



# ...The Rest of the Story



## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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### WPC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



#### ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

- \* Practice for the Christmas Pageant will begin **Wednesday, November 30th**. This is part of the MP2 program. Children should plan to come at the regularly scheduled time (3:45 p.m.).
- \* Children who do not attend MP2 are encouraged to join us each Wednesday (3:45-5:15 p.m.) **November 30th through December 21st**. Dress rehearsal will be on Dec. 21st.
- \* The pageant will be presented at the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.
- \* **Children younger than Kindergarten age, who would like to be a part of the pageant, are encouraged to come to the dress rehearsal, December 21st at 4 p.m.** Please contact Nancy to let her know that your child would like to participate in this "walk-on" part. We want to have enough star lights for every child. (Nancy: 489-4974; ext. 104)

We welcome all parents who will be available to help make the pageant a fun learning experience for our children. Please contact Nancy or Holly Schmidt (489-6887) to offer your assistance with costuming, preparing the small groups, staging, etc.

## November 20th



### ◆ Schedule of Events

- 8:25 AM - Children will gather in the courtyard with their **shoebox gifts** (see next article for more information) and parade into the Sanctuary.
- 9:30 AM - One World Market & Alternative Giving - to 1 PM Room 105. See "Make a Difference With Your Giving" (below) for more details.
- 9:45 AM - Family Brunch & Workshop
- 10:55 AM - Children will gather in the courtyard with their shoebox gifts and parade into the Sanctuary.

### ◆ Family Brunch & Workshop

"The Spirit of Advent"  
Fellowship Hall, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

- Please bring a breakfast treat to share at the Advent Cafe.
- Participate in the Intergenerational Workshop of crafts, games, & mission. Make an Advent wreath!

The Shoebox Gifts for this year will be delivered to the Marion Edwards Recovery Center Initiatives (MERCİ) warehouse in Goldsboro, NC, in time for Christmas. MERCİ is a ministry of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. The warehouse in Goldsboro will collect the shoeboxes and send them to three distribution centers serving families displaced by the recent hurricanes. For more information about MERCİ, visit their website: [http://nccumc.org/missions/merci\\_center.htm](http://nccumc.org/missions/merci_center.htm).



Shoebox forms are available on the information table in the Mission Center.

### Make A Difference With Your Giving

On Christ the King Sunday, November 20th, the Global Missions Committee will host the Alternative Gift Shop and the One World Market Gift Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come to Room 105 of the Mission Center to browse and purchase gifts made by artisans and craftspeople from developing countries. Sales proceeds will support One World Market's mission to provide artisans with a living wage to pay for their food, housing, health care, and education.

In the main floor hallway of the Mission Center, the Alternative Gift Shop will provide you with the opportunity to make a gift to your favorite WPC-supported mission in honor of your friends and family who are "so difficult" to buy for or already "have everything". Come do some early holiday shopping and make a difference in the lives of others!!!

## Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

+ **Bess Bowditch** has moved into assisted living at the Forest at Duke.

+ **Cliff Decker's** mother died on November 3rd in Morganton.

+ Reva Davis, mother of **Peggy Edmondson & Betty Powell**, died November 2nd at Carver Living Center.

+ **Margaret Hawkins'** Aunt Margaret (for whom she was named) died recently at age 99.

+ **Kirsten Overholt** asks for prayers for her brother, Dennis Sweeny, who continues in treatment for cancer.

+ **John Penick** is in Durham Regional Hospital.

+ **Doug Wellemeyer's** father, Donald Wellemeyer, died on November 1st in Ohio.

## ★ Celebrations! ★

+ **Judy Hendrixon** was named the November volunteer of the month by Animal Protection Society of Durham for her work with feral cats.

+ At the November meeting of Durham Congregations in Action, **WPC** received the "Silver Sneaker Award" for raising the second largest amount of money among churches in the 2005 CROP Walk. **Kenzie Brannon** was recognized as the walker who individually raised the most of all the walkers. **Haywood** gave a brief presentation about our flood relief work on the Gulf Coast.



**Relief**

**Katrina**

Please keep the members of our Gulf Coast Mission Team 2 in your prayers as they work on Hurricane Katrina relief in Gulfport, Mississippi. They are: **Linda Barnett, Bill Burig, Andy Gaddis, Don & Barb Heagren, Eileen McAvoy, Jan McCallum and her sister, Kim Crawford, and Paul & Sally Ransford.** The team will return to Durham on November 23rd.

