



# NEWS AT A GLANCE

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

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### Vacation Church School



**Thank you volunteers!! Another successful Vacation Church School took place June 13th -17th** at Camp New Hope. Sixty volunteers from Westminster participated in marketplace crafts, swimming, music, bread baking, storytelling, group leadership, group games, nursery care, and driving "Bubba" to and from camp each day. We even had a volunteer appear each day to help the 4th and 5th graders construct a large outdoor box to house basketballs for the camp. It was a week filled with enthusiastic, God inspired mission for the children of the church. Thank you to all who gave many hours to make camp the success that it was. Each year we are privileged to witness the church living out God's call to serve. "We are the church together." Many thanks!

### Deacons Elect New Officers

At their June 26th meeting, the Board of Deacons elected new officers for the 2005-2006 year. These officers will assume their new positions on August 28th.

MODERATOR: Elena Cleary  
CO-MODERATOR: Michael Reich  
CLERK: Sally Keener



### Hispanic Ministry News

Our congregation each day is becoming more visible in the community. I offered the prayer of invocation at the June 5th Unity Rally which was held in response to the recent cross burnings here in Durham. Our diversity is increasing, with Salvadoran and Mexican families now in regular attendance in addition to the previously existing core Guatemalan group. We continue our goal of having 100 people regularly in attendance within the next six months. We need your support and welcome your participation in any of our services and activities. Please visit "Bilingual Talk Time", a monthly opportunity for English- and Spanish-speakers to socialize and learn each other's languages. The next session will be Friday, August 12th, from 7-9 p.m.

Services at: Northgate Presbyterian Church  
2504 Roxboro Street  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Bible study  
Saturdays at 6:30 p.m., worship service  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school

Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve, Pastor (919) 672-4333

**July 3rd - No 8:30 worship service & No Summer Sunday School**  
**9:45 a.m. - Summer Musical Rehearsal**  
**10:00 a.m. - Summer Choir Rehearsal**



We have several new nursery caregivers in our infant/toddler rooms. Our new lead caregiver is **Thoko Manzini**. Thoko has a degree in mental health nursing and has been in the childcare field for 8 years, spending the last 6 years at Hope Valley Preschool teaching toddler age children. Our new assistant caregiver is **Rebecca Gutman**. She has an undergraduate degree in education and is pursuing her masters at Duke University in pediatric physical therapy. These two caregivers will be in the infant/toddler rooms each week providing a comfortable, consistent environment for our children during church and Sunday school. In addition, we also have two high school students from WPC, **Sally Anderson** and **Rob Johnson**, who will alternate weekends with our children in the infant/toddler rooms.

We are so fortunate to have such a qualified, energetic team to care for our children each Sunday. Please welcome them to our nursery.

**The Nursery Committee is still looking for a few more monthly nursery coordinators.** Responsibilities include:

- Contacting the volunteers prior to Sunday each week of the month to confirm their availability
- Setting up cookies / juice in the rooms and ensuring volunteers show up prior to 11:00 a.m. service
- Ensuring rooms are picked up and trash taken out after 11:00 a.m. service.

Please contact **Anne Vann (thevanns@nc.rr.com or 493-0001)** to volunteer.



### SCHEDULE CHANGE

**The Summer Musical & Pig Pickin' have been rescheduled.** On **Sunday, August 28th**, Westminster will be a very busy place! During worship services that day, our new class of officers will be ordained and installed. The Summer Musical will be presented, with performances at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. In between the musical performances, we will enjoy a delicious barbeque meal with all the trimmings. Make plans now to join us for this special day!

Rally Day, marking the beginning of our Sunday School year, will take place on September 11th as planned. Look for more details in future newsletters.

### Ushers Needed



**Ushers are desperately needed for the 11:00 service during the month of July.** Please consider signing up to be a part of one of these teams. This is a volunteer commitment of only 4 Sundays per year. Ushers are often the first people our visitors meet. Please join us in this important ministry. **Call the church office (489-4974) for more information.**

**Responsibilities for  
July 3rd -  
July 10th**

**ACOLYTES**

**07/03** Ben Chesnut & Kevin Scott  
**07/10** Will Dozier & Meredith Dorminey

**LECTORS**

**07/03** 8:30 - *No Service*  
11:00 - Blair Chesnut  
**07/10** 8:30 - Amy Simonson  
11:00 - Sally Keener

**NURSERY**

*Nursery Coordinators for July:*

*Laura & Blair Chesnut*

**07/03** 8:30 *No Service*  
11:00 *Infants* - LuRuth Arena  
*Toddlers* - Blair Chesnut  
2&3 - Kenzie Brannon & Olivia Cleary  
4&5 - Sam & Katy Knoll  
*Float - (Volunteer Needed)*  
**07/10** 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**

**07/03** 8:30 - *No Service*  
11:00 - John, Julia, Tanner, & Holly Lockhead, and Carol & Graham Kelly  
**07/10** 8:30 - Fritz Simonson, Alice Decker, and David & Walker Duling  
11:00 - Rachel Chang and Chip & Kaleigh Roe  
*More Volunteers Needed*

**OFFERING COUNTERS**

**07/03** Blair & Laura Chesnut  
**07/10** Dan & Martha Milam

**ELDER GREETERS**

**07/03** 8:30 - *No Service*  
11:00 - Josie Humphries  
**07/10** 8:30 - *Volunteer Needed*  
11:00 - June Jones

**SOUND TECHNICIANS**

**07/03** 8:30 - *No Service*  
11:00 - Doug Brown  
**07/10** 8:30 - Paul Runkle  
11:00 - Doug Brown

**Please note:** On July 3rd, there will be only one worship service at 11:00 and no Sunday School. Summer Musical rehearsal (9:45) and Summer Choir Rehearsal (10:00) will be held as usual.

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

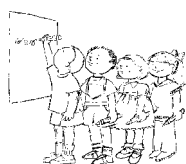
+ **Susan Landis** asks for prayers for her daughter Morgan's friend, Ashley, who has been diagnosed with MS.

+ A memorial service was held on June 24th in Pennsylvania for Susan McKee, sister of **Martha McKee**. Susan died in a house fire on June 14th in Florida.

+ **Alison Spransy** asks for prayers for her friend, Susan Holt, in Birmingham, Alabama. Her husband died earlier this year, and their son, John Holt, was recently killed in an auto accident.

+ **Eric Wolf** broke his ankle and foot and is recovering at home.

+ Keep the **Youth Mexico Mission Team** in your prayers. They return on June 30th.



**Westminster  
School for  
Young Children**

The first session of Summer Camp at Westminster came to an end on Friday, June 24th. Our two classes (a total of 35 children) worked on all kinds of interesting projects - decorating hats and t-shirts, creating pasta sculptures, and "bungee" painting! They enjoyed music class with Mrs. Stover, and kept cool with our annual "Splash Day". The second session of camp will begin on Monday, July 11th.

Hats off to our campers, their families, and all of you for making donations to our "Children Helping Children" activity. This summer we are supporting the children and families participating in the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). By the end of the summer, we hope to have collected many of the needed items for the families to use at the day site. If you are interested in contributing, you will find a collection crate and list of needed items in the ground floor hallway.

Thanks for your continued support!

**July 3rd - Communion**

**Preacher:** Haywood Holderness  
**Texts:** Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
**Title:** "Arranged Marriages"

**July 10th - Mexico Mission Sunday**

**Preacher:** Paul Ransford



**Dana Lange** lost 53 pounds and raised \$14,000 for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC by collecting pledges for pounds lost Jan. 1st to June 1st. In addition, the Steward's Fund matched her pledges for a grand total of \$28,000!! Challenge #2 to lose 40 more pounds began June 1st. Please contact Dana (490-9096) to pledge your support.



**Library Alert**

A Book Review of  
*Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott

This is Anne Lamott's story of how she grew from a dysfunctional family and a life of drugs, alcohol, and despair to a fulfilling life of faith. She is outspoken, honest, and sometimes irreverent. She is an advocate for a liberal view of Christianity that does not conform to the traditions of most Christian Churches.

She was born in the 50's in the San Francisco area, where she grew up with its liberal lifestyles of the 60's and 70's. The church she fell into was unusual: an African-American congregation that embraced her when she was at her lowest. She had many lovers and decided that one of them could become the father for a baby she wanted. She overcame her addictions and became a successful writer and a devoted single mother. Her son, Sam, became the focal point of her life. Her story follows him until his eighth birthday.

Many of the author's ideas are expressed through her relationship with her son. This book is full of humor, honesty, and vivid descriptions of times, places, and people. It is a book that challenges our traditions and inspires us to accept diversity. It is well worth reading.

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