



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

MARCH 15 WEEKLY UPDATE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PLEASE NOTE: As of the posting of these announcements, the following events are still planned and volunteer needs still in place. We will notify you of any changes as we become aware of them.

Thanks for your understanding.

Our Lenten Focus: Embracing New Spiritual Practices Have you committed to a new spiritual practice this Lenten season? Perhaps it will be one of the practices explored in the series “On Being a Quiet Christian” (Visit <http://bit.ly/QuietPractices> for a detailed description of each practice). Or perhaps you’d like to try something different this season. Make your Lenten commitment by signing up at <http://bit.ly/WPC2020Lent>, and you’ll receive a wonderful weekly email of encouragement from Marietta.

Gardeners and Green Thumbs Needed Do you love to garden? If so, the Westminster Garden needs you. The fenced garden area by the playground needs to be refreshed for springtime, and we are always looking for gardeners year-round. If you can lend a hand, please contact Malia Schwing (schwing.malia@gmail.com).

Serve with Families Moving Forward, March 30-31 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/FMFMarch2020>. **Contact:** Rachel Chang (racheljoychang@gmail.com)

Haiti Education Ministry Team & Mission Stitches We are seeking a few more educators, educator’s helpers, and folks who can sew or fix sewing machines to join us in the planning, preparations, and travel to Haiti Outreach Ministries’ elementary and vocational schools, May 16-24. We will commence with preparations for the trip (creating, collecting, and preparing curriculum; initializing kindle tablets; assembling sewing materials, etc.), but will defer making the final decision to travel until very close to the departure date. If we decide **not** to travel for safety reasons, we will go to “Plan C” and find a way to ship or deliver the materials to Haiti so the schools will still be able to use them. Please contact Dorene Palermo (dorenepalermo@gmail.com) or Helen Harrison ([sewing - helen.harrison@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:helen.harrison@alumni.duke.edu)) if you would like to help with the preparations or join the teams planning to go. Please keep Haiti and all the world in your prayers.

All-Church Work Day, April 4 Mark your calendars! Come participate in spring cleaning around the church on **Saturday, April 4, 9:00am - 12:00 noon**. Your help is needed to clean out and clean up, inside and out. We’ll work outside cleaning up the garden and other landscaping projects, and inside on several other needed items. Everything we can do saves the church having to hire someone else to do it. Watch for more information in upcoming announcements. **Contact:** Helen Harrison (helen.harrison@alumni.duke.edu)

CROP Hunger Walk, April 5 We challenge all of Westminster to be involved in the fight against hunger by participating in the CROP Walk, a 5K walk and symbolic journey that is the typical daily trek for thousands in developing countries to gather fresh water. CROP Hunger Walk takes place on Sunday, April 5, at 2:30pm, at Duke Chapel (registration opens at 1:30pm). Over the years, Westminster has raised thousands for CROP and received the “golden sneaker” award for most money raised by a church of our size. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us, either as a walker or sponsor. Our 2020 goal is \$14,000. You can sign up, sponsor a walker, or make donations at www.crophungerwalk.org/durhamnc/wpc. Together we’ll be fighting world hunger, one step at a time. **Contact:** Neil McElroy (mcelroy_neil@hotmail.com)

Attention, Handy-People! Do you have experience managing vendors? Do you have fix-it skills? Do you have gardening and/or landscaping expertise? Are you willing to help evaluate and prioritize maintenance needs in the church? We are looking for additional committee members as well as people who are willing to be called upon for fix-it jobs and advice on landscaping issues. **Contact:** Helen Harrison (helen.harrison@alumni.duke.edu)

Financial Report: Operating Budget as of February 29, 2020

	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
Total Revenues	\$1,246,176	\$303,211	\$241,303	\$(61,908)
Total Expenses	\$1,246,176	\$195,265	\$208,363	\$13,098
Net Total		\$107,946	\$32,940	\$(75,006)

How to Make a Pledge Payment or Give Offering Through myWPC

1. Login at www.bit.ly/myWPClogin
2. Go to **Home** in the main menu and click **My Profile**
3. Click the **My Pledge History** tab to view your pledge balance
4. To make a one-time online payment toward your pledge, click the **Give Online** button on your **My Pledge History** page

The screenshot shows a user interface for a member named 'Test Member'. At the top, there are navigation links: Home, Directories, Groups, Giving, and Serving. Below this is a sub-menu with 'My Profile', 'My Connections', 'My Giving History', and 'My Pledge History'. The 'My Pledge History' tab is selected. The profile section shows contact information: 3639 Old Chapel Hill Rd, Durham, NC 27707-3616, USA, and phone number 919-489-4974. There are buttons for 'View Photo' and 'View Map'. A 'Family Members' section lists 'Test Member', 'Test Spouse Member', 'Test Child Member', and 'Test Youth Member'. Below the profile, it states 'Total Given to Pledges in 2016 : \$0.00' and 'Remaining Balance: \$0.00'. There are buttons for 'Add Pledge' and 'Give Online'. A 'Pledge Summary for 2015' table is shown with a disclaimer: 'This is NOT your official tax statement.' The table has columns for My Pledges, YTD Given, Total Pledged, Previous Years' Payments, Balance, and Progress. The 'Operating Budget' row shows \$10.00 YTD Given, \$15.00 Total Pledged, \$0.00 Previous Years' Payments, \$5.00 Balance, and 67% Progress. The 'Totals' row shows \$10.00 YTD Given, \$15.00 Total Pledged, \$0.00 Previous Years' Payments, \$5.00 Balance.

You may also give through our website at www.wpcdurham.org/give/.



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

Simply complete the form at <http://bit.ly/submitWPCnews>, and your news will be automatically shared with church staff and prepared for publication across Westminster’s communications.

The deadline for submitting material for the bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 12:00 noon**.

Pastors’ Weekend On-Call Schedule: Visit <http://bit.ly/WPCPastorsOnCall>, or check the home page of our website.