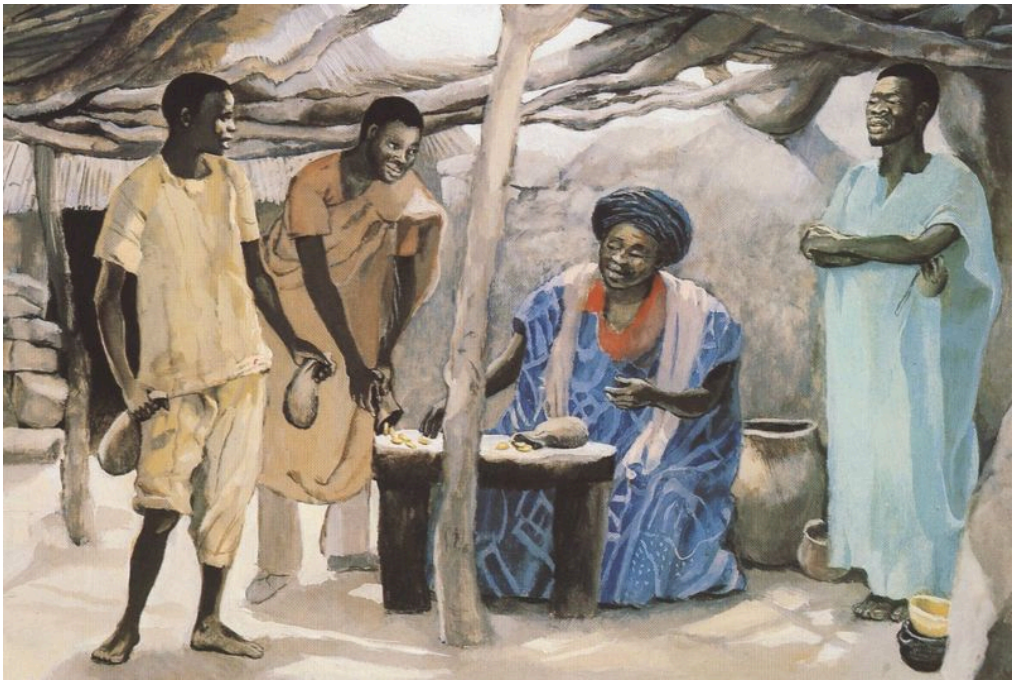
November 15, 2026

Westminster
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Parable of the Talents by JESUS MAFA

Worship With Us!

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture
Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon
When Fear Drives
The Rev. Julie Emery

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9:00 a.m. "Our Front Porch" Gathering
Fellowship and Discussion Group in the Covenant Room

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989
Please note that our worship service is recorded and posted online.

Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office at office@westpresby.org.



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

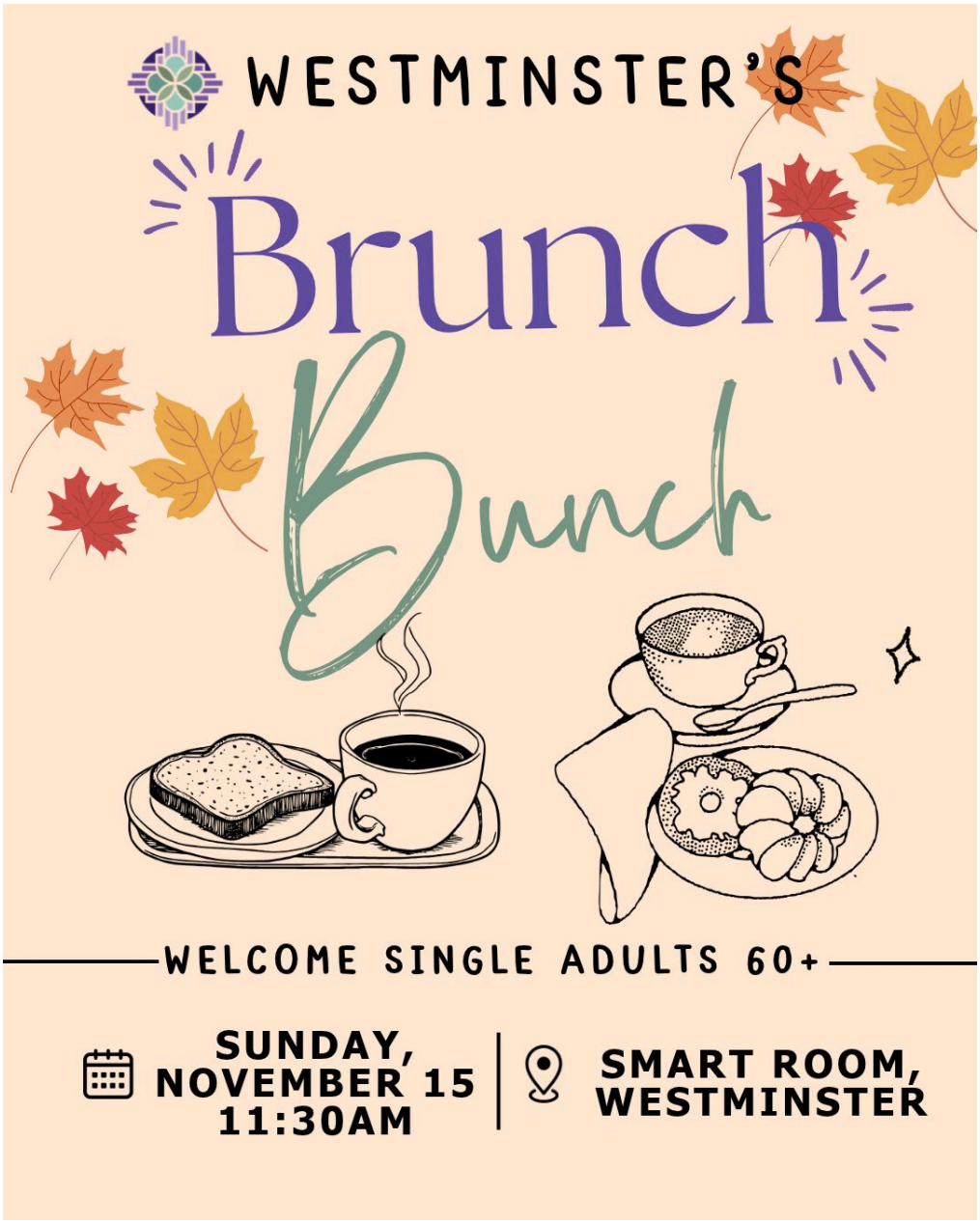
Westminster News and Events

- *Brunch Bunch this Sunday at 11:30*
- *Decorate for Christmas After Worship, November 22*
- *Donate Food for Thanksgiving Meals*
- *Welcome New Members*
- *Jesse's Garden Wonderful Season*
- *Stewardship: "Let's Make Something Beautiful"*
- *Sign up for Caroling*

- *Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!*
- *Save the Date: Gathered, 20s and 30s Fellowship*
- *Westminster Facility Management/Rental Property Coordinator*

Prayers for Our Community and Our World

Westminster News and Events



The Brunch Bunch will gather this Sunday, November 15, 2026 right after church in the Smart Room. All single adults 60ish or above are invited to become part of this monthly gathering as we get to know each other better. Food will be provided so the only thing you need to bring is your smile. Please contact Barbara Riihimaki (860-803-9090) or bdriih@gmail.com to let her know if you'll be coming.

See you there.


