

September 27, 2026



# Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*Israelites Gathering Manna* by Ercole de' Roberti

**Worship With Us!**

**18th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Scripture**  
Exodus 16:2-15

**Sermon**  
*What's Enough?*  
The Rev. Julie Emery

**Bulletin**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989**

**Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office  
at [office@westpresby.org](mailto:office@westpresby.org).**

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**In this e-newsletter, you'll find details about:**

**Westminster News and Events**

- *Volunteers Needed for Faithful Families Sunday Gatherings*
- *World Communion Sunday Offering, October 4*
- *"Just This" Four-Week Book Study Beginning October 12*
- *Hearing Assist Capabilities at Westminster*
- *Thank You to Volunteers at Levo International*
- *Our Front Porch, Sundays at 9:00 a.m.*
- *Ella Kimberly, PC (USA) Young Adult Volunteer: [Link to Blog](#)*

## Important Events in Our Community

- *Used Book Sale to Support South Park Inn this Saturday!*

## Prayers for Our Community and Our World

### Westminster News and Events

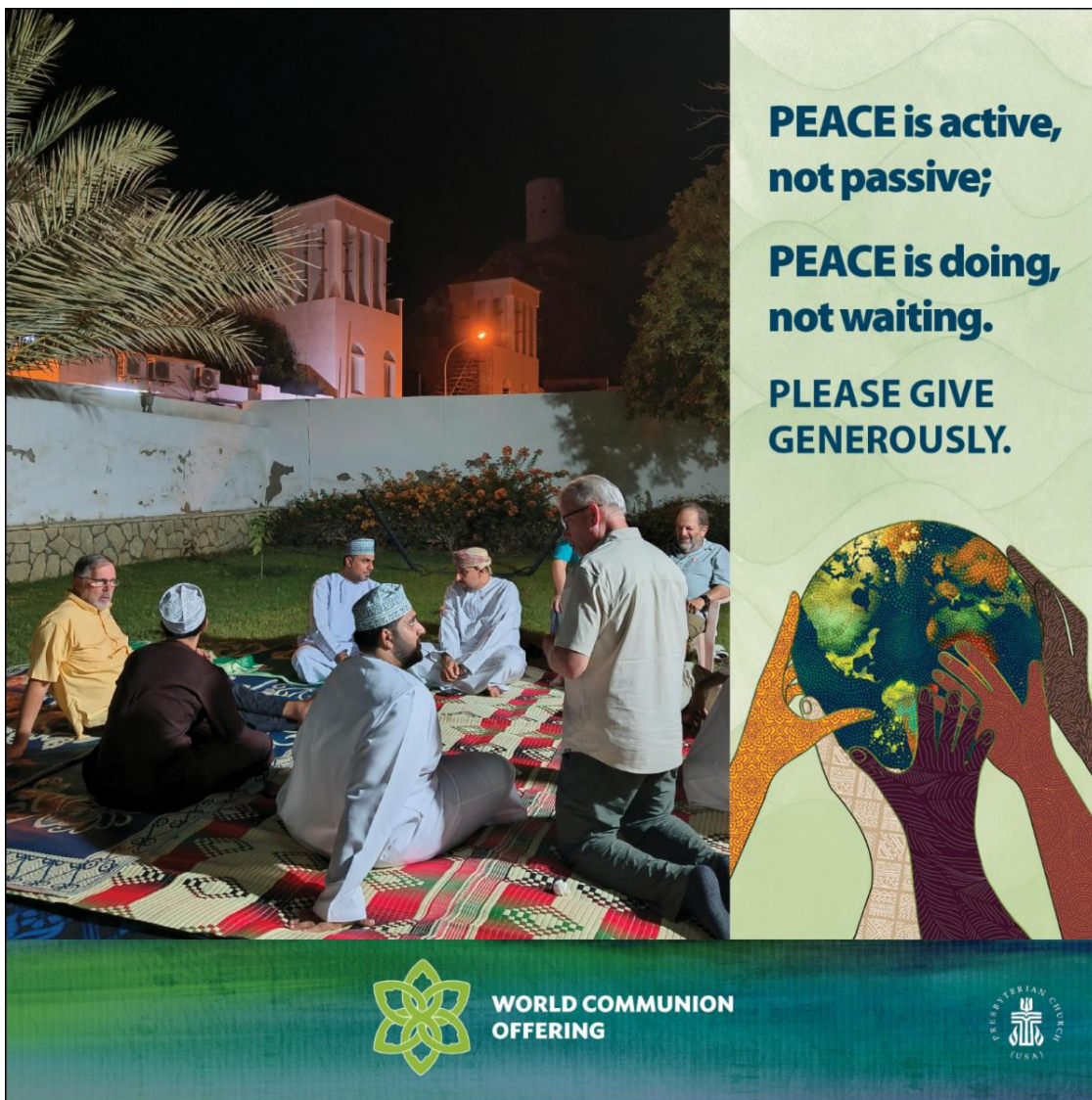
**Westminster is starting a  
new group for young  
families**

