



West End  
presbyterian church

# PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Elect exiles. Chosen refugees. Beloved sojourners.

As a nation we are embroiled in a controversy over what to do about people who do not 'belong' here. While I do not know what to do about this (although I am certain many do), Peter wants every one of us who are followers of Christ to see our citizenship a bit differently. Like our father Abraham, we are wanderers looking for a city whose builder is God (*For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.* —Hebrews 11:10)

My primary citizenship is defined by Jesus Christ and His kingdom. My secondary citizenship is the United States of America. I was born here, I live here, pay taxes, and vote. I love my country but it is not where I ultimately belong, nor should it have my ultimate allegiance.

When I was a child, my family used to sing Gospel songs together. One that I remember went something like this:

*'This world is not my home I'm just a-passin' through  
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue  
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore  
Oh Lord, You know I have no friend like you  
If heaven's not my home then Lord what will I do?  
The angels beckon me from heaven's open door  
And I can't feel at home in this world anymore'.*

If you feel like an alien, then you are feeling what is real. That sense of not belonging, though painful, may be the mercy of God to you. "If heaven's not my home then Lord what will I do?"

Warmly,  
Steve

Sunday Worship Services: 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM  
Children's Sunday School: 9:00 AM

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### ELECT EXILES

“The church exists today as resident aliens... a colony of heaven.”

*Stanley Hauerwas*

“He spares not His Son, but sends Him in quest of the exiles. He comes into the land of banishment, lies in an exile’s cradle, becomes a banished man for them, lives a banished life, endures an exile’s shame, dies an exile’s death, is buried in an exile’s tomb. He takes our place of banishment that we may take His place of honor and glory in the home of His Father and our Father. Such is the exchange between the exile and the exile’s divine substitute.”

*Horatius Bonar*

### Ordinary Time

The Christian year, anchored in the main events of the New Testament, provides a pattern for understanding the Christian life. We are now in the season after Pentecost, known as “Ordinary Time.” Having celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church at Pentecost, Ordinary Time signals the interim of the Church until Christ comes again in glory. Jesus is faithfully advancing His Kingdom in the power of His Spirit in this season. We anticipate the consummation of all things when Christ comes in glory as King of all.

Philippians 3:20-21

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Our citizenship is in heaven,

**And from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.**

He will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body,

**By the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.**

### The First Word

Because we believe God initiates with sinners, we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

## INVOCATION

### Invocation

Asking God to be with us.

# SONG OF ADORATION

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

Text: Francis of Assisi (1225), trans. William H. Draper (1926)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams)

“Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted” – Psalm 148:13



1 All crea - tures of our God and King,  
2 Thou ru - shing wind that art so strong,  
3 All you who are of ten - der heart,  
4 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless,



lift up your voice and with us sing. Al - le  
ye clouds that sail in Hea'vn a - long, O \_\_\_\_  
for - giv - ing oth - ers take your part, O \_\_\_\_  
and wor - ship Him in hum - ble - ness. O \_\_\_\_



lu - ia! \_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise Him! \_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing ye! \_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise Him! \_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!



Thou burn - ing sun with gol - den beam.  
Thou rush - ing morn with praise re - joice.  
Ye who long pain and sor - row bear,  
Praise, praise the Fath - er, praise the Son,



Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam. O \_\_\_\_  
Ye lights of eve - ning find a voice.  
praise God and on Him cast your care.  
and praise the Spir - it, Three in One.



praise Him! \_\_\_\_ O \_\_\_\_ praise Him! \_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_ Al - le -



lu - ia! \_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia!

