



# Westminster Presbyterian Church



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### Introducing our new Session Moderator...

Bob Fields has been called to serve as our Session Moderator until our congregation calls an interim pastor. In addition to moderating Session meetings, he will also offer guidance to our church officers during this transition period.

Bob earned a doctorate of ministry from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He received his first call and was ordained in 1960 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Elkview, West Virginia. Bob retired in 1998 after 25 years as senior pastor of Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Since his retirement, he has served as an interim minister for 3 churches, including a stint in Maui, Hawaii.

Bob and his wife, Charlene, live in Raleigh. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

We are delighted to have Bob serving our church in this role!



## Deacons' Corner



### Collection Boxes

During the month of August the collection boxes in the hallway of the Holderness Mission Center will be dedicated to gathering gently-used toys for the children of IHN families whom we host periodically throughout the year. Toys appropriate for infants through 6-year-olds will be appreciated. Help us put smiles on the faces of these children in transitional housing!

**Labor Day Weekend Family Camping** will be here soon! Make plans now to enjoy a family camping weekend with not only your family, but also your church family! Family camping is at Presbyterian Point (Kerr Lake) Labor Day weekend (Friday, September 1st, through Monday, September 4th). For more information, or to sign up contact John Lockhead (401-4900; johnl@branditinc.com).

## INTERIM PASTOR

### Search Committee

The Interim Search Committee has been working for the past 3 ½ months reviewing a substantial list of names. These listings were narrowed and interviews have been conducted with several individuals.

The process that we are to follow for calling an interim pastor is as follows:

- Once the Interim Search Committee (ISC) has reached a decision on a candidate to pursue, we will begin negotiations with that candidate.
- When an agreement has been reached with the candidate, the ISC – being a committee of the Session – will then request a meeting of the Session to hear the report of the ISC.
- The Session then must vote to approve the terms of call.
- The Executive Presbyter of New Hope Presbytery and the Moderator of the Committee on Ministry (COM) for New Hope Presbytery will be contacted.
- The COM will then examine the candidate who has been put forward by Westminster.
- Once the COM has approved the interim pastor, he/she may “come on board” and begin duties. The contract with an interim pastor involves three parties, i.e., the candidate, Westminster, and New Hope Presbytery.

These are exciting times. We, the members of the Interim Search Committee, thank you for your prayers.

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Many thanks to the following volunteers for their assistance in keeping the church office running smoothly:



Julie Beckwith, Tiny Bradley, Gene Brannon, Kitty Currie, Rayner England, Judy Lamon, Tiffany Price, Cathy Snider, Marion Vedder, Martha Votta, and Ann Way. If you have some free time this summer and would like to volunteer, please contact Gail (489-4974).

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- + **Walt Beckwith's** good friend, James Kolb, was killed recently in an accident at work in Louisburg.
- + **Doug Brown's** stepfather, Whit Whittington, is in the hospital in San Antonio, Texas.
- + **Kitty Currie** has been in UNC hospital. She is now recuperating at home.
- + **Buck Easley** died at his home on July 17th. A memorial service was held at Westminster on Sunday, July 23rd.
- + **Claire Forrest's** mother, Lynn Starkweather, is in the hospital in Herndon, Virginia with pneumonia.
- + **Adam Holmes** had surgery on a broken arm on July 17th.
- + **Debby Kredich** died Saturday morning, July 22nd, at Duke Hospital after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service was held at WPC on Wednesday, July 26th.
- + **Bill McAvoy's** cousin, Herb Spangler, died in Pennsylvania recently, after a long struggle with cancer.
- + **Chris McLaughlin** is suffering with a shoulder injury that causes pain and has thus far resisted treatment.
- + **Lori Osowski's** father, Bob Eggleston, is recovering from open heart surgery at Duke Hospital on July 14th.
- + **Chick Palermo** continues his recuperation at home from surgery to an injured knee.
- + **Barbara Yurkutat** has been hospitalized at Forsyth Hospital in Winston-Salem for pre-term labor. She and Bobby are expecting twins.