**FAITHFUL FAMILIES**  
will meet for 8 Sundays  
this fall.

Love this idea? Want to help  
support our young families?  
[Click Here](#) to find a sign up list  
where you can volunteer to help  
with lunch or with childcare

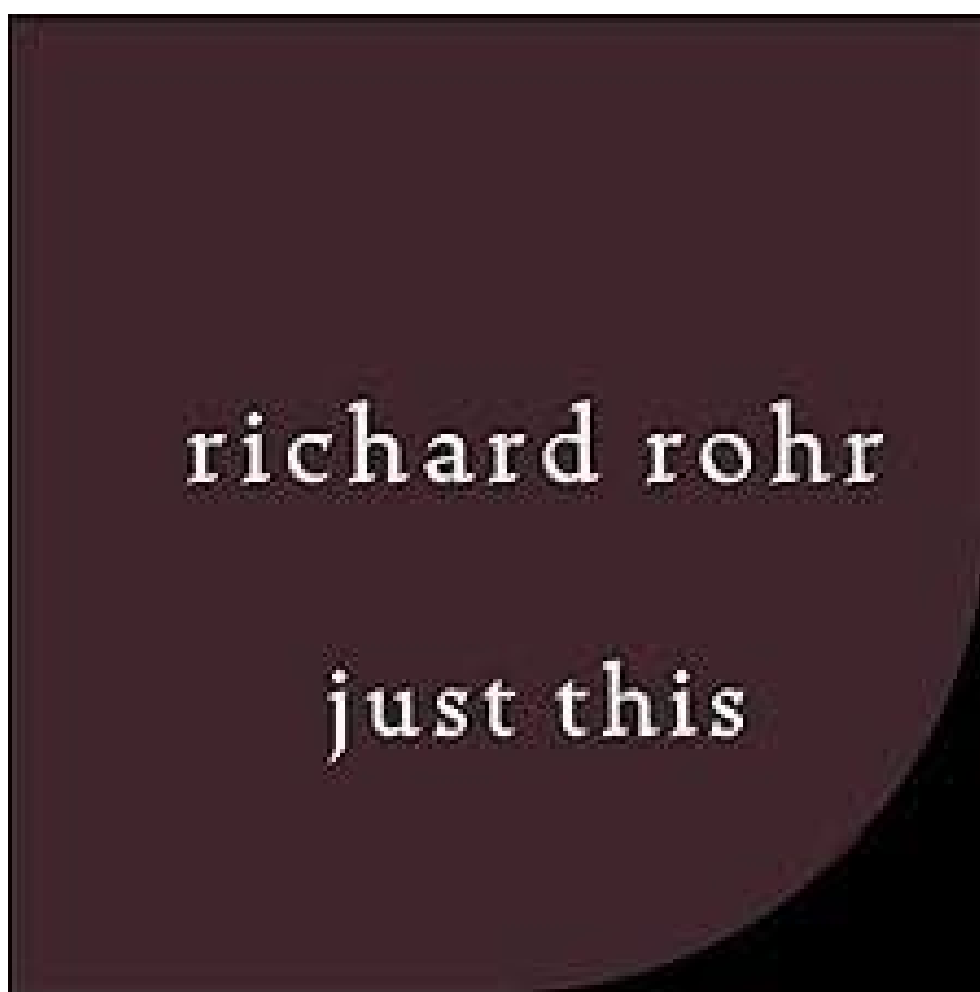
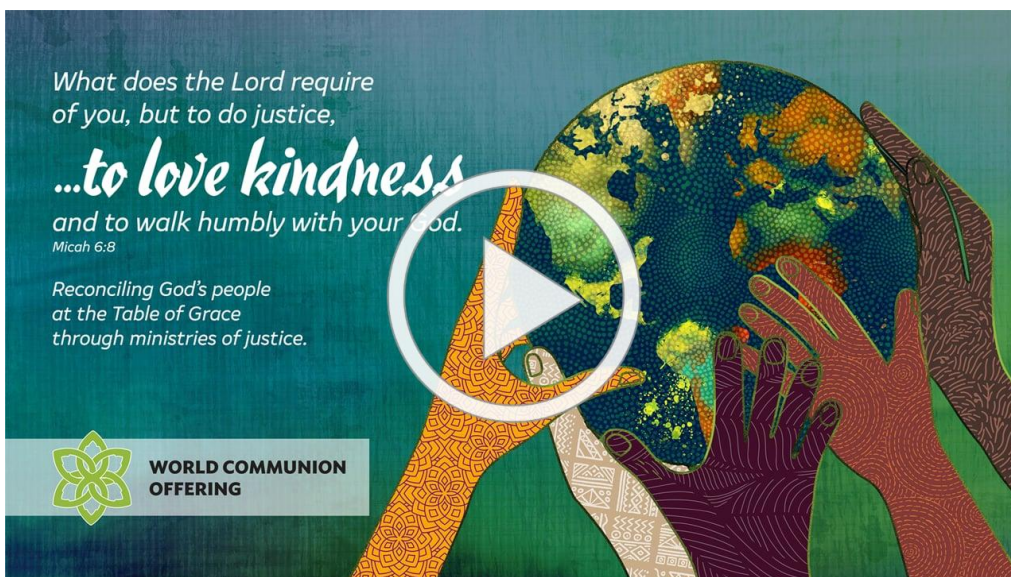
**Thank you for your help  
as we support young  
families in our  
congregation**





## World Communion Sunday, October 4 A Global Offering for Peace and Justice

The World Communion Offering through the Presbyterian Church (USA) works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Westminster will join churches across our denomination on World Communion Sunday, October 4 to collect funds towards the work of our global Church. **Click the video below to learn more!**



## "Just This": A Four-Week Book Study Mondays, October 12 - November 2 at 6:30pm

In today's stressful and often disconnected world, we've found that creating a little space to gather can make a big difference; a chance to slow down, get to know one another, and talk about things that really matter. Larry and Cathi Nelson are going to lead a **four-week conversation group** around the small book of reflections called, *Just*

*This* by Fr. Richard Rohr. It's a short, beautiful book with just four chapters.

Each week, we'll explore one simple theme:

**Awe  
Waking Up  
Surrendering  
Practices**

We know how busy life can be, so we're keeping it intentionally simple:

**Mondays, October 12–November 2**  
**Our home: [26 Westpoint Terrace, West Hartford](#)**  
Near Conard High School

Come around **6:30 PM** for some informal conversation and connection. We'll begin the discussion at **7:00** and **end promptly at 8:00 PM**.

And don't worry if you don't finish, or even read the chapter. The book is simply a jumping-off point. We think the conversation will be just as meaningful.

The book can be purchased for **\$10 through the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) website**. To purchase one, [click here](#). Please RSVP to Becky Kimberly in the church office by emailing [office@westpresby.org](mailto:office@westpresby.org).

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We are excited to share that our Bluetooth-enabled hearing assist equipment, Williams WaveCAST, is up and running in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Our A/V technicians and Minister of Music are ready to support you in using this technology during worship.

To set you up for success, please do the following **before** coming to church:

1. Ensure your hearing aids are compatible with Bluetooth.
2. Enable Bluetooth on your phone and connect your hearing aids.

3. Download the Williams WaveCAST app in the [Google Play Store](#) or [Apple App Store](#).

When you **arrive**

1. Connect to the **westpresby-guest** wifi. Signs with the password are in the back of the Sanctuary.
2. Open the WaveCAST app (making sure your hearing aids are connected to your phone).
3. Search for: Main Sanctuary in the app.

BONUS: Tap the heart icon next to the room and save it as a favorite so you don't need to look it up again.

To use the app, drag your finger along the slider to increase or decrease the volume. Press **play** to begin the feed and **stop** to pause it. That's it!

If you plan on using the technology for the first time, you are encouraged to **come at least 15 minutes early** so we have plenty of time to assist you if needed. Should your hearing aids not work with Bluetooth, no problem! We have other options for individual sound amplification. Email Callie at [music@westpresby.org](mailto:music@westpresby.org) or check in with an A/V tech if you want to learn more.



## Volunteer Day at Hartford Hydroponic Farm

Six Westminster volunteers recently participated in a Saturday workday at Levo International, a Hartford nonprofit addressing food insecurity, food deserts, and neighborhood revitalization. We helped with planting a new section of farm, adjusting an existing farm plant mix, and cleaned used hydroponic farm parts for future use. Lee Ann Conover, Bill Starkowski, Lesley Morrey, Janis Carlson, Will Hoelzel, and Sheila Huddleston (not pictured) had a great morning getting to know one another, and making a difference!

Interested in joining a future Westminster work day to be determined? Contact Serve Elder, Lesley Morrey at [lpmorrey@gmail.com](mailto:lpmorrey@gmail.com) or text/call 860-778-5948. [Click here](#) to visit Levo International's website to learn more.



# Our Front Porch

Adult Fellowship & Discussion Group

**Sundays 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.  
in the Covenant Room**

**Join Us for an Hour of Connection!**

Like those chatting on a front porch, join us before worship for conversation and connection. No preparation or commitment is required.

Contact Peter Benner ([pbenner16@gmail.com](mailto:pbenner16@gmail.com)) or  
Larry Carr ([larryrcarr@gmail.com](mailto:larryrcarr@gmail.com)) for more information





## Ella Kimberly, Young Adult Volunteer See Updates on Ella's Blog!



Ella Kimberly, PC (USA) Young Adult Volunteer in Peru is getting settled into her new home and starting service work in the area.

Ella's blog is now live so you can follow her journey throughout the year. It can be accessed by clicking the link below!

*Photos include: Ella at an after school program (top), with her roommate Ganijah (left) and worshipping on Sunday at a local church where she and Ganijah help with Sunday school (bottom).*

[Link to Ella's Blog](#)



**Important Events in Our Community**

**Support South Park Inn at Used Book Fair  
Hartford Quaker Meeting House  
This Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Hartford Friends Meeting presents:**

# **USED BOOK FAIR**

**A Fundraiser for the South Park Inn Homeless Shelter**

**Sliding scale  
payments  
accepted**



**Saturday,  
Sept. 26  
9 am-2pm  
Rain or shine**

Fiction   Nonfiction   Cookbooks   Poetry  
Self-help   Children's books  
Humor/Joke books   Nature/Environment/Gardening  
Religious/Spiritual/Inspirational   Travel books

Hartford Quaker Meetinghouse  
144 S. Quaker Lane  
West Hartford  
[www.hartfordquakers.org](http://www.hartfordquakers.org)

## **Prayers for our Community and Our World**

There have been many deaths in our congregation and in our world in these last months. Even as we mourn losses in our own lives we are affected as well by the losses of luminous spirits such as Catherine O'Hara, Dolly Parton, Tim Curry, and most recently a favorite writer - Annie Dillard.

Dillard wrote the beautiful book "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek," and from it comes this quote: *"The answer must be, I think, that beauty and grace*

*are performed whether or not we will or sense them. The least we can do is try to be there."*

As followers of Christ, we believe this - that beauty and grace are everywhere, even in the midst of grief and death, even in the midst of the war and suffering we see all around us. Prayer is an act of affirming this belief - that God is with us, that God's grace is available to us if we simply take a moment to reach for it.

We invite you to hold our community in prayer throughout your week, to reach for God's grace, to watch for God's beauty, and to pray in thanksgiving in hope for ourselves and each other. We offer the prayers below for our community and our world:

### **We give thanks for celebration and milestones:**

We give thanks for the wedding celebration of Sandy Fry's daughter Emily to Kevin Harrigan. We pray God's blessings upon them as they begin their married life together.

We give thanks for all those who have said yes to serving as leaders at Westminster. May God guide and direct them as they help lead our congregation, and may God help them to serve with "energy, intelligence, imagination, and love."

### **We pray for those near and far:**

We pray for peace in Gaza, Iran, Sudan. May God's peace take root in the hearts of all people, and may those who are caught in between the powers and principalities be protected and comforted.

We pray for all people who, because of conflict and economic instability, have been forced into migration to seek safety and stability. We especially pray for the people of Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. May God's strength and presence be with migrants everywhere.

We pray for all of God's creation, and for people impacted by the repercussions of global warming. May we seek new ways to heal our planet and steward our resources.

We pray for the communities experiencing increased fear and terror due to the actions of ICE. We pray for the safety and dignity of those who have been detained, and for justice to be found.

May there be mercy and protection for those who are most vulnerable: Immigrants and refugees especially children; the LBGTQIA+ community; those standing up against injustice in all its forms.

We give thanks for those who stand up for justice in communities throughout the world. May they be wise, safe and courageous.

May God's love and grace be the guiding force in our lives, our homes and our communities in the days ahead.

**We pray for those in need for health and wholeness:**

May those who are struggling be surrounded by God's healing and comfort. We especially pray for Jane Sebolt, who recently sustained a fall and is now recovering at home.

We continue to pray for: Cyndi Robinson's friend Shelby Lippart; Nancy Murray; Ashley Aronson; Abbey Downing's father Jack Neller; Callie Boone's Aunt Cyndi; Liz Grabber's mother Barbara; Mike McElroy's wife Jane; Doug Levine, friend of Marilyn Pikor; Susie Scoville's brother Jon; Joan and Jim Lin; Bob Gillis; Barbara Aronson; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; Muriel Sherman and Betty Stokes.

**We ask God to comfort those who grieve:**

May God's loving arms surround all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in this season.

We pray God's comfort and peace upon:

The family and loved ones of David MacMeekin; the family and loved ones of Bob Rentz; the family and loved ones of Ross and Ginger Ludeman; the family and loved ones of Paul Chabot, who died recently after a long battle with leukemia. May God surround his wife Kimberlea and their children, Ava, Mason and Ella with peace and comfort in this time. The family and loved ones of Mary Sand; the Rev. Laura Opsahl upon the death of her sister, Eugenia, may God surround their family and bring them peace; and the family and loved ones of Yvonne Smith, especially daughters Diane Smith and Aimee Hopkins.

We continue to lift to God all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones in recent months: family and friends of Marilyn Pikor's dear friends, Carol and Stan; the loved ones of Nancy Hoffman; the friends and family of Susan Plese, friend of Karen Wagner, who died following a long illness; friends and family of Richard Stafford; the family of Jamison Clegg, Eina Reiger's cousin; the family of Camden Siegal; Janet Wade-Utay and Art Utay upon the death of Art's aunt and Janet Wade-Utay and her sister-in-law, Jen, upon the death of Janet's brother George.

We trust that God walks with each of us in our struggles and sorrows, and rejoices in our celebrations.

If you have any prayer requests or pastoral concerns, please text or call Rev. Julie Emery at 603-748-1130.

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