



AUGUST 2026

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The Beauty of Ordinary Faithfulness

This month marks one year since my family and I arrived at Westminster by the Sea. Anniversaries have a way of inviting reflection. They encourage us to look back with gratitude while looking ahead with hope.

As I have reflected over this past year, one thought has continued to return: God accomplishes most of his work through ordinary faithfulness.

We often remember the mountaintop moments of the Christian life—a baptism, a profession of faith, Easter morning, Christmas Eve, or a mission trip that leaves a lasting impression. Those moments are gifts from God, and they strengthen our faith. Yet they are not where most spiritual growth happens.

Growth happens in the ordinary.

It happens as God's people gather week after week to worship, pray, sing, confess, and hear his Word proclaimed. It happens around the Lord's Table as Christ nourishes us by his grace. It happens in Bible studies, Sunday School classrooms, committee meetings, hospital rooms, and quiet conversations over coffee. It happens as parents read Scripture with their children, as friends pray for one another, and as faithful saints continue serving year after year, often without anyone noticing.

In many ways, August reminds us of this rhythm. Summer winds down, schools reopen, calendars begin to fill, and familiar routines return. While we often long for the extraordinary, God frequently meets us in the ordinary rhythms of life.

The church has always understood this. Much of the Christian year is known simply as Ordinary Time. That name does not suggest that these months are less important. Rather, they remind us that following Jesus is not built on occasional moments of inspiration but on a lifetime of steady faithfulness.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your pastor this past year. It has been a joy to worship, learn, pray, and grow alongside you. My prayer for the year ahead is not that we would chase extraordinary experiences, but that together we would become an extraordinarily faithful people—trusting that, over time, God delights in using ordinary means to accomplish his extraordinary purposes.

Blessings,

Pastor John

EVENTS

WESTMINSTER ART SERIES
JAPANESE WIND CHIMES



AUGUST 17
 10 AM

CLASS LED BY ART TEACHER: JANIE LEW
 1 FOR \$18
 2 FOR \$32

RSVP REQUIRED. SPACE LIMITED
 CALL 386-767-8342 OR EMAIL KDOWNER@WBTS.ORG

WESTMINSTER BY THE SEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 3221 S PENINSULA DR, DAYTONA BEACH SHORES

Westminster Art Series
SEAGLASS JEWELRY



**3 PIECES FOR \$35
 CHOOSE FROM BRACELETS, EARRINGS,
 & PENDANTS IN ANY COMBINATION**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
 10 A.M.
 FELLOWSHIP HALL**

RSVP to Kristin at 386-767-8342
 email: kdowner@wbts.org
 or sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall
 (on the counter to the right of the kitchen doors)

GAME TIME

Thursdays - 12:30 p.m.
 Music Room - Room 11
 Board games & card games!

BOOK CLUB

August Book: Yesteryear by Caro
 Claire Burke
 Next Meeting:
 August 31 - 3:30 p.m. - 12A

ART SERIES - Japanese Wind Chimes

Monday, August 17 at 10 am in Fellowship
 1 for \$18 or 2 for \$32
 (Teacher led class)
 RSVP Required by Aug 12
 Call: 386-767-8342, Email:
 kdowner@wbts.org
 Sign up in Fellowship Hall

GROUPS/CLASSES

MomCo

1st Friday of the month
 Resumes September 4th
 10am-12pm
 Sumner Hall

Men of Westminster

2nd Friday of the Month - 7am
 Fellowship Hall

Women of Westminster

4th Tuesdays of the Month - 10am
 Room 12A

SUPPORT GROUPS

***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.

*Outside group meeting at Westminster

MEMBERSHIP

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Kristin Downer

Office Manager

Born: Three Rivers, MI

Fave Color: Purple

Fave Food: Mexican or Seafood

Fave Drink: Red Bull & Diet Coke

Likes: Reading, puzzles, and going to MI to see family

Dislikes: Hot weather, humidity

Fun Fact: I've been told I make the best mac and cheese!

