



# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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## WPC Congregational Meeting

A meeting of the congregation will be held at the beginning of the 11 a.m. worship service on **February 18th** for the purpose of electing four “at-large” members of the ’07 Nominating Committee. At this time, we will also vote on changes in the “terms of call” (salaries) of our pastors.

The Nominating Committee consists of seven voting members. Four members are *ex officio*: two from the Session and one from the Diaconate. The pastor is also an *ex officio* member but does not vote. The other four voting members are elected “at-large” by the congregation, and none of these at-large members may be in active service on either the Session or the Diaconate.

Each year, the Nominating Committee presents a slate of candidates for four seats on the Session and seven seats on the Diaconate, and later, nominates members for the at-large positions on the following year’s Nominating Committee.

**This year, in addition to these duties, the ’07 Nominating Committee will have the important responsibility of nominating persons to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), which will search for our new Pastor. The process we must follow requires us to engage in a self-study and celebration of our history before we select the PNC. Therefore, we are not yet ready for that election.**

The Nominating Committee will work to ensure that its slates of nominees for the Session, the Diaconate, and, later, the PNC are representative of the whole congregation and balanced in terms of gender, age, 8:30 a.m. as well as 11 a.m. worshipers, etc. Additionally, active members of the congregation will be given the opportunity to nominate candidates from the floor, provided they have previously determined that their candidate is willing to be nominated.

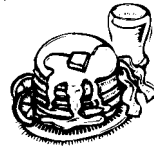
The *ex officio* members of the ’07 Nominating Committee are: Alex Denson, Chair, Bruce Cunningham, Vice-Chair, from the Session, and Bill Hatch, representing the Diaconate. The at-large candidates nominated by the ’06 Nominating Committee are: Ralph Coonrad, Susan Ketch, Anthony Dilweg, and Jennifer Feiler.

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

**Our season of Lent will begin on February 21st at WPC with the following events:**

**5:30 p.m. - Pancake Dinner - Fellowship Hall**

**7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary**



**Plan to join us!**



The **Lenten Luncheon** series will start on February 28th. Please turn to the back page of this newsletter for dates and other information. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. These are great opportunities for fellowship and inspiration during this holy season.

A complete Lenten schedule will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

## Mission Trip to Mississippi March 3-11, 2007

If you would like to participate in a hurricane relief mission trip, please contact Dorene Palermo (620-0156 or [dpalerm@attglobal.net](mailto:dpalerm@attglobal.net)). An informational meeting will be held February 11th at 2:00 p.m. in the WPC Fellowship Hall. We will discuss travel arrangements, logistics, and get a final count of who is going.



## Spring Women's Retreat

Register now for the Spring Women’s Retreat, March 23rd-25th at the Blockade Runner Hotel Cottage in Wrightsville Beach. Our facilitator will be Caroline Craig, Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry at University Presbyterian in Chapel Hill. Join us for scripture, prayer, music, reflection, fellowship, and rest as we explore the theme, “A Woman Like Me!” Registration forms are available in the Mission Center. Register by Feb. 18th and save \$20!

Questions? Contact Mary Todd Peters (967-5451 or [marytodd@thepeters.org](mailto:marytodd@thepeters.org)) or Dorene Palermo (620-0156 or [dpalerm@attglobal.net](mailto:dpalerm@attglobal.net)).

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

+ **Mary Berghaus** leaves February 12th for 2 years of service in the Peace Corps in Honduras. She will be doing AIDS prevention and infant survival work there.

+ **Bill Burig** ask for prayers for his sister-in-law, Pam Burig, who has just gotten out of the hospital and ICU with respiratory problems.

+ **Paul Etter**, who is in our Inquirers' Class along with his wife, Gail, had surgery January 26th at Duke.

+ Karl Humphries, **Josie Humphries'** 13-year-old grandson, has a recurrence of brain cancer.

+ **Susan Ketch's** grandmother, Myrtle Cooper, age 93, is under hospice care after suffering a severe stroke. Susan's father, Vern Gibson, is also in poor health.

+ **Paul Ransford** had heart surgery on February 5th at UNC Hospital. He is recovering as expected. We will send out periodic updates via email. Meals and other help will be coordinated through the church office (489-4974), so that the Ransfords are not deluged with calls!

+ **Cathy Reinhardt** is recovering at home from neck surgery on January 24th.

+ **Princess Sheldon** is still in Duke Hospital, with pain from pancreatitis.

+ **Ralph Shore**, who moved to Winston-Salem a few years ago with his wife, Bettie, is in poor health in a care facility there.

