

Westminster Woods Camp

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WORDS FROM THE DIRECTOR, BRIAN WHEELER

Blessed: When I think of my confidence in the provision of God for Westminster Woods, I often think of 2 Corinthians 9:8. This verse reminds me that we have been blessed abundantly in this ministry. I do not believe a week goes by that I am not asked, "How are things going at The Woods?" My short answer is always, "We are extremely blessed," which is true, and I thought I would give a bit more detail on some of the ways God blessed Westminster Woods in 2024. The first legacy cabin renovation was completed in the spring. The second cabin is scheduled to be completed by the spring of 2025.

We were excited to celebrate 60 years of ministry, highlighted by a celebration in June. We were so blessed to have over 300 people come to celebrate with us.

The Summer: In June, the Woods program was blessed to have several camps at capacity and a waiting list. July and August followed with amazing weeks of summer camp programs. The groups that use Westminster Woods had God-filled summer days with amazing worship, and the grounds of camp rang with campers' laughter. Lives were impacted all summer by encounters with God, who loves them, and the people who chose to pour into them.

For the rest of the year, retreats were popular with churches across the state. We love seeing how each group shares the Gospel and helps their young and not-so-young campers grow closer to God.

Our facilities are receiving updates, and our donor base continues to grow. Your generosity allows us to improve the camp, offer scholarships to families in need, and meet operational costs.

Westminster Woods has been extremely blessed!



Young Adult Winter Retreat - What Do You Want?

Around 100 young adults faced the winter chill to gather at Westminster Woods for the YA retreat. During chapels led by Taylor Fair, they delved into the question Jesus asks multiple times in the gospels: "What do you want?" Participants discovered that Jesus desires their presence and takes delight in them. They also learned the significance of acknowledging their desires and presenting them to God rather than suppressing or indulging them. The concluding chapel focused on the idea that we are restless until we find our rest in Jesus.

Small Churches Doing BIG Things!!

Marion Presbyterian Church has a long-standing relationship with Westminster Woods. We can trace this connection back to Rev. Bill Nelson and youth from our church going to camp when the campers stayed in covered wagons!

In recent years, we would send campers to camp by paying 50% of their registration fee. This resulted in a handful of kids going to camp each summer. Then two summers ago, the Session (Elders) decided to spend some money we had in a fund named Youth Camp Fund. For the last two summers, we have been paying the full registration fee for students who attend our church or our Christian Ed program and we have continued to pay 50% for students who are not affiliated with our congregation.

The students love attending Westminster Woods where their faith is nurtured, friendships are established or grown, and they encounter the love of Christ! Last year, we sent over 30 students to Westminster Woods and we were truly blessed to do so!

Jeremiah Lange, Pastor

What's Happening at The Woods?!

This Fall, an equipment shed was constructed next to the maintenance shop at The Woods! This addition provides essential weather proof storage for camp maintenance equipment and building materials!



The renovation of Legacy Cabin 3 is in progress, made possible by the generous gifts received during the 60th Anniversary Celebration of camping at Westminster Woods! Keep an eye out for further updates!



2025 CAMP DATES

Family Fun Day - May 31st

3rd & 4th Grade Camp - June 3rd - June 6th

5th & 6th Grade Camp - June 9th - June 13th

7th & 8th Grade Camp - June 16th - June 20th

High School Camp - June 23rd - June 29th