Gather Together:

Bridges
We will NOT meet during May. Please write to your advocates and memorize Psalm 23.

Celebrate Birthdays Together

Ned Moore
Benjamin Bird
Avery Holman
Becca Hill

Pray Together

God, when sad things happen,
You are sad too.
You understand.
Thank you, God,
For always hearing us.
Help us to be kind and peaceful, always.
We light a candle to remind us of your love for all.

Pray for all: happy or lonely
[Pray for all: happy or lonely] are for Faithful Families by Traci Smith

Play Together

This week's Bible Story:
The Promise of the Holy Spirit
John 14:1-21

Dear God,
Dwell in me. Help me to do your work. Help me to remember you are the way, the truth and the life.
In Jesus name we pray.
Amen

The One Great Hour of Sharing

Please continue to feed our fish boxes with your love and joyous offerings to help others who are struggling during COVID-19 pandemic.
Sing Together

We will collect them and dedicate them together on our first Sunday worship when it is deemed safe.

Join in on sharing God’s Word!

**Pen Pal project:**

Our children can also participate in the mission of the intergenerational church at Westminster. By sharing your weekly artwork with those who are housebound, we can connect them with church and share the life-giving Word of God. If interested, please contact Karen Sherrick to pair your child with a member of the Westminster in need.

Books from our Children's Library are available during this time at home.

**God's Quiet Things** by Nancy Sweetland

Written in soothing if unsurprising verse, this picture book raises children’s consciousness to the quiet marvels found in nature: “Listen for God’s quiet things, / like butterflies with velvet wings, / or raindrops making / quiet rings on water.”

**Grandad's Prayers on Earth** by Douglas Wood

Trees pray. Birds pray. Grandad eloquently describes how everything prays, but his grandson can’t seem to hear nature’s prayers. Years after Grandad’s death, the boy discovers Grandad’s message. He finds beauty in nature and feels his grandfather close once again. Stunning illustrations and lyrical text bring family together for this poignant story.

**I'm in Charge of Me!** by David Parker

This preschool aged book teaches self-control. This teaches them that making choices puts them in charge of their own behavior and they start to see the positive effect these choices have on how others see them and, most important, how they see themselves in the world.

**Love** by Matt de la Pena

Everything that can be called love -- from shared joy to comfort in the darkness -- is gathered in the pages of this reassuring, refreshingly honest children’s picture book.

**The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom** by Bettye Shroud

An exciting story about a girl and her father who escape slavery with help from the coded symbols on a quilt. Shortly after Hannah's sister is sold to another plantation, Mama dies, but not before teaching Hannah how to sew, whispering to her, “…this quilt will show you everything you need to know to run to freedom.” It is a story of courage, determination, and hope.

Call or email Jennie at the church to have any of these titles mailed to your home.

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