



# The Mustard Seed

*If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed...Matt. 17:20*

**September 2020**

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Current Session Elders

#### Administration

John Gurney

#### Congregational Care & Welcome

Wes Ashworth

#### Christian Education

Kevin Robinson

#### Fellowship & Pastoral Care

Suzanne Dunn

#### Property

Jim Barkley

#### Outreach & Service

Linda Stamps

### Serving the Session

#### Clerk of Session

Melanye Lunsford

#### Worship

Karen Wimpee

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#### CURRENT ELDER CLASSES

##### Class of 2021

Wesley Ashworth, Suzanne Dunn,  
Kevin Robinson

##### Class of 2022

Jim Barkley, John Gurney

##### Class of 2023

Linda Stamps



This Bible that we have, this centuries-in-the-making collection of the stories and histories and passions and sorrows of a people who knew that they belonged to the God of the universe -this Bible- is a treasure.

No, it's more like a treasure chest. The treasure is inside it. We have to open it to see what riches it contains. It is not locked. It is not guarded. Not only can we open it, we can reach inside it. We can dig our hands into it, deeper and deeper, and we will discover more and more treasures. We can feel them. We can grasp handfuls and see them sparkle as we open our fists and watch precious jewels pour back down. Any time we want, we can open it up and dig deep inside.

A chest full of treasures. Our Bible is a chest of treasures.

Generations before us have lifted the lid and reached inside it. Generations that follow us will fill their hands as well.

I wonder, where is your treasure chest? Is it on a shelf? Is it on a coffee table? Is it dusty? Is it hidden away? Is it missing? Or is it by your bedside, in your hands even? Is it worn from opening it? Are the pages frayed?

We have treasure chests in our homes, probably more than one.

In these days when we may not feel safe coming to church, and days when Sunday School and Bible studies may be put on hold, we might be more likely to forget just what we have.

Are you feeling anxious, worried, afraid, lost, alone, sick, broken, sad, overwhelmed? Maybe angry?

All these feelings are possible; they are real. I doubt any of us are without them. They ensnare us, perhaps as never before. But there is a way out, a way to be loosed from their bonds, to be freed from their spell. Find your treasure chest and open it. Sit in the quiet and dig into the gold and the gems. Reach in and pull out something new and precious. It is there. There is always more to be found.

blessings,  
Mark<><



Pastor Mark Wright  
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## ~THE WORLD OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN~



**PW Coordinating Team:** The next PW CT meeting will be September 6th immediately following worship.

**PW Day Circle:** The next PW Circle will be Tuesday, September 8, at 10am at the church. This month we begin a new study called “Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament.” See more below for more information about the study.

Lesson: Lesson 1 titled The Heart of Lament found on page 14.

Scripture: Psalm 22:1-19; Matthew 27:45-46

Focus: The heart of lament: the perceived absence of God.

Questions: Want to know more at PW? Contact Mary Ann Epperson at 901-218-5851.

