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Spiritual Enrichment - October 8

WPC is privileged to have Dr. Anna Carter Florence lead our Spiritual Enrichment Weekend this year, which will be October 8th. She will preach at both worship services, and lead sessions during the Sunday School hour and on Sunday evening, following a pot luck supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Florence earned her M. Div. and PhD at Princeton Theological Seminary, and is currently Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta. She is interested in historical, theological, aesthetic, and performative dimensions of preaching and the way preaching engages other fields and different traditions. Her research focuses on testimony, feminist theology, the role of experience in preaching, and the history of preaching women.

Join us for this wonderful event!

INTERIM PASTOR

Search -- Update



On Wednesday, September 13th, the Session approved the recommendation of the Interim Search Committee to issue a call to the Rev. Dr. Jack Walchenbach of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, to serve as the interim pastor for Westminster beginning November 1st of this year.

Jack Walchenbach is a member of Florida Presbytery and has served several churches in his career including: Pastor/Head of Staff, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, Florida (400 members); Pastor/Head of Staff, Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas, (3,400 members); Pastor/Head of Staff, First Presbyterian Church, Deland, Florida (1,100 members); Senior Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Orlando, Florida (4,000 members).

Jack's church-wide administrative and service activities experiences include:

Chair - Mission Strategy Division, Florida Presbytery, six years; Member - Committee on Ministry, Florida Presbytery, five years; Member - Search Committees for Executive Presbyter and two Associate Executive positions; and Chair - Council, Synod of Florida.

Since his retirement in 2005, he has served as a stated supply pastor one day a week plus Sunday for a small congregation of 70 members near Fort Walton Beach.

Jack Walchenbach's academic achievements include: A.B. Chemistry, Hope College; M.Div. Theology, New Brunswick Theological Seminary; Th.M. Historical Theology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; and Ph.D. Church History, University of Pittsburgh.

Jack and his wife, Pat, have two sons and four grand children.

Women's Retreat

Are you always running around looking ahead at what is *Next* on your schedule? Would you like to learn more about *Now!* Then join us for *Next!* the Women's Fall Retreat on **October 14, 2006** in the Oak Lodge at New Hope Camp.

Lori Pistor will present an outstanding day for us. Lori is no stranger to WPC as she pops in and out to be an occasional choir member, supply preacher, colleague, and friend to many. In fact she reports that a couple of folks at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, where she is currently serving as interim pastor, think that she used to be on WPC's staff rather than at First Presbyterian Church! She has not offered to correct them!

We have been blessed to have Lori lead prior retreats and we know this one will be just as memorable! The session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person plus an optional additional cost of \$7.50 for lunch. Plan to join us!

Questions? Contact Meg Yarbrough (321-0756) or Dorene Palermo (620-0156).

Deacon Community Mission Workday

Saturday, October 14th

Be there to support WPC missions!

See page 3 for all the details.

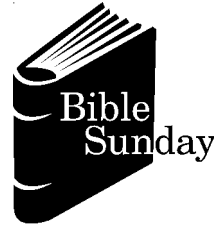


- + **Ben Brooks'** mother, Faye, has been receiving treatment at UNC Hospital for cancer.
- + **John Dancy's** sister, Cindy Dever, is undergoing serious eye surgery this week.
- + **Dana Lange** has been caring for her father, who had surgery at Duke on September 20th, and her sister.
- + **Alexandra Morris'** mother, Suzy Urban, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- + **Tiffany Price** is recovering from surgery at Duke on September 21st.

Please let us know your prayer concerns so that we can lift them up to God. If you want prayers but do not want your concerns to appear in print, the staff will quietly keep you in our prayers. Just let us know. God bless.



+ **Norman & Hazel Gaddis** have a new great-grandson, Sacha Gaddis, born on September 10th.



OCTOBER 8TH

- **KINDERGARTNERS WILL RECEIVE BIBLES AT BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES**
- **AN ASSORTMENT OF BIBLES & CHRISTIAN BOOKS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE PARLOR**



Deacons' Corner



Starting in October, the coffee receptions after both services will be hosted by our church's committees, groups, classes, and supper clubs. The last Sunday of each month, birthday Sunday, the Assimilation Committee will be hosts and provide birthday cake with the coffee and juice!

