



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**“Springtime is the land awakening.  
The March winds are the morning yawn.”  
Lewis Grizzard**

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Beloved in Christ,

On this Palm Sunday, I write in the shadow of the cross, knowing that Jesus was not a victim taken by surprise in Jerusalem. Jesus knew what awaited him in Jerusalem, and he went there for us all. And through the shame and weakness of the Roman cross, God has brought all of creation new life. We are lifted out of the kingdom of darkness into God's marvelous kingdom of light. May God be praised!!

As you know, we have three essential practices as a Congregation at Westminster Presbyterian Church: Praying, Serving and Connecting. What if we spent a month focusing on each of our essential practices each year? Since our daily prayer is called the 430 Prayer and we usually celebrate the Prayer Festival on April 30th, (4:30), it makes sense to focus on praying in April. So, let's focus on praying in April.



During this Lent, our congregation joined two sister churches in an experiment of prayer and community. Using the book, “Unbinding Your Soul” by Martha Grace Reese, we focused on just the first part of the book. I suggest we spend April focusing on the second part of the book. The most important components of this prayer journey are using a prayer journal, being in prayer partnership with one other person from our congregation and participating in a small group in which new ideas about prayer can be explored in a safe and confidential environment. How does that sound to you? I pray you will say “yes” to this invitation. Books are available in the church office. Pick one up as soon as you can and do the required reading before our first group meeting. Please read following sections:

- Introduction
- Chapter 9, Using Your Prayer Journal
- Chapter 5, From Passengers to Riders.

There are several groups already in place that will participate in this study (more information forthcoming). In addition, I'm starting a brand-new group for just the month of April. That group will meet in the Parlor on Wednesday nights (April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th), 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. I encourage you to join a group for this study.

***Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.  
Colossians 4:2 (NRSV)***

Grace and Peace,  
K.O. Noonoo

# CLERK'S CORNER

## RECORDS REVIEW:

I am happy to report that Westminster Presbyterian Church passed the Annual Records Review of 2023 Records without exception on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Clerks of Session from 10 PNK churches lugged their heavy record books to Auburn Presbyterian Church where they were presented for scrutiny and evaluation by their peers.

The Annual Records Review is the means by which Presbytery of Northern Kansas ensures that individual churches conduct church business on an on-going and timely basis over the course of a year. While there is some consideration of the Clerk's approach to writing minutes and documenting Session actions, the ultimate focus of the review is on Session activity that supports church activity and health.

A two-page checklist of actions to be taken by each Session "guides" the review and includes such actions as completion of required reports, budget preparation and adoption, scheduling communion service and congregational meetings, and reviews of specific policies and the church membership roll.

That WPC records were passed without exception (Far fewer than half of the churches in PNK pass review at that level.) is testament to the work and commitment of your Session to support our church in its mission. Our Elders (Charlotte Adair, Charlie Bates, Matt Boddington, Sue Fackler, Janice Kivett and Peter Bonnel) deserve our thanks for their dedicated service to Westminster Presbyterian Church!

