

## Westminster

Presbyterian Church

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# the Chronicle

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## *From the Pastor's Study* A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward **Shuttle Driver**

I visited my son in Florida over Father's Day weekend, and took a shuttle ride to the airport to catch my return flight. Not having yet ventured into Uber or Lyft, on the few times a year I need taxi service, I often ask the cab or shuttle driver if business has been impacted by these "new kids on the block." My question led the sixty-plus man who was my driver to tell me his recent employment history.

He had been a rock and roll DJ in Chicago for many years, and when I commented that indeed he had a "radio voice," he responded "Radio voice/radio face." He had moved to Florida a few years earlier and was hosting a talk show for several hours in the morning, but when the station was bought by a conglomerate, future programming was to be automated, and he was given two weeks' severance. He and his wife had moved to Florida to care for her ailing father, and they decided to try to stay, though they knew it would be a financial struggle. Hence, the shuttle driving.

They both underwent religious conversion experiences through a television ministry that many years ago was associated with a Presbyterian congregation in south Florida. This conversion led the man and his wife to start an online radio ministry which is broadcast in 128 countries. When we parted at the airport, he gave me two hand-labeled CDs – one of a radio show he did on Elvis (I had told him I was a minister but I not told him I was from Memphis); and another, a collection of religious testimonials that have occurred through their radio ministry. I accepted the first awkwardly and when he handed me the second, I confessed I had no way to play the CDs, told him that I generally don't listen to testimonials, that I just try to read the Bible and teach and preach from it (patting my brief case in which my Bible rested). I offered the CDs back to him.

As soon as I had done that, I knew it wasn't the right thing to do. When someone offers me a gift, I have a bad habit of thinking of the practical reasons that might lead me not to use it, and even turning the gift down. The look on his face was disappointed, and I felt bad the rest of the day; but we parted ways with a mutual blessing, and I tipped him more than I otherwise would have.

On the flight home, I reflected on my time with the shuttle driver. Several thoughts stayed with me. First, his story reminded me that there is an array of ways that people make it through life with quiet heroism. Working for many years in one job; moving across the country to care for an ailing relative; losing a job and being financially strapped; having a deep religious experience; working to make ends meet and at the same time putting that deep religious experience into practice: all are marks of quiet heroism.

Second, Christian faith always is expressed and spread through links with different aspects of culture. Television and radio ministry are far away from my religious experience and ministry, but they speak to people that the second book in my briefcase (on how the story of Adam and Eve was appropriated by Augustine, Milton, and Medieval and Renaissance art) would not. What I say is very different from what a TV preacher says, though we often use the same vocabulary. I trust that in the end, God sorts it out, even if we don't.

Finally, perhaps the most important thing I learned is that it is almost always better to be gracious than practical. I wasn't gracious toward the shuttle driver; next time, I will be.

—Larry



We welcome to the Westminster nursery:

- **Alden Pessala**, daughter of Kendall and Alexander Pessala, and granddaughter of Kim and Randy Davis.

We rejoice in the marriage of:

- **Dalton Adkins and Reeghan Redding** on May 18. Reeghan is the great-granddaughter of long time member Edie Thomas.

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of:

- **Patricia Ryan Simms**, former member, who died June 1.



## Westminster Roadsters (Boomers and Beyond)

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Please register for events with Nancy or with the church office.

### Monday, July 16: Lunch & Learn: Mission to Haiti

Whitney Fauntleroy and participants in the High School mission trip to Haiti will tell us about their experiences in this beautiful country not so far from our own, but very different indeed. Learn about our friends in mission in Haiti, and the joys and challenges which they face. See the beautiful landscape and friendly people which our youth encountered and hear tales of their adventures and work in Haiti this summer. 12:00 noon in the Haverkamp Room. \$10 for lunch.

### Thursday, July 19: "Jesus Christ Superstar" at Little Theatre of Alexandria

Come hear the classic 1970 rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The story is based on the last week of Christ's life from his entry into Jerusalem through the crucifixion. Show starts at 8:00 pm; arrive between 7:30–7:45 to receive your ticket.