Update as of Tuesday afternoon (Nov. 15th)

The team has arrived safely in Gulfport, Mississippi. Paul reports that they went by the D'Iberville campsite and all the tents Team 1 set up there are still standing. Since arriving in Gulfport, Team 2 has refurbished a church kitchen (equipping it to feed 100 people) and set up a quartermaster tent.



## It's Lovefeast Time!



We need all young people in 6th thru 12th grades to participate in the Lovefeast. Lovefeast will take place on December 4th this year. Practice will be held on November 27th at 5:30 p.m. We'll practice again on December 4th at 2:30 before the service. If you can't make the first practice, but can help with the service, please let Paul or June know, so that we can put you in the line-up.

Young folks will need to dress for the service. Gentlemen need dark pants, light shirts, and dark (coffee color?) ties. Belts are very helpful. Ladies need to be dressed in white. Because of skirt issues in the past, we have white skirts for every lady this year. No need to go hunting for skirts! White tops, white tights, dress shoes, doilies, and aprons complete the ladies' outfits. We have the doilies and aprons, as always.

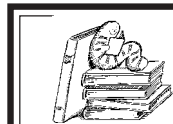
This is a way that the youth thank the congregation for all they do to make the youth programs of the church so great.

If you would like to be a Lovefeast adult volunteer, please contact June Jones (929-0360).



This month at Westminster School, we have started our fall focus called "**Our Families Come From Many Places**". This provides a way for us to learn about the different countries and cultures from which our families come. Each month we will explore the cultural backgrounds of one of our classes by spotlighting each child's and each teacher's ancestry in an album. During the month, the album will be displayed in the hallway for everyone to enjoy. It is now displayed outside the "Froggie" classroom. Take a look and learn about the children and families that make Westminster School such a great place!

This is a final reminder that registration is now taking place for children who will be coming to us as 2 1/2-year-olds and young 3-year-olds in September of 2006. If you have friends with young children, please ask them to call the school office (489-8432) for information.



## Library Alert

### Book Review of *Sophie's World* by Nancy Rue

I think girls ages eight through twelve will like the book, *Sophie's World*, especially if they like to daydream a lot. I could relate to her, understand her, and know kind of what she feels. Girls, you should give this book a shot!! I enjoyed reading it.

Review by Kaleigh Roe

This book and other titles which will be of interest to middle school and high school readers are available in the church library. Pay us a visit anytime!

The process of changing the 1,600 books in the catalog to the Dewey Decimal System is almost complete. The library has taken on a new look, with books in new categories and locations. The shelf labels make it possible to find books more easily.

New books in all categories are added regularly, and we welcome your suggestions for new additions as well. A book cart in the hallway outside the library contains new books for circulation. Please leave your returns and donations on the cart, also.

**Visit our church website:  
www.wpcdurham.org  
We're approaching 30,000 hits!**

### *Cotton Patch Gospel* Performance November 20th, 7:00 p.m. Duke University's Bryan Center

Franklin Golden and the Shady Grove Band will perform a musical rendition of Clarence Jordan's *Cotton Patch Gospel*, which is a retelling of the life of Jesus in a southern rural setting: from Jesus' baptism in the Chattahoochee to biscuits and wine in an Atlanta restaurant. Franklin comes from Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and is studying for ordination at Duke Divinity School.

Proceeds from the performance will go toward rebuilding churches on the Gulf Coast. The performance will be this Sunday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in Duke's Bryan Center. Tickets are \$15. For more info, email Franklin at [franklingolden@yahoo.com](mailto:franklingolden@yahoo.com).

## Emanuel Hispanic Fellowship of Durham-Chapel Hill

**YOU ARE INVITED:** To a special service for the reception of fellowship with 21 members as members of the Presbytery to be held Sunday, December 4th, at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian. All local churches are invited to celebrate with us!

The month of October contained both happy and sad events. Emanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church celebrated her first anniversary with an impassioned spiritual service which seemed not to be able to come to an end! 120 people attended, including members of sister churches First Pres. and Northgate, who even sang in Spanish with us!

The sad event was the death of the teenage son of a local Guatemalan family in a traffic accident. Emanuel, Ebenezer in Siler City, and our sister churches in Durham responded in this family's time of crisis, holding a two-night wake and contributing over \$4500 for funeral, transportation, and burial costs (including transporting the body to Guatemala). There were over 150 people present on the first night, and almost 100 the second. The family greatly appreciated this outpouring of support.

The next session of "Bilingual Talk Time" will be Friday, December 9th, from 7-9 pm at First Presbyterian Church. We'd love to see participants from all of our sister churches!

