



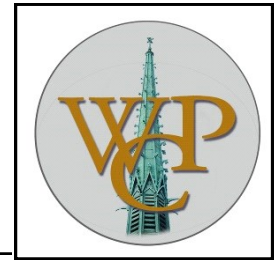
# CHIMES - July 2025

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Over the course of the months of July, August and September we'll embark on a 10-week sermon series on the book of Joshua. Within this book consists of both one of my wife Sarah's favorite passages as well as one of my own favorite biblical narratives. You'll get to hear her proclaim the word of God on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> as we start off the series. We hope you can join us this summer!

Peace, Pastor Shawn

Here below is an excerpt from an Elie Wiesel's essay on Joshua in the Bible as it originally appeared in Bible Review, December 1998.

*"Joshua, the perfect disciple. Obedient and humble. The man whose devotion to his master can serve as an example to all. God's chosen, just as Moses had been. The servant become leader, whom God and Moses do not cease to encourage—so much so that we wonder why he had such a need. Is it because, in his humility, Joshua felt so inferior to Moses that he believed himself inadequate, unqualified and even unworthy to complete a task that only his master was capable of completing satisfactorily? Joshua will inherit political and religious authority from Moses but not his prophetic style. God accomplished miracles for Joshua. He went so far as to upset the laws of nature by ordering the sun to stand still, but Joshua's speech lacks the magic that emanates from the words of the prophets.*

*A great melancholy emerges from his life story, a sadness that stays with him to the end of his days. Is it because his life unfolds in the midst of noise and fury?*

*In truth, Joshua makes me afraid. His personality is too dark, involved in too many battles, too many confrontations. The man of blood and glory, he is the one sought out when someone is needed to throw himself into the fray, to push back or attack the enemy. To read his book is to move forward into the ashes, among disfigured corpses.*

*He died alone and was buried in a place called Har gaash—a kind of angry mountain, a sort of volcano. The Talmud comments that this illustrates the ingratitude of the people toward their leader. Why was the mountain angry? Because God, in his wrath, was ready to punish his people. Why the rage? Because no one took the trouble to come to Joshua's funeral. Everyone was too busy. Some were cultivating their gardens, others their vineyards; still others watched over their fires.*

*Unbelievable, but how true: In war, Joshua had been their leader. Afterwards, the people no longer needed him, to the point that no one came to pay him their final respects, to which all mortal men are entitled, whoever they might be.*

*How can one not feel sadness when reading Joshua's story?"*

*Picture: Joshua hangs back as Moses leads him by the hand in this 15th-century stained-glass panel from the Church of St. Lawrence in Nuremberg, Germany.*



**Birthdays**

- 1 Irene Hoag
- 10 Bob Blevins
- 16 Barbara Mayer
- 19 Andy Wilson
- 21 Brooke McCall
- 20 Joel Oliver
- 23 Grace McCall
- 24 Linda Harris

**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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| * * * * *                 |  | * * * * *                  |
| * Kathleen Smith          |  | * Queen Webb               |
| * Westminster Canterbury  |  | * C/O The Summit           |
| * 501 VES Rd, H-429       |  | * 1300 Enterprise Dr.      |
| * Lynchburg, VA 24503     |  | * Lynchburg, VA 24502      |
| * Maymie Keys             |  | * Doris Hailey             |
| * R&P at Liberty Ridge    |  | * 209 Woodland Avenue      |
| * 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 35 |  | * Lynchburg, VA            |
| * Lynchburg, VA 24502     |  | * 24501-2127               |
| * Eloise Peters           |  | * Barbara Taylor           |
| * Westminster Canterbury  |  | * R&P at Liberty Ridge     |
| * 501 VES Rd, B-706       |  | * 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 344 |
| * Lynchburg VA 24503      |  | * Lynchburg, Va. 24502     |
| * Sylvia Viar             |  | * Becky Maxey              |
| * 15 John Rucker Drive    |  | * 57 Beech Avenue          |
| * Ruckersville, VA 22968  |  | * Hamilton, NJ 08610       |
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**Hymn Sing**

On July 27th, while the Hyska family is out-of-town, we will have a hymn sing in place of our traditional service. Please look out for a bulletin insert for you to add your hymn requests!