+ **Judd Staples** is in treatment for cancer, but doing well.

+ **Carol Walker** is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery on February 1st.

+ **Loma Young's** niece, Glenda Wickstrom, is struggling with a rare disease that has caused her to go on disability.

## Celebrations

+ **Dave & Cathy Snider** are grandparents again. Their second granddaughter, Amelia Elizabeth, was born to Jeni & David Snider, Jr. on Feb. 3rd in New York City.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

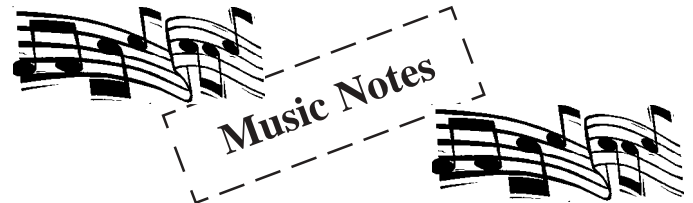
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**2007 Vacation Church School  
June 18th - 22nd.**

Registration forms will be available in early March.



**REMINDER: Teacher Workshop on February 17th, 8:30 a.m.** Please arrive on time, as we will begin immediately with Jack's devotional. This is the final workshop for this year. Please plan to attend.



OUR CHANCEL CHOIR is gearing up for a very exciting winter/spring season! Please join us as we prepare for Ash Wednesday & Lenten services, for the Presbytery worship service here on Febr. 24th, & for our spring concert (with First Pres.) on April 29th. Believe me, you will not be bored; rather, you will be uplifted & inspired. The choir could use some extra voices & we need all the energy we can get! If you can't commit to regular participation, join us for a limited time; we are very flexible. If you've been meaning to start singing again, there's no better time. We welcome everyone! Join us on Thurs. nights, 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. in the Music Room.

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

**OUR HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDS RINGERS!**

Westminster's bell choir is looking to fill a few open spots; no experience necessary. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. in the Music Room. Please call Kathryn Bunch (544-3836) if you are interested in joining this wonderful group!

Thank You!

Evelyne and I wish to thank Westminster for the personal attention, calls, cards, and prayers you offered during Evelyne's recovery from her broken leg. We were most materially grateful for the wheel chair available from the medical supply closet that the church maintains. It offered us tremendous service and comfort! Thanks, friends in Christ, for finding another way to tend the flock.

Chuck Byrd



## WPC Hosts IHN Feb. 25th - March 4th



Westminster will host IHN February 25 - March 4, 2007. During this time we will house 3 homeless families in our Sunday School classrooms and will take care of their needs, 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 Anne Vann ([thevanns@nc.rr.com](mailto:thevanns@nc.rr.com) or 493-0001).

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

If you can serve as an **overnight host** or help with **laundry** after the guests depart, please contact Sharon Barnes ([sbarnes3@nc.rr.com](mailto:sbarnes3@nc.rr.com) or 493-8184).

If you can help with **setting up** or **breaking down**, please contact Walt Beckwith ([wbeckwith@mindspring.com](mailto:wbeckwith@mindspring.com) or 489-0305).

Thank you for your support of this important Westminster mission!

### Emanuel Hispanic Fellowship of Durham-Chapel Hill

Our new worship service on Sunday afternoon, featuring contemporary music and greater participation of children and youth, has already improved attendance. The Northgate-Emanuel Academy recently celebrated the end of its first year, with over 50 music students registered and the addition of new computer courses in English and Spanish. *Entre Nosotras* (our women's group) has two workshops planned in February: "Schools of Choice" on Feb. 1st and "Parent-Child Communication" on Feb. 15th. Julio is working with a group of pastors and lay leaders in Raleigh to explore establishing a Hispanic ministry there.

Bilingual Talk Time (theme: love and friendship) - 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 9th, at First Presbyterian Church.

**New Schedule:** Northgate Presbyterian Church, 2504 Roxboro Street (All are welcome!):

- Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Devotional
- Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., Youth group (once a month, women's coffee or workshop)
- Sundays at 1:00 p.m., Worship service

Rev. Julio Ramírez-Eve, Pastor (672-4333 or [jre0412@gmail.com](mailto:jre0412@gmail.com)).



## Deacons' Corner



Durham Nativity School, serving low-income, inner-city middle school boys, is part of the mission focus for 2007. The Deacons are asking for materials to support this worthwhile program. Please use the collection boxes in the Holderness Mission Center lobby to donate any of these items (new or gently used):

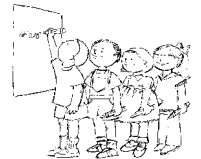
- Latin-English/English-Latin dictionaries
- regular dictionaries
- relatively updated encyclopedias
- 3-ring binder notebooks
- white construction paper
- pens, pencils and markers

Thank you for your support, and please watch for revised requests each month that tailor your generosity to specific school needs.