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



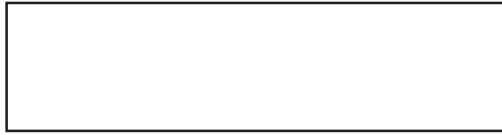
## Senior Santa Is Coming To Town

Now through December 14th, Meals on Wheels is collecting gifts for our annual Senior Santa program, which provides holiday gifts for needy seniors. Gifts should be new, unwrapped, and cost less than \$20. Suggested items include: pajamas, slippers, hats, scarves, mittens, robes, umbrellas, long underwear, and postage stamps. We are also accepting donations of cash and wrapping supplies for Senior Santa. Gifts can be dropped off Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Northgate Presbyterian Church. Please call 220-4400 for more information.

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**November 20, 2005 - Christ the King Sunday**

**Preacher:** Betty Berghaus  
**Title:** "Jesus As Our Judge"  
**Text:** Matthew 25:31-46

**November 27, 2005 - Birthday Sunday**

**Preacher:** Paul Ransford  
**Text:** Isaiah 61

**December 4, 2005 - Holy Communion**

**Preacher:** Haywood Holderness  
**Title:** "The Beginning of the Gospel"  
**Text:** Mark 1:1-15

★ Thank You! ★

Many thanks to the 2nd Friday Supper Club who recently cleaned most of the painted surfaces in the Sanctuary, including: the ends of the pews, walls, chancel area, baptismal font, and the pulpit and lectern. When you see **Peggy & Howard Pedersen, Sue & Don Dates, Bonnie & Dailey Derr, Jeff & Beverlee Smith-Fendt, and Mary Beck & Jeff Sutton**, please let them know how much we appreciate their efforts!



"...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**

- 11/20** 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast Fellowship  
Calhoon Cabin  
9:30 a.m. One World Market & Alternative Giving  
Room 105 & Mission Center Hallway  
9:45 a.m. Christ the King Sunday Activities  
Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Youth Suite  
4:30 p.m. Youth Council - Parlor  
5:00 p.m. Session Meeting - Room 105  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Suite  
7:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting - Room 105
- 11/22** 6:00 p.m. Youth Shelter Meal
- 11/24** Happy Thanksgiving! - Office Closed
- 11/25** Office Closed
- 11/27** 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee - Room 105  
5:30 p.m. Lovefeast Rehearsal - Sanctuary

**Responsibilities for November 20 - November 27, 2005**

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
<b>11/20</b> Natalie Wolf <b>11/27</b> Ben Chesnut & Christopher Kelly	<b>November Nursery Coordinator</b> - Elena Cleary <b>11/20</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Cathy Smith 2-5 - Kenzie Brannon & Suzanne Graham 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Tom & Terri Tolley <i>Toddlers</i> - John & Sarah High 2-3 - Rich & Jane DeGiacomo 4-5 - Kim, Kevin, & Kyle Scott <i>Float</i> - Angela & Shayne Ruffing <b>11/27</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Carolyn Holmes & Jennifer Whitman 2-5 - Helen, Austin, & Jessie Tharrington 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Judy Hendrixon <i>Toddlers</i> - Nancye Bryan 2-3 - Mickey & Beth Herrin 4-5 - Kate Hoyle & Mary Todd Peters <i>Float</i> - <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>11/20</b> 8:30 - Sue & Don Hallen, Betsy Ahern, & Bobby Bosworth 11:00 - Susan Couch, Darcy Turner, Carol Mansfield, Jack Mountain, & Barbara Rynerson <b>11/27</b> 8:30 - Bill & Judy Thompson, and Doug & Lucas Smith 11:00 - Grayson Schmidt, Hannah Overholt, Morgan Thompson, Olivia Cleary, Lilli Morris, and Graham Kelly
LECTORS		SOUND TECHNICIANS
<b>11/20</b> 8:30 - Jim Maxwell 11:00 - Sam Knoll <b>11/27</b> 8:30 - Chuck Byrd 11:00 - Youth		<b>11/20</b> 8:30 - Paul Runkle 11:00 - Doug Brown <b>11/27</b> 8:30 - Paul Runkle 11:00 - Doug Brown
ELDER GREETERS		
<b>11/20</b> 8:30 - Doug Elvers 11:00 - Nancye Bryan <b>11/27</b> 8:30 - Don Heagren 11:00 - Alice McLear		
OFFERING COUNTERS		
<b>11/20</b> Sara & Tatum Pottenger <b>11/27</b> Kay & Mike Rosenmarkle		