

This Week at
Westminster Presbyterian Church



October 4, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Sunday

Worship

In-Person & Streaming Live

9:30 am

We gather each Sunday to worship in-person. We will continue with our on-line Zoom service as well for those unable to join us in person.

If you would like to **join us via Zoom**, call the church office at 352-378-4032 or write contact@wpcgaineville.org (leave your name, phone number and email address) and the link will be provided.



The **Children's Sunday School** will meet in the children's classroom (#2) on Sunday Mornings after worship.

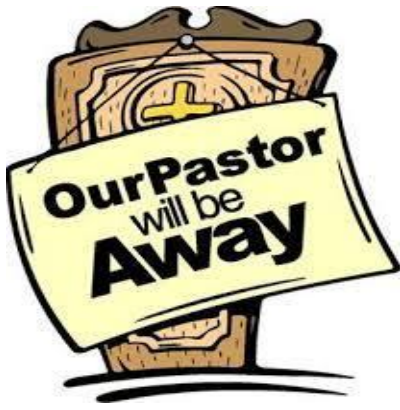
ADULT
SUNDAY
SCHOOL

Adult Study meet **each Sunday** at 11:00am in Classroom #3 and via Zoom. We are studying the book: *"Jesus and the Powers"* by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird.

Contact Barry Nason for information. ***hybrid**



This Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate **Communion**. If you are joining us on Zoom, please have a piece of bread or cracker on a plate with a small cup of wine or juice for each one in your household. Paster Becca will provide instructions during the service.



Pastor Becca will be out of the office from Wednesday, October 7th through Wednesday, October 14th.

If you have an urgent need, please contact the Elder of the Month.



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Fellowship Lunch at NW Seafood & Grill

You are invited to join us for Lunch on **Thursday, October 15th** at 11:30 am at **NW Seafood & Grill (5115 NW 39th Ave)**. This invite is **for all** men and women in the church. Please RSVP to Linda Spurny (301-979-2415) by Monday, October 12th, if you wish to attend. A signup sheet will be available in the foyer on October 4th & 11th.



Gardens Workday on Saturday, October 17th

9:30am – 1:30pm.

Earth Care Committee will work on the Butterfly and other gardens doing clean up and maintenance. All of the congregation and friends are invited to come join us, even if you think you don't have a green thumb.



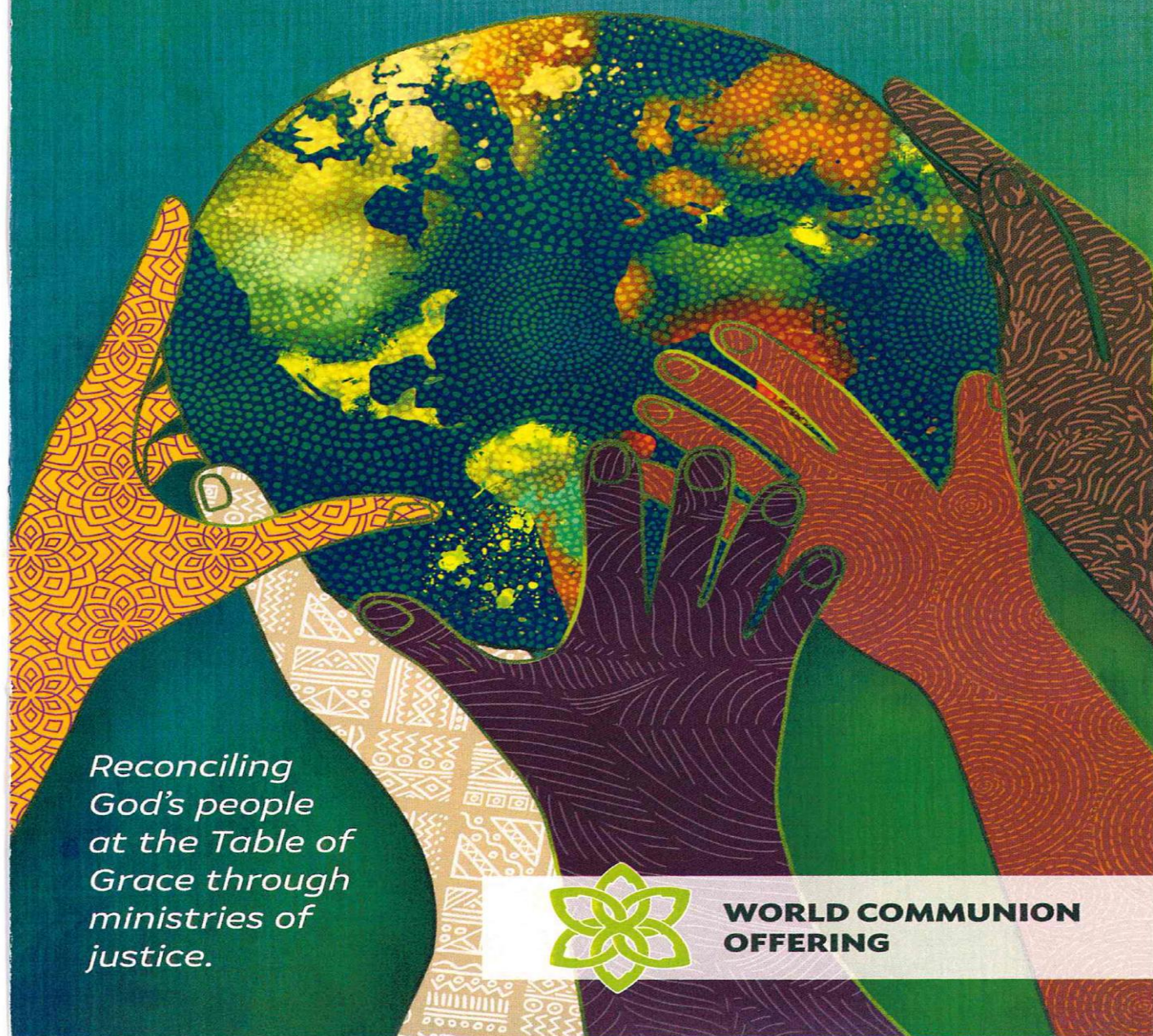
Session has called a Congregational Meeting for October 25 for the purpose of the election of the new slate of elders and approval of Pastor Becca's terms of call for 2027.

