

CHIMES - June 2025

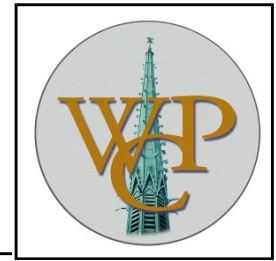


Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska



“When we are securely rooted in personal intimacy with the source of life, it will be possible to remain flexible without being relativistic, convinced without being rigid, willing to confront without being offensive, gentle and forgiving without being soft, and true witnesses without being manipulative.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

One of my favorite Sundays each year is Ascension Sunday. Yes, you might imagine I would say Christmas, or Easter, or maybe even Pentecost Sunday when the Holy Spirit can move in mysterious ways, as it did three years ago when I shared a spontaneous message in a moment of need. Despite my love of those other Sundays, there’s something special that too easily can be overlooked about the power of Ascension Sunday, the day we reflect on Jesus’ physical ascension after his resurrection. In the common text read on Ascension Day/Sunday from the opening 11 verses of the books of Acts chapter 1, we have Jesus’ declaration that the disciples will be,

not might be, but *will be*, Jesus’ witnesses to the ends of the earth.

The power about Jesus’ command to us that we as his disciples will be his witnesses is that we just never know the impact we are truly making when we are living our lives as a witness to the true light of the world that gives this world hope and peace.

When I was a student chaplain, I never knew the impact I truly made on a family whose teenage daughter was involved in a tragic car accident until years later. I vaguely remember sitting with this young lady’s family in the hospital waiting room as their daughter and granddaughter went through multiple surgeries to save her life. 15 years later I reached out to this now young woman, because I never forgot that fateful night, and to my surprise not only did she remember me, but so did her entire family who was there that evening. What I thought was just a simple act of sitting and waiting with this family, I quickly learned that my presence was a gift beyond value, a gift of comfort and peace. All these years later I see now it was God at work in and through me, me being a witness to the peace of God that pierces even the darkest moments of our lives, a peace and comfort that keeps us going and moving even during hardship and tragedy.

To allow our witness to be a witness of the truth, of God’s truth in this world, the truth that God desires peace and not destruction, the truth that nothing in this world can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, we need to ground ourselves even more in God’s word and the words of Jesus that are our guiding light, in Lynchburg, in Virginia, in the United States, and to the ends of the earth.

Peace,

Pastor Shawn

Art reference: Moscow School, The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 16th century, tempera on wood panel.



Please remember our homebound

Birthdays	
1	Wilbur Duncan
5	Greg Hoag
6	Shawn Hyska
15	Sharee Evans
15	James Oliver
20	Alex Rolison
22	Sylvia Knowles
24	Daniele Mason Hamblen
24	Monek Gafford
25	Lucy Carter Slette
28	Julia Crim

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Hurricane Relief



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in communication with affected presbyteries and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active In Disaster) to share information and coordinate resources as damage is assessed. PDA has deployed a National Response Team to Tampa Bay Presbytery, Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. Please join us in praying for everyone affected by Hurricane Helene. **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER**

ASSISTANCE RESPONSE, designate gifts to DR000169

Israel/Palestine

As violence escalates in and around Israel/Palestine, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing humanitarian assistance through partners on the ground and through ACT Alliance. PDA has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. Our response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions, including but not limited to medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items and delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals.

To support our response, designate gifts to DR000081-Israel/Palestine



Our congregation members go **HIGH** to keep Westminster in shape. Byron Thulin (left) works alongside Richard Mahler (below) to refresh our Fellowship Hall prior to Carter and Kyle's Wedding in April. The re-adhered paper looks great, fellas!



More progress is being made in the repair and restoration of our nearly 100 year-old building! The incredibly dedicated and talented members of Virginia Drywall & Plaster, LLC have been working tirelessly to revitalize our Fellowship Hall walls!



