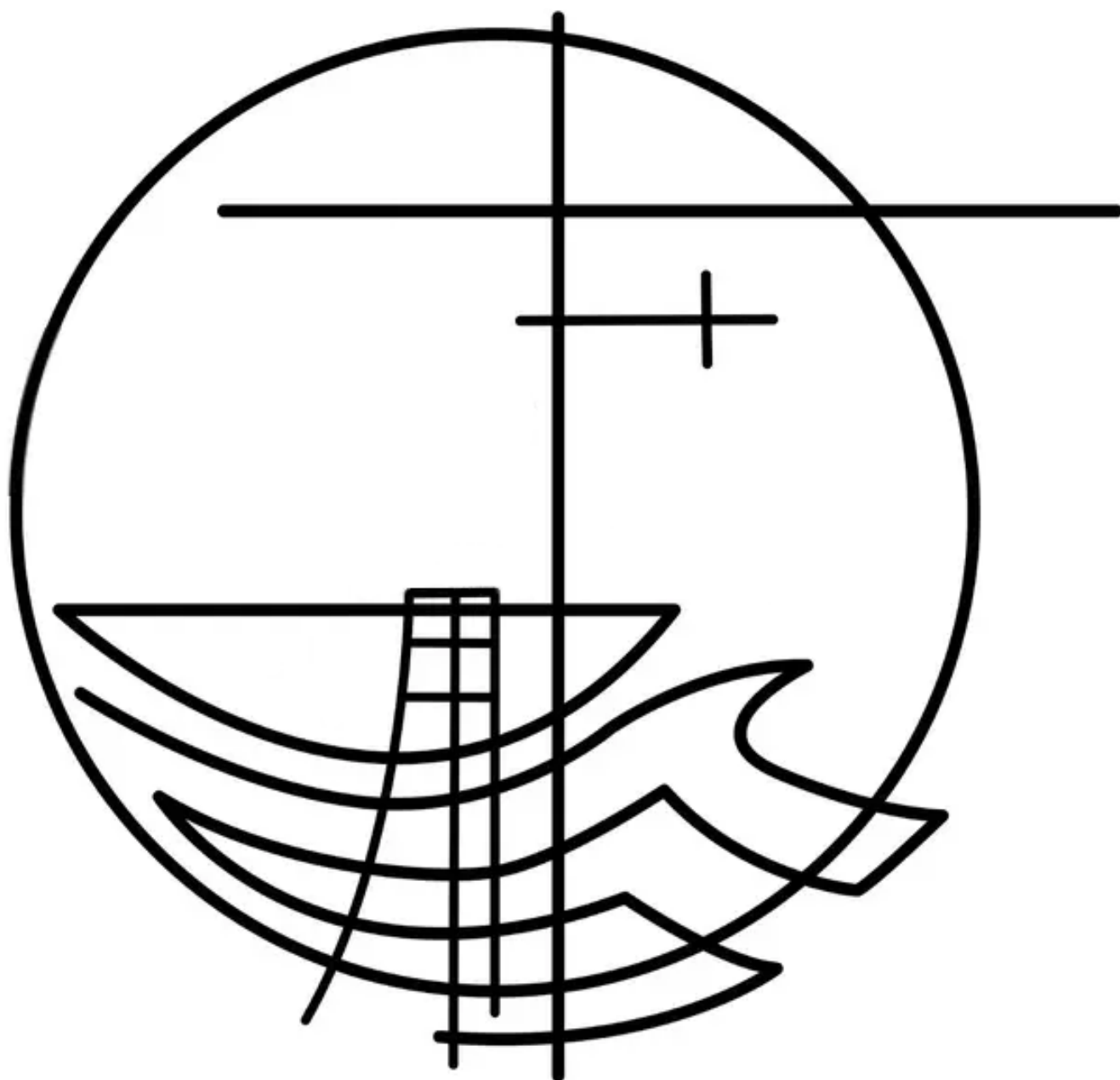




JULY 26TH, 2026
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

 **Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.** 

Friendship Pew Pads can be found in each row.



Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.



Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available, or sync your Bluetooth enabled hearing aids to our sound system. Scan the QR code for instructions.