## TERMS OF CALL FOLLOW-UP:

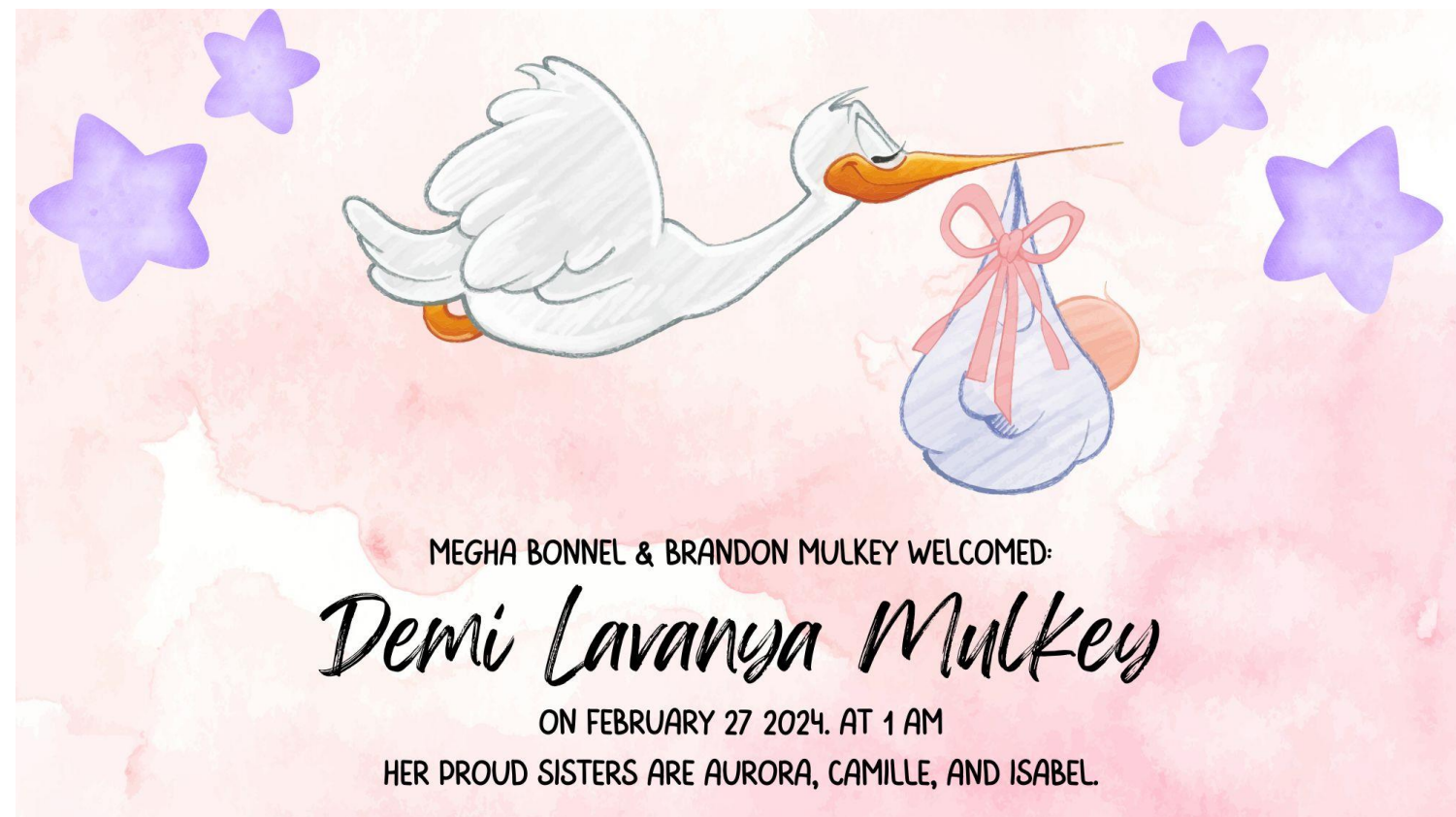
One of the requests made of Session at the Congregational Meeting in January was that a copy of the 2024 Pastor's Terms of Call be made available to the congregation. That document is now posted for review in the purple Session binder in the church library under its own separate tab.

Peace to all as you Pray, Serve and Connect.

Donna Clark, Clerk of Session

# PRAYER list...

- ❖ The Bonnel's would like to thank everyone for their prayers.
  - Ella Bonnel, granddaughter of Peter & Wanda Bonnel, has recovered from her surgery & is doing well!
  - Mega Bonnel, (daughter of Peter & Wanda Bonnel) her family, & her newborn daughter Demi. Demi is now home from the NICU after just 2 weeks!
- ❖ Larry Emig, who is currently headed to Brewster Place to build up strength & to get over a gallbladder infection while awaiting surgery.
- ❖ The Hannigan family as they mourn the passing of Mary Jane Hannigan.
- ❖ Jeff, brother of Jenny Bergstrom, who had a successful surgery for his neck Monday to replace & repair pads & his vertebrae.
- ❖ Janice, Marcia Durkes cousin. Who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.
- ❖ Dick Weide, Connie Wood's brother, who is seriously ill.
- ❖ Hannah, a friend of Charlotte and Charlie Bates, who is experiencing some serious health issues..
- ❖ Westminster Presbyterian Church, that we shall grow younger as we share the love of God with children & youth.