# Welcome

## MISSION UPDATE

*WEPC Hospitality Ministry  
Dave Jewell, Jaime Miller, and Linda Tuskey*

### **We worship a welcoming God.**

Visitors, we are glad you are here. Following the service, please join Pastor Steve Shelby for coffee in the gallery.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:4-7,10

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.... For thus says the LORD: When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord, no day of our lives passes that does not prove us guilty in Your sight. Our best services are filthy rags. All things in us call for our rejection. However, all things in Christ plead our acceptance. Grant us to hear Your voice assuring us that by Your stripes we are healed, that You were bruised for our iniquities, that You became sin for us, that we might be robed in Your righteousness. Grant that we might walk in newness of life as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

### **Confession and Encouragement**

Often we find that our hearts are worshipping something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Peter 2:9-10

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

### **Weekly prayer**

is held in the chapel at 9 AM on Thursdays. Please join us as we pray through Scripture and a new theme each week.

# Songs of Praise

## AMAZING GRACE

Text: John Newton (1779)

Tune: Traditional American melody

“To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.” – Ephesians 1:6

1 A - maz - ing that grace— how sweet the sound—  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost  
and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did  
I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought  
bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
that grace ap - pear the hour - I first be - lieved!  
me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

# GLORIA PATRI

Text: 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Hymn

Tune: Henry Greatorex (1851)

“Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.”

– Psalm 29:2

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be. World with-out end. A - men, a - men.

## SCRIPTURE Reading

1 Peter 1:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia,  
Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> according to the foreknowledge of God the  
Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for  
sprinkling with his blood:  
May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

## Sermon

### **Children's Worship**

Children pre-K-1st  
grade attending  
Children's Worship  
during the second  
service will be  
dismissed before the  
sermon. See page 12  
for pick-up  
information.



# OFFERING

## Songs of Praise

### COME ALL YE PINING, HUNGRY, POOR

Text: Anne Steele (1716-1778), from the Gadsby Hymnal #1093

Music: Brian T. Murphy (2007)

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“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28



1. Lord we a - dore thy bound - less grace.  
 2. O won - drous gifts of love di - vine.  
 3. Here shall your num - 'rous wants re - ceive



The heights and depths un - known  
 Dear Source of ev - 'ry good  
 A free, a full sup - ply;



Of par - don, life, and joy, and peace,  
 Je - sus, in thee what glo - ries shine!  
 He has un - meas - ured bliss to give,



In thy be - lov - ed Son. Come, all ye pin -  
 How rich thy flow - ing blood!  
 And joys that nev - er die



ing hun - gry, poor, The Sav - ior's boun - ty taste. Be - hold a ne -



ver - fail - ing store. For ev - 'ry will - ing guest

“For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”  
– I Corinthians 3:11

## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Text: Samuel J. Stone (1866)  
Tune: AURELIA (Samuel S. Wesley, 1864)

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With his own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

4. Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

“Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest.”  
– Hebrews 4:11

## ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

Text: Samuel Stennett (1787)  
Tune: Christopher Miner (1997)  
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1. On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,  
And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land,  
Where my possessions lie.

3. No chilling winds nor poisonous breath  
Can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,  
Are felt and feared no more.

2. All o'er those wide extended plains,  
Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.

4. When shall I reach that happy place,  
And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face,  
And in His bosom rest?

*I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound for promised land!  
I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound (I am bound),  
I am bound for promised land!*

# DOXOLOGY

Text: Thomas Ken (1709) Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.” – Psalm 150:6

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## What does “Doxology” mean?

It’s a word derived from two Greek words meaning, “glory” and “word.” A doxology, then, is a spoken or sung word which ascribes glory to God. Today’s doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

# BENEDICTION

## The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

*After the service, the Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary for prayer or to answer questions about the sermon or WEPC.*

**Pastor Steve Shelby** preached today’s sermon. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. **WEPC Elder Matt Benko’s Music Team** led today’s congregational singing.

## THIS Sunday at WEPC

### GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS (NURSERY)

During both services, 9 and 10:30 AM, the nursery—in the back hallway behind the sanctuary—is available for children ages newborn through 3 years. Email Jennifer Hirt (jlfh12@gmail.com) for information.

