

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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# THE WESTMINSTER LOG

The metaphor of the bread of life is a popular image. Bread is a basic food staple, filling and made from simple ingredients. It is plentiful and readily available. In calling himself the bread of life, Jesus speaks to his identification with the needs and interests of the everyday person. It is also a profoundly sacrificial theme; Jesus invites us to *consume* him, to eat and drink his life.



## Gather together

### AUGUST 11

**"Eat to Live"**

**John 6: 35, 41-51**

### AUGUST 18

**"An Appetite for Instruction"**

**Proverbs 9: 1-6;**

**Psalm 34: 9-14**

### AUGUST 25

**"Hard to Swallow"**

**John 6: 56-69**

### SEPTEMBER 1

**"Dirty Hands and Clean Hearts"**

**Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

But Jesus does not originate this imagery. In the writings of Proverbs, we find an invitation to eat and drink from the table of holy wisdom. This consumption is more than metaphorical. It means internalizing the ways, the thoughts, the imagination, the disciplines of righteous life.

As the summer days of barbecues, backyard cookouts, and picnics in the park begin to draw to a close we'll take some time to focus on the importance of nurturing our soul along with the body. This series explores the idea of how our lives are transformed from the invitation to partake of life-giving realities. The passages we'll focus on for these four weeks lift up important teachings that can deepen our understanding of how life in God feeds our souls.

"It takes more than bread to stay alive. It takes a steady stream of words from God's mouth." Join us as we worship and gather at the table.

### Looking ahead to September

Below is a list of dates our choirs, classes and other events begin; we'll have more details in the September Log

### Wednesday, September 4th

Contemporary Choir and Chancel Choir

### Sunday, September 8th

Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday morning Adult Bible Study  
Church School Kickoff and Ice Cream Social

### Thursday, September 12th

Adult Bible Study via Zoom

### Wed., September 11th - Fri., September 13th

PW Rummage Sale (see page 4)

### September 24th

Lunch and Laugh

### September 29th

50 Year Member Recognition



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# August

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## Sundays

**9:30 a.m. Fellowship**

Join us in Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Donuts and Conversation

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

**11:30 a.m. Fellowship**

Join us in Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Cookies and Conversation

Please look on each Sunday for events and worship information specific to that day.

## Happy Birthday

Web Tally  
Jeanne Bradley  
Kaye Walker  
Barbara English

Mary Jessup  
Carolyn Eichhorn  
Peggy Hawkins  
Carole Fulcher  
Thomas Kayner

Sunday	Monday
<b>4</b> <i>Mary Magdalene</i> <i>Mark 16:1-11</i>	<b>5</b> 8:30 a.m. VBS  6:00 p.m. Mission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting
<b>11</b> <i>Eat to Live</i> <i>John 6:35, 41-51</i>  11:45 a.m. Fellowship & Outreach Mtg.	<b>12</b>  5:00 p.m. Property Meeting 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting
<b>18</b> <i>Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases and Bags</i>  <i>An Appetite for Instruction</i> <i>Proverbs 9:1-6 &amp; Psalm 34:9-14</i>  11:45 a.m. Book & Brunch	<b>19</b>
<b>25</b> <i>Worship on the Lawn</i>  <i>Hard to Swallow</i> <i>John 6:56-69</i>	<b>26</b>  1:30 p.m. Food Bank of Eastern Michigan volunteer opportunity

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri/Sat
		<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. TOPS 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open 5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran 7:00 p.m. Faces of Our Faith Devotional Series via Zoom	<b>2/3</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 a.m. VBS  6:00 p.m. Personnel Meeting	<b>7</b> 8:30 a.m. VBS  4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open	<b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. VBS  10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open  5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran	<b>9</b>  <b>10</b> 7:05 p.m. Loons Game
<b>13</b> 9:00 a.m. Matthew 25 Cafe 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. Bay City Lions 1:30 p.m. Summer Movie 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Growth Meeting	<b>14</b>  4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open  5:15 p.m. Worship Meeting	<b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. TOPS  10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open  5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran	<b>17/18</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>21</b> 12:00 Members to Remember Luncheon and Worship Service  4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open	<b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. TOPS  10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open  5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran	<b>23/24</b>
<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. Hearts & Hands Knitting 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>  4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open	<b>29</b> 8:30 a.m. TOPS  10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open  5:00 p.m. Food of Faith at Messiah Lutheran	<b>30/31</b>

\*Birthdays listed are for our 75+ Members

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The **Operating Fund** had income \$31,227.14 and expenses of \$33,095.57 in June. Expenses included our quarterly commitments to Presbytery and General Assembly. Plus expenses for piano tuning, a trip to Cedar Point for our youth group, books for our Summer Book Studies, and monthly expenses to keep the church cool, the lights on, and the water running.

