

CHIMES - August 2025

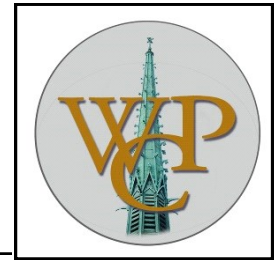


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Many of you are aware that the cross I wear as a necklace on Sunday mornings and when visiting others was a cross that belonged to my late Great Uncle Arnold, (my father's mother's brother). My Uncle Arnold was in the Jesuit brotherhood and dedicated his life to serving Jesus and his people. After his death in 2018 and after my grandmother's death the following year, I was given permission by my family to take my uncle's cross out of a keepsake box, to wear it. In his ministry my uncle inspired many Christians in their journeys of life. He inspired others through his teaching, his peaceful and spiritual presence, and with his words. Here below is an entry my uncle wrote once reflecting on his ordination to the brotherhood and what it means overall to be one who lives a life in service to others.

IT WAS SIX o'clock in the morning on February 2, 1944, when twelve other novices and I approached the altar at St. Joseph's Novitiate to kneel before the Blessed Sacrament and pronounce vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the presence of the community. It was a profound moment of acceptance into Holy Cross. Yet what we didn't realize was that we weren't fully poor, chaste, and obedient at the moment of profession. That would come later when students, parishioners, and the poor called us forth to live those vows.

Our religious vows are meant to free us to love and serve people, to build the kingdom of Jesus' Father, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Having made several visits to our missions in East Africa, I found the real meaning of this love and service. The willingness to share and the simplicity of so many poor people touched me greatly. Often there would be a knock at the door with someone bringing a chicken, a few eggs, and some bananas. It was what I might call a reverse mission.

When this life is over and we meet our Creator, God will ask, "When I was thirsty, did you give me drink? When I was a stranger in your land, did you welcome me? Did you care for me in the widow, the unwed mother, the sick, the leper, and the prisoner?" The extent to which we can say yes to these questions is the extent to which we have said yes to our Christian vocations, whatever our state in life. For those who call forth the love and service we Christians profess are the ones who help us to become ever more like Christ.

Renatus Foldenauer, C.S.C.



Birthdays

- 3 Ashley Harris Thulin
- 4 Angela Hart
- 5 Holcombe A. J. Hughes
- 6 Byron Thulin
- 21 Brooke McCall
- 17 June Malan
- 31 Jessica Allen Wheeler

Helping Desperately Needed!

Our Sunday Service volunteers are deeply appreciated. Sunday worship is a time for faithful contemplation and can be a respite from weekly, worldly woes. However, giving of your time and talents in service to the Lord by reading or greeting congregants can be just as fulfilling.

We are in desperate need of volunteers for ushering, liturgist, and Communion Serving Elders. The same few die-hard members are seen every Sunday, and we love them dearly for all they do, but it's getting harder and harder to stretch them so thin. If mobile and able, please look over the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and add your name where you feel called to serve, it would be much appreciated. To those who've served faithfully for years, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE!!

“ And Let Us Not Grow Weary Of Doing Good, For In Due Season We Will Reap, If We Do Not Give Up.” Galatians 6:9

Please remember our homebound members.

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Joshua Series Finale

Our ten week Joshua Series will conclude on Sunday, September 14th. Sarah Hyska gifted the congregation with her personal testimony of Joshua on the first Sunday of the series in July. She will again offer the congregation a message on the second-to-last Sunday of the series, September 7th. Thank you, Sarah, for sharing such personal stories with us about how the Word of God has specifically led your steps!



New Piano!

Bob Blevins purchased a new-to-us Steinway M! The piano dates from 1917 and represents the finest hour of Steinway's work. It was moved into the Sanctuary in July, and the Knabe concert grand that had been in the Sanctuary was moved into the Fellowship Hall until a new home can be found for it.



New Two Cents a Meal
Collection Buckets—
Thank you, Richard
Mahler!



