



...The Rest of the Story



Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Relief

The rescue effort on the Gulf Coast has received some unheralded assistance over the weekend. Presbyterian officials from Louisville checked over the volunteer camps that have been established and have called for an even greater investment on the

part of our denomination in setting up camps for volunteers representing a wide variety of faith groups.

WPC is being called upon again to assist in setting up a more permanent camp with heated housing units for volunteers coming to serve during the winter months. Tents that our faithful purchased will probably be sent to Pakistan or Central American flood areas. They will be put to good use in these devastated areas instead of going into storage.

On our November trip, we will also carry down fifty extra warm sleeping bags for use in temperatures down to 40 degrees. Many of you have asked if there is a need for clothing donations. None are needed at this time. We will let you know as soon as we have taken an assessment of clothing needs. Watch for updates in future issues of the newsletter and via e-mail. Your continued financial support and aid in outfitting the trailer for the traveling teams are a great witness!

We'll soon be constructing a shower/bathroom trailer on the parking lot. It will be towed down to the Gulf Coast. This project will give the handy persons among our congregation a chance to help. For more information on future trips, please call Paul Ransford (919-210-1678).

Celebrate the Gift Sunday

November 13th

- Pledge cards were mailed to you on November 1st.
- Bring your completed pledge card to church on November 13th.
- We will have a BIG celebration lunch after the 11 a.m. worship service. Great food for all & fun activities for the children under the tent.
- The theme of the day is **“Dress Down/Pledge Up.”** Come to church dressed in casual attire.

Regarding Pledges

If you cannot make it to church on Nov. 13th, you can make your pledge early by phone (489-4974), e-mail (Barbara@wpcdurham.org), or in person to Barbara Fletcher.

Our Elders are being asked to follow up with those families we have not heard from by Nov. 13th.

We are blessed with lives of abundance. Sharing this abundance, as you have with the hurricane victims, is just one example of the outpouring of your love for all God's people and a response to God's grace.

For more information on Stewardship 2006, visit our website: www.wpcdurham.org and check out our bulletin board outside the Mission Center - "Westminster Speaks".

KINDERGARTENERS RECEIVE BIBLES!

Last Sunday, October 30th, Bibles were given to children who are currently in kindergarten. If your kindergarten child did not receive a Bible, and you would like them to have one, please call Nancy Rozak (489-4974, ext. 104).

*You Are Invited
to an MP2*

All-Church Dinner

Wednesday, November 16th

6:00 p.m.

WPC Fellowship Hall



The main part of the dinner will be catered and we ask that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. We look forward to breaking bread together once again. See you there!

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

- + Reva Davis, mother of **Peggy Edmondson** and **Betty Powell**, is seriously ill at Carver Living Center.
- + **Julie Fishel-Billman's** sister, Janette, continues in treatment for cancer.
- + **Tonya Mills' grandfather**, John Rudisill, is seriously ill in Columbia, South Carolina.
- + **Alison Spransy** is recovering at home from double knee replacement surgery.
- + **Lucy Stokes' father**, Nick Gardner, is in rehab at Durham Regional Hospital.
- + **Carol Van Hise**, Financial Director of Westminster School for Young Children, is recovering at home following foot surgery.
- + **Doug Wellemeyer's father**, Donald, is seriously ill at his home in Ohio, with Hospice care.

★ Celebrations! ★

- + Andrew Joseph Feiler was born to **Jennifer & Mike Feiler** on October 27th.
- + **Don & Sue Hallen** have a new grandson, Jacob Ivan Slavich, born on October 10th.
- + **Tonya & Eric Mills** have a new baby. Taylor Weathersbee Mills was born on October 14th.
- + **Paul & Sally Ransford's** 4th grandchild, Luke Andrew Champion, was born to their daughter, Becca, and her husband, Lee, on October 11th.