## Celebrations

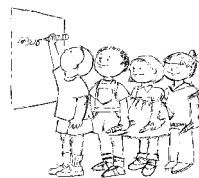
- + **Shelley & Roger Eubanks** have a new son. Roger Carlan Eubanks, Jr. was born on July 11th, which also happens to be the birthday of his older sister, Mary Lacey.

## Music Notes



**SUMMER CHOIR NEEDS YOU!** Summer Choir is open to everyone & continues through September 3rd. We rehearse in the Music Room each Sunday at 10 a.m. -- no evening rehearsals during the summer. This is a flexible group & the music is very accessible. Please join us whenever you are in town during the summer; bring family member, friends, & guests with you. What an easy, rewarding way to serve the church in a most meaningful way!

Music Mission Kiev is coming to North Carolina! The Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will be in High Point, on Saturday, September 23rd. They will also perform in Asheboro on September 25th and 26th. Westminster has supported this fine group for some time now. Helen Harrison (489-0345) is organizing a group trip to the High Point show. Please call her if you are interested in attending. If you would like to learn more about the concerts, call Helen or visit [www.musicmissionkiev.org](http://www.musicmissionkiev.org).



## Westminister School for Young Children

Our children and staff celebrated the end of our 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 7th with 61 campers expected!

Thanks to the many wonderful donations from the campers, their families, and our church friends, we will be taking some much-needed supplies to Genesis Home. Several families have even donated furniture which was enthusiastically accepted. This will be used soon by a family as they transition from Genesis Home into a home of their own. Thanks so much for sharing in this project with us!

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



## YEAR-ROUND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- \* **Doorways** is a women's prayer and Bible study group that meets on Thursday mornings in the church parlor. New members are always welcome. Contact Nancy Rozak (489-4974).
- \* **Seekers** is a women's fellowship and faith study that meets monthly in the church parlor on a Monday evening. New members are always welcome. For more information call Betty Berghaus (489-4974).
- \* **W.A.Y. (Women and Young Children)** is a discussion group and Bible study for women with young children. It meets each Thursday morning with childcare provided for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Leaders: Nancy Rozak and June Jones. Contact Nancy Rozak (489-4974).
- \* **MP2** is a ministry for four-year-olds through 5th grade to help put into practice what our biblical study tells us about living as Christians. Wednesday afternoons, October 4th - April 25th from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m. Contact Nancy Rozak (489-4974).
- \* **Sunday School** for all ages meets weekly in the Holderness Mission Center. Kick-off Sunday will be Rally Day, September 10th. Contact Nancy Rozak (489-4974).
- \* **Confirmation** is a class for youth in 8th grade and older which prepares students for active church membership. It is taught by the staff and will begin in early October. Contact Paul Ransford (489-4974).
- \* **Class on Sacraments** will be offered to all children in 1st through 4th grades. Class will be held on the four Sundays in the month of February. The Sacraments of baptism and holy communion will be presented. It will convene immediately following the 11:00 service. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate with their children. Contact Nancy Rozak (489-4974).

## NEW FALL STUDIES

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

led by Paul Ransford.

*10 Great Dates To Energize Your Marriage*, will be the resource used in this class. Claudia and David Arp have designed a course that is exciting, proven, and fun. Some of the themes will deal with communication, better ways to process anger, how to set realistic goals, balance busy lifestyles ... and more. The end result is to build thriving marriages through ten great dates. **The class will begin in the fall. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Holderness Mission Center in August.**

### BIBLE STUDY

An Eight Week Bible Study on the Old Testament, led by Betty Berghaus, Barbara Fletcher, and Nancy Rozak.

*Invitation To The Old Testament*, is a short-term, multimedia, Bible study designed to guide new Bible students and to challenge and stimulate those who have had experience in studying the Bible. The class involves daily reading assignments, a weekly video providing both interpretation and context for the biblical texts, and class discussion. The authors support the Disciple format of Bible study. **Class will be offered on Tuesdays, both mornings and evenings. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Holderness Mission Center in August.**

## From the CE Committee

It is our committee's hope that WPC will rise to the call and members will actively participate in maintaining our strong church community during our transitional period. In order to help you determine where needs are we will run a short article in each newsletter with concrete suggestions.

