Memory of

Eleanor Grayson

Jean Isbell

Frankie Earnst

Rachel Crews

Given By

Tim & Sandy Pennekamp

Debbie Redmon

Sandy Pell

Larry & Kris Martin

Lance & Jean Lewandowski

Catherine Horton

Moody Family

Mr. & Mrs. James Stelling

Bob & Barb Nicolai

Mike & Kaye Duck

Joan Leon

Patricia Horres

Johnny & Debbie Doscher

Charlie & Meg Powell

Barry & Donna Emerson

Judy Young

Drew & Josephine Evans

Ronnie & Jan Easterby

Riddick Ackerman III

McGuire & Co

Lynn Boudolf

Debbie Pell

Gary & Joyce Flowers

Jerry & Sue Smoak

Susan Miller

Jim & Pam Gill

Bob & Angelle Beaty

Rebecca Reynolds

GEL Group

Karen Teigland

Michael & Sandra Campbell

Mike & Patty Stokes

Dick & Carol Patrick

Glenda Gillette

Sarah Lessen

Mark Isbell & Family

Paul Boyd

David & Ann Morris

Rebecca Holzhei

Norman & Virginia Hook

Gloria Purcell

Tommye Owen

Jodi Cummings

Mark & Tracy Friedrichs

David & Donna Purcell

Ike & Margaret Kennerly

Billy & Theodosia Wade

Ken & Ann King

Karen Blackman

Karen & Yates Dunaway

Deborah Ehlers

Duncan & Susan Newkirk

Betty Patterson



DEACONS

At Westminster, Deacons are called and ordained to a ministry of service and caring. From the days of the early church, Deacons have been men and women of compassion, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for all people, especially the ones with special needs. There are 33 Deacons at Westminster, elected by the congregation for 3 year terms.

DEACON TEAMS

SUNSHINE TEAM sends birthday cards and care notes out to everyone in the Westminster family. We want everyone to feel loved, included, and affirmed on special occasions.

THE HOPE TEAM reaches out to the ones in the Westminster family who are homebound, facing or recovering from medical issues, pregnancy & birth, walking through a season of grief, or having other special needs. That care may come in the form of calls/texts/mail, visits, or coordinated meals. (HOPE stands for Helping Other Presbyterians Everyday).

THE HOSPITALITY TEAM helps visitors and new members find their way in the life and ministry of Westminster. Special care is offered to people for about a year after becoming part of the Westminster family: inviting them to special events, answering questions about the church, and making sure they have a friendly face they can rely on in the congregation.ther special needs. That care may come in the form of calls/texts/mail, visits, or coordinated meals. (HOPE stands for Helping Other Presbyterians Everyday)

DEACONS ON DEMAND team helps the Westminster family with immediate needs: visits to the hospitalized, special errands, a quick meal, or transportation to appointments.

Deacons also coordinate funeral receptions, organize special days of caring, and seek ways to be of service to the congregation.

NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE REACH OUT

Contact:

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2025-2026 Deacons

Co-Moderators:

Jennifer Binnicker

Sherry Niblock

Secretary:

Susana Comte-Walters

The Sunshine Team:

Christine Towne

Ashley Chandler

Amy Kuenzel*

Laura Nunn

Elaine Tucker

The HOPE Team:

Ellyn Winkles

Jill Lundgrin

Sandy Pennekamp

Margaret Head

Meredith Boyd

Peggy Jump*

Tommye Owen

Janie Daniels

Debbie McQueeney

Nita Rushton

Hilary Parrish

Amy McCabe

Susanna Hopkins

The Hospitality Team:

Alissa Ferguson

Annie Klingshirn

Sonya Willemse*

Karen Lobitz

Lexi Frazier

Doug Garrett

Deacons on Demand Team:

Deb Brown*

Mark Burckhalter

John Wright

Debbie Ponton

Mary Davis

Liz Crosby

*team coordinator



ENDOWMENT

Building a Legacy of Discipleship through The Westminster Endowment

One generation shall extol your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4

Years ago, faithful disciples started the Westminster Endowment. Thanks to generous giving and wise investments with The Presbyterian Foundation, the Endowment has grown and is a source of support for Westminster mission and ministry. A gift to the Endowment today is a gift that keeps on giving, year after year.

Here's how it works: Every year, 3% of the General Purpose Endowment goes to support the annual church budget. That means a legacy gift of \$100 to that fund will provide \$3 to the annual church operating budget in perpetuity. A legacy gift of \$10,000 will provide \$300. A gift of \$100,000 will provide \$3,000. Every year. It is a way you can continue to support the mission and ministry of the church forever.

A gift to the General Purpose Fund is a great way to support ministry long into the future, but it is not the only way. You may also choose to give to other funds in the Endowment to support the specific areas of CE and Preschool, Mission, Worship, Capital Improvement, Senior Adults, and others (A complete list is available). Every year, 3% of those funds is made available, if needed, in support of those areas of the mission and ministry of the church.

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SESSION

Highlights from the May Session Meeting

- We began with prayer and from Psalm 1, sharing times we've felt rooted and grounded in God's love.
- We enthusiastically endorsed Lindy Coleman to begin the South Carolina Lay School, exploring a call as a Commissioned Pastor.
- We celebrated the hiring of new Office administrator, Kate Cowart.
- We created a new 6 hr./wk. staff position, Assistant to the Pastor, and hired Nita Rushton to fill it.
- We agreed to be a Partner Church for the Church of the Arts: a new church development of our presbytery. Being a Partner Church means we pray, contribute, and even offer opportunities for our own members who feel called to participate in the birthing process.
- We kicked off Stewardship by receiving 2026 Estimate of Giving cards.
- We reviewed financial reports through July, giving thanks for numerous areas of mission involvement, including the opportunity to designate a gift of \$16,000 for Hands of Christ and \$10,500 for water cisterns in Mexico, and a \$34,000 pledge (over 4 years) to Church of the Arts in Park Circle.

APNC: A TIME LINE

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee continues their important work of discernment. Here's their latest report:

- **May 2024:** APNC formed
- **June-August 2024:** APNC Training, Presbytery liaison assigned, CLC portal opened (CLC is a PCUSA matching system)
- **September 2024-June 2025:**
 - 84 candidates vetted, prayed over, discussed
 - 9 candidates interviewed on Zoom, prayed with and prayed for.
 - 3 candidates met in person, interviewed, shared a meal, prayed with and prayed for.
- **August 2025-forward:** Continue the process, ask God's guidance, seek the prayers and patience of our Westminster family!

With gratitude to God, the APNC:
Natasha Akery, Lindy Coleman (Chair),
Andrew Hopkins, George McAbee,
Mark Patrick, Sandy Pell.

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Total Income	548,096	543,259
Total Expenses	547,600	543,259

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10:00 a.m.

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for Children, Youth & Adults

Nursery available

11:00 a.m.

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