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice,

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



Reconciling
God's people
at the Table of
Grace through
ministries of
justice.



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**



Joining Together...

As a Young Adult Volunteer with the PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness, Philile Dlamini's social media series focused on Sudan has helped connect Presbyterians to a global crisis by linking faith, advocacy, and international solidarity through faithful storytelling that calls the church into awareness and action alongside global partners.



...Making a Difference

Supported by a grant from the PC(USA), the Gullah Farmers' Cooperative Association helps farmers who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color with limited resources to come together to secure markets for their products and to get paid fair prices, as well as provide the community with fresh, nutritional foods, including healthy meals for schoolchildren.



Our gifts make a difference in answering the prophets' call to love kindness.

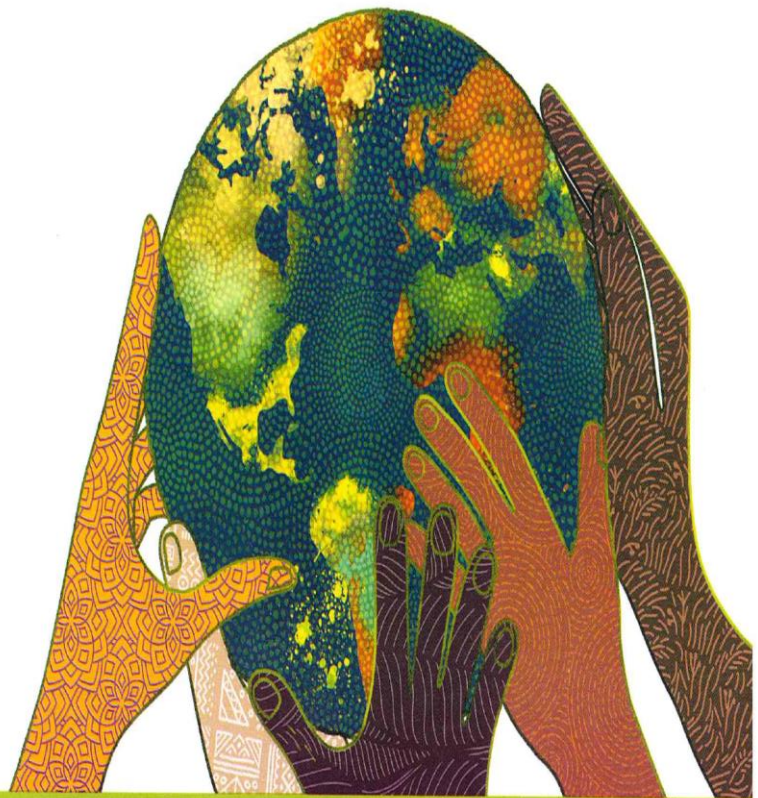
The Al Amana Centre in Oman, a partner of the PC(USA), is one of the few Christian-led organizations in the region working toward reconciliation and sustainable peace through safe, immersive, interfaith experiences. The Centre's facilitated discussions bridge the gap between people of different beliefs and help participants gain deeper insights into themselves.

