



...The Rest of the Story



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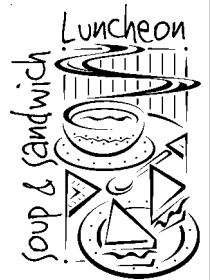
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Annual Congregational Meeting January 22nd

Please join us immediately following 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 22nd, for WPC's Annual Congregational Meeting and soup and sandwich luncheon. At this meeting, the congregation will:

1. Hear reports from the Session and Diaconate about the ministries of WPC in 2005.
2. Elect four at-large members of the 2006 Nominating Committee.
3. Vote on the changes in terms of call for our three pastors.
4. Enjoy the fellowship of having lunch with one another.

If you would like to help by bringing a pot of your favorite soup, please contact Bill McAvoy (493-7547), Walt Beckwith (489-0305), or Caroline Haynes (489-4300).



WPC Hosts IHN Feb. 5th - 12th



Westminster will host IHN February 5th-12th. During that time we will host 3 homeless families in our Sunday School classrooms and will take care of the needs of these families, including transportation, food, and other logistics.

Many volunteers are needed during an IHN stay, and we are fortunate to have great volunteers to support this important mission at Westminster. We have many different ways you can help these families.

If you would be willing to prepare a meal, please contact Helen Harrison (helen.harrison@sas.com or 489-0345).

If you can help with transportation, please contact Carol Walker (cwalker@da.org or 489-8824).

If you can serve as an overnight host, please contact Carol Cunningham (ccunningham@fmrealty.com or 403-9698).

If you can help with setting up or breaking down, please contact Dave Calderwood (dcalderwood@nc.rr.com or 942-0108).

We also need help with laundry after the guests depart, so if you can help with this or have any other questions, please contact Carol Cunningham. Thanks again for your support of this important Westminster mission!

Durham Congregations in Action will have its annual dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th, at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 403 E. Main Street. This is a great chance to get a better idea of what this interfaith ministry has done and is doing in Durham. Duke president, Richard Broadhead, will be the speaker. The cost of dinner is \$12. Call Haywood (489-4974) if you are interested in attending.



Thank you, WPC! You contributed enough money on Christmas Eve to produce over \$34,000 for Housing For New Hope. These funds will be used toward ending homelessness in Durham.



New Class of Stephen Ministers

We are pleased to announce that a new class for Stephen Ministers began on January 4th. These folks will take 50 hours of initial training before being commissioned as Stephen Ministers in early June. Class members are: David Anderson, Carol Kelly, Kathleen Lapp, Jenny Mauch, Kim Scott, Marty Warburton, Marty Wicks, and Eric Wolf. Stephen Leaders for the class are: Betty Berghaus, Susan Landis, and Eileen McAvoy. Ashley Everly continues to lead supervision for our Stephen Ministers who are currently serving care receivers. Please hold up this class and this program in your prayers.



- + **Don Dates** had surgery at UNC Hospital on January 9th.
- + **Corbett DeGiacomo** will have surgery to remove her tonsils on January 12th at UNC Hospital.
- + **Mary Easley** is recovering at home from surgery on January 4th.
- + **George Eaves** is in Duke University Medical Center.
- + A memorial service was held at WPC for **Jean Lee** (a member of our chancel choir) on Wednesday, December 28th.
- + **Mary Todd Peters'** mother, Janet Howerton, died on December 28th in Morganton after a long illness.
- + **Kay Rosenmarkle** asks for prayers for her childhood friend, Lorna Anderson, of Canyon, Texas, who is undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- + **Melinda Young's** grandmother, Edith Sherman, died at age 88 in Wilmington, NC on January 4th.

☽ Celebrations ☽

- + **Lainey Jane Blackwood** was born to **Brantley & Jeff Blackwood** on December 28th. Brantley is the daughter of **Alice Decker**.
- + **Chuck & Evelyne Byrd** are celebrating the wedding of their son Edward on January 5th.
- + **Kay & Doug Wellemeyer** are first-time grandparents. Caden Steven Schweitz was born to their daughter, Carrie, & her husband, Kyle Schweitz, on December 16th in Charlotte, NC.



New Supper Club

A new supper club is being organized this month. The first meeting will be Saturday, January 21st. If you are interested in trying this out, please call Haywood.