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When WPC hosts the Presbytery meeting on February 24th, a special offering will be collected to benefit Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). If you wish to contribute to this offering, please send a check payable to WPC and marked "IHN offering". Look at the insert in your February 18th Sunday bulletin for more information on IHN.

### Westminster School for Young Children



Join us this Saturday for our...

### ...PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BASKET RAFFLE!!

Westminster School will hold its annual Pancake Breakfast & Basket Raffle this Saturday, February 10th, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for pancakes, sausage, yogurt, fruit, juice, and coffee. Lots of children's activities are planned, and our wonderful baskets will be raffled at 10:30 a.m. The funds raised through this event will be used to pay for classroom needs and playground upgrades and maintenance.

We would love to have your support in the following ways:

- Join us for breakfast! Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children.
- Buy Basket Raffle tickets! Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or 12 for \$10. You may buy them at the breakfast, or in advance from the school office.

Please call Kathy Stickley at 489-8432 to buy your tickets! We appreciate all your support! Hope to see you at the breakfast on Saturday.

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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

**Lenten Lunches**

WPC is hosting a Lenten Luncheon on March 14th from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Lunch lasts until 12:30 p.m. and is followed by a worship service. The meal will consist of soup and sandwiches. We would like to have ten soups to serve, and need volunteers to make the soup in crockpot or dutch oven-sized amounts. Servers are also needed. Please contact Bill McAvoy (493-7547) to volunteer.

**2007 Lenten Luncheon Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Church Host</u>
2/28	St. Paul's Lutheran
3/7	Epworth United Methodist
3/14	Westminster Presbyterian
3/21	Pilgrim United Church of Christ
3/28	St. Stephen's Episcopal

**February 11, 2007 - Scouting Sunday**

**Preacher:** Jack Walchenbach  
**Title:** “Never Again to Die”  
**Texts:** Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26; I Corinthians 15:12-20

**February 18, 2007**

**Congregational Meeting at 11:00 a.m. (see page 1 for more details)**  
**Preacher:** Betty Berghaus  
**Title:** “The Chosen”  
**Texts:** Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36



The next time you're “browsing the web,” why not visit Westminster's website (www.wpcdurham.org)? The official church calendar now resides there and is featured in an eight-day scrolling format or as a full calendar. Just click on the calendar links to keep in touch with the rich fabric of activity at Westminster!

**Responsibilities for February 11 - February 18, 2007**

ACOLYTES		NURSERY	USHERS	
<b>02/11</b> Addison Joseph	<b>02/18</b> Carter Lange & Ellis Toms	<b>February Nursery Coordinator -</b> Jamie Dilweg <b>02/11</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Sally Ransford and Marcia Edwards 2-5 - David & Kathleen Lapp 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Amy & Mark Hill 2-3 - Jill Nelson and Anne Vann 4-5 - Tiffany Price and Katherine Stanley <i>Float - (Volunteer Needed)</i> <b>02/18</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Julie, Thomas, & Edward Hardison 2-5 - Hans & Kristin Hiemstra 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Robin Brown and Susan LeClair 2-3 - Debbie & Lynn Chesnut 4-5 - Diane Kelly and Mary Todd Peters <i>Float - (Volunteer Needed)</i>	<b>02/11</b> 8:30 - Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts 11:00 - Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts	
<b>LECTORS</b>			<b>02/18</b> 8:30 - David Lapp, John & Laura Graham, and Forrest Johnson 11:00 - Youth	
<b>02/11</b> 8:30 - Dorene Palermo 11:00 - Mary Beck Sutton	<b>02/18</b> 8:30 - Jim Maxwell 11:00 - David Anderson		<b>SOUND TECHNICIANS</b>	
<b>ELDER GREETERS</b>			<b>02/11</b> 8:30 - Derek Leadbetter 11:00 - Gary & Jay Lehew	
<b>02/11</b> 8:30 - Kathy Lundstrom 11:00 - David Holmes	<b>02/18</b> 8:30 - John Giragos 11:00 - Woody Warburton		<b>02/18</b> 8:30 - Derek Leadbetter 11:00 - Gary & Jay Lehew	
<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b>				
<b>02/11</b> Bill & Jeff Young	<b>02/18</b> Bill & Jeff Young			