The prophet Micah's charge to "love kindness" is uniquely embodied when people around the world join together around Christ's Table of grace.

The prophet calls us to recognize the inherent worth of every person, to practice welcome, and to make room at the table for all God's children. This is expressed in action, often involving mercy, faithfulness and steadfast commitment.

Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this Offering.

**Feast joyfully, give generously.
The table is set, and all are invited!**



*Please give generously.
If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!*

Treasurer Note



Thank you so much for your generous support of Westminster and the other agencies.

We now have a **secure-locked mailbox** so please continue to give by mailing your donations to: **1521 NW 34th Street Gainesville, FL 32605-5033**

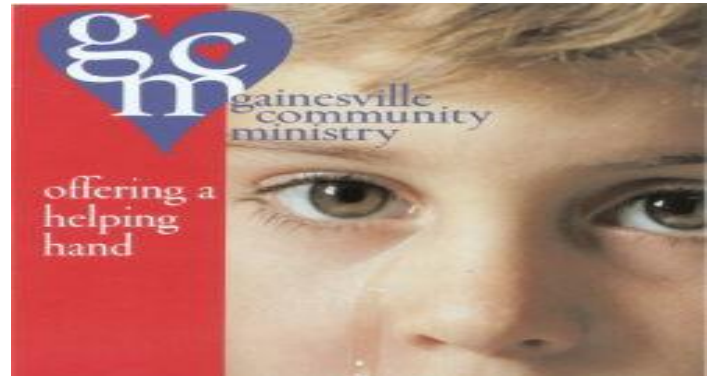
or with our On-Line Giving at:

[https://westminsterpresbyterinchurch1521.churchcenter.com/giving a](https://westminsterpresbyterinchurch1521.churchcenter.com/giving)



If you are interested in the new 2026-2027 Presbyterian Planning Calendar, please follow the link below to order. The cost is \$17.95 plus shipping and handling.

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/9781732846760/20262027-presbyterian-planning-calendar.aspx>



While we are still collecting non-perishable food donations provide the Gainesville Community Ministry weekly. We ask your to consider some other items in addition to the food stuff. Sugar, Flour, Salt, Pepper, Spices, Boxed (shelf) milk., rice,

Cooking oil, Coffee, Tea bags, Sandwich bread, Soap, Dish detergent, Laundry detergent, Feminine products, Stove top stuffing, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, or cookies.

Your donations may be dropped off on Sundays or at the church office **Tuesday through Friday from 9am—1pm** If you are unable to bring your food donations by the church, please contact The donations are delivered to GCM weekly. Every little bit helps!



Equal Exchange Market Westminster Presbyterian Church

All Profits Benefit Gainesville Community Ministries



Every Sunday the Equal Exchange Market represents a win-win opportunity to support Small Farmers over the world and the Gainesville Community Ministries in our community. Coffee, Tea, Chocolates, Cocoa, Olive Oil, Pecans, Almonds, Cashews and Dried Mango items are available. This will make awesome hostess or holiday gifts. Please pick up some delicious products to help our community. If you wish to place an order, please contact Nancy Hult njhult@cox.net and the order will be ready for pick up or delivery.



Congregational Care Committee – We are here to provide care and support to all members but especially to those who are ill, those in hospitals or rehabilitation facilities, or those in need of special attention. If you need medical equipment, we have a small loan-out supply. If you or your loved one is in the hospital or a rehab facility, we can coordinate meals brought to your residence or we can visit. If you would like a visit or phone call for general emotional support, that can be arranged too. Phone or email the CCC member on call for the month or leave a message with the church office. Caring for one another and reaching out to each other is who we are.

Congregational Care Committee Representatives for

October is

Betty Jax @ 352-215-4486

Emily Pugh @ 352-317-7541

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) enables congregations and partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. PDA is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

PDA responds to natural and human-caused disasters around the world by providing immediate and long-term support. We empower communities to take ownership of their response to the disaster by offering trainings and guidance, financial support, capacity-building and more. In the U.S., we work through mid councils; internationally, we partner with grassroots, community-led organizations, Presbyterian partners or members of ACT Alliance.

PDA is committed to long-term accompaniment and response, often recognized for being one of the last organizations to leave a disaster-impacted area. Our dedication to long-term recovery, emotional and spiritual care, and volunteer host sites distinguishes us from other disaster-response organizations.

In addition, PDA leads the refugee response ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We support mid councils and congregations with referrals, resources, consultations and grants as they support migrants in their communities. Outside the U.S., PDA supports refugees through regional and ecumenical partners following the same protocol that guides other disaster-response efforts.