Above and to the left: Peyton Morse (daughter of Hollie Stobaugh and granddaughter of Mike Harris) graduates a year early from her Mississippi high school with a 4.0 GPA. She will be attending West Florida University in the fall, studying to become a Marine Biologist, with a specialty in Marine Toxicology. She wants to clean up the world's oceans!

Below and to the right: Eliana celebrated her 3rd birthday with many of her preschool friends on Saturday May 24th. They enjoyed unicorn cupcakes and a playground which helped to run the kids ragged. You are a beautiful, funny, and amazing little lady. We wish you and your parents a happy, blessed third year!



Join us for an evening of sacred choral music, June 22, 2025 at 7 p.m.

Legacy
ENSEMBLE

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1022 Floyd Street
Lynchburg, VA 24501

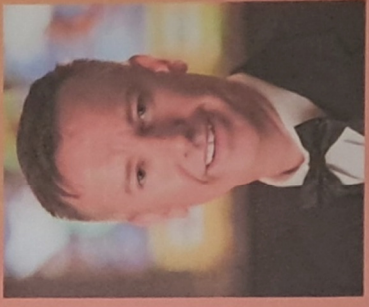
JOHN LOWE

Organ Recital

Court Street United Methodist Church

DM From Indiana University in
Organ Performance

Director of Music and Organist:
St. Mary's on the Highlands
Birmingham, Alabama



Save the Date

Sunday, June 15th @ 4:00 p.m.

621 Court Street
Historic Downtown Lynchburg, Virginia



Lynchburg Daily Bread

An Expression of love

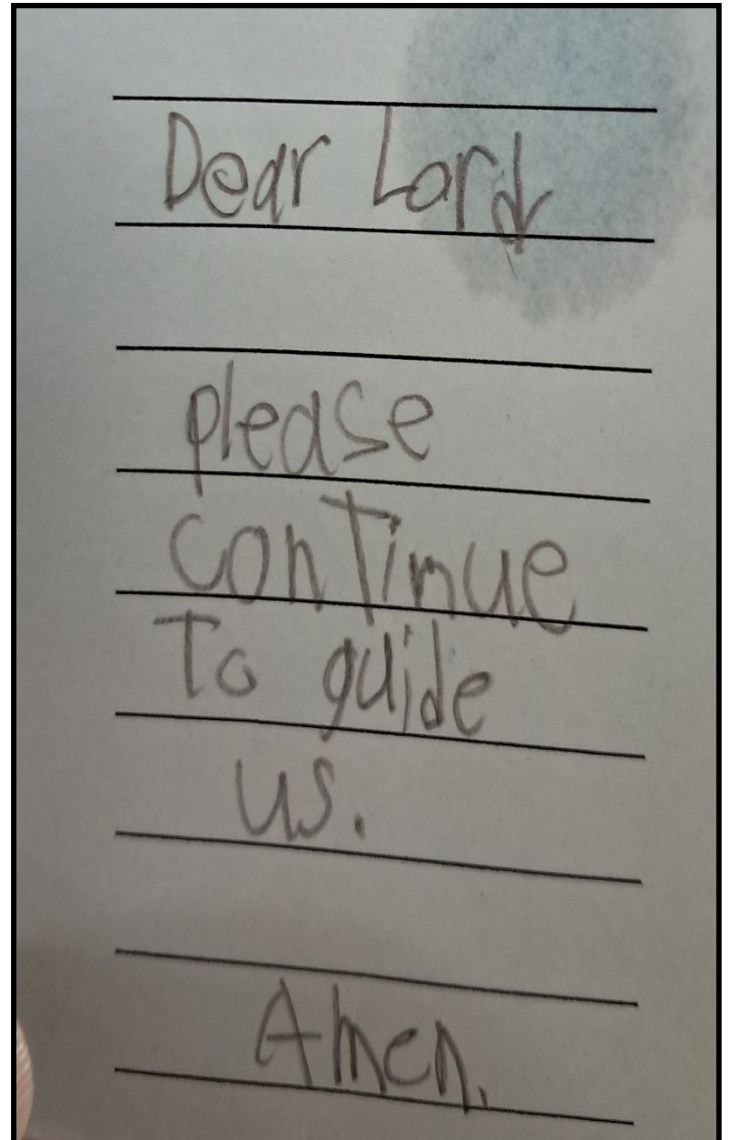
Here is a list of the top 10 needs for Donation:

1. Protein, especially ground beef, chicken, and hams. (We would even take a whole cow and pay to have it processed).
2. Large #10 cans of veggies—green beans, carrots, and apples are especially loved.
3. 55 gallon trash bags
4. Plastic forks and spoons
5. Cleaning supplies such as dish detergent, bathroom cleaner, wipes, kitchen cleaner, etc.
6. Rolls of paper towels
7. Paper napkins
8. Instant mashed potatoes
9. Salad dressing (any kind)
10. Salt free seasonings, herbs, Mrs. Dash, oregano, pepper

Groups Projects

1. Make PB&Js to-go. We love giving out PB&J sandwiches that guests can use for dinner or snacks.
2. Put together plasticware bundles—we are always in need of plastic forks (spoons are appreciated, but not required). We'd love your group to "roll" a fork in a napkin for quick distribution at our serving windows.
3. Build a trail mix. Have group members bring various ingredients and create something delicious.
4. Break down bulk cereal into baggies. We can provide this as a quick to-go item for breakfast.
5. Bake nutritious bread, such as banana or zucchini.

Please drop off donations from 6:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. any day of the week. We are not able to receive your donations after 12:30 P.M.



June 2025

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1 7th Sunday of Easter

Communion

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34 and Ps. 2 or 2 Kings 2:1-15 and Ps. 2; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26
 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
 Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
 Ushers: Lucy & Joe Slette
 Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross
 Liturgist: Joe Slette
 Communion Prep: Pix Mahler
 Communion Servers: Pix Mahler, Joe Slette, Allen Hamblen

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Westminster Canterbury
 Lunch Bunch 12:00

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8 Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9 and Ps.. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)
 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
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 Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jimmy Reed
 Counters: Hoc Hughes, Ashley Thulin

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PW Meets at 11:00 with
 a luncheon after

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Blessing Place
 Event 9:00—
 11:30 A.M.

15 Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31 and Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:1-15. -35
 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
 Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
 Ushers: Chris & Val Harris
 Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross
 Liturgist: Joe Slette

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22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a and Ps.42 and 43; Isa.65:1-9 and Ps. 22:19-28; Gal: 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
 Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
 Ushers: Lucy & Joe Slette
 Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

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Free Clinic
 Board Meeting @ 8:00
 A.M.

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Blessing Place
 Event 10:00—
 1:00 P.M.

29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14, and Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21 Ps. 16; Gal 5:1,13-25; Luke 9: 51-62
 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
 Acolyte: Rachel Harris
 Ushers: Wilbur Duncan & Jimmy Reed
 Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette
 Liturgist: Ashley Thulin

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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1022 FLOYD STREET

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA 24501



June 1st 7th Sunday of Easter

Communion

Scripture: Acts 16:16-34 and Ps. 97 or 2 Kings 2:1-15 and Ps. 2; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Lucy & Joe Slette

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross

Liturgist: Joe Slette

Communion Prep: Pix Mahler

Communion Servers: Pix Mahler, Joe Slette, Allen Hamblen

June 8 Day of Pentecost

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9 and Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jimmy Reed

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Ashley Thulin

Liturgist: Joe Slette

June 15 Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31 and Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:1-15. -35

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Chris & Val Harris

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Charlie Ross

June 22 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a and Ps. 42 and 43; Isa. 65:1-9 and Ps. 22:19-28; Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Lucy & Joe Slette

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

June 29 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, and Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Ps. 16; Gal 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-62

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Rachel Harris

Ushers: Wilbur Duncan & Jimmy Reed

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette

Liturgist: Ashley Thulin