# ROMEOS



LUNCHTIME FOR THE ROMEO

It's time to come together for another lunch and fellowship meeting. Come join us as we travel to the "Thai Table Restaurant" located at 2222 SW Washburn Ave.

We'll meet on April 9th at 11:30.

They have a big menu with featured items like purple sweet potato chips, drunkenfried rice, and a basil mojito to drink.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

## Graduate Recognition

In preparation for Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 5 during worship service, we are asking all graduates with ties to Westminster Presbyterian Church to notify the office by Monday, April 1 and to provide your name, email address and phone number.

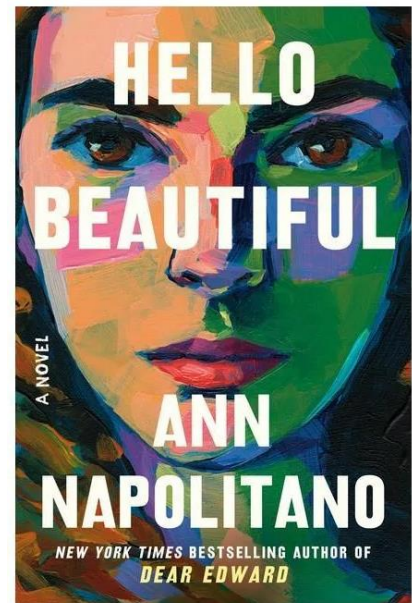
All graduates can submit information to be included in our church Chimes and will be recognized. High school graduates will receive a scholarship application form to be submitted to the office by Monday, April 15. Information will be used to plan the recognition as well as the reception in the church parlor following the service.

Graduates, parents, and grandparents - please note these dates on your calendar and help us plan a memorable day for our special students!



## Westminster Literary Society

Our book this month, "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano, was recommended by one of our daughters. We decided it would be interesting to read something that appealed to some busy 40-year old moms. It turns out that we liked the book as well as they did. The story revolves around a family of 4 sisters and the drama they encountered over a 30 + year period. It championed the importance of "art" and how it can capture memories, as well as record life and relationships in our lives. It dealt with the power of forgiveness. "I knew I had to forgive her because I still wanted to go on loving her." There was insight into the power of team sports for men, and how they can foster lifetime male friendships. There were mental health issues that helped us understand the layers of depression that can go on for a lifetime. And one more focus was on the competing goals of pursuing personal happiness versus family harmony. We ran out of time before we ran out of discussion! - Sue F

The logo for Topeka Jump, featuring the words "TOPEKA JUMP" inside a laurel wreath.

## Save the Date!

**Justice Ministry**  
**Nehemiah Action Assembly**

Monday, May 6, 2024

Registration at 6:15 pm and Assembly 7 pm

Lee Arena - Washburn University

An illustration of a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities standing together.

### Summer Fun and Summer Funds

Summer travel season is fast approaching! As you prepare for summer vacations, please consider your commitments to Westminster Presbyterian Church. Along with your trip planning, please include planning for your summer pledge payments. We need your support to stay on track with our plans and programs.

We hope you will also consider including Westminster in your long term estate plans. Thanks to many years of planned gifts for Westminster, we have accomplished much within our building as well as in our community. We have utilized the special resource of our endowed funds to help us to front the costs of new technology, a boiler, and other unexpected large projects. By repaying those funds and adding to the corpus, we preserve this tremendous resource and can support and enhance our projects and activities.

If you would like information about how to include Westminster in your will or trust, please contact Lexi in the church office, 785-357-0339, and we will provide information or assistance. Thank you for your current and ongoing support of our church.

Pledge Total for 2024: \$297,464

Pledge Income for Jan, Feb: \$49,577

(Thanks for keeping pledges up to date!)

Happy Spring!

WPC Finance Council



**Sonflower Ringers, under the direction of Beverly Williamson and Mark McMillan, will be in worship on April 21!**

**This ensemble includes neuro-divergent ringers, and is part of the Matthew's Ministry project at Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. The group was founded in 2007, and has provided outreach ministries throughout the KC Metro.**

**This is their first excursion to Topeka!**

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

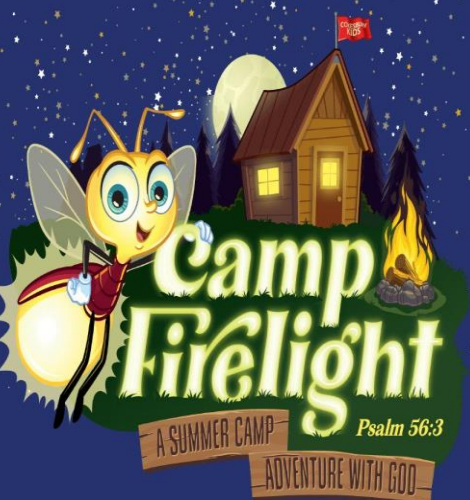
- 4/7 - The Road to Emmaus
- 4/4 - No Children's Faith Formation
- 4/21 - The Holy Spirit
- 4/28 - The Early Believers

## MARINERS IN APRIL

Everyone is welcome to join us for our meeting and program on April 19th. Our own Carol Bragdon will be presenting a program on Container Gardening just in time for spring. There may even be a chance to get your hands dirty with Carol leading a small hands-on planting experience! We'll meet at 6 pm in the chapel for dinner (\$10 nonrefundable) with the program to follow around 7 pm. If you want to come just for the program, you're also welcome to do that. Please email or call Caryl Hines, [chines9055@cox.net](mailto:chines9055@cox.net) or 785-224-9333, by April 15th to make a reservation.



## Get Ready Campers for



**June 17-21**

**8:30 - 11:00 am**

# Presbyterian Women in April

## "Planning Ahead with Lunch - Wednesday, April 10 - noon

All Presbyterian Women and their friends are invited to join us for lunch and an informative program by Susan Bullock, Director of Homestead House. No matter our age, we all have the need to be educated about living options for ourselves or our aging parents and friends. Susan Bullock is an excellent speaker with knowledge (both personally with her parents and professionally) to help us with important decisions that literally will affect all of us. Make your reservations for lunch with your Circle Leader or with Sue Fackler (785)806-3525. If you would just like to attend the program (men included), join us in the Chapel about 12:45.

## "Life is a Beach...." - May 4, Mother Daughter Sister Friend Luncheon and Program

It's time to reach out to your family and friends and invite them to a fun day at the beach! This year's event will feature a Tiki Bar with mocktails, a photo booth, Beachy music and more. Beach attire is encouraged. Pick up your invitations and make your reservations with Sue Fackler.



## Westminster Breakfast & Blossoms - Sat. April 27 8-11 a.m.

Join us in fellowship hall for a yummy breakfast with your fellow church members and College Hill neighbors. For over 20 years we have celebrated this event that unites the church and neighborhood for the betterment of College Hill and Westminster. We will be selling hanging baskets, porch pots, and bedding plants (food timing for Mother's Day). In addition, there will be a great silent auction going on in fellowship hall. Sue Fackler is looking for auction donations (new items, antiques, or gift cards). Please contact Sue if you can help work this event or have a donation. Most importantly.... we hope to see a huge crowd from Westminster!



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**REV. ANN RICHARDS**

SEPTEMBER 22, 1935 -  
FEBRUARY 16, 2024

To read Ann's Full Obituary,  
please visit  
[obits.oregonlive.com](http://obits.oregonlive.com)

*IN MEMORY OF*

*Delores  
"Jane"  
Barrier*

*APRIL 5, 1935 -  
MARCH 9, 2024*

*TO READ JANE'S OBITUARY PLEASE VISIT  
THE DOVE CREMATIONS WEBSITE*

In Memory of

*Mary  
Hannigan*

September 7th, 1956  
- March 15th, 2024

To Read Mary's full obituary please visit:  
[hutchnews.com/obituaries](http://hutchnews.com/obituaries)



