

Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Jesus said, "Don't stop the children from coming to me for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Westminster was thrilled to have the Bullock's grandchildren visit us this week. We all wish we had many children running around the church. They bring joy, love and energy to our congregation.

While we don't have many children at Westminster, I know many of you have children in your lives. Loving your grandchildren and great grandchildren is a big part of your lives. You are blessed and so are they if you are able to connect with them on a regular basis.

We should never take for granted our influence on the children in our lives. This week I visited with my "greats" I call them (grand nieces). They are twenty-eight and twenty-six and they told me every time they hear the word "ain't", they recall me saying to them, "Ain't is not a word, do not use it."

Grammar is important, but God is more important. Let us take advantage of every opportunity to teach the children in our lives about God. We, like Jesus, want to welcome the children and teach them about the love of Christ.

Blessings, Susan



June
Birthday

Lenore Favenesi 7



1212 Farms



Where I Bloom

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Alonda & Natasha Cunningham
McCrary knew each other from
high school. She founded 1818
Farms in 2012!





Stan, Alonda, Elaine & Susan



Thank you 1818 Farms for such a fun & educational trip! We loved learning about growing, drying, dying flowers! We loved all the history in this quaint town.





Florence Duncan with her daughters Tia, Jenny & Hope. Her grandchildren Megan, Caitlin. Great grandchildren Adalie & Spencer



Sue Winn celebrating with Nick & Melissa



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Presbyterian Church USA has four special offerings a year. Through gifts to these special offerings Westminster supports ministries of compassion, justice, alleviation of hunger, education, peacemaking, and global witness.

On April 20, Easter Sunday, Westminster participated in the special offering One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering totaled \$840.00. Bless you for your generosity.

The Pentecost Special Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support children and young people. Forty percent of this offering remains local. This year Westminster is using the local portion to support the Help Center. We believe that children and young people can have a better and more successful life if they do not have food insecurities. This offering will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025.



sharing resources. changing lives.



WPC ANNUAL COOKOUT



WHEN: Sun, June 29th 5:00 pm

WHERE: WPC Courtyard

WHAT: Hamburgers, hotdogs, peanuts, popcorn, Cracker Jacks,

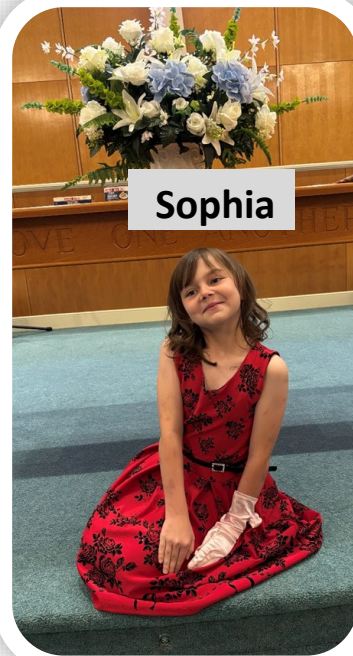
fellowship & games



We will be collecting school supplies at this event to deliver to the Alabama Children's Home later in the summer!!!!

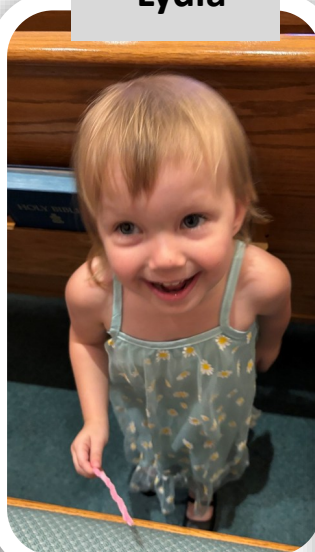
THE
Bullock's

Stan & Marsha
Seth, Magan, Sophia, Brookelyn
& Lydia
John Michael, Rilee & Hudson



Sophia

Lydia



Brookelyn

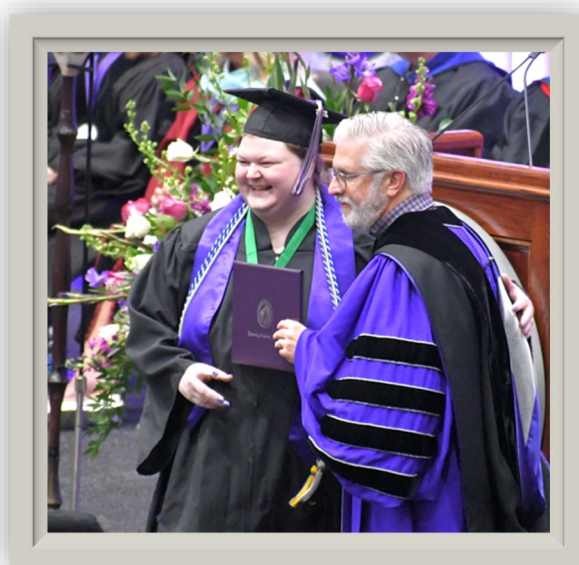


John Michael & Hudson



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Lud & Linda Seme's granddaughter, Lindsay Seme graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Music Education on Friday, May 2.



SOUP KITCHEN

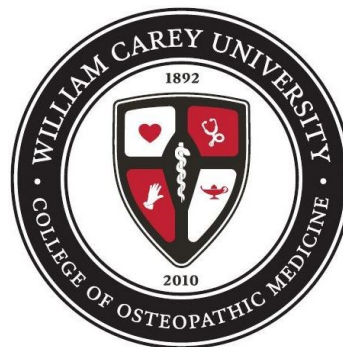


Westminster will be serving lunch at the Soup Kitchen on June 20th. If you would like to help prepare and serve this meal contact Sally Parker.

Women's Service group

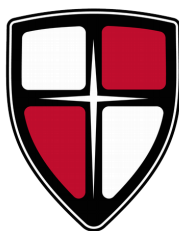
Marsha Bullock will be leading the ladies in service projects that will bless WPC & the community. Meetings will continue to be the 3rd Tuesday at 1:00. All are invited on June 17th, 1:00 to help out!





Congratulations!

KYNDALL CROSSLIN on
your acceptance into Med
school at William Carey
University. We wish you
the best on your journey of
becoming a Pediatrician!



Called to Serve
Matthew 23:11



Phillip & Alonda Crosslin

Preschool News

Melissa Winn & Alonda Crosslin read to WPC Head-start ! They enjoyed hearing one of the books from Melissa's published series!



SO WE CAN KNOW AND SHOW WE CARE LIST

At Home:

Jean Blair, Carole James

TN. Assisted Living:

Dot Solomon

Immediate needs: John Bruninga, Grace Carter, Warren Chambers & Ray Haner (close relatives of the Seme's), Bob Howard, Bessie Salter, Paula Stone (sister of Marsha Bullock), Jeremy Sylvester, Nick Winn V, Nick Winn IV, Linda Crutcher (Susan's friend), and unnamed prayer requests.

****Please continue** to keep our Pastoral Search Committee in your prayers as they are seeking guidance in finding our next pastor.*



Frances Moody



Flowers were placed in memory of Frances Moody's birthday. Bob was hospitalized with pneumonia last week, but is home recovering!



Florence Duncan planted the "Seeds of Hope" that Rev Parker gave out during a recent sermon. She is eagerly awaiting for the blooms to pop out all over!

