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Learning and studying God's word

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Amplify recently shared some of the newest releases in its library. These videos are all free to First Presbyterian Church members. The website contains 1000's of study, worship, and devotional videos.

The Bible—God's Word—is our instruction manual, or our road map, for life. It contains wisdom, encouragement, comfort, and life-changing power. And if there isn't a specific answer to a particular situation or problem, you'll find life principles that lead you to it.

I wanted to share some places to learn more about what you read. I use these sources, often when I am working on sermons or looking for ideas for Advent and Lenten studies. Please let me know what you think, especially about Amplify Media.

Amplify Media is a streaming service that delivers high quality videos with an emphasis on Wes-

leyan perspectives (Methodist perspective) which is similar to Presbyterian. For example, the series we used for the Lenten Study last spring was written and featured Adam Hamilton. He is a Methodist minister in Kansas City, Mo. Hamilton has several other series on Amplify Media.

Our congregation has a subscription and we have access to all the videos. Access on any device at any time for group study – all with one subscription for your entire congregation.

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If you like to listen to Podcasts I would encourage you to listen to "Listen for the Word." The podcast is produced each week by

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PRAYERS: Bruce Greenwell; Ellen Greenwell; Connie Dake; Diane Mayer; Judy Prebyl; Norma Jean McNamee; and Gayle Eskra.

Also: Shannon Fanning; Steve Arneal; Hope Johns (Maxie Arneal's great granddaughter); Imogene Johnson (Connie Dake's sister); Norma Mitschler (Frank's sister); Janet Parde and Alyssa Lock (Kristin Jurgens' granddaughter).

Our sympathy is with the family and friends of Bob Hancock who passed away Tuesday, July 29. The Celebration of Life service will be Saturday, July 10, here at First Church at 10:30 a.m.

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee We held Warrens Table on July 23rd. Even though we changed the date this month, our church members proved they are here to help others in need. Our pastor Doris Martin, Don Harmon and the pastor from the Episcopal church visited with each person and said a prayer. Kristin Jurgens cooked delicious sloppy joes, Julie Hay provided chips, and Ardyth Orwen brought the buns. Cookies were donated by the following members: Suzanne Byler, Lynn Carothers, Shirley Haner, Fran Martin and Sandy McConnell. Even though Warrens Table was changed this month to a different day, the following members volunteered to help serve: Suzanne Byler, Don Harmon, Julie Hay, Kristin Jurgens, Doris Martin, Gene and Fran Martin, Frank and Shirley Mitschler and Ardyth Orwen. The next Warrens Table will be September 3rd.

We also want to thank Shirlee Brunnell for her continued dedication in making hats for the Little Pantry.

The Little Pantry group would like to thank the following members that helped load and unload the groceries for the Little Pantry: Julie Hay, Fran and Gene Martin, Nichole Martin, Neil and Sandy McConnell, Doris Martin and Renee Jones.

Worship on August 18, will feature the Homestead Harmonizers. There will be a catered luncheon following with the Harmonizers and our Christ Episcopal friends. The committee needs an approximate number that will be attending for ordering food, so please let Julie Hay or the church office know by Sunday, August 11, how many in your group will attend.



Dorothy Rockemann	1
Jesse Bolli	5
Case Fossler	6
Lynn Carothers	12
Connie Dake	13
Que Martin	13
Adeline Bolli	22
Norma Jean McNamee	28
Connie Harmon	29



Westminster Guild



Westminster Guild will not meet in August. The group will resume September 9th which is the second Monday of the month.
"Have a Great Summer"



Learning and studying God's word

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Christine Dempsey and Alan Brehm, two former professors, now serving as Presbyterian pastors, who have a passion for teaching and sharing knowledge.

Christine Dempsey is currently serving as the Associate Pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Cross in Omaha, Nebraska. Alan Brehm

is currently serving as pastor of Hickman Presbyterian Church near Lincoln, Nebraska.

The weekly Podcasts discuss the Gospel reading from the lectionary. I have found it to be very interesting and it offers new perspectives on the reading.

I hope these help as you learn and study God's word.

Flat Jesus travels near and far in July



Shop for school supplies NOW when they go on sale for the year. Our Sunday School children will pack the bags.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS

One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)

Three 70-count spiral notebooks

One 30-centimeter ruler (12")

One hand-held pencil sharpener

One large eraser

Six new pencils with erasers

One box of 24 crayons (only 24)



Worship with the Homestead Harmonizers on August 18 at First Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m.



Stay for a catered lunch and fellowship with the Harmonizers and our Christ Episcopal Friends