Please saunter into the parlor after church to meet visitors, chat with members, and thank the hosting group. Doorways Bible Study Group will be hosts on October 1st. Christian Education Committee will host on Oct. 8th, which is Spiritual Enrichment Weekend and Bible Sunday. Books, Bibles, and Christian resources will be available to purchase in the Parlor. The Library Committee will host the following week (Oct. 15th).

Please check with the members of your Sunday School class, committee, supper club, or other group to see when you can host a Sunday, and contact Sally Keener for more details (401-0799; sallyk@nc.rr.com).

The Deacons would like to thank the WPC congregation for the tremendous response to providing toys and books for the IHN guest children! We now have plenty of great books and toys. You've done it again! Thanks!



There will be an information meeting for students currently in the eighth grade and older who are interested in this year's Confirmation Class.

The meeting will be held in the Youth Suite after both worship services on October 8th, and will last about thirty minutes.

Register now for MP2

CHILDREN'S MIDWEEK PROGRAM BEGINS OCTOBER 4TH

MP2, our children's midweek program on Wednesday afternoons (3:45-5:10 p.m.), will begin on October 4th. Children ages 4 years - 5th grade are invited to participate in the fun. It is not too late to register your children! Forms are available in the Holderness Mission Center. Parent (and grandparent) volunteers are needed, and childcare is provided for younger siblings. Even adults with no children in the program are welcome to join us as teachers and shepherds. Nancy has written wonderful, easy to follow curriculum!

Contact Holly Schmidt (hschmidt@nc.rr.com or 489-6887) for more information or to volunteer.

Music Notes

Montreat Worship & Music Conference 2007: If you are interested in attending as part of a WPC group next June, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 per person is required by October 1st. Checks should be made out to Westminster & should be mailed or given to Barbara Fletcher. If we don't have enough deposits in hand by Oct. 1st, we must release our housing reservation. Please call or e-mail Monica Rossman with questions: monica@wpcdurham.org or 489-4974, ext. 113.

Chancel Choir Needs You! We rehearse on Thursday evenings, 7:30 – 9:15 p.m., in the Music Room. Join us as we prepare wonderful choral music for worship, including John Rutter's festive *Magnificat* for services on Dec. 17th (our fall choir retreat, on Sat., Oct. 28th, will focus on the *Magnificat*). We encourage all interested singers to participate in what will surely be an exciting season of music-making, fellowship, & service to our Lord! Please come to any Thursday night rehearsal &/or contact Monica Rossman for more details: monica@wpcdurham.org or 489-4974, ext. 113.

Junior Choir / Junior Handbells: Join us on Wednesday, October 4th, 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. in the Music Room (immediately following the MP2 program) as we begin an exciting new season with a fresh approach to our Junior Choir program. If you are in 2nd through 6th grade & love music, this program is for you! Each week, we will divide our time between choral singing & handbell/handchime ringing. Another new element this year: parental presence at each rehearsal is required, & I am asking parents to sign-up so that all can share in this duty. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me: monica@wpcdurham.org or 489-4974, ext. 113.

BREAKFAST AND SIGNING WITH CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR LINDA SUE PARK

You are invited to hear a Newberry Award winner and daughter of Ed and Susie Park at the Governors Club on Saturday, October 7th.

Registration	9:30 a.m.
Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
Presentation	11:00 a.m.

Adults: \$11.19 includes tax and tip
 Children: \$7.44 includes tax and tip (ages 4 – 12)

For more information, call 933-7500, ext. 6. Please mention Westminster Church.

DEACON



COMMUNITY MISSION WORKDAY

The next Deacon Community Mission Workday is scheduled for Saturday, October 14th, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. This is always a fun event for WPC, since it is an opportunity for all of us to help local agencies with some "sweat equity" by making their grounds and buildings just a little nicer. Bring your painting, cleaning, and landscaping skills and join us! Sign-up sheets will be available after worship services beginning Sunday, October 1st.



New Hope Presbyterian Church will hold its Annual BBQ and Brunswick Stew Dinner at New Hope Camp and Conference Center Dining Hall on October 14th, 2006. BBQ plates with all the fixin's will be available from 5:00 until 7:30 or so. We'll have hayrides around camp as well as musical entertainment on the dining hall porch. Donations will be accepted for the dinner and BBQ and Brunswick stew will be available for sale by the pound/quart. Proceeds will go towards facility upgrades at New Hope Camp. Please join our six partner churches and the community for this fun-filled evening at Camp!

