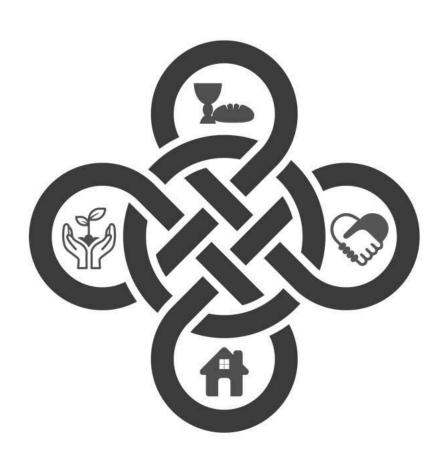
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Knowing ChristMaking Christ Known

October 13, 2024 9:30 A.M. Traditional



GATHERING THOUGHT

"Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much."

- Erich Fromm

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 13, 2024

9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME (Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad in your pew)

MINUTE FOR MISSION West Chester Food Cupboard

Rob Necarsulmer

CHORAL INTROIT

Come All You People

Alexander Gondo

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker...x3 Come now and worship the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 90

Leader: O Lord, teach us to count our day, that we may gain a wise heart.

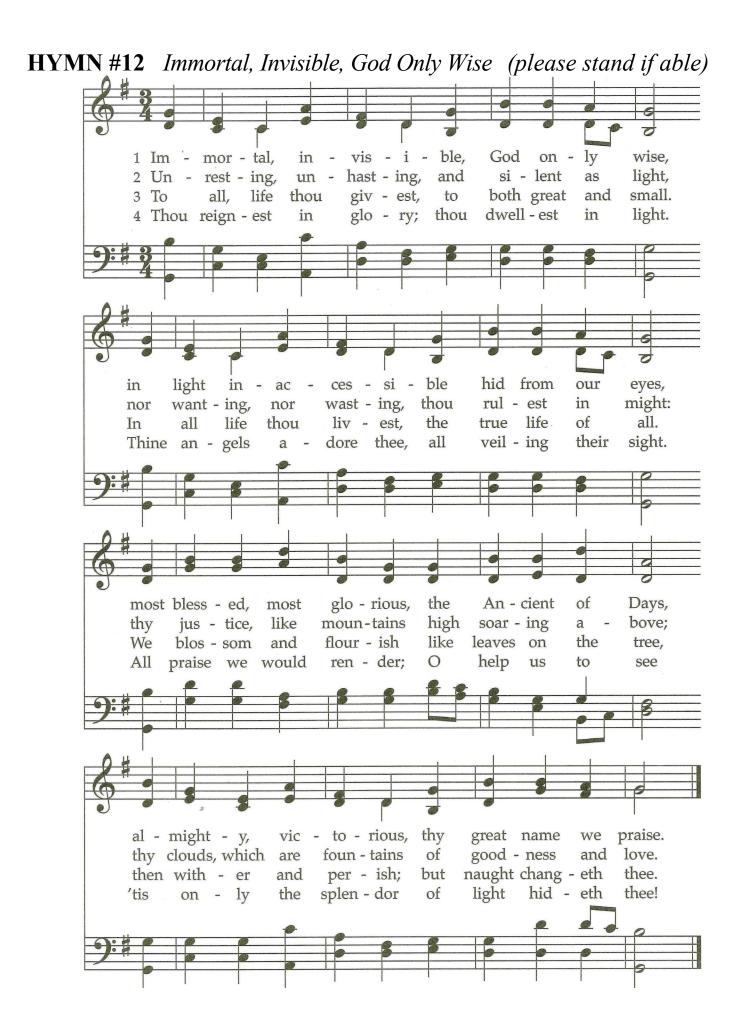
People: Turn toward us, O Lord, for you are compassionate!

Leader: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

People: so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader: Let your work take place through your servants,

People: and proper the work of our hands.



UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, we often wonder what we must do to be right with you. We establish rules and try to follow them to win your love. We strive for security by piling up the things of this life. We do good works and wonder if you notice. Forgive our relying on ourselves rather than trusting your grace and call to discipleship. Help us to seek your kingdom and righteousness first in our lives...(time for silent prayers of confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People:In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE #582

Glory to God

(please stand if able)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apo

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

For children all, a sense of welcome. For children all, a belly fed. For children all, strong minds that wonder. For children all, a loving friend. For we're a world of diverse people, and all our needs here on earth are broad. So look around see the beauty in difference, and work to love all the children of God. And work to love all the children of God.

