

April 28, 2024



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Worship With Us On Sunday!

5th Sunday of Easter

Scripture
Luke 24:36-43

Sermon
Embodied Faith
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.



This Week at Westminster

This Sunday Following Worship
Free Naloxone Training

SAVE A LIFE. GET TRAINED.
FREE NALOXONE
TRAINING
APRIL 28 11:30 A.M.

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Naloxone is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids - when administered in time. The West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District is providing FREE Naloxone Training during the month of April. Westminster will host one of those training sessions on April 28 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Circle. For more info. or to register call Viviane Rinaldi at 860-561-7901. Walk-ins are welcome! [Click here](#) for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 19 Community
Conversation on Suicide Awareness**

ASK A QUESTION. SAVE A LIFE.

A Community Conversation on Suicide Awareness

**SUNDAY
MAY 19, 2024**

4:30-6:00PM

**2080 BOULEVARD
WEST HARTFORD, CT**



Conversation
Includes



**QPR Suicide Prevention
Gatekeeper Training**

➤ PROGRAM LED
BY CERTIFIED
TRAINERS
FROM WHBHD

➤ NO CHARGE

➤ FREE
COMMUNITY
DINNER
PROVIDED

➤ AMPLE PARKING

In QPR Training You Will Learn to:

- Recognize the warning signs of suicide crisis.
- Know how to **Question**, **Persuade**, and **Refer** someone to help.

The sooner warning signs are detected and help sought, the better the outcome.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE AT:
wpc-suicide-awareness.eventbrite.com



Westminster Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Community Conversation on Suicide Awareness on Sunday, May 19 at 4:30 PM. This event aims to raise awareness and provide training to help recognize the warning signs of suicide.

This event will include free QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training led by certified trainers from the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District. In QPR Training you will learn to:

- Question a person's desire or intent regarding suicide
- Persuade the person to seek and accept help
- Refer the person to appropriate resources

Three simple steps you can learn to help save a life from suicide. The

sooner warning signs are detected and help sought, the better the outcome.

A complimentary community dinner will be served at the end of the event. Please register in advance at <https://WPC-Suicide-Awareness.eventbrite.com>

Let's come together to support one another and learn how to make a difference. Together, we can save lives. See you there!



You're Invited! Westminster 101 Join us Sunday, May 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church loves welcoming visitors to our community, both online and in-person. **The Engage Team is inviting visitors and any current members to come to a Westminster 101 Gathering on Sunday, May 5, from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm so that we can get to know you better** as well as to offer an opportunity for you to learn more about Westminster as a Presbyterian Church (USA) church, and what it means to be a member. Light refreshments will be served.

Feel free to reach out to Rev. Julie Emery at 860-521-6240 or jemery@westpresby.org or to Elder Greg Hammond 860-209-4737 or rgregoryh@yahoo.com with any questions or for further connection.

Please call the Becky Kimberly, church administrator, at 860-521-6240 or email office@westpresby.org to let us know if you are interested in attending this gathering.



Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for our Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 18

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
GREG HAMMOND AT
RGREGORYH@YAHOO.COM

Session Highlights: March 27, 2024 Meeting

In our February Session meeting, the Session identified five investigative sub-groups to examine creative ways to close our budget gaps. These teams were introduced to the congregation at the Annual Meeting and outlined in more detail in the March 22 Westminster weekly e-mail. Three teams provided updates to Session at our March 27 meeting. All teams are still in need of volunteers. Please contact Session members below if you can help.

Sell or Develop Part of Church Property – Contact Craig Schramm if you can help.

Update: Westminster Presbyterian Church is not the only church in this presbytery experiencing declining church attendance and budget deficits. There is an organization called **Trinity Centres**, located in Canada, that specializes in supporting churches to lovingly preserve, restore, and/ or repurpose their property. A letter of support will be crafted by Julie and Janet to the Presbytery of Southern New England (PSNE) Board of Trustees who will be considering this organization at

the PSNE level at their April meeting.

Ministry Partnerships with other Churches – Contact Janet Wade-Utay or Peter Benner if you can help.

Update: Discussions begin after the Easter holiday.

Explore grants to support our ministries – Contact Will Hoelzel if you can help.

Update: Two volunteers have stepped forward to help this sub-group.

Kitchen utilization and development – Contact Cindy Buckley if you can help.

Long Term Tenants for Ministry Partnership – Contact Greg Hammond if you can help.

Ministry Team Highlights:

Engage - Engage brought a list of 14 individuals to be removed from the membership. The reasons for removal include, those who have transferred membership, some at their request, and others who have not been attending for a long time and have not responded to multiple inquiries over the last several years. The Session voted to remove these names from the roles with regret.

Pledge update - We have achieved 83% of our pledge goal of \$300,000 with a total of 64 pledges received to date.

Buildings and Grounds – The rains continue to challenge our roof. Masonry work needs to be completed before the roof repairs commence. Masonry work will begin this month weather permitting. Roof repairs have begun.

Nominating Committee - is in need of a Deacon to serve on the Nominating Committee. They are also seeking names of individuals who are willing to serve as Elders or Deacons for the next 1-3 years. Please contact Art Riihimaki, chair of the nominating committee if you are interested.

Finance – a summary of the budget is below. We are currently ahead of the projected pledge income due to the number of people who pay their pledges for the entire year in January. This is not expected to continue. The overall operating budget deficit is due to the fact that our budget was a deficit budget from the beginning.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Janet Wade-Utay on behalf of the Session

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Summary Statement of Operating Activity
As of 02-29-2024

	Monthly	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
	Actual	Actual	Budget
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Pledged Contributions	\$ 31,033	\$ 58,743	\$ 54,000
Plate Offerings	35	150	167
Per Capita	1,634	2,604	750
Building Use	3,705	4,535	7,500
Public-Private Grants	-	10,000	1,667
Special Gifts	-	26,000	4,167
Other Gifts and Grants	1,682	1,732	-
Transfers from Restricted Funds	-	9,860	12,740
Total Operating Income	\$ 38,089	\$ 113,624	\$ 80,990
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Worship	\$ 3,853	\$ 7,683	\$ 3,821
Flourish	128	182	350
Serve	1,824	3,552	3,341
Care	35	35	87
Engage	200	247	467
Sustain (Office Expense)	1,953	4,530	3,521
Sustain (Church Building)	5,125	18,642	18,869
Staff Expenses	27,414	55,455	61,048
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 40,530	\$ 90,325	\$ 91,503
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,442)	\$ 23,299	\$ (10,513)

SAVE THE DATE!

Presenting WPC's third annual

Community in Concert

Friday, June 7, 2024

7:00 - 8:30pm

Doors open at 6:30pm

Free Admission

Gratefully accepting freewill offerings to support the Tilton Music Fund.

Prayers of the People

We continue to pray for:

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; Art Riihimaki; 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 grieve with:

- The family and friends of Karen Wagner's friend Ramon Nieto,

who died Tuesday. Prayers of comfort and support for his family;

- Ellen Smith and family on the death of her father Jim Martin on April 14 at the age of 92. As they celebrate his life, the family asks for prayers of comfort for Ellen's mother Marge who grieves Jim's passing after 65 years of marriage;
- Friends and families of those in recent months who mourn the death of loved ones. May they be comforted.

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