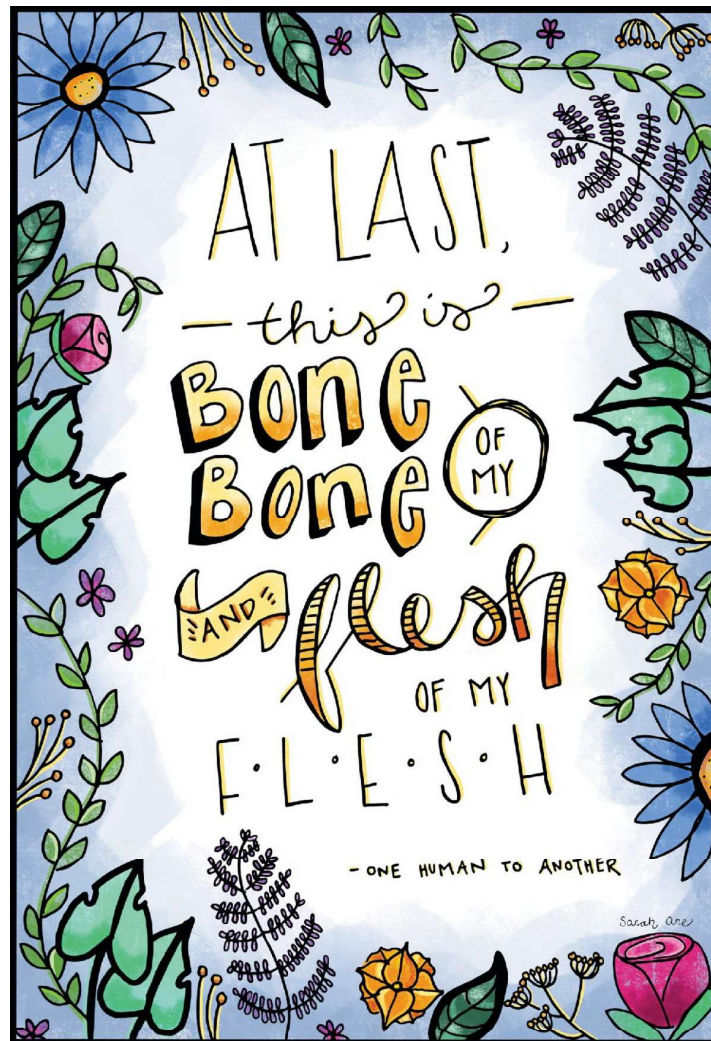


June 16, 2024



# Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"At Last" by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed*

Worship With Us On Sunday!

## 4th Sunday After Pentecost

### Scripture

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15

Genesis 2:4b-25

### Words to Consider

The Rev. Jinny Smanik

### 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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*This Week at Westminster*

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Welcome the Rev. Jinny Smanik



## Pastor During Sabbatical Time

We welcome the Rev. Jinny Smanik who will serve as Westminster's pastor while the Rev. Julie Emery is on sabbatical.

The Rev. Jinny Smanik, is an Honorably Retired PC(USA) pastor. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), she is a graduate of Heidelberg College and Yale Divinity School. Jinny is passionate about the work of Faith Formation and has intentionally woven that passion into the work she's done in each of the churches she has served. Jinny believes that as we share our stories with one another we deepen our spiritual lives and come to see one another as beloved children of the God who truly welcomes all.

Jinny and her husband Bob live in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Jinny loves walking, quilting, reading and spending time with family. She has three children, the Rev. Kate Smanik, who is the Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, Meg Walker, who is a Transitional Kindergarten teacher in Groton, Connecticut and David Smanik, who works for Spider Rock in Manhattan. Jinny loves to spend time with her five grandchildren, Charlie, James, Zachary, Bobby and Eileen.

Pastor Jinny looks forward to worshipping with and serving alongside the people of Westminster Presbyterian Church during Rev. Julie Emery's sabbatical leave. You reach her via email at [pastorjinny@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjinny@gmail.com)

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## Rev. Julie Emery Sabbatical

The Rev. Julie Emery is currently on sabbatical until September 30. Please [Click here](#) to read the email that was distributed in May which includes a message from Rev. Julie as well as a sabbatical FAQ.

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**Exciting Summer Worship News!**

## A Summer of Worship & Connection with First Presbyterian Church

Westminster is excited to announce a summer worship partnership with First Presbyterian Church of Hartford. Our relationship dates back to our founding 74 years ago when a group of 13 members from First Presbyterian were dismissed with blessings to be charter members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. There has continued to be connection throughout the years. Through this collaboration of both worship and music this summer, our congregations will have the opportunity to continue that connection by not only providing hospitality, but receiving it as well.

Throughout the month of July, Westminster will gather for worship at First Presbyterian Church of Hartford at their Sunday worship time of 10:30 a.m. In the month of August, Westminster will play the role of host here at our 10:00 a.m. worship time. Online worship will continue to be offered.

In the weeks leading into July, we will provide further details about our summer worship plans. We will include everything from where to park to great places to go for brunch in Hartford after worship. Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the church office at 860-521-6240 or [office@westpresby.org](mailto:office@westpresby.org).

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### Volunteers Needed West Hartford Pride Festival Saturday, June 22 from Noon - 4:00 p.m.

West Hartford Pride Festival is on Saturday, June 22, from noon to 4pm at Town Hall on 50 South Main St. Westminster is a supporter of Presbyterian Promise, which will have a table there and needs volunteers from local participating churches.

Presbyterian Promise is a non-profit committed to proclaiming God's promise of justice and love in Jesus Christ by organizing churches and individuals in the Presbytery of Southern New England into a community of mutual support for the empowerment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people through education, outreach and advocacy.

We are looking to have some representatives from Westminster to help at the table. This is a wonderful opportunity to share Westminster's spirit of welcome and inclusion. If you are willing to help for an hour or two, please contact Pastor Jinny at [pastorjinny@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjinny@gmail.com), Art Riihimaki at [ariihimaki@me.com](mailto:ariihimaki@me.com) or speak with them on Sunday. Thank you!

[Click here](#) to learn more about Presbyterian Promise.

[Click here](#) for West Hartford Pride information.

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### Session Retreat: Key Highlights

Earlier this week, an email was sent detailing the highlights from a leadership retreat held on May 31 and June 1 at Holmes Camp in

NY. The Rev. Emery, the Rev. Jinny Smanik and both current and newly elected members of Session were in attendance.

[Click here](#) to read the email outlining highlights from the retreat.

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A First Presbyterian Hartford tradition!

# Strawberry Festival



**\$6 Strawberry Shortcake:**  
homemade biscuits & whipped cream, with local strawberries!

**Friday, June 14 and Friday, June 21: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**PLUS on Saturday, June 15: 5 to 7 p.m.**  
*face painting, games, music!*

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Congratulations and blessings to all our graduates including:

**Kylie Altimus**, Farmington High School  
**Ashley Aronson**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, B.A. in Religious Studies, Minors in Economics and Public Policy  
**Aiden Emery**, Conard High School  
**Libby Geisler**, Trinity College, B.A. in Economics, Minor in Formal Organizations  
**Styx Hatch**, Hall High school  
**Victoria Johnson**, University of Rhode Island, B.S. in Nursing and B.A. in Spanish  
**Jonathan Morrey**, Pace University, B.F.A. in Production and Design  
**Marissa Torsiello**, Community College of Rhode Island  
**Heather Tusch**, Lewis S. Mills High School

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## Church Closed for Juneteenth Holiday Wednesday, June 19

Westminster will be closed for Juneteenth National Independence Day, commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. To learn more about the history behind this new federal holiday, [click here](#) to be connected to the website for the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

### Prayers of the People

#### We continue to pray for:

Janet Wade-Utay's brother George Wade, who is battling cancer; Art Riihimaki; Greg Hammond's cousin Bridget; Ellen Smith and her mother Marge Martin; Jim and Vivian Carlson; Marsha Whitman (mother of Charlotte Logan) and Sam Logan (father of Cameron Logan) as they each recover from recent health issues; Art Riihimaki's friend Linda; David MacMeekin and family; Elsie Harp and family; Susie Scoville's friend Ron; Ross and Ginger Ludeman; the people of Palestine and Israel; Cori Mackey; Liz Grabber's nephew Drew Newsom; Rhys Logan; Howard Sprout; Laura Berman and family; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; Jon Scoville; Paige Logan's friend Mia; Muriel Sherman; David MacMeekin's brother-in-law, Dan Reinhard; Rachel Lloyd's Aunt Katie; Stella Madjitey and Betty Stokes.

#### We celebrate with:

- Sandy Fry and family on the wedding of her son Daniel Fry to Abby Youmans on June 14 in Philadelphia. Congratulations and blessings on their marriage.

#### We grieve with:

- Friends and families of those in recent months who mourn the death of loved ones. May they be comforted.

### Session Members (Teams)

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