

WESTMINSTER WITNESS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

"GROWING IN FAITH, REACHING OUT IN LOVE"

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE



“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.” 1 Corinthians 13:4

Quiet Please!!

There I was standing on the 7th Green at the TPC Twin Cities Golf Course with my arms extended upward ensuring that professional golfers such as Ricky Fowler, Stewart Cink, and Tony Finau would not be disturbed or distracted as they were putting for birdies, pars, and bogeys. If you’ve ever watched a golf tournament in person or on television, then you know the scene that I am describing. Well that was me this past month in Blaine, MN, as I volunteered as a Gallery Management Ambassador for the 3M Open Golf Tournament on the PGA Tour. It was a unique and fun experience as I was able to get ‘inside’ the ropes and enjoy the game I love in a different light. I had a great time, but there was also a purpose for me being there. That purpose as a ‘purple shirted’ volunteer was to serve both the golfers and the public. I wasn’t there just to watch golf at a different level. I was there as a vital part of the functioning, both behind the scenes and out front, of this multi-million-dollar golf tournament.

As always, I look for spiritual

parallels of life, and I definitely found one at this tournament. Critical to the success of this event was how well the volunteers focused on caring for and serving the golfers and the people there watching them. For all the money that was poured into this event, I was amazed that at the core of this experience was the service and attention given by hundreds of volunteers. This same spirit is also at the core of our lives as believers and how we function as the Church of Christ.

Over the next few months, Pastor Britt and I will be writing about what many call the “Love Chapter” – 1 Corinthians 13. At the foundation of this amazing letter written to a church in the Greek City of Corinth, was this idea of love - a love that unites, that serves, that gives to both our God and others. We are familiar with the opening words in verse four where each item – patience, kindness, envy, boastfulness, and pride – speaks to our relationship with our God and with humanity. In this arena of public life, the quality of experience that we have will be based on how well we commit to the enjoyment and the experience around us.

We are called as believers to live patiently and kindly with others. Let us not be pushy or confrontational or ill tempered. We are called not to let jealousy or pride drive wedges between ourselves and those around us. We must not be boastful or arrogant of the blessings that we have been given. The love that Paul is focusing on is an always giving, always caring, always surrendering sense of service and mercy. Whether we are volunteering on a golf course, interfacing with co-workers in the office, nurturing children at home, or having coffee with friends, we

must always do so with a sense of love that seeks the betterment of others over ourselves. So, as summer comes to end and our regular patterns of life are beginning again, let us commit to having *a love that is lived out*. Let us love with service, sacrifice, care, and compassion. Let us Love our God with all that we are and love our neighbors as ourselves.

*God Bless;
Pastor Mike*

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L.I.F.T. Youth Ministries

Wednesday Night L.I.F.T.

Starting in the fall on September 14th Youth Group will be **every Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted).**

We will eat dinner, play games, and study God's word. We look forward to seeing you and hope you will bring a friend or two!



Confirmation begins on September 18th. Confirmation is a time for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to have a chance to delve deeper into their faith.

Confirmation meets on Sundays from 11:00-11:45 in the Youth Room. This year, we will be studying the Old Testament.

A big welcome to our incoming Confirmands!!

Parker Armagost

Rapha Asah

Dax Boverhuis

Hey Soccer Fans!!! We plan to catch a game with our very own Minnesota Loons. There is a home game on October 9th at 4pm. We plan to leave the church at 1pm. Cost is \$40
RSVP now with Pastor Britt.



Teen Girls Study

Calling all teenage girls. We will begin a 7-week study for 6th-12th grade girls on Sundays from 2:00pm-3:00pm here at the Church in the Youth Room. We will start on

Sunday, September 25th.

We will be reading through the study *Truthfilled* by Ruth Chou Simons in which we will journey through the book of Colossians. Let Pastor Britt know if you are interested by September 4th so she can order you a copy of the book.

Youth Sunday is October 16th



Save the date!!! It's that time of year again when we get to lead our church in worship through sermons and music.