HELP DECORATE WESTMINSTER FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, NOV. 22
AFTER WORSHIP
ALL AGES WELCOME



Sign-up to Donate

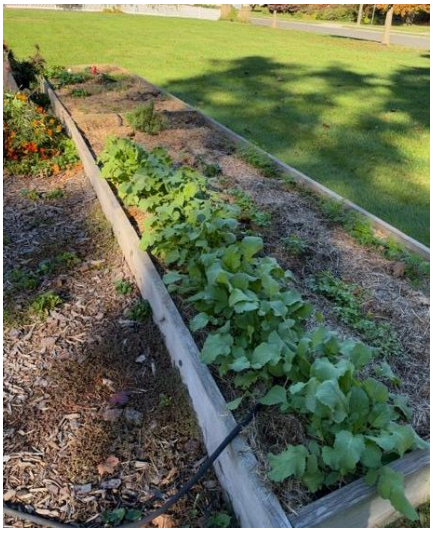


A Bountiful Harvest from Jessie's Garden

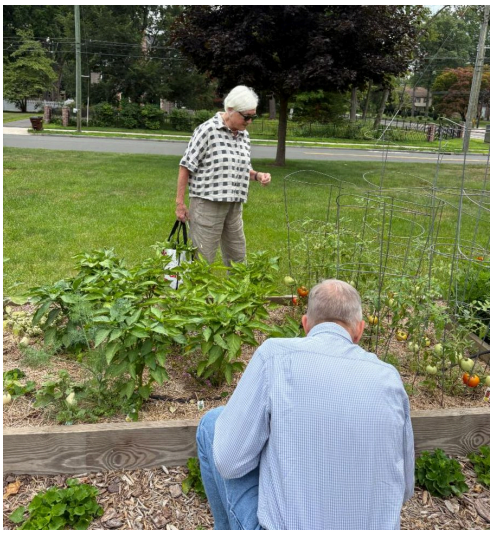
You may have noticed the garden located at the back of our parking lot facing Ridgewood Road. Jessie's Garden was first planted in 2015 and is part of a network of community gardens created by the Kostin family in memory of their daughter Jessica. This is our 11th harvest where 90% of the crops are donated Loaves and Fishes in Hartford. Loaves and Fishes serves two meals per day to those who are food insecure. The organic garden is harvested a couple times a week with crops that include tomatoes, squash, eggplants, beans, peppers, and herbs.

We are grateful to Ann Cox for tending the garden all these years and for Bill Starkowski who provided hours in the dirt this season. More help is appreciated and a green thumb isn't required. If you'd like to help with the garden in the spring, please contact Ann Cox at anncct@sbcglobal.net.









Westminster Launches Stewardship Campaign "Let's Make Something Beautiful"



Our pledge drive will be held throughout the month of November culminating with Commitment Sunday on November 22nd. Help us to plan for our upcoming year by letting us know your giving intentions.

Click here to read Rev. Julie Emery's Stewardship message

Click here to take part in the 30-day beauty challenge.

Together, we can make something beautiful! Any questions about this year's campaign, please contact Sandy Fry, Engage Elder at **psfry2016@comcast.net**

Link to Digital Pledge Card



All ages and abilities are welcome to join the WPC Music Family for an opportunity to go Christmas Caroling on either Dec. 13 or Dec. 19. **Please fill out this form** to indicate one or more dates and times you are available. Please email Callie Boone at music@westpresby.org with questions.

Help Needed

HELP HOST SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Do you love the chance to connect with church-goers after worship each Sunday? Please consider helping host coffee hour so we can continue this important ministry. Training will be provided! Email Linda Geisler with questions: Linda.Barron.Geisler@comcast.net





Coffee Hour Sign Up

SAVE THE DATE!



Westminster Changes in Facility Management Introducing Rental Property Coordinator



Following the retirement of Mike McElroy as sexton, Westminster has employed a property development company, Amador Associates, to help with the cleaning and maintenance of the building.

Click here for more details!

Nathalee Golden, Rental Property Coordinator will be handling all the rentals of our church facilities. **Click here** to read her bio!

Prayers for our Community and Our World

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 pray for those near and far:

We pray for all those impacted by gun violence; may God's justice prevail.

We pray for peace in Gaza, Iran, Sudan, Ukraine. 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 celebrate with:

John and Jeannette Rhine on the wedding of their son James Rhine to Cindee Beard on October 20th. We wish them God's blessings as they begin their married life together.

The Rev. Laura Opsahl who this month celebrates 49 years in ministry.

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:

Jim Lin, who is in a rehab facility, and for his wife and caretaker Joan.

Laura Opsahl as she recovers from wrist surgery.

We continue to pray for: Cyndi Brown's friend Gayle; George Dewey; Jane Sebolt; 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; 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; Bob Rentz; Ross and Ginger Ludeman; Paul Chabot; Mary Sand; Eugenia, Yvonne Smith, especially daughters Diane Smith and Aimee Hopkins; Marilyn Pikor's dear friends, Carol and Stan; Nancy Hoffman; Susan Plese, friend of Karen Wagner; Richard Stafford; Jamison Clegg, Eina Reiger's cousin; George Utay, Janet Wade-Utay's brother and Art Utay's aunt.

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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