



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today!

JANUARY 19 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take this page home to stay informed of events and opportunities to learn, serve, worship, and connect at WPC. New to Westminster? Drop by the Welcome Table to learn more about us.

TOMORROW: MLK Day of Service Join us as we partner with our friends from the Divan Center for a morning of service around the city of Durham. Gather at WPC at 8:00am for a light breakfast, then we'll organize into teams and depart campus around 8:30-9:00 am. We'll return around noon for lunch and conversation. You can view the list of serving opportunities, and sign up online at <http://bit.ly/2020WPC-MLKday>. We ask that you indicate your preference for a volunteer activity by signing up under the appropriate category, but please note we cannot guarantee you'll be assigned to your preferred site. We appreciate your understanding as we work to make sure all our sites are staffed with the help they need. **Contact:** Amy Hill (awhill@alumni.duke.edu)

TODAY: Deadline for CASA Welcome Home Kit Donations As part of our MLK Service Day tomorrow, we'll assemble Welcome Home Kits for families and individuals served by CASA, a local nonprofit that provides affordable housing for people who are homeless or at risk. We've been collecting materials needed for the kits throughout the month of January, and today is the last day to drop off donations. Items include medium-sized laundry baskets and detergent, bathroom soaps, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, and toilet scrubbers; kitchen utensils, dish soap, potholders, plastic ice trays, dishcloths and towels, sponges and scouring pads; and nonperishable food. Please bring donations to the yellow bin in the Mission Center, and we'll put them to good use on Monday. **Contact:** Anne Sherman (annesherman1@gmail.com)

NEXT SUNDAY: Scout Sunday Scouts from the Troops chartered at Westminster will serve in worship, and we'll hear more about the impact of scouting during worship next Sunday. All are invited to a reception in the Parlor after the 11:00am service for refreshments. If you are a youth or adult member of a scouting group, feel free to wear your uniform to church. **Contact:** Helen Harrison (heh@adornments.biz)

Durham Congregations in Action's 2020 Annual Banquet You're invited to the 2020 Annual Banquet of Durham Congregations in Action on Thursday, **January 30, 6:00-8:00pm**, at Judea Reform Congregation (1933 W Cornwallis Rd). The keynote speaker will be Dr. Blair L.M. Kelley, Assistant Dean of Interdisciplinary Studies & Programs and Associate Professor of History at NC State, and the author of *Right to Ride*. Dinner will be served (vegetarian option available). The cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP by January 27 to dcia@dcia.org or 919-688-2036. **Contact:** Chuck Byrd (charlesbyrd46@gmail.com)

The Mountains Are Calling: 2020 All Church Retreat Join your Westminster friends of all ages for a time of relaxation, fellowship, and exploration at our All Church Retreat, February 28 - March 1, at Montreat Conference Center. We begin Friday evening with fun and games for everyone. Saturday includes intergenerational programming, plus plenty of free time for hiking, rock hopping, board games, or exploring Black Mountain. Topping off Saturday's fun is a square dance! We'll close with worship for all ages on Sunday morning. The cost is \$85 per family or \$40 per individual, plus lodging. Please see the All Church Retreat flyer and registration form for details on lodging, meals, and more - Pick one up today from the Narthex or the Mission Center, or download it at <http://bit.ly/20ACretreat>. Bring your completed registration form with payment to the church office **by January 26** to reserve your spot. **Contact:** Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org)

NEW Church School Elective: "On Being a Quiet Christian," February 2-23 This is a class for teens and adults who want connection at church, but also crave quiet and reflective time – perhaps by themselves – for spiritual growth. It's also ideal for those who need time alone with God at least as much as they need time with a church community; who relate to the solitude and quiet spaces in the Bible and the figures who sought them out; who, when alone, often find greater calm, clarity, and creativity as Christians; and those who may simply be looking for new ways to reflect on and engage with the upcoming season of Lent. Join us in exploring these topics and more through four Quiet Practices to help us connect with ourselves and with God. *Facilitated by Geoff Vaughn* **Contact:** Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org)

Welcome Volunteers Needed The practice of graciously welcoming one another, especially the stranger, is a reflection of God's welcome to us. It's also the purpose of our Welcome Table on Sunday mornings - to warmly welcome one another, guests, and newcomers. We're in need of a few volunteers to join the Welcome Team. No special skills or knowledge needed - just a friendly smile and a desire to show Christ's love to all. Sign up today at <http://bit.ly/WPCwelcome>. **Contact:** Monica Nichols (monica.nichols09@gmail.com)

Serve with Families Moving Forward, February 10-11 Westminster provides dinner, dinner hosts, and childcare on Monday and Tuesday nights during our volunteer weeks with Families Moving Forward. Volunteers are needed to pick up, deliver, and set up dinner; eat with the families and clean up afterward; and play with the kids while parents participate in life skills programming. We partner with Immaculate Conception and Judea Reform on this wonderful mission. Come and help support families seeking to change their lives for the better. Sign up today at <http://bit.ly/FMFfeb2020>. **Contact:** Rachel Chang (racheljoychang@gmail.com)

February Aperture: "Learning from the Witness of Ann Atwater" with Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove The 2019 documentary, "The Best of Enemies." tells the story of how Ann Atwater, a civil rights activist, and C.P. Ellis, a local leader of the Klu Klux Klan in Durham, ended up co-chairing a committee in 1971 to help desegregate Durham's local schools. At our next Aperture on February 19, at 6:30pm, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove will return to Westminster to share his experiences of "Learning from the Witness of Ann Atwater," drawing from the documentary and his deep personal relationship with this remarkable woman who transformed this city. (This Aperture event introduces WPC to our Lenten series - *Details coming soon!*) **Contact:** Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org)

Spring Women's Retreat, March 20 - 22 at Holden Beach Some say hospitality is a special gift that some people have and others don't. But God's love for us is the greatest example of genuine hospitality. During our retreat together we will spend time listening for God's hospitality extended to us. You are warmly invited to experience hospitality to God, from God, to ourselves and to each other. Our Spring Retreat program will be led by Margaret-Jean Junkin (M-J). M-J is a graduate of HeartPaths DFW spiritual direction program in Dallas, Texas, and holds a master's in Christian education. She has worked in churches of all sizes and currently works as a certified spiritual director in Frisco, Texas. M-J has a passion for listening to faith stories, noticing our encounters with God, and being an advocate as we journey through this thing we call "life." The cost of the Retreat is \$80 per person, plus lodging. **Watch for registration coming soon!** Retreat Planning Committee: Suze Bear, Helen Harrison, Carol Mansfield, Mary Todd Peters, Anne Wolf.

Church Office Hours & Pastors On Call The church office is now open Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm, and on Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm. We welcome you to stop by. Keep in mind our staff's hours and schedules vary, so you may want to call or email first. All WPC pastors now have Friday off, and a system of rotating pastors- on-call has been put in place.