



# WCC UPDATE

## MAY 2022



**Many thanks to our Children's and Music Director,  
Dr. Teresa Crane, and to our Children's and Adult Choirs.  
Your special music throughout the Lenten season was inspiring,  
and outstandingly performed!**

**Your hard work has served to feed many souls!**

**Thanks to our Kids Ministry group for their excellent work during worship on  
Sunday, April 23.  
Way to go!!**

### MAY EVENTS

Sunday, May 1	We collect <u>Pocket Change</u> offerings on the first Sunday of every month and use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church. <b>Missions Month Focus: Compassion International</b>	
	11:30 am	Elders' Meeting, Property Ministry Team Meeting
Wednesday Evenings	6:00 pm	Potluck dinner (bring main, side, or dessert dish to share)
	6:30 pm	Bible Study—an in-depth look at the Old Testament Prophets
	7:30 pm	Choir
Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day	11:30 am	Join us as we honor moms during a special worship service! Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting
Sunday, May 15 Graduation Sunday	11:30 am	We will be celebrating with graduates during worship. Safety and Security Ministry Team Meeting
Saturday, May 21	12:00 – 2:00 pm	Lessons in Grief Group. Please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Judy Clay, Sharon Keel, or Kay Stevens if you have questions.
Sunday, May 22	11:30 am	Safety and Security, Evangelism and Missions, and Worship Ministry Teams Meet
	12:00 noon	Join our Kids and Youth Ministry for lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory!
Tuesday, May 24	9:30 am	Church Women United—join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.
Sunday, May 29 Memorial Day Service	We remember those we have lost during the past year.	

## FROM PASTOR MATT

**May is missions month** at Westminster Christian Church! Every Sunday during May, we will be highlighting a different ministry partner during worship. We will begin with Compassion International on May 1. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a child through this important ministry. For just \$38 per month, you can provide a child living in poverty with food supplements, educational support, medical care, vocational training, Christian care and counseling, and an opportunity for a future of thriving and sharing the love of Jesus.

**Mother's Day**, Sunday, May 8. Join us as we honor moms during a special worship service!

**Graduation Sunday, Sunday, May 15.** Please let us know if you or someone you know will be graduating this year (either in May or December). We will be celebrating with graduates during worship.

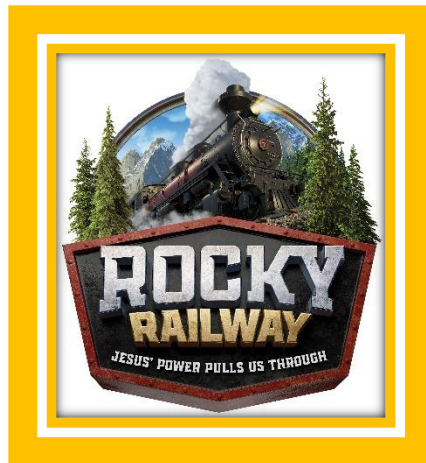
We are excited for our **Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School!** (See information on next page.)

The members of Westminster Christian Church have worked together to produce an Advent devotional for a number of years. This year, we want to change things up a little bit: instead of focusing specifically on Advent, **we are going to create a year-long devotional, called, "A Year With Jesus,"** that works its way through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, and Pentecost. This is an ambitious project, and we want to start working on it sooner rather than later. Keep your ears open for more information about the project itself and information about ways that you can get involved.

It is time for a **new picture directory!** During Sundays in June, we will have a small photo station set up in the narthex for you to get your picture taken for the directory. We will begin scheduling photo sessions in mid-May. We would love for every person involved in our church to participate, especially those of you who worship from home! It is so helpful to put faces and names together.



**May Sermon Series—Joy:** It's not always the easiest choice or the obvious choice, but it is a choice. Paul once wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." (Philippians 4:4). Considering that Paul wrote these words while sitting in a prison cell, it's safe to say that we Christians have the ability to choose joy anywhere, anytime, anyway! We hope that you will join us throughout May as we study the theme of joy in Paul's letter to the Philippians.



***ALL ABOARD!***  
***ROCKY RAILWAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL***

**All kids Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade**

**June 12–16, Sunday thru Thursday**

**6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Discover how trusting Jesus pulls us through life's valleys and hills and tunnels.**

**Join us for Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks, and lots of fun!**

**Registrations are being accepted at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/24558a>**

***Invite someone!!***

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE**

Our next outing will be at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Westminster after church at noon on Sunday, May 22nd. **Everyone is welcome, so please invite your family and friends!**

**All aboard for Vacation Bible School!** This year's VBS theme is Rocky Railway. "On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs." It will be held on the evenings of June 12-16, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

If you have the skills, we would love help designing railroad-themed set pieces, such as a Railroad crossing sign, or anything else you can think of. Or, if you happen to have train-themed decorations at home that we could borrow for the week, that would be awesome.

We have a new bulletin board with colorful sticky notes set out in the Narthex with snack and recipe needs for the week. You have been such a generous congregation, and we truly appreciate you!

Most importantly, we need your help to **spread the word and to invite your neighbors and friends!**

**Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.**