The **Building Improvement Fund** received contributions of \$855.00, in June and did not have any expenses during the month. The Fund, at the end of June, has a balance of \$15,870.33. Thank you for contributions.

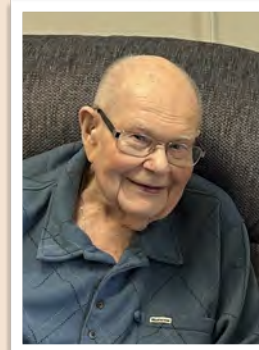
The **Major Repairs Fund** had income of \$424.83 in June and there were no expenses. The Fund has a balance of \$42,683.94 at the end of June. Thank you for contributing to the Major Repairs Fund.

Contributions to the **Capital Campaign Fund** totaled \$1,103.10 in June. We made our regular loan payment and at the end of June the balance on the loan is \$121,212.84. Thank you for your continued support of the Capital Campaign.

Please reach out if you have any questions about Westminster's finances.

*Heather Heidtman* [treasurer@wpcbc.org](mailto:treasurer@wpcbc.org)

*With Sympathy*



Prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of Dick Hebner. Dick passed away July 21, 2024. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 3, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Westminster.

*We'll miss you!*

PRAYING FOR A SMOOTH AND SPEEDY RECOVERY

Rev. Linda will be undergoing hip replacement surgery on August 5th and will be off from work for several weeks in August. Later in the month she plans to work from home and is tentatively scheduled to be back, Sunday, September 8th. Please keep Rev. Linda in your prayers.

**BIKE RAFFLE WINNER!**



This picture is our End of School Block Party Bike Raffle Winner, Lorenzo with his new bike and helmet! Thank you to Penzien-Steele Funeral Home for the donation and to all the members of Westminster for helping make our 2nd Annual End of School Block Party a success!

**FELLOWSHIP TIME AFTER WORSHIP**

Beginning in August, our time of Fellowship following worship will be held in the space immediately outside of the sanctuary! Stop in for a sweet treat, some coffee or lemonade, and stay to greet those worshipping with you, old friends and new. Fellowship time *before* worship (9:30-10:15) will still be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE & BAKE SALE**



You may drop off items for the rummage sale beginning Sunday, September 8th **after the Ice Cream Social** through Tuesday, September 10. If you're able to donate baked goods, please bring them to the church on Wednesday, September 11

**Wednesday, September 11**  
For Members Only  
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 12**  
Open to the Public  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 13**  
Open to the Public  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

As many know, the Presbyterian Women's Association here at Westminster has been somewhat dormant for several years. While we do

have 2 active Women's Circles and continue providing funeral dinners and hold an annual Rummage Sale, there currently isn't a PW Board. This arrangement is not sustainable.

What you may not know is that every woman of Westminster is part of Presbyterian Women, even if you are not active in a Circle. We would like to hear from you, on how you would like the work of PW at Westminster to continue. We are inviting and encouraging all women of Westminster to attend a meeting **Sunday, September 22nd after worship**. We hope you will make plans to attend.

**UPCOMING CHOIR DATES**



Both the Chancel Choir and the Contemporary Choir will begin rehearsals, Wednesday, September 4th, with the Contemporary Choir meeting at 5:15 p.m. and the Chancel Choir meeting at 6:30 p.m. The Chancel Choir will be back in the Choir loft, Sunday, September 8th. The Contemporary Choir will perform on Sunday, September 22nd. If you would like to join either (or both!) Choirs, please reach out to Dawn Auger or Seth Cunningham.

THANK YOU to all of the summer performers! We have been graced with beautiful music each and every Sunday during these summer months! We are blessed to have so many talented musicians in our midst.

**BELL CHOIRS**

The Adult Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 8th at 8:45 a.m. and their first performance will be on October 13th. The Bell Choir will be under the direction of Seth Cunningham. Seth will continue to serve as our organist and direct the Contemporary Choir as well.

The Little Ringers, Chime Choir and Jr. Bells will once again be under the direction of Judy Harrelson. Parents, as we get closer to September, we'll share dates and times for rehearsals for those groups.

We look forward to another wonderful year of singing and ringing at Westminster!