Welcome Our New Members



WPC is blessed to have 20 new members received from the Fall Inquirers' class. Please welcome to our church family: **Jae Hun Choi & Eun-Ju Ki, Leigh & Michael Darby, Jon DuBose & Debra Lucero, Kristin & Hans Hiemstra, Karis & Michael Jackson, Ryowon Kim & Peter Scilipote, Marilyn & John Shuler, Jeremie Vuillquez, Becky & Rob Wilgus, Marty Wicks, and Meg & Chuck Yarbrough.**



WPC Hosts IHN Nov. 13th - 20th



There are many different ways to help with the IHN weekly stay (providing food, transportation, dinner host, overnight host, helping set up/breaking down). We have recently lost our partner church, St. Stephens, who covered 3 days of the weekly IHN stay, so we need your help more than ever. Your vital support of this important program to end homelessness is very much appreciated.

If you have not had the opportunity to be involved with IHN, please contact Carol Cunningham (403-9698) or look for her after church services on November 6th.



On Thursday evening, October 20th, the parents and staff of Westminster School enjoyed our annual Open House and Dessert Get-Together. Teachers introduced the parents to all the interesting things their children are doing during their mornings at school. Afterwards, parents were able to visit with one another and enjoy delicious desserts. Many thanks to Tracey Schneider, Amy Sauls, Jean Service, and Helen Tharrington for helping to organize this event. Thanks, also, to Jennifer Ritz who spoke to the parents about our fall fund-raiser. All of these ladies serve on our Advisory Board.

Registration begins soon! Beginning November 15th and ending December 1st, we will be registering young children of church families who will be old enough to attend our program in the fall of 2006. A child must be two years old by April 1, 2006 to be able to attend next fall. Since we have so many young families with children, it may be impossible to enroll every child who is old enough to attend. We fill available spaces by the date a child is placed on our rolling waiting list. If your child is not on our waiting list, please call 489-8432, and we will send you the necessary information.

Reminder: Financial aid is available. Thanks for helping us with this important process!

Choir Notes

Junior Choir needs more singers! Choir presents a great opportunity for children to learn about music & worship (ask me about our “random hymn” game, which the kids love & which teaches us so much about our musical heritage). By now we are all aware that music study improves overall learning & intelligence. Since choir is, in effect, free music lessons for your child, why not take advantage of what Junior Choir has to offer? You have nothing to lose & worlds to gain. Please send your children (especially those in 2nd through 6th grade) to our rehearsals on Wednesdays from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Parents are welcome, too, & parental help is much appreciated. The more, the merrier!

CHANCEL CHOIR: It is never too late to join us - take advantage of the musical energy at the start of this wonderful choir season! If you are interested in singing **John Rutter's** magnificent *Gloria* with the choir on December 11th, simply come to our Thursday evening rehearsals (7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the music room - work on Rutter begins at approximately 8:40 p.m., though you are encouraged to join us for the whole rehearsal if you can). You will be warmly welcomed!

Optional part rehearsals for Rutter's *Gloria* continue on Thurs. evenings from 7:00-7:30 p.m. (Music Room) as follows:

Nov. 10 - men's parts
Nov. 17 - women's parts

Questions? Call or e-mail Monica Rossman (489-4974, ext. 113; monica@wpcdurham.org).

Forum Sunday School Class News

The Forum Sunday School Class provides an opportunity to wrestle with hard questions of faith and Christian practice in daily living in the 21st century. Please join us in Room 208 of the Mission Center on **November 6th**, as we continue our discussion of Jim Wallis' *God's Politics*. On **November 13th**, we will meet in the Music Room where Monica will delight us with a meaningful presentation on music history in the church. On **November 20th**, we will attend the Advent Workshop and the Alternative Gift Fair. On **November 27th**, we will discuss *The Rabbi's Gift* (a video based on a Scott Peck story). We hope you will join us for all, or some of these Forum classes.



Deacons' Corner



The Deacons send a big thank you to all the people who turned out to help on the Mission Work Day! Because of your efforts wonderful things happened at IHN, DCRC, Camp New Hope, Housing for New Hope, and here at home in the Calhoon Cabin and Youth Suite. So many people made it a successful day filled with accomplishments and fellowship!

The Deacons would like to remind you to support the Junior High Sunday School Class' project (see next article).

JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS DISASTER RELIEF PROJECT

The Junior High Sunday School Class wants to help with hurricane relief by sending supplies to the D'iberville Tent City.

We will send all donated items down with the next mission trip. Please contribute items, from the list below, in the collection boxes located in the Mission Center. If you don't have the time to shop, you may donate money, and we will purchase the supplies.

- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, & 6)
- Ziploc Bags (all sizes)
- Any Canned Food (no boxed foods)
- Pencils, Pens, Erasers, & Markers

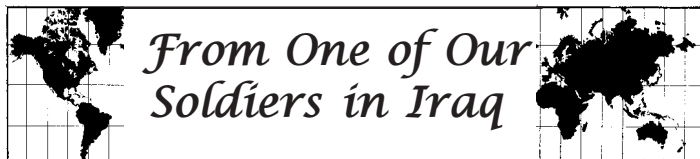
Donations will be accepted until mid-November. Our class with gather your gifts and see that they are delivered.

Thanks for your participation with this important project!

Memorial Garden Committee

The Memorial Garden Committee is looking for new members. This is a newly reformed committee that is charged with making decisions concerning the design and maintenance of our memorial garden. There is a significant crack in the memorial wall, and we are considering repair or redesign options and would like input from others in the congregation. If you are interested, please call the church office (489-4974) or contact a member of the committee.

Committee members are: **Marvin & Becky Walker, Shayne Ruffing, Don Rufty, Bill McAvoy, Micki Scott, Lois Bender, C. V. Conner, Don & Carolyn Cleaver, Barbara Fletcher, and Haywood Holderness.** The next meeting will be Sunday, November 13th, at 2 p.m. in Room 105 of the Mission Center.



Hi everyone,

I wanted to shoot you all an e-mail to let you know that I am doing just fine. I'm not in harms way, and, for the most part, I stay on base. It's not a bad place at all, although it could be worse. The food is actually pretty good, and they take good care of us.

I'm counting down the days as to when I should be returning home. I have about 25 days left. Time is going by fast, but not fast enough. I want to thank everyone in the congregation for keeping me in their prayers. I really appreciate it. I just wanted to say hello and don't worry because all is well. Give everyone my love and thanks, and I'll see everyone soon. Take care.

Sincerely,

Simone Macklin

(Mac Smith's daughter)



A Friends of New Hope Camp and Conference Center Organization is being established. This is a way for people who care about this place to join forces and make even more positive things happen here. The Friends will make financial contributions, volunteer for work

projects, help spread the good news about this fantastic place, and much more. Look for a newsletter in the coming weeks to offer more information about the Friends network. The Friends plan to hold a camp dinner and auction in February. If you would like to help organize this event or donate an item for the auction, please call our office (942-4716).

On November 19th from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m., the men of New Hope Presbyterian Church will hold a B-B-Q fundraiser at NHCCC to benefit the camp. We'll be serving some of the best B-B-Q the Triangle has to offer. Donations will be accepted as payment for the meal. Last year, money raised from this event helped to put a new roof on our dining hall. Please come out and support this fundraiser and spend an evening with others who wish to make a positive impact here.

Fall is a beautiful time to come out and tour your local Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. Please call our office (942-4716) to make an appointment. We'll be happy to show you around camp or give you time to enjoy the trails, pond, and fire circles.

Emanuel Hispanic Fellowship of Durham-Chapel Hill

The visibility of Emanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Fellowship is increasing, with media coverage and invitations to participate in ecumenical services, such as the healing service held following Hurricane Katrina at Duke Medical Center and the faith breakfast held at Durham Public Schools' headquarters. Julio is also working as a volunteer chaplain at Duke Medical Center, holding monthly worship services and providing pastoral care to Hispanic families in need.

Our services are becoming more enthusiastic, with improved musical quality and musical training for children and youth. Come join us for services at Northgate Presbyterian Church, 2504 Roxboro Street:

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Bible study

Saturdays at 6:30 pm, worship service

Sundays at 9:30 am, Sunday school

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



RSVP "Eat Locally, Feed Locally" on Nov. 15th

- RSVP Day offers Triangle residents the opportunity to help feed needy families in Durham simply by enjoying a meal at their favorite participating restaurants.
- **Volunteers needed** Urban Ministries Community Kitchen needs volunteers to sign up restaurants, distribute materials to the Durham restaurants, assist with mailings, and distribute congregational inserts to churches.

Contact: Marti Dreyer (682-0538, ext. 29 or mdreyer@umdurham.org) to volunteer

Peace & Unity of the Church

You are invited to a regional meeting of our Presbytery's Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church at First Presbyterian Church on November 20th, 3 to 5 p.m.

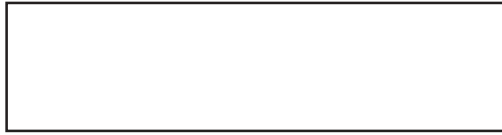
This Task Force is striving to enable Presbyterians of a wide variety of views, values, and backgrounds to find new ways to talk to each other, and to live together faithfully in the face of disagreements. For more information, check the Presbytery of New Hope website (nhpresbytery.org) or the denominational website (pcusa.org/peaceunitypurity).



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November 2, 2005 - Holy Communion

Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Title: "Stones"
Text: Joshua 3:14-4:7

November 13, 2005 - Consecration/Stewardship Sunday

Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Title: "Well Done..."
Text: Matthew 25:14-30

**FACE2FACE ADULT SUNDAY
SCHOOL CLASS**

Face2Face, the newest Sunday School class for parents of teens and adolescents, meets on the first and third Sunday mornings of each month in Room 204 of the Mission Center. Classes will be held Nov. 6th & 20th and Dec. 4th & 18th.

Linda Barnett and Bert Loro are facilitating a discussion on "Communication With Your Youth." This will be a 3-4 week series of conversations dealing with effective parent/child communication and will include the viewing of a video. This is a great opportunity to improve your communication skills, and the communication skills of your adolescent or teen. Come and join a lively, meaningful discussion!



"...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

Calendar Highlights

- 11/05** 8:30 a.m. Women's Fall Retreat - Oak Lodge at Camp New Hope
- 11/06** 9:45 a.m. Face2Face Class - Room 204
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Youth Suite
4:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal - Music Room
5:30 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Suite
- 11/07** 6:30 p.m. Local Missions Committee - Room 105
- 11/08** 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee - Room 105
- 11/09** 5:30 p.m. Ways & Means Committee - Room 105
6:30 p.m. Mission Focus Group - Parlor
7:00 p.m. Global Missions Committee - Room 103
- 11/11-13** Senior High Retreat - Montreat
- 11/12** 8:30 a.m. Teacher Training - Room 105
- 11/13** Stewardship/Consecration Sunday
(see front page for more details)
2:00 p.m. Memorial Garden Committee - Room 105
- 11/14** 7:15 p.m. Seekers - Parlor

See page 5 for the complete November calendar.

Responsibilities for November 6 - November 13, 2005

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
11/06 Elizabeth Holland & Natalie Wolf 11/13 Kodjo Kumi & James Chesnut	November Nursery Coordinator - Elena Cleary 11/06 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Josie Humphries 2-5 - Julie & Thomas Hardison 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Ann Squire <i>Toddlers</i> - Susan LeClair 2-3 - Nathan & Lee Wilke 4-5 - John & Julia Lockhead <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i> 11/13 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Lynn Schmalzer & Tom Morris 2-5 - Kenzie Brannon & Suzanne Graham 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Carolyn Holmes & Jennifer Whitman <i>Toddlers</i> - Robin Brown 2-3 - Kelly & Adam Keadey 4-5 - Tracy & Jim Joseph <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	11/06 8:30 - Richard Watson, Dave Pottenger, and Andy & Shirley Collins 11:00 - Judy Hendrixon, Dan Milam, Jim, Lee & Morgan Thompson, and Hannah Overholt 11/13 8:30 - Don & Shirley Rufty, and Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton 11:00 - Chip & Kaleigh Roe, Judy & Ashley Everly, and Sally & Richard Keener
LECTORS		SOUND TECHNICIANS
11/06 8:30 - Gene Brannon 11:00 - Mark Hill 11/13 8:30 - Rebecca Mattern-Mielcarek 11:00 - Lucy Stokes		11/06 8:30 - Paul Runkle 11:00 - Doug Brown 11/13 8:30 - Paul Runkle 11:00 - Doug Brown
ELDER GREETERS		
11/06 8:30 - Bill Stokes 11:00 - Ed Park 11/13 8:30 - Mickey Henriquez 11:00 - Blair Chesnut		
OFFERING COUNTERS		
11/06 Barbara Rynerson & Ruth Tasgal 11/13 Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton		