



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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“Thank you!”

From New Hope Presbytery

Editor's note: The following letter, dated 2/28/2007, was written by Barbara Campbell Davis, Executive Presbyter/ Stated Clerk of New Hope Presbytery to Jack Walchenbach, Interim Pastor WPC.

Dear Jack,

I want to thank you and the session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Durham for assisting the Presbytery in hosting the 70th Stated Meeting. Hosting a meeting requires expert planning, preparation, and many volunteers. Your volunteers worked together so well in preparation for this event. Every need was taken care of immediately and efficiently.

Thanks to all who were there to assist with greeting, lunch tickets, registration, parking, continental breakfast, lunch, set-up, and clean-up, and those who worked behind the scenes as well. It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of them.

Your facilities are beautiful and very accomodating. A most pleasant atmosphere for all. The lunch was great, and everyone was well satisfied.

Thanks again to all the volunteers. The Presbytery Staff is grateful for their help with all the arrangements. Please express my gratitude to all who participated.

Lent 2007

The Lenten Season began on February 21st and continues through the day before Easter. It is the time when the church prepares for the highest of our Holy Days. In addition to the Lenten Lunches (listed on the back page), here are some opportunities which may help you prepare for Easter:

April 5 (Maundy Thursday)

7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday service at WPC

This is one of the most impressive services we have all year. Using Scripture and music, it is designed to remind us of the last days of Jesus' life. The service begins in light and ends in darkness and silence.

April 6 (Good Friday)

12:00 noon - Good Friday service at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. - Organ music for meditation in the WPC Sanctuary

Lenten materials are available on the resource table in the Mission Center for you to take home:

- Daily Devotionals for adults, children, and families
- “What you should know about Lent”
- Lenten Reflections

Mission Trip to Mississippi March 3-11, 2007

Please keep our Mississippi Mission Team members in your prayers through March 11th. 21 folks from 4 area churches traveled this week to help our neighbors in the Gulf Coast area, including: Dottie Bartholomay, Marge Enberg, Bob & Linda Pommerer, Chick & Dorene Palermo, Jerry & Nancy Rozak, & Eileen McAvoy - from Westminster. There are also folks from Pilgrim UCC (including interim pastor Lori Pistor), from Trinity Presbyterian in Raleigh (including their pastor, David Huffman), and from Eno River Unitarian Fellowship.

More trips will be planned to help this area that is still ravaged in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. If you are interested, please look for more announcements, or let someone in the church office (489-4974) know of your interest.



Deacons' Corner



The Deacons are pleased to report that the offering, from the recent Presbytery meeting held here at WPC, collected \$1,671.25 for IHN. Also, the attendees were asked to bring a can of food, and those generous donations will go to the Food Bank. The Deacons are very appreciative of this support for our Local Mission agencies. Together, we *are* making a difference.

Save the Date: The Durham CROP Walk is set for April 1st. Sign-up in the Courtyard after Sunday morning worship services. For more information contact Anne Vann (493-0001) or Don Rufty (493-8490).



- + **Alex Barnes'** son, Hall, had kidney surgery at Rex Hospital on February 27th.
- + **Sharon Barnes'** son, Chandler Smith, has been discharged from Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He is recuperating at home.
- + **Judy Everly's** father, Walter Hamburg, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Margaret Falkovic** had heart bypass surgery at Duke on March 2nd.
- + **Josie Humphries'** grandson, Karl (13) is now in Hospice care.
- + **Susan Landis'** aunt, Mary Hooks Monroe, died recently in Gainesville, Florida.
- + **Paul Ransford** continues to recover from heart surgery last month. He has been seen a few times at WPC worship services and in the office! He will continue to "take it easy" for a few more weeks.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE SOUL:

A Writing Workshop

Poetry, Memoir, Personal Essay, Fiction

Sponsored by The Resource Center for Women & Ministry
Durham, NC, April 20-21, 2007

The approach in this workshop will be writing from the psyche, from the content of the self, from all that's inside rather than from the form-and-craft approach. A main objective will be to find and strengthen the individual voice and vision in a way that won't be lost when the rejections, criticisms, outside canons, self-doubts, and other voices start hitting; in a way that will make for serious, powerful, satisfying, lasting, and true writing. We will use memory, self-exploration, poetry exercises, and experiments to help identify our own stories, concerns, rhythms, words, dreams, issues, aesthetics, voices, and voice. We will put "creative" back into Creative Writing. We will learn that craft is spiritual.

