



WESTERN SPIRE

MARCH 2026

Observed since the 4th century, Lent is a 40-day spiritual journey that gives us the opportunity to honor the sacrifice of Jesus Christ in his earthly ministry. Easter, marking Jesus's resurrection, and Christmas, celebrating his incarnation, are the two main pillars of Christianity. Both pillars have a certain period of preparation, 4 weeks of Advent to prepare for Christmas and 40 days of Lent to prepare for Easter.

We observe the Lenten season to contemplate the suffering and death of Jesus Christ through prayer, repentance, fasting, and/or abstinence from worldly entertainment in order for us to prepare ourselves for the greater joy of the resurrection of Jesus. Christians may continue their connections, family times, and joyful events as usual, but these things should be done in ways to remember the suffering of Jesus.

What does it mean? How can we do entertainment and contemplation together during Lent? It is called "Holy Pause" or as I personally call it, "spontaneous and sudden stopping to pray." It is a practice of interrupting daily life and entertainment to connect with God shortly. It helps us find deeper meanings of our daily events and fun experiences to connect with God. A lot of times, fun experiences often can become idols or replacements for spiritual intimacy with God, making us turn away from God. But 'Holy Pause' helps us interpret the fun times as holy moments to rest in God's presence, helping avoid over-indulging in pleasure.

This intentional break from routines, even in the middle of fun times, reminds us that we are in the world but not of the world. We are poised to repent and turn away from what we enjoy, if anything creates insatiable cravings in our lives, acting as fleeting distractions that interfere with the two most important values in our lives: to love God and to love our neighbors.

Start your day with the Bible reading of one or two chapters from any book in the Bible. I recommend you start reading the Book of Job or Proverbs as I am planning to preach on the Book of Job during Lent. Then, read the short Daily Devotionals each day which were sent by the church office via email. (You can also find a hard copy in the hallway.)

During the day, take as many pauses as possible. You can close your eyes to take deep breaths and offer your short prayers to God, or simply to have a moment of silence. You can do it between tasks or activities. You can do it in the middle of doing something (movie or drama). You can do it while you take a shower. This practice helps you shift from a "human doing" to a "human being" before God.

The most important rule when taking a 'Holy Pause' is to be honest and to listen to your inner voice, especially when you feel rushed or overwhelmed. You may be surprised by how the Spirit of God whispers to you all the time, as Elijah heard God's voice, not through a powerful wind nor through an earthquake or a devouring fire, but through a gentle whisper. You may be also surprised to experience how simple, honest and genuine your prayers can be. Though it may be a 30 second to a minute or two, a holy pause helps break the habit of automatic (what we usually call 'natural') reactions, reduce stress, and foster deep, calm, and grounded living.

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Hodong Hwang

Lent Faith Paint Prayer and Wanderings

Mark your calendar! **Saturday, March 14th at 10am**

- **This is an individual wandering of prayer and prayerful concerns**
- No artistic talent is needed, just an open mind
- Supplies are included ~ you are welcome to donate anything to either the food pantry or emergency cupboard.
- If you have a hair blower, bring it along
- Please sign up so there's a place at the table for you

Here are 2 options of how this painting could go...



The One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

The mission statement of the One Great Hour of Sharing is to provide sustainable food resources, clean water, sanitation resources, education and community development. This is done by splitting the offertory money collected from the One Great Hour of Sharing into three different areas. These areas are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which works alongside communities recovering from natural or man made disasters, Presbyterian Hunger Program which works to alleviate hunger as addressing the creation and systemic caused of poverty in communities, the third area is the Self-Development of People which provides support for low-income communities to address the issues of injustice and oppression. Below are some examples of how the donations collected in the One Great Hour of Sharing impact both this country and other countries around the world.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been extremely important in this past year. Throughout the country wildfires, floods tornadoes and hurricanes have ravaged communities. The PDA provides money to those communities to help people living in disaster zones and help with rebuilding. Around the world the PDA helped victims of earthquakes in Syria, Afghanistan, and Nepal, victims of drought in India, Malawi, and Rwanda, and hurricane victims in the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and Nicaragua. The PDA has also provided humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine and for victims of the Israel/Palestine war.

