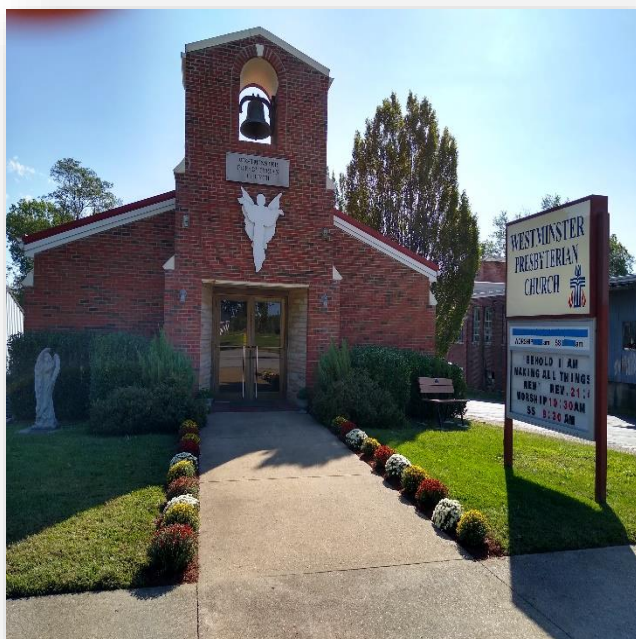


THE MESSENGER

Newsletter from Westminster

OUR MISSION IS TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE IN ALL WE DO



January 07 ~ Jack Clark

January 12 ~ Ella Dunklee

January 13 ~ Madeleine McClane

January 20 ~ Glenn Müller

January 31 ~ Clinton Simmons

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

Psalm 96:8

Sometimes we just want to know what will happen in the New Year and we wonder are things going to change; will this year be better than last year? While only God knows the answer to these questions, there are things we know that have not changed. One is worship. We are repeatedly commanded to worship God, not because He needs the encouragement, but because we need to lift our gaze from lesser things and focus on Him. Whenever our gaze is lifted to Him our perspective changes and we are reminded that He holds all things together all the time – whether the times are lean, abundant or in between. Having just celebrated Christmas we have seen the glorious revelation of God in Jesus and have good reason to worship. The gift of Jesus is incomparable and worthy of praise.

There are other reasons to “Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name.” We worship and serve an amazing God and as we enter into 2024, we want to give Him praise and glory. This God is with us, for us and loves us more than we can ever comprehend.

The following quotes help to keep our perspective God centered and upward gazing as we enter into 2024.

“All our fret and worry is caused by calculating without God.” Oswald Chambers

“New Year’s Day is a good time to fix one’s eyes on the only One who knows what the year is to hold.” Elizabeth Elliott

“Our New Year’s resolutions may quickly crumble, God’s plans never fail.”
Charles Stanley

“A revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God.” Charles Finney

“He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.” Psalm 40:3

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22-23

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.” 2 Cor. 5:17

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May our great God, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit continue to make us new this year as together in, with and through faith we enter 2024.

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.”

Psalm 90:1

Pastor Angie



Thank you again for your generous gift to me at Christmas. You are kind and gracious to me in this year-end blessing. It is appreciated and your strong goodness pleasantly amazes me. I am thankful to God for each one of you and for the opportunity to minister alongside of you and with you. May this year be full of God's great good as together we journey into 2024.

Pastor Angie



NEW YEAR PRAYER

*Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand-new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.*

--The Daily Bible Verses

Bell Choir during Worship
December 17, 2023



A Visit from Santa Claus at the December 17 Potluck after worship.



Bell Choir Plays at the Nursing Home in Versailles and at Quality Industries December 20, 2023



Philippians 4:6-7

Don't be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanks-giving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

- ▶ **PASTOR ANGIE** is on vacation, December 25 through January 7.
- ▶ **CLINTON SIMMONS** will preach for us today, December 31 and January 7.
- ▶ **BIBLE STUDY**— Monday evening: 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday morning 10:30 a.m.
(downstairs in Clingan Hall)
- ▶ **TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER**— 9:00 a.m. upstairs in the conference room.
- ▶ **MEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE**— 7:00 a.m.
(Downstairs in dining area "Hill Hall")
- ▶ **FELLOWSHIP TIME**—please join in on "Fellowship Time" with refreshments after worship.
- ▶ **SESSION MEETS**— Wednesday, January 17 – at Westminster Presbyterian.
- ▶ **MINISTRY HOUSE**—Westminster will be serving dinner at The Ministry House, January 18, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ **AN ELDER RETREAT** is being planned for Saturday, February 3 for all session members.
- ▶ **A CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER**— is being planned for St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 15. Proceeds will go toward to grounds and building maintenance.
(details to come)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group
at Mary Jo Jackson's house for our Christmas
celebration, December 19, 2023



FOR I KNOW
THE
PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU
DECLARES
The LORD
PLANS TO PROSPER
YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU
PLANS TO GIVE YOU
HOPE AND A FUTURE
JEREMIAH 29:11

Tuesday Morning Prayer9:00 a.m. – upstairs in the
Conference Room**Bible Study**Monday Evening -5:30 p.m.
Tuesday morning -10:30 a.m.
Downstairs, Clingan Hall**Session Meeting**Wed. January 17th
10:00 a.m.**9:30 a.m.****•Wednesday: Men's
Coffee and Donuts:
7:00 a.m.— 10:00 a.m.****•Join us for “Fellowship
Time” with refreshments
after Worship
(Downstairs in Hill Hall)****25 persons,
average attendance
for December****Offerings for
December**Pledges: \$3935.00
Non-Pledges: \$385.00
Basket: \$74.00**Secular
western ethics****2,000 years of
Christian morality****LOOK HOW FAR I CLIMBED,
AND I'M NOT EVEN TIRED.**

Hours:

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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