



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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PRESBY'S BUILD ANOTHER HOME!

Thank you again, Westminster, for joining with Blacknall, Mt. Bethel, Covenant, Trinity Avenue, and Triangle Presbyterian churches in raising the funds and raising the rafters for the Aguirre family's new home. Westminster contributed \$1200 in individual donations and \$5000 from the Deacons' Westminster Fund toward buying the materials for the house. Together the churches raised the \$50K to sponsor the build and together we will work each Saturday until the end of October to build the home. Sign up sheets for you to help (construction, lunch, photography, landscaping) are available in the church office.

Habitat oversees the construction and holds the mortgage for the homeowner. The mortgage is for market value of the house, but with zero interest. Habitat homes are "platinum" green-built and less expensive to maintain. Habitat homeowners who normally pay \$800-\$1000 or more monthly (plus utilities) for a Durham apartment will generally pay around \$400 mortgage and less than \$48 utilities per month. These are truly affordable houses. And they go to people with proven track records for managing their money and for holding steady jobs.

The Deacons have designated August to be Habitat month. Look for information on the bulletin boards and check out the progress of the build on the WPC website (www.wpcdurham.org) or via this link (<http://albums.phanfare.com/isolated/zUV05Ew1/8991024/4225185>).

We want to help furnish the kitchen and bathroom of the Aguirre's new home with linens, dishes, small appliances, gadgets you can't do without, and non-perishable kitchen/bath items critical to a family with two children under the age of three! Please leave these items in the *yellow* collection box during August, and we will give them to the family this fall when their home is ready to move into!



Pastor's Corner

Friends and fellow disciples,

"The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper," according to the Presbyterian Church's Directory for Worship, "are God's acts of sealing the promises of faith within the community of faith as

the congregation worships" (W-3.3601). Our tradition calls them visible signs of invisible truths. The sacraments are the foundational acts of the church, around which our life is centered, as Christ takes ordinary things like water, bread, and wine and creates an extraordinary moment.

It begins at baptism. When Christ stepped into the waters of the Jordan River (Matthew 3:13-17), He joined Himself to us and was commissioned for His ministry among us. When we baptize babies we claim Christ's promises to and for our children, made to them before they were born. The parents make promises, as does the congregation, to raise their child in the church, to tell them the stories of the faith, to remind them – in word and deed – of God's remarkable love for them. Much of what we do at church is about the claiming and fulfilling of those promises – as we teach and learn together, people of all ages, at Sunday School and youth group and mid-week Bible study classes. At confirmation, youth claim those promises for themselves, embarking upon the ministry to which they have been called. It is this same sense of call, given to us at our baptisms, discerned throughout our lives, that leads some to embrace the call of leadership in the church. On August 23 the youth will lead worship, sharing stories of their trips, their ministry, this summer. That same day we will ordain and install a new class of elders and deacons, acknowledging God's claim on and call to them. This fall is filled with ways we seek to keep those promises, as new classes begin, as MP2 cranks up, as we move towards Spiritual Renewal Weekend at the end of September.

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- + **George Beischer, Frank England, Chris Kelly, Ginger Smith, and Barbara Walker** continue in treatment for cancer.
- + **Carl Boxberger's** step-mother, Florence Boxberger, died on July 2nd in New York.
- + **John & Ann Dancy** ask for prayers for John's friend, Gerry Galbo, whose wife, Jeannie, is suffering with cancer.
- + **Glenn Dickson's** stepmother, Cathy Dickson, is very ill with cancer.
- + **Barbara Fletcher's** niece, Claire Eller, is receiving treatment for stage 3 Lyme's disease.
- + **Herb Fritz's** father, Harry, died on July 20th.
- + **Tom Higgins' grandmother**, Lillian Higgins, died on July 27th in Manchester, New Hampshire.
- + **Don Huffman** is struggling with poor health and was hospitalized recently.
- + **Hannah Jones** is recovering from jaw surgery on July 2nd, following a bicycle accident.
- + **Susan Ketch's** father, Vern Gibson, is seriously ill in Washington state.
- + **Eason Carl Manwaring**, whose parents, Ken & Mary, were WPC members from 1976-1984, died unexpectedly on February 12th, at age 30. A memorial scholarship fund has been established in his memory at New Hope Camp & Conference Center. Please contact NHCCC (942-4716) for more information.
- + **Roger McMurrin**, conductor of Music Mission Kiev, is recovering from neck surgery on July 20th.
- + **Arlene Miller's** sister, Ethyl Rhodes, died on July 9th.
- + **Nancy & Jerry Rozak's** friend, Michelle Morgan, died on July 17th.
- + **Donald Rufty** asks for prayers for his friend and colleague, Tony Williams, who has cancer.
- + **Barb Schmidt's** husband, Frank, is recovering from knee surgery on July 21st.
- + Please pray for **Anna**, the daughter of the **Rev. Jody Welker** at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church in Cary, as she has just been diagnosed with lymphoma.