### Monday, August 20: Outing to the Air & Space Museum

Come explore the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum including the IMAX movie "Journey to Space 3D." The film features the role of NASA's shuttle program and the International Space Station in this exciting new era of space exploration. 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. \$10. Lunch TBD.

### Monday, September 17: Lunch & Learn: "A Musical Journey Through the Church Year"

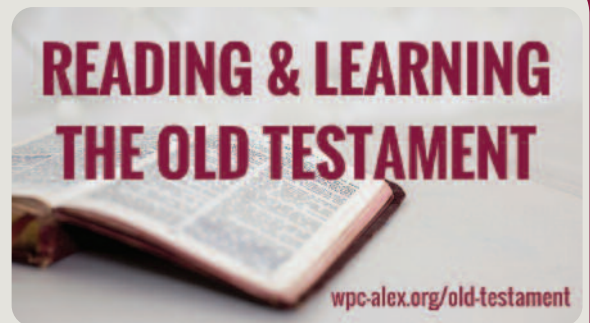
WPC Director of Music Ministries, Ben Hutchens, will be our special guest. Ben will give us a preview of upcoming music for the new program year. Come find out what's in store musically for worship and special events as a new church year gets started. 12:00 noon in the Haverkamp Room. \$10 for lunch.

## Reading and Learning the Old Testament

led by Rev. Larry Hayward

Info Meeting on Sunday, July 15 at 9:15 AM in Haverkamp Room  
September 9, 2018 – April 14, 2019 with holiday break | Sundays, 4-6 PM

A guided reading of the Old Testament, exploring texts in detail and reflecting on how they impact our faith and life at a weekly lecture & discussion. Info and registration at [wpc-alex.org/adult](http://wpc-alex.org/adult). Cost: \$20, plus a Bible. To learn more, attend the info session with Larry in July.





## Flying Solo Singles Ministry (50's and above)

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### Summer Dine-Outs

**July 9 – Osaka Japanese Seafood & Steak House**, 5860 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria 22315. Osaka is known as a fun and friendly restaurant where you can watch your food being prepared right in front of you! Carpool from church at 7:00 p.m. or meet there at 7:30 p.m.

**August 12 – Sunday Brunch at Clyde's**, 1700 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. An annual Flying Solo tradition! Brunch will be instead of the Monday Dine-Out in August. RSVP by August 10. Carpool at 11:15 a.m. after church or meet there at 11:30 a.m.

### Summer Potlucks

**June 26, July 31 (note: 5th Tuesday), August 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor**  
Join us for our monthly service project of making sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program, then enjoy dinner together. Please bring a dish to share for dinner.

### Summer Book Group

**Monday July 23**, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Smith (note new date)  
It's time to read the rest of "*Friedman's Fables*" by Rabbi Edwin H. Friedman. This year we will discuss the second half of the fables (p. 95 to the end). Rabbi Friedman has some unique insights into human nature and uses humor to help us better understand ourselves and others. Learn how new ideas and imagination can help us overcome barriers in ourselves and in our relationships. For this meeting, we will nibble on some summer salads and desserts. Please bring something to share if you are able.

*FYI – We are moving Book Group to the 4th Monday in July but since Potluck is normally the 4th Tuesday, we are moving Potluck to the 5th Tuesday... just for July!*

### Special Event: Introduction to Chair Yoga

**Monday, August 6**, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room  
Westminster member Kay Sidahmed will offer an introduction to Chair Yoga designed especially for Flying Solo. This will be gentle on the body and on the spirit. Kay is a trained yoga instructor and has a special interest in making this a Christ-Centered Yoga experience for us. Mark your calendars now for our annual Fall Retreat!