**All women of the church are invited to join us.**



LESSON ONE

The Heart of Lament



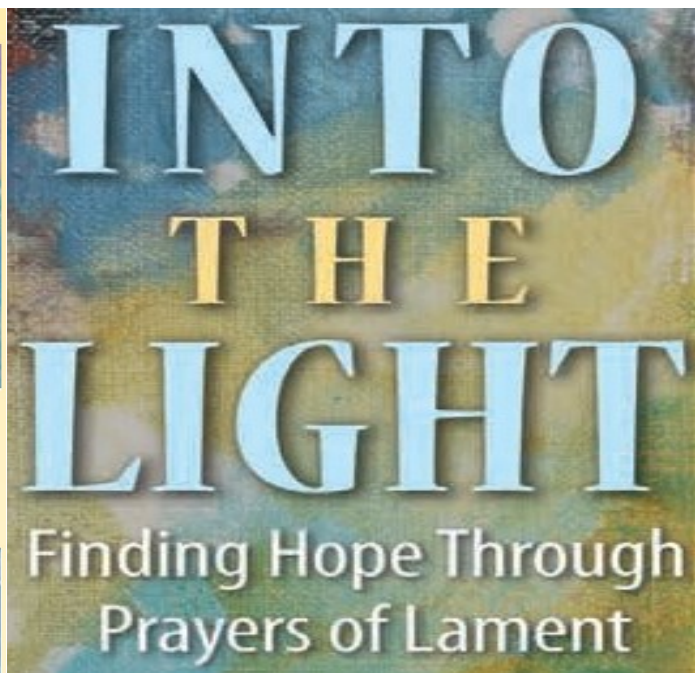
LESSON TWO

Lamenting Together

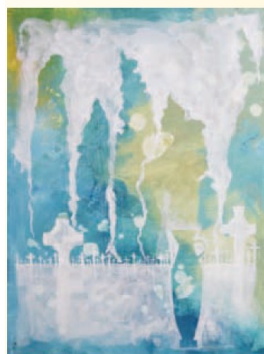


LESSON THREE

Women's Lament



The PW Day Circle will begin a nine-lesson study by Lynn Miller called “Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament.” Miller revives lament as a proper theological response to the difficult situations of our world. One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn’t fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss, still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope. And for us as Christians, hope is not just an emotional response or an attitude of pie in the sky. Hope implies movement: both God’s inherent movement toward justice and our movement toward God. Recovering lament may be one of the church’s most timely gifts to the world.



LESSON FOUR

Lamenting Death



LESSON FIVE

Lamenting Life



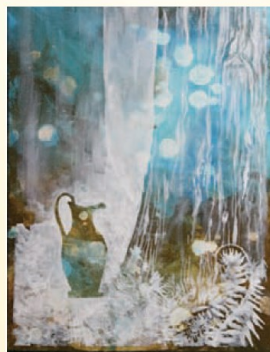
LESSON SIX

Lament Over the City



LESSON SEVEN

Creation Laments



LESSON EIGHT

God Laments



LESSON NINE

The End of Lament



## Help the Presbyterian Women Pop it & Drop it



**Ronald  
McDonald  
House®**

Don't forget to keep collecting the pull tabs on your drink, pet food, and soup cans. Bring them in and drop them

in the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) collection container in the west hall. Tabs are then recycled and funds are donated to the RMH of Memphis.



## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

**AS OF AUGUST 27, 2020**

YTD TITHES & OFFERINGS RC'D:	\$70,439
YTD TITHES & OFFERINGS BUDGET:	\$86,452
<b>YTD TOTAL:</b>	<b>(\$16,013)</b>
YTD INCOME:	\$70,843
YTD EXPENSES:	\$86,397
<b>YTD TOTAL:</b>	<b>(\$15,554)</b>

PARENTHESES INDICATES NEGATIVE NUMBER.



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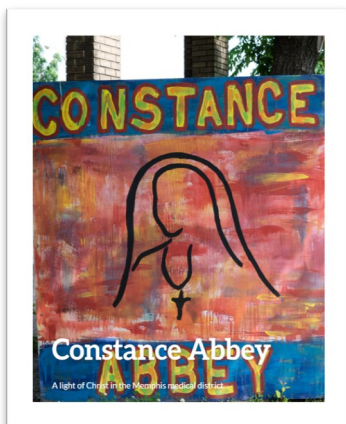
After much consideration, CPC will not be having the 2020 Pumpkin Patch. At this time, there are too many variables that could affect simply being able to unload the pumpkins. We are not alone in this decision. Many in the area have opted to cancel it this year. We'll plan on a bigger and better patch in 2021!

### **COLLIERVILLE FOOD PANTRY**

September is our month to help at the Food Pantry. Hollis Wimpee, Billy Staggs, and Jim Barkley have volunteered to assist all month. These three are often at the Food Pantry throughout the entire year assisting in some way. Many thanks for all you three do!

