

May 2026



Pat	Salthouse	May 01
Lynn	Heinle	May 05
Martha	Zaborowski	May 05
Mary	Earp	May 12
Carol	Whitsel	May 12
Karen	Keady	May 13
Teri	Yerton	May 19
Bob	Meakins	May 20
Theresa	O'Brien	May 20
Anita	Brown	May 21
Judy	Tatman	May 26
Kyle	Coats	May 27

May 10th – Recycle Sunday
 Accepting clean & unlabeled medicine bottles, Styrofoam blocks, electronics, Pac-tech plastic can/bottle holders, and clean aluminum foil & pans.

May 10th – Food for Lane County
 The youth will be collecting non-perishable food items.



Teachers and Members of the 2026 Confirmation Class
 Back row (l to r): Rev Marta Ukropina, Micah Marwitz, Patrick Stanton, Sam Wilgus, Grant Dwyer, Martha Zaborowski Front Row (l to r): Ann McCarley, Eilidh Miller, Julia Wilgus, Audrey Ukropina, Brynn Schukart, Saiya Sagmiller, Heather York

May 31st is a special day in the life of our congregation. On that day we will be confirming members of our 2026 Confirmation Class. Although this is the end of the confirmation journey, it is the beginning of their faith journey as adult members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Since September, the Confirmation Class has been meeting for classes which have explored many topics of faith: Sin, Prayer, Discipleship, Fellowship, Bible, Sacraments, what it means to be Presbyterian, just to name a few. We have done this while exploring what we have called the Big Questions: 1). Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? 2). Who is your Lord and Savior? 3.) Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? 4.) Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers? Classes were taught by Pastor Marta, Ann McCarley, Heather York and Martha Zaborowski.

The confirmands are now working on their personal statements of faith which they will share with the WPC Session on Sunday, May 10th. We are all looking forward to hearing from these young people. As Presbyterians, when a young person goes through Confirmation they are making their profession of faith and accepting responsibility in the life of the church. It is all of our jobs, as their church family, to continue to nurture them on their journey's of faith and take the time to get to know them. We will have a special coffee hour on May 31st to celebrate their confirmation and we hope you all attend and take the time to talk to these wonderful youth. They are a joy to be around and we are blessed to have them be a part of our church community.
 ~Marta

CHURCH UPDATES... NEWS FROM THE SESSION

April 2026 Meeting

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

A newly refurbished commercial dishwasher has been installed. It was paid for with funds from the Holiday Bazaar.

Estimates have been received to reroof a part of the sanctuary roof.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Confirmation Sunday will be May 31st.

The Women's Covenant Group is taking a break for the month of April after finishing a Lenten study. They will resume in June.

FELLOWSHIP, MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH:

Fellowship will host Coffee Hour on May 31st – Confirmation Sunday and June 14th – Senior Sunday.

MISSION:

One Great Hour of Sharing offering raised \$2201.10.

The next PCUSA offering is World Communion Offering which will be from September 6 thru October 4, 2026. Just a reminder there has been a change from four special offerings a year to three offerings in the PCUSA.

STEWARDSHIP AND PERSONNEL:

A new Streaming Compliance Policy was presented and there was a vote to accept it.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

The celebration of the risen Christ on Easter morning was joyful with music and the beautiful Easter flower cross as well as an uplifting message. Thank you to the youth for providing a thoughtful and meaningful worship experience for the congregation on April 19th and also thanks to their leaders.

OTHER

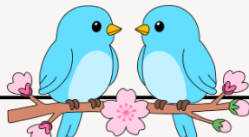
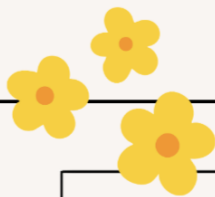
A new Memorial Service/Funeral Policy was reviewed and will be voted on at the May Session meeting. The Session had previously reviewed a new Wedding Policy and there was a vote to accept it.

The new *Coffee Schedule for May – August* has been posted on the Community Bulletin Board. Please see if there are any Sundays you can host. Questions about hosting? See Teri in the church office.





