



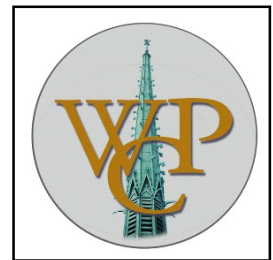
## CHIMES - June 2026

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**“In solitude, at last, we’re able to let God define us the way we are always supposed to be defined—by relationship: the I-thou relationship, in relation to a Presence that demands nothing of us but presence itself. Not performance but presence.”—Richard Rohr**

**In my years at the church, I would try to visit Doris Hailey with communion for most months to remind her of her deep connection with our church and its members and how much she cared for. We would talk about life, church happenings and sometimes delve into theology. Doris loved to read, as many of you know. We shared books at times. One of the last times we exchanged books between one another was when we shared a connection with the modern Christian theologian Richard Rohr, who I have shared quotes from with you in the past.**

**I love the above quote from Rohr because it reminds me of the most powerful gift we can give anyone, our time. Us just showing up, without expectations, without wanting or needing anything in return, just us being present with someone else. I learned that power as a student chaplain at the hospital during seminary being with families as they heard sad news of loved ones not making it after accidents and me not knowing what to say other than just sitting with families, who then thanked me afterwards. Thanked me for what? I didn’t do nor say anything. They thanked me for being present in their grief.**

**Showing up for people is a keen way of living out our Gospel commission, of us being Jesus’ witnesses to the ends of the earth, us showing love to those we care about - us being present. Whether it’s us showing up a sporting event or music recital or dance competition or visiting someone at their home, or gathering for coffee or lunch, or inviting over for dinner, or even finding time for drop off surprise gifts or phone calls and emails and text messages, and letters - us showing up in someone’s life. Our faith isn’t and should be about performance but rather presence.**

**May you continue to be present in the lives of all those whom you care about, just showing up is sharing the love God has for us and for the world.**

**Peace,**

**Pastor Shawn**



*Please remember our homebound members.*

**June Birthdays**

- 1 Wilbur Duncan
- 1 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 H. Crim

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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	* * * * *
* * * * *	Doris Hailey	* * * * *
* * * * *	209 Woodland Avenue	* * * * *
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* * * * *	Barbara Taylor	* * * * *
* * * * *	R&P at Liberty Ridge	* * * * *
* * * * *	30 Monica Blvd. Unit 344	* * * * *
* * * * *	Lynchburg, Va. 24502	* * * * *
* * * * *	Becky Maxey	* * * * *
* * * * *	57 Beech Avenue	* * * * *
* * * * *	Hamilton, NJ 08610	* * * * *
* * * * *	Sylvia Viar	* * * * *
* * * * *	15 John Rucker Drive	* * * * *
* * * * *	Ruckersville, VA 22968	* * * * *
* * * * *	Please pray for Nancy Duncan and Joe Slette.	* * * * *
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**Thank you, Greg Hoag!**

We would like to give a grateful thank you to Greg Hoag for the years of work and support he has given in the creation of the weekly bulletins and the monthly Chimes, as well as his kind and patient assistance with printing, trouble shooting, and general computer maintenance.

New website: [wpclynchburg.org](http://wpclynchburg.org).

*Thank you, Greg, for all you have done!*

**Upcoming Concerts**

There will be two Concert Events coming up during the summer at WPC:

- \* On July 26th: an acapella Mennonite Legacy Concert
- On August 16th: a Seven Hills Taylor Concert

Details will be provided in the weekly bulletins and future Chimes as the dates approach.

## DOCTOR Matthew Davidson Booth

Our church family is happy to celebrate Matthew Booth, who has earned his doctorate in mathematics at the University of South Carolina. Many of us have come to know Matthew well, as over the years Bob Blevins has invited Matthew to serve as a substitute organist. Prior to completing his PhD, Matthew earned a master's degree in music from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and a master's degree in mathematics from Virginia Commonwealth University. Matthew is the son of Jeanne and Aubrey Booth and the nephew of Nancy and Wilbur Duncan.





## Lynchburg Police Department



When we shared a Women's History Month post last month, our goal was to honor the women who have served our department. We didn't expect to hear from the daughter of one of those trailblazers.

School Traffic Guard Mary Booth was one of the first women in uniform at LPD. Her daughter, Nancy, saw our post and reached out to share more of her mother's story.

Mary began serving in the 1950s. Nancy remembers that although her mother stood less than five feet tall, she was a force to be reckoned with. At the first change of the streetlight, Mary stepped into the street, whistling at the ready. For years, she made sure every child crossed safely, all while raising five children of her own.

We were honored when Nancy and her brother, Aubrey, chose to donate their mother's uniforms to the department. We know these pieces carry deep meaning for their family, and we are grateful they trusted us to help preserve and share her legacy.

Mary's uniform will be displayed at the LPD Museum, ensuring her service to this community is always remembered.



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Aubrey and I were honored to receive a thank-you letter from the Chief of Police, Kenneth R. Edwards, Jr.

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# Doris Haley Memorial Service



Doris Pauline Hailey, nee Williams, of Lynchburg, Virginia, passed away on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 after a brief illness at the age of 100.

Doris is survived by daughter Cheryl Jo Hailey, of Lynchburg; son John Carter Hailey and his wife Marcia, of Richmond, Virginia; son Joel Swartz Hailey-Richards and his husband Darrell, of Lynchburg; sisters Patricia Minor and Joyce Lyles; brothers, John Williams and Ted Williams, and many nieces, nephews, their spouses, and children.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Lyman G. Hailey; brothers Jack Williams and Wayne Williams, and sister Jean Berns.