For those ignored, a sense of welcome. For those ignored, a belly fed. For those ignored, strong minds that wonder. For those ignored, a loving friend. For we're a world of diverse people, and all our needs here on earth are broad. So look around see the beauty in difference, and work to love all the children of God. And work to love all the children of God.

For enemies, a sense of welcome. For enemies, a belly fed. For enemies, strong minds that wonder. For enemies, a loving friend. For we're a world of diverse people, and all our needs here on earth are broad. So look around see the beauty in difference, and work to love all the children of God. So look around see the beauty in difference, and work to love all the children of God.

THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING – "The Peace of Christ"

MOMENT FOR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Robbe Healey

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

......Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

OFFERTORY The Meditations of My Heart

Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

DOXOLOGY #606

(please stand if able)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from Feasting on the Word)

God of abundant love, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ for the world. As we present our offerings today, give us hearts overflowing with thanksgiving to you. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to you, knowing that they came first from you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen. (please be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 10: 17-31

(Pew Bible pg. 822)

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." 'He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Impossible Possibilities

Leah Hrachovec



- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Worship Times: 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here today. To help us welcome you personally, please sign the *Friendship Pad* with your name, address, email and/or phone number.

If you are interested in knowing more about being a follower of Jesus, have any questions, or desire follow-up information, please speak to one of the pastors. Following worship, they can be found greeting at the doors of the sanctuary.

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR TODAY are: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and *Psalm 22:1-15;* Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and *Psalm 90:12-17;* Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12; Mark 10:17-31.

NO JOURNEY CLASS this morning. Feel free to join the volunteers in Spellman Hall packing 50,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.

USHERS: Larry Graves (lead usher), Steve Brown, Ron Evans, Roger Mecouch, Rob Necarsulmer, Jerry Shuts, Nancy Steiginga, Steve Vicker

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Ministers of Jesus Christ All the Members of the Congregation **Pastors** Leah Hrachovec, Jon Frost, Ann Hatfield **Bob Young Pastor Emeritus Director of Music Ministries** Tim Evers Associate Director of Music Ministries Kirsten Santos Rutschman Chris Clark Director of Youth and Young Adults Director of Children and Family Ministry Jill Reichert Lynn George **Director of Communications** Church Administrator Gerry McShane Sandy Kurek Financial Administrator Parker Hendrix Financial Assistant

WORSHIP INFORMATION

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30am – Traditional worship

11:00am – Contemporary worship with band

5:00pm – Taizé worship in the Chapel

Wednesday Morning in the Chapel

9:10-9:30am – Prayer and Communion worship

PHONE MINISTRY - Calling in for Worship is offered for those who want to listen to the 9:30 am service by phone. Contact Nancy Christy at 610-696-3284 for dialing instructions.

A REMOTE TV MONITOR is in the Quiet Room (just outside the sanctuary in the west hallway) to view and hear worship in progress for those with restless children or who need to leave the sanctuary.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for worship at the Information Center in the Narthex. Additionally, the sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop system that transmits to hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils. **PEW CUSHIONS** also available at the Information Center.

PRAY GROUNDS ARE LOCATED along the sides of our Sanctuary and are geared towards young children to engage in items from the cart during services. Families are encouraged to utilize the additional children's materials in the Pray Grounds during worship over the summer.

LIVE STREAMING of our services is offered over the internet. A service bulletin for worship may be found through the link on our website or in the Sunday update. We invite you to join us at westminsterpc.org when you are not able to attend worship.

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PRAYER MINISTRY members receive a weekly list of prayer requests via email and members include them in their conversations with God. To have a prayer request included in the Prayer Ministry or to become a member, contact Janet Gauger at gauger.janet@gmail.com or the church office.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION is celebrated the first Sunday of every month in all services. If you desire or know of someone desiring **HOME COMMUNION**, please contact Ann Hatfield, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care at 610-399-3377 ext. 114.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is celebrated the third Sunday of every month. Our BAPTISM CLASS is offered the last Sunday of each month, except December, at 10:30 a.m. Contact the office to register for the baptism class.



NEWS AND EVENTS

October 13, 2024



Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

ROLLING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2024

During morning services in the sanctuary and via Zoom at 10:30am

For the purpose of electing officers for the class of 2027. Short bios of the officers will be available prior to the meeting.

OCTOBER VESPERS BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 20, from 4-5pm

An intergenerational, family-friendly evening worship service. For October, <u>we</u> will be under the portico for a Blessing of the Animals Service.

Bring your pet on leash or in a carrier for a special blessing as we give thanks to our/their Creator for their love and companionship. If your pet has passed, you are welcome to bring a picture of them to remember and bless the time that you had with them.

As part of our worship, consider donating items from the Brandywine Valley SPCA wish list: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/17696ASEWPBU9. Bring the items with you to worship and we will deliver them the following week.

PER CAPITA ANNUAL COLLECTION

This collection supports the ecclesiastical & administrative work of the Presbyterian Church USA, the connectional church at work. "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" NRSV 1 Corinthians 12:12.

Thank you to the 394 active members who donated to the Per Capita collection so far this year. With 1629 current active members, the participation rate is only 24%. Our 2024 collection budget is \$25,000. The Per Capita collection offsets the assessed cost to the denomination for each confirmed church member, not per household. In 2024, the per member assessment is \$38 or a total Westminster apportionment of \$66,196.

DAYS FOR GIRLS KIT MAKING EVENT

Sunday October 27, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Spellman Hall

Help us shatter stigma and limitations associated with menstruation for improved health, education and livelihood outcomes for girls and women everywhere with Days for Girls. Join us for one of two shifts: 9-10:45 am and/or 10:45 am-12:30 pm when we will make menstruation kits.

The kits are hand-sewn washable pads and will be distributed both locally and internationally. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome. Everything needed for the activities will be provided. Questions? Contact Dana Loundas at danaloundas1@gmail.com or Joni Taylor at jetta.taylor@gmail.com.

BAGGED LUNCH PROGRAM

Safe Harbor Volunteers are needed to prepare and deliver 30 bagged lunches on Monday, October 21, to help Safe Harbor feed Chester County's most vulnerable men, women and children. Additional information can be found in the Signup Genius using this link: **bit.ly/SafeHarborOct** Questions? contact Christine Philbin at cphilbin3@gmail.com.

The Vine Ministry The Vine Ministry works to provide hunger relief to our community. Westminster is teaming up with The Vine Ministry to help support their efforts during the upcoming season of giving. We're looking for volunteers to prepare 50 bagged lunches on behalf of The Vine Ministry the 4th Friday of each month through the remainder of 2024. Additional information can be found in the Signup Genius using this link. bit.ly/VineMinOct Questions? contact John Grillo at johngrillo@yahoo.com.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING THANK-YOU!

We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to our annual Peace & Global Witness Offering. As a result of your generous donations, we collected almost \$9,000! Twenty-five percent will remain at Westminster to be shared with the Charles A. Melton Arts and Education Center, which provides civic, arts, recreation, and education programs to underserved families in the West Chester area. The remainder of the money will be used to support the work of peace and reconciliation in our region and across the globe through the PC(USA). Thank you so much for your participation and generosity towards this special offering!

SHOP FOR HOPE 2024 SAVE THE DATE!

The annual *Shop for Hope* event is returning to Westminster on **Sunday, December 8**, from **10:30 AM to 12:30 PM** in Spellman Hall. Join us to shop for unique and meaningful gifts for everyone on your list, while supporting partner ministries and spreading hope this Advent season.

As you browse this year's market, children can enjoy festive music, crafts, and tasty treats too! We look forward to seeing you there!

SOCK DRIVE THANK-YOU

A huge thank you to all who participated in the 2024 sock drive. We collected over 1900 pairs of men, women and children's socks that will be distributed to eight of our local ministry partners. The partners include the Melton Center, Tick Tock Early Learning Center, Chester County Migrant Ministries, the St. Agnes Day Room, CYWA Gateway Shelter, City Gate Men's Shelter, The Atkinson Men's Shelter, and the Vine Ministry.

