

WESTMINSTER NEWS



January 10, 2012

From Eric Varnon, Director of Christian Education and Youth:

There's an ad on one of our local radio stations that tries to encourage listeners to volunteer in their community by telling them they have to 'get on the good side of the universe by volunteering' or the bad karma will give you crab claws for hands.

Community service is a common theme when it comes to working with youth. It comes up for a number of reasons. Most of the time kids come to me asking if I can help them find things to do for community service for one reason or another. Rarely do they come up and say, "I want to do something good for someone else." I say rarely, because it has happened.

I think the most common reason is because they have to have a certain number of hours for something like National Honor Society or some other club that tells them they have to put in so many hours to be a part of that organization. It's also a common thing for youth to be required to do community service as a form of punishment handed down by teen court or some other legal authority.

Just a few days ago a youth asked me for something to do around the church. She said, "I'd like to do something like we did in Florida, but that was fun, and community service isn't supposed to be fun, is it?"

That made me think about the message we are sending the youth about volunteering or community service of any kind. They hear commercials on the radio that tell them to volunteer so something bad doesn't happen to THEM. It doesn't say, do good things for others because you should do good things for others. They have turned it into a selfish act.

And then there's the punishment side of it. A youth gets a parking ticket and they have to pay by doing 30 hours of community service.

To volunteer or do something good for the community has turned into something that self-fulfills and pays off debt to society. We're losing any understanding of volunteering or community service being an act of loving and giving back to our community.

So what do we do about it?

Well, we choose to not act like we're too busy to do things for others. Keep your eyes open and your chin up. Look for ways to make your neighborhood a better place to live. Pick up that little piece of trash someone else left behind. Open doors for others. Smile while you walk down the street. Put away the shopping carts left behind in the parking lots. The opportunities...big and small...are endless.

I encourage you to keep a look out for something special this summer. There's something coming called S.O.S. Westminster that's going to be full of opportunities for all of us.

Blessings

Eric



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

At the December 13th PW General Gathering, the Presbyterian Women brought in home baked cookies of all kinds and filled 152 cans for the Southwest route clients of Meals on Wheels. We would like to thank Rose Wynne, Director of ELP and the children of the ELP for coming to our rescue and performing beautiful Christmas songs for our General Gathering Program.

January Meetings and Events:

- Tues., Jan. 3rd: PW Coordinating Team meeting.
- Mon., Jan. 9th: PW Circle 3 will meet at 7 PM at Eva Riggs home, 4329 Quail Hollow
- Tues., Jan. 10th: PW Circle 1 will meet at 10 AM at Joyce Hill's home, 7137 Deer Hollow Dr.
- Tues., Jan. 10th: PW Circle 2 will meet at 10 AM at WPC.
- Tues., Jan. 17th: Heart and Hands will meet at 10 AM at WPC
- Fri./Sat., Jan. 27-28: Spiritual Winter Retreat



Spiritual Retreat:

Theme: Proverbs 31 (the virtuous wife) and the 21st Century Woman
 Location: WPC Fellowship Hall
 Dates: Friday, January 27th, 7 to 9 PM
 Saturday, January 28th, 9 AM to 2 PM
 Keynote Speaker: Rev. Betsy Lockhart, Our first Minister-In-Training
 Cost \$10.00 per person includes box lunch on Saturday.

All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Please sign up at your Circle meeting or at the sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we will know how many lunches to order.

Next Newsletter deadline will be Thursday, January 19, 2011



RECYCLE at WPC

What is acceptable: Mail, Newspapers, Magazines, School & Office Papers, Catalogs.



Please keep these police officers

- TA Bessire
- MB O Neil
- JD Donaldson
- LE Brooks



Please remember to pick up a Bear from the Bear Basket in the Narthex and pray for a child at Cook Children's Medical Center.

Westminster Presbyterian Church Mission Statement:



Because of God's grace and the transforming gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the vision of Westminster Presbyterian Church is: *to worship the Lord; to serve the needs of our congregation, community, and world; and to experience and share the power of God's love.*

PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUR CHURCH

"Session challenges all to continue to join us in daily prayer at noon (or as close as possible) as we lift collective prayer for God's will for our church."



2012 FLOWER CALENDAR

Sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary, in honor of a loved one or as a way to commemorate a special event in you life.

The calendar is located on the wall outside of the Chapel door near the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall.



Flowers This Week

Fathers, Brothers and Friends....
 Join us on Saturday, January 28th
 8:00 AM
 Men's Breakfast @ Rise and Shine Restaurant on Alta Mesa.