Presbyterian Hunger Program has contributed to the Florida Bold Justice program, which plants trees in low-income neighborhoods to improve environmental conditions, reduce heat caused illness and provide a more comfortable environment for the people living there. Another project the PHP contributes to that started in Florida is the Coalition of Immokalee Workers Fair Food Program. This program originated as a way to protect worker's rights in Florida tomato fields. The program has since spread to cover farm workers across many states and protects them from illegal working conditions, abuse, violence, and the use of child labor. In Santa Cruz, New Mexico the PHP supports the Tewa Women United and Pueblo Women Farmers in their work to protect indigenous and vulnerable communities. They have developed a program where school children from third through fifth grade learn how to cultivate local plants and get hands on experience by planting crops in a garden at the Espanola Healing Food Oasis. The organizations also work with the adults in the Espanola Valley to address concerns about air, soil and water contamination caused by the local nuclear plants and the work conducted by the Las Alamos National Laboratory.

Internationally, the PHP has contributed funds to provide solar refrigerators for families in Nicaragua. This is essential because fresh fish is an important meal staple. By having access to solar refrigerators families can preserve their fish regardless of how the local power grid is functioning. By being able to sell higher quality fish the families are able to sell them for better prices and raise themselves out of poverty. In the Bambouts Mountains in Cameroon the PHP has helped finance the delivery of 250 stoves and 50 water filters to the communities in those areas. The stoves require less wood to operate, reducing the deforestation in the area and the water filters provide clean water for drinking, cooking, and bathing which reduces the risk of water borne illness. Additionally, in Batouri, in Eastern Cameroon the PHP provides support for the communities as they protest against the actions of mining operations. The mining companies leave behind large pits when they've finished mining, which can injure or kill the people and animals that fall in them. The chemicals used in the mining process also contaminate the local soil and water.

The third project supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing is the Self-Development of People. In Center Pole, located in Garryowen, Montana the SDOP supports the indigenous people living on the Crow Indian Reservation to develop sustainable growth techniques, fight for environmental justice, and work on community development. In Fideicomiso de la Tierra de Cano Martin Pena located in San Juan, Puerto Rico the SDOP partners with a local organization called G-8. This organization is comprised of a group of 8 local communities. The organization helps these communities to develop land trusts and to implement solar technology. They also installed a water tank at the G-8 headquarters which is also used as the local community center, which provides clean water.

Internationally the SDOP works with the Buena Vista Women Group and the Forging Future organization in Colo, Panama. By the donation of a \$15,000.00 grant to help members of the community to create business. This allows members of the community greater economic self-sufficiency as well as the ability to generate generational wealth and reduce poverty. The SDOP also works with the Civil Society Coalition for Eradication of Poverty. This organization helps farmers in Abuja, Nigeria by helping them salvage or improve their farms. Farmers are given either a livelihood or recovery package, based on their need, and agricultural processing machines. This allows farmers to grow and harvest greater quantities of food, which they can sell and become economically self-sufficient.

Every year people in need benefit from the aid received from the One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering gives the members of this church an opportunity to make an important impact here and around the world.



2026 SUMMER CAMP

Employment Opportunities

June—July—August

Inclusive Environment - Competitive Salaries

Food and Lodging provided when camp is in session

Overnight Staff—Day Camp Staff—Food Service Staff

Friday night and Saturday off every week!



campwhitman.org

THE GIFT OF CREATION

• in nature • in art • in community • in us

Lenten Project

Last year, the church put together Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. The Mission Team has decided to collect items for Hygiene Kits. We will sort the items and make kits and give them to various organizations for their programs.

Social Services need kits for Homeless People who come for help. In addition to hygiene kits, they distribute socks, pajamas, individual cereal and mac and cheese cups.

When we spoke to Kat Dillon from Survivor Advocacy Center, she had a list of hygiene items needed by their clients. The organization could also use individual food items.

Family Promise collects hygiene items to be used by homeless families.

The Food Pantry gives hygiene items to the clients who use the pantry.

Boxes will be set in the front of the church during Lent, February 18 – April 5th. We encourage you to bring in items throughout Lent. We hope you will join us in this project.

Hygiene Items we will collect:

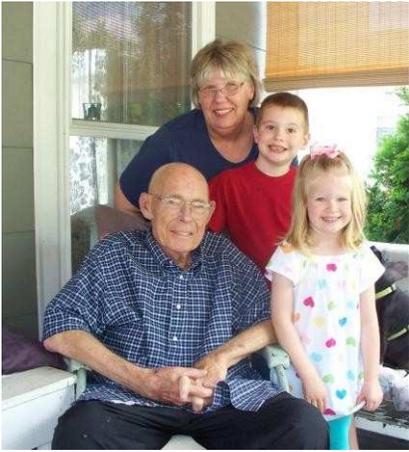
- Toothpaste and Toothbrush
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap
- Razor
- Deodorant
- Wet Wipes
- Lotion
- Nail Clippers
- Comb & Brush

Individual food items:

- Mac and Cheese Cups
- Cereal Cups
- Peanut Butter Crackers, etc.