YOUTH SUNDAY 2026



WPC YOUTH SPRING 2026



April

- 5:** Easter Sunday --help hide eggs at 9AM for the Easter Egg Hunt right after worship.
- 12:** Youth Group 5:30-7:30 -super fun game planned-don't miss it!
- 19:** YOUTH SUNDAY! Be here at 9AM
Followed by a Celebration Brunch for youth & families in the youth room and then...
Confirmation #8: right after brunch, class until 1:00

MAY

- 9:** Eugene Emeralds Game 5:30. RSVPs due by April 20th. Bring your whole family! Cost \$7 per ticket
- 10:** Confirmation #9 Worship at 10, class until 12:30
- 24:** Youth Group 5:30-7:30
- 31:** CONFIRMATION SUNDAY and reception following

June

- 14:** Graduate Recognition Sunday
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 Family Challenge Night
Youth and Parent Retreat Meeting - 7:15
- 26-28:** YOUTH RETREAT



- important dates**
Easter Sunday: April 5th
Youth Sunday: April 19
Confirmation Sunday: May 31
Graduate Sunday: June 14
Shopping Cart Sundays:
 April 19
 May 10
 June 14



Storm Water Management

The landscape committee (Sue Martichuski, Theresa O'Brien, Lee Kersten, Arlis Wozniak, chaired by Kyle Coates) has been working in conjunction with Building and Grounds and the Long Tom Watershed Council on a plan to improve our storm water management. We are very fortunate that Jonathan Oakes is a civil engineer with experience in this area and has done yeoman work on the engineering aspects. A draft plan has been presented to session.

The plan has several purposes:

- Reduce our monthly total impervious surface fee charged by the city. This is about \$700 a month. The plan will reduce this by about \$500 a month. This fee goes up every year so the savings will also increase yearly.
- Reduce storm water runoff. Westminster is a Creation Care church and the plan is consistent with this program.
- Reduce water usage. There will be less lawn to water so our water bill will also decrease. Less lawn also means less mowing which will save mower wear and tear and gasoline usage.
- Maintain or improve the visual appearance of the church landscaping. The planting scheme is developed by a professional landscape designer and will incorporate native plants and color schemes. Only one tree will need to be removed.

The plan proposes creating three rain gardens to collect and filter storm water. One is at the northeast corner of the church. Two are along the Harlow Road side of the church. The combined total area will be approximately 3000 square feet. The rain gardens are designed with curving shapes and grass sloped sides.

The project will be funded jointly by Westminster and the Long Tom Watershed Council. Our share is 30%. Jonathan's work counts towards this as does other services by church members like John O'Brien who is assisting with the tree removal. A donation has been made which may be sufficient to cover the balance of the project.

Bid requests are being prepared with the hope to begin the project this summer to be completed during the Fall planting season. Those interested in seeing the actual schematic plans may contact Lee Kersten. Questions may be directed to any member of the committee.



Spring is here, the flowers are blooming and the weeds are growing! We hope you are continuing to care for the church plot you signed up for. We encourage you to avoid pesticides and herbicides. The poison that kills the weeds also kills the microorganisms in the soil and leaches into the water. Pesticide exposure also raises your health risks of cancer and neurological issues. The most long-lasting way to rid weeds is to hand dig out the roots. Get them while they are small and enjoy the therapeutic value of being active in God's garden. – Creation Care



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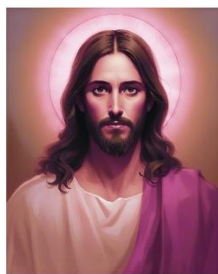
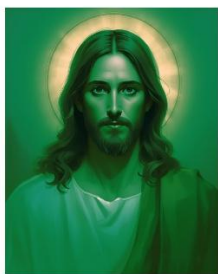
If you have any questions, please contact Teri in the office and she will direct you to a source for an answer.

~ from WPC Session on recommendation from the Personnel Committee.

Adult Church School

The Christian Education Committee wants to know your thoughts and ideas for Adult Church School. Watch for the online or paper survey coming in May and please respond. You can also complete the survey online at <https://forms.gle/cSJXvmTSUZQcRGvw9>.

Thank you for your participation.



Portraits of Jesus

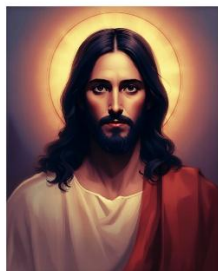
John Mahon will be teaching a 4-week class on the Portraits of Jesus from the Gospels.