Also, don't miss out on the must have fashion trend for all: CAMPT-SHIRTS! Camp shirts will be for sale that night at bargain basement prices. We have all sizes (adult and child) and different styles to choose from. Shirts were originally \$12 each. At the BBQ get one shirt for \$5, two for \$7.

Help with cooking, setup, and clean up is needed. If you are interested in volunteering at this event please call the New Hope Camp office (942-4716) or contact Bob Strayhorn (967-1467).

Dear WPC,

How grateful I am for all the prayer "warriors" in our church who kept the Lord's angels at watch over me during an unusually long and difficult surgery, a nine day stay in the hospital, and a recovery with complications.

From the visits in the hospital to cards that kept coming until the end of recovery, I received love and encouragement from you Saints at Westminster.

You put a song in my heart, and I hope to see you at worship soon from the choir loft. Thank you.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

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WPC is looking for some replacement sofas and loveseats for the Youth Suite and the new Interim Pastor's office.
 If you have either of these to donate, please call **Barbara @ 489-4974, ext 122.**

WPC is also looking for 2 computers with Windows XP installed - one for the Library and one for the new Interim Pastor's office.
 If you have one of these to donate, please call **Barbara @ 489-4974, ext 122.**

Did you know that you could pay your pledge with stock? Call Barbara for details.

If you have given stock to Westminster's account this year, please call Barbara. We have received 2 stock gifts, but don't know who to give the credit to.



"...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

Preaching Schedule

October 1, 2006 - World Communion Sunday

Preacher: Paul Ransford

Title: "We Can!"

Texts: Esther 7:1-6; Mark 9:38-50

October 8, 2006 - Spiritual Enrichment Sunday -
 (see article on page 1 for more details)

Bible Sunday

Preacher: Anna Carter Florence

Support Youth Ministries' Youth Mission Fund

Lawns cleared, babies sat, chores done! It's time for us to raise money for our summer mission trip. You call. We'll show up and do the job. You make a donation to the youth mission fund. It's that simple.

Contact Paul (489-4974 or 210-1678).

Thanks for your support!

Responsibilities for October 1 - October 8, 2006

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
10/01 Will Dozier 10/08 Ben Chesnut	October Nursery Coordinator - Margaret Falkovic 10/01 8:30 - <i>Infants & Toddlers</i> - Helen, Jessie, & Austin Tharrington 2-5 - Jamie & Anthony Dilweg 11:00 - <i>Infants & Toddlers</i> - Laura & Ben Chesnut 2-3 - Blair & James Chesnut 4-5 - Beth & Mickey Herrin <i>Float - Volunteers Needed</i> 10/08 8:30 - <i>Infants & Toddlers</i> - Kenzie Brannon & Margaret Hawkins 2-5 - Andy & Erik Dunk 11:00 - <i>Infants & Toddlers</i> - Carolyn Holmes & Jennifer Whitman 2-3 - Kenzie Brannon & Olivia Cleary 4-5 - Kim, Kevin, & Kyle Scott <i>Float - Volunteers Needed</i>	10/01 8:30 - Bill McAvoy, Perry Tharrington, Thomas Hardison, and Bert Loro 11:00 - Dave & Cathy Snider, Beverly McGraw, and LuRuth Arena 10/08 8:30 - Margaret McCarty, Josie Humphries, and Scott & Claire Forrest 11:00 - Blair & James Chesnut, and Carol, Graham, & Chris Kelly
LECTORS		SOUND TECHNICIANS
10/01 8:30 - Chuck Byrd 11:00 - Scotti Harwood 10/08 8:30 - Alice Decker 11:00 - Lynn or Chris McLaughlin		10/01 8:30 - Derek Leadbetter 11:00 - Gary & Jay Lehew 10/08 8:30 - Derek Leadbetter 11:00 - Gary & Jay Lehew
ELDER GREETERS		
10/01 8:30 - Bill Young 11:00 - Beth Maxwell 10/08 8:30 - John Graham 11:00 - Carolyn Holmes		
OFFERING COUNTERS		
10/01 Cindy & Jaco Mouton 10/08 Mike & Kay Rosenmarkle		