Doris was born in Zepp, Shenandoah County, Virginia, to Martha Swartz Williams and Joseph Paul Williams on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1926. After spending her early years in Zepp, the family moved to Fairfax County, Virginia. She graduated from Fairfax High School in 1944. After graduation, she joined her sister Jean in Washington, DC, and worked for the federal government until her marriage to Lyman Griffith Hailey in 1947. Doris and Lyman lived in Fairfax City and later Annandale before moving into Washington, DC in the early 1970's. After Lyman's retirement from the federal government, they relocated in 1984 to Lynchburg, Virginia, where Lyman's brother, Robert C. Hailey and family lived.

Over the years, Doris gave many hours of volunteer time in both Washington and Lynchburg. In Washington, she was active in the student exchange program, AFS Intercultural Programs, and hosted a number of foreign students in her home, including those from Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, and Thailand.

In Lynchburg, she and Lyman were long-time active members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Under the umbrella of Churches for Urban Ministry, she operated a food bank and participated in the Camp Timothy program and the Community Grow and Give Garden Program. Housed at Westminster Presbyterian, Doris also volunteered with The Blessing Place program whose aims are to feed the hungry, clothe the broken, and love the lonely. She also drove for the blind and was a docent at Jefferson's Poplar Forest.

Doris's many interests included vegetable gardening, the arts, and travel. She took a number of trips to Europe as well as cultural and educational programs with Road Scholar. Doris was a lifelong reader and at the age of 100 could still engage in a lively discussion of current events. She often mused, in that last year, "What is wrong with the world?"

A special note of thanks and gratitude go to nephew Robert Carter Hailey and his wife Lanaux for their faithful assistance and care during her illness.

On Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2 PM, a Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1022 Floyd Street, Lynchburg, with a reception following in the Parish Hall. Memorial gifts in Doris's honor may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church or The Blessing Place, c/o Westminster Presbyterian, 1022 Floyd Street, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24501, or to a charity of your choice.

Burial will be at Cedar Creek Christian Church cemetery in Zepp, Virginia, and will take place at a later date.

Tharp Funeral Home & Crematory, Lynchburg is assisting the family. To send condolences, please visit [www.tharpfuneralhome.com](http://www.tharpfuneralhome.com).

## Camp Timothy Bible School: Cooking with Jesus

### Psalm 34:8

Andrea Reed is again hosting a two week Camp Timothy Summer program for the College Hill Neighborhood children. The dates are June 15th through June 26th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be served. Due to the rising costs of food items, anyone wishing to contribute to this cause can leave a donation at the church. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

As always, we are grateful for the many years of support and prayers we have received from our Westminster Presbyterian Church family.



Peace and Joy

Andrea

Happy Birthday, Eliana!

Eliana Hyska turned 4 in May! Because of rain, the party was moved to the Fellowship Hall here at WPC. Solving problems was the theme of the weekend, finding a different location, calling upon a balloonist and a face painting artist to fill the party with fun activities the kids enjoyed. Not to mention the Think Tank consisting of Chirs Harris and Byroon Thulin, created to figure out how to hang a pinata so the children could beat the candy out of it! There were at least ten pre-school aged children filling the building with squeals of excitement and sounds of exuberant joy!

What a wonderful celebration of the youngest in our congregation!



# June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Lunch	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Communion Scripture: Gen. 12:1-9 and Ps 33:1-12; Hos. 5:15-6:6, and Ps. 50:7-15; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Liturgist: Joe Slette Communion Prep: Martha Wilson Communion Servers: Pix Mahler, Joe Slette, Sharee Evans Session 9:00 a.m.	<b>8</b> WC 11:00 at the church Bob Blevins out until 6-14	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Doris Hailey's memorial service and reception
<b>14</b> June 14th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7) and Ps. 116: 1-2, 12-19; complementary: Ex. 19:2-8a and Ps. 100; Rom.. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23) Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Chris & Val Harris Liturgist: Joe Slette Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 4th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Gen. 21:8-21 and Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17; Complementary: Jer 20: 7-13 and Ps.69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18; Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-30 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Angela Hart Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jeff Evans Liturgist: Ashley Thulin Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 5th Sunday After Pentecost Semiconituous: Gen: 22:1-14 and Ps. 13; Complementary: Jer. 5-9 and Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18; Rom.6:12-23; Matt 10:40-42 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette Counters: Hoc Hughes & Pix Mahler	<b>29</b> Bob Blevins out until July 5th	<b>30</b>				

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1022 FLOYD STREET

LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA 24501



## June 7th 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

### Communion

Scripture: Gen. 12:1-9 and Ps 33:1-12; Hos. 5:15-6:6, and Ps. 50:7-15; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

Liturgist: Joe Slette

Communion Prep. Martha Wilson

Communion Servers: Pix Mahler, Joe Slette, Sharee Evans

## June 14th 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Gen. 18:1-15 (21:1-7) and Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; complementary: Ex. 19:2-8a and Ps. 100; Rom.. 5:1-8; Matt. 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Chris & Val Harris

Liturgist: Joe Slette

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

## June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Gen. 21:8-21 and Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17;

Complementary: Jer 20: 7-13 and Ps.69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18;

Rom. 6:1b-11; Matt. 10:24-30

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Angela Hart

Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jeff Evans

Liturgist: Ashley Thulin

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

## 28 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Gen: 22:1-14 and Ps. 13;

Complementary: Jer. 5-9 and Ps. 89:1-4, 15-18;

Rom.6:12-23; Matt 10.40-42

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson

Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette

Counters: Hoc Hughes & Pix Mahler