2022 RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, September 30, 2022

Saturday, October 1, 2022

As you are cleaning and sorting during the weeks ahead, please consider starting your "**take-to-the-Rummage Sale**" bags. Contact Gloria Aanonson or Dayle Wedeking if you have questions.

Items accepted are good, clean clothing for children, women and men (including plus sizes), shoes, small furniture, sporting goods, Christmas decorations, knick-knacks, linens, small household appliances (in working order), dishes, games, toys, puzzles, and books.

(You may start bringing in your items on September 19th)



2023 Stewardship – Love Gives

This year through our Stewardship Campaign, we will explore how as believers we can give back God's abundance with our time, our hearts, our resources, and our lives. Join us as we explore how we as individuals of faith and how we as the body of Christ can faithfully manage God's grace and share in never failing love. We will learn how our faithful giving not only supports our congregation but also helps transform our community and our world through God's love.

You will soon be receiving your Stewardship Packet in the mail, and we encourage you to take a look at all it offers. Please consider ways in which you can give out of God's abundance and to read together as a church the scripture readings that are provided. Please stop by our Stewardship table beginning October 23rd and learn more about how you can give back to our God.



Festival of the Nativities 2022

Friday, December 2, 2022

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Westminster will host our Annual Festival of the Nativities, a nondenominational, FREE, family event open to the community. The focus is the season of preparation for Christ's birth through the lighted display of

Nativities. Seasonal Christian music, children's crafts, and refreshments are also special features at this event.

Remember: Please mark your calendars!



We are excited for another year of our Candy Caravan. It will be held on **Monday, October 31st from 4:30-5:30**. This is a time of giving out treats to our neighborhood kids as their families drive through our parking lot! We will have people dressed in costumes handing out the candy, and we will have Jim Jayes entertaining them in the lines! We are taking donations for candy for the event and also signups for volunteers. Check with Pastor Britt or Laura Carlson for more information.



NEW TO THE STAFF

We are excited to welcome to the Westminster Presbyterian Church Staff Laura Carlson as our Children’s Ministry Director. She started August 1st. Her office hours are Mon/Thurs/Sun (9-12), Tues/Wed (1-4). We are looking forward to her sharing her gifts of drama with our children and for the vision she has for this year. We also welcome Jim Jayes as our Assistant Custodian who is working on Monday and Friday mornings so we have a custodian on site each day. Welcome Jim and Laura!



We’d love for you to join us for church on Sunday, September 11th. We’ve begun to use this time as an opportunity to highlight ministries within the church. This year during Celebration Sunday, we will highlight our Deacons Ministry and learn more about what our Deacons do and find out who your Deacon is. You will get to sit with your care group and have coffee and treats, also a small gift from your Deacon! On Celebration Sunday, we will be also handing out 3rd grade Bibles and have our Teacher Commissioning. Come also to learn more about all of our Fall Ministries.

L.I.F.T. Youth Ministries is looking for volunteers for the year. You would walk alongside



our youth, especially during our Wednesday night youth group time, as we fellowship, have fun playing games, and studying God’s word. It’s a wonderful opportunity to help them grow in their relationship with God and to show your love and support for them. Come join us. Talk to Pastor Britt for more details.



September 11th Celebration Sunday:

3rd grade Bible Presentations

Henry Armagost

Grant Baron

Marcene Buttshaw

Ava Sorenson

Leo Taylor

Maverick Trocinski

Micah Vortherms

Kendal Wendling



Teacher Commissioning - We would be honored to have all Sunday School Teachers join us during the service on September 11th.

September 18th-

**1st day of Sunday School Classes:
for Children age 3 (by 9-1-22) - 5th Grade**

10:45 am Free Play in the Arts and Crafts Room
with their teacher(s)

10:55 am Sunday School Class time

11:45 am Please pick your child up in
the Children & Youth Ministry Wing

Adventurer's Club

For 2nd – 5th graders

Meets at the church

Bring a friend!