What the staff says about her:

Not because she's my bestie, but I have to say that Kristin is one of the hardest working people I've ever met in my entire life. She gives so much to our church home and family and does so with love, kindness and with the best sense of humor. We could not be any luckier to have her as our Office Manager and more!" - Ashley Camp

Kristin is so much fun to work with. She is smart, caring and totally willing to patiently help me with any of my many tech questions. And she's a great friend too! - Janet Lindfors

ELDER SPOTLIGHT



Edith Moser

Congregational Care Ministry Team

Born: Washington, DC

Fave Color: Green

Fave Food: Macaroni and Cheese

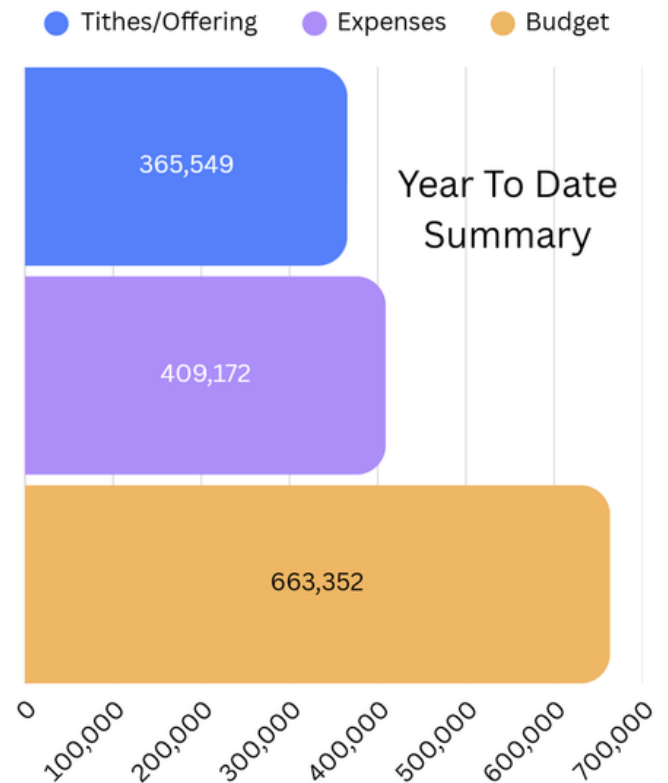
Fave Drink: Water with lemon

Likes: Anytime I spend outside & traveling

Dislikes: Cleaning and being rushed

Fun Facts: I have been on a boat floating down the Nile River during a full moon.

FINANCE UPDATE



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nursery

Newborn to Pre-K
Hours 8:30am- 12:00pm

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Offered during both worship services
following the children's message



Wonder & Wander Montreat Youth Conference 2026

Five of our youth, accompanied by Ashley Camp, Kristin Downer, and Shawn Raphael, recently spent a meaningful week at the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina. Through worship, Bible study, small groups, recreation, and new friendships, they were encouraged to wonder at God's presence and wander faithfully wherever He leads. Montreat is often called a "thin space," where heaven and earth seem a little closer. We are grateful to our congregation for helping make this special experience possible and for continuing to support the faith journeys of our young people!

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten-1st

Room 6
9:45AM

2nd-5th Grade

Room 5
9:45AM

6th-8th Grade

Room 4
9:45AM

9th-12th Grade

Room 3
9:45AM

Adult Class

Room 12A
10AM

YOUTH GROUP

Kick-Off on Sept 6
Top Golf!
Bring 1 friend!
Leaving after church!

Weekly meetings on
Wednesdays from
6-7 pm.
starting Sept 9

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays from
6-7 pm
Beginning Sept 9
Room 9

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Wed. Aug 26th
6 - 7:30 pm
Room 9

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

God has given each of us special gifts to share! Take our brief Spiritual Gifts Survey and discover how your gifts can help you connect, serve, and make a meaningful difference through the ministries of our church.

Spiritual Gifts Survey:
www.wbts.org/spiritualgifts

Connections and AskAPop

Staying connected with your Westminster family has never been easier! askapop.com allows you to see and read Observational Ministry Devotionals from the connections team on a regular basis whether you're around the corner waiting for Sunday to get here or if you're around the world and not able to attend our beautiful sanctuary. Staying connected is important and you can view 2-4 minute devotionals with directed scripture readings to help you see that God is Everywhere You Are!