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 10-12 pm VIDA (Moms & Kids) 2:00 pm SC Book Club 4:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm VIDA Citizenship	<b>2</b> 12:30 pm Nautilus 5:15 pm Girl Scouts	<b>3</b> 1:30 pm PW Board Meeting 3:30 pm C.E. Meeting 4:30 pm Centering Prayer 5:30 pm Invitational Ministry 6:30 pm VIDA Conversation 6:30 pm Baggpipe Practice	<b>4</b> 10-11:30 VIDA Nutrition 10-12 pm VIDA (Moms & Kids) 2:00 pm SC Pickleball 6:30 pm VIDA Citizenship 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Choir	<b>5</b> K.O. Day Off	<b>6</b> K.O. Day Off
<b>7</b> Communion 8:30 am Breakfast 9:00 am Faith Form. Adults 9:30 am Faith Form. Youth 10:25 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>8</b> K.O. Retreat 10-12 pm VIDA (Moms & Kids) 1:30 pm World & Community 2:00 pm Knitters 4:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm VIDA Citizenship	<b>9</b> 11:30 am ROMEOs	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm PW Gathering Lunch 4:30 pm Centering Prayer 6:30 pm VIDA Conversation 6:30 pm Baggpipe Practice	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Literary 10-11:30 VIDA Nutrition 10-12 pm VIDA (Moms & Kids) 2:00 pm SC Pickleball 6:30 pm VIDA Citizenship 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Choir	<b>12</b> K.O. Day Off	<b>13</b> K.O. Day Off 9:00 AM Church Workday
<b>14</b> 8:30 am Breakfast 9:00 am Faith Form. Adults 9:30 am Faith Form. Youth 10:25 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship	<b>15</b> <u>Scholarship Apps due</u> 10-12 pm VIDA (Moms & Kids) 2:00 pm SC Book Club 4:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm VIDA Citizenship	<b>16</b> 5:15 pm Girl Scouts	<b>17</b> 1:30 pm Daytime Circle 4:30 pm Centering Prayer 6:00 pm Finance Council 6:30 pm VIDA Conversation 6:30 pm Baggpipe Practice	<b>18</b> 10-11:30 VIDA Nutrition 10-12 pm VIDA (Moms & Kids) 2:00 pm SC Pickleball 6:30 pm VIDA Citizenship 6:30 pm Bell Choir 7:30 pm Choir	<b>19</b> K.O. Day Off 6:30 pm Mariners	<b>20</b> K.O. Day Off 4:30 - 8:30 pm A.C.F. Gathering
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<b>28</b> Recognition Sunday 8:30 am Breakfast 9:00 am Faith Form. Adults 9:30 am Faith Form. Youth 10:25 am Worship 11:30 am Fellowship - Grads	<b>29</b> 10-12 pm VIDA (Moms & Kids) 11-2 pm Middle School Mania 4:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm VIDA Citizenship	<b>30</b> 4:30 Prayer Day 5:15 pm Girl Scouts				

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ken Fink—April 2  
 Dan Wadley— April 6  
 K.O. Noonoo – April 8  
 Ellen Chalk—April 10

Brynn Henkle—April 20  
 Charles Hummert—April 24  
 Megha Mulkey—April 26  
 Andrea Graham—April 28  
 Otto Wegener—April 30

*Happy Anniversary*

David & Cindy Harper—April 19—39 years  
 Carey & Jana Brown—April 21—51 years  
 Don & Chad Wegener—April 29—7 years  
 Charles & Wilma Hummert—April 30—57 years



## Save these Dates!

- April 1<sup>st</sup> – Graduating Seniors Information Due
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Church Work Day at 9:00 AM
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – Graduate Scholarship Applications Due
- April 28<sup>th</sup> – Graduate Recognition Sunday
- April 29<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Mania from 11-2:00 pm
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend
- May 13<sup>th</sup> – VIDA & WPC Potluck at 6:30 pm
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red!
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Trinity Sunday
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Choir/Hand bells Recess for Summer
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Summer Lunch Begins  
Monday through Friday from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Camp Firelight Vacation bible School  
Monday through Friday 8:30 – 11:00 am
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Potluck

