



Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Happy June!! Can you believe the year is almost half over? I trust that you are well. I want to thank each of you for valuing our ministry here at Westminster. What we do here matters and you all make it possible through your prayers and participation.

Recently, I have been working my way through *Gung Ho!*, a book by Ken Blanchard and Seldon Bowles. I highly recommend it. The authors emphasize the fact that too often we take for granted that everyone understands the importance of our work and ministry. But without that understanding, our labor does not seem worthwhile. This often results in attitudes that actually diminish our work.

St. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians that "in the Lord, our labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Your labor in the Lord is worthwhile because it makes a real difference in the world. If done in service to Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, God transforms your labor into avenues for the will of God being done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. For instance, I have been thinking about the beauty of our church grounds. I have seen people on hands and knees, mulching, pruning, planting and weeding. The result is beauty you can see. It gladdens the heart to approach our church building and know that so much pride and care goes into making our church building look beautiful. Other people walking the neighborhood are fed by this beauty. It points to the beauty in God's creation, drawing our attention to God who made us and sustains us. So if you are part of the landscape committee please know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. You are doing worthwhile work that makes this community better. Your work honors God.

Whether you are retired or not, I invite you to spend some time this week thinking about what makes your work worthwhile. What is the human impact of what you do? If you understand that your work is worthwhile, it will certainly affect how you do it. For me, the most important reason for worthwhile work is that God will transform it and make it part of God's grand work of restoration and healing of the world.

Your work is worthwhile. Understand that and never forget it!

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*  
(1 Corinthians 15:58, NRSV)

Grace and Peace,  
K.O. Noonoo

***"Far up in the deep blue sky,  
Great white clouds are floating by;  
All the world is dressed in green;  
Many happy birds are seen,  
Roses bright and sunshine clear  
Show that lovely June is here."  
-F. G. Sanders***

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## Deacons

Deacons meet at the church on the third Tuesday of each month. We are here to care for you. Please let your deacon know if you have cares and concerns.

Caryl Hines, Moderator

Ellen Chalk, Co-Moderator



- ❖ Charlotte Adair & her family on the death of her niece, Diana Gaither.
- ❖ Christal (Hannigan) & Josh Coufal & their new baby girl Camille Grace who was born early on May 5<sup>th</sup>, Camille is still at Stormont Vail.
- ❖ Jenny Kuner and family on the death of Mike.
- ❖ Joyce Harbaugh is experiencing some health challenges and would appreciate prayers for healing.
- ❖ Caryl Hines as she deals with health challenges.
- ❖ For the neighbors working to bring a grocery store to our food desert.
- ❖ Our session, deacons, and minister, K.O. Noonoo.
- ❖ Westminster Presbyterian Church, that we will grow in our habit of prayer and capacity to be led by the Holy Spirit.



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Last month's WLS meeting was hosted by Meg Beller.

The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd

In 1739, Eliza Lucas is a sixteen-year-old girl who moves with her family from Antigua, where she grew up, to South Carolina. Her father has inherited three plantations and he leaves Eliza to manage all of it while he returns to Antigua to follow his military career. The story is based on historical letters and documents and details how she cared for her mother and younger sister, dealt with the slaves and property managers, and discovered how to grow indigo to make dye. She shared this knowledge with other farmers, and it became a principal export in the Carolinas.

# THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK!



Because of all the wonderful helpers that came out Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> we were able to get the nursery moved into its new space! Looking great and ready for playtime and fun!

This month Doorstep starts its 56<sup>th</sup> year of providing services to our neighbors in need!

Since March 2020, we have been providing all of our services, except clothing, by phone intake & interview. Clothing has been by appointment only since it opened up again. We've had approximately 75% of our volunteers return; however, there may be some that will not return since the pandemic. It is that time of year when our regular volunteers start to take trips and days off, and we barely have enough coverage for those days. Thinking ahead, once we return to in person services again, we know we will need more volunteers. With a small staff of four, we rely heavily on our volunteers each day to accomplish so many tasks, and help people in need.

We currently have openings in the food room, clothing room, sort room, front desk / check-in desk, and volunteers willing to do pick-ups for us; items such as bread, dog/cat food, and other miscellaneous items.

Most volunteer hours are Monday – Friday, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. You can visit our website <https://DoorstepTopeka.org> for a volunteer application, or stop in the office to pick one up. We also have a sheet outlining the positions and tasks. Once you return an application, our Volunteer Coordinator will review it, and be in touch.

### **Pentecost Offering: Building a Life of Faith**

At Westminster we are building our lives with faith. Your gifts to the Pentecost Offering support and give hope for youth ministries, volunteer opportunities for young adults and child advocacy. We support local youths by donating 40% of the offering for children and teens in Topeka. Jeremiah 29:11 I know the plans I have for you says the Lord, ... to give you a future with Hope.

The Pentecost Offering began 24 years ago and Presbyterians have raised over \$16 million for ministries benefitting younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more – to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith. Celebrate Pentecost, the church's birthday, with a generous gift.

The Holy Spirit remains with us, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. We are Living God's love, come join us! Prayer: God of peace, let us hear your plan. May your hope find willing hands and hearts as we tend the youngest among us, building a life of hope and faith. Amen.



# Congratulations to our high school graduates!

Anthony Dallam graduated from Washburn Rural High School. He plans to attend Washburn University in Topeka, KS. He indicated that he plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree. While he is undecided about what career to pursue, Anthony is interested in psychology.

Anthony shared, "My goal after high school is to go to college and figure out what kind of job/education I want to pursue. My participation in church has affected my choices by being able to gain advice from those who have been through life."

TaRon Graham graduated from Topeka High School. He plans to attend Baker University in Baldwin, KS. He is interested in the fields of biology and music. Possible degrees include a Bachelor of Science, with minors in ecology and music. He is considering a career as a biologist or a music producer.

TaRon shared, "The Church has helped me be able to be strong and independent, to be ready to face the future whether it is good or bad. The main idea I have learned is that you are never alone and there is always God or someone to help guide your thoughts and choices. While people may judge, God and Jesus never do. As long as you persevere, they help you through your lowest points in life."

Rory Post graduated from Topeka High School. He plans to attend Haskell University in Lawrence, KS. He plans to study marketing and communications. Rory shared, "I just plan on attending and maybe lending a helping hand when needed."

Congratulations, graduates. Westminster supports you in your endeavors!

### **Bridge Club**

On Sunday May 1, the Westminster Round Robin Bridge Group gathered in the library for the 36th spring play-offs. Finishing in first place for the year were Mary Hurrell and Nancy Dutton with 24,010 points. Charlotte Adair and Cricket Elrod were second with 20,780 points followed by Sue Fackler and Sybil Wiegman in third place with 17,070.

This year we have had eight couples. We would definitely welcome new members. If you are interested, or if you know someone who is, please feel free to contact me. Over the years, we have had as many as 16 pairs! and Westminster membership is not a requirement. The commitment is approximately three hours/month of enjoyment October thru April. ~ Sybil Wiegman

## Beyond the 430 Prayer: The Prayer of Examen

Ever heard the phrase “Experience is the best teacher”? Actually, it is not true. Experience is not the best teacher. It is only when experience is reflected upon that it becomes the best teacher. We don’t learn anything by merely experiencing things. But we do learn if we reflect upon our experiences. Lots of people have the same experience over and over again, never learning anything from it. I know. I’ve been there, many times!!

If there is one habit of prayer, I would recommend to you (in addition to the 430 Prayer), it is the Prayer of Examen. The goal of this prayer practice is to grow your awareness of what God is up to in your own life. With increasing awareness of what God is up to, you can actually sense the leading of the Holy Spirit in real time. This prayer gets beyond actions and invites us to consider our motives.