Deacons' Corner



Your busy Deacons have several announcements, but we first want to send big thank you's to so many who made the Advent Sing-Along and Christmas Eve dinner meaningful and memorable. Also, we have completed another successful year providing monthly shelter meals. We would like to thank all those who help the Diaconate with this major mission: the men's breakfast group, the mid-week Bible Study classes, the youth who make a yearly commitment to serve four months, the choir, our supper clubs, the Session, and the Forum Class. Please join us again in 2006 to keep this ministry alive and strong! Volunteers are needed!

Work continues on the shower trailers for coastal hurricane relief efforts. Whatever your talent, we can use your help. Check with Paul (489-4974) or Walt Beckwith (489-0305). Also, we are looking for a volunteer or two to help with the Camp New Hope Camp and Conference Center's April dinner/auction fundraiser. Contact Michael Reich (489-9074) if you would like to work on this event.

The Collection Boxes are dedicated to items for our Katrina Evacuee family, 21-year-old Kendrick and his 1-year-old son, nicknamed Fuzzy. They need routine household items (paper products, personal and household cleaning products, diapers, pantry foods, etc.) Think of the things you buy routinely and put a couple of those items in the collection boxes this month! Thanks.

Choir Notes

Many, many thanks to all of our wonderful Westminster musicians for a beautiful Advent/Christmas season! Your dedication to Westminster's choirs and ensembles makes the season extra special and is appreciated so very much.

It's time to haul out those New Year's resolutions—this year, make music a priority on your list! Because everything pretty much starts over after Christmas, January is a great time of year to join a choir. Even if you have never sung in a choir before, there's no time like the present to give it a try. Won't you please consider joining Westminster's choir program in 2006? You will be warmly welcomed by a host of new friends, and that's a promise!

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thurs. nights, 7:30 – 9:15 p.m. in the Music Room.

Junior Choir rehearses on Wed. nights, 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room.

Questions? Call or e-mail Monica Rossman: 489-4974, ext. 113; monica@wpcdurham.org



Relief

Chick and Dorene Palermo are currently assisting the relief efforts in Mississippi for the month of January. Dorene sent us this update last week.

D'Iberville is alive, well, and continuing to make a difference. The water tower still stands sentry over Camp New Hope, but the surroundings have certainly changed. The field closest to the tower is covered with army-green tent houses, constructed by the Canadian sea-bees during our first visit. These are heated (and air conditioned) and right now have about a 50-family population (half capacity). On the other side of Camp New Hope is a field of white FEMA trailers. Between the entrance to Camp New Hope and the road (Ramey Bridge) is a huge white tent dining room commissioned by FEMA to feed the residents of the Tent City as well as the elderly residents of the FEMA trailers who cannot get to the store to get their own food. The Tent City folks have a huge shower trailer and a building set up to hold washers and driers. There is a shuttle bus to take the Tent City folks to places like Wal-Mart. The City of D'Iberville periodically gives the residents gift cards to Wal-Mart for purchasing things.

Both the tent city and the dining tent are scheduled to be discontinued shortly. It is not clear what will be done with those folks who have not found other housing when the time comes to take down the tents.

The Point of Delivery (POD) at Jitney Jungle is about to close as is the medical center. They have given away all the clothes (and no place in the Mississippi gulf will take any more clothes). Coats are still being distributed. The distribution centers in other cities have already closed, as have the "soup kitchens" supplied by the Red Cross. The Red Cross recently donated 2 to 3 weeks of food to the Soup Kitchen the city is running in "Andy's Concession Stand" at the Recreation Center. The food has been frozen for use when their supplies run low.

D'Iberville was still serving residents and volunteers from the Concession stand until January 2nd. Tarps had been put around three sides and the roof to keep out the wind and tables were set up inside—5 to 6 tables about 5 feet in diameter. The meals were good, varied, and convenient. Mostly volunteers ate there. However, for Thanksgiving and Christmas, the city hosted huge meals for between 1500 to 2000 people each time. They had a gift tree and gave out lots and lots of gifts.

More restaurants are open; the movie theater and the skating rink are open. The city wants us to spend money and help their economy. One casino has also reopened, which is

great news. As many as half of D'Iberville's jobs were linked to casino business.

There has been tremendous progress in some areas of D'Iberville. The city plans only one more pass to pick up debris, as most of the houses have been mucked (meaning all the junk and debris taken out, damaged wallboard removed, etc.) and yards cleaned up. The great news is that 'destruction' is nearing completion and 'construction' is gaining momentum everyday.

Orange Grove, where Paul and group 2 from Westminster set up the "huts", is going great guns. They have over 100 people there this week. They prepare meals and charge about \$7 per person to cover the costs of the meals. This is the camp where Andy Gaddis set up the kitchen and then ended up as Village Manager. There are now two people expected to be there for several months to be the Village Manager, and Andy is headed to school in Charlotte.

