

Westminster Weekly Window

July 20, 2025

Today's Message

"Sitting at the Feet of Jesus"

Scripture Readings

Today: *Semicontinuous*: Amos 8:1 and Ps. 52;

Complementary: Gen. 18:1-10a and Ps. 15; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

July 27, 2025: *Semicontinuous*: Hos. 1:2-10 and Ps. 85;

Complementary: Gen. 18:20-32 and Ps. 138; Col. 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

Serving This Morning

Usher – Jacksons

Greeter – Dick Helfrich

Serving Next Sunday - July 27

Usher – Suellen Kirkwood

Greeter – Dick Helfrich

Happening This Week - July 20 - July 27, 2025

July 20 – Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.

July 20 to 25 – Foster Care School Supply Cleaning, *Fellowship Hall*

July 21 – WestMark Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m.

July 22 – The Care Team, 9-12 p.m. Session, *Parlor*, 4 p.m.

July 23 – Men's Coffee Group at Panera's at Westlake at 7:30 a.m. (**Wednesday of every week**)

July 24 – Foster Parent Support Group, 5-9 p.m.

July 27 – Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

July 28 – WestMark Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m.

August 3 – Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

August 11 to 15 – Parish House Cleanup

Marilyn Luman has recently moved and now resides at Liberty Village, Room 113, located at 6906 N Stalworth Dr, Peoria, IL 61615

Lane closure for the Moss Avenue Reconstruction affects the southside of W Moss Avenue from N Western Avenue. Please watch for flaggers and be mindful of the road work.

July Birthdays

06	Jill Bell	22	Alan Willadsen
13	Olivia Richmond	23	Kim Fisher
14	Donald Shay	27	Amy Streibich & Tom Richmond
15	Caden Richmond	29	Steven Sager
19	John Grimes	30	Dorothy Crozier
20	Parker Richmond		

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Westminster Parish Hall Development Update – Summer 2025

Dear Westminster Family,

Though summer has brought a slower pace, work continues around Parish Hall, and the vision for a space that blesses our wider community remains very much alive.

Where Things Stand

You may recall our initial hope to repurpose Parish Hall for an early childhood education program. After a thorough assessment by the relevant education authorities, it became clear that the current state of the building and the timeline required for rehabilitation made this unfeasible for the near future. That said, conversations remain open for future possibilities once nearby construction projects conclude and our own renovations progress.

New Possibility: A Non-Profit Hub

In light of this, we are exploring a new and exciting opportunity—transforming Parish Hall into a collaborative hub for local non-profits. Picture shared workspaces, meeting rooms, and community-driven programs all under one roof (a roof that needs to be replaced soon!). We are currently in conversation with several organizations who are seeking new homes and whose missions align with our own.

However, this vision does come with some zoning challenges. Leasing space—even to non-profits—can shift the property's designation, creating new restrictions. We are currently discerning our next steps, which may include seeking broader community support, engaging local leaders, and advocating for creative solutions. Please keep this process in prayer, that we might find a path forward that honors our mission and serves our neighbors well.

The Gift of Service

We have been deeply blessed by a group of youth and adult volunteers who have come alongside us in recent weeks. They've helped with landscaping, supported the food pantry, and brought new energy to our shared spaces. These young people serve in order to earn opportunities like summer camps and mission trips, and we are exploring ways Westminster might offer them a financial gift of gratitude for their time and care—a chance for us to bless a ministry that is doing powerful work with local students.

Expanding Our Reach

In addition to the renovation work itself, we've begun welcoming new groups into our building. This includes gatherings, study groups, and ministries serving youth and families. We've also fielded several inquiries about ongoing office, kitchen, and event space use. These conversations are still in progress, and we look forward to sharing more as partnerships take shape.

Facility Needs + Next Steps

As we continue to dream, several practical projects are on the horizon:

- **Renovation of bathrooms**
- **Wall repair and painting**
- **Exploration of air conditioning options**
- **Roof repairs following recent leaks**
- **Exploration of solar energy solutions**

We are grateful for the volunteers and staff who continue to push this work forward and are assembling a full project plan as we prioritize next steps. Thank you, Westminster, for your continued prayers, support, and shared vision. We believe this building can become a true asset for the common good—and we are grateful to be in this work with you.

With hope and gratitude,

Eric Potter

Development Director

Westminster Presbyterian Church

 Please remember to turn lights off after your events and ensure that doors are locked. Thank you. 