### Annual Fall Retreat

**October 5-7, 2018 (Columbus Day Weekend)**  
WPC Associate Pastor Patrick Hunnicutt is excited to be leading our fall retreat at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House on a bluff overlooking the Potomac River in Southern Maryland. Retreat starts with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. Online registration materials will be available soon. Deadline to register is Sunday September 2. *Please note: earlier registration deadline than usual.*

## Update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

We are pleased to inform our Westminster Community that the work of the APNC is well underway. Elected on April 15, our team of ten has met nine times and to date has familiarized ourselves with the orientation of the call process and background on Christian Formation and the Associate Pastor position. We are in the process of completing the Church Information Form (CIF) which provides background to candidates on the church, its ministries and the Associate Pastor for Christian Formation position and we are making steady progress. Our goal is to complete a final version for submission to the Presbytery over the summer. The APNC has elected the following officers: Steve Denne, Chair; Marcy Crisler, Vice Chair; Anne Tomlinson, Corresponding Secretary; Sara DeWitt, Technology and Communications and Hester Lawver, Recording Secretary. We are grateful for their leadership. Input from the WPC community is very important to us! The APNC expects to be reaching out to staff, parents, Christian Formation leaders and the congregation for input in the coming months. In the meantime, please send any suggestions or questions to [APNC@wpc-alex.org](mailto:APNC@wpc-alex.org) or reach out directly to a member of the APNC. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.

## Men of Westminster

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### Men's Breakfasts Taking a Break for the Summer

There will be no Men's Breakfast this summer in July and August. The breakfasts will resume on Friday, September 14. Our speaker will be Patrick G. Eddington, a policy analyst in homeland security and civil liberties at the Cato Institute, and an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's Center for Security Studies.

## Your Foundation Dollars at Work

In May, the Foundation accounts for women's programs and mission activities grew with funds from donations and from the Temporary Restricted accounts in the Operating Budget. In June, the Westminster Foundation Board approved use of Foundation funds from the Technology Reserve Fund to purchase a laptop for Ben Hutchens. These and other designated funds in the Westminster Foundation support all Church program and mission areas, making a big difference every day in the Church's life and



## Children and Families

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### Saturday in the Park (Preschool Age Families)

July 14 | 9:00 am – 10:30 am on the Preschool playground  
Families with preschool aged children are invited to join us for fellowship and donut holes. We'll enjoy fellowship, conversation and playing children while the playground is still in the shade. Bring your own coffee.

### Fridays at the Park (All Ages)

Summer Fridays | 10:00 am – 12:00 noon on the WPC/George Mason playgrounds  
Children and adults are invited to join us for playtime at the playgrounds. Come by when you can, no rsvp's are necessary.

### Kids Book Club (Rising 3rd, 4th and 5th graders)

Wednesday, July 18 | 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm in Haverkamp Room  
Join us for pizza, book discussion and a movie. Please read "Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen. RSVP to Miss Patty.

### Kids Book Club (Rising 3rd, 4th and 5th graders)

Wednesday, August 15 | 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm in Haverkamp Room  
Join us for pizza, book discussion and a movie. Please read "Tale of Despereaux" by Kate DiCamillo. RSVP to Miss Patty.

### August Music Club (Rising K-5th graders)

August 12, 19, 26 in Creation Station after the children's sermon during worship  
Join Dr. Ben, Miss Molly and Miss Cambria for singing, ringing and learning about worship through music. No prior music experience is necessary.

### Family BBQ (All Ages)

Saturday, September 15 | 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Save the date for our annual family BBQ. We provide moon bounces and most of the food. More details to follow closer to the date.



## Congrats to our Grads!

As a community of faith, we honor and celebrate transitions. We celebrate those who have worked hard and are now rewarded by a diploma and all the rights and privileges pertaining therein! Blessings to our grads on all of your future endeavors. May God continue to be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path!

### High School

- **Grace Breitenbeck**, daughter of Chris Matthews & Tom Breitenbeck
- **Charlotte Carey**, daughter of Steve & Susanna Carey
- **Christie Coulter**, daughter of Bob Coulter & Becky Jo Moore
- **Caleb Dunham**, son of David & Diana Dunham
- **Connie French**, daughter of Susan & Tom French (West Potomac High School)
- **Kyle Garrett**, son of Phil & Dawn Garrett
- **Charlie Keeth**, son of Bill & Carol Keeth
- **Cornelia Mackay**, daughter of Vaughn & Keith Mackay (Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, MA)
- **Lane McCaslin**, granddaughter of Anne Gross (TC Williams)
- **Connor McCulloch**, son of Bruce & Jenny McCulloch
- **Jenny Moser**, daughter of David & Rebecca Moser (South County High School)
- **Brittany Shelley**, daughter of Gordon & Donna Shelley
- **Will Sullivan**, son of Bill & Carey Sullivan
- **Alistair Watson**, son of Jim & Hedy Watson
- **Alex Whitford**, son of Jim Whitford & Chris Miklovis
- **Karinna Papke**, daughter of Lauren Smith-Papke & Joel Papke (TC Williams)
- **Ansley West**, daughter of Stan & Heather West

### Undergraduate/Graduate

- **Ellen Livingston** (Associate's degree in Early Childhood Development, Northern Virginia Community College)
- **David Martineau** (Bachelor's degree in Economics and Spanish, University of Virginia)
- **Sam Cloud** (Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Washington College in Chestertown, MD)



## Youth Matters

Youth (Grades 6–12)

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### #Adulting

I would guess that you are familiar with the poem, “*All I Ever Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.” It has quality maxims for living a life of compassion, but not too many practical skills about life. I am approaching thirty-four this summer and there are a shocking amount of things that I wish I knew and more honestly feel like I should have known earlier. Over the last few years the hashtag “#adulting” has been a catch-all for a generation of millennials who are coping with the fact that being an adult comes with a lot of responsibilities and a huge learning curve. In the fall, our high school youth will start exploring practical ways to prepare for life after high school. As we set the schedule, I ask of you all two things: 1) What do I wish I knew about the “real world” or how to do before I graduated high school? 2) What skills could I teach our youth to prepare them for the “real world”?

I can already say that we are interested in teaching how to change a tire, how to sew on a button, and cooking skills and techniques. I'd love to make this an intergenerational class where guests can come in to teach.

-Whitney

### Taco Tuesdays Begin in July

Rising sixth graders through graduated seniors are invited to meet up informally on select Tuesdays throughout the summer. No RSVP necessary.

07.03 Los Tios, 2615 Mt. Vernon Ave.

07.24 Taqueria Poblano, 2400 Mt. Vernon Ave.

08.07 Guapo's, 4028 Campbell Ave. (Arlington)

08.21 District Taco, 701 S. Washington St.

08.28 Los Toltecos, 4111 Duke St.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

[wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women](http://wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women)

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Janet Harris, Moderator and Alison Griffin, Vice Moderator | [PW@wpc-alex.org](mailto:PW@wpc-alex.org)



The PW Coordinating Team enjoyed an end-of-year tea in June!

### Women's Circles

Our small group ministry for women has 7 "circles" which meet monthly for Bible study, fellowship, and mission support from September through June. We have just finished up our study of the Letter to the Hebrews. We now look forward to starting up our new Bible study in the fall, which is called "God's Promise: I Am With You." From Genesis to the Gospels, God promises to be with us no matter where we are or what we are going through. Come explore how God spoke to those in Biblical times and speaks to us even today, assuring us that God will never leave us. Look for us at Lemonade on the Lawn this summer as each circle takes turns hosting fellowship after worship. We look forward to greeting you!

**Pillow Ministry** is taking a break for summer. No workday in July and August but come join us in September to make pillows and stuffed animals for heart patients and children at Alexandria Hospital.

**Shanghai Card Group** gathers once a month on third Mondays at 7:30 PM in Haverkamp Room for some friendly competition and fellowship.



**Book Groups** meet to discuss interesting and thought-provoking book selections each month.

The groups are taking a break for the summer; the September selection is *East of The Sun* by Julia Gregson. It is a historical novel about women who sailed to British India from England in the 1920s in search of adventure and husbands. As a little girl, the author met retired women who had been part of this so-called "fishing fleet." The book won several awards in Britain. Discussions on Monday, September 24 at 11 AM and 7:30 PM in Johnson Parlor, led by Clara Beth Van de Water.