Ways you may invest in the future of WPC during our transition:

- Come to church when you are in town and introduce yourself to people you don't know, especially visitors -- invite them to the coffee time after the service.
- Volunteer to host the coffee time after each service -- sign up in the church parlor or talk with Sally Keener. We need help with this important ministry now!
- It is not too late to join the summer musical or help with props, or the back-up choir. Talk with Julie Fishell-Billman (403-8406) or Jim Ketch (493-3378).

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“...and what does the Lord  
 require of you but to do justice, and to  
 love kindness, and to walk humbly with  
 your God?” Micah 6:8



Westminster is blessed to have a very dedicated group of volunteers who come to the church office every other Wednesday to prepare your newsletters for mailing. The newsletters are sent by bulk (business) mail which means we cut our postage costs by more than half, because we presort the mail before it goes to the post office. An average newsletter mailing contains 550 pieces of mail. As you can imagine, this would be a big job for one or two people. Thankfully, we have a group to handle this!

We are looking for few more Saints to join this team. **Please contact Gail (489-4974 or gail@wpcdurham.org) to volunteer.** We will provide on-the-job-training and you will receive the benefit of socializing with other WPC members while you work.

Please volunteer today!  
 The next newsletter mailing is:  
 August 9th.



## Preaching Schedule

**July 30, 2006 - Birthday Sunday**

**8:30 a.m. - Baptism of Nathan Dôdoo**

**11:00 a.m. - Baptism of Smith Hill**

**Preacher:** Betty Berghaus

**Title:** “Food From Heaven”

**Text:** John 6:1-15

**August 6, 2006 - Holy Communion**

**Preacher:** Betty Berghaus

**Title:** “Receive the Bread of Life”

**Text:** John 6:24-35

**August 13, 2006**

**Preacher:** Esther Acolatse

## Responsibilities for July 30 - August 6, 2006

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
<b>07/30</b> Elizabeth & Trey Holland <b>08/06</b> <i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<b>July Nursery Coordinators -</b> Blair & Laura Chesnut <b>07/30</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Barb Vanden Broek 2-5 - Eric, Anne, & Natalie Wolf 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Tiny Bradley & Emily Lehew 2-3 - Chuck & Meg Yarbrough 4-5 - Jack & Amy Davis <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	<b>07/30</b> 8:30 - David, Walker, & Emma Duling, and David Pottenger 11:00 - Barb, Bill, & Jonathan Burig, and Amy & Abby Davis <b>08/06</b> 8:30 - Lois Bender, Bud Cowdery, Dot Borden-Cowdery, and Barb Vanden Broek 11:00 - Kay & Mike Rosenmarkle, Kelly Keadey, and Lucy Stokes
<b>LECTORS</b> <b>07/30</b> 8:30 - Julie Fishell-Billman 11:00 - Bud Cowdery <b>08/06</b> 8:30 - Bill Stokes 11:00 - Roger Miller	<b>August Nursery Coordinator - Anne Vann</b> <b>06/18</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Nancy Rozak 2-5 - David & Cheryl Duling 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Nancye Bryan and Susan Keesee 2-3 - Rich, Jane, & Corbett DeGiacomo 4-5 - Gene & Louise Holland <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	<b>SOUND TECHNICIANS</b> <b>07/30</b> 8:30 - Dorene Palermo 11:00 - Doug Brown <b>08/06</b> 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Frank Stallings
<b>ELDER GREETERS</b> <b>07/30</b> 8:30 - Sandra Lutz 11:00 - Alice Decker <b>08/06</b> 8:30 - Gene Brannon 11:00 - Doug Wellemeyer		
<b>OFFERING COUNTERS</b> <b>07/30</b> Beth Eagen & Gloria Kanoy <b>08/06</b> Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton		