



NEWS AT A GLANCE

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do ju

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Palm/Passion Sunday April 9th

Palm Sunday services will begin with the children's Palm Sunday Parade. Children will gather ten minutes before each service in the courtyard to receive palms for the parade. We will form a parade line and march into the Sanctuary waving palms and carrying the "fish banks" for One Great Hour of Sharing. COME! Don't miss the parade!

Maundy Thursday Service April 13th - 7:30 PM

One of the most impressive services we have is our annual Maundy Thursday service, which is held on the Thursday evening before Easter. Using Scripture and music, this service is designed to remind us of the last days of Jesus' life. We begin in light and end in darkness and silence. This is an excellent way to prepare for Easter.

Easter Morning April 16th

Two identical services at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.; no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday. Join us for the **Easter Brunch** festivities in the Fellowship Hall. The brunch is a covered dish affair that begins at 9:30 a.m. and is finished in time for the 11:00 service. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for preschoolers - rain or shine. Please bring a dish to share.

The Chancel Choir will sing and the **Brass Ensemble** will play at both services. We will celebrate Easter morning with music, lights, prayer, Scripture, and thoughts about what it means to be an Easter People.

Easter Offering: This year's Easter Offering will be divided equally between One Great Hour of Sharing (our Denominational hunger offering) and funds to build a new shelter at New Hope Camp.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are starting a prayer shawl ministry at Westminster. The purpose of this ministry is to knit shawls for people who are hurting and in need of comfort. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, April 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. All are welcome. If you do not know how to knit and would like to learn, we will get you started and teach you how. Please join us! Just bring size 15 knitting needles and four skeins of bulky weight washable yarn. Questions? Contact Kim Scott (493-0238 or scottfamily@nc.rr.com) or Amy Hill (403-8974 or markandamyhill@gmail.com).



WPC Hosts IHN April 23rd - 30th



Westminster will host IHN April 23-30, 2006. 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 or help with laundry after the guests depart, 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).

Thanks for your support of this important Westminster mission!



Report

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to make this year's CROP Walk a success. We had a great group of walkers from Westminster, including a large youth group contingent and a group of boy scouts led by Chip Reinhardt. Many people supported them with generous pledges.

Now it's time to collect the money!! All money should be collected and sent to the church office by April 15th. So, if you are a walker, please collect all of your money, total your pledges, and bring the sealed CROP Walk envelope to Barbara Fletcher in the church office, or if she's not there, drop the sealed envelope in the safe located in the church office. If you made a donation in honor of *Go For The Gold For Haywood*, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Crop Walk/Gold" and drop it off in the church office or drop it in the safe. Thanks again for the great support to help end world hunger! If you have any questions, please call Carol Cunningham (403-9698).

Congregational Meetings

The session has called a meeting of the congregation for 11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 9th, to hear the report of your Nominating Committee concerning recommendations for the election of 4 new Elders and 7 new Deacons. Other nominations may be made from the floor and will be included on the final ballot.

There will be a second congregational meeting at 11:00 a.m. on April 23rd to elect those 11 new officers.

Responsibilities for
April 2nd -
April 9th

ACOLYTES

04/02 Allie Ruffing & Kevin Scott
04/09 Will Dozier & Meredith Dorminey

LECTORS

04/02 8:30 - John Graham
11:00 - Kim Scott
04/09 8:30 - Amy Simonson
11:00 - Sally Keener

NURSERY

*Nursery Coordinator for April:
Volunteer Needed*

04/02 8:30 *Infants/Toddlers* - Barb Vanden Broek
2-5 - Mark Easley & Mary Grigg
11:00 *Infants* - LuRuth Arena
Toddlers - Lisa Whitfield
2&3 - Olivia Cleary & Kenzie Brannon
4&5 - Sam & Katy Knoll
Float - (Volunteer Needed)
04/09 8:30 *Infants/Toddlers* - Erik & Andy Dunk
2-5 - David & Kathleen Lapp
11:00 *Infants* - Jim & Vivian Young
Toddlers - Mark & Amy Hill
2&3 - Diane Kelly & Elizabeth Aldridge
4&5 - Jennifer & Mike Feiler
Float - Volunteer Needed

USHERS

04/02 8:30 - Bill McAvoy, Thomas Hardison, Perry Tharrington, & Jerry Rozak
11:00 - John, Julia, & Tanner Lockhead, and Carol & Graham Kelly
04/09 8:30 - Fritz Simonson, Alice Decker, and David & Walker Duling
11:00 - Dave & Cathy Snider, Rachel Chang, and Bill, Barb, & Jonathan Burig

OFFERING COUNTERS

04/02 Alex & Mary Denson
04/09 Beth Eagen & Gloria Kanoy

ELDER GREETERS

04/02 8:30 - Pete McWilliams
11:00 - John Knight
04/09 8:30 - Beth Maxwell
11:00 - Mary Fritz

SOUND TECHNICIANS

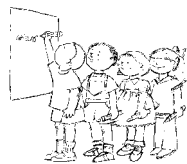
04/02 8:30 - Doug Wellemeier
11:00 - Frank Stallings
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Preaching Schedule

April 2, 2006 - Holy Communion
Preacher: Betty Berghaus
Text: Mark 15:1-20
Title: "The Last Hours, Part V: Pontius Pilate"

April 9, 2006 - Palm/Passion Sunday
Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Texts: Mark 11:1-11; 15:16-39
Title: "The Last Hours, Part VI: From Both Ends of Town to the Cross"

April 16, 2006 - Easter Sunday
Baptism of Laney Jane Blackwood
Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Text: Mark 16:1-8
Title: "The First Hours"



**Westminster
School for
Young Children**

The staff and students of Westminster School are looking forward to the month of April and a very special celebration. The National Association for the Education of Young Children sponsors the Week of the Young Child each year to bring national attention to children's issues. The theme for this year is "Building Better Futures for All Children". As we focus on the needs of our students, the Westminster staff has decided to go one step further. On our campus, we will celebrate the Month of the Young Child! A number of special events are being planned in the classrooms, and the festivities will end with a children's art show and our Spring Fling, on Saturday, April 29th.

FYI - The baskets for our Spring Basket Raffle will be on display in the school hallway beginning on Monday, April 3rd. Plan to stop by and look at them! The drawing for these baskets will be held at our Spring Fling. More information later.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

- + **Esther Acolatse** is at home with pneumonia.
- + **Marcia Anders** asks for prayers for her son, John DeLargy, and his wife, Tonya. Tonya's father, Cecil Delano Eakes, died March 27th.
- + **George Eaves** is at home and is receiving out-patient dialysis at Duke University Medical Center.
- + **Hazel Gaddis'** sister, Lola Wynn, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died on March 20th after an extended illness.
- + **Debby Kredich** is at home recovering from a fall. She is receiving treatment for cancer.
- + **Mazo Murchison** is recovering at home after being hospitalized for tests.
- + **Mary Beck Sutton** continues to help care for her mother, Mary Lillian White, in Georgia. **Jeff Sutton's** mother, Lois, is also very ill in South Carolina.
- + **Michael Votta** had outpatient surgery on March 13th.

★ **Celebrations!** ★

- + Eleanor Laughter Post Finkle was born to **Joanne & Andrew Finkle** on March 20th. (The Finkles were members of the latest Inquirers' Class, but were unable to join due to the birth of Eleanor. Please welcome all of the Finkles!)
- + **Diane Kelly** was recently given an appreciation award by the Durham Public Schools for her work as a school counselor.

SAFETY ALERT

We continue to have car break-ins at the church - day and evening. Almost all of them have been when someone leaves a purse or briefcase or anything that looks like that in clear view from outside the car. Also, be careful where you leave purses in the church buildings. We have a whole lot of people who come through our doors nearly every day.

**Time to Register for
2006 Vacation Church School
June 19th - 23rd
"WILDERNESS BOUND!"**



Look for registration forms on the resource table in the Mission Center.

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