Pajamas of all sizes for children, men, and women.

Socks of all sizes for children, men, and women.



Dear Western Presbyterian Church,

I have been attending Camp Whitman for thirteen years! 13!! My earliest memory is waking up to use the bathroom in the dark, dark night. As an eight-year-old, I remember the paranoid feeling of some deep, dark creatures plotting to snatch me on my walk to the outhouse. However, instead of these creatures, I opened my cabin door to find the path illuminated by a crowd of fireflies. I was much smaller then, so the bushes they congregated around rose up to my shoulders. I felt like a Disney princess.

I have dedicated the last five years to being a counselor. Every sleepless night consoling a homesick child is more than worth the yearful hug at the end of the week from a camper who's not quite ready to reenter the real world.

Last summer, as we ventured back to the Finger Lakes from a fulfilling journey to the Adirondacks with our trip campers, I had one of those introspective moments us youngsters are too prone to having. I peered into the rearview mirror, saw two of my campers peacefully watching the world wiz by, their gas station treats clutched in their hands, the other three were all working together in the back seat to solve a complex Rubik's Cube.

The Goo Goo Dolls were playing as the sunset painted the highway in pink and everything fell into place. *I think I want to do this for the rest of my life.* So, I am so excited to step into the role of Program Director this Summer 2026.



The growth and respite found at Camp Whitman is unique to anything in our modern day. As screens dictate a child's free time and the news depicts the terror and oppressive acts of our society, Camp Whitman is a place where a child can be accepted and loved, simply by being them.

Camp is where a kid goes to learn how to be a kid.

As a family, we believe that money should not be an obstacle that holds youth back from participating in events that have a lasting impact like Camp Whitman. The family of Bob Gunkler would like to extend our desire to help the youth of our church experience events like Camp Whitman.

After he passed in 2009, monies were donated to the church in his name to establish the Robert D. Gunkler Campership Fund. Bob, aka Grandpa, believed every child and youth should have the ability to attend camp. The purpose of this Campership is to assist the children and youth of the church to participate in events that will help them grow in faith and fellowship. The fund provides a financial scholarship to assist children and youth who participate in activities at WPC and apply for the scholarship to attend events like Presbyterian Youth Triennium,

Christian Youth Fellowship events or Camp Whitman. We hope to inspire you to help us in our endeavor to provide the youth with the same experiences as I had. You can find blue envelopes to enclose your donations in the pews, outside the church office, and can contact the church office for more information. Campership applications will be available April 1st. Thank you for your consideration!

Much love,

~Emily McFarlane, granddaughter of Bob & Janet Gunkler



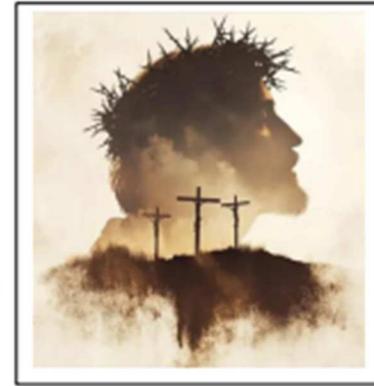
The Welcome Ministry Team invites all of you to join us in
praying this scripture through the month of March.

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

WHO IS JESUS -

Looking at Jesus from different points of view



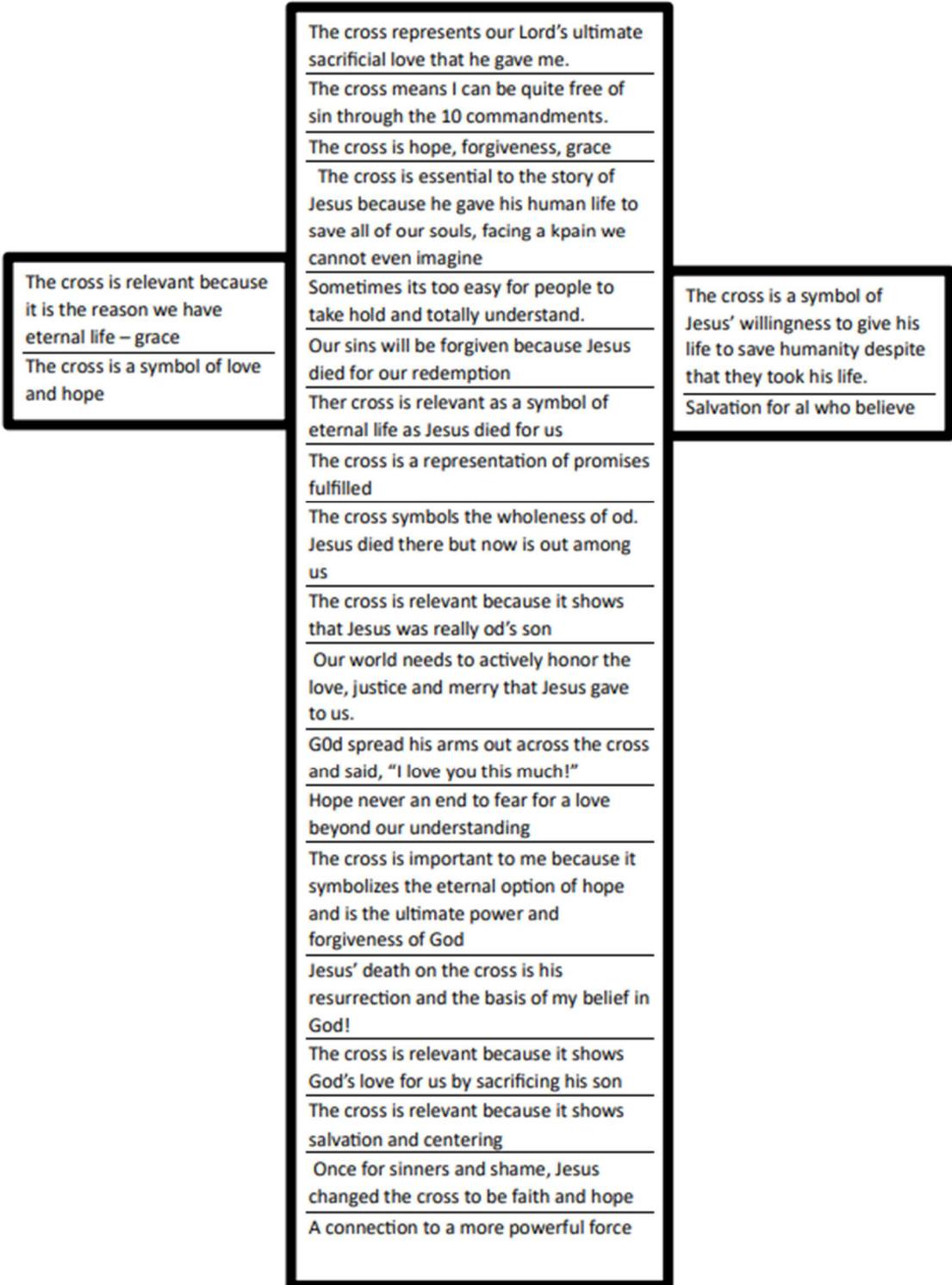
The women's circle discussed how Paul shaped the image and memory of Jesus. How amazing that a man of Jesus' time who was focused on arresting Jesus and his followers and putting them on trial would then become one of the most ardent voices of Jesus' mission in educating everyone about Jesus, the son of God. Paul was even instrumental in forming the first churches in the area of Jordan, Turkey, Greece and Italy. Paul was a pivotal figure in the Bible. Paul's letters were the first documented information about Jesus. His letters provided valuable insights into early Christian community and address various theological and practical issues. Due to his commitment to telling, about Jesus, he was imprisoned multiple times before his death.

How could Jesus persuade someone so adamantly against him to be a voice for him? Well, both Paul and Jesus met on the road to Damascus. One can only imagine the conversation they had. Keep in mind that the conversation was with a risen Jesus. At the time of the crucifixion Paul was still supporting Jesus as worthy of death on the cross. In the throes of the conversation Jesus was persuading Paul and a bright light came where Paul became temporarily blinded. Once healed he was filled with the Holy Spirit and began preaching the Gospel. (Have you ever had an instance where your mind was changed?)