Conclusion of Summer Camp Timothy 2025

The first week of Summer Camp Timothy hosted 25 campers, 15 youth volunteers, and 5 adult volunteers! The theme was "Giddy-up for Jesus," referencing Philippians 4:13. The campers enjoyed daily praise & worship, Bible stories, recreational time, and four rotation stations.

The second week hosted just as many campers and volunteers, and the theme was "Growing Children God's Way," focusing on Galatians 5:22-23, about the Fruit of the Spirit.



Our own Evangaline was lucky enough to participate during both weeks, and you can see she had a wonderful time! She made new friends and learned new songs to sing in praise!



So many new friends!



The Joys of Camp Timothy Past and Present

The Timothy Club that started in 1952 by Irving Stubbs held a Camp Timothy Reunion on July 4th - July 6th, here at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The three day event was well-planned, with food, fun, fellowship, memorabilia on display, and lots of praise and worship. Former campers, counselors, directors, and board members came out to support the historical mission and vision God gave Irving Stubbs.

Many in attendance shared testimonials about the spiritual impact and the difference Camp Timothy made in their lives as a youth and an adult.

In 2022, Camp Timothy ended after 70 years of serving children and youth in the College Hill Community and surrounding areas.

In 2023, God showed a vision to Andrea Reid of children gathering in the WPC Fellowship Hall for a one week summer program. The vision was shared with the Session of WPC and approved for 2024. The program was titled "Summer Vacation Bible Camp". During that one week 23 children and 14 volunteers enjoyed arts & crafts, Bible lessons, performing skits, putting together community missions projects, and keeping prayer journals. The week ended with a Movie Night outside in the field. The sponsors were WPC, Blessing Place, Grace Church, and Park View Mission.

This summer the program was renamed "Summer Camp Timothy" and was extended to two weeks, July 14 - July 18 and July 21 - July 25. The 25 campers, volunteers, and adult staff were very excited and enthusiastic about the weekly themes. Week one was "Giddy Up for Jesus" and week two was "Growing Children God's Way." The scriptures were Philippians 4:13 and Galatians 5:22-23.

Once again the campers enjoyed the rotation stations. One special activity everyone participated in was the "Praying for You" wall hanging. It was a map of the United States with Texas outlined and hearts with prayers written on each heart.

Because of the generosity of WPC and its members' financial donations, we were completely funded for the entire two weeks. Donations were also received by Blessing Place and Grace Church. Park View provided breakfast cereal and snacks for the two weeks.

We thank God for the life and legacy of Irving Stubbs.

Revelation Bible Study at Westminster Presbyterian Church

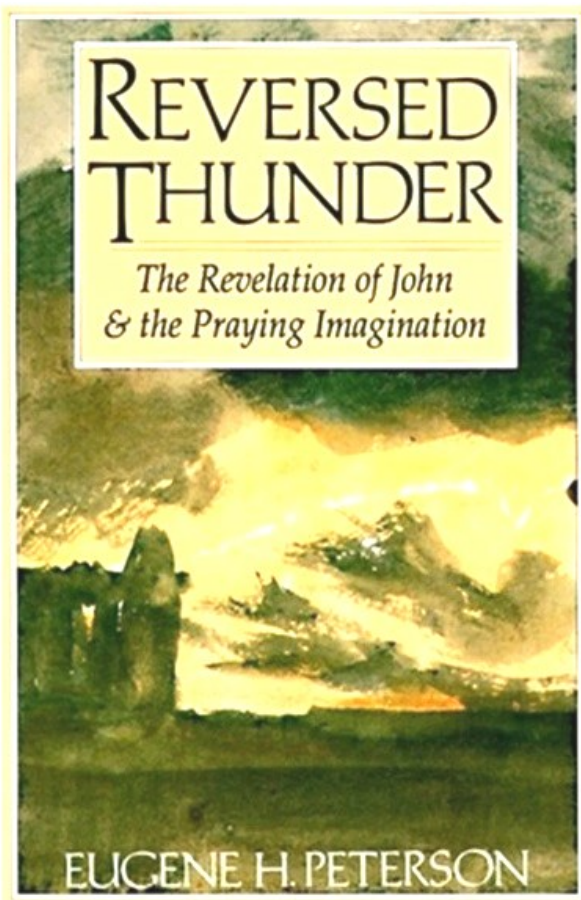
Fall 2025/ Winter—Spring 2026

Over the course of the next year, we will dive deep into the Revelation of John, the last book of the Bible, a book too often misquoted, mis-interpreted to invoke fear—judgement with wild imagery. Rev. Eugene Peterson, the Presbyterian minister who wrote The Message translation of the Bible, saw the Book of Revelation, not as a literal text meant to predict the future, but rather a Biblical text that invoked one's imagination of the previous sixty-five books read in the Bible.

Join us this year as we delve into the Revelation and expand our imagination. During the study we will read the Biblical text itself alongside Peterson's book Reversed Thunder: The Revelation of John & the Praying Imagination. The Study will begin in October, and the group will meet for one hour each week—likely a Tuesday or Wednesday night. There will also be a Zoom option for those who cannot make it in person to the church. More specific information will be shared next month.

In preparation for the study, please call the church and inform the Church Secretary, Alice, if you would like to participate, so we can order an appropriate number of Peterson's book.

Hope to see you there!



Session 1—Introduction & Chapter 1—Famous Last Words

Session 2—Revelation 1:1-11/Chapter 2—The Last Word on Scripture

Session 3—Revelation 1:12-20/Chapter 3—The Last Word on Christ

Session 4—Revelation 2 & 3/Chapter 4—The Last Word on the Church

Session 5—Revelation 4 & 5/Chapter 5—The Last Word on Worship

Session 6—Revelation 6 & 7/Chapter 6—The Last Word on Evil

Session 7—Revelation 8 & 9/Chapter 7—The Last Word on Prayer

Session 8—Revelation 10 & 11/Chapter 8—The Last Word on Witness

Session 9—Revelation 12,13,14/Chapter 9—The Last Word on Politics

Session 10—Revelation 15 & 16/Chapter 10—The Last Word on Judgement

Session 11—Revelation 17 & 18/Chapter 10—The Last Word on Judgement

Session 12—Revelation 19 & 20/Chapter 11—The Last Word on Salvation

Session 13—Revelation 21:1-22:5/Chapter 12—The Last Word on Heaven

Session 14—Conclusion/Chapter 13—The Last Words

Rally Day 2025!

Every year we take a little break from classroom enrichment at the church during summer, accommodating the needs of our congregation with vacations, holidays, and family visits. To get back in the swing of things, we kick off our education enrichment season after Labor Day in September with Rally Day!

This year, **Rally Day will be on Sunday, September 14th, at 12:15 PM.** We will have a luncheon after the service to share information about scriptural education opportunities from September 2025 through May of 2026.

Mark your calendar to stay after worship for eat and to learn about an opportunity to prepare your heart, soul, and mind for Spiritual Enrichment this fall at Westminster Presbyterian Church!

100 Years of Westminster at 11th & Floyd!

In spring of 2026, we will celebrate Westminster Presbyterian Church being here, in Lynchburg, Va, at 11th & Floyd, for 100 years!

In preparation for that incredible event, Angela Hart, our congregation Historian, is working on refurbishing the Legacy History room. It is being moved upstairs into what was once the Ladies Bible Study Room, behind the Fellowship Hall, for ease of access and enjoyment. This will require heavy lifting, careful cataloguing, and artful displays of memorabilia.

If you would care to donate to this cause, please write checks to WPC with "Legacy Room Refurbishment" on the MEMO line of your check.

