



...The Rest of the Story



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FORUM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The **Forum Sunday School Class** will be graced by two very interesting visitors during April. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Sunday, April 23 C. S. Lewis will be the topic and **Wesley A. Kort**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Religion at Duke University, where he specializes in religion and modern and contemporary culture with particular emphasis on the convergence of religion and literary studies, will facilitate the class. Bring your queries and comments about *The Tales of Narnia*, *Mere Christianity*, *The Abolition of Man*, *The Screwtape Letters*, or others. An hour won't be long enough!

Sunday, April 30 **Sue Fricks**, New Hope Presbytery Minister-at-Large, will be the guest presenter and will talk about the PC(USA) Worldwide Ministries Division and Peacemaking efforts. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about how our congregation works throughout the world, and how little things can mean so much.

★ **Congregational Election:** ★ **May 7th at 11:00 a.m.**

Look inside this newsletter (pages 3 & 4) for more information about our officer nominees.

Acolytes, Lectors, Nursery, & Usher Volunteers Needed

It's springtime! It is the time of year to sign up for some of the volunteer activities that contribute to our worship services for the coming year. For example, (1) lend a hand in caring for the **nursery**, (2) add to the emphasis of the worship service by being a **lector**, (3) help with managing the smooth flow of the service by **ushering**, (4) add to the beauty of worship by contributing to the **floral display**, and (5) arrange to have your children be involved as **acolytes**. A sign-up table will be available outside the church beginning with the nursery sign up on April 23rd. All five sign-ups will be available on April 30th and May 7th. **This is an opportunity to offer your services for the enhancement of the worship experience for all.** An instruction session will be provided before July 1st for lectors, ushers, and acolytes. A coordinator will contact you with more information.

Remember: You may sign up for more than one activity!



Family Night Supper **Wednesday, April 26th** **5:45 p.m., WPC Fellowship Hall** **Sponsored by MP2**

- Main dish and beverages provided.
- Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- Everyone is invited!
- Come and enjoy friends, fellowship, and good food!
- Help us live out our theme, "God's World, Our World", by offering to help with clean-up and dishwashing.



Deacons' Corner

Saturday, May 13th,

Mission Work Day, 8am-2pm.



We will paint, garden, organize, and clean at 3 sites: New Hope Camp & Conference Center, Andover Apartments, and the Fellowship Hall kitchen at WPC. Breakfast, lunch, and childcare will be provided, and older kids (grades 6 and up) are welcome to join in the work. Sign-ups will begin Sunday, April 30th, in the courtyard after worship services.

Contact Michael Reich (mreich1@nc.rr.com or 878-7607).



DO YOU NEED A LISTENING EAR?

We have 8 Stephen Ministers (6 women and 2 men) about to "graduate" from our training program! They will be ready to care for folks in need or crisis with capable and caring listening skills. This is a confidential listening ministry. If you, or someone you know, needs a Stephen Minister, please contact Betty Berghaus (489-4974, ext. 108; betty@wpcdurham.org).



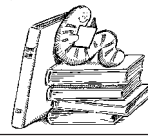
- + **Walt Beckwith's** mother, Jean, is recovering from injuries received in a fall. She is in rehab in Virginia.
- + Bessie Ross, **Sally Cook's** mother, has been in Durham Regional Hospital recovering from a mild heart attack. She has returned to Hillcrest.
- + **Julie Fishell-Billman** asks for prayers for a colleague, Kenneth Strong, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- + **Hazel Gaddis'** sister died recently.
- + **Peggy Glenn's** father, Jason Dean, is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- + **Tom Higgins'** father, John, has been diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer.
- + **Josie Humphries** had hip replacement surgery on April 10th.
- + **Graham Kelly** is recovering at home from surgery on April 12th on his ear drum.
- + **Debby Kredich** is at home undergoing treatment for cancer and recovering from a fall.
- + **Tonya Mills'** grandfather died last week.
- + **Barb Vanden Broek's** brother-in-law, Bruce Pearson, died of cancer in Michigan.



- + **Robin & Doug Brown** have a new son, Spencer Robert Brown, born April 3rd.
- + Elise Joy Chang was born to **Rachel & Jamie Chang** on April 6th.
- + **Carolyn & Don Cleaver** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner hosted by their sons, Gordon, Larry, and Brian, on March 24th.

RIDES NEEDED:

Judy Hendrixon, a faithful member of our congregation for many years, has had to give up her car recently. She still would like to come to church and church events. She lives at the JFK Towers in north Durham. If you can give her a ride to church, please call her at 471-3440.



Library Alert

Book Review of *Walking the Bible* By Bruce Feiler

Walking the Bible, by Bruce Feiler, gives the reader a close-up look at the sites of early Bible stories. The author knew the stories from childhood, but wanted to see the locations and read the stories there. He found a knowledgeable guide, archaeologist Avner Goran. The two take the reader on a 10,000 mile pilgrimage through the Holy Land.

The author takes us along, identifying physical features which are the narrative settings for Adam and Eve, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Joseph, and Moses. The reader is taken to Mount Ararat, Iraq's Tigris and Euphrates river valley, Egypt, and the Sinai of the Exodus. We go to Haran and dwell in Bebovin tent villages. We visit Mt. Moriah, Sodom, and the Dead Sea.

When walking this land with the author, we are reminded that the land was not the destination, but the journey to faith. Moses warned the travellers of what must be faced. He urged them to choose life and obey God's voice. The lessons learned on this long cleansing journey molded the people into God's chosen nation. The destination was learning to live in concert with the Divine.

Bruce Feiler has written many books and articles on entirely different subjects. He begins the journey with us without spiritual assumption, but comes face to face with his own faith as he walks the lands of the Bible.

Review by Barbara Penick

Choir Notes

Many thanks to all of our wonderful Westminster musicians for once again making the Lenten/Easter season so very special. You have gone above and beyond the call of duty in so many ways, helping to make our worship music meaningful and beautiful—thank you!

Mark your calendars: The Chancel Choir's annual spring concert is set for Sunday, May 7th, at 5:00 p.m. here at Westminster. This year, the choirs of Westminster & First Presbyterian will perform Schubert's Mass in G & Mozart's Missa Brevis in C (K. 258) with a small chamber orchestra. The concert is free and open to the public. Bring your family and friends—don't miss this fabulous music! A reception follows the program.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS



NOMINATIONS

Your nominating committee presents the following slate of officer candidates for the May 7th election:

Elder nominees:

Kathryn Bunch - I am originally from Atlanta, Georgia, and grew up traveling with my parents as my father served as an officer in the United States Navy.

When I returned to my native state to attend the University of Georgia, I met and married Michael Bunch, my husband of 36 years. We have two married daughters and three adorable granddaughters.

Since moving to Durham in 1978, I have served as minister of music at three churches, taught elementary and middle school music, and have been an active school and community volunteer. I enjoy co-directing the Calling Chords, teaching piano and voice, and working part-time as a content specialist at Measurement, Incorporated.

Michael and I joined WPC in 1999. I direct the handbell choir and love to sing with the Chancel Choir when time permits. I have served on several church committees and am active in the Present Word Sunday school class, two supper clubs, and the Monday Lunch Bunch.

Bruce Cunningham - My wife, Carol, and I, along with our two daughters, Shannon (22) and Kristin (18), became members of Westminster when we moved to Durham in 1996 when I became University Registrar at Duke University. I have been a member of the Chancel Choir for several years, and also serve as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Westminster Fellowship, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Duke. I have a great deal of experience in leadership roles and am honored to be called to serve on the Session at Westminster. I am especially interested in the youth programs, worship and music, and the mission focus of the church. Despite the loss we all will feel with Haywood's departure, the next few years will be a very challenging, but exciting, period for our church, and I welcome the opportunity to be part of that challenge.

Sara Tatum Pottenger - Dave and I joined Westminster about 15 years ago upon our move to Durham from Charlotte. I am a stay-at-home (hah!) mom, and I am busy with community work, caring for our family, and playing tennis and golf when possible. We have two daughters, Tatum (14), is in the eighth grade, and Megan (8) is in the third grade. Both girls attended Westminster Kindergarten, and both are active in youth activities for their ages here at the church. Dave is an Elder and completed a term on the Session several years ago.

I have served Westminster as a Deacon, as "Called to Action" Capital Campaign Co-chair (along with Dave), as Interfaith Hospitality Network Mission Chair, as Westminster Kindergarten (now School for Young Children) Board Chair, on the Stewardship Committee, on the Mission Focus Committee, and as WPC representative to Durham Congregations in Action. I have also enjoyed various Bible study courses at the church.

I currently serve on the Board of Trustees at Davidson College and on the Board of Trustees at Durham Academy. I am also President of the Parents Association at Durham Academy for 2005-06.

Shayne Ruffing - The Ruffing family joined WPC in 1997 after an exhaustive search to find a church home. My wife, Angela, and I currently have three daughters: Allie (8), Madison (6), and Grayson (3). They will be joined by a baby brother or sister in November of 2006. Allie and Madison both attended Westminster Kindergarten, and Grayson is enrolled to begin in the fall of 2006. Angela is a Durham native and former teacher who stays at home to manage our growing household. I was raised as an Air Force brat and traveled across the globe until settling in North Carolina in 1988 to go to college at Elon College. Angela and I met while both students at Elon.

Since joining WPC, I have been involved in leading the Men's Breakfast Fellowship, working with the Kiev fundraising effort, and organizing dinners for the Homeless Shelter. Angela and I have taught the 7th and 8th grade Sunday school class and worked with the youth group as adult sponsors. I have served three years on our Board of Deacons and led the board as Moderator during my final year. Currently, I am coordinating the completion of the Calhoon Cabin.

Deacon nominees:

Bill Burig - I was born and raised in New Wilmington, PA, where I also graduated from Westminster College. It was there that I met and married my wife, Barb. We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary this past year. I received a M.Ed. from the University of Georgia and currently serve as the Associate University Registrar at Duke. Barb and I joined Westminster in 1995. Our children, Amy (19), a sophomore at Furman University, and Jonathan (17), a junior at Riverside High School, are also members of Westminster. They have been very involved with the youth group. Barb and I have served in the nursery for 9 years. Among other volunteer activities, I recently participated in one of the hurricane relief trips to Mississippi and assisted with the construction of the shower trailers. I'm quite honored to be nominated to serve as a Deacon, and if elected, will work hard to fulfill the responsibilities.

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Deacon Nominees:

Scotti Harwood Dunlop - I found Westminster when I first moved to Durham in 1996. Immediately I joined the choir and a supper club. The community I found in this church inspired me to get and stay actively involved. Over the years, in addition to choir and supper clubs, I have taught Youth and little people's Sunday school, been a lector, and participated in Bible study. I currently serve on the Ways & Means Committee as the Endowment Committee Chair. I am blessed with a wonderful husband, Dan Dunlop, and the sunshine in my life is my daughter Meg. For a day job, I continue a career in arts and non-profit management as the VP for Development and Communications for Child Care Services Association. Dan and I are both volunteers with Durham Crisis Response Center, a Westminster supported non-profit. I am honored to be called to serve as a Deacon during this time of change and hope my various skills and experience can be of some benefit.

Bill Hatch - My wife, Debbie, and I have been members at WPC since 1990, and our children, Erynn (18), Gabe (14) and Cooper (13), have gone or are going through Confirmation and have joined the church. Gabe and Cooper were baptized as infants at WPC. Debbie and I were Sunday School teachers for six years, then moved to being Youth Sponsors, and more recently, we have started lecturing. I have been on numerous youth and family church campouts and retreats, and involved with the youth mission ministry, including the Hyde County projects and the 2005 Mexico Mission Trip. I am also a regular at the shelter meals designated to the youth group, and over this past year have gotten involved in IHN, serving as an overnight host on several occasions. I have noticed that IHN overnights are quieter than Youth Group lock-ins, but not as much fun.

Louise Holland - I have been a member of Westminster since 1995. My husband, Gene, and I have three children - Elizabeth (10), Trey (7), and Jennie (3). I grew up in Lumberton, NC and have fond memories of going to Carolina football and basketball games. I graduated from UNC in 1987 and taught Kindergarten and Third Grade for several years. Over the past few years, I have served on the board of the Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties, chaired the Kindergarten board at Westminster, chaired Trinity School's annual auction, and I am currently a leader for Girl Scout Troop 215.

My Stephen Ministry training has equipped me with many tools. I am honored to be considered for the position of

Deacon and to have the opportunity to serve our Westminster family over the next three years. Our church will be going through changes, but if I am elected to serve, I will welcome the opportunity to learn more about our church, our community, and the history and governing rules of Presbyterians.

Jim Joseph - I came to Durham, as many people do, fourteen years ago to attend graduate school at Duke (Ph.D. Pharmacology). However, as the years have passed and my family has grown to include not only myself but my wife of thirteen years, Tracy, and our two daughters, Addison (8) and Audrey (5), Durham has become not only an educational stop but our home. I spent my formidable years in St. Louis before leaving the Midwest to attend Clemson University (where Tracy and I met). Currently, I am employed by Duke as a Research Scientist. Although I was raised in the Methodist church, Tracy and I have attended Westminster for approximately ten years and have been members for the last 5. In my free time I enjoy hiking, biking and relaxing with my family.

Darren Skeen - My wife, Vicki, and I joined Westminster in 1996, shortly after our son, Benjamin, was born. Keeping Ben and Caroline (7) involved in their athletic, educational and social activities provides the focus of much of what we do. I work in sales with Spectrum Financial Systems, a reseller of banking and security equipment to the financial industry. Most of my civic experience was through the Durham Jaycees, of which I was a member for 11 years. I served as both a director and an officer with the Jaycees, as well as chairing numerous fund-raising and community development projects. I have served for the last six years on the board of directors for Project Graduation of Durham. As a church member, I have served on Sundays in the nursery, as an usher, and as an offering counter. I have also been active in church athletics - forming our church basketball team six years ago, and coaching ever since. It is an honor to be nominated to the Board of Deacons, and I will welcome the opportunity to serve.

Anne Vann - I was born and raised in Burlington, NC and went to college at NCSU. I graduated with a bachelor's in Industrial Engineering and have held various engineering roles at General Electric since. While at college, I met my husband Tim. We have two beautiful daughters; Ashley is almost 5 years old and Kelly just turned 2. We have been members of Westminster for 10 years. In the early years (before kids), Tim and I both helped with the Youth Group. I currently serve as the Nursery Coordinator for WPC. I am also involved in the Young Adult Supper Club, serve on the Worship Committee, and help as a shepherd for the 4-year old MP2 group. I look forward to getting more involved at WPC as a Deacon.

Evacuee Resettlement

The Evacuee Resettlement Task Force has been working with a young man, Kendrick (22), for the past four months to help him settle into Durham with housing and necessities, all made possible through the donations of this congregation. Kendrick's son, Kendrick, nicknamed "Fuzzy", was here initially but was sent back to live with his mother while Kendrick got settled.

Fuzzy is now back in Durham with Kendrick, and we are asking the congregation to help us with some of his needs. Now that Fuzzy is 18-months-old he will need a new forward facing car seat. He will also need some summer clothing in 18-month size or fall clothing in 24-month size. We welcome donations of new or gently used clothing in these sizes. Other needs are diapers (sizes 4 and 5), wipes, baby shampoo, and lotion. Cash donations are also needed. Please make your checks payable to WPC, marked "Evacuee Task Force" in the memo portion.

If you are interested in donating any of these items, please contact the project coordinators, Kirsten Overholt (hotdogoverholt@aol.com) or Meg Yarbrough (mbaron@nc.rr.com), so items will not be duplicated.

Thank You For Making Easter Special

Many thanks to all of you who made Easter so special at WPC this year: the musicians, the ushers, and nursery keepers, the "Shade Brigade" and Sanctuary Guild, the Fellowship Committee who organized the brunch, the sound technicians, and our liturgical dancer ... and all the rest of you who so graciously greeted and welcomed the huge number of guests who were with us!

To the Dear Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church,

For one week (March 19 - 25) you shared volunteers with the city of D'Iberville, Mississippi, and for this the residents of that Gulf Coast town will be ever grateful. Assistance was sorely needed in the midst of a long and taxing recovery process, and the cheerfulness and initiative the Durham volunteers brought with them was needed even more.

Volunteers reaching out to those in need are the hands and feet of the body of Christ. Take them back into your lives with a piece of our hearts. For their strength and generosity, we give thanks to the Lord.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Renton
Village Manage, D'Iberville
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



The baskets for our Spring Basket Raffle are on display now in the school hallway. Make plans to come by and take a look! Each basket is worth over \$100, and raffle tickets cost only \$1.00 each, or 12 for \$10.00. The money earned from this fundraiser will be used to purchase games, manipulatives, books, and other items for our classrooms.

The raffle will take place at our annual "Spring Fling" which is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm. Chicks will be hatching, families will be visiting, and everyone will enjoy a hot dog supper. There are lots of activities planned for the children. Drop by and join the fun! If you know anyone who might be interested in our program, please invite them.