In preaching the Gospel, Paul shaped opinions around the death of Jesus on the cross to being not a shameful event, but one of wonderment and glory. -Scorned to being Sanctified- The cross was no longer an image of thieves and criminals of all sorts, but was raised to be an image of the risen Christ and has a connection with Godliness. It is with a discussion of the cross that we circle ladies noted reasons why it was relevant to us; what the cross means to us. Below are our thoughts and impressions about the CROSS:



All are welcome, We meet every month on the 3rd Wednesday at 1pm



The CE team is excited for the Easter Bunny Breakfast on March 28, 2026. We are looking for donations from the congregation to help make the breakfast a successful fundraiser for the Robert Gunkler Fund (Camp and youth event scholarships). There will be a sign up sheet outside of Fellowship Hall, please sign up for what you are able to donate. Thank you for your consideration!

We are in need of the following items:

8 boxes of Complete Pancake mix (the just add water variety)

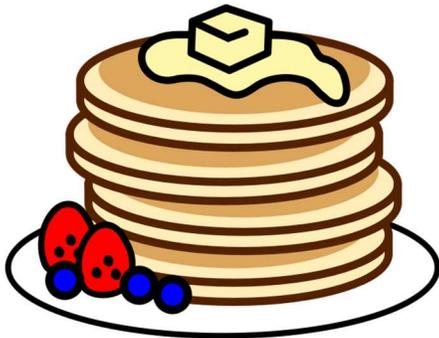
5 Jars of applesauce

5 bottles of Pancake syrup

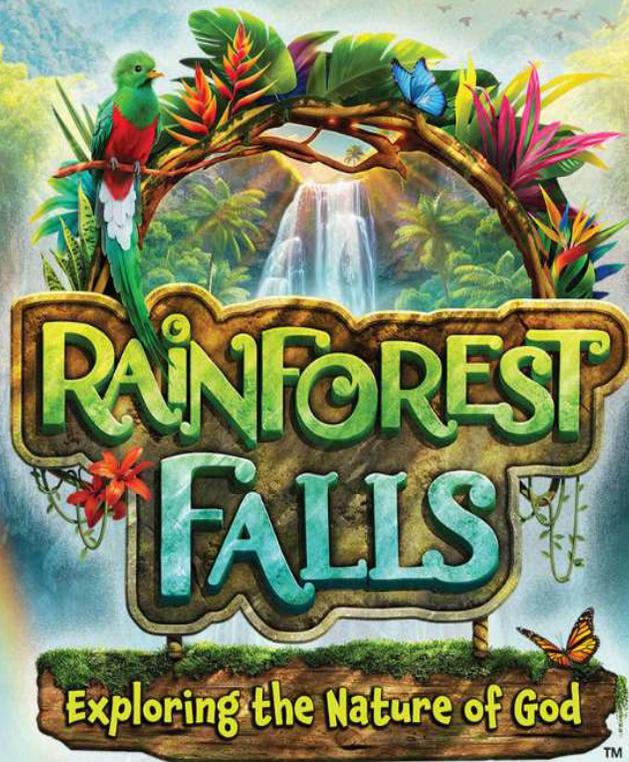
6 packages of mini muffins

1 canister of Coffee

5 bottles of Apple juice



Save the date!



July 27-30, 2026
Western Presbyterian Church
9-11:30am
Free lunch served every day



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 4	Babrbara Pieters
March 4	Ruth Dantz
March 11	Eric Chapman
March 21	Cheyenne Matz
March 22	Cassie Hughes
March 22	Sue Pringle
March 22	Bill Bush
March 26	Mary Beth LaBerge
March 27	Avery Hunt
March 27	Tricia Owen
March 29	Jacqueline DeBrine
March 30	Scott Bush



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 21	Bill & Elaine Hassler
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If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 597-9171 so we can add it to our list next time!

The team minutes received for March include:

**WPC Christian Education Team
Minutes February 10, 2026 by email**

Building Faith, Family, and Fellowship. WPC nurtures spiritual growth, joyful fellowship, meaningful community and global involvement: worshipping and serving God with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Present: Cim McFarland, Emily Hunt, Jody Pruitt

Calendar

February 15 - Scout Sunday

February 22- No Sunday School- February Break

March 1- Easter Card Making and Bulletin Making

March 28 - Bunny Breakfast 8:30-11 am

March 29- Palm Sunday Parade

April 5- No Sunday School Easter

May 31- Youth Service, Last Day of Sunday School

July 27-31- 2026 VBS

Continuing and New Business

Session Report -Jody did not go

Radon Update - no report

Budget - no Report

Scout Sunday - rescheduled to Feb 15 because of weather. Cim will introduce the leaders at the start of Children's Time and then they will present a Flag Folding demonstration and sing Vespers.

Sunday School News - Cim shared all is going well with programing. As a committee we are still struggling with the fact that items have been taken or exchanged from the SS classroom without any conversation.

Easter Bunny Breakfast - March 28 - Cim completed the flyers and will send flyer and article to Kathy for the March Spire. Easter Bunny has been secured. Emily will send an updated document to Kathy for the Spire article requesting donations and the sign-up sheet for the donations. She will also ask Kathy to print out the donation sheet and post that outside of Fellowship Hall. Emily will be able to cook. Jody will cook sausages before breakfast. Looking for another to help in the kitchen. Jody and Cim will set up on Friday.

VBS - Rainforest Falls Exploring the Nature of God - Emily has requested funds and permission to purchase crafts from Oriental Trading. They look good and should go ahead and order everything needed. Programming to be held for 4 days with the 5th day being a celebration. A little different this year. Cim and Lisa would like to celebrate working 20 years together on Friday.

Pray Ground Update - link to article about the Prayground: <https://graceofav.org/prayground/> Cim is working on having it available for Easter. She has been pulling and cleaning appropriate toys, a table, rocking chair, chalk boards, etc. HoDong has given permission to start in the sanctuary and to purchase items that we don't have. Cim has had numerous people ask when it's going to get started.

With help from Property, Cim will start immediately setting up the Prayground in the sanctuary and purchasing needed items. This includes taking down a pew and adding boards to the walls. Thanks, Cim.

Camp Whitman Board - Cim reported Camp Whitman is currently hiring. Cim will send the info to Kathy for the Spire. Emily McFarlane has been offered the position of Program Director. HoDong will be contacting Brian, Camp Whitman Executive Director, about coming to WPC.

Day Care Little Froggies - Jody would like to meet with Little Froggies. Gary and Cim to address missing items, space issues and attitude. A letter was sent by Jody to inform them of upcoming dates and space CE will be using for VBS. It was not received well. Jody is looking for an impartial person to moderate a meeting.

Nursery - at a standstill until Radon is completed. There may not be a need if the Prayground area works out.

Next meeting: March 10, 2026 at 7:00

Respectfully Submitted ~ Jody Pruitt

Deacons Team Meeting Minutes

01/06/2026

Present: Sandy McMenamin, Randy Kennard, Nancy Talma, Patti Dlugosh, Muffie Beato, Linda Pulcini & Hodong Hwang

In Support ~~

Meeting opening with lighting of the Christ Candle

- Old Business:**

1. Approval of Last month's minutes_ *Motion: Sandy M. Second: Muffie B.*
2. Approval of Annual Report for 2025 *Motion- Muffie B. Second- Sandy M.*
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Current balance & expense/donation Status– Sandy M. –

Dec-25	Deacons Checking Account
Initial balance	\$1,122.77
Additions	\$ 385.00
Deductions	
Ending balance	\$1,507.77

- a. Balances No transactions have occurred since the end of the year
- b. Extend the offertory donation study till March to make it a full 6 months
4. Sharing Correspondence: letters/emails/cards no cards received
5. Next Communion – on January 11th [We served 105 Christmas Eve determined by counting remaining cups with juice.]
 - a. Verify that enough Pita, loaf and juice ~YES - *Thanks Patty*
 - b. *Change set-up for trays and platters to serve 18/ tray*
 - c. Thank you for assisting in set-up/clean up – Muffie, Sandy, Nancy & Randy
 - d. Any thoughts re bread vs pita? We will wait till after
6. Review of Prayer List and adjust accordingly of needs S.M.
7. Prayers for those in need and beyond
8. Visits/ Calls/ cards counts - visits with special meaningful moments of faith and caring

Year	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served
2021	78	117	667	405
2022	64	123	658	316
2023	122	174	746	635
2024	160	199	804	630
2025	159	199	685	680

2026					
Month	Visits	Phone Calls	Cards sent and Email outreach	Communion Served	Communion Date
January			24	45	1/11/26
Year to Date	0	0	24	45	

9. Poinsettia delivery updates and visit feedback

10. Special Needs Mailings –

- a. 13 constant names and 11 names from rotating list reviewed by RK and PD
- b. *Briefly review comes for rotating list – re-evaluate in 3 months/ also corrected addresses in error*

- **Bible verse: James 1:5** *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."*

