



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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ADVENT SING-ALONG & POTLUCK DINNER DECEMBER 10TH, 5:30 PM

- BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DISH TO SHARE (Main dishes, bread or rolls, salads, desserts)
- COME SHARE FELLOWSHIP
- BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED
- SING ALONG TO ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE CAROLS

Join us for our annual Christmas Moravian-style LOVEFEAST Sunday, December 3rd, at 5 p.m.

Hosted by Westminster's youth, the service features wonderful music by The Calling Chords, under the direction of Kathryn Bunch. Don't miss it!

Claudia Draffin will accompany us at the piano and the Cleary Family will be our emcees.

By popular request, *The JUNIOR HIGH PUPPETEERS* will perform their original version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*

Join us for the fun! You won't want to miss the "Partridge In A Pear Tree"!

WPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

WPC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

- * Practice for the Christmas Pageant began Wednesday, November 29th. 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 29th through December 20th. Dress rehearsal will be on Dec. 20th at 4:00 p.m.
- * 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 20th 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 Rozak or Holly Schmidt (489-6887) to offer your assistance with costuming, preparing the small groups, staging, etc.



Dear Congregation,

With the end of the year fast approaching, we remind you to prayerfully consider the status of your 2006 pledge commitment to the church.

As of the end of October, pledge payments are running about 17% — or about \$140,000 — below budget. So, we've got some ground to make up.

We need all church members to fulfill their pledges in order to continue our many important missions, as planned, and to pay the bills.

Thank you,
Your Session

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

- + **Kay & Hugh Bailey's** son-in-law, John Barker, is recovering from a heart attack.
- + **Kitty Currie** is recovering from surgeries at the home of her daughter, Eloise.
- + **George Eaves** died November 12th. A memorial service was held at Westminster on November 16th.
- + **Martha Henriquez** died November 27th at Duke Medical Center following a stroke. A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 8th, at WPC.
- + **Shirley Joines** remains at Hillcrest, recovering from broken bones in her neck & back.
- + **David Lapp's** 92-year-old grandmother, Lilly Lapp, died on November 27th.
- + **Bob & Arlene Sundy's** daughter, Robin Tingué, who is also **John Sundy's** sister, died on November 21st. A memorial service will be held on December 2nd in Chicago.
- + **Jeff Sutton's** 103-year-old grandmother has been placed under Hospice care.
- + **Mary Beck Sutton** will have surgery on Friday at Duke Medical Center.

★ Celebrations! ★

- + Two WPC Boy Scouts were recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout: John Anton, son of **Frances & Jim Anton**, and Will Stokes, son of **Lucy & Bill Stokes**. Congratulations on your achievements!
- + On November 16th, **Kenzie Brannon** and author Robert Otterbourg were interviewed by Frank Stascio on WUNC's radio show, *The State of Things*, to encourage more retirees to become involved in community volunteer work.
- + **Nancye Bryan** was selected by the NC Coalition for Persons Disabled by Mental Illness to receive the *Heroes in the Fight* award in the Individual Community Supporter category. She received this recognition at an awards luncheon in Cary on October 24th.
- + **Dorene & Chick Palermo** recently received certificates of appreciation for their relief efforts in D'Iberville, Mississippi from both the Town of D'Iberville & The D'Iberville Volunteers Foundation.
- + Carson Noelle Ruffing was born to **Angela & Shayne Ruffing** on November 6th.

Music Notes

Chancel Choir: You are sounding wonderful these days—let's be sure to keep our attendance strong as the holiday season gears up. **Rutter's Magnificat** is rapidly approaching & will be a great Advent gift to the Westminster community. Please take advantage of sectional rehearsals, & if you need help with the music beyond that, don't hesitate to ask—that's what I'm here for. Mark your calendars for our dress **rehearsal on Sat., Dec. 16th, 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** (mandatory for everyone singing in the program). Questions? Call or e-mail Monica Rossman, 489-4974, ext. 113; monica@wpcdurham.org.

