OUR RESPONSE TO GOD
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Most holy God, in Christ you pour out your mercy to forgive our transgression. Hear us now as we confess our sin. We are wrong in our judgment of what you want from us. We seek to appease you with offerings, earn your favor by doing good deeds, or garner a blessing through making some sacrifice. Forgive us our nature that is prone to buy favor, and in Christ restore us to a right relationship with you.

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Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
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THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

** CALL TO PRAYER

Bayer
Once More, O Lord, Restore Your People

MORNING PRAYERS

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"IT'S ELEMENTARY!" & TWEENS

Parents, here are some important dates for our Wednesday after-school program: March 30 – no meeting/ Spring break April 6 – Bible Bowl Quiz May 4 – Last meeting/Bible Carnival

VBS TIMES AND DATES
"Surf Shack" is the theme of this year’s Vacation Bible School, which will be held from 9:00 a.m.-noon on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, June 20-22. On the evening of June 22, we will come back to church for dinner and a program where children will share what they have learned with family and friends. Mark your calendars. Registration will open soon.

ADULT GROUPS

Sunday, March 13
• Movie Group: Contact Annie Little (jrlittle42@gmail.com) for movie location and time.

Wednesday, March 16
• Needle Arts Group: will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Entrance Pavilion. Leader: Terry Gentry (tmgentry@charter.net).

Thursday, March 17
• Hiking Group: will meet in Room 209 at 6:30 p.m. for the Spring 2016 planning meeting. WPC member, Josh Bruckman, will share his experience of hiking the entire Appalachian Trail in 2015. Group Leader: Michelle Little (wendy@wpc-online.org).

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WESTMINSTER DAY OF SERVICE
Mark your calendars for Hands On Greenville Day, April 30. "HOG Day" is a day of service and fellowship sponsored by the United Way. Thousands of Greenivernians from across the county work side by side on projects for local nonprofits in areas of need. Westminster is a sponsor for the event and we are excited for another productive year. Sign up at http://www.wpc-online.org/hands-on-greenville.php.

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LIBRARY MEMORIALS/EASTER LILIES
Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 20.

"I stand on the threshold of the door of Damascus..." and the voices of Jesus change him from one who persecuted Christians to a very persecuted Christian himself. As he told his story, many thought he was crazy.

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8:45 a.m. New Member Class
9:00 a.m. W&S Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Library Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:15 p.m. New Member Reception
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Meeting
3:00 p.m. Movie Group
5:00 p.m. Middler Youth Group
5:15 p.m. Senior High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Middler Youth Choir Rehearsal
Senior High Youth Group
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Weekday School Committee Meeting
7:15 p.m. NAMI
7:00 p.m. Theology Reading Group
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting
6:00 p.m. Westminster Bells

WEDNESDAY

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. “It’s Elementary!” & Tweens
3:30 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Choir Circle 97
5:00 p.m. Baptism Class
6:00 p.m. Bite Size Mission Night
6:15 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. The Needle Arts Group
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
5:30 p.m. Bite Size Mission Night
6:30 p.m. Hiking Group Meeting
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. Hiking Group to Twin Falls
10:00 a.m. WDS Spring Carnival

YOU NISHIG ADULTS
Join us for our year-end evening of fellowship and study on Monday, March 23, at 6:15 p.m. in the Charter Room. We’ll end the evening at The Local Taco (13 Canoe Ave.). Mark your calendars for dinner and trivia at Mellow Mushroom (1 Augusta St.) on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The road to Damascus...what a turning point for Paul. The blinding light and the voice of Jesus changed him from one who persecuted Christians to a very persecuted Christian himself. As he told his story, many thought he was crazy.

I had a dear friend who was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer two years ago. We had the opportunity to be with her frequently during her treatment and when there was no other treatment available. It had been a particularly rough week and we all realized she could not last much longer.

On the day she died, I was sitting beside her holding tightly to her hand. I found myself praying that God would wrap his arms around my friend and take away her pain. She squeezed my hand and then quietly passed away.

I believe we both felt the hand of God on that day and I am different in many ways because of it. Maybe we do not need a road to Damascus experience to change our lives. Perhaps we simply need to allow ourselves to feel the presence of God in our everyday lives because he is there. And I do not think that is crazy at all!

Gayle Bohnin

Acts 26:1-11
ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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   Teacher: Danna Rohleder
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Sign up by Monday, March 14, online at www.wpc-online.org. Contact Associate Pastor, Barbara Stoop, for more information.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday March 25 at 12 Noon

Easter March 27

Worship Services

9:00 & 11:15 a.m.
(No Sunday School)

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.
& 12:15 p.m.
Fellowship Times
with donuts, coffee and juice.

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