### **CONSTANCE ABBEY**

COVID has limited opportunities for service and outreach projects. So, CPC will be turning our focus back to assisting Constance Abbey in their needs. We will again serve as a drop-off for anyone in the community. See below and visit their website at [constanceabbey.org](http://constanceabbey.org) to learn more. Watch for more details on when collections will begin.



**The daily life of Constance Abbey is founded upon the five promises of their baptismal covenant.**



#### ***First promise...***

**to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

We invite neighbors to join our regular Bible studies, meditations, and daily prayers held in the chapel of Constance Abbey. We celebrate the Eucharist in our chapel at least three times per week. We also encourage our guests to "break bread" with us on Sundays at Saint Mary's Cathedral. (Praying with us never a requirement for receiving help.)

#### ***Second promise...***

**to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.**

Jesus spent time with people—answering questions, healing, and giving hope. Constance Abbey follows Jesus's model of ministry by spending time with people, listening to them, and seeking the Good News of God together.

#### ***Third promise...***

**to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.**

We invite neighborhood friends to supper, classes, and block parties. Our showers and laundry machines are available. We feed and clothe neighbors in need. We connect neighbors with resources we cannot provide and advocate for them.

#### ***Fourth promise...***

**to persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.**

Many of our neighbors experience the evils of discrimination, addiction, and exclusion. We host recovery meetings and journey with people through the healing process. We stand in solidarity with the oppressed.



Constance Abbey is a neighborhood ministry in the medical district of Memphis.

The mission of Constance Abbey is advocacy and service for the well-being of our community.

#### ***Fifth promise...***

**to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.**

Every human person is created in the image of God. We remind people of their importance and their gifts. Members of our staff and volunteer teams are or were once without homes. By making space for neighbors to serve, Constance Abbey reconnects them to their power to foster well-being.



# My Desk at Pinecrest

*Change up your workspace this fall!*

For Working Adults

Every Wednesday from September 9-November 18 (9am-4pm)

Your home office in the woods with a new view! Enjoy a window to the forest and a relaxing workspace. Take a mini nature retreat on your lunch break. We can provide maps and ideas!

For Students Grades 2 and up

Every Wednesday from September 9-November 1 (9am-4pm)

Independent learners will enjoy social-distance workspace and fun outdoor time and exploration with Pinecrest's outdoor programming. A learning coach will oversee students.

**For more information, contact Charity at [charity@camppinecrest.org](mailto:charity@camppinecrest.org). Or, go to you can register for this and other**



## Working Adults

Your home office in the woods with a new view! Enjoy a window to the forest and a relaxing workspace.

Take a lunch break nature walk.

We'll provide a 6' workspace, padded chair, outlet, hand sanitizer, and the wifi.

Bring your mask, lunch, and water bottle.

**Click here for FAQ details.**

\$10 BYO Hotspot

\$15 WiFi provided

Paid reservations must be made at least 24 hrs in advance.

## Hybrid/Homeschool Students

Independent learners will enjoy social-distance workspace and fun outdoor time and exploration with Pinecrest's outdoor programming.

A learning coach will oversee students.

We'll provide the learning coach, WiFi, workspace, and sanitizer.

Students should bring any work for the day and devices, lunch, snack, water bottle, and mask.

**Click here for important FAQ details!**

\$40/Child per day

\$35/2+ children a day

or with adult reservation of My Desk

Billing will be in advance each month  
Semester-based registration.

Wednesdays 9am—4 pm  
September 9—November 18, 2020

*coming  
soon!*

Fun things to do at Pinecrest



**Look at all of the great activities coming up at Pinecrest! Mark your calendars now...**

**Little Explorers**

**One Friday a month August-November (10-11:30 am)**

Mini-Adventures for you and your little one. Social-distance autumn fun. Come early or stay after to play and picnic. Recommended ages 4-6.

**Special Needs Hiking Club**

**Tuesdays Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 15 (Meet at 10am)**

These trips are for families with special needs of various capabilities.