2024 BLANKET DRIVE

Due to an overwhelming response last year, we are going to continue with our blanket drive for 2024. We ask you to provide at least one new single, double or queen-sized warm winter blanket, with a heavier emphasis on single and doubles. The Blanket Drive will run throughout the month of October. There will be bins set up in the Heckert Center for donations. You can also have donations sent to the church directly at 10 W. Pleasant Grove Road West Chester, PA 19380. The Outreach Committee is grateful for your continuing generosity and for helping us to provide warmth this coming winter season.

PRISON MINISTRY ART SHOW

Friday, October 11 - 7 pm - Sunday, October 20

Westminster is partnering with a Prison Ministry Art Show featuring artworks from the inmates at Coal Township State Correction Institute. Last year we generosly raised nearly \$4,000 with half going to the inmates to restock their art supplies as well as Christmas gifts for their families. The other half, at the artists' request, goes to our charities. The Art Show is online at bit.ly/PMAS2024. The original art as well as calendars and greeting cards of the original artwork will be on sale.

CHILI COOK-OFF & FALL FEST



5:30-7:30 pm Friday, November 1
Spellman Hall, Outdoor Chapel, Portico & Narthex
We're having a Thank You God, Party
- celebrating the fall and giving thanks to God for all gifts. Do you have an amazing chili recipe to share? Enter your amazing chili in the chili cook-

off, when you register! There is a competition, and you might win a prize! Other fun things happening at the fall fest include more food (chicken, veggies, snacks, cider), games, crafts, book reading, prayer station, campfire, marshmallow roasting, photo booth and ideas for families to take home to engage in spiritual practices at home, using themes of fall and everyday activities. Questions? Contact Jill Reichert at ireichert@westminsterpc.org.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS FOR HURRICANES

Westminster joins the PCUSA in responding to those impacted by Hurricanes over the last few weeks. The impact of Helene & Milton is felt across multiple states, with devastating storm damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is in communication with affected presbyteries to share information and coordinate resources as wind and flooding damage is assessed. PDA deployed a National Response Team to several local presbyteries to respond to needs in their communities. Along with your prayers, your generous financial gifts will bring hope, help, and encouragement. Copy this address bit.ly/helenehelp into your browser to support the PDA's efforts or make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, designating "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. We will forward the collected funds to PDA. For updates on the response efforts use this link. bit.ly/heleneupdates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Racial Healing Book Study Donegal Presbytery's Racial Justice Task Group is hosting a new book discussion on racial healing. You are invited to join others in learning more about challenging privilege, confronting systemic racism, and engaging in collective healing. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Pastor Ann Hatfield at ahatfield@westminsterpc.org.

Brown Bag Lunch: This Monday, October 14 is brown bag lunch in Spellman Hall at 12 noon. All are welcome to come fellowship and meet new friends.

Westminster's Library-Please visit the library to see our "Fall" display. While there, feel free to check out any books or DVDs of interest.

Thrift Shop — Various pink items are displayed in the Westminster Thrift Shop, recognizing October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. According to the American Cancer Society, 310,720 new cases of invasive breast cancer in women and 2,790 cases in men will be diagnosed in 2024. The idea that breast cancer is an automatic death sentence is a myth in today's world. A lot of breast cancers can be managed, and lives extended and saved. Let us pray for all who are presently on a breast cancer journey, and remember all who have been on this journey, several of which have been thrift shop volunteers.

Narcan training/ medication dropbox. On Sunday, October 27, 10:45am in Spellman Jr., the Office of Drug and Alcohol Prevention will be offering NARCAN Training. For those unable to attend but want to learn this lifesaving technique, the training will also be offered on Zoom. No signups needed. Zoom link will be provided prior to event.

The Chester County Sheriff's Department will be providing the Mobile Medication Dropbox in the Narthex from 9-11AM. Please bring your unwanted or expired overthe-counter or prescription medications for proper disposal. NO Syringes, please. Questions? Contact Brenda Schivito at bschivito@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Fellowship: Our next presentation is this Tuesday, October 15. Wayne Zimmerman is our Theater Organ Specialist who is extraordinarily talented accompanying Silent Movies with complimentary music. He treats us with two wonderful silent movie comedies - "Wrong Again" and "Habeas Corpus" starring Stan Laurel & Oliver Hardy, sometimes referred to as "the boys". He selected these seldom seen silent movies because they preceded the great Laurel & Hardy "talkies" with which so many people are familiar. Come early at 9:30 am to enjoy coffee/tea, popcorn treats with great conversations in Spellman Hall. From 10-11 AM Wayne's presentation will be held in the Sanctuary. There will not be a ZOOM link for this organ performance.