### PRESCHOOL QUEST (9 AM)

At 9 AM, 4 and 5 year olds are invited to learn the Gospel in rm. 25. Email Sara Gretz (sjgretz@hotmail.com) or Kristen Chapman (kwchappy@gmail.com).

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (9 AM)

For K–5th graders in downstairs classrooms. Email Joy Andrews (joy\_andrews@hotmail.com) or Leslie Baker (lesdanb@gmail.com).

### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL (9 AM)

Time of encouragement, small-group discussion, and prayer for middle and high school students. Email Tim Cornwell (tim@wepc.org).

### FIRST SERVICE COFFEE (9:20 AM)

Join us in the fellowship hall as we spend the next seven weeks looking at the Lord's Prayer, praying for the known needs of the church, and drinking lots of coffee. Open to all who are short on time but in need of encouragement.

August 23: Does God give you what you need?

August 30: Forgiveness in Jesus.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30 AM)

Pre-K–2nd graders are dismissed prior to the sermon. Pick-up after benediction in the following rooms: Pre-K in rm. 124 and K–2nd grade in the chapel. *There is no Children's Worship on communion Sunday, the first Sunday of the month.* Email Jill Wiebe-King (jillwiebeking@verizon.net).

### PRAYING FRIENDS

Praying friends will not meet the month of September. We will resume October 4th.

## THIS Week at WEPC

August 23-29

- SUN** **Adoptive Moms Group:** 9 AM (rm. 160)  
**WEPC Worship:** 9 AM (sanctuary)  
**Children's and Youth Sunday School:** 9 AM (downstairs classrooms)  
**First Service Coffee:** 9:20 AM (fellowship hall)  
**WEPC Worship:** 10:30 AM (sanctuary)  
**Hispanic Fellowship:** 10:30 AM (rm. 35)  
**Sudanese Worship:** 3 PM (chapel)  
**Nepalese Worship:** 6 PM (fellowship hall)  
**Summer Sundays/Youth Prayer and Praise:** 6 PM (fellowship hall)
- MON** **Session Meeting:** 7 PM (rm. 35)
- WED** **Summer Galatians Bible Study:** 7:30 PM (rm. 160)
- THUR** **WEPC Prayer Meeting:** 9 AM (chapel)  
**Hispanic Family Worship:** 7:30 PM (chapel)
- SAT** **Access Beach Day**

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## PRESCHOOL

*WEPC Community Preschool* | [www.wepc.org/preschool](http://www.wepc.org/preschool)

### 2015–2016 Enrollment

Enrollment for the next school year is open. Packets available at [www.wepc.org/preschool](http://www.wepc.org/preschool) or outside the preschool office.

### Scholarship Fund

We are still in need of monthly and annual scholarship donations. To make a donation, make checks payable to the WEPC Community Preschool. Indicate “scholarship fund” in the memo line. You can mail your contribution to WEPC or put it in the church offering plate.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*be pursued, belong, believe* | [heather@wepc.org](mailto:heather@wepc.org)

### Community Fun Day

Mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, October 2nd. If you'd like to help coordinate this event, contact Heather Jarvis ([heather@wepc.org](mailto:heather@wepc.org)).

#### 4.5 Connect Pool Party

Sunday, August 30th, 1 PM at Chestnut Oaks Recreation Association (2204 N. Parham Road). Fun and fellowship with rising 4th and 5th graders and their families. \$5 per swimmer. Snacks and drinks will be provided. RSVP to Heather Jarvis (heather@wepc.org).

#### Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are now filling volunteer spots for the 2015-2016 year. Would you be willing to share a few hours a month with our WEPC kids? Love for Jesus and a willing heart is required, training and curriculum will be provided. Needed: 10 Sunday School teachers (weekly or biweekly), 18 helpers (biweekly), 35 Nursery Room Leaders (monthly), 4 Children's Worship helpers (biweekly), 2 Kids Club and 4 ESL School helpers (evenings). Check out the sign up board in the gallery, or email Heather Jarvis (heather@wepc.org).