We still have spaces available next year for four-year-olds, and a few available for three-year-olds. Please let us know if you know of anyone who might be interested (489-8432).

*You are cordially invited to attend
a spring concert given by
The Durham Children's Choir (Scott Hill, director)
on Saturday, April 22nd, at 3:00 p.m.
in Westminster's sanctuary or
on Sunday, April 30th, at 3:00 p.m.
at Duke Chapel.
Free admission; donations accepted.
For more information:
scotthill@durhamchildrenschoir.org*



**CampFest 2006
Auction & Appetizers
Saturday, April 22nd
New Hope Camp & Conference
Center Dining Hall**

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Hors d'ouvres, wine, and auction item viewing, silent auction* bids

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Live auction* and silent auction results

*Auction items include: a new piano, UNC football tickets, and weekends at the coast and mountains just to name a few!

\$20 per person
Tickets on sale now through the NHCCC office
(942-4716) or from Michael Reich
(878-7607 or 489-9074)
www.newhopeccc.org

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April 23, 2006

11:00 a.m. - Congregational Meeting

Preacher: Paul Ransford

Title: "Now What?"

Text: I John 3:1-7

April 30, 2006 - Birthday Sunday

Preacher: Haywood Holderness

Title: "No Ghosts Here!"

Text: Luke 24:36-49

May 7, 2006 - Youth & Confirmation Sunday

11:00 a.m. - Officer Elections

Calendar Highlights

- 4/22 8:00a.m. Cub Scout Pack #451 Yard Sale - Fellowship Hall**
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday Planning Meeting - Youth Suite**
- 4/23 11:00 a.m. Worship - Congregational Meeting**
- 12:15 p.m. Evacuee Resettlement Task Force Room 103**
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Room 105**
- 7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting - Room 105**
- 4/28 - 30 Women's Spring Retreat - Wrightsville Beach**
- 4/29 4:00 p.m. Westminster School Spring Fling**
- 4/30 2:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Committee - Room 105**
- 3:00 p.m. Property Management Committee - Room 103**
- 4:00 p.m. Session Meeting with Confirmands- Room 105**

Cub Scout Benefit Yard Sale

Pack 451's second annual yard sale will be Saturday, April 22nd, 8 a.m. to 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. This sale will benefit the new elementary school the Pack is building in San Ramon, Nicaragua. Please donate items by bringing them to the Fellowship Hall anytime Friday, April 21st. If you have bulky items, if you would like to donate cash, or if you have any questions, call Cubmaster John Chase (493-3835). To read more about the school, visit the Pack website at www.pack451inc.com/html/cerro_grande.html. The Cub Scouts thank you!

Responsibilities for April 23 - April 30, 2006

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
04/23 <i>Volunteers Needed</i>	April Nursery Coordinator - Anne Vann	04/23 8:30 - John & Cindy Sundy, Sharon Barnes, and Dottie Bartholomay
04/30 Kaleigh Roe	04/23 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Sally Ransford 2-5 - Dave Prosser	11:00 - Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton, John Cowan, and Darren & Ben Skeen
LECTORS	11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Beverly McGraw	04/30 8:30 - Ann Kline, Dot Borden, Bud Cowdery, and Beth Crawford
04/23 8:30 - Mike Bunch	<i>Toddlers</i> - Neal & Monica Nichols	11:00 - Carol Cunningham, Gail Johnson, Harriette Frank, and Ruth & Shiloh Tasgal
11:00 - John Dancy	2-3 - Forrest Johnson & Eileen McAvoy	SOUND TECHNICIANS
04/30 8:30 - Dan Milam	4-5 - Tracy & Jim Joseph	04/23 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer
11:00 - Bill Hatch	<i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	11:00 - Frank Stallings
ELDER GREETERS	04/30 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Mary Holderness	04/30 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer
04/23 8:30 - Ken Diehl	2-5 - Jamie & Anthony Dilweg	11:00 - Frank Stallings
11:00 - Nathan Wilke	11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Christie Zawtock & Rachel Chang	
04/30 8:30 - Nick Kredich	<i>Toddlers</i> - Tiny Bradley & Phyllis Swearengen	
11:00 - Eric Wolf	2-3 - Ralph & Sue McCaughan	
OFFERING COUNTERS	4-5 - Tiffany Price and Lynn & Logan Toms	
04/23 Dan & Martha Milam		
04/30 Sara & Tatum Pottenger		