



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

JANUARY 26 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.

TODAY: Scout Sunday Scouts from troops chartered at Westminster are serving in worship today, and we'll hear more about the positive impact of scouting during the service. For more than 50 years, WPC has chartered and hosted the Scouts. Read all about scouting and the units our church supports in today's special bulletin insert. All are invited for refreshments in the Parlor after our 11:00am worship. If you'd like to know more about Scouts at Westminster, please contact Helen Harrison (heh@adornments.biz).

TODAY: Register for the All Church Retreat The Mountains are calling! Join your Westminster friends of all ages for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and exploration at the All Church Retreat, February 28 - March 1, at Montreat Conference Center. We begin Friday evening with fun and games for everyone. Saturday includes a great program in the morning, 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. **Today is the final Sunday to register**, so be sure to pick up a registration form after worship today (available in the Narthex and the Mission Center), or download it at <http://bit.ly/2oACretreat>. Please bring your completed registration form and payment to the church office **by Thursday, January 30**. **Contact:** Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org)

NEXT SUNDAY: WPC Youth's Souper Bowl Fundraiser Enjoy hearty soups and delicious baked goods, all for an excellent cause: To help fund scholarships and summer mission and education trips for our youth! Join us next Sunday, at 12:00 noon, on the second floor of the Mission Center. The cost for lunch is a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family, but contributions of any amount will be gratefully accepted. **Contact:** Alex Stayer-Brewington (alex@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 for February and March 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.nicholsog@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/FMFeb2020>. **Contact:** Rachel Chang (racheljoychang@gmail.com)

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)

Mission Day, February 9 Join us for Mission Day on Sunday, February 9, 9:45-10:45am, as we learn more about homelessness.

- preK–2nd grade – Families Moving Forward
- 5th–7th grades – CASA + Housing for New Hope
- 3rd–4th grades – Urban Ministries of Durham
- 8th grade thru Adults – Families Moving Forward

On Mission Days, we feature a single mission focus across all our Church School classes. The goals are to get all our members excited about the important work our church does, and equip you with ideas and opportunities for hands-on involvement. Come and hear what some of our community partners are doing to end homelessness in Durham and how you can help.

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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 our city. (This Aperture event introduces WPC to our 2020 Lenten series - *Details coming soon!*) **Contact:** Marietta Wynands (marietta@wpcdurham.org)

Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger Packing Event, March 7 We're excited to be partnering with the congregation of Hope Valley Baptist Church to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger on Saturday, March 7, 10:00-12:00 noon, in the HVBC Gymnasium. WPC has worked with Rise Against Hunger on 11 events and packed 114,324 meals during that time! At just 34 cents per meal, 80% of Rise Against Hunger's meals are distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, and vocational training. Make plans to take part in this fun, educational, highly-interactive, highly-impactful event. Meal-packing is suitable for ages 5 and up. You can register or donate toward our \$3,451 event fundraising goal (or both!) at <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/wpc/hvb>. **Contact:** Jami Howell (jhowell37@nc.rr.com)

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. You may pick up a registration form from the Mission Center, or register online at <http://bit.ly/WPC2020SpringRetreat>. **Retreat Planning Committee:** Suze Bear, Helen Harrison, Carol Mansfield, Mary Todd Peters, Anne Wolf.

Do you have news, information, or an event to share with the WPC community?

Simply complete the form at <http://bit.ly/submitWPCnews>, and the information will be shared with all church staff and prepared for distribution across Westminster's communications.

The submission deadline for the weekly announcements is **Wednesday at 12:00 noon**.

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-5:00pm; Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm