



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



PENTECOST

Sunday, May 27, 2007

Sunday School Workshop



Teacher
Appreciation

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour

WHO: Absolutely everyone!

WHAT: "Thank you" to our wonderful teachers
View the new library books donated in their honor

A celebration of Pentecost - Wear Red!

A craft workshop for all ages

A time for fellowship and celebration

with coffee, juice, and birthday cake

Summer Sunday School Schedule

- The last Sunday School class will be held on May 20, 2007.
- Summer Sunday School for children ages three to Kindergarten will begin on June 10th.
- The Present Word Sunday School class will continue to meet throughout the summer.



SUMMER MUSICAL

**Come join the Summer Musical:
Showdown at Dry Gulch!**

**A musical based on Elijah (I Kings 17-18)
Rehearsals: Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.,
in the Fellowship Hall
beginning June 10th**

This is a perfect summer Sunday School experience for adults, children (who have completed second grade), youth, and families. Come and join the fun and fellowship, as we learn to sing and act out this Old Testament story! Music directors will be Jim Ketch, Claudia Draffin, and Kathryn Bunch.

Performances will be held on Rally Day, September 9th.

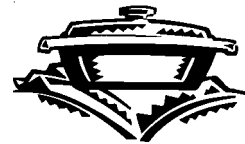
Sign up on the bulletin board outside the Holderness Mission Center or contact Jim Ketch (493-3378 or jketch@email.unc.edu) for more information.

Acolytes, Lectors, Nursery, & Usher Volunteers Needed

The Worship Committee invites you to share in these leadership opportunities. Westminster needs members who will participate in these activities (at the service of your choice!) just a few times a year:

- Lectors - contact Blair Chesnut (403-9501 or bchesnut@chg.me.duke.edu)
- Ushers - contact Bill McAvoy (493-7547 or famgrp@aol.com)
- Nursery workers - contact Anne Vann (493-0001 or thevanns@nc.rr.com)
- Acolytes - contact Kathryn Bunch (544-3836 or kbunch@measinc.com)

Please prayerfully consider your place in our church family, and call or email one of the above persons to volunteer or to receive additional information.



Join a Supper Club

Calling all WPC members (new and old)! Paul preached a sermon on Supper Clubs recently. Would you like to form one or join one? If so, please contact Louise Holland (lholland5@nc.rr.com), Holly Schmidt (hschmidt@nc.rr.com), or call the church office (489-4974) to express your interest.

There will be an 'informational' potluck scheduled this spring where you can break bread and learn more about this wonderful way to fellowship with other church members. Some possible clubs are 'Games & Appetizers' or 'Restaurant Onlys' as well as traditional Supper Clubs with shared meals at members' homes. Let us know you are interested; we'll do the rest!



- + **Walt Beckwith's** mother continues in Hospice care.
- + **Bruce Cunningham's** mother, Sarah, recently broke her hip in a fall.
- + **Cindie Diehl's** aunt, Cathie Fellers, died on April 23rd. A service was held in Columbia, SC.

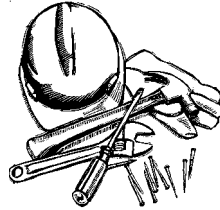
☽ Celebrations ☽

- + **Patricia & Philip Blizzard** have a new son, Matthew, born April 22, 2007.
- + **Jon Enberg** is due to come home from service in Iraq in June.
- + **Lynn Schmalzer** was recently voted Teaching Assistant of the Year at Forest View Elementary School.
- + Earlier this month, five young people who completed this year's Confirmation Class were received as new members to WPC. They are: **Abigail Billman, Carrie Davidson, Emily Lehew, Kristin Sundy, and Natalie Wolf.**

Music Notes

Summer Choir begins June 10th

From June through August, please join us for Summer Choir. This is a wonderful way to be a part of Westminster's music program, using your gifts in a tangible way to enhance summer worship. *All are welcome!* Summer choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. only (no Thurs. night rehearsals); the music is very accessible & will include some delightful *Sacred Harp* pieces, true gems of our American folk hymn heritage. Join us whenever you are in town & feel like singing. Bring family members & friends to the Music Room with you—the more, the merrier!



Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian Build 2007 *How can you help?*

This year, Westminster will join six other Durham Presbyterian churches to build one of the first "green" Habitat for Humanity houses in Durham County. The house will be built in Hope Crossing, a new Habitat community featuring environment-friendly construction in East Durham. But before a single 2 x 4 can be nailed into place, we must collectively raise \$50,000. There will be a concentrated effort to raise Westminster's contribution toward this goal at both worship services on Sunday, June 3rd. Joining us that day will be Miguel Rubiera, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Durham, who will deliver the Minute for Mission and be available during brief receptions after both services.

Please prayerfully consider your financial contribution to this outreach mission, and come to church on June 3rd with your checkbook in hand. Pledge cards will be distributed to identify your gift. Our goal is to raise our church's contribution as a one-time request, making additional financial appeals unnecessary. You will also have the opportunity to honor someone special by designating your donation as a Father's Day honorarium. The collection of all pledges must be completed by July 1. If you are not able to be with us on June 3rd, please contact Barbara Fletcher (489-4974 or barbara@wpcdurham.org), concerning your pledge.

Habitat should be very familiar to many of you, but if you need additional information on the local organization, please visit: <http://www.durhamhabitat.org/index.php>.

Construction of the home is targeted to begin in late July/early August. Please also consider the opportunity to assist in the construction effort. No previous construction experience is required! Interested volunteers may indicate their willingness to participate on the back of the pledge card.

We look forward to your participation in this very meaningful outreach project!

Care of the Body, Care of the Soul

Montreat Conference on Healing and Wholeness

Do you ever wonder about the connection between your health and faith? Montreat is offering a new conference August 7-11 to help answer this question which is on so many people's minds. Called "Care of the Body, Care of the Soul," this conference will explore what the Bible says about healing and wholeness, what we can do to foster our own health and that of others, what we can hope for in God, and also what congregations can do to support healing and wholeness among members. Hikes, yoga, a Spirituality center, daily worship, and more will also be parts of this mountain-top experience. Montreat Conference Center, near Asheville, NC is now taking registrations. For more information, visit www.montreat.org or call 1-800-572-2257.



Library Alert

**Book Review of *God Never Forgets - Faith, Hope, and Alzheimer's Disease*
Donald K. McKim, editor**

This book is a valuable resource for caregivers dealing with this devastating illness. The disease is explained in its progressive stages. It is amazing to realize the prevalence of it in today's society. Alzheimer's is similar to dementia associated with old age, but, unfortunately, it can sometimes occur in the beginning stages of middle age.

We come to realize how important memory is to our various sacraments and religious beliefs. When memory and personality are apparently lost, the Alzheimer's patient becomes a real challenge. The problems associated with Alzheimer's disease can be seen from sociological, philosophical, and theological perspectives.

The theological implications are discussed as well as the importance of treating the patient as a whole person who still needs love, understanding, and patience. The patient and their family need the support of communities of faith. John Calvin in the 16th century and Paul Tillich in the 20th century have emphasized how people all need each other for support. To quote Calvin, "No one has so much as to have enough within himself so as not to require help from others." For Paul Tillich the emphasis in caring for others is "love, wisdom, and justice."

The reader will also gain insights into the relationship between older adults, their aging parents, and their children. Interestingly, the Alzheimer's patient shows needs similar to children, such as touching and patience. The church community can be a great source of hope and help for any of its members suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Book Review by Josie Humphries

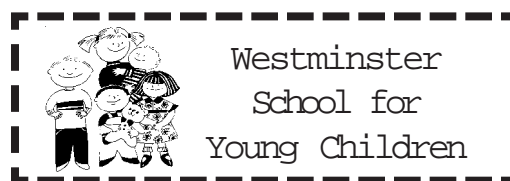


Presbyterian Partner Church Pool Party Potluck - Say that 5 times fast and you win a New Hope Camp t-shirt!

Help **New Hope Camp and Conference Center** kick off our 60th summer on Sunday, June 10th, when we host a pool party and potluck dinner in the Back Pavilion for members of our six partner churches. Pack your swimsuit and a dish to share for this fun-filled afternoon of fellowship, swimming, and our biggest birthday yet!

The pool will be open from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m., and you are welcome to swim all day. We'll have dinner at 5 p.m. - NHCCC will provide the hot dogs, lemonade, and water. Please bring your favorite potluck dish to share with our partner church families. There is a refrigerator and stove in the back pavilion should you need to heat things up or keep them cool.

Call the NHCCC office with any questions (942-4716). We hope to see you there!



Another successful school year is quickly coming to an end. The last day of school for students is Wednesday, May 23rd. Between now and then, the staff and the students will enjoy their last days together. Many special events have been scheduled for the courtyard here at Westminster - water day, relay days, and art in the park. Each class will also enjoy an end-of-the-year picnic at either Forest Hills Park or Duke Gardens.

Our last Celebrations with the church staff was held last Wednesday. Thanks to Jack, Betty, Paul, Nancy, and Monica for the many special songs and messages that they have shared with us this year!

Registration is ongoing for our Summer Camp program. Please call our office if you have friends who are interested in having their children attend (489-8432). We have spaces available for three-, four-, and five-year-olds. Camp is a special time for enjoying arts and crafts, music, making new friends, and keeping cool! The session dates are June 18th - 29th, July 9th - 20th, and August 6th - 10th.

We will also be collecting children's books throughout the summer months for the Durham Social Services waiting room. You may leave your contributions in the school hallway across from the office.

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May 20, 2007 - Baptisms of Ava Nichols, Anna Yurkutat, and Caroline Yurkutat

Preacher: Paul Ransford

Title: "The Humility of Historical Privilege"

Texts: Psalm 97; John 17:20-26

May 27, 2006 - Pentecost, Teacher Appreciation & Birthday Sunday

Pentecost Workshop in the Fellowship Hall - 9:45 a.m.

Only one worship service at 11:00

11:00 a.m. - Baptism of Ryan Nathaniel Wilgus

Preacher: Betty Berghaus

Title: "The Language of God"

Texts: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21

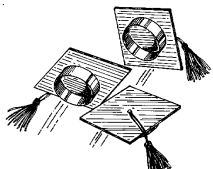


Memorial Day Family Camping May 25th - 28th

Join your church family for camping at Henderson Point on Kerr Lake. We have six sites reserved adjacent to a nice sandy beach which should be ideal for swimming.

**Contact John Lockhead
 (401-4900 or johnl@branditinc.com)
 for more details.**




**Calling all
 2007 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.

Responsibilities for May 20 - May 27, 2007

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
05/20 <i>Volunteers Needed</i> 05/27 Allie & Madison Ruffing	May Nursery Coordinator - Anne Vann	05/20 8:30 - David Lapp, John & Laura Graham, and Forrest Johnson 11:00 - Youth
LECTORS 05/20 8:30 - Chuck Byrd 11:00 - Mary Beck Sutton 05/27 11:00 - Eileen McAvoy	05/20 8:30 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Julie, Thomas, & Edward Hardison 2-5 - Hans & Kristin Hiemstra 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Susan LeClair 2-3 - Debbie & Lynn Chesnut 4-5 - Diane Kelly and Mary Todd Peters <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	05/27 11:00 - Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton, Sally & Richard Keener, and Carolyn Davidson
ELDER GREETERS 05/20 8:30 - Chuck Byrd 11:00 - Mary Todd Peters 05/27 11:00 - Eileen McAvoy	05/27 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Carolyn Holmes and Jennifer Whitman 2-3 - Ralph & Sue McCaughan 4-5 - Sarah & John High <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	SOUND TECHNICIANS 05/20 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Blair Chesnut 05/27 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Blair Chesnut
OFFERING COUNTERS 05/20 Beth Eagen & Gloria Kanoy 05/27 Barbara Rynerson & Jules Taylor		