

# The Spire

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## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE

As we enter a New Year, I want to share some thoughts about the importance of looking to the future with hope.

The first thing that is necessary to be a church that is looking to the future with hope is to remember with gratitude and deep respect those who brought us this far because of their faith and sacrifice. Some churches remember the "good olde days" and fear the future. Churches that are looking to the future with hope remember with gratitude those who laid the foundation and are excited to see where God is leading them.

The second thing that is necessary to be a church that is looking to the future with hope is a willingness to raise-up new leaders. Some churches are reluctant to allow a new generation of leaders to assume responsibility for fear they will do things differently. Looking to the future with hope requires new leaders with new vision of what God is calling us to do in His name.

The third thing that is necessary to be a church that is looking to the future with hope is a willingness to invest in that future. The repairs that are being made to the church building are an investment in the future of Westminster. Long after we are gone - others will enter the front doors with strong sturdy new columns and worship in our beautiful sanctuary.

The fourth and final thing that is needed to be a church that is looking toward the future with hope is a deep trust that God is leading us forward and God has a good plan. Our trust grows as we gather for worship, fellowship, and study. Our trust grows as we welcome new members and make room for them in our pew. Our trust grows as we make worship and prayer the priority for each new day.

I invite you to join us for worship this new year as we look to the future with hope.

Pastor Mike

## SERMONS

January 5 - Matthew 2: 1-12  
By the Light of a Star

January 12 - Matthew 3: 13-17  
Remember

January 19 - John 2: 1-11  
The Miracle at Cana

January 26 - Philippians 2: 1-11  
Every Knee Shall Bow

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

### New Session Members

- Elders-elect Howard Mars; Sandra Stephenson; and Lowell Wynn were welcomed;
- Ordination/Installation was set for 01/12/25 @11:00

### Update on Building Repairs

- Sanctuary repairs are complete; windows- replaced; mold remediation is in the final stage; quotes are being obtained for kitchen rebuild; replacement of columns is complicated ... will need structural engineer; office floor cleaning will be done; had meeting with FEMA ... in process of applying for SBA loan

### Information from Rev. Foley

- Stewardship Campaign 2025: Rev. Foley stated that our 2025 budget is in a good place ... we are \$2,000-3,000 away from a fully-funded 2025 budget
- Building Repair Funds: \$100,000 has been raised at this point
- Session meeting: January 12, 2025 [12:00-3:00]- will be a time for goal-setting
- Congregational Meeting: February 2, 2025 - nominated slate of Corporation Officers- [President- Ken Moorhouse; Vice President- Sandra Stephenson; Treasurer - Pete Zahn; and Secretary- Anne Nussle] will be presented to the Congregation

### Administration

- The 2025 Budget was approved
- Approval given to extend Rev. Dr. Mike Foley's contract for another six months

### Christian Education

- Youth Group: Upcoming events include- Night of Lights in St. Augustine; Rock the Universe; and Chili Cook Off; two youth are currently being trained to operate the online streaming system
- MOMCo continues to grow: the 12/05/24 meeting had five mothers and five children
- Irrigation and sod installation of the playground have been done
- Christmas wish lists for 40 Neighbor to Family children were fulfilled
- Ashley has applied for a three-year, volunteer position on the APCE Connect Mission team

### Outreach

- Next Food Drive: 01/19/25
- Hope Place: on 12/12/24 [had 14 volunteers]; next time will be 01/09/25

- Financial support approved for: Publix gift cards for walk-in needs; black curtains/stands for Reader's theater stage; and a Hometown News Ad for Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### Worship

- Continue to need head-ushers, greeters, and liturgists
- Thanks to everyone who helped with the 'hanging of the greens'
- Kirkin' O' The Tartans is scheduled for January 26th

### Pastor Nominating Committee

- prayerful reviews/interviews of Call-seekers continue

## A THANK YOU FROM REV. SUMNER & FAMILY

Dear friends,

It was a great joy for Mary Ann and me to be greeted by a standing ovation on December 1 for the 11 o'clock service! What a thrill to see all of you who could attend! Sharing communion and pronouncing the benediction was a blessing. Thank you for all who could be there and for the reception that was provided and brought back many good memories. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year!

Pastor Emeritus Jeff Sumner

## CHRISTMAS EVE COLLECTION

This year our Christmas Eve cash collection was decided to go to Halifax Urban Ministries. They are one of our outreach partners and we support many of their ministries. our monthly food drive goes to them to help feed our community and further donations goes to help them at holidays as well. We are please to report we sent them a check for just over \$900 this year from our Christmas Eve cash collection. Thanks to all of you for your generous gifts.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### RECURRING EVENTS

#### GAME TIME

Thursdays - 12:15 p.m.  
Community Room - Room 9  
Board games & card games!

#### MAH JONGG

Wednesdays - 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Last meeting on Dec. 11.  
Returns January 8  
Community Room - Room 9  
All levels welcome!

#### BOOK CLUB

November Book: Final Girls by  
Riley Sager  
Next Meeting: Jan. 27, 2025 at 3:30  
Contact: Kristin Downer -  
386-235-0574

#### KIRKIN' O THE TARTANS

Sunday, January 26  
featuring the Daytona Beach Pipes &  
Drums  
Get your Tartan blessed! Call Kristin in  
the office at 386-767-8342 to give your  
name and clan name!

## ONE-TIME EVENTS

#### YOUTH FUNDRAISER CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, January 12 at 12 p.m.  
Sumner Hall  
\$10/person

Includes portions of all chili entries,  
cornbread, all the fixins' and dessert.  
All proceeds go to help the youth pay  
for their trip to the Montreat Youth  
Conference in July 2025!

