



CHIMES - August 2026

Westminister Presbyterian Church

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“In a society in which even family members eat alone and on the run, we are often not aware of the significance of shared meals. But, in most cultures, eating together expresses mutuality, recognition, acceptance, and equal regard. Even in our own society, eating together remains quite bounded. Unless we intentionally break patterns, we usually eat with people who are similar to ourselves. When strangers and hosts are from different backgrounds, the intimacy of a shared meal can force relationships which cross significant social boundaries.

Offers of food or a meal together are central to almost all biblical stories of hospitality, to most historical discussions of hospitality, and to almost every contemporary practice of hospitality. In the context of shared meals, Jesus frequently challenged the prevailing religious and cultural boundaries by the company he kept and exposed the hidden patterns of social exclusion. He was a guest in the home of tax collectors, dined with sinners, and taught hosts to welcome those most likely to be excluded.

Many of the early church’s struggles over recognition and inclusion surfaced in the context of eating together. Peter, at God’s instrument, visited Cornelius and ate with his household – a powerful demonstration of the acceptance of Gentiles into the Christian community (Acts 10-11). Paul addressed the tensions between rich and poor believers that became apparent in the common meals when the poor were “humiliated” by believers with higher status and wealth. In a community that declared ethnic and social boundaries irrelevant, some poor believers were being treated as less significant members (1 Cor. 11:17-34).

Shared meals are central to every community of hospitality – central to sustaining the life of the community and to expressing welcome to strangers. For many participants, it is the high point of their day and a return to an earlier time when families regularly ate together.

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Often, we maintain significant boundaries when offering help to persons in need. ... Many of us struggle with simply being present with people in need; our helping roles give definition to the relationship but they also keep it decidedly hierarchical.

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In many settings the line between the shared meal and the Eucharist is blurred; the two flow into each other much as was the case in the early church. The sacramental aspects of meals become clearest in these settings, but even separate from the Eucharist, one often senses a divine mystery in dining together at a table of welcome.”

Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition. Author: Christine D. Pohl

August Birthdays

- 3 Ashley Thulin
4 Angela Hart
5 Holcombe A.J. Hughes
6 Byron Thulin
17 June Malan
31 Jessica Allen (W.) Moss



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Kathleen Smith 501 VES Rd, H-429 Lynchburg, VA 24503	Barbara Taylor R&P at Liberty Ridge 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 344 Lynchburg, Va. 24502
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Eloise Peters 501 VES Rd, H-428 Lynchburg VA 24503	
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Sylvia Viar 15 John Rucker Drive Ruckersville, VA 22968	Nancy & Wilbur Dun- can are currently homebound while Wilbur recovers from a fall.
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Queen Webb C/O The Summit 1300 Enterprise Dr. Lynchburg, VA 24502	<i>Please remember our homebound members.</i>
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Summer Fellowship Events

August 23rd - Ice Cream Social and White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring one item per person participating.

PW will begin meeting again in September.

Rally Day will begin our Education Season on September 13th, with a Luncheon following Worship Service. All are invited!

Upcoming Concerts

On August 16th: a Seven Hills Taylor Concert at 4PM

November 7th - Betty Blevins Piano Recital

It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing on July 3rd of longtime member and beloved friend, Charlie Ross. Charlie had recently moved to South Carolina to be closer to his family. Memorial services will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church Saturday, August 22 at 2:00 p.m. followed by a fellowship gathering and a lite refreshments.



Charlie after winning the Chili Cookoff several years ago.



Charlie, as he cooks pancakes for the Mothers on Mother's Day many years ago.



Charlie with Lucas Oliver outside of the church this past Spring.

We would like to thank the following people for their thoughtful and generous gifts to Westminster Presbyterian Church in loving memory of Sylvia Viar: Dawn and Barry Arrington, Pat and David Heath, Paul and Sherry Escallier, Kathleen Smith, June and Greg Malan and Diann & James Martin.

We also thank Paul and Cathy Sandman for their thoughtful and generous to WPC in loving memory of Doris Hailey.



Above: This is a photo of the Mennonite Legacy Ensemble who performed an a cappella in the Sanctuary of WPC on July 26th. The concert, which was a musical delight, was made possible by the James D. and Eleanor J. Taylor Endowment and was enjoyed by all.



To the Left: Parishioners enjoy a potluck luncheon at the Summer Chill-out gathering after Worship.

To the Right: Rachel Harris hugging her dad Chris, as he and her uncle Byron Thulin enjoy the Summer Chill-out luncheon.



August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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August 2nd 10th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Gen. 32:22-31, and Ps.: 17: 1-7, 15; Isa. 55:1-5 and Ps. 145:8-9, 14-21; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21 Hymn Sing Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Byron & Ashley Thulin Liturgist: Ashley Thulin Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette	3 Lunch Bunch 12:00 at WC	4	5	6	7	8
August 9th 11th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Scripture: Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28 and Ps. 105 1-6, 16-22, 45b; 1 Kings 19:9-18 and Ps. 85:8-13; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-23 Pastor: Rev. Richard Goodman Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette Liturgist: Pix Mahler Counters: Pix Mahler, Hoc Hughes Communion Preparer: Irene Hoag Communion Servers: Sharee Evans, Angela Hart, Joe Slette	10	11	12	13	14	15 Blessing Place 10:00AM— 1:00 PM
August 16 12th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Gen. 45:1-15; and Ps. 133 <i>Complementary:</i> Isa. 56: 6-8 and Ps.67; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15:(10-20), 21-28 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Angela Hart Ushers: Wilbur Duncan, Jeff Evans Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler	17	18	19	20	21	22
August 23 13th Sunday After Pentecost Semicontinuous: Ex: 1:8-2:10 and Ps. 124; <i>Complementary:</i> Isa. 51:1-6 and Ps. 138; Rom.12:1-8; Matt 16:13-20, Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette Liturgist: Joe Slette Ice cream Social and White Elephant Exchange 2:00	24	25	26	27	28	29 Blessing Place 10:00 Am—1:00 PM
August 30 14th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Ex. 3:1-15 and Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b <i>Complementary:</i> Jer.15:15-21; and Ps. 26:1-8; Rom.12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28 Pastor: Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Rachel Harris Ushers: Val Harris & Aidan Thulin Liturgist: Chris Harris Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler	31					

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Hymn Sing

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
Ushers: Byron & Ashley Thulin
Liturgist: Ashley Thulin
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette

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Complementary: Isa. 56: 6-8 *and* Ps.67; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15:(10-20), 21-28

Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska
Acolyte: Angela Hart
Ushers: Aidan Thulin, Jeff Evans
Liturgist: Mary Sue Childress
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

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Rom.12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28

Pastor: Shawn Hyska
Acolyte: Rachel Harris
Ushers: Val Harris & Aidan Thulin
Liturgist: Chris Harris
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

August 9th 11th Sunday after Pentecost **Communion**

Scripture: Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28 *and* Ps.105 1-6, 16-22, 45b;1 Kings 19:9-18 *and* Ps. 85:8-13; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-23

Pastor: Rev. Richard Goodman
Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette
Liturgist: Pix Mahler
Counters: Pix Mahler, Hoc Hughes
Communion Prep: Irene Hoag
Communion Servers: Sharee Evans, Joe Slette, & Angela Hart

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