If you or someone you know needs assistance after a disaster, the Presbytery of St. Augustine has provided some helpful information from FLAPDAN :

Disaster Distress Helpline: (800) 985-5990 (Talk or Text)

<https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

Florida Disaster Legal Aid Helpline: (833) 514-2940

Landlord/tenant issues, contractor fraud, etc.

<https://bals.org/disaster-legal-helpline>

Crisis Cleanup Hotline: (844) 965-1386



Colin Hines 10/15

Jeremy Booher 10/22

Debbie Powell 10/27

Al & Nancy Hult 10/01

Emily Pugh & Charles Sapp 10/16

Please contact the church office if you know of someone's birthday or anniversary that is not listed. Thank you.



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Upcoming Meetings

EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

- **Adult Study** meets each Sunday at 11am in Classroom #3 and Zoom.
Contact Barry Nason for information. ***hybrid**
- **Bible Study @10:30 am each Tuesday *Zoom**
- **Children's Sunday School** meets in Classroom #2 after services.
- **Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm each Wednesday**

- **World Communion Offering, Sunday, October 4th**
- **Pastor Becca out of office, Wednesday, October 7th thru October 14th**
- **Fellowship Lunch, Thursday, October 15th @ 11:30 am**
- **Congregational Care Committee, Thursday, October 15th @1:30pm**
- **Gardens Workday, Saturday October 17th 9:30-1:30pm**
- **Children's Sunday, Sunday, October 18th**
- **Stated Session Meeting, Sunday, October 18th @ 1:00 pm *Zoom**
- **Called Congregational Meeting, Sunday, October 25th**

Contact Committee Chairperson or Church Office for Zoom information

Please be advised that Pastor Becca will never ask for you to purchase gift cards or “do something for me” in an email or text message.

If you have an announcement, calendar event or prayer request for the

Prayer for the Sick



- Doug & Macky Barrett's friend, Amy
- Meta Bennett
- Marie Black
- Jeremy Booher & Betsy William's friend, Sue
- The Carter's friends: John Overby, Garth's father in law and their neighbor
- Paul Carter's sister-in-law; a co- worker; his niece, Marissa; & friends: Jacob, Kelsey Hawk, Chuck, **Ellis & Rusty**
- Gloria Comstock
- **Wendy Dever**, her mother, Cozet and Matt
- **Glenn Dickson**
- **Linda Ellwood**
- Zoe Emanuel
- **Julian Gilder's neighbor: Erin Schlagel**
- Hernan Gonzalez
- Norma Green
- Norma Green's friends: Katherine, Rosemary, Jim & Katrina Counts
- Norma Green's grandson, Matthew
- Dana Griffin's brother, Jim Griffin
- Nancy C. Griffin's brother, Amos
- **Wayne & Nancy A. Griffin's**: friends: Pat, Ira, Ronna, Walt and Kelly
- **Colin Hines on the death of his father**
- **Gladys Lane's granddaughter, Caroline**
- **Helen McCune** and her son Sam, **sister Lucy**
- Beth Miller's grandson James McElwain
- Beth Miller's son-in-law, Ian Decker
- John & Betty Jean Neller
- **Debbie Powell's friends: Donna & Jack**
- **Kevin Putman, Greg's Uncle**
- **Margaret Seymour**
- Thomsen Family (Gladys Lane)
- **Isaiah Trickey**
- Tom & Lynne Webster's son Kristian
- Ukraine, Israel, Palestine/Gaza
- Our Country & those that serve in all military branches
- National Farm Worker Ministry
- All those affected by natural disasters, hurricanes, fires, floods, as well as **victims of acts of violence and war.**
- Health Care Workers & first responders And **military personnel**
- Missionaries from our Presbytery

Elder for the Month of

October is

Donna Parker @ 352-275-6435

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

How to reach us at WPC

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Pastor

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Cell#: 973-479-2638

Gail W. Acree

Administrative Assistant

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Rev. Dr. Glenn W. Dickson, Pastor Emeritus

Helen McCune, Treasurer

Julian Gilder, Music Director, juliangilder@gmail.com

SESSION ELDERS:

Linda Clary (Clerk)

Andy Olivenbaum

Debbie Powell

Linda Spurny

Paul Carter

Colin Hines

Nancy Morris

Jeremy Booher

Donna Parker

Lynne Webster

Committee Chairpersons:

Administration: Linda Spurny

Building & Grounds: Colin Hines

Christian Education: Ashley Kairalla

Congregational Care: Betty Jax

Earth Care: Barry Nason

Membership: Nancy Morris

Outreach: Andy Olivenbaum, Liaison

Worship: Jeremy Booher, Liaison