RSVP: Sign-up in Fellowship Hall  
or call Kristin/Ashley at 386-767-8342.

#### ART SERIES:

##### Turtle Beach Painting

Wednesday, January 15 at 11 a.m.  
\$45/person for 12x24 painting  
RSVP Required!  
Space limited!

#### BODY, MIND & SOUL:

New Years Resolutions for Diabetes  
Welness  
Speaker: Janet Foley, RN, CCMC, CDCES  
- Certified Diabetes Care and  
Education Specialist  
Tuesday, January 21 at 10 a.m.

## GROUPS

#### Men's Breakfast

Returning: TBD  
Leader: Rodney Bookhardt

#### Caregivers Support Group

Sundays 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Library



#### MomCo

Formerly known as MOPS  
1st Friday of every month  
10a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### Spiritual Study Group

Led by Pete Zahn  
Wednesday 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

ACA: Mondays at 7 p.m.

GA: Tues. & Thurs. at 7 p.m.

AI-Anon: Thursdays at 12 p.m.

OA: Thursday at 10:30 a.m.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Nursery

Newborn to Pre-K  
Hours 8:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Children's Church

Kindergarten to 5th Grade  
Following the Children's Message  
at 8:45a.m. and 11a.m.  
Rooms 5 & 6

### Youth Class

6th-12th grade  
9:45a.m All Sundays  
Room 3

### Adult Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 a.m.  
Room 12A  
Teacher: Jan Toles

INTERESTED IN TEACHING?  
PLEASE REACH OUT TO  
ASHLEY CAMP



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK  
AND INSTAGRAM POSTS!



Night of Lights, Sunday School, and Christmas cards for church members were some of the things we did this month with our youth! Youth, If you are interested in joining us to attend the Montreat Youth Conference in 2025 in North Carolina see our calendar for upcoming fundraising events!



ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH'S 2025 MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE TRIP

# Annual CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12  
12PM SUMNER HALL

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards!

Why join?

- Delicious Chili
- Prizes
- People's Choice

\$10/Person  
RSVP REQUIRED  
Ticket cost includes a portion of all the entries entered, all the fixins and dessert

LIKE TO PARTICIPATE?  
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND SPEAK TO ASHLEY OR KRISTIN 386-767-8342

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE



Thank you to CME Total Care for the brand new irrigation system and sod installation for our new playground area!

Also a HUGE note of gratitude to all of our volunteers who came to begin to put together the playground set led by Property Manager Tom Arbogast.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:45am - Caregivers Support 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 11:15am - Children's Church 12pm - Fellowship				10am - Congregational Life Meeting 12:15pm - Games		
8:45am - Worship 9am - Children's Church 9:45am - Caregivers Support 9:45am - Fellowship 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 11:15am - Children's Church 12pm - Fellowship			10am - Men's Jongo 11am - Art Series - Turtle Beach Painting	8:30am - Hope Place - Mobile Party 12:15pm - Games	10am - MomCo	9am - Taking down the greens
8:45am - Worship 9am - Children's Church 9:45am - Caregivers Support 9:45am - Fellowship 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Ordination & Installation of Elders 11am - Worship 11:15am - Children's Church 12pm - Fellowship 12pm - Session Meeting - Goals	9am - Outreach	9:30am - CE Meeting	10am - Men's Jongo 11am - Art Series - Turtle Beach Painting	12:15pm - Games		4pm - Youth Group - Rock the Universe
8:45am - Worship 9am - Children's Church 9:45am - Caregivers Support 9:45am - Fellowship 9:45am - Food Drive 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Worship 11:15am - Children's Church 12pm - Fellowship		10am - Body, Mind & Soul: New Year's 6pm - Admin Meeting 7pm - Session Meeting	10am - Men's Jongo	12:15pm - Games		
8:45am - Kirkin' O The Tarans 9am - Children's Church 9:45am - Caregivers Support 9:45am - Fellowship 9:45am - Sunday School 11am - Kirkin' O The Tarans 11:15am - Children's Church 12pm - Fellowship	3:30pm - Book Club		10am - Men's Jongo	12:15pm - Games		

**Anniversaries**

KRANSI, Harold & Sandi	01/01
PATTERSON, Pat & Anne	01/02
BARNHART, Larry & Marlene	01/11
MULVIE, Linda & David	01/11
CARPENTER, David & Sarah	01/14
PARK, Ui Ho & Sungwha	01/14
DOWLING, Duncan & Sally	01/16
MOORHOUSE, Ken & Carla	01/16
MOSER, Edith & Terry	01/26
THURMOND, John & Linda	01/27
FROMM, Kathy & Ed	01/30

**Birthdays**

ALDO, David	01/01
BAKO, Dylan	01/01
WOODFIN, Wyc	01/01
FRENCH, Kitty	01/02
RICE, Toni	01/04
TOLES, Jan	01/04
DYCUS, Lavelle	01/05
BENWAY, Ann	01/09
BARBER, Grace	01/11
CHANDLER, Helen	01/11
BOGGS, Gene	01/12
HAYDEN, John	01/13
MOYER, Donna	01/15
GUIRGIS, Suzan	01/16
TANNER, Mena	01/16
FILLION, William	01/17
WAGNER, Mia	01/17
WALKER, Reagan	01/17
COOKE, Holly Uhler	01/18
LINDFORS, Sonya	01/21
PARKER, Beth	01/21
CURRY, Eddie	01/22
DOWLING, Sally	01/22
FIX, Doris	01/23
BAKO, Charlie	01/25
BAUERLE, Cathy	01/26
CORLETT, Jan	01/26
EPPS, Nancy	01/28
BECKER, Vera	01/30
TAYLOR, Deborah	01/30
COKE, Troy	01/31