

*This Week at
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Christ welcomes all, and so do we*



*"If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's
commandments and remain in his love."*

John 15:10

**May 17, 2020
6th Sunday of Easter
Worship 9:30
Streaming Live**

All of us at Westminster share your concern about the ongoing outbreak of the respiratory illness caused by COVID-19 coronavirus. This is especially true about how it relates to ways in which we gather as a faith community. Our services at the church building have been suspended.

We will be live streaming our services during this time.

If you would like to join us, call the church office at 352-378-4032 (leave your name and number) and the link will be provided.



Anyone wishing to attend

today's Stated Session Meeting

via Zoom at **5:00 PM**

should contact Colin Hines or Bob Lombard



Cards love, faith and encouragement for our local Shut-Ins are still needed and being delivered. Right now, we have collected around 370 cards total! The fire department dropped off our first delivery of cards to Hunters Crossing Place earlier this week, and we are going to drop off more cards this Saturday. After that, we are looking at one more drop off. The girls are checking the box every day. The need is great. Thank you so much for your support!

Treasurer Note

Thank you so much for your generous support of Westminster and the other agencies. We now have a [secure-locked mail box](#) so please continue to give by mailing in your donations to:

1521 NW 34th Street Gainesville, FL 32605-5033

Or with On-Line Giving at:



<https://www.churchofficegiving.com/App/Giving/wpcgainesville>

May 31st - Day of Pentecost

The Christian holiday of Pentecost, which is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

your impact

Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come

A gift to the **Pentecost Offering** helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is here to help — again

In the PC(USA), we are blessed that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, our disaster response ministry, is already at work with presbyteries and its network of partners to rush critical aid to those who are suffering as a result of COVID-19. Thanks to the longstanding generosity of the whole Church, through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing and other gifts from generous Presbyterians and congregations, PDA is providing vital provisions where needed — food and water, hygiene and sanitation supplies, training and more.

The unprecedented nature of COVID-19 draws into focus the core commitments of our General Assembly's Matthew 25 foci — to eradicate systemic poverty, end structural racism and support congregational vitality. Therefore, PDA is also providing ministry continuation funding through our Matthew 25 commitment to support congregations who work with and draw from communities of people already experiencing the impact of poverty, racism or other forms of oppression.

If you are able, please help us [Give](#), Act and Pray now.

GIVE:

- Support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work as well as ministry continuation funding for congregations experiencing great needs during COVID-19 by making a gift today. Designate gifts to E052197 – Matthew 25. **Make your check payable to WPC with PDA in the note.**

ACT:

- Wash your hands and stay at home. While we value the ministry of presence, currently the best way to care for others is to observe good hygiene and physical distancing.
- Celebrate the life-sustaining, generous engagement of congregations across the nation who are serving communities made more vulnerable by COVID-19's impact on their lives.
- Repudiate the hateful, racist actions and expressions that have targeted siblings of Asian descent during this pandemic.

PRAY:

- Seek comfort and hope in the Risen Lord who is always with us, sustaining and supporting us through every season of life.

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Out of chaos, **HOPE**



“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.”

Psalm 46:1-2

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

Heavenly Father, please remind us to turn to You during this time of quarantine. Help us to turn off the television and silence the news, and instead, call upon Your name. Through every storm, and every scare, please be our strength. Thank You for being a constant presence in our lives. And Lord Jesus, we thank You for Your peace. What a gift it is! In the middle of this uncertain season, still Your peace remains. For that reason, we will not let our hearts be troubled today. In the precious name of Your Son, Jesus, amen.



Kathy Green	05/06
Betty Jax	05/06
Julie Henriksen	05/11



- Louise Black
- Marie Black
- Lina Colondres & Family
- **Jeanette & Keith Hostetler**
- Lee & Martha Johnson
- **Kelly M**(friend N&W Griffin)
- Rev. Charles Landreth
- **Roger** (Dick Menzel's Brother)
- **Doug Migden** (friend of Gladys Lane)
- **Beth Miller**
- **Lori Nason** (death of her sister)
- Brenda Robinson
- **John** (Barbara Scott's brother)
- All students
- **Our County and the World during this pandemic.**
- **All the first responders**
- Our Country & those that serve in all military branches
- All those affected by natural disasters, especially in the Bahamas and Puerto Rico as well as victims of acts of violence.
- Missionaries from our Presbytery
- Our sister church in Havana, Cuba

The prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well. The Lord will raise them up.

James 5:15

Prayable

**Congregational Care Committee
Representatives**

May

Barbara Scott @ 352-372-7191

Betty Jax @ 352-215-4486

“The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:15-16

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**Elder for the Month of May is
Bob Lombard @ 352-672-8205**

Please contact the Elder regarding emergencies in the
absence of the pastor.

SESSION ELDERS:

Colin Hines
Norma Green
Carl Henriksen
Anne Newman
Erica Carter
Susie Gonzalez.
Bob Lombard (Clerk)
Peggy Guin

Committee Chairpersons:

Administration: (Liaison, Carl Henriksen)
Building & Grounds: Colin Hines
Christian Education: Bob Lombard
Congregational Care: Betty Jax
Earth Care: Jeanette Hostetler
Membership: Susie Gonzalez
Outreach: Linda Spurny (Liaison, Norma Green)
Presbyterian Women: Daryl Mullee
Worship: (Liaison, Peggy Guin)