#### Family Devotional Book

Are you wondering how to share the gospel with your kids? To help start these conversations, we've purchased some copies of Jessica Thompson's family devotional book, [Exploring Grace Together](#). Pick up a free copy in the gallery and use this tool to share how the gospel changes everything.

#### WEPC Family in Need of Back to School Help

Join us in praying for Adot, Abok, Awot, Deng and Achai following the loss of their mother, Teresa Yor. In order to help this family meet some short term needs, we are collecting school supplies and gift cards to purchase clothes and shoes. For information on how to donate, contact Heather Jarvis (heather@wepc.org) or visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0945aaa62ca64-back>

## YOUTH MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/youth](http://www.wepc.org/youth) | [tim@wepc.org](mailto:tim@wepc.org) | [christian@wepc.org](mailto:christian@wepc.org)

#### Summer Sundays

8/23 and 8/30 from 6-7:30PM. Join us for a time of connecting with friends, playing games, praising God, and learning about the Gospel of grace through testimonies and discussion.

#### Sunday School Study: Select Psalms

On Sundays at 9 AM throughout the summer, we will study select Psalms. The word "psalms" literally means "songs," and our hope is that these devotional times will help the Gospel sing in the hearts and lives of our students as they consider how the love of Jesus intersects with their daily lives. Pray that God would bear fruit through these times with students. these devotional times will help the Gospel sing in the hearts and lives of our students as they consider how the love of Jesus intersects with their daily lives. Pray that God would bear fruit through these times with students.

#### Access Movie Nights

8/25 at Steve and Helene Norris's house (7904 Lycoming Road, RVA 23229). Come hangout and enjoy one another while watching a movie. Popcorn and snacks will be provided.

#### Virginia Beach Trip

Who: Access students and their friends  
What: A day at the beach  
When: Saturday, August 29, 8 AM-8 PM  
Where: Meet at WEPC  
Sign-up deadline: TODAY

#### MODGNIK

When: September 11-13, 2015  
Where: Young Life's Rockbridge Alum Springs Camp in Goshen, VA.  
Cost: \$140 (includes facilities, travel expenses, meals at camp, and a t-shirt)  
Registration Deadline: TODAY  
What: MODGNIK is a weekend retreat for middle school students to get away from Richmond to have an awesome weekend experience with friends both new and old.

## ADULT MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/adults](http://www.wepc.org/adults)

### **Join Us For Summer Fellowship!**

Wednesdays through August 26 at 7:30 PM (rm. 160) Led by Kevin Greene and Pete Gretz. Are you, your friends, or family new to WEPC? Do you want to meet others and learn more about what it means to live as a follower of Jesus Christ? Join us as we walk through the New Testament book of Galatians and consider the heart of God together. Outspoken skeptics, new Christians, and long-time believers are encouraged to attend. Feel free to bring others, and drop in whenever you are in town. Questions? Email Kevin Greene ([kevin@wepc.org](mailto:kevin@wepc.org)) or visit [www.wepc.org/wepc-summer-fellowship](http://www.wepc.org/wepc-summer-fellowship).

### **Friends for Life Sunday Fellowship**

Our Sunday morning class is on a summer break and will return September 20th. If you would like to study the life of Jesus in a simple, interactive way, please consider joining us on Sunday mornings in Room 35 at 9 AM. Designed for adults with disabilities, their families, and their friends, this study has something for everyone! Contact Steve Byrd ([steven.byrd57@gmail.com](mailto:steven.byrd57@gmail.com)).

### **Friends For Life First Thursday Club**

Starting October 1st, join us every first Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for some fun, dinner, and a time to explore the Gospel of Jesus. This is open for anyone in the community with or without disabilities. We ask that if your friend requires assistance, that someone stays with him/her. Contact Steve Byrd ([steven.byrd57@gmail.com](mailto:steven.byrd57@gmail.com)). More information at <http://www.wepc.org/friends-for-life/>.