Leader, Sharon Doubiago, has written more than two-dozen books and has been leading *Autobiography of the Soul* workshops for twenty years.

The cost is \$75. For more information, call 683-1236.



MP2 VISITS DIFFERENT HOUSES OF GOD

During the month of February, our MP2 classes visited three different places of worship. They toured Judea Reformed Synagogue, Duke Chapel, and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The children learned about different ways to worship God, identified a variety of faith symbols, and observed how different houses of worship appear.

Rabbi John Friedman spoke to the children about Judaism and let them examine the Torah. Two docents met the children inside the Duke Chapel and explained many of the stories told in the stained glass windows. They also took the children downstairs to the crypt. Barbara Legg shared many traditions of the Catholic Church with our group, and she allowed them freedom to walk through their sanctuary while asking any questions they might have. On the fourth Wednesday of February, we all shared memories and lessons of our visits.

Many thanks to the leaders and parents of MP2 who were willing to accompany the children. We were able to take 50 people on each of the trips. It was a wonderful learning experience.

Congratulations to these youth who have recently completed the Sacraments Class:

Liza Aldridge, Virginia Capehart, Madison Dunk, Betsy Kelly, Carter Lange, Megan Mouton, Megan Pottenger, Allie Ruffing, Madison Ruffing, Caroline Skeen, and Ellis Toms.

Home Furnishings Needed for Homeless Ministry

Monroe Christian Church has secured a house which they hope will become a home for up to 10 homeless men. They have volunteer personnel to manage it, but the only furnishing they have is a stove. They especially need single beds, a refrigerator, dressers, lamps, and kitchen wares. If you have any home furnishings you would like to contribute, please call Pastor Delois Burnett (599-5880), and she will arrange to have your items picked up.





JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR. . .we're very busy this time of year & would love to share the work with you! Extra voices are always needed. As we prepare for Maundy Thursday, Easter, and our spring concert with First Presbyterian (April 29th), we are reminded that music is one of God's greatest gifts. You will not regret participating in this meaningful service to your church (and you will not be bored either)! Even 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 time like the present—let us welcome you. **Join us on Thursday nights, 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the Music Room.**

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

JUNIOR CHOIR continues to be a wonderfully vibrant group of young singers & ringers! It's never too late to join us. Where? Music Room (in Holderness Mission Center). When? Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. (note that there is no rehearsal on March 14th). **Questions?** Call or e-mail Monica Rossman, 489-4974, ext. 113; monica@wpcdurham.org.

Calling all brass players for Easter services: If you are a brass player, or know of one who would like to be included in our 2007 Easter ensemble, please call or e-mail Monica Rossman ASAP (see contact info above). We are in the process of forming this year's ensemble & setting a rehearsal schedule.

Emanuel Hispanic Fellowship of Durham-Chapel Hill

A Special Invitation from Emanuel Hispanic and Northgate Presbyterian Churches:

To our bilingual musical Easter drama
"Milagro de Amor" ("Miracle of Love")
Saturday, March 31st, at 7:00 p.m.

Free admission, with food for sale afterward (to support music academy)

Northgate Presbyterian Church, 2504 N. Roxboro Street
Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve (919) 672-4333



Hew Hope Camp and Conference Center (NHCCC) will hold its annual CampFest silent and live auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 14th. The live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. This major fund raiser will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and wine and some very special auction items.

Last year's CampFest auction items included: a new piano, weekend stays at mountain and coastal properties, original paintings, legal services, and much more.

Tickets are limited and are on sale for \$20 each through the NHCCC office (942-4716).

If you would like to help with the hors d'oeuvres or donate something for the auction, please contact NHCCC or Michael Reich (489-9074).

Summer is fast approaching, and we are already receiving registrations for camp. Please visit our website (www.newhopeccc.org) to see the full brochure.