September 11th

Sunday 2-3:30 pm

Apple Festival



October 9th

Sunday 2-4 pm

Farmer John's Pumpkin Patch Outing



RSVP to Laura Carlson at

christianed@westminsteraustin.com

I am looking for parent volunteers to join us each month for Adventurer's Club! Let me know which month works best for you.



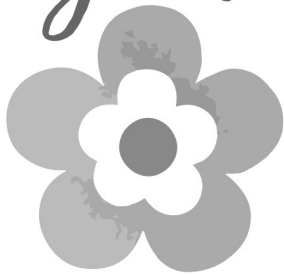
THANK YOU

We want to thank Gordy Briggs for making and donating a beautiful handmade wooden “Jesus Cross” to the Church.

We are so thankful for it and have proudly hung it on south wall of the Parlor. Its beauty and its craftsmanship are a blessing to us all.

Thank You!

Thank
You!



Thank you to Nanc Lenz, Selene Schulz, and Terry Briggs for helping in our Church Office while Cindy Jayes was away on vacation in July.

You are all so appreciated!!

Pastor Mike, Pastor Britt, Laura, Cindy, & Eric

(Please let the church office know if you'd be interested in volunteering in the future)



Have you seen our new basketball hoop in the East Parking Lot? Quite a few different groups of kids from our neighborhood have been

enjoying it! Thank you to our anonymous donors who made this happen! This is a great way to show Christ's love to our neighborhood kids!

THANK YOU!



Chancel Choir

You are invited to our Annual Chancel Choir Potluck at 6:30 on September 7th at Sue Radloff's home (1400 19th St SW). Please bring one dish to share, and we will practice at 7:30 for our first singing performance after we eat which is September 10th for Phil Masse's Memorial Service, and then we will sing on Sunday the 11th as well during the Worship Service. We welcome all adults and older youth to join our choir!

Sue Radloff, Director

Ascending Truth Worship Team

Families of all ages are encouraged to join this group who lead music every 3rd Sunday in Worship. We are also looking for other adults who would like to join us as a strong part of the choral group. Please see Lorene Strobel for more information. We will have our first Sunday performance on September 18th with rehearsal at 8:30 that morning. Join us for our "Camp" Retreat on September 18th at noon to go over our songs through January and enjoy Sloppy Joes, chips, and s'mores bars!

Sunshine Singers

Sunshine Singers will be continuing with their 10-10:30am rehearsals on Sundays for Pre-K thru 2nd grade, and on September 14, Wednesday rehearsals for Pre-K thru 5th graders will commence again for the school year from 5:30-6pm. We look forward to you all attending rehearsals again full of fun, worship, and music. If you are over 5th grade and interested in being a helper for Sunshine Singers either on Sundays or Wednesdays, please email e.evanspeck@westminsteraustin.com.



Music News

Spirit Ringers will begin rehearsals on Wednesday August 31st at 6:15. Regular rehearsals are every Wednesday, and we play for church on the fourth Sunday of each month (September – May). New ringers are welcome. Please contact Ann Flisrand at 438-4079 or annflis44@charter.net



Ann Flisrand, Director



Rainbow Ringers

Rainbow Ringers is open to all children from grade 3 through grade 6. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays starting September 15th from 4:45-5:25. We play for church on Dec. 11th, a Lenten service, and Mother's Day. This is a chance to work on teamwork, reading music, and being independent, as no one else can play your part. If you have any questions, please contact me at ann44flis@charter.net or following church. *Ann Flisrand, Director*

WESTMINSTER STRINGS

Westminster Strings will be performing on Sunday, Oct. 30. This group is open to any string players (violin, viola, cello, and bass) with at least 2 years of playing experience. We normally perform on the 5th Sunday of the month. *Sue Radloff, Dir.*





Phil Masse
July 13, 2022

In Memory of...



United in Marriage

Mary Ann Munro & Bryan Girolami
July 16, 2022



Serving Our Country

Alex Charlson (Jacky Dietz's great-nephew) - Army
Seth Clasen - Army
Bryce Gerber - Marines
Christine Hiegel - National Guard
Paul Mueller - National Guard
Garrett Smith (Pastor Mike's nephew) - Air Force

If you or a family member are actively serving in the military, please contact the church office, and we will include them in future Witnesses.

If you or someone in your family has a birthday in September or October and it is NOT listed, that means the church office doesn't have your birth date. If it is incorrectly listed or missing, please contact the church office so we can update our church records.

- 2 Connor Baldus
- 4 Yvonne Tedrow
- 6 Jacey Baron
- 6 Susan Hodge
- 6 David Sundal
- 7 Shirley Hinrichs
- 8 Isabelle Wilhelmi
- 10 Amanda Bridgeman
- 10 Sarah Bridgeman
- 10 Emma Potter
- 11 Peter Tangren
- 12 Ted Hinrichs
- 13 Darlene Perry
- 14 Darlene Berhow
- 16 Emily Lassiter
- 17 Joanne Sass
- 17 Marvella Sydenstricker
- 18 Richard Carlson
- 18 Jason Stoulil
- 18 Ronald Wangen
- 20 Lanny Krachmer
- 20 Kathy Owens
- 20 Renee Harnack
- 21 Gloria Aanonson
- 21 Junia Lassiter
- 23 Mach Diang
- 23 Daniel Hooker
- 23 Tommy Olmsted
- 25 Peniel Kpelevi
- 25 Mary Ann Rasmussen
- 25 Sarah Wehner
- 26 Elizabeth Carlson
- 30 William Momsen

- 1 Elissa Volkman
- 4 Cassie Walker
- 5 Loretta Davidson
- 5 Seth Sayles
- 6 Marie Trocinski
- 7 Cinde Goskeson
- 9 Julie Lura
- 9 Millie Masse
- 9 Makiah Rumsey
- 10 Jesse Davidson
- 14 Karen Krachmer
- 14 Alexis Greeley
- 16 Lamonte Gray
- 16 Ariel Speltz
- 16 Sharon Toland
- 16 Benjamin Walker
- 18 David Berhow
- 20 Emily Wood
- 22 Marjorie Bridgeman
- 22 Jennifer Weaver
- 23 Janet Hooker
- 25 Gavin Larson
- 26 Coleen Olmsted
- 28 April Greeley
- 28 Nancy Heimer
- 28 Milo Sundal
- 30 Phyllis Crabtree
- 30 Alex Sherman
- 31 Madison Christenson



Fellowship Group News: 'Thrive' is becoming 'Alive!'

This Fall, our Thrive Fellowship group is officially changing to 'Alive!' Along with the name change, we are also making some program changes. Our 'Alive!' Fellowship Group is for those who are 55 years and older. Our primary focus will be on creating connection and community through quarterly fellowship activities that are geared towards those approaching retirement or already there. The primary leadership of this group will be Betsy Wuebker and Meridee Ofstedahl. We are excited about this change and looking forward to some great times ahead!



Join us for our first 'Alive!' Event:

Fall Bonfire and Potluck Dinner at the Wuebker's Farm

26305 540th Ave, Austin, MN
(Just south of Lansing)

October 15th beginning at 5pm

Please RSVP to either Betsy or Meridee and be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

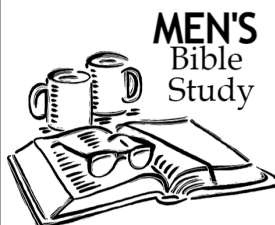
Tuesday Morning Bible Study Beginning Again!!

On Tuesday, September 20th at 10am, we will begin meeting again in the Parlor. This is a great chance to enter into God's Word and join in on lively discussions, plenty of laughter, and spiritual growth. Our study will be led by Pastor Mike.



Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us on most Thursday mornings at 7:00am as we gather around God's Word (and also a donut and a hot cup of coffee)! We will be watching and discussing the film series, *The Chosen*, Season 2. All men are welcome, and we hope that you can join us.



MEN'S
Bible
Study

**Come to our Kick-Off
Breakfast at Perkins on
Thursday, September 22nd
@ 7:00am. Let Pastor Mike
know if you are interested
in coming!!!**

Sunday Morning Adult Education: Beyond the Pulpit

"You have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15

Join us beginning on September 25th for our weekly Pastor's Study on Sunday Mornings. It will meet in the Parlor at 11:00 and will be a time of discussion and further study of the morning's Sermon as we go 'beyond the pulpit.' It will be led by our Pastors, and it will be a time of discussions, questions, and reflections which will add depth and insight to the morning's message. This year we will be preaching through the Gospel of Luke, so please join us for this free flowing, yet informative, time of learning more about the life, ministry, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

Strive Ministries (For Singles, Couples, and Families in their late 20s to early 50s)

Join us this Fall for fellowship, study, and great times as we reengage with this wonderful ministry. Our Men's Strive and Women's Strive Bible Studies will be paralleling each other as we study *"Live Rich Without Money"* by Christian Comedian and Speaker Phil Callaway. The Men's Group will be meeting on the 3rd Monday of every month and the Women's Group will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month. Both groups will meet in the Youth Room at 7:00pm and light snacks will be provided. Check out our schedule for the Fall:

Men's Strive - Sept. 19th; Oct. 17th; Nov. 21st

Women's Strive - Sept. 26th; Oct. 24th; Nov. 28th



On behalf of our Mission & Fellowship Committee:

Thank you for donating to the Parenting Resource Center's July Diaper Drive with Fill the Pack N' Play!

We donated 1,420 diapers which were bundled into 15-diaper sets which made 94 bundles! We also donated \$57 collected as well.

"Your generosity will have a huge impact on the families that we serve in our community."

Thanks to all who helped pack 7,000 meals with
'REAL HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY'
on Sunday, August 14th.





PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice and Peace & Build Community

The Summer Sister Wrap-up was held on August 28 in the Parlor. Overall, the Summer Sister experience proved to be fun and helped everyone get better acquainted. There were lunches, concerts, movies, shopping, garden and Mower County Fair visits. When schedules were affected by vacations or family/medical plans/needs - connections continued via calls, texts and social media.

The Fall schedule has begun:

Pot Pourri Bible Study meets next on September 27. Their meetings are in the Parlor at 5:30 p.m. the 4th Tuesday each month. They begin the evening with pizza and trimmings. Please contact Gloria Aanonson (507-438-7393) to make your reservation. They are continuing the Anita Gutschick video series *“Women of the Bible.”*

Rebekah Bible Study begins meeting September 28, 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. They will begin a new study. Watch for information on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall and in the Sunday bulletin. Please contact Selene Schulz (507-438-3299) for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE – Sale dates are Friday,

September 30 and Saturday October 1st.

This event is greatly anticipated in the community as a resource for quality used items at a great price.

- **DONATIONS** may be brought in beginning MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19. Deliver all items to the Fellowship Hall and Stage areas. Tables and racks will be set up and labeled (Women, Men, Linens, etc.). Please place your donations in the appropriate area. Thank you!!
- **VOLUNTEER** sign up begins Sunday, September 4th. Check your calendars and plan to help often during set up September 26 through close out on Saturday, October 1. Many hands make light work and it's lots of fun!

PROCEEDS from the Rummage Sale go to missions. All leftover items continue on to agencies providing service to others.



God's Promise of Blessing: As people blessed by God, we are instruments of God's blessings to others.

Gloria Aanonson, Co-Moderator



Come for knitting.
 Come for crocheting.
 Come for coffee or tea.
 Just come and join in the
 fun and great conversation!
 Every Thursday at 9:30 (or
 whenever you can). We will
 be in the Parlor.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Austin Public Schools Lunch- Tray Project

To qualify for the Free- and Reduced-Price Lunch program, families need to fall into specific income guidelines. To put this into perspective, a single parent with one child must gross less than \$2525 per month to qualify for free or reduced priced meals. That number is before taxes, insurance, transportation, housing, and all other life expenses that are accounted for. It is easy to see how school lunch money can become overwhelming. In Austin, there are a number of families whose income puts them outside these guidelines, but by such a small amount that paying for lunches is still a challenge.

To address this need, the Food & Nutrition Department at Austin Public Schools has launched the Lunch Tray Project, where interested citizens, businesses, and other entities can donate money to help pay for a year of lunches for students whose families fall into this group. Those families we are hoping to help are working families who, more than likely, do not qualify for any supportive services. They are families to whom this would be appreciated as a "helping hand," one which would take one worry off their plate.

An average year of lunches cost \$450 per student. To qualify for the Lunch Tray Project, students must have a Free & Reduced lunch application that has been denied based on income with the amount of denial less than the \$450 per student needed to pay for lunch.

Each year, there are approximately 20-40 children who would be helped by this program. All money raised will go directly into student accounts, as there is no extra cost to administer this program. We know that having healthy meals improves academic success for students. Austin is part of a program that allows us to provide all students with breakfast at no charge for this very reason. Now we're hoping to help families whose income puts them just outside the guidelines to provide their students with healthy lunches as well.

Thank you,
 The Mission Committee



*Save your change for
 the Money Jar!*

THE PENNY JAR –
 located in Fellowship
 Hall

Coins are still being collected. PWC will continue to match all coins received and will be given to Austin Public Schools' Lunch Tray Project. Please bring in your coins so we can give a sizable amount in November.

Thank you!



Church Directory UPDATE

New Addresses

Correction of winter address for
Jeannie & Carroll King:
15847 N 110th Place
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Correction of phone number for
Carol Young:
507-438-6030
and new address
Rick & Carol Young
1411 29th St SW
Austin, MN 55912



Welcome to our new members:

**Jeff, Chanda, Faith, & Andrew Sayles
and
Kathy & Brad Owens**

DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

August 2022



*"We Love because He first
Loved Us."
1 John 4:19*

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**New
Directories
Available now
in the Church
Office!**

Communion Service Changes

Our Session has approved the following changes to our Communion Service beginning on October 2nd, which is World Communion Sunday. We will be returning to our tradition of 'passing the plates' for the Bread and the Juice down each row in the Sanctuary. We believe that we are now cautiously and safely able to return to our previous practices of service. Communion is something to be experienced in the context of the Community of Christ, and we believe that this is best accomplished with the corporate sharing of the elements. As always, we will take extra precaution to make sure this is done in a safe and protected way. We will continue with our coming forward method during the Summer months (including September 4th).

*She opens her arms to the poor and
extends her hands to the needy.
Proverbs 31:20*

SALVATION ARMY CEREAL CART

Thanks everyone for being so generous and keeping our commitment to furnish cereal for the Salvation Army cereal shelf. Please remember to continue bringing cereal when you can. The Austin community needs our help!

Thank you, the Mission Committee





Session & Deacon News

Session News and Happenings from the Summer

Items Approved in our Clerk's Report:

Baptisms Requests: D'Anna Hastings (Baptism & Membership Request); Wedding Request: Nathan Toland & Emily Grace (10/16/22); Deaths – Phil Masse (7/13/22); Lord's Supper was served collectively on 7/3/22 & 8/7/22.

Your Session met in person on August 16th. The meeting was opened with devotions and prayers from Pastor Olmsted. Below are the discussions and actions of Session that have taken place over the Summer:

Items of Discussion coming from our Committees and any Session Actions that were taken:

Personnel/Finance is working on a transfer of Treasurer's duties and responsibilities. We welcomed to our staff Laura Carlson (CM Director) and Jim Jayes (Asst. Custodian). Formally tabled discussions on WPC Employee Classification until Sept. Committee Meeting.

