



Westminster Presbyterian Church

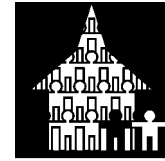


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**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Inquirers' Classes

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 of WPC?

If so, join our spring 2006 Inquirers' Class. It will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.) from May 14 - June 18.



Deacons' Corner



Important Events Coming Up! Mark Your Calendars!

May 13: Mission Work Day - Come by yourself, come with your family, or bring a friend, but join us for a morning of fellowship and elbow grease as we help with landscaping projects and maintenance/painting. After a light breakfast, groups will go from church to New Hope Camp, with Michael Reich and crew, and to Andover House with Duck Rufty and crew, or stay at WPC to work in the kitchen cleaning and organizing with Dana Lange. Activities begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude with lunch in the Fellowship Hall. A nursery will be provided for children younger than 6th grade. Sixth grade or older? Come help!

May 26-29: Memorial Day Weekend Family Camping at Pres. Point - Friday-Monday, at Sailors' Haven. Make plans now for the whole family to attend. More details coming soon, or contact John Lockhead (401-4900 or johnl@brandit.com).

Collection Boxes - Get Mugged! Throughout May the collection boxes are dedicated to the Food Shelter. They need ceramic coffee mugs. Clean out the cupboard and help out the shelter. Everyone wins. Put your gently used ceramic mugs in the collection boxes in the Mission Center hallway.



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).



Congregational Election:



May 7th at 11:00 a.m.

A meeting of the congregation will be held this Sunday for the purpose of electing church officers: 4 new Elders and 7 new Deacons. Your Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officer nominees at the April 23rd Congregational Meeting:

***Elder:** Kathryn Bunch, Bruce Cunningham, Sara Pottenger, and Shayne Ruffing;*

***Deacon:** Bill Burig, Scotti Dunlop, Bill Hatch, Louise Holland, Jim Joseph, Darren Skeen, and Anne Vann.*

Nominations may be received from the floor as "write-in" candidates. Please plan to attend this meeting.

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 in the courtyard after Sunday worship services. **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!



- + **Betty Berghaus'** mother, Harriet Staples, is under Hospice care in her home in Raleigh.
- + **Peggy Glenn's** father, Jason Dean, had knee replacement recently.
- + **Cathy Smith's** very beloved aunt, Martha Newsome, died last week at Hillcrest.
- + **Mary Beck Sutton's** mother was in the hospital in Georgia last week.

☽ Celebrations ☽

+ This Sunday, May 7th, we will confirm 13 new members to WPC who are students of the most recent Confirmation Class. They are: **James Chesnut, Erin Francis, Laura Graham, Edward Hardison, Cooper Hatch, Graham Kelly, Lauren Kerns, Lilli Morris, Tatum Pottenger, Patrick Reinhardt, Shelby Rimmler, Caitie Safrit, Michael Smith, Jessie Tharrington, and Emilie Walther.**



Unifold Shelter Training May 8th, 6:30 p.m.

Have you been to the Gulf Coast as part of a WPC mission team? Have you wished you could have gone? Are you curious about the shelters we have built for the six PDA volunteer camps across Louisiana and Mississippi? Would you like to learn how to build one of the Unifold shelters and see one up close and personal?

If so, join us on Monday evening, May 8th, at 6:30 p.m. near the garage at Westminster. Scott Leeseberg, Training and Service Director for Strategix, will be leading a training session on the proper assembly of the Unifold shelter.

PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) is committed to using these shelters in case of other emergencies, either in North Carolina or at some other location. We would be able to make a huge contribution if we had a team of trained builders from Durham ready to construct volunteer camps!

If you would like to attend Monday night's training, please contact Jan McCallum (happygirljan@juno.com or 493-5211). See you there!

Coffee & Conversation

"Coffee and Conversation" hosts needed!