Do you play a brass instrument? Would you like to join the Westminster Brass Ensemble for the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve service this year? If so, please let me know; I am in the process of contacting players, arranging rehearsals, & firming up details—we will gladly welcome your participation! See Monica's contact info above.



WPC Hosts IHN December 10th - 17th



Westminster will host IHN December 10 - December 17, 2006. During that time we will host 3 homeless families in our Sunday School classrooms and will take care of the needs of these families, including transportation, food, and other logistics.

Many volunteers are needed during an IHN stay, and we are fortunate to have great volunteers to support this important mission at Westminster. We have many different ways you can help these families.

If you would be willing to prepare a meal, please contact Anne Vann (493-0001 or thevanns@nc.rr.com).

If you can help with transportation, please contact Carol Walker (489-8824 or cwalker@da.org).

If you can help with setting up or breaking down the rooms, please contact Walt Beckwith (489-0305 or wbeckwith@mindspring.com).

If you can serve as an overnight host or help with laundry after the guests depart, please contact Sharon Barnes (493-8184 or sbarnes3@nc.rr.com).

Thank you for your support of this important Westminster mission!



Library Alert

All About God, All About Prayer, All About Jesus, All About the Bible -- by Lois Rock

This delightful set of books for young children is for those in first grade who can read independently and for preschoolers who need an adult to read to them. Each book deals with a different subject, yet they are all connected. Anna Leplar's illustrations are simple and engaging, and the books are the sized for little hands to hold.

These stories can be read in any order, however the preferred order of this reviewer is to first read *All About God*, followed by *All About Prayer*, as little children are taught to say their prayers to God. Also, these two books have shorter texts than the other two. *All About Jesus* would be the third read. The text is longer but still easy reading. Lastly in our progression would be *All About the Bible*, which can lead the child or adult referencing their own Bibles to find the stories in them. Adults should read these books first before reading them to children or letting children read them by themselves, as these books should provoke a lot of questions from young children.

We hope you'll find this resource, and the many others in the children's section of the WPC library, to be entertaining and educational.

Review by Judy Lamon



Many thanks to **EVERYONE** who contributed in any way to make the 2006 Crop Walk a huge success! Westminster raised \$15,595.50 (which nearly doubled last year's \$8,180).

At the DCIA meeting on November 21st, the Crop Walk awards were presented and, for the second consecutive year, Westminster received the Silver Sneaker for large congregations. The following WPC individuals were recognized for raising over \$1000: Kenzie Brannon-\$4,245; Betty Berghaus/Nancy Rozak-\$1,145; & Mary Holderness \$1,490.

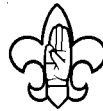
The Durham Crop Walk had its best year ever, raising almost \$200,000 and making it the second largest Crop Walk of about 2000 walks nationwide. Approximately \$50,000 of these funds will come back to Durham hunger-fighting agencies. Once again, congratulations on a great Westminster Crop Walk.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS

Help make this Christmas special for someone in our community by choosing a name from the Share Your Christmas boards. Looks for the boards after services the next two Sundays (Dec. 3 & 10) and during the week in the Holderness Mission Center hallway.

Please bring your wrapped gifts to the Mission Center **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 13th**. When purchasing gifts, please do not exceed \$50 per person.

If you have any questions please contact John Lockhead (johnl@branditinc.com or 401-4900).



Scouting at WPC



Westminster Cub Scout Pack #451 (www.pack451nc.com) is looking for boys to join us. We have space to add boys to our existing dens in grades one, three, four, and five, and we are especially looking for second-grade boys to start a brand new den (to be led by Chip Reinhardt). For anyone interested in learning more about Cub Scouting with Pack 451, there will be an information meeting at WPC immediately following 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 3rd, starting at 12:15 p.m. in Room 103 of the Holderness Mission Center. If you can't make this meeting, there will be another information meeting at Trinity School, 4011 Pickett Road, on Wednesday, December 6th, from 7 to 8 p.m. Chip Reinhardt will lead both information sessions.

Although the aforementioned meetings are for boys in grades one through five (and their families), we also actively encourage older youth to participate in Westminster's two other Scouting programs:

Boys who are 11-17 years old are invited to join the Boy Scouting program with Westminster Boy Scout Troop #451 (www.troop451durham.org). The Boy Scout troop meets every Tuesday night (except the first Tuesday of the month) in the Calhoun Cabin, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The primary contact for this program is Committee Chairman, Brendan Turner (452-9976).

Young men and women who are 14-20 years old are invited to join the Westminster Venturing Crew #451 (www.geocities.com/crew451). The contact for this program is Crew Advisor Forrest Johnson (417-6503).

For questions or information about any of Westminster's Scouting programs, contact Chip Reinhardt (489-6858-h or 534-1200-w or rmlaw@nc.rr.com).

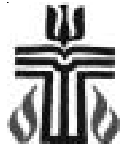
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“...and what does the Lord
 require of you but to do justice, and to love
 kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”
 Micah 6:8



Preaching & Worship Schedule

**December 3, 2006 - Holy Communion
 1st Sunday of Advent/Trumpet Sunday**

Preacher: Jack Walchenbach

Title: “Understanding the ‘Ah’ of Things”

Texts: Genesis 28: 10-22; Luke 21: 25-36;
 I Thessalonians 3: 9-13

December 10, 2006

2nd Sunday of Advent/String Sunday

Baptisms of Molly & Henry McLaughlin (11:00 a.m.)

**December 17, 2006 - Choir Christmas Program at both
 morning worship services - Rutter’s *Magnificat*
 3rd Sunday of Advent/Drum Sunday**

It’s hard to believe that the month of December is almost here! Excitement is in the air at Westminster School for Young Children, and there are happy sounds coming from every classroom! Wednesday “Celebrations” with the church staff continues to be a weekly highlight. Last week was especially exciting because the children were able to meet Jack for the first time!

Our annual “Share a Toy” drive has begun. The students and staff are bringing in new or gently used toys that will be donated to the Durham Rescue Mission. The toys will be distributed to children at the Rescue Mission’s annual Christmas party. If you wish to participate by donating a toy, game, or book, you may leave it in the box near our school office.

FYI: Financial aid is available through our Scholarship Fund. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to this fund, or if you know of a family who could benefit from such assistance, please come by our office. Applications for next fall must be received by our committee in January.

Responsibilities for December 3 - December 10, 2006

ACOLYTES		NURSERY	USHERS
12/03 Jack Mountain		December Nursery Coordinator - Barb Vanden Broek 12/03 8:30 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Randy & Tracy Fletcher 2-5 - Kenzie Brannon & Barb Vanden Broek 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Tom Higgins & Alexis Franzese 2-3 - Robin Brown & Kathy Irvin 4-5 - Nathan & Lee Wilke <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>	12/03 8:30 - Howard Pedersen, Jerry Rozak, and Jim & Susan Ketch 11:00 - Mark, Holly, Grayson, & Thomas Schmidt
12/10 Peyton Dilweg			12/10 8:30 - Bobby Bosworth, George Edwards, and Todd & Erica Hill 11:00 - Amy & Abby Davis, and Debra & Jon DuBose
LECTORS			SOUND TECHNICIANS
12/03 8:30 - Dorene Palermo 11:00 - Dan Milam		12/10 8:30 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Lynn Schmalzer & Tom Morris 2-5 - Charlotte & Willelm Lombard 11:00 - <i>Infants/Toddlers</i> - Diane Kelly & Lisa Whitfield 2-3 - Sarah & John High 4-5 - Bob & Melissa Good <i>Float - Shayne & Angela Ruffing</i>	12/03 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Frank Stallings
12/10 8:30 - Debbie Hatch 11:00 - Bill Hatch			12/10 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Frank Stallings
ELDER GREETERS			
12/03 8:30 - Josie Humphries 11:00 - Nathan Wilke			
12/10 8:30 - Dave Snider 11:00 - Cam Glenn			
OFFERING COUNTERS			
12/03 Cindy & Jaco Mouton			
12/10 Bill & Jeff Young			