An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.



Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.



Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

STAFF & HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

USHERS: Jenny Montague

Mary Rose

LITURGIST: Frank Noyes

Next Week

LITURGIST: Lisé Meloy

*Those who are able, please stand.

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods... If you have turned to Christ, you must not only obey Him in the ways He explicitly commands, but you must begin to ask yourself, 'What is the next thing I ought to do?' – CS Lewis, Mere Christianity

Action in faith is the key that unlocks the power of God in human experience. – A.W. Tozer

A faith that does nothing is a faith that is nothing. True faith has hands to work for Christ and feet to run on His errands. – Charles Spurgeon

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. – John Wesley

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus calls us to be the change we wish to see in the world!

We are ready, we will follow!

Jesus calls us deeper into discipleship, and wants us to give our whole hearts!

We are willing, and our hearts are His!

Jesus calls us to trust in him more deeply, and put our hope in God!

Our trust and hope are in God alone! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN #726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Perfect Lord, we confess to you that we have failed you this week. We regret the hurt we've caused others. We are so sorry for the ways that we cared more about ourselves than about our neighbors who are suffering. We have stored up treasures on earth, instead of generously sharing with others. We have been selfish, prideful, and inconsiderate. Lord, forgive us. Change us. Sanctify us by your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear and believe the good news! Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again! Though he didn't deserve it, out of pure love for you, He died to pay for your sins, and he rose for your justification – so that you now could stand before God covered in his perfect righteousness. Wearing the cloak of his righteousness, we stand before God without condemnation. Through his sacrifice, and by the mercy of God, you have been saved! You are forgiven and free!

Thank you, God! Alleluia, Amen!

*RESPONSE #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

(VASILE)

***Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. After the lesson, children ages 12 months through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in the Reception Room, or to stay with us in worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School please accompany them so that we may register your family with the Sunday School workers.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Near to the Heart of God

arr. L. Seidel

WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:18-22

NRSV NT 3

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

ANTHEM

I Love You, Lord
ft. Arianne Allan, violin

arr. S. Pethel

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:1-12

NRSV NT 44

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth

to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹“I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” ¹²And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

SERMON

Be the Change You Want to See

Ver Picher

HYMN OF RESPONSE #772

Live into Hope

TRURO

MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

Fanfare pour la Suite de la Diane

F. Couperin



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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious and Holy God, we offer our gifts, given from your abundance that they may be used to proclaim your love and to bring healing and hope to all who are in need. Amen

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Paid it All

ALL TO CHRIST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

*This week’s flowers were given to the Glory of God by Roger and Barb Demos,
in memory of loved ones and celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary.*

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

Live into Hope



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

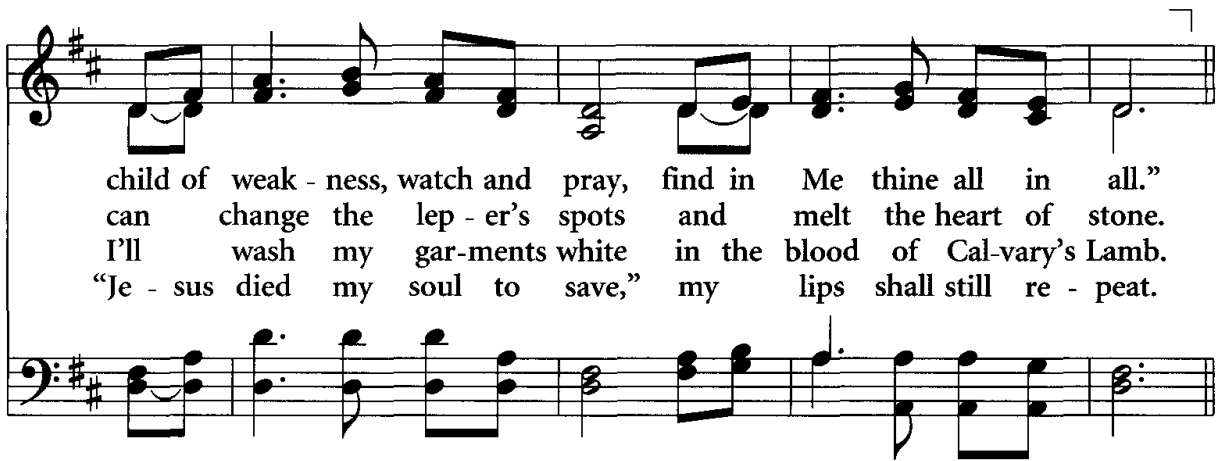
first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Jesus Paid It All