**Our Aquifer Goes Virtual**

**Partnership with Girl Scouts Heart of the South**

**Saturday, Sept. 12 (10:30-11:15am)**

Join our upcoming virtual program where your scouts will dive deep under the city of Memphis (and 7 other states!) to explore the famous aquifer that makes our city's water some of the finest and best tasting tap water around! Tours, experiments, and demonstrations will help us learn about monitoring the groundwater and the importance of water protection. \$10/Girl Scout – Includes Program in a Box! (shipping at an extra cost). [More information and registration](#) through Girl Scouts site

**Trail Maintenance Mondays Volunteer Days**

**Monday Sept. 14, Oct. 19, Nov. 23, Dec. 7 (10am-2pm)**

Social-distance volunteer opportunity this fall. We are smoothing trails, creating new trails, and clearing up and restoring old trails.

**Welcome Autumn Hike**

**Tuesday, September 22 (10 am – Noon)**

Follow this guided hike to the Overlook. Explore and celebrate the changes taking place on the autumnal equinox. Moderate hike of appx. 1.5 miles. Kids and dogs welcome.

**You've Got to See this Tree!**

**Friday, October 2 (10am-2pm)**

This mother oak tree is huge and worth the hike! It's likely old enough to have watched Civil War troops cross the landscape. We'll start our social-distance hike by heading to the Overlook with views over the Wolf River Valley and into Mississippi's Holly Springs National Forest, before descending down into the adjacent Wildlife Management Area to explore Baugh Bridge Trail (an abandoned wagon trail), the lagoon-like banks of the upper Wolf, and the immense beech and oak trees that dot this protected area.

**Vamos de Caminata a Pinecrest!**

**Sat. October 24 10am-Noon**

**Fri., November 20 10am-Noon**

Bienvenidos amigos! Enjoy a beautiful fall hike with Pinecrest and the help of a Spanish language interpreter. Total hiking miles is about 1.5 miles with some hills. Great for kids!

**Bats and Bonfires**

**Save the Date: Friday, October 30 (5-8 pm)**

We'll post more details on our website and Facebook page as we update.

**National Take a Hike Day**

**Tuesday, November 17 (10 am – 1 pm)**

Let's go! Come on our for one of our biggest hikes we offer! Approximately 4 miles around our Perimeter Trail.

**Pinecrest is located at:**

21430 Hwy 57  
Moscow, TN 38057

**mailing:**

PO Box 36  
La Grange, TN 38046

# WESTMINSTER COLLEGE (PA)

## YOUNG PRESBYTERIAN SCHOLARSHIP

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The Young Presbyterian Scholarship was established to provide an opportunity for outstanding Presbyterian students to apply to Westminster College (PA), one of the nation's best liberal arts colleges. The scholarship of **\$76,000** for four years (\$19,000 per year) is for qualified high school seniors entering college in the Fall of 2021.

### SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

3.5 High School cumulative GPA  
Membership at a Presbyterian Church  
Nomination by Pastor/Congregation

### PROGRAM DEADLINES

Nominations: December 1, 2020  
Student Application: December 15, 2020

For more information, please contact:

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☺ Birthday 🎂 Anniversary



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 ♦ Communion Service (10:30am) ♦ PW Coord, Team Mtg (11:45am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Suzanne Dunn ☺ Melissa Billiard	7 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) 	8 ♦ PW Circle (10am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	9 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	10 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Ryan Davis	11 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Anthony Jackson	12 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♥ Kevin & Sally Robinson
13 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Candace Brady	14 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm)	15 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	16 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Vicki Seago	17 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	18 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	19 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Linda Stamps
20 ♦ Worship Service (10:30am) ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ☺ Kate Watkins	21 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ Boy Scouts (7pm) ☺ Tim Watkins	22 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♦ Cub Scouts (6:30pm)	23 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	24 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	25 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm)	26 ♦ Hopefuls AA (5:30pm) ♥ Darren & Suzi Arant
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