★ Celebrations ★

- + **Cindie & Ken Diehl** are first-time grandparents. Addison Herring was born to their daughter, Emilie, and her husband, Marcus, on July 25th in Atlanta.
- + **Sally & Richard Keener** have a new grandson. Rexford James Keener was born on July 8th to their son, Greg, and his wife, Molly.



What a summer it has been! I am so proud of our youth who spent their summer on mission trips and/or at youth conferences. There are so many stories to tell! Stories of faith stretched, people met, relationships built, and lives changed.

The youth are leading worship on August 23 at both services to highlight their summer and talk about how Christ was at work each week. Between services there will be stations for each trip – Massanetta Middle School Conference, Montreat Senior High Youth Conference, Senior High Mexico Mission and Middle School CROSS Mission. Please come and talk to the youth about their experiences in more depth and hear more stories of how Christ is alive in our youth and in the people we met all through the summer.

I cannot say enough about how well the summer went, how wonderful these youth are in so many ways, the amazing adults who worked with the youth over the summer and shared of themselves and grew in their faith too. I could spend pages and hours relating stories, telling tales of laughter, and bragging about the youth and adults. Thank you to the trip participants and leaders for making this such a great summer, and thank you, Westminster, for supporting your youth program, the youth, and me!

Rebecca

———— Youth Calendar ————

- Aug. 15** - Busch Gardens
- Aug. 23** - Youth lead worship for both morning services
- Aug. 24** - Prayer service for all youth and families returning to school - 7 p.m. in the Music Room
- Aug. 25** - School begins for public schools
- Aug. 30** - Fall Kick-off - Welcome 6th graders!

For the Record ...

The Session met again for its stated meeting on Sunday, July 19, and was called to order and service together with words of Psalm 121: "I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth ... The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore."

Led by these words, the Session considered together several matters related to church membership. Acting Moderator Betty Berghaus reminded the elders that church membership is one duty of many for which the Session is explicitly called to care, and Session members considered together their responsibilities to lead and challenge, counsel, support, and nurture church members. The Session reviewed membership rolls, deliberated over privacy concerns about member information and communications via the website and other church media, and discussed at length our interactions with each other at worship to greet members and welcome visitors – and also to notice who's missing and respond appropriately.

In the course of the meeting, the Session authorized the baptism of Charlie Soloe, son of Cindy and Ray Soloe, heard a report about the Diaconate's success engaging WPC in the multi-congregation Presbyterian Habitat Build, and received an update on the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee.

... Session Notes

Do you have a loved one who is actively serving in our military?

We are collecting information and photos for a bulletin board featuring our WPC families (daughters, sons, grands, nieces, nephews, etc.) We invite you to participate by submitting photos and information (including name & duty station) to the church office.



Stewardship 2010 - Sharing Your Stories

The Bible is full of stories about how God has been at work in people's lives, in all ways and for always. We are preparing to embark upon another stewardship season at Westminster, and our theme for 2010 is a continuation of last year's "We Are the Church: Sharing Our Stories" theme. This year it is, "We Are the Church: All Ways and Always."

We would like to share YOUR stories of God's love and steadfastness in your lives. We would especially like to hear from you about how you have been blessed - as a member of Westminster, through work you have done for or at the church, in your personal life, or in any way that the Spirit moves you to share.

Would you take a little time to reflect on your blessings and write a paragraph or two that you are willing to share? We will be making another photo "quilt" similar to the one we did last year, so even if you contributed to that one, we'd love to hear a new story. If you prefer, you may sign "Anonymous" at the end of your piece; otherwise we will credit you with your story. We would very much like to illustrate your story with either a photo of you or something that you wrote about - if you have a suitable photo (or photos), please include them.

You may submit your contribution: via mail (3639 Old Chapel Hill Road, Durham NC 27707), e-mail (gail@wpcdurham.org), or leave it with Gail in the church office. We hope to have all of the stories collected by September 1, so please act quickly!

We appreciate your faithful support of Westminster's missions!

*Jan McCallum & the Stewardship Committee:
Sally Keener, Sam Bryan, Carl Boxberger,
Monica Nichols, Anthony Dilweg, Dave Pottenger, John Gunter, Barbara Fletcher,
and Chris Tuttle*

If you'd like a preview of our Stewardship text, read II Corinthians, chapters 8 & 9. "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." II Corinthians 9:8



Dear Members of Westminster Presbyterian Church,

A couple of weeks ago, I was sitting in my office during the dinner hour at Urban Ministries of Durham. It had been a long hot day and as I gazed at my computer screen, each e-mail seemed to be more challenging than the last. As I was working, the sounds from dinner caught my ear, and I noticed that it was a bit louder than usual. There was music and laughter. I left the office and went into the Café to see a live jazz band, a host of Westminster members serving the guests, and a room full of people worn from the day but nonetheless enjoying the meal and music. For that moment, the cares of the world took a back seat to the warmth and pleasant feelings in the Café. For me, it was one of those moments when I was reminded that God is here, working in mysterious ways. I was not the only person struck by the irony of the evening. Many in the Café commented on how nice it was to have something so nice even on a day that felt otherwise hot and hard for many. Your congregation had offered a gift that helped lighten the load.

A few days later, I received word that you would be sending a special gift of \$25,000 to cover the bulk of the operating costs for our shelter for the month of July. Managing our shelter is very trying these days. We are filled to the brim and then some, housing an average of 140 people per night, a 25% increase over last year. Our staff is stretched making difficult choices about how to manage the increased demands with equity and without letting the stress get out of hand for everyone. Please keep them and the guests in prayer. In the midst of dealing with so many people who are dealing with economic stresses of their own, our expenses are up and revenues have been down, creating a financial bind for the agency on top of everything else. So, in the midst of this situation, it is hard for me to find adequate words to tell you what a relief it was to hear that you would be praying for us and providing extra help with the expenses. You have provided much needed breathing room and support during this troubled time and have once again lightened the load.

There are a variety of gifts and forms of service. Some of us work at the shelter. Some serve food. Some provide administrative leadership. Some play music. Some offer hugs and words of thanksgiving. Some provide financial support. Thank goodness, God uses all of that to help us to help one another and to weather times of difficulty. I am grateful to have you as a partner in ministry. On behalf of the board of Urban Ministries, the staff, and the guests, I offer my sincere appreciation. I look forward to visiting you on July 26th and to continuing to develop our partnership in the years to come.

Peace be with you all.

Sincerely,

Patrice Y. Nelson



Put MP2 Wednesdays on your fall calendar now!

MP2, Westminster's after-school midweek ministry for children returns on October 7th, 4 - 5:10 p.m. *What's new besides fun activities, field trips, and new friends?* **'Club MP2'** for all 4th/5th graders will teach leadership skills along with an exciting curriculum just for this age group. Our theme for the year is "Children in the Bible." We will explore the similarities between their special attributes and our own.

Adult volunteers of all ages and youth in grades 6 and up are invited to be leaders and teachers. For more information about volunteering, please contact Nancy Rozak (489-4974 or nancy@wpcdurham.org).

Registration forms will be available soon from the information table in the Holderness Mission Center hallway.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP for *Growing Together 2009!*

This excellent leadership event sponsored by New Hope Presbytery will be held on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Johnston Community College in Smithfield, NC. This year's keynote speaker, Dick Hardel, is a pastor and fellow at The Youth and Family Institute, an author, speaker, and even a clown! He will speak on "A Radical Model to Pass on Faith!"

There will be courses for Christian Education (*Connecting Church and Home* and *Equipping the Saints*); Youth Ministry (*Contemplative Youth Ministry*); Church Development (*Becoming a Welcoming & Hospitable Church*); the Church in the World (*Muslims & Christians* and *Becoming Ministers of Reconciliation*); Church Life (*Good Grief* and *Claiming My Spiritual Path*); and Theology (*Fundamentalism & Reading the Bible: A La Carte or A La Calvin?*). These are just a few examples of the 30 courses offered! Or, in other words, there will be something for everyone in the church!

Brochures are available on the information table in the Holderness Mission Center. Or you may contact Betty Berghaus or Nancy Rozak, who are on the *Growing Together* planning committee. But make your plans now to attend! Register before September 9 at a cost of only \$20. Scholarships are available from our Christian Education Committee, if needed.



Our June and July Summer Camp sessions were full of surprises! As you would expect, our staff is keeping a watchful eye on the playground and surrounding areas. During the June session, a fox scrambled up the fence and jumped into the midst of a group of children. The little girl who was bitten on the leg has finished her series of rabies vaccinations, and she is doing very well. She joined us for the camp session that began on August 3rd. The staff and students are glad to have her back!

On the last day of camp in July, the campers enjoyed meeting some of Durham's firefighters. They gave them a tour of the fire truck and told the students about the good work they do in our city. At the end of the visit, the firefighters "misted" the children with the fire hose. You should have heard their laughter! The firefighters will visit us again on Friday, August 7th. This will signal the end of another summer of fun at Westminster School.

We are still collecting books to be delivered to the Durham Social Services waiting room. If you have children's books or chapter books appropriate for older elementary students, please leave them in the collection bin outside the school office (ground floor - Holderness Mission Center). We hope to make a large delivery at the end of camp. Thanks for your continued support of this project and our program!



The Journal of Hildegard of Bingen

By Barbara Lachman

This book is the imagined life of Hildegard of Bingen in the form of a diary covering one year. The author uses the facts of Hildegard's life to tell us of her struggles in establishing a convent and of the visions and music she hears which she tries to teach to the nuns. She produced music and poetry for seventy-seven liturgical songs and the first morality play. Her skill as a healer and empirical knowledge about the medicinal use of plants, diet, and attitude were remarkable. "This is a sympathetic, insightful reading that at once inspires and intrigues the reader."

Adult fiction.



**FIND OUT ABOUT & JOIN
CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS**

FALL "JOIN SCOUTING" NIGHT

**Tuesday, August 25, or Thursday, August 27,
7:00 p.m.**

Westminster Presbyterian Church - Calhoun Cabin

Eligible boys and their parents are invited to come and learn about Cub Scouting, a program for boys in first through fifth grades. For more information, visit the Cub Scout Pack 451 website (www.pack451inc.com) or contact Chip Reinhardt (home: 489-6858, work: 534-1200, e-mail home: rmlaw@nc.rr.com, e-mail work: car@rmfi-law.com).

"PASTOR'S CORNER"

Continued



**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

If baptism is where we embrace Christ's call for us, communion is the meal that sustains the ministry which follows. The first Sunday of each month we gather at the Lord's Table, to be fed by the One who claims (in this past Sunday's gospel text), "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35). Christ gathers us to feed us, transform us again, and send us out.

We often serve communion by intinction, which means a person receives a piece of bread from a pastor to dip into juice or wine. The Book of Order requires juice to be available as well as wine, for children or people who are uncomfortable with alcohol. The Book of Order also allows for the serving by any ordained officer of the church (W-3.3616d). An elder is responsible for coordinating communion each time it is served. In the past they have often recruited sitting elders to serve with them. While this still happens, the present session has tried to be intentional about recruiting servers from beyond the regular pool, including present deacons, as well as previously ordained elders and deacons. Each Sunday before we serve we gather to talk through logistics and to pray that God will work through us as we serve.



Visible signs of invisible truths, our tradition calls these sacraments. When we baptize and gather at the Lord's table, we can be confident something unique is happening. Let us rejoice!

Chris



On August 26, 2009, Meals on Wheels of Durham will host a ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of our recent relocation. This is the first time in our 34-year history that we will operate out of our own facility! The ribbon cutting will begin at 11:00 a.m., with refreshments and

building tours following the ceremony.

Established in 1975, Meals on Wheels of Durham delivers hot, nutritious meals to Durham County residents who are unable to provide or prepare meals for themselves. A non-profit agency, Meals on Wheels of Durham, Inc. is committed to enhancing the quality of life for eligible homebound adults in our community. Dedicated volunteers deliver lunches to the elderly, frail, disabled, convalescing, and others who cannot provide proper nutrition for themselves.

Since its inception, Meals on Wheels of Durham, Inc. has helped to improve the nutritional status and health of our recipients by serving more than 1.5 million meals through the generous help and support of its staff, volunteers, donors, and sponsors. For more information or to volunteer, contact Simone Woodard (667-9426).



A new class for prospective members will begin on August 16, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 105 of the Holderness Mission Center.

This series of five one-hour classes, led by Chris Tuttle, Sue McCaughan, and Sara Pottenger, is an opportunity to get to know the Presbyterian Church, how Westminster uniquely serves, and how your gifts can be used to serve Christ in this place. If you would like to sign up, or know of someone we should invite, please contact Gail (gail@wpcdurham.org or 489-4974) in the church office.

Preaching Schedule

August 9

11 a.m. - Baptism of Charlie Soloe

Guest Preacher: Rev. Tully Fletcher - both morning worship services

Texts: Micah 1:1, 2:1-11, 6:6-15

Title: "What Else Did Micah Have to Say?"

August 16

Preacher: Rev. Betty Berghaus

Texts: I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-15; Ephesians 5:15-20

Title: "Wise Living (with God)"

August 23

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

Youth will lead worship at both morning services.

Join us to hear the highlights of their summer and stories about how Christ has been at work through our youth. See "Just 4 Youth" on page 2 for more details.



Women of Faith will be in Greensboro November 6-7, 2009. This exciting two-day event is a mix of laughter, music, and stories that will touch your heart. Bring your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors - any woman you know who needs a new perspective . . . a new enthusiasm . . . A Grand New Day. These women tell funny and inspiring stories. There will be a lot of music, including Sandi Patty and Steven Curtis Chapman, and approximately 15,000 Christian women present. Over the course of the two-day event you'll hear fabulous music, watch stirring drama, listen to hilarious and heart-tugging stories, and join thousands of women in worship.

We can reserve seats together if we sign up in the next few weeks. Tickets will be \$99, and cover the cost of the seats for two days (Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and a boxed lunch each day. If you are interested, please contact Betty Berghaus (489-4974 or betty@wpcdurham.org).



Responsibilities for August 9 - 16 2009

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
08/09 Daniel & Sarah Falkovic	Nursery Coordinator for August - Jennifer Feiler	08/09 8:30 - Lois Bender, Barb Vanden Broek, Susan Landis, and Jim Maxwell 11:00 - Alex & Mary Denson, Mike & Kay Rosenmarkle, Richard Keener, and Chick Palermo
08/16 Addison & Audrey Joseph		
LECTORS	08/09 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Thoko Manzini and Jessie Tharrington <i>Toddlers</i> - Tatum Pottenger and Diane Leadbetter 2-5 - Jamie & Anthony Dilweg 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Thoko Manzini and Jessie Tharrington <i>Toddlers</i> - Tatum Pottenger and Diane Leadbetter 2-3 - Volunteers Needed 4-5 - Barb & Bill Burig	08/16 8:30 - David Lapp & David Lapp, Jr., and John & Rebecca Graham 11:00 - Kevin, Carol, & Chris Kelly, Jim Joseph, Bill Whitt, and Jim Agnew
08/09 8:30 - Mike Bunch 11:00 - Mark Hill 08/16 8:30 - Bonnie Derr 11:00 - Barbara Rynerson		
OFFERING COUNTERS	08/16 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Thoko Manzini and Jessie Tharrington <i>Toddlers</i> - Tatum Pottenger and Diane Leadbetter 2-5 - Kenzie Brannon and Cindy Soloe 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Thoko Manzini and Jessie Tharrington <i>Toddlers</i> - Tatum Pottenger and Diane Leadbetter 2-3 - Allison & Dax Hill 4-5 - Amy & Mark Hill	
08/09 8:30 - Rex McCallum and Shan Wiley 11:00 - Tracy & Jim Joseph 08/16 8:30 - Darren & Ben Skeen 11:00 - Tracy & Jim Joseph		
SOUND TECHNICIANS		
08/09 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Frank Stallings 08/16 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Frank Stallings		

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