*You might use this prayer practice at night, just before bed or in the morning, at the start of a new day. Do it whenever you are most awake so you can concentrate. I’m a morning person so I do mine in the morning, looking over the previous day. You can also use this prayer to reflect on a particular experience or over a longer period of time such as one week. I suggest beginning with just one day.*

Process:

**Step 1** Give thanks for all God’s gifts and benefits

*Jesus, you have been present today throughout our world....*

*I rejoice in.....*

**Step 2** Ask for light

*Be near now. Let us look together at my day.*

*Let me see through your loving eyes...*

**Step 3** Review the day: thoughts, words, deeds, desires, joys, frustrations, etc.

*When did I listen to your voice today?....*

*When did I resist listening to you today?....*

**Step 4** Express gratitude, sorrow or purpose of amendment (change)

*Jesus, everything is a gift from you.*

*I give you thanks and praise for the gifts of today...*

**Step 5** Ask for the grace you desire for tomorrow (or the upcoming day)

*Jesus, continue to be present with me in my life each day...*

*I ask for your healing in....*

*I ask your forgiveness and mercy for...*

If you journal your reflections of this prayer practice, you can go back and review it later to become more aware of the work God has been doing in your life.

Powerful stuff!

Experience is not the best teacher. Experience that is reflected upon is the best teacher.

There is certainly more to prayer than the 430 Prayer, but it is a great start and a great baseline.

4 Keep on praying!!!

Actions by your session

Average Attendance for April 82

The following motions passed:

**Motion received from Finance Council to obtain the “Purchase Card” from CoreFirst Bank. Motion passed. Finance Council will acquire & set up the card.**

1. **Motion received from Finance Council to make plans and promote a three year capital campaign for up to \$250,000 with details to be put together by finance council. Motion passed.**
2. **Motions passed to approved \$300.00 scholarships each for high school graduates TaRon Graham, Rory Post, and Anthony Dallam and \$1000 was approved by Session in addition to the \$1000 approved by Finance Council for 2022 VBS to be taken from the VanVleck Fund.**
3. **Motion approved to pay Lexi Lemons 20 hours weekly, currently working 16. Office hours will remain the same.**
4. **Motion approved to pay Lexi Lemons \$500 for leadership and implementation of VBS program in 2022.**
5. **Approved the hiring of a Tech Assistant for 5 hours/week at \$75 per week for audiovisual program.**

At the March Strategic Planning Meeting goal were to be set for our 3 Essential Practices: Praying, Serving, and Connecting.

Goals for Praying were received from Renae Skrzypek, Charlotte Adair, Marge Ahrens

Goal 1 - Continue to encourage the church-wide daily 4:30 prayer. Two ways to enhance the prayer time include holding a ½ day prayer retreat once or twice a year and using a prayer focus for each day of the week:

1. **Mission Monday:** Pray for the ministry and mission of the church.
2. **Trusting Tuesday:** Ask for guidance and direction.
3. **World Wednesday:** Pray for those in need around the world, peace, justice and understanding.
4. **Thankful Thursday:** Give thanks and praise to the Lord.
5. **Family and Friends Friday:** Pray for spouse, children, relatives, friendships.
6. **Situation Saturday:** Ask for blessings for the upcoming activities and plans.
7. **Sacred Sunday:** Pray for the Holy Spirit to continue to guide your life.

Goal 2 - Establish weekly or monthly “Prayers for 7 (or 3, or 5, or 9)” (We like the idea of odd numbers so that no one feels left out and incorporating newer members.) Leaders would be recruited and provided training.

1. This can be a new group or an extension of an existing group such as a learning circle, centering prayer, PW Circles, etc. by adding 10 minutes or so for sharing needs and focusing on prayer.
2. New groups could meet in homes, at the church, by Zoom, texting, group walks, lunch groups, or dinner groups.

The next session meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Lunch 2022 June 2-July 15 & July 15 – August 9, 11 – 12 pm

School is out and that means summer lunch is coming! We will serve USD 501 meals from June 2 to July 15 and our own meals from July 18 to August 9. Lunch is from 11:00 to noon each weekday and we will also hand out 7-day meals on Fridays. Homemade cookies are ALWAYS welcome throughout the entire 10 weeks. Thanks, everyone.

- Caryl Hines, Coordinator

VBS Training Day – June 11 – 1 pm

Please mark your calendars!

If you have volunteered to help with our Westminster Vacation Bible School, Food Truck Party, on June 20-24 from 5:30-8:30, THANK YOU!

Regardless of whether you are volunteering for VBS all of the time or part of the time, we would like for volunteers to meet on Saturday, June 11 @ 1 pm. We will have room assignments, group schedules, and rosters ready for you. We will try to answer any last minute questions you might have. We will have a WPC Child Protection Form for you to sign (if you haven't already signed one for Free Summer Lunch). We will have snacks! We hope this short gathering will prepare us for a fun and successful Food Truck Party 2022!

Bill Gannaway's "90th" - June 12

We hope everyone can join us after worship on Sunday, June 12 as we celebrate the 90th birthday of our former pastor, Rev. Bill Gannaway. We are so fortunate to have Bill and his wife Aylce still in the neighborhood. They were such an integral part of Westminster for the 27 years he was pastor. They have continued to be involved with the many friends and family still associated with this church. We hope you can join us to celebrate Bill's 90th birthday! The PW is hosting the reception.

Food Truck Party - June 20-24 from 5:30- 8:30

Vacation Bible School for families scheduled each evening with a return of an actual food truck on Friday! We are excited about this food themed study of the Bible which includes both stories from the Old and New Testaments! Join us as we explore stories through snacks, crafts, science, and games by enrolling on our website: [wpctopeka.mycokesburyvbs.com](http://wpctopeka.mycokesburyvbs.com)

College Hill Fourth of July – July 4 starting at 10 am

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Hot Dog giveaway. We will again participate in the College Hill 4<sup>th</sup> of July event in Boswell Park. Caryl Hines will be leading us in this endeavor and of course we need ALL HANDS ON DECK for the event. The parade begins at 10 am. We need to have volunteers at the church between 8:15 and 8:30 to take tables and chairs to the park. We will need to set up the tent, cook the hotdogs, roll the hotdogs, and serve. We will need 3 large coolers and two grills. Please let Caryl or the Sullivans know if you will be available.



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# ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:00 AM Pentecost Breakfast 9:20 AM Healthy Congregation 9:50 AM Worship Leaders Meet 10:25 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship	6 11-12 pm Free Summer Lunch 2:00 pm SCT Book Club 4:30 pm Pickleball 6:30 pm World & Community	7 11-12 pm Free Summer Lunch 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	8 4:30 pm Centering Prayer 4:30 pm Pickle Ball 5:30 pm Invitational Ministry	9 9:30 AM WPC Literary Society 3:00 PM Pickleball 6:00 pm Grocery Oasis 11-12 pm Free Summer Lunch	10 K.O.'s Day Off 11-12 pm Free Summer Lunch	11 K.O.'s Day Off 1:00 VBS Training Day
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# Westminster Monthly



- John & Lonna Reinecke—June 6—57 years
- Stan & Janice Kivett—June 8—59 years
- Matt & Lynn Boddington—June 9—44 years
- Mark & Lori Dutton—June 10—27 years
- Bill & Tina Gannaway—June 11—34 years
- Bill & Sharon Read—June 13—23 years
- Tom & Michele Gettler—June 15—31 years
- Bob & Cheryl Saathoff—June 19—56 years
- Roger & Benie Dallam—June 20—30 years
- Scott & Denise Humphrey—June 20—35 years
- Rodney & Susan Jones—June 30—44 years

### Save these Dates!

- \* June 2 - July 15 Free Summer Lunch Weekdays from 11-12 pm
- \* June 11 at 1 pm – VBS Training Day
- \* June 12 – Bill Gannaway's 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- June 27 – Jump Celebration at First United Methodist Church 7-8:30 pm
- July 4 – College Hill Fourth of July Parade 10 am

\*See Page 8 for more information

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Kimberly Svaty & Carolyn Wadley— June 2
- Allison Proctor—June 4
- Sue Bowden & Brian Vawter—June 5
- Tyler Humphrey—June 7
- Bill Gannaway Jr.— June 10
- Harley Stamper—June 11
- Joe Anderson—June 12
- Charlotte Bates & Deborah Moore—June 16
- Brenda Marsh—June 18
- Blake Gettler & Stan Kivett—June 19
- Jenny Bergstrom & Tyler Williams —June 21
- Heidi Nelson & Anna Noonoo—June 24
- Brady McCall—June 25
- Roger Dallam—June 26
- Sara Shaughnessy—June 27