April 19 - MARK: JESUS AS THE SUFFERING SERVANT
Exorcism and Healing in Capernaum Mark 1:21-34
Trial and Crucifixion Mark 14:61-15:41

April 26 - MATTHEW: JESUS AS THE MESSIAH AND TEACHER
Visit of the Wise Men and the Exile Matthew 2
Teaching: The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-7
The Great Commission Matthew 28:16-20

May 10 - LUKE: JESUS AS THE SAVIOR OF ALL
The Birth of the Messiah Luke 2:1-20
The Road to Emmaus Luke 24:13-35

May 24 - JOHN: Portrayal: JESUS AS THE SON OF GOD
Prologue 1:1-18
The Resurrection 20:11-18, 24-31



Creation Care

Thank you for bringing your recyclables in March! We collected 1 shopping bag each of Styrofoam and aluminum foil, along with ½ bag of electronics and 98 medicine bottles. We have mailed 336 bottles to Matthew 23:Ministries! When your bottles are clean, they can be put in the labeled box above the coat rack. Thank you! Our next recycling collection is **May 10th**.

Easy Tips on how to clean those pesty labels off the prescription bottles for Matthew 25:Ministries.

Here are 5 cleaning tips to remove the labels:

- 1) A hair dryer centered over the label will melt the glue and allow the label to be peeled off easily.
 - 2) A food grade oil can be rubbed over the label and let it sit overnight, and then it can be scrapped off. This also will remove sticky residue.
 - 3) Rubbing alcohol can remove sticky glue from the bottle.
 - 4) Hot water poured into the bottle will soften the glue label and it can be peeled off but be careful not to melt the bottle too!
 - 5) If the foil ring at the top of the bottle doesn't remove, a fingernail file can remove it in a few minutes. That works better than trying to use a knife which can leave gouge marks.
-We hope this makes it easier for you to clean your medicine bottles!

Please wash bottles washed inside with soap to remove medicine residue and wash outside. To be reused the bottles need to be clean.

There is a box above the coat rack to drop off your clean prescription bottles!

Thank you for providing prescription bottles to be used in disaster areas, for allowing these medicine bottles to have a 2nd life and to avoid the landfill!

A Chicken Check Gone Sideways Part 2

By: Margaret Dickinson



Don't worry, the chicken is doing fine. She had surgery and has recovered with the help of Margaret. She has been laying eggs again!

Girl Scout Troop 66230

In April, members of Girl Scout Troop 66230 spent the day at Camp Cleawox in Florence - creating art in nature, learning archery, hiking, and even trying canoes (some for the very first time!). The girls made new friends, stepped outside their comfort zones, and took on new challenges.

CAMPOREE AT CAMP CLEAWOX





Preschool Newsflash

Happy May everyone! I was thinking about what to share for this month the other day and as I looked through my photos one stood out to me and made me smile. As you all know the preschoolers attend Chapel every week with Pastor Marta. A few weeks ago Pastor Marta was doing a lovely chapel with the preschoolers and finished it off with the song, “This Little Light of Mine”. I happened to snap a few pictures of everyone singing with their candles and one particular photo stood out. It was Pastor Marta, arm extended with a lit candle with all the children singing along. To me, it was absolutely perfect! The love that is given and the love that is reciprocated by the preschoolers and staff was so evident and I just adore that. We love our time with Pastor Marta each week and her messages are wonderful and meaningful. I just wanted to share our appreciation of this place we have made our home and the thoughtfulness that is shared.

Many blessings,

Kelly Ford

“Happiness comes from helping others, by being with others, and by sharing, even if it’s only a smile.” -Zain Hashimi

Preschool Chapel



Ongoing Groups

Everyone is welcome to join!

Creation Care Committee

Our next meeting is May 20th at 1 pm in the Meeting Room. Please join us with your ideas to heal and protect God's earth.

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

We meet on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am at Terry's Diner, 2079 River Rd., Eugene. All associated with Westminster Presbyterian Church are invited.

We have a good time, good food, fellowship, prayer, great discussions and get to know each other.

For more information contact Kyle Coats at (541)914-0898.



WPC Knitters

The knitters meet every Tuesday at 10:45 at the church. You are invited (no matter your skill level) for an hour of knitting, crocheting or other handwork.



Townscape Walkers

Do you enjoy outdoor walks? Do you enjoy friendly conversations with your friends? If you do, you're invited to join the Townscape Walkers.

They meet every Thursday morning at 9:30 in a different location for exercise and fresh air – sometimes on nature trails and sometimes in neighborhoods of interest.

If this sounds good to you, please call the office or contact Julia Frederick to be added to the group. It's really fun, so give them a try!



Do you have an item for the newsletter? Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? If so, contact Teri at office@wpceugene.org or stop by the office Monday-Thursday 8:30-1:00.

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