### **Christianity and Homosexuality**

Those dealing with same-sex attraction can experience isolation and hopelessness within the church. For prayer, encouragement, or to connect with those who can relate, send a message to [notalonewepc@gmail.com](mailto:notalonewepc@gmail.com). Privacy and discretion maintained.

### **Small Groups**

Nearly every day of the week, people are meeting in various small groups throughout the city enjoying friendship, studying God's Word, pursuing a missions project, and reaping a harvest of God's faithfulness. Registration for WEPC Small Groups is open. Newcomers are welcome! Sign up at [www.wepc.org/adults/small-groups](http://www.wepc.org/adults/small-groups) or email Rachel Hester ([rachel@wepc.org](mailto:rachel@wepc.org)).

### **Connection Dinners**

Get to know your neighbors! Looking to connect more with others in our church family in a relaxed setting? Looking to get more involved with what's happening at WEPC but don't know how? If so, WEPC's Connection Dinners are for you. From October 15-November 15, we will have 30 dinners taking place throughout Richmond. Sign-ups will start in September. Interested in hosting or co-hosting a dinner? Contact Gary and Julie Wilson ([wilson5010@gmail.com](mailto:wilson5010@gmail.com), [julie@generousgiving.org](mailto:julie@generousgiving.org)) or Joe Brown ([joe@wepc.org](mailto:joe@wepc.org)).

### **18th Annual WEPC Camping Trip**

Come join us for a great time of fellowship and fun the weekend of September 11-13 at Sherando Lake National Forest near Waynesboro. Pancake breakfast and potluck dinner on Saturday. \$35 per family. Contact Andi and Chris Alberts (269-275-5983, [Alberts.andrea@gmail.com](mailto:Alberts.andrea@gmail.com)).

## Women's MINISTRY

[www.wepc.org/women/](http://www.wepc.org/women/)

Resuming this fall, we will have two weekly opportunities to study God's Word with women at WEPC: Wellspring and Restore. Please join us this fall at one of these gatherings as we study *The Gospel of Luke, Part II: The Good Portion*. Registration is now open online. Visit [www.wepc.org/women](http://www.wepc.org/women). Email Pam Hoade with Wellspring questions ([Pamela.Hoade@gmail.com](mailto:Pamela.Hoade@gmail.com)), and Deb Vande Vrede with Restore questions ([kendebvv@verizon.net](mailto:kendebvv@verizon.net)).

## WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

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### **Bruce Kuhn Presents *The Gospel of Luke***

Join us for a unique presentation of *The Gospel of Luke* and hear the story of Jesus told with the passion and surprise of an eyewitness account. Performed word-for-word by veteran Broadway actor Bruce Kuhn without props or sets, the King James Version text of Luke takes to the stage like Shakespeare. Kuhn has performed on Broadway (*Les Misérables*) and national touring musicals and is in the resident company of the Actor's Theatre of Louisville (one of America's largest professional theaters). This 90-minute show is recommended for ages 11 and up. Tickets are \$10 for Adults, and \$7 for Students and Seniors. Visit [wepc.org/luke](http://wepc.org/luke) for more information and to purchase tickets.

### **Save the Date: A Richmond Big Band Christmas**

Mark your calendars for this year's three performances of "A Richmond Big Band Christmas." Saturday, December 12 at 4 PM and 7 PM and Sunday, December 13 at 4 PM at VCU's Singleton Center. More details coming soon!

## NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Know and serve international families | [shangwok@wepc.org](mailto:shangwok@wepc.org)

### **Food Pantry Shopping List**

jelly	canned vegetables
canned tuna	canned fruit
canned chicken	flour
cereal	sugar
oatmeal	oil
rice	raisins

### **Sewing Friends**

Sewing Friends, our ministry to immigrant women, will resume on Wednesday mornings this September. If you have a heart for immigrant women, please join us! Sewing experience is helpful, but not necessary. If you are interested in helping or donating, contact Mary McWhorter ([marymcw1@gmail.com](mailto:marymcw1@gmail.com)).

### **Tutoring Ministry**

We are looking for folks who are willing to help students with homework on a weekly basis, September-June. The goal of the Tutoring Ministry is to love and serve students and families in Jesus' name. While academics are important, our goals are relational and Gospel-centered. Contact Shangwok Deng ([Shangwok@wepc.org](mailto:Shangwok@wepc.org)) if you have questions or would like to sign up.

### **Furniture and Housing Set-Up**

In an effort to share resources with our neighborhood and fellowships that are connected to our WEPC body (Nepalese, Sudanese and Hispanic fellowships), we now have a Shutterfly site to post both items available and requests. Its primary purpose is to support the Deacon's Ministry. Visit <https://wepcresourcesharing.shutterfly.com>. If you have a truck and would like to be included as a transportation resource, please contact Denise Spoenlein ([dspoenlein@gmail.com](mailto:dspoenlein@gmail.com)).

### **ESL School**

WEPC's ESL school will resume this September, and we are in need of teachers, assistants, and childcare leaders. If you are interested in helping, contact Shangwok Deng ([Shangwok@wepc.org](mailto:Shangwok@wepc.org)) or Mary McWhorter ([marymcw1@gmail.com](mailto:marymcw1@gmail.com)).

### **ESL School Donations**

We are looking for educational board games and chapter books. Please drop off donations at the church office.

### **ESL School Children's Program**

If you are interested in sharing the gospel with elementary school aged immigrant children, consider joining our childcare team on Tuesday nights during the school year. Contact Shangwok Deng ([Shangwok@wepc.org](mailto:Shangwok@wepc.org)) or Mary McWhorter ([marymcw1@gmail.com](mailto:marymcw1@gmail.com)) for information.

## PARTNERING IN MINISTRY

### **American Heritage Girls: Volunteers Needed, New Members Welcome**

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character development organization where girls work together to earn badges, serve the community, and enjoy a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. A local troop serving WEPC and the Richmond area needs additional Christian women to volunteer so that we can continue to serve all age groups. If you are interested in learning more about the troop and ways to serve, please contact Patrick Swistock ([patrick@klix.net](mailto:patrick@klix.net)) or Andy Becker ([andy@wepc.org](mailto:andy@wepc.org)), or visit [ahgonline.org](http://ahgonline.org) to learn more.

### **STEP Richmond's Victory Reading Program**

STEP Richmond's Victory Reading Program is expanding and moving to their new home in Gilpin Court's Calhoun Center. Painting and clean-up help is needed on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ginger James (804-647-5348).

### **Career Development Workshop**

Needle's Eye Ministries is offering a seven week evening course starting September 1<sup>st</sup> to provide skills, training, and assistance for adults trying to find employment, transition back into the workforce, or become more marketable. Topics include: Discovering your calling and purpose, finding career direction, identifying future goals, enhancing your resume, mock interviews, networking tips, and prayer support. Visit [www.needleseye.org](http://www.needleseye.org) for information.

## SERVING at WEPC

### **August Deacons of the Month**

Joe Bizzell, Rick McMahon, Chris Scoggins

### **August 30: Food Pantry: Gill**

**Coffee:** Helvey

**Greeter Team:** Burrough

### **Nursery Schedule (August 30)**

**Coordinator:** Amanda Krieger

[amanda.s.krieger@gmail.com](mailto:amanda.s.krieger@gmail.com)

**8:50 AM:** Blair Brown, Rene Clark, Matbien Deng, Mike and Cindi Glasgow, Connie Harvey, John and Susan Jack, Roger and Kim Johnson, Tom Krieger, Joyce Lawrence, Alison Lehman, Jim McNeil, Catherine Moffett, Cheryl Porter, Sterling Sweeney, Sarah Wunschel, Doug and Laurie Youndt

**10:15 AM:** Brigitte Bakiala, Hill and Stacy Shore, Nancy Hines, John and Pam Hoade, Josh and Carolyn Holman, Paul, Karen, and Jeanne Howe, Carl and Maren Judge, Judy Kibiloski, Rosalie Ongendala, Anderson Porter, Dieu Shumbushu, Karen, Alden, Maya, and Eliza Sweeney, Doug and Joanne Wallace

### **Communion Prep Team Members**

The Communion Prep Team is looking for additional team members. The commitment is once every three months or four times each year. To find out more, contact Richard Dodson ([dodsonrd1@hotmail.com](mailto:dodsonrd1@hotmail.com) or 241-6148).

### **Hospitality Team**

Please consider joining one of our Sunday morning hospitality teams as a host or greeter! Greeters welcome worshippers on Sunday mornings with a bulletin and a smile; hosts welcome visitors. Alternates are also needed to fill in on occasion. Contact Dave Jewell ([dave.jewell@juno.com](mailto:dave.jewell@juno.com)).



# General Information

## **Meals for the Von Bank Family**

If you would like to make a meal for the Von Bank family during this time, please visit [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com). Last name: Von Bank, password: 2869.

## **Deacon Nominations**

Members wishing to nominate a man for deacon, please read 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 for the Biblical qualifications for these offices. Notify your nominee and then send his name, in writing, to the church office by August 31.

## **Biblical Counseling**

Janice Bricker, an experienced counselor on staff, is available for appointments. This service is fee based. Contact Janice ([janice@wepc.org](mailto:janice@wepc.org) or 741-6562, ext. 22).

## **Bulletin Announcements**

Email Rachel Hester ([rachel@wepc.org](mailto:rachel@wepc.org)) by 5 PM on Monday.

## **For Urgent Pastoral Care**

(Serious illness or death) after 5 PM, on weekends or holidays, call 608-WEPC.

## **REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR** (as of August 16)

Actual contributions to date: \$197,313.00

Percent of expected budget received: 99.39%



## PRAYER

Our staff prays weekly for the known needs of our congregation. If we can pray for you, please write your request below and drop this page into the offering plate.

# Keeping in Touch

Especially if this is your first Sunday with us—welcome!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H): \_\_\_\_\_

(W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check if this is a NEW contact for you.
- Who invited you to West End? How did you first hear about us?

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- Visitor
- Male
- Female
- Single
- Student (grade\_\_\_\_)
- Student (college)
- Married
- Parent
- Widowed

## Age:

- 20 or younger
- 21-26
- 27-34
- 35-49
- 50-65
- 65 and older

## I would like info about:

- WEPC
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Classes
- Small Groups
- Neighborhood Outreach
- Becoming a member of WEPC
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please include me on the WEPC email list.
- I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

## PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying debt, bearing my punishment and forgiving me. I run from my sins—my old life living for myself—and receive you as Savior. Amen.

**Steve Shelby**  
Pastor

**Kevin Greene**  
Associate Pastor

**Joe Brown**  
Associate Pastor

**Tim Cornwell**  
Youth Director

**Christian Jones**  
Youth Ministry Intern

**Shangwok Deng**  
Director of Neighborhood Outreach

**Ann Long**  
**Kristin Tetterton**  
Administrative Directors

**Rachel Hester**  
Office Assistant

**Heather Jarvis**  
Director of Children's Ministry

**Karen Howe**  
Children's Ministry Administrator

**Kim Greene**  
**Brice Bowman**  
Women's Leadership Development

**Andy Becker**  
Finance Manager

**Blair Brown**  
Finance Administrator

**Janice Bricker**  
Biblical Counselor

**Casey Zollinhofer**  
Community Preschool Director

**Taylor Barnett**  
**Tiffany Chan**  
Worship Arts Directors