Extend a cup of coffee, tea, or lemonade to those who worship with us. Set-up & clean-up are minimal - and being a coffee drinker is not a prerequisite - instructions are provided! Please consider this new ministry as we continue to nurture our congregation and welcome visitors. Contact Rebecca (667-3009, rammfrog@hotmail.com) or fill out one of the blue volunteer cards in the pews and drop it in the offering plate.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, May 16th, at 7:00 in the Parlor. All are welcome... men and women, knitters and crocheters, and those who wish to learn how to make a shawl.

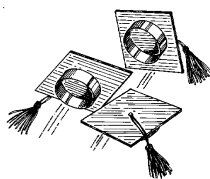
Email or call Kim Scott with questions: scottfamily@nc.rr.com or 493-0238.



Reminder:

CROP Walk money is due to Barbara Fletcher by May 1, 2006. Questions? Call Carol Cunningham (402-1275).

Thank you to everyone who helped WPC host the Lenten Luncheon on April 5th by bringing food, helping to set up, or helping to clean up. It was well attended and we could not have done it without you!



Calling all 2006 Graduates!

We are compiling a list of WPC graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) for publication in a future newsletter. Please contact Gail (gail@wpcdurham.org or 489-4974) with your information.



Library Alert

Book Review of *St. John's Bible - Gospels & Acts*

St. John's Abbey in northern Minnesota decided to commemorate the second millennium of Christ's birth in grand fashion. Part of the Benedictine order, St. John's is producing a Bible in the manner of the Middle Ages, a hand-written, illuminated Bible for the 21st century, the first in five centuries. They are spending over a decade and \$6 million in its production. Chief calligrapher, Donald Jackson, and his colleagues are producing something priceless -- a Bible beautiful enough to make readers want to keep reading, and even want to praise God.

Our library now includes a copy of the first of seven facsimile volumes, *Gospels and Acts*. The illuminations themselves are inspired not only by ancient Christian canons, but also by modern art and science. An illumination of Jesus' lineage at the opening of Matthew incorporates a Jewish menorah as the family tree, with names written in Hebrew and English and Hagar's written in Arabic. The whole is superimposed on an image of a DNA double helix, indicating both Jesus' human nature and the relatedness of all humanity in Him. In Acts, Jesus' sending of his apostles to the ends of the earth is illumined with an image of Earth from space through the Hubble telescope.

Illumination refers etymologically to light playing on gold. The gold leaf in the original manuscript is meant, quite literally, to throw light upon the words that surround it and, in doing so, cause us to read these words more deeply. This is more than an exhibition of beautiful art, though of course it is that. It is closer to liturgy, as the pages flash, and praise is almost demanded of the viewer, who sees long-loved words shining anew.

The elaborate care taken with the words of scripture speaks prophetically to an age that cares little about the wisdom borne by ancient texts or the craftsmanship of Middle Ages. In one corner of the world, a monastery is creating something of wondrous beauty meant to last, and worthy to last, for hundreds of years.

(Review excerpted from Jason Byassee's Aug. 9, 2005 *Christian Century* article.)

The **WPC Assessment** is now available in the church library in the form of a printed report. Your individual responses to the open-ended questions on the WPC Survey are not included in this report in accord with the confidential nature of those responses. Please feel free to review this report and share your thoughts and/or concerns with Brian Nicoll (960-0210 or benphd@blueskye.org), Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

The Triangle Recorder Society will hold its annual recital at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 21st, in the Music Room. You're invited to come and hear recorder ensembles and solos, a lute, and maybe a Krummhorn or even a sackbut or two.

For more information, call Kay Bailey at 490-5496.



Our Spring Fling was held last Saturday afternoon, and was a big success! Lots of families came out to meet our staff, enjoy a hotdog supper, decorate cookies, and experience the beautiful Westminster campus. Chicks were hatching, and they had many excited visitors throughout the afternoon. (The chicks have now gone to live with "Farmer Stewart" on his farm.)

Thanks to all of you who purchased tickets for our Basket Raffle. Congratulations to those who won! The funds raised will be used to purchase classroom supplies. Every student at Westminster School will benefit through your support of this fundraiser.

We still have a few openings in our program for four-year-olds this fall. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please call our school office (489-8432).

Three sessions of camp will be held this summer. The session dates are: June 19th - 30th, July 10th - 21st, and August 7th - 11th. We have openings in all sessions for three-, four-, and five-year-olds. Think about enrolling your young child! Contact Kathy in the school office.

Thanks again for your continued support of our program!

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May 7, 2006 - Youth Sunday
Communion & Confirmation
11:00 a.m. - Officer Elections
5:00 p.m. - Spring Choral Concert

May 14, 2006 - Mother's Day
11:00 a.m. - Baptism of Elise Joy Chang
Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Title: Gaza Gospel
Text: Acts 8:26-40

May 21, 2006
Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Title: A Joyful Noise
Texts: Psalms 98 & 100

Calendar Highlights

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| 5/06 | 9:00 a.m. | CE Retreat - Youth Suite |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary |
| 5/07 | 12:15 p.m. | Evacuee Resettlement Task Force - Room 103 |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Spring Choral Concert - Sanctuary |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Post-concert Reception - Parlor |
| 5/08 | 6:30 p.m. | Unifold Shelter Training - Garage |
| | 7:15 p.m. | Seekers - Parlor |
| 5/10 | 5:30 p.m. | Ways & Means Committee - Room 105 |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Global Missions Committee - Room 103 |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Bible Study - Youth Suite |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Training - Room 105 |
| 5/13 | 8:00 a.m. | Deacon's Community Mission Workday |
| 5/14 | 4:30 p.m. | Youth Council - Youth Suite |
| 5/16 | 7:00 p.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parlor |



Westminster's Chancel Choir and the Senior Choir of First Presbyterian Church, together with a chamber orchestra, will present a choral concert at Westminster on Sunday, May 7th, at 5:00 p.m. The featured works are Schubert's *Mass in G* & Mozart's *Missa Brevis in C* (K. 258). The concert is free and open to the public—a reception follows the program. Don't miss this fabulous music!

Responsibilities for May 7 - May 14, 2006

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
05/07 Elizabeth Holland	May Nursery Coordinator - Jennifer Feiler	05/07 8:30 - Richard Watson, Dave Pottenger, and Andy & Shirley Collins 11:00 - Judy Hendrixon, Barb Vanden Broek, Jim, Lee, & Morgan Thompson, and Hannah Overholt
05/14 James Chesnut & Kodjo Kumi		
LECTORS	05/07 8:30 - <i>Infants - Volunteer Needed</i> 2-5 - Mark Easley & Mary Grigg 11:00 - <i>Infants - Ann Squire</i> <i>Toddlers - Susan LeClair</i> 2-3 - Nathan & Lee Wilke 4-5 - John & Julia Lockhead <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	05/14 8:30 - Donald & Shirley Rufty, and Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton 11:00 - Chip & Kaleigh Roe, Judy & Ashley Everly, and Sally & Richard Keener
05/07 8:30 - Youth 11:00 - Youth	05/14 8:30 - <i>Infants - Lynn Schmalzer & Tom Morris</i> 2-5 - Kenzie Brannon & Suzanne Graham 11:00 - <i>Infants - Carolyn Holmes & Jennifer Whitman</i> <i>Toddlers - Robin Brown</i> 2-3 - Kelly & Adam Keadey 4-5 - Tracy & Jim Joseph <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	SOUND TECHNICIANS
05/14 8:30 - Rebecca Mattern-Mielcarek 11:00 - Lucy Stokes		05/07 8:30 - Dorene Palermo 11:00 - <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
ELDER GREETERS		05/14 8:30 - Dorene Palermo 11:00 - <i>Volunteer Needed</i>
05/07 8:30 - Nancy Rozak 11:00 - Ann Dancy		
05/14 8:30 - John Atkins 11:00 - Betsy Mangum		
OFFERING COUNTERS		
05/07 John Hennessy & Jeff Young		
05/14 Cindy & Jaco Mouton		