



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

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PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Since we have now completed our self-study, Westminster is ready to move to the next phase. Within the next few weeks, we will select a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that will conduct the search for our new senior pastor. This is a good time to review the process.

Usually, PNCs consist of between 5 and 15 members. The Session has decided that we will have 9 members: 4 men, 4 women, and 1 youth. We chose this number in order to have all segments of our church represented and yet keep the committee to a workable size. In many churches, the PNC has taken a year or more to finish its work. During that time, one or more members may have to resign because of relocation, illness, or for other reasons. If members do leave the committee, they will not be replaced. We wanted to begin with an adequate number so that the PNC can continue its work following any attrition.

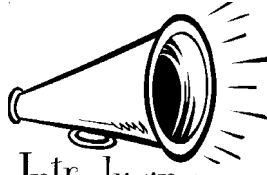
The 2007 Nominating Committee has the responsibility of nominating a slate of candidates for the PNC. The following members serve on this committee: Alex Denson, chair; Bruce Cunningham, vice-chair; Bill Hatch, Diaconate representative; and at-large members: Ralph Coonrad, Anthony Dilweg, Jennifer Feiler, and Susan Ketch.

The Nominating Committee expects to present a slate of candidates at a congregational meeting on July 8th at the beginning of the 11 a.m. worship service. At that time, other nominations may be made from the floor. The slate will be in 3 sections: one for 4 men, one for 4 women, and one for 1 youth. Nominations from the floor will be for the appropriate section. Ballots will be printed in preparation for the election on July 22nd at 11 a.m. The printed ballots will contain the names of the Nominating Committee's slate as well as names of persons who were nominated from the floor on July 8th. It will also contain blank lines. Additional nominations from the floor for any section of the slate will be accepted at the beginning of the July 22nd meeting. However, it will be necessary to write in the names of these most recently nominated candidates in order to vote for them.

If there are nominations from the floor as to any section of the slate, that section will be put to a vote of all members present. Those sections of the slate for which there are no nominations from the floor will be elected by acclamation.

It is important to remember that the PNC is a committee of the congregation, to be chosen by the congregation, and to report to the congregation. Accordingly, in addition to the authority to nominate candidates from the floor, the congregation has the authority to change the size of the PNC or the method of electing it.

(PNC Con't next column)



A NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL

We are always thinking of new ways to communicate with our congregation. In recent years, there have been extensive updates to our website, including the addition of an on-line calendar feature, our newsletter is published biweekly, and we rely on periodic e-mails to keep you informed and in touch with the daily workings of this church. These tools have and will continue to serve us well. And, yet, there are still gaps in communication. For example, we realize that not everyone has access to or uses e-mail regularly, and so these messages may be received "too late" or not at all.

We have recently purchased software which will allow us to deliver important messages to our members via your home phone. Our plan is to use this system with discretion. Please be assured that the same strict criteria we have used in e-mail communication will also apply to any phone messages you receive. With this new system, we will be able to send important messages which need to be received the same day.

Here is how it works: When phone communication is deemed necessary, calls will be made from the church office using these two phone lines - 401-9475 or 493-4553, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. The message you receive will be recorded in a familiar voice, probably Gail's, which will immediately identify the call as coming from the church. If no one is able to receive the call, a message will be left on your voicemail or answering machine.

During the week of June 25th, you will receive a test message on this new system. Questions? Please contact Gail (489-4974).

Inquirers' Classes



Become Part of Our Church Family

July 22nd - August 19th

Sunday Mornings, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Room 105 of the Holderness Mission Center

For anyone wishing to join Westminster... or just wanting to know more about WPC or the Presbyterian Church in general, this is your chance to do so!

During this five-week series of one-hour classes, participants will be introduced to church staff and other church leaders, and to the ministries, the theology, the history, and the life of our WPC community.

You are welcome to come and learn, with no obligation to join. Bring all your questions!

PNC Con't

These changes may be made by majority vote on a motion made and seconded at the July 8th meeting.

We realize that some of you may be impatient at the slow pace of this process. Please remember that these rules reflect many years of experience by our denomination, and in accordance with them, we are on track to select our new senior pastor. In the meantime, we are fortunate to have a wonderful interim pastor, Dr. Jack Walchenbach, and his wife, Pat.

**Responsibilities for
June 24th -
July 1st**

ACOLYTES

06/24 Kayley Peters

07/01 *Volunteer Needed*

LECTORS

06/24 8:30 - Bill Bartholomay

11:00 - Blair Chesnut

07/01 8:30 - Frances Anton

11:00 - Sam Griffith

NURSERY

Nursery Coordinator for June:

Jennifer Feiler

06/24 8:30 *Infants/Toddlers* - Grace Mbugua

2-5 - Doug & Elena Cleary

11:00 *Infants/Toddlers* - Jim & Tracy

Joseph

2&3 - Karis & Michael Jackson

4&5 - Elizabeth & Mack Aldridge

Float - Volunteer Needed

Nursery Coordinator for July:

Volunteer Needed

07/01 8:30 *Infants/Toddlers - Volunteer*

Needed

2-5 - *Volunteers Needed*

11:00 *Infants/Toddlers - Volunteer*

Needed

2&3 - *Volunteers Needed*

4&5 - *Volunteers Needed*

Float - Volunteer Needed

USHERS

06/24 8:30 - Jeff & Beverlee Smith-Fendt,

Dottie Bartholomay, and John Gunter

11:00 - Shayne, Angela, Allie, &

Madison Ruffing, and Jim & Addison

Joseph

07/01 8:30 - Bobby, Alyson, & Colin

Bosworth, and Dave Pottenger

11:00 - *Volunteers Needed*

OFFERING COUNTERS

06/24 Mike & Kay Rosenmarkle

07/01 Sally Cook and Judy Thompson

ELDER GREETERS

06/24 8:30 - Sandra Lutz

11:00 - John Atkins

07/01 8:30 - Pete McWilliams

11:00 - Frances Anton

SOUND TECHNICIANS

06/24 8:30 - Derek Leadbetter

11:00 - Gary & Jay Lehw

07/01 8:30 - Derek Leadbetter

11:00 - Bob Kennedy

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be July 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Please join us! Please note that we will not meet in August.

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

+ **Alex Barnes'** son, Hall, is under Hospice care.

+ **Jonathon Burig** is recovering well from his nasal surgery.

+ **Jim Bradley's** mother, Clara Elizabeth (Lib) Bradley, died last week at age 92. A memorial service was held in her home town of Wilson, NC on June 16th.

+ **Mary Todd Peters** asks for prayers for her aunt, Frances Lucas, who has gone into Hospice care in Michigan.

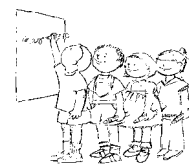
+ We bid farewell to the **Sheldon family**, whom we helped move here 18 months ago to receive medical care at Duke/UNC. **Leslie** and her 3 children, **Princess (14)**, **Hunter (12)**, and **Chandler (7)**, have moved back to South Carolina to be near family. Princess is better, able to eat after having a feeding tube removed, but continues to have pain from pancreatitis. Both she and Leslie continue in treatment for various health issues. Leslie hopes to help her dad, who is also in poor health, with his business maintaining swimming pools. Their new address is: 107 Venice Street, Summerville, SC 29483.

+ **Brian & Leah Samuels** ask for prayers for Brian's brother, Christopher Wickline, who is currently serving with the Air Force in Iraq.

+ **Mary Beck Sutton** asks for prayers for her mother, Mary Lillian White, who is in the hospital again in Macon, Georgia.

★ **Celebrations!** ★

+ **Rebecca Bruton & George Edwards** were married at WPC on June 16th.



**Westminster
School for
Young Children**

Westminster Summer Camp is off to a great start! Our three classes (a total of 45 students) are enjoying arts and crafts, music, and activities that focus on having fun and keeping cool. This session will last until June 29th, and our second session will begin on July 9th. We still have some spaces available in July, so please send any interested campers (ages 3 to 5) our way!

Hats off to our campers and their families for making donations to our "Children Helping Children" activity. This summer we are asking that every camper contribute a new or gently used children's book for the Durham Social Services Waiting Room. There is an even greater need for books this summer, since children are out of school and will accompany their parents to the Social Services Department. Chapter books for children up to age 10 would also be great. Please join us in trying to keep this book shelf stocked during the summer! There are two collection bins outside the school office.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of our program!

Preaching Schedule

June 24, 2007 - Birthday Sunday

Guest Preacher: John Pilutti

Texts: Psalm 49; Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Title: "What's in Your Barn"

July 01, 2007 - Holy Communion

Preacher: Jack Walchenbach

Texts: Genesis 12: 1-8; John 8: 31-36

Sermon Title: "The Promise of America"

July 08, 2007

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