- **New Business:**

- Annual Report – edit & feedback of Deacon's submission
- Website review of Deacon's presence heads up to use 15 minutes of next meeting

Meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting Tuesday 2/3/2026 @ 10:00 am

Respectfully - Randy Kennard, Chairperson

Mission and Social Concerns Ministry Team Minutes February 4, 2026

Present: Edie Chapman, Sally Chase, Cassie Hughes, and Ruth Dantz

Excused: Irene Fadden

Meeting was opened with prayer

Weekend Wellness:

- Beginning Balance: \$4,382.89
- \$2,000.00 deposit contributed by AEY Enterprises Inc.
- Ending Balance: \$6,382.89
- A double supply of food to be donated the week of February 2nd due to next week being a school holiday
- A total of 77 bags were distributed last week
- Normally 117 bags are distributed a week
- A total of 460 bags were distributed last month
- Mission and Social Concerns committed moved to approve a \$5,000.00 donation from committee funds to support weekend wellness

Food Pantry:

- 21 families needed to use the food pantry last week
- Foodlink delivery was received by the food pantry
- There is always a need for hygiene supplies and birthday bags

Food Cupboard:

- No need to shop this month. There is plenty of food at the church to keep the food cupboard stocked.
- Food Cupboard is stocked often by members of the church.

Good Neighbor Fund

- Beginning Balance: 6,433.19
- \$20.00 deposit
- 5 checks written for \$2,280.74
- Checks provided rent assistance for eight adults and 10 children
- Ending Balance: \$4,172.45
- The Good Neighbor Fund is currently open

Lenten Hygiene Kit Project:

- Collection of materials for hygiene kits to take place between February 18th and April 5th
- Boxes for collection provided by Irene Fadden
- Hygiene kits to be donated to Family Promise, the food pantry, and the Survivor Advocacy Center

One Great Hour of Sharing:

- Offering will be collected Easter Sunday
- Information will be provided in announcements and on the Mission bulletin board three Sundays before the offering
- Article about OGHS in the March Spire
- Inserts in bulletins for three Sundays prior to the offering

Total Mission Budget remaining for 2026: \$13,820.89

Next meeting: Wednesday March 4th at 1 pm

The stated meeting of the session of Western Presbyterian Church & Society, Palmyra, New York was called to order by the moderator, Reverend HoDong Hwang at 7:00PM in Fellowship Hall. The meeting was opened with the lighting of the Christ Candle and prayer.

6 Present: Irene Fadden, Alicia Lynch, Philip Opdycke, Emily Hunt, Randy Kennard, Janet Manktelow

2 Excused: Roxanne Dobson, Courtney Marr

0 Absent

A quorum was present.

•**Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to approve the meeting agenda.**

Irene Fadden shared a devotion with us.

Clerk’s Report

•Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to approve the session minutes from November and the special session meeting on November 9, 2025.

e-mail vote:

•Motion made by Property Ministry Team and carried to approve Elijah Malach’s group “No Strings

Attached” giving a concert in the sanctuary on Dec.20,2025 at 7:00PM. A reception will follow.

Financial Secretary’s Report

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures Sept 2025

	Current	2025	2025	YTD% of
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
<u>Budget</u>				
Receipts	\$11,643	\$152,898	\$183,035	72.40%
Expenditures	\$12,013	\$140,003	\$213,099	65.70%
Total receipts/ Expenditures	(\$370)	\$12,896	(\$30,064)	

•Motion made by Phil Opdycke seconded and carried to approve the financial report.

Business of the Church

1. Scout Troop #6166 has asked if they can set up a tree at church. We decided it would be fine if they put one in the church library.
2. Alicia gave an update on the pledge drive and proposed budget. We will vote on the 2026 budget at the Jan 2026 session meeting.
3. HoDong has put a group together to work on hiring a music director.
 - Motion made by Randy Kennard seconded and carried to advertise for a music director with a salary of \$11,000.00.
 - Motion made by Alicia Lynch seconded and carried to have \$4,000 in the budget for special Music in worship.
4. •Motion made by Irene Fadden seconded and carried to hold the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2026, immediately following the morning worship service. Year end reports due in the office on Jan. 6,2026.
5. Phil gave an update on the radon abatement in the basement. Gary has been taking readings and has started working on necessary piping.

Team Reports

Worship Ministry Team – looking for someone to light the Advent Wreath on the first Sunday of Advent- Steve Kennard and Phil Opdycke will do it.