There are so many favorites that we don't often get to sing, so this is a wonderful opportunity to worship and praise the Lord with songs that fill our hearts with nostalgia and our souls with faithful, spiritual strength!



Emergency Communications Officer Samantha Mattingley did something incredible — she saved a life by expertly guiding CPR over the phone, helping the patient before **Lynchburg Fire Department** EMS arrived!

And that's not all! Samantha was also named **LPD Emergency Communications** Officer of the 1st Quarter 2025, earning this honor through her outstanding dedication and professionalism.

She played a key role monitoring a LPD Radio Channel during a high-stakes operation with the LPD Tactical Unit and **Virginia State Police** Drug Task Force, which led to the arrest of a wanted individual.

Samantha's calm, sharp skills show exactly why our Emergency Communications team is the life-line behind the scenes making a real difference every single day.

**Samantha is the granddaughter of  
Nancy and Wilbur Duncan.**





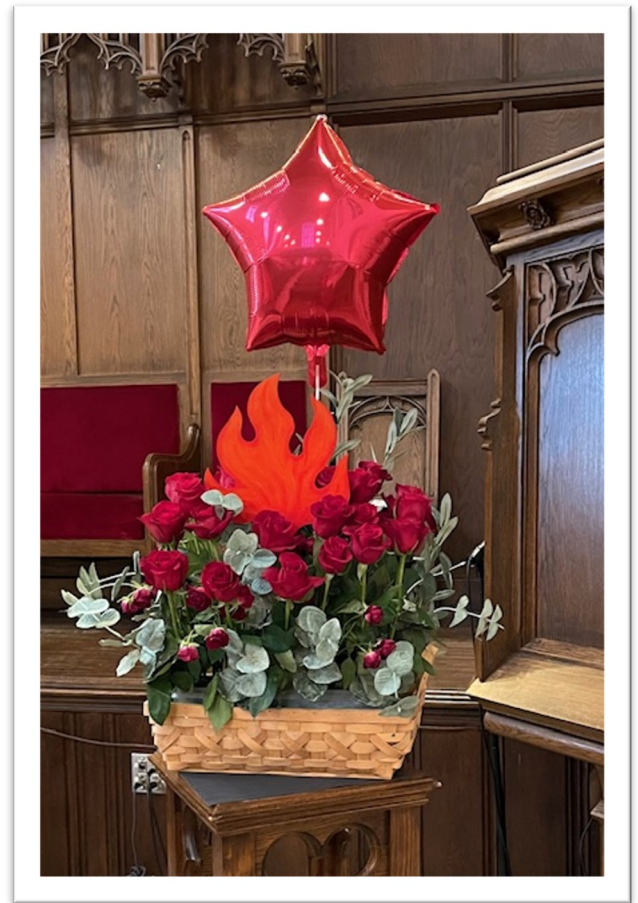
Our Easter lilies that bloom faithfully every year.

One of the new and much needed air conditioning units that were installed recently by Richard Mahler in the ladies room, the kitchen, and the Board Room .



A photo of the delicious food which was prepared by residents of Haven on Garland and served at the church's recent taste of Afghanistan celebration .

## The church's recent celebration of Pentecost Sunday



A photo of the Legacy Sacred Music concert presented by the very talented Mennonite acapella singers. The program was truly lovely.



## Summer Camp Timothy 2025

### The Joy Journey with Jesus Continues!

In addition to the Timothy Reunion this summer, there will also be a two week Timothy Summer Camp here at WPC in the Fellowship Hall. Each week will host a different group of children from the neighborhood.

The first week, July 14th –18th, is themed “Giddy Up For Jesus”, and the second week, July 21st-25th, is themed “Growing With Jesus.” From 9 AM to 2 PM, 23 campers, aged 5 to 10, will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church learning about God through prayer, praise & worship, crafts, and devotions.

**If you would like to support this effort with financial donations, please write checks to WPC with “Summer Camp Timothy” on the MEMO line of your check.**

## 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.**

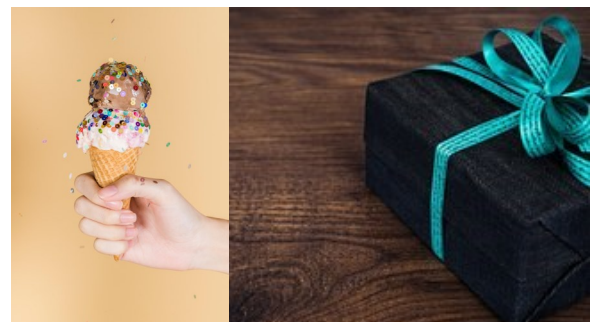
## Looking forward to August

The Seven Hills Chamber Music group will be back at WPC on **Sunday, August 16th 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!



# July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>6 July 6th 4th Sunday After Pentecost Communion</b></p> <p>Scripture: 2 Kings 6:1-14 and Ps. 30; Complementary: Isa. 66:10-14 and Ps. 66:1-9; Gal.6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Angela Hart &amp; Joe Slette Counters: Hoc Hughes &amp; Joe Slette Liturgist: Shawn Hyska Communion Prep: Ashley Thulin Communion Servers: Angela Hart, Ashley Thulin, Pix Mahler Guest Speaker: Sarah Hyska</p>	<p><b>7 Lunch Bunch</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Blessing Place Fellowship Hall All Day</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Blessing Place Fellowship Hall All Day</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Blessing Place Fellowship Hall All Day</p>
<p><b>13 July 13th Sunday After of Pentecost</b></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Semicontinuous</i>: Amos 7:7:14 and Ps.82; Complementary: Deut. 30:9-14 and Ps. 25:1-10 Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: THIS COULD BE YOU! Counters: Hoc Hughes &amp; Pix Mahler Liturgist: Pix Mahler <b>SESSION MEETING @ 9:AM</b> <b>CONGREGATIONAL CARE &amp; DEVELOPMENT MEETING @ 12:15 PM</b></p>	<p><b>14 In &amp; Out - reach Commit-tee Meeting at 1PM</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20 July 20th 6th Sunday After Pentecost</b></p> <p>Scripture <i>Semicontinuous</i>: Amos 8:1-12; and Ps. 52; Complementary: Gen. 18:1-10a; and Ps.15; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Wilbur Duncan &amp; Jimmy Reed Counters: Hoc Hughes &amp; Pix Mahler Liturgist: Joe Slette</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>S &amp; F Meeting at 4PM Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Summer Camp Timothy 9AM-2PM</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
<p><b>27 July 27th 7th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>Scripture: <i>Semicontinuous</i>: Hos. 1:2-10 and Ps. 85; Complementary: Gen. 18:20-32 and Ps. 138; Col. 2:6-15; Luke 11:-13 <b>HYMN SING</b> Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: THIS COULD BE YOU! Counters: Hoc Hughes &amp; Joe Slette Liturgist: Joe Slette</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>		

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Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: Angela Hart & Joe Slette  
Counters: Hoc Hughes & Joe Slette  
Liturgist: Shawn Hyska  
Communion Prep: Ashley Thulin  
Communion Servers: Angela Hart, Ashley Thulin, Pix Mahler  
Guest Speaker: Sarah Hyska

## **July 20th 6th Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture *Semicontinuous: Amos 8:1-12; and Ps. 52; Complementary: Gen. 18:1-10a; and Ps.15; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42*  
Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
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Counters: Hoc Hughes & Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Joe Slette

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Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: **THIS COULD BE YOU!**  
Counters: Hoc Hughes & Pix Mahler  
Liturgist: Pix Mahler  
**SESSION MEETING AT 9AM**  
**CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING AT 12:15 PM**

## **July 27th 7th Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture: *Semicontinuous: Hos. 1:2-10 and Ps. 85; Complementary: Gen. 18:20-32 and Ps.138; Col. 2:6-15; Luke 11:-13*  
**HYMN SING**  
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson  
Ushers: **YOUR NAME HERE!**  
Counters: Hoc Hughes & Joe Slette  
Liturgist: Joe Slette