Facilities/Grounds approved bid from Berg's Nursery of up to \$1,000 to clean and treat east side patio blocks to reduce weed growth. Reported that the oven has been repaired and is working well, and the committee spent lots of time working on the outside grounds. We also finished cleaning out all of the Boy Scouts equipment from our basement.

Worship/Outreach: Session had previously approved the reinstating of serving communion by the 'passing of the plates' for Oct. 2nd and beyond. Preparing for the Free Corn & Pork Feed Community Outreach for 8/24 at 5:30pm.

Mission/Fellowship: Discussed and decided on continued support of the APS Lunch Tray Program. Reported on the success of our Diaper Drive for the Parenting Resource Center and the food packing event for Real Hope for the Hungry. They will assist with serving at the Community Pork & Corn Feed on Aug. 24th.

Nurture/Discipleship: Welcomed Laura Carlson as our new Children's Ministry Director and reported on a great summer of ministry with VBS, Youth Mission Trip, and many other activities.

Session voted on and approved the following:

Approved the July Treasurer's Report.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Wundermachten and the singing of the Doxology.

Deacons

While we take the months of July and August off for the meetings, we continue to fulfil our deacons duties as we reach out to those needing meals and as we work to connect with the members of our congregation.

During the summer months, however, some of our deacons who are in more overt leadership roles met with Pastor Britt and Pastor Mike to work on streamlining the process for different ministries and to come up with more clearly defined deacon roles and criteria. We look forward to implementing these changes.

We have also been working toward planning Celebration Sunday on September 11th. This year, we will highlight the Deacon's Ministry and all that we do. The Fellowship Hall will be set up so each of the Deacons can sit with their care groups and get to know each other a little more.

Come join us to meet your Deacons and see what they are up to. Who knows, it might inspire you to become a deacon next year!



Now you can give via text or online



Give easily and securely from
anywhere, anytime.

Via Text Message

Text givewpc to 73256

On our website

www.westminsteraustin.com



Detailed instructions on how to give online are
available on the welcome table.
Any questions, stop in the church office.

*Friendly
Reminder*

Please keep bringing in items
for our WPC Food Pantry

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:30am-4:00pm

Friday

8:30am-12:30pm

Church Phone

507-433-3258



One of our pastors will be on call each
weekend, Friday through Sunday, to take
care of any urgent matters. Please call the
church office phone number for direction.

PER CAPITA

Per Capita is money each church is
asked to pay to cover the administrative costs of
the PCUSA General Assembly, our synod, and our
local Presbytery. **The payment due for 2022 is
\$36.50 per member.**

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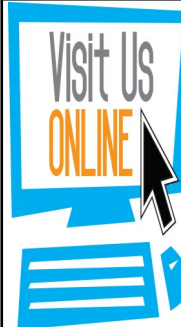
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Did you miss a sermon or want to
hear one again? All sermons and bul-
letins are under the Worship Service
tab. There are 6 weeks of color bul-
letins on the website. The Calendar
and Witness tab

includes color copies of the Witnesses from the
previous year. These can be useful for writing
current Witness articles and looking up past events.
Are you looking for information on an upcoming
event? Do you need a registration form? Do you
wish to give online? Click the **Give Now** button,
now with new giving options and follow the
prompts for online giving.

If you have church activities or pictures you would
like posted on the church website, please email the
information to Eric at
secretary2@westminsteraustin.com or drop it off in
the church office. Eric updates the church website
every Wednesday.

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We are looking forward to writing our own Advent Devotionals this year. Every couple of years, we like to write one as members of the church. This is a wonderful way to share our faith with one another, help each other to reflect, and draw nearer to our God during the Advent season. Our theme this year is “Love Reaches Down.”

If you are interested in this opportunity, we are taking signups now. Contact Cindy Jayes or Pastor Britt. Once we know who is signing up, we will send more details and guidelines. Please pray about this and see if God is calling you to contribute this year.