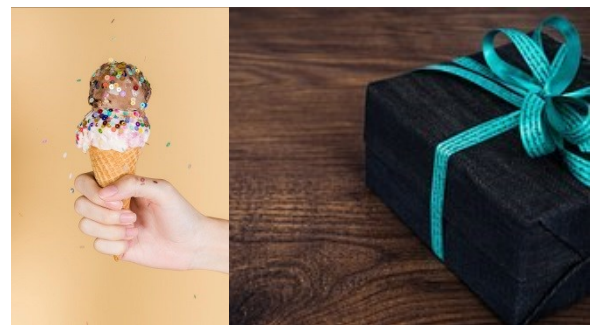
Concert

The Seven Hills Chamber Music group will be back at WPC on **Sunday, August 17th at 4:00 PM.**



Ice Cream & Gifts

We'll be having our annual Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, August 24th at 3PM.** This is also a White Elephant gift exchange, so gather something you'd like to purge from your home, place it in a simple bag, and bring it with you for a good time after the ice cream is eaten!



August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 8th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Scripture: Hos. 11:1-11 and Ps. 107: 1-9; 43; Eccl. 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 and Ps. 49:1-12; Col.3:1; Luke12:13-21 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin Counters: Pix Mahler & Joe Slette Liturgist: Byron Thulin Communion Prep: Ashley Thulin Communion Servers: Sharee Evans, Ashley T., Chris H. Worship & Enrichment Meeting @ 12:15 PM</p>	<p>4 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 2 Blessing Place 10AM-1PM</p>
<p>10 9th Sunday after of Pentecost Scripture: Isa. 1:1,10-20 and Ps. 50:1-8,22-23; Gen. 15:1-6 and Ps. 33:12-22; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette Counters: Liturgist: Shirley Caskie SESSION MEETING @ 9:AM</p>	<p>11 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>12 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>13 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>14 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>15 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>16 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>
<p>17 10th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture Isa. 5:1-7; and Ps. 80: 1-2, 8-19; Jer. 23:23-29 and Ps. 82; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin Counters: Liturgist: Betty Oliver Seven Hills Concert & Reception 4:00 PM</p>	<p>18 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>19 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>20 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>21 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>22 Seven Hills in Sanctuary preparing for Concert</p>	<p>23 Blessing Place 10 AM- 1PM</p>
<p>24 11th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6; Isa.58:9b-14 and Ps. 103:7-8; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette Counters: Liturgist: Sharee Evans Ice Cream Social at 3:00PM</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 12th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Jer.2:4-13 and Ps. 81:1,10-16, Prov. 25:6-7 and Ps. 112; Heb. 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Rachel Harris Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin Counters: Liturgist: Pix Mahler</p>						

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August 3rd 8th Sunday After Pentecost Communion

Scripture: Hos. 11:1-11 and Ps. 107: 1-9;
43; Eccl. 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23 and Ps. 49:1-
12; Col.3-11; Luke 12:13-21

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin

Counters: Pix Mahler & Joe Slette

Liturgist: Byron Thulin

Communion Prep: Ashley Thulin

Communion Servers: Sharee Evans, Ashley
Thulin, Chris Harris

August 10th 9th Sunday After of Pentecost

Scripture: Isa. 1:1,10-20 and Ps. 50:1-8,22-23;
Gen. 15:1-6 and Ps. 33:12-22; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke
12:32-40

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette

Counters: Pix and Richard Mahler

Liturgist: Shirley Caskie

August 17th 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Isa. 5:1-7; and Ps. 80; 1-2, 8-19; Jer.
23:23-29 and Ps. 82; Heb. 11:29-12-2; Luke 12:49
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Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin

Counters:

Liturgist: Betty Oliver

August 24th 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jer. 1:4-10 and Ps. 71:1-6;
Isa.58:9b-14 and Ps. 103:1-8; Heb. 12:18-29;
Luke 13:10-17

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette

Counters:

Liturgist: Sharee Evans

August 31st 12 Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jer.2:4-13 and Ps. 81:1,10-16, Prov. 25:6-7
and Ps. 112; Heb. 13:1-8,15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Rachel Harris

Ushers: Ashley & Byron Thulin

Counters:

Liturgist: Pix Mahler

This is our resident watch-turtle who has taken up residence in the Prayer Garden. He comes out occasionally and makes his "rounds of the grounds." If you have a suggestion for a name, hopefully something appropriately majestic and fierce, please let Alice know. Thanks.

