



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

It really isn't a word in the English language, but everybody knows what we mean by it. Westminster is known for its outreach, our mission to the local community and indeed the world. I don't know of many churches in the PC (USA) who do a better job of outreach. At a variety of meetings, each time the budget is discussed there is unanimous agreement that we need to keep up our splendid record in this area. As many have observed, “mission is not an option, it is the definition of who we are.”

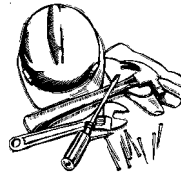
Looking over the results of our Self-Study held in May, 2006, I was surprised by the number of times the word “inreach” appeared in the responses. I got the feeling that many of us were saying, “we do such a great job at outreach, but it's time we concentrate a bit more on our inreach.” Which, being interpreted means, I think, we need to be a bit more intentional about our caring for each other.

In fact, as I get it, there is a lot of such “center ministry” going on as well as “circumference ministry.” Betty, in casual conversation, notes that when she makes a pastoral call on a person or family going through an illness or a particularly difficult time, people say, “so and so from the congregation has already been here, or called, or dropped me a card or note or email.” I suspect there is an unheralded ministry going on in our midst, for which the trumpets are not sounded. It may be our best kept secret.

However, no congregation, especially a church that is quickly becoming a “program church” rather than just a “pastoral church,” can afford to “go lightly” with personal concern for each other. This is not just the job of the Pastors, Elders, or Deacons, but of all of us. In fact, at the most recent Session meeting, a good bit of time was given over to how we as officers might do a better job of inreach.

I believe the bottom line is this: when you notice that a certain person or family has “been absent” for an extended period of time, simply give them a call or drop them a card and say something like, “We have missed you! Is everything OK? Have you been on a world cruise? You are important to us here at Westminster. We hope you can get back soon.”

We are here for mission. We are also here for each other. Shalom.



Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian Build 2007

The kickoff of the “green build” for Rosalyn Rogers and her family will be July 28th at Hope Crossing, Lot 7, 2801 Lutz Lane. Below are the key dates for WPC for which we will provide volunteers. Please take time to review them and **plan to join us** in one or more of these activities. Helping a deserving family, such as the Rogers, is one of the most rewarding things you will have an opportunity to do, as you are “preaching the gospel” the best way -- through your actions.

Saturday, August 18 (wall framing, 2nd floor, sheath trusses)

- One experienced construction leader for the day
- 14 volunteers in the morning: 8 a.m. to 12 (noon)
- Lunch - volunteer(s) to prepare, bring, serve, and clean up for ~20 people
- 14 volunteers in the afternoon: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29 (Finish sheetrock)

- Same volunteer needs as Aug. 18th

Saturday, October 27 (Paint interior, trim, and install door hardware)

- One experienced construction leader for the day
- 10 volunteers in the morning: 8 a.m. to 12 (noon)
- Lunch - volunteer(s) to prepare, bring, serve, and clean up for ~20 people
- 10 volunteers in the afternoon: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To volunteer, please contact Dorene Palermo (620-0156 or dpalerm@attglobal.net).

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 (even if you missed the first class last week), with no obligation to join. Bring all your questions! Contact Gail in the church office (489-4974) to sign up.

The Global Missions Committee and the Westminster Youth Group invite you to share a time of fellowship and a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. on the evening of August 5th as we welcome the Boyd family (Jeff, Christie, Matthias, Salome, and Naomi). Jeff and Christie Boyd were commissioned as missionaries in 1990 and have spent the last 17 years working in east and central Africa on behalf of PC (USA). This is a tremendous opportunity to learn about the Boyds' ministry, the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Cameroon. Matthias, Salome, and Naomi, ages 19, 16, and 13, will have an interesting perspective on growing up in DRC and Cameroon. Please bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of fellowship and global ministry.

**Responsibilities for
July 29th -
August 5th**

ACOLYTES

07/29 Addison Joseph
08/05 Addison Joseph

LECTORS

07/29 8:30 - Mike Bunch
11:00 - Tracy Joseph
08/05 8:30 - Dorene Palermo
11:00 - David Anderson

NURSERY

Nursery Coordinator for July:
Anne Vann

07/29 8:30 *Infants/Toddlers* - Alyson Bosworth
2-5 - Erik & Andrea Dunk
11:00 *Infants/Toddlers* - Carolyn Holmes and Jennifer Whitman
2&3 - Blair & Ben Chesnut
4&5 - Gene & Louise Holland
Float - Volunteer Needed

Nursery Coordinator for August:
Monica Nichols

08/05 8:30 *Infants/Toddlers* - Sally Ransford
2-5 - Hans & Kristin Hiemstra
11:00 *Infants/Toddlers* - Kim, Bethany, & Skylar Nicoll
2&3 - Neil & Jennifer McElroy
4&5 - Mack & Elizabeth Aldridge
Float - Volunteer Needed

USHERS

07/29 8:30 - David Lapp, George Edwards, and John, Kristin, & Anna Sundy
11:00 - Dave & Cathy Snider, Alex & Mary Denson, Grace Mbugua, and Ashley & Judy Everly
08/05 8:30 - Lois Bender, Todd & Erica Hill, and Susan Landis
11:00 - Mike & Kay Rosenmarkle, Pam Smith, and Carolyn Davidson

OFFERING COUNTERS

07/29 Blair & Laura Chesnut
08/05 Blair & Laura Chesnut

ELDER GREETERS

07/29 8:30 - Bruce Cunningham
11:00 - Bill Lambe
08/05 8:30 - Jim Maxwell
11:00 - Betsy Mangum

SOUND TECHNICIANS

07/29 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer
11:00 - Bob Kennedy
08/05 8:30 - Dorene Palermo
11:00 - Frank Stallings

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

+ **Marcia Anders** asks for prayers for her friend, Donna Merritt, as Donna undergoes brain surgery.

+ **Karen Wood Brock** had surgery to remove cancerous lymph nodes on July 25th.

+ **Frank Claypoole** died on July 14th. A memorial service was held at WPC on Monday, July 23rd.

+ **Dan Dunlop's** sister, Kerry Topper, is receiving treatment for ovarian cancer.

+ **Tracy Joseph** asks for prayers for her father, Darrell Conger, in Texas. He is receiving treatment for cancer.

+ **Ken Lundstrom** asks for continued prayers for his friend and college classmate, David Oberlander, who is hospitalized in intensive care as he battles leukemia.

+ **Rex McCallum's** mother, Anne, is seriously ill with lung cancer in Henderson, Tennessee.

+ **Scott McLeod's** grandmother, Myrtle McLeod (mother of his father, Michael), died on July 12th at the Meadowlands Hospice Facility.

★ **Celebration** ★

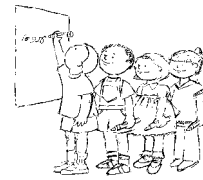
+ At the Presbytery meeting on July 17th, **Tully Fletcher** was declared as a Candidate. He is ready to receive a call to a position as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church.

Thank You!

Congregation of WPC,

Thank you for all your letters, packages and prayers while my team and I were in Iraq. I am happy to say we all made it home safely, and I'm sure it was due in part to all the thoughtful people in the States who constantly kept us in their prayers. Take care and I hope to see you all soon.

-Jon Enberg



**Westminster
School for
Young Children**

Our children and staff celebrated the end of the July Summer Camp session with a refreshing "Splashing in the Sun" activity. Highlights of this special morning included dashing through the sprinkler, splashing in wading pools, relaxing on beach towels, and, of course, popsicles! We are now enjoying a two-week vacation. Our August session begins on the 6th with 56 campers expected!

Thanks to the many donations from our campers, their families, and our church friends, we will soon deliver eight big boxes of books to the Durham Social Services waiting room on Duke Street. This is an ongoing project, so we will collect again in August, as well as when school starts in the Fall. When you have children's books to pass on, please bring them to the containers outside the school office.

Our school now has its own website! Please visit us at www.westminster-school-nc.org.

Happy summer to all of you, and, once again, thanks for your continued support of our program!

Preaching Schedule

July 29, 2007 - Birthday Sunday

Preacher: Betty Berghaus

Text: Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Title: "Teach Us to Pray"

August 05, 2007 - Holy Communion

Preacher: Jack Walchenbach

Texts: Hosea 11:1-11; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Title: "Jesus and the Brother Who Felt Cheated"

August 12, 2007

Preacher: Paul Ransford

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