
THE MESSENGER

Beloved Westminster Family

“For everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

In serving Westminster as your Interim Pastor these almost two years, I have felt a deep love, compassion and support from this whole congregation. You have been so willing to get to know both Wes and me and take us into your lives. You have said, “yes” to every idea, and some of them rather off the wall ideas, that I have brought before you. You have stepped up to volunteer in every aspect of ministry with eagerness and joyful spirit. You have affirmed my ministry when neither of us were sure it would be the right thing. You stood with me unwavering in support always, and for that I am most grateful. Much change has taken place and together we are at a different place. The Interim work is complete and you are ready for your new pastor.

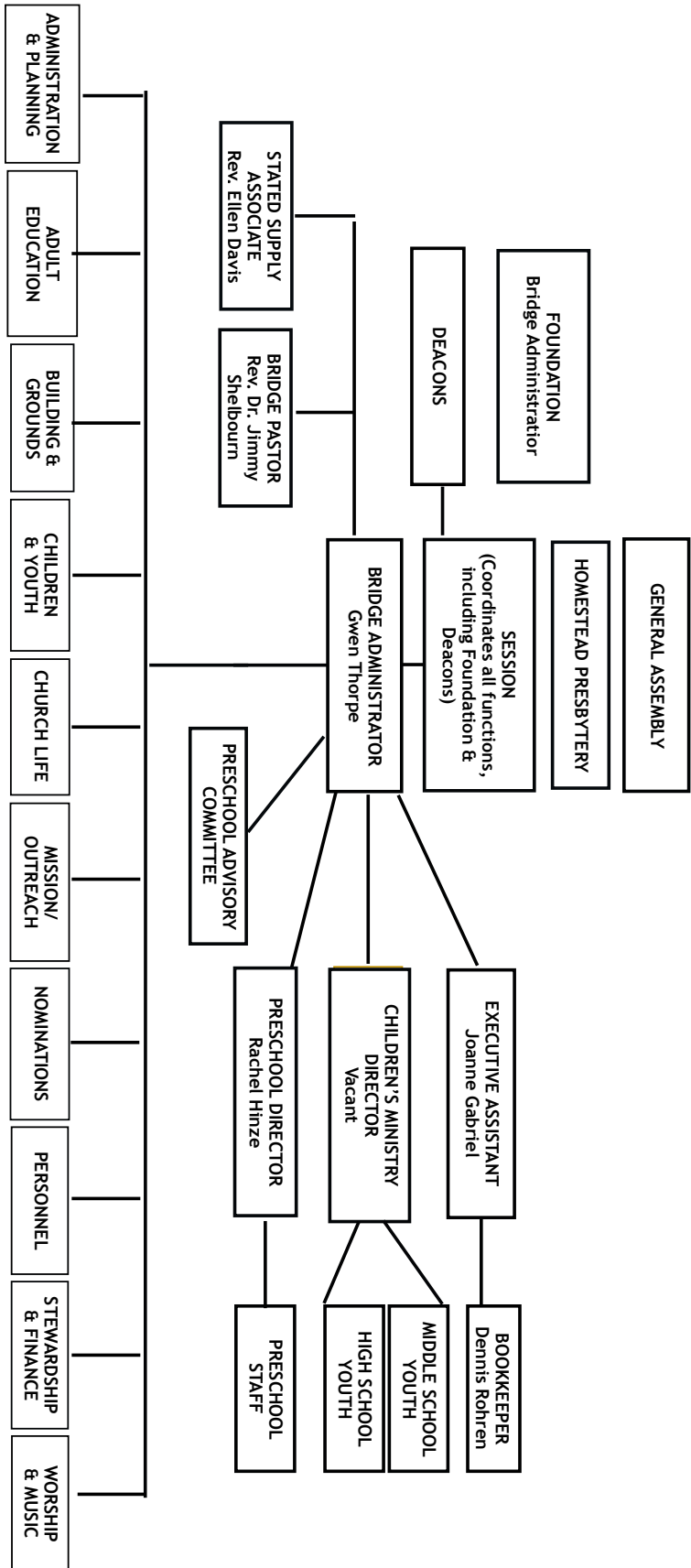


It has been a great honor of my life to walk beside you through the highs and the lows of our journey together with God. I have been blessed to step into your pulpit to preach the Word of grace and hope. It will be extremely hard to say goodbye and step away. With that said, it is important to let you know that as I leave, you are in wonderful hands with Bridge Pastor, Jimmy Shelbourn who will fill the pulpit as well as perform pastoral care functions. Bridge Administrator, Gwen Thorpe will be doing all administrative functions. In Gwen’s position she will serve as Head of Staff and have oversight of personnel, finance, and preschool. Both bridge positions are part time until a called pastor arrives. The entire staff is truly a cohesive team working well together.

Wes and I will be returning to our home in Sioux Falls. I regret that we did not have an opportunity to say thank you to each of you as we leave. It is my hope that I can return in a few months and do pulpit supply for Pastor Jimmy. Hopefully this can happen before your new pastor arrives.

It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will hold you and carry you into the future with hope. I trust in the promise, “The One who began a work in you will bring it to completion in the day of Christ Jesus our Lord.”

In Christ’s Love,
Val Putnam



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE FLOW CHART
Effective APRIL 2020

March 11, 2020

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Westminster Family and Friends,

As we move through these challenging days, we are reminded that God does not leave us or forsake us—regardless. Our call is to be faithful in caring for one another and trust in what we believe and that our faith is always stronger than our fear. As Christ followers, we are called for such a time as this to reach out by phone or text message to one who may need a listening ear, or may need assistance for food or other essential supplies. Our youth leaders, Devon Nelson and Andrew Finkner, have agreed to be the drivers for anyone needing medication or food or other essentials. You can contact the church at 402-475-6702 or email joanne@westminsterlincoln.org to request a currier (Devon or Andrew) and one of them will pick up groceries or medication and deliver them to your home.

If you know of someone who may be alone, now is the time to reach out and check in. We are in this together. We need the love and support of each other.

Worship will be virtual on Sundays on our Website ([www.https://westminsterlincoln.org/](https://westminsterlincoln.org/)) via the “Worship” link at the top of the Home Page (then drop down to the “YouTube Sermon Videos” link) and televised on Spectrum channel 1302 and Windstream channel 13 on Thursdays at 12:30 pm and Saturdays 1:00 pm.

The church office is closed and all meetings cancelled.

Please worship with us in Spirit and in Truth. God hold us together and keep us strong and faithful.

Pastor Val

Pastor Val's Farewell Reception will be rescheduled. She plans to come back to Westminster at a later date and say her farewells to you. We will keep you updated on details.