



CHIMES - July 2026

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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“May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.”

Rev. Peter Marshall,
Former U.S. Senate
Chaplain and Pres-
byterian minister.



This July

the United States of America will celebrate it's 250 th birthday, marking 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Well before that declaration, this land was becoming a beacon of freedom of religious persecution. In my hometown of Philadelphia, the Quakers founded the city, but it was the immigrants from Scotland who flooded the city in the mid-1700s who brought their Presbyterian way of worship and quickly became a founding light within the city. It's no surprise that when the U.S. was formalizing its new freedom into an organized government that it was influenced by the Presbyterian church hierarchy, at least loosely.

Every year when July 4 th comes around, I am reminded of Rev. Marshall's quote above which for me highlights the importance of the holiday and how we as Christians can follow Jesus while celebrating freedom. It is within our rights here in this country to have freedom to worship and live. These freedoms though aren't all unique to citizens of the U.S. because other countries, particularly European countries, share very similar freedoms. Freedom itself isn't what is unique but rather what we do with it. If the Apostle were alive today and wrote a letter to the Christians in the U.S. he would urge us all to use the freedoms we have to build up each other, using our privileges in life, and some of us are born into more privilege and opportunity than others, but using these opportunities to not line our pockets but to support one another.

As we enjoy time with family and friends this year, as we see more decorations or fireworks celebrating a milestone anniversary, may we all recommit to each other as citizens of this country that we will seek out the benefit of each other, that we will do what is right in God's eyes, what is right in the kingdom of heaven, what is right in following Jesus' command to love God and love our neighbor.

Peace,

Pastor Shawn





Please remember our homebound members.

July Birthdays

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

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* Kathleen Smith	Queen Webb	* * * * *
* 501 VES Rd, H-429	C/O The Summit	* * * * *
* Lynchburg, VA 24503	1300 Enterprise Dr.	* * * * *
	Lynchburg, VA 24502	
* Maymie Keys	Doris Hailey	* * * * *
* R&P at Liberty Ridge	209 Woodland Avenue	* * * * *
* 30 Monica Blvd. Unit 305	Lynchburg, VA	* * * * *
* Lynchburg, VA 24502	24501-2127	
* Eloise Peters	Barbara Taylor	* * * * *
* 501 VES Rd, H-428	R&P at Liberty Ridge	* * * * *
* Lynchburg VA 24503	30 Monica Blvd. Unit 344	* * * * *
	Lynchburg, Va. 24502	
* Sylvia Viar	Becky Maxey	* * * * *
* 15 John Rucker Drive	57 Beech Avenue	* * * * *
* Ruckersville, VA 22968	Hamilton, NJ 08610	* * * * *
* Charlie Ross	Nancy & Wilbur Duncan	* * * * *
* Magnolia Bridge	are currently home-	* * * * *
* 1056 TPC Blvd	bound while Wilbur	* * * * *
* Unit: 237	recovers from a fall.	* * * * *
* Murrells Inlet, SC 29576		* * * * *
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Summer Fellowship Events

We will have a fellowship potluck luncheon event in July! On July 19th, after worship service, join us in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious luncheon to catch-up with your church family here at WPC. Bring your favorite foods to share!

On August 23rd at 3PM we will also host our annual Ice Cream Social and White Elephant gift exchange! Be here for delicious, cold treats and fun surprise gifts!

Upcoming Concerts

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

July 5th = Hymn Sing!

On July 26th: an acapella Menonite Legacy Concert at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sylvia Ann Viar

December 30, 1942 — June 5,
2026

Sylvia Ann Viar, 83, passed away peacefully at home on June 5, 2026, in Ruckersville, Virginia.

She was born to Charles and Marian Viar on December 30, 1942, in Lynchburg, Virginia. Sylvia is survived by her sister, Patricia Heath, and brother-in-law, David Heath. She lived with the Heaths for the past 13 years and will be greatly missed.

Sylvia grew up in Lynchburg and graduated from E. C. Glass High School in 1961. She worked at Lynchburg Sheltered Industries for 43 years. She was a lifelong member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.



A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, June 15th, at 11 am at Spring Hill Baptist Church in Ruckersville. Immediately following the service, a buffet luncheon will be provided for guests at Fiorano Restaurant, 5924 Seminole Trail, in Barboursville. A graveside service with interment at Fort Hill Cemetery in the Apostles Garden, in Lynchburg, will be held at a later date, to be announced.

Memorial contributions can be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg or to Spring Hill Baptist Church in Ruckersville.

The family would like to thank the staff at UVA Medical Center and at Hospice of the Piedmont for their care of Sylvia. We also thank Anita Morris and Ellen Morris for their care of Sylvia at home during her final days. A special thank you to our dear friend Vinod Sehdev, owner of Fiorano Restaurant and Bar, for providing a luncheon buffet on June 15th, immediately following the church service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Batten Funeral Home of Ruckersville, Virginia.

Westminster Presbyterian Church wishes to thank Patricia and David Heath, Dawn and Berry Arrington, and June and Greg Malan for their gracious and generous gifts to the church in memory of Sylvia Viar.



Camp Timothy Bible School: Cooking with Jesus

Psalm 34:8

Andrea Reed again hosted a two week Camp Timothy Summer program for the College Hill Neighborhood children. For two weeks, she and a plethora of truly remarkable young people and adults provided breakfast, lunch, and snacks; songs; plays; prayers; and of course tie dye. What a blessing this camp has been to so many, including our own Thulin children. They loved helping in the kitchen to make bread, cut up cucumbers and tomatoes, and getting to eat ice cream! All three also regaled their parents with stories about Joseph and his coat of many colors and incredible ability to interpret dreams and “save the world!”



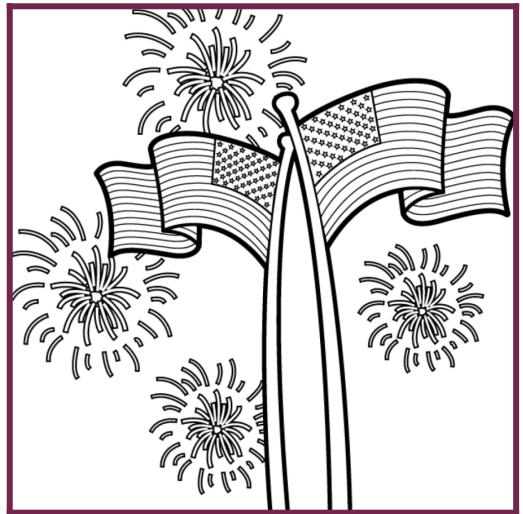
July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Bob out of town until July	Shawn out of town until July 9th			2	3	4
5 6th Sunday after Pentecost Hymn Sing Scripture: Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Ps.: 45: 10-17 or Song 2:8-13; Zech. 9:9-12, and Ps. 145:8-14; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30 Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Angela Hart, Joe Slette Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette Liturgist: Ashley Thulin	6 Lunch Bunch	7	8	9	10	11
12 7th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Scripture: Gen. 25:19-24 and Ps. 119 105-112; Isa. 55:10-13 and Ps. 65:(7-8) 9-13; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Pix Mahler Liturgist: Joe Slette Communion Prep: Irene Hoag Communion Servers: Angela Hart, Pix Mahler Ashley Thulin Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Session Meeting at 9AM	13 PW Women Luncheon to follow	14	15	16	17	18
19 8th Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Gen. 28:10-19a and Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24; <i>Complementary:</i> Isa. 44: 6-8 and Ps.86 11-17; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Angela Hart Ushers: Aidan Thulin, Jeff Evans Liturgist: Ashley Thulin Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler Summer Chill out covered dish luncheon after service.	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 9th Sunday After Pentecost Semicontinuous: Gen: 29:15-28 and Ps. 105:1-11,45b or Ps. 128; <i>Complementary:</i> 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Ps. 119:129-136; Rom.8:26-39; Matt 13:31-33, 44-52 Pastor: Rev. Shawn Hyska Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson Ushers: Joe & Lucy Slette Liturgist: Joe Slette Counters: Hoc Hughes & Pix Mahler Mennonite acapella concert (Taylor Concert Series) at 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31	

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July 5th 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 and Ps.: 45: 10-17 or Song 2:8-13; Zech. 9:9-12. and Ps. 145:8-14; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

Hymn Sing

Acolyte: Raymond Ferguson
Ushers: Angela Hart, Joe Slette
Counters: Hoc Hughes, Joe Slette
Liturgist: Ashley Thulin

July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Gen. 28:10-19a and Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24;
Complementary: Isa. 44: 6-8 and Ps.86 11-17;

Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

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Ushers: Aidan Thulin, Jeff Evans

Liturgist: Ashley Thulin

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

Summer Chill-Out Covered-Dish Luncheon after Service

July 12th 7th Sunday after Pentecost Communion

Scripture: Gen. 25:19-24 and Ps.119 105-112;
Isa. 55:10-13 and Ps. 65:(1-8) 9-13; Rom. 8:1-11;
Matt. 13:1-9,18-23

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Ushers: Pix Mahler

Liturgist: Joe Slette

Counters: Hoc Hughes, Pix Mahler

Communion Prep. Irene Hoag

Communion Servers: Pix Mahler, Angela Hart,

Ashley Thulin

Session Meeting @ 9AM

July 26 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Semicontinuous: Gen: 29:15-28 and Ps. 105:1-11,45b or Ps. 128;

Complementary: 1 Kings 3:5-12 and Ps. 119:129-136; Rom.8:26-39; Matt 13.31-33, 44-52

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