### Connecting with Presbyterian Women on the regional and national levels

**Church-wide Gathering | August 2-5 in Louisville, Kentucky**  
[www.presbyterianwomen.org/what\\_we\\_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering)

It's not too late to sign up to attend! Elizabeth Martineau and Nancy Hall Berens will be attending. Join us to meet sisters in Christ from around the country and around the world at the triennial meeting of Presbyterian Women.

## Music at Westminster

Benjamin Hutchens, Director of Music Ministries | bhutchens@wpc-alex.org  
wpc-alex.org/music-ministry

### Adult Ed in August – *Hymns at Westminster*

**Sundays August 5, 12 & 19 | 9–9:45 AM in Haverkamp Room**

Make plans to join Director of Music Ministries, Ben Hutchens, in this 3 week mini-series as he explores the role of hymns at Westminster. We are blessed to have an extensive music ministry that touches persons of all ages and ability levels. These classes are open to everyone - listeners, singers, instrumentalists, and those that are simply curious to learn more about how music is made and its role in Worship at Westminster.

While choral anthems and instrumental music are an integral part of our services, congregational hymns are truly the musical backbone of worship. In this mini-series, Dr. Hutchens will examine hymns found in our hymnal. Together we will explore the poetry, the music, and how the two combine to create a deeply spiritual whole. Each week we will learn about how hymn tunes have inspired instrumental music from Voluntaries and Chorale Preludes at the organ to complete Symphonies. The hymns discussed will be used in worship that day thereby giving those in attendance not only a deeper academic knowledge of the hymns, but also the opportunity to experience worship through music with this newly found knowledge freshly in their head.

Come to all or some of these classes - no need to commit to all three. Bring a friend!

### August Music Club for Kids

**Sundays August 12, 19, 26 | 10:20–11 AM in Creation Station (3rd Floor)**

Parents of children in grades K-5: mark your calendars! On the last three Sundays in August, your music ministry team will offer a Westminster first: August Music Club. Just after the children's sermon on each of these Sundays, the children (grades K-5) will be lead up to Creation Station for a time of musical fun. There will be singing, ringing, and storytelling. This is a great time for all kids to learn more about their faith through music. While we would encourage everyone to continue, participation in the August Music Club does not commit a child to choir in the fall.

We know that schools are on break and families travel in August, so please know you are welcome at some or all of these meetings! The children will learn a verse of the familiar hymn "Come, Christians Join To Sing" and will offer it in worship on September 9, the first Sunday of our program year with our adult choir, bells, and brass!



## Join Tables for 8!

Formed in 1995, Tables for 8 has just completed our 23rd year! Come join us for year 24 and to make some new Westminster friends. For those not familiar with this group, Tables for 8 (sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee) organizes groups of adults (singles or couples, members or visitors) to meet in homes every 4 to 6 weeks to dine and to enjoy fellowship together. The host or hostess prepares the main dish, while other members of the group contribute appetizers, side dishes, and desserts to complete the meal. It's a fun and interesting way to get to know other Westminster people in a casual setting.

Each group (of about eight people) creates their own schedule after the kick-off meeting in September. We try to create each group with a mixture of singles and couples and with varied age groups, depending on the signup in a given year. We hope to see many new and returning participants! Please contact Janet Harris with any questions. Bon Appetit!

### Sign Up

In person on Sundays in September at Lemonade on the Lawn

Anytime by emailing Janet Harris at [tablesfor8@wpc-alex.org](mailto:tablesfor8@wpc-alex.org)

**Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 23**

### Tables for 8 Kick-Off Meeting

Saturday, September 29

6:30 PM in the Haverkamp Room

Meet your Tables for 8 group! Please bring a dish to share that can serve eight people. It is helpful to know if you cannot attend that first meeting; someone will contact you about your group if you cannot be there.



## ALL-CHURCH CAMPFIRE



### Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for our annual Fall Campfire on Saturday, October 13. Enjoy fellowship and fun with the whole congregation!

## Adult Faith Formation

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### My “Leave of Absence”

I’ll be taking a leave of absence starting June 30 to move back to Michigan to campaign for my husband, Fred, in the great State of Michigan’s 6th Congressional District. Great thanks to the Session & Personnel Committee for giving me this leave; to Kristin Bishop, Chair of Adult Formation, for filling in on Sunday mornings to help with logistics; to Anne Ledyard and Judy Curtis for coordinating the details for the Dessert & Dialogue; and to Kathy Harkness for teeing up the Congregation-Wide Book Read in the fall; all so that I can provide love and support to Fred while he seeks reelection. Thank you.

### Sneak Preview of Fall Adult Formation

What’s up for this fall on Sunday mornings classes? Returning in September is popular Virginia Theological Seminary professor/theologian/historian, Dr. Katherine Grieb, followed by an exciting series: “Who Are We? Westminster Staff Tells All,” starring Larry Hayward, Patty Chamberlain, Patrick Hunnicutt, Whitney Fauntleroy, and Ben Hutchens. Bring your best questions and be surprised by their best answers. Remember, all details for our adult formation programs will be available on the church’s website. You can also look for limited brochures in the information racks come August/September, as well as on the digital boards in the entrance off the parking lot.

### Fourth Annual Dessert & Dialogue

All hands on deck! Save Sunday, October 21 for WPC’s 4th Annual “Dessert & Dialogue.” Expanding with the inclusion of healthy savories, don’t miss a dynamic speaker from New York City—a New York Times Bestselling-author who will bring alive our educational theme for the 2018-19 program year. Watch for an announcement in the August Chronicle!

### Join the Adult Formation Team!

One final note: during this past school year through the theme “Towards Fuller Faith & Service,” we aimed to provide a broad range of quality teachers and opportunities for both young and old. Future classes depend on your active participation and involvement, your ideas and feedback. Email Kristin Bishop ([ce@wpc-alex.org](mailto:ce@wpc-alex.org)) or myself if you would like to join our Adult Formation team and work to develop programs and classes that will challenge us as a faith community, to learn more about ourselves and our neighbors, and with God’s Spirit deepen our faith so that we might better serve others.

- Amey Upton



## WPC in Mission

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### Corn Gleaning Trip on Saturday, July 28

Glean corn to be distributed through Healthy Harvest Food Bank. We'll meet at a farm near Colonial Beach, VA, at 9 AM. Contact [nationalmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nationalmission@wpc-alex.org) for more information.

### Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, August 26 at 11:15 a.m. (following worship) in Haverkamp Room

Individuals of all construction skill levels are encouraged to learn about Westminster's October mission trip to Guyan Valley, West Virginia, where we will help ASP provide safe homes for vulnerable residents in the region. The trip will take place from Thursday, October 25–Sunday, October 28. Please contact [nationalmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nationalmission@wpc-alex.org) with questions and /or interest!



Here are some of our WPC team members after finishing up their work during last October's ASP trip to West Virginia.

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## Member Involvement News



*"And I heard the voice of the lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?"  
Them I said, "Here I am! Send me." Isaiah 6:8*

Our church is blessed to have several dozen members who will answer "Yes" when asked to serve. You can see these people teaching Sunday School, serving dinners, and doing any number of tasks around the church and around the community. Unfortunately, we also have members who, when asked to serve, always seem to be busy with other things. This is puzzling, as we try to divide service tasks into bite-sized bits of one to two hours and no more than weekly.

Currently, the Worship Committee is trying to recruit for worship preparation volunteers. This task involves making sure that the hymnbooks and bibles in the pews are straight and the prayer request cards and fellowship pads are in every pew. In addition, the volunteer checks that the paraments are properly arranged and that everything is in order for the service. So long as the tasks are completed prior to the Sunday service, they can be done at almost any time during the week. Please contact the Worship Committee at [worship@wpc-alex.org](mailto:worship@wpc-alex.org) if you would like to volunteer.

There are numerous tasks such as this that take only an hour or so each week but, add greatly to the worship experience. Over the summer, as activities slow down, but don't stop, is a good time to step forward to learn of these opportunities for service. Watch the weekly Chronicle Updates and the monthly Chronicle articles for upcoming opportunities. You may also contact me or any Session member to find out about more opportunities.

Wishing all a blessed summer,

*Art Sauer*  
Membership Involvement Coordinator