Did you know that **October is Church Staff Appreciation Month?** The Personnel Committee invites you to join us in showing our appreciation for our pastors and staff. We have cards available at the Information Booth and in Café 10 West where you can share your words of gratitude and encouragement.

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August 2024 General Fund – Mission and Church Operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget Better/(Worse)
Pledge Giving	\$1,234,537	\$1,106,275	11.6%
Total Revenue	\$1,616,791	\$1,540,776	4.9%
Expense	\$1,498,845	\$1,537,225	2.5%
Net Surplus	\$ 117,946	\$ 3,551	0.0%
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Offering Figures for 10/6/24 (includes online giving)

General Fund-Sunday Svc/Mailed/Online	\$32,434.36
Peace Offering	4,775.00
Christmas Joy Offering	50.00
Disaster Relief	2,675.00
Property Reserve	100.00
Total	\$40,034.00

Attendance: 10/6/24

In Person	483
Phone	6
Wellington	10
Live Stream	<u>558</u>
Total	1,556

Calendar for week of October 12, 2024

Sunday, Octo	<u>bber 13</u>	
8:00 A.M.	Rise Against Hunger (Spellman Hall)	
8:30 A.M.	C 1	
9:30 A.M.		
	KidsConnect (K-5 th grade)	
11:00 A.M.	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary), Young	
	Children & Worship (Chapel)	
11:30 A.M.	Trustee New Office Training (313)	
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir (Music Room)	
5:30 P.M.	Youth Group (Spellman Hall)	
Monday, October 14		
9:00 Å.M.	Thrift Shop workday until 3 P.M.	
9:30 A.M.	Monday Morning Circle (414)	
5:30 P.M.	Property Committee (212)	
7:00 P.M.	Trustees (212)	
Tuesday, October 15		
9:30 Å.M.	Tuesday Fellowship (Spellman Jr.)	
9:30 A.M.	Tuesday Women's Bible Study (414)	
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M.	
12:00 P.M.	Stitch Unto Others (413)	
1:00 P.M.	Beginner Handbell Class (Spellman Hall)	
7:00 P.M.	Session Meeting (212)	
Wednesday, (October 16	
9:10 A.M.	Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel)	
9:30 A.M.	Women's Bible Study (Spellman Jr.)	
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M.	
4:15 P.M.	Cherub Choir (Spellman Hall	
4:45 P.M.	Children's Choir (Spellman Hall)	
7:00 P.M.	Handbell Rehearsal (Spellman Hall)	
7:00 P.M.	Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	
7:00 P.M.	Gathering of Men (Spellman Jr.)	
<u>Thursday, O</u>	ctober 17	
	Thrift Shop Closed	
10:00 A.M.	Tech Time with Lynn via Zoom	
6:00 P.M.	Boy Scouts (Spellman Hall)	
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	
7:00 P.M.	Celebrate Recovery (The Site)	

Friday, October 18		
	Thrift Shop Open until 3 P.M.	
Saturday, October 19		
9:00 Å.M.	Thrift Shop Open until noon	
Sunday, October 20 Consecration Sunday		
8:30 A.M.	Nursery care (109)	
9:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship / WeeConnect 3-4 yrs	
	KidsConnect (K-5 th grade)	
10:30 A.M.	Brunch for 9:30 Service Guests (Spellman)	
11:00 A.M.	Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary), Young	
	Children & Worship (Chapel)	
12:00 P.M.	Brunch for 11 am Service Guests (Spellman)	
4:00 P.M.	Vespers Service – Blessing of the animals (Portico)	
5:00 P.M.	Youth Choir (Music Room)	
5:30 P.M.	Youth Group (Spellman Hall)	

For questions about any of our activities or events, please visit the website at westminsterpc.org or call the church office.

FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS OCTOBER – DRIED AND CANNED BEANS