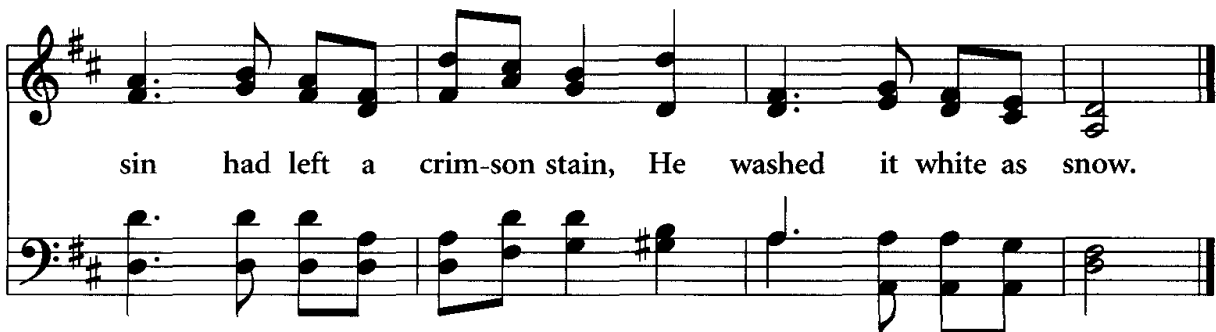
1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small,
 2. Lord, now in - deed I find Thy power, and Thine a - lone,
 3. For noth - ing good have I where - by Thy grace to claim;
 4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in Him com - plete,



child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."
 can change the lep - er's spots and melt the heart of stone.
 I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - vary's Lamb.
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.



Je - sus paid it all, all to Him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

THIS WEEK AT WPC

CHURCH LEADER/VOLUNTEER TRAINING In order to protect our church, our staff, and everyone in our church community, WPC has adopted a Policy Manual that covers (among other things) discrimination, harassment and sexual misconduct. There is mandatory training for all church leaders including elders, deacons, trustees, members of councils, and leaders of committees. Christian Ed/youth leaders and volunteers will have separate training. **Live training sessions (approximately 30 minutes) are being held today, July 26 and August 23 (at 11:30 - after coffee hour) and on September 2 and September 8 (each at 7:30).** Please do your best to attend one of these live sessions.

LOOKING AHEAD

BOOKLOOK Discuss "Great Circle" by Maggie Shipstead, "the unforgettable story of a daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in life, at any cost: an "epic trip – through Prohibition and World War II, from Montana to London to present-day Hollywood – and you'll relish every minute" (People), **7:30pm, Wednesday, August 5.** Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is approximately \$4.

YOUNG ADULT MISSION TRIP Pastor Taylor is co-leading a trip to Belize City with Paoli Pres, **Wednesday, August 5 – Wednesday, August 12.** Kelly Montague and Shane Sawyer are representing WPC. Please be in prayer for them during their journey.

HANDBELL WORKSHOP Explore the handbells with Lee in a casual workshop about how to hold, play and do some fun techniques, **11:15am, Sunday, August 16.** If you are interested in the instrument or what it means to be part of the chapel ringers (10-14 year olds) or bell choir (14 and older) and might want to join this fall, please stop by! Meet in the Choir Room.

CHRISTIAN ED TRAINING Review the new Policy Manual regarding the spiritual nurture of the children/youth and families in our congregation and the way to create safe spaces and relationships for that development, 11:30am, Sunday, August 16. Open to all who interact with children and youth. Meet in the Reception Room.



FUSE SUMMER PICNIC Join FUSE for a family-friendly event, bringing together friends and neighbors from all corners of our community for an evening of food, games and fellowship, **5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, August 18.** Please bring your own chair – FUSE will provide tents, water and a complimentary meal. Held at Chester Park (corner Edgemont and Elkington avenues). Use the QR code to register.

GETTING READY FOR PASTOR DAVID

WELCOME PASTOR DAVID Rev. David Hanna will begin as WPC's new Pastor/Head of Staff **effective Saturday, August 1**. He and Brenda will attend worship starting Sunday, August 2 and his first day in the pulpit will be Sunday, August 16.

WELCOME COFFEE HOUR Come to Fellowship Hall after the service, **11am, Sunday, August 2**, to personally greet Pastor David and Brenda and celebrate our new beginnings together.

NAME TAGS Having trouble remembering the names of those sitting near you in church? Name tags can help! Visit one of the name tag stations (in the narthex and Fellowship Hall) for a temporary, self-adhesive tag or a holder for a more permanent one you can bring to church each week. If you previously had a permanent name tag, check the file box in the narthex. If you would like one, contact Mary Lou Day.



WPC DIRECTORY Are you in the WPC Church Center Directory? Does your picture need to be updated? We would like to have current information before Pastor David starts in August. Download the Church Center app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Representatives will be in Fellowship Hall after worship in the coming weeks to answer any questions/help you set up your information or use this QR code for instructions.

GIVING AND SERVICE

MISSION ANGELS In August, Pastor Taylor and two WPC young adults will be part of a joint mission trip with Paoli Presbyterian Church to Belize to help those in deep poverty. Like to support them? A free will offering table will be available in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. With your gift you will receive a prayer card bearing the team names so you can be in prayer for them during the trip. Continues through July 26. Cash, check or use the QR code for electronic payment.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION CRAFT Kids – get a head start on WPC Day of Service (Monday, January 18) by making heart keychains to donate to various organizations. Pat and Phil La Borie will lead the craft time **today**.



SUMMER COFFEE HOUR Like to help host coffee hour? Home baked goods are optional (there is always an assortment of cookies in the closet) and instructions are posted in the kitchen. If it's your first time, we'll pair you with a "Coffee Hour Pro" who knows all the ropes. Use the QR code for more info and to sign up.



CONTAINER WATERING Pick a week between now and September – it just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Please also deadhead the plants (pinch off the wilted blossoms) – it will encourage more blooms. Use the QR code to volunteer.

WPC DAY OF SERVICE MINI SUMMER DRIVE It's never too early to start giving! Following last year's successful first run, the Abilities Initiative Committee is asking for non-perishable donations for next year's Day of Service (Monday, January 18). Suggested items for the summer include men's and women's disposable razors and deodorant; combs, brushes and hair ties; and back to school supplies like notebooks, pens, pencils and crayons. Find the donation bin in the hallway outside the church office, or just bring in your loose change to add to the Least Coin Jar in the narthex. Continues through Sunday, August 30.

RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Media Food Bank is requesting:

- Canned meat/seafood (corned beef, sardines, salmon, tuna in oil)
- Beef jerky
- Canned vegetables (collard greens, mixed greens)
- Couscous/rice (jasmine, basmati)
- Condiments (mayonnaise, BBQ sauce, relish, pickles, olives)
- Cooking staples (cooking oil, honey)
- Beverages (small bottles of juice, juice boxes, 32 oz. shelf stable whole dairy milk/oat milk)
- Snacks (crackers, protein bars, granola bars, dried fruits, fruit snacks)
- Baby items (baby food in pouches or jars, diapers size 4-6, pull-ups size 3T-7T)
- Personal care items (toothpaste, bar soap, deodorant)
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons, panty liners)
- Household essentials (toilet paper, dish detergent, laundry pods)
- Pet supplies (wet dog food, wet/dry cat food)
- Egg cartons
- Paper bags (especially with handles)

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 26	Thursday, July 30
10.00am- Worship	11.00am- Edith Powell Memorial Service
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Friday, July 31
11.30am- Church Leader/Volunteer Training	Saturday, August 01
Monday, July 27	Sunday, August 02
Tuesday, July 28	10.00am- Worship
Wednesday, July 29	11.00am- Coffee Hour

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