Deacons Ministry Team – they will prepare communion for 96 people on Christmas Eve. They are looking to compare the amount of money taken in this year as compared to previous years.

Mission Ministry Team – They put together another Reverse Advent Calendar for this advent season.

Finance Ministry Team - decided to hold a collection at the Christmas Eve Service for the Food Pantry.

C/E Ministry Team – Toddler Time will not start until the basement is safe to use. They are working on the Youth led Epiphany Service for Jan. 4th.

Property Ministry Team – the team has been busy. A few items are new plumbing for the kitchen sink, new bearing assembly for the pusher motor pump and replacing more fluorescent lights with LED ones.

Next meeting – Jan. 6, 2026

Devotions – Alicia Lynch

- Motion made by Emily Hunt seconded and carried to adjourn with prayer at 8:30PM.

Janet Manktelow, Clerk

Our Prayer Concerns (updated February 18, 2026)

Grieving:

Family & Friends of Dick and Robin Campbell (requested by Steve Ellis)

Family & Friends of Mary Ann Harris (requested by the Taylors)

Family & Friends of Debbie Wilder (requested by the Kennards)

Serving in the Armed Forces:

AJ Bliss, Josh Polle

Please pray for those of our congregation with immediate concerns:

Jim Arthurton, Joan Barnard, John Cook, Jonnie Fontaine, Valerie Gendron, Nancy Roets, Jan Semans

Congregation members needing continued prayers:

Joan Durfey, Cim McFarlane, Wilma Redman, Keyna Sloan

Congregation members in nursing homes or shut-in:

Rochelle Morse, Bev Mouton, David Squier

Others for whom prayers have been requested:

Clare Boesel, Sharon Camp, Sarah Carone, Gary Deys, Mark Fiegl, Conrad Garvey, Barb Gillespie, Nancy Grantling, Nancy Hovermale, Samantha Karpa, Paul McCoy, Rosalie Morell, Sharyl Patton, Kate Pfaff, Tabitha Prinzi, Patty Rogers, Ann Sambroski, Cole Sinatra, Alessio Sotgiu, Jake Taylor, Jean Walton, Delores Welkley, Connie West, Dmitry Wieber, Donna Wirth, Ruth Yeo

May your prayers go out to:

All caregivers; All those affected by natural disasters; All those who have no one to pray for them; All victims of violence, hatred, hunger, and homelessness; Please pray for those who wish to remain anonymous

Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days unless renewal has been requested.

Prayers of Intercession are offered each day by our Deacons. To request prayer for yourself or another, please contact Randy Kennard, chair of Deacons, Sandy McMenammin, or Kathy in the Church office.



MARCH 2026

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service	2	3 10 am Deacons 1 pm Men's Group 2 pm Fellowship 3:30 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	4 1 pm Mission/ Social Concerns	5 11 am Bible Study 6-8:30 pm FH Seneca Waterways Council	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8 Communion & Cereal Sunday Mission Sunday Daylight saving time begins 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service	9	10 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	11 7 pm FH Boy Scouts	12 11 am Bible Study	13	14 10 am FH Lent Faith Paint
15 4th Sunday in Lent Girl Scout Sunday 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service	16	17 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	18 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	19 11 am Bible Study	20 Mr. Roger's Day	21
22 5th Sunday in Lent 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service	23	24 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	25	26 No Bible Study	27	28 7 am to Noon FH Easter Bunny Breakfast
29 Palm/Passion Sunday 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service Palm Sunday Parade Potluck Luncheon	30	31 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room				



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			1 1 pm Mission/ Social Concerns	2 Maundy Thursday No Bible Study	3 Good Friday 7 pm Service	4
5 Communion & Cereal Sunday Easter Sunday No Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service One Great Hour of Sharing	6	7 10 am Deacons 1 pm Men's Group 2 pm Fellowship 3:30 pm Session 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	8 7 pm FH Boy Scouts	9 11 am Bible Study	10	11
12 2nd Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service	13	14 3:15 pm Worship 7 pm Christian Ed. 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	15 1 pm FH Women's Circle Bible Study 6:30 pm Property	16 11 am Bible Study 6-8:30 pm FH Seneca Waterways Council	17	18
19 3rd Sunday of Easter 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Prayer & Scripture 10 am worship service	20	21 SPIRE DEADLINE 7 pm Boy Scouts Muscle Room	22 Earth Day	23 11 am Bible Study	24	25
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