**BACK TO SCHOOL HELP FOR A FAMILY IN NEED**

As our students prepare to go back to school this month, Westminster is seeking to help some friends of the church in need this school year. A family with two, female Bay City Public School students could use some support with clothing this fall/winter. New or gently used items are appreciated! A bin for donations can be found in the coat room, just inside the Dewitt Street entrance.

- Needs:
- Shirts (Short or Long sleeve)
  - Pants
  - Sweatpants and sweatshirts
  - Shirt/Pant Sizes: 14-16; 16-18
  - Sock Size: 6-16

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AUGUST 5-8TH**

Heather will be on vacation from August 2-August 11th. During the week of August 5, the office will only be open during the morning from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**VBS WEEK!**  
AUGUST 5-8

Bible Stories  
Crafts  
Games  
Songs

Snack & Lunch included!

Bay Shores On-The-Road Day Camp!

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Entering K-5th Grade

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Pre-K (ages 3, 4, 5)

Exploring God's Big Creation!

### LOONS BASEBALL TIME!



We have a block of tickets reserved for the Great Lakes Loons versus the Lansing Lugnuts.

Join your church family and fellow baseball fans on **Saturday, August 10 at 7:05 p.m.** It's Faith and Family Night, with Fireworks following the game! Tickets are \$12.50 and can be purchased in the Church Office. The deadline to reserve tickets is Monday, July 29th. Tickets will need to be picked up near the Will-Call window at game time. Look for Pastor Jamie.

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, BRIEFCASES, AND BAGS

During the worship service on **August 18th**, children, youth, and adults will be invited to bring a bag and have it blessed as our young people prepare to head back to school, and the rest of us continue working and playing hard. Bring your backpacks, handbags, purses, briefcases, computer bags, shopping bags, etc. for a blessing. If you can carry something in it, we'll bless it! We'll also have colorful luggage tags or cards for you to take with you.



### SUMMER MOVIE SERIES CONTINUES!



On **Tuesday, August 13th at 1:30** we will be showing the documentary **A Place at the Table**, a documentary focusing on hunger and food insecurity, a problem being tackled right now here at Westminster as we opened our expanded food pantry. In this film, the focus is on the small town of Collbran, Colorado, a western, rural land comprised of humble, desperate folk who are struggling to make ends meet. We see a church organization member recall how when he started serving hot meals to the public, where anyone can come and eat for free, on Wednesday night, an unprecedented eighty to one-hundred and twenty people showed up. It was a large indication that many people in Collbran were not just desperate for frivolous things, but for something they can't live without. This film then expand to other cities here in the United States that suffers from food insecurity, maybe some like ours – Bay City, MI.

### June Food Pantry Statistics

**116** Households that utilized the Pantry in June

**102** New Households  
*of the 116, 102 or 88% visited our Pantry for the first time*

**372** Individuals we helped  
*of the 372, 128 were children*

**4462** Pounds of food distributed  
*at a cost of 16 cents per pound*



### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED!

**Volunteer!**

The Food Pantry is open Wednesday evenings from 4:00-7:00 p.m. & Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. There are also opportunities to help every other Monday morning and Wednesdays around noon to stock the shelves when we get deliveries from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and Hidden Harvest. Please contact Janet Beattie if you are able to help, (989) 280-3108.

**Support our Partners!**

A great way to support OUR food pantry is to support our partner! For every hour a volunteer works at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, we earn credit to buy food for our own food pantry. We're planning our first trip to the FBEM warehouse in Flint on August 26th from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. We plan to make this a recurring volunteer opportunity.

**Donate!**

Donations are always welcome. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Through our partnership with the FBEM we are able to purchase large quantities of food for a fraction of the cost you pay at local grocery stores, (see the statistics on the left). Make sure to mark "Food Pantry" on your envelope or the memo line of your check or scan the QR code to visit our online giving portal.



If you prefer to donate food items, look for a list of what the pantry is in need of each week on the white board on the door of the pantry.

Thank you Westminster for your support!



### BOOK AND BRUNCH

Our final Book and Brunch meeting of the summer will take place **following worship on August 18th**. During our time together, we'll discuss the final 3 chapters of the book "Poverty, By America." This book has indeed been challenging as we have looked at statistical data and personal stories surrounding those who live in poverty, and how the economic systems of the United States allow poverty to continue. In these final chapters, author Matthew Desmond doesn't leave us hopeless, but provides possible ways forward, as we work together to eradicate systemic poverty. Please plan to join us, even if you haven't been able to be a part of our earlier discussions. We still have a few copies of the book available if you would like to pick one up.



**Join the discussion!**  
August 18th