We hope you will attend CampFest in April. It's an entertaining evening you don't want to miss!

Westminster School for Young Children



The month of March holds lots of excitement for the students and families of Westminster School. On Friday, March 16th, Mary LaScala, from Chapel Hill Pediatric Psychology, will talk to our parents. Her topic this year is "Sibling Rivalry." Mary helps us with parent education and her sessions are always well attended.

We will soon begin to learn about life on the continent of Africa. Our festive African Market Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st, and will be held on Westminster's front lawn. Stop by and "shop" with us! Our three-year-olds are looking forward to their second field trip - to Randy's Pizza! They will make, and then eat, their own pizzas!

Registration for our Summer Camp program begins on March 1st. We reserve the entire month of March for our own children to register. If you have friends who are interested in having their children attend, have them call our office (489-8432) to be placed on the waiting list. We will fill any available space with their children as of Monday, April 2nd.

Summer Camp session dates are as follows:

Session 1: June 18th - 29th

Session 2: July 9th - 20th

Session 3: August 6th - 10th

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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 in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch begins at 11:45 a.m. and is followed by a worship service in the Sanctuary at 12:30 p.m. The meal will consist of soup and sandwiches. Please plan to attend at our home church as well as the others on the schedule below.

2007 Lenten Luncheon Schedule

Date	Church Host
3/14	Westminster Presbyterian
3/21	Pilgrim UCC
3/28	St. Stephen's Episcopal

March 11, 2007

Preacher: Jack Walchenbach

Title: “One More Chance”

Texts: Isaiah 55:1-9; I Corinthians 10:1-13;
 Luke 13:1-19

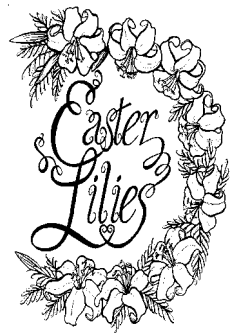
March 18, 2007

Preacher: Betty Berghaus

Title: “The Lost Are Found”

Texts: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

It's time to order Easter Lilies in honor or memory of a loved one. These lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for the morning services on Easter Sunday, and the dedications will appear in the Easter bulletin. Order forms are available on the information table in the Mission Center hallway. Deadline for all orders is March 30th.



Call Gail (489-4974) for more information.

Responsibilities for March 11 - March 18, 2007

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
03/11 <i>Volunteer Needed</i> 03/18 <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	March Nursery Coordinator - Jennifer Feiler 03/11 8:30 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Lynn Schmalzer and Tom Morris 2-5 - Charlotte & Willem Lombard 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Diane Kelly and Lisa Whitfield 2-3 - Sarah & John High 4-5 - Bob & Melissa Good <i>Float</i> - Shayne & Angela Ruffing 03/18 8:30 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Marge Enberg and Cathy Smith 2-5 - Tracey Holsinger & Bruce Capehart 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Michelle Beischer 2-3 - Lynn & Chris McLaughlin 4-5 - Jennifer & Michael Feiler <i>Float</i> - (<i>Volunteer Needed</i>)	03/11 8:30 - Bobby Bosworth, George Edwards, and Todd & Erica Hill 11:00 - Amy & Abby Davis, and Debra & Jon DuBose 03/18 8:30 - Don & Shirley Rufty, Jeff & Mary Beck Sutton, and Dennis Enberg 11:00 - Shayne, Angela, Allie, & Madison Ruffing
LECTORS		SOUND TECHNICIANS
03/11 8:30 - Debbie Hatch 11:00 - Bill Hatch 03/18 8:30 - Howard Pedersen 11:00 - Carlisle Willard		03/11 8:30 - Don Dates 11:00 - <i>Volunteer Needed</i> 03/18 8:30 - Don Dates 11:00 - <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
ELDER GREETERS		
03/11 8:30 - Kay Bailey 11:00 - Susie Park 03/18 8:30 - Sue McCaughan 11:00 - Eric Wolf		
OFFERING COUNTERS		
03/11 Beth Eagen & Gloria Kanoy 03/18 Barbara Rynerson & Jules Taylor		