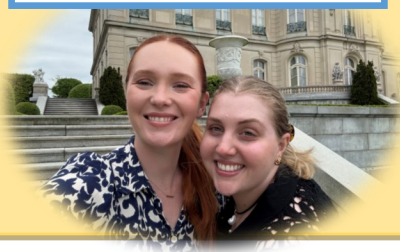
We found a condo to rent on Zillow! We kept going back to look at the pictures and thinking how it might fit our needs, especially Grace's. According to Google maps, the proximity to Vanderbilt Rehabilitation Center was very close. For days we kept going back to the listing until finally I picked up the phone and called the owner. The phone number shows up New York, NY and I'm thinking how strange since that is where we have been for months. His name is Owen. He graduated from Vanderbilt a year before Grace became a Commadore. Owen is originally from New York and remained in Nashville after graduation. In 2017, Owen was involved in an accident that sent him to the Vanderbilt ICU. During his rehabilitation, he was in a wheelchair, walker, and finally walking again. There was an immediate connection between Owen and our family. He understands Grace's needs with a wheelchair; he understands the rehabilitation process; he knows Vanderbilt! He allowed our long time friends, Bruce and Julie Howard, to visit the condo, with tape measure in hand, and allowing pictures and even FaceTiming us! As of June 19, we will bring beautiful Grace to this wonderful condo in Nashville for outpatient rehabilitation at Vandy! PRAISE GOD! GODWINK! Her name is Jasmine and she is 37 years old. She has *locked in syndrome* after suffering an AVM event in early January. Jasmine is Grace's new roommate and this weekend we had the pleasure of meeting Jasmine's father, Dean. Dean tells us, that in their native language, *Bob*, means father. Jasmine's younger sister is named *Grace* and she is quite the sleuth. Grace googled Grace Carter and found this Caringbridge site. Grace and Dean read the CB and realized that Jasmine is on the same path as our Grace! They made the connection that Jasmine was moved into the *Kessler* room Grace left the week before Jasmine's arrival in West Orange! And by a strange turn of events, (PRAISE GOD)!, they are both at *JFK* Extended Rehab Unit and are now *roommates*! Dean shared with us that they are Christians and how Grace's Caring Bridge has given them hope and inspiration! He feels Jasmine is on the same path as Grace and that GOD HAS HIS HAND ON THE JOURNEY of both of these young women! Their family is so excited to be in the same room as Grace and feel God's presence there. OH GRACIOUS GOD! GODWINK!!! had been thinking about making pictures of Grace's apartment so she will have them for the future. She will not be able to come back to this slice of NYC that she made her own. Then 4am Friday morning I received a message from my ZTA sister and friend, Angie Jones Jhin. Angie's message suggested I make pictures of Grace's apartment! Coincidence? I think not! Confirmation and a GODWINK!!! Now my confession: I was in a bad way last week. The amount of moving parts for Grace's move is overwhelming. Grace has been upset b/c she did not realize the move meant giving up her NYC apartment until now. She keeps telling us she is not progressing and it causes tears to flow - all around. And, in case you are wondering, she is progressing! It is as slow as molasses - you have heard me say that before - but she is progressing! There have been some setbacks, but the progress is there. She is not walking out of here - that is a disappointment; and most likely, she will not be talking her way out either. I cried every night last week b/c I was afraid Grace was giving up. I cried because this journey is so overwhelming. I cried when Grace cried. I begged God to give us some signs! Why was HE silent? Why was Jesus silent? I begged for Him to Send us a messenger and just give us something in order for us to know that HE is still with us! Then Owen answered my phone call, Angie messaged me, and Jasmine rolled into Grace's room. AMEN! AMEN! Much love,

The Carters



Bailey & Braden White cheering on Grace's sister, Rachel Carter in a recent half-marathon in NYC

Bailey & Rachel took a much needed get-away to Newport, RI this month



Bob & Grace Carter with Oscar



Joseph Ernest Salter

Jun 30, 1944-Dec 3, 2024



Gone Fishing

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
 So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
 Please send along my fishing pole
 For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.
 Where every day is a day to fish,
 To fill your heart with every wish.
 Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
 I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.
 We will miss each other for awhile,
 But you will come and bring your smile.
 That won't be long you will see,
 Till we're together you and me.
 To all of those that think of me,
 Be happy as I go out to sea.
 If others wonder why I'm missin'
 Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'