Evacuee Resettlement Update

The Evacuee Resettlement Task Force (ERTF) would like to thank everyone who has donated items for our adopted family. Kendrick and Fuzzy are extremely grateful for our generosity, and we are honored to help this young family resettle in Durham. Kendrick is currently enrolled in night classes at Durham Tech, he has been offered a job as an electrician's apprentice, and he has received a donated car!

We would like to request a few more needed items. Please place the donated items in the *yellow & green* donation boxes located inside the Mission Center. If you wish to make a financial contribution, you may send a check to the church earmarked "evacuee resettlement". Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Paper napkins

Kleenex

Toothpaste

Mouthwash

Soap

Light bulbs

Notebook paper

Ream of printer paper

Microsoft Word & Excel

Package of pens

Pencils

Highlighters

Appointment calendar

School backpack

2 End tables

If you are interested in joining an **all-women's mission trip** to the Mississippi area affected by Hurricane Katrina, please join us for an organizational meeting on January 15th (Room 105) after the 11:00 service. If you are interested in the trip but cannot make this meeting, contact Betty Berghaus (betty@wpcdurham.org; 489-4974, ext. 108) to let her know that you are interested.

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“...and what does the Lord
 require of you but to do justice, and to love
 kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
 Micah 6:8



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

After a pleasant and much needed Christmas vacation, the school staff and students are ready for a busy 2006. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on January 26th and 27th, and the teachers will spend the next few weeks screening the students in preparation for these important meetings.

Registration for the fall of 2006 will be completed the week of January 30th. Financial aid is available. Contact our office (489-8432) if you have a child who is not yet registered, or know someone who might be interested in our program.

Mark your calendars now for our annual **Pancake Breakfast**. This year it will be held on **Saturday, February 11th, from 8:30 until 11:30 am**. Plan to come!!

January 15, 2006

Baptisms of Luke Champion (8:30), Andrew Feiler and Olivia Lombard (11:00)

Preacher: Haywood Holderness

Title: “Hannah Rose”

Text: I Samuel 1:1-11

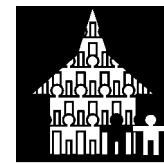
January 22, 2006

Preacher: Haywood Holderness

Title: “The Gospel of the Castor Plant”

Text: Selections from Jonah

Inquirers’ Classes



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Are you interested in finding out more about

- The ministries of Westminster?
- What makes Presbyterians different from other Christians?
- What it means to be a member?

If so, join our first 2006 Inquirers’ Class. It will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.) from January 22nd – February 19th.

Responsibilities for January 15 - January 22, 2006

| ACOLYTES | NURSERY | USHERS |
|---|---|--|
| 01/15 <i>Volunteers Needed</i> 01/22 <i>Volunteers Needed</i> | January Nursery Coordinator - Anne Vann 01/15 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Tatum Pottenger 2-5 - Tracey Holsinger & Bruce Capehart 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Arlene Miller <i>Toddlers - (Volunteer Needed)</i> 2-3 - Dave Mountain & Carol Mansfield 4-5 - Bill, Barb, & Jonathan Burig <i>Float - (Volunteer Needed)</i> 01/22 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Sally Ransford 2-5 - Dave Prosser 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Beverly McGraw <i>Toddlers</i> - Neal & Monica Nichols 2-3 - Alexis Franzese, Tom Higgins, & Gail Johnson 4-5 - Jennifer & Michael Feiler <i>Float - (Volunteer Needed)</i> | 01/15 8:30 - David Lapp, John & Laura Graham, and Sharon Barnes 11:00 - Michael & Dene Reich, Morris Griffin, Scott McLeod, and David Anderson 01/22 8:30 - John & Cindy Sundy, Barb Vanden Broek, and Dottie Bartholomay 11:00 - Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton, Darren & Ben Skeen, and John Cowan |
| LECTORS | | |
| 01/15 8:30 - Frances Anton 11:00 - Roger Miller 01/22 8:30 - Mike Bunch 11:00 - John Dancy | | |
| ELDER GREETERS | | |
| 01/15 8:30 - <i>Volunteer Needed</i> 11:00 - Mary Todd Peters 01/22 8:30 - Ralph McCaughan 11:00 - Ron Hawkins | | |
| OFFERING COUNTERS | | |
| 01/15 Harriette Frank & Stacy Hagerty 01/22 John Hennessy & Jeff Young | | |