**ALL CHURCH
SOUP & SALAD LUNCH**

Join us on Sunday,
January 22nd,
following the
11 AM Worship Service.

Please bring your favorite
soup or salad to share.

The Outreach & Mission
Committee will furnish
chocolate and banana
pudding for dessert.



**WPC Youth Ministry
JANUARY Calendar**

Jan. 1	No Youth Activities
Jan. 4	5-8 PM Open Youth SHYC Sign-up deadline
Jan. 8th	8:45 AM - 2:30 PM Youth Programming
Jan. 11th	5-8 PM Open Youth
Jan. 15th	8:45 AM Worship; 9:45 AM Sunday School; 11:20 AM Out to lunch
Jan. 22nd	8:45 AM - 2:30 PM Youth Programming
Jan. 25th	5-8 PM Open Youth
Jan. 27th, 28th & 29th	Senior High Youth Conference "SHYC" at Austin College in Sherman, Texas



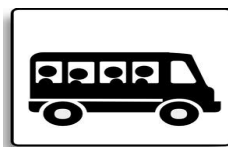
Ministry Opportunity

The spiritual service
of any Christian.

The Membership Committee is seeking
people to provide transportation to
Sunday services for those who are
less able.

Please call Jon Carter at home for
more information about what it means
to Minister to our own Members in this
way.

Jon Carter
817.692.4879 Mobil



Friends and Neighbors

Please join us on
Wednesday, January 25th
for our kick-off luncheon for 2012.

Our ELP friends will visit at 11:45 AM
and then we'll have great food and fellowship.

Robin Lyon (Beverly Lyon's daughter)
and her associates from Inside Inc.
will give us a very useful and practical
presentation about adapting our homes
to make them safe and comfortable
as we advance in age.

After all, most of us want to be able
to remain in our present surroundings.



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH LIBRARY
IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU

"Jesus Did It! Now You Do It!"

Grace Presbytery
 SENIOR HIGH YOUTH CONNECTION (SHYC)
 Austin College in Sherman, Texas
 January 27-29, 2011
 Registration Fee: \$100.00
 Due: January 4th
 Call Eric if you have Questions



Christian Community Assistance
FOOD SUNDAY— February 5, 2012

Needs:

sugar, flour, oil, canned meat,
 toilet paper, macaroni &
 cheese, bar soap, canned
 vegetables.

WARM PLACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed for 2012 Spring Training
 Must be age 18 or older
 Applications and background screening forms are on the
 website at www.thewarmplace.org.
 Training will start in February, 2012.
 Please submit all paperwork by mail at
 809 Lipscomb St, Fort Worth 76104
 or fax to 817.870.2570



2011 Contribution
 Year End Statements,
 2012 Giving envelopes
 are available for you to
 pick up in the
 Narthex area.

Session Notes:

Session approved the 2012 budget in the amount of \$461,293.57 and thanks each person in our congregation for the support given in time, talent, energy, love and money.

On Sunday, January 8, 2012 Lisa Francis, Celestine Kepnga, Mickey Rigney and Jule White will be ordained; Tony DiNicola will be installed to the Class of 2013; Lisa Francis, Celestine Kepnga, Mike Moriarty, LaNelle Pierce-Chambers, Mickey Rigney and Jule White will be installed to the Class of 2014; and Mickey Rigney and Mike Moriarty will be installed as trustees for the Class of 2014.

The Presbyterian Panel (a part of PCUSA) has randomly selected our congregation for participation in a survey. Members will be randomly selected to receive a personal invitation to participate in a three-year survey, primarily involving church membership and mission. Approximately three surveys a year will be sent with questions easily answered. Session and Dr. Hogg urge participation as requested by this organization. Compilations of the information gathered from our church members and the members of other churches selected will be available on the PCUSA website. (This opportunity to work within our church-at-large is DIFFERENT from the survey completed on Sunday, September 19 at the end of our worship service. This will be PCUSA contact directly with individual members of our church.)

Joys and concerns were shared and we are in prayer for all.

Please continue to join our Session in daily prayer - at noon or as close to then as possible - as they continue to lift collective prayer for God's will for our church.

Session thanks all those who contributed to the Advent Devotional this year. Combined with the efforts of the compilers and printers, the Devotional has been among the best You have written.

Session wishes a most joy- and love-filled Christmas season to each of you and we look forward to serving you in the New Year!

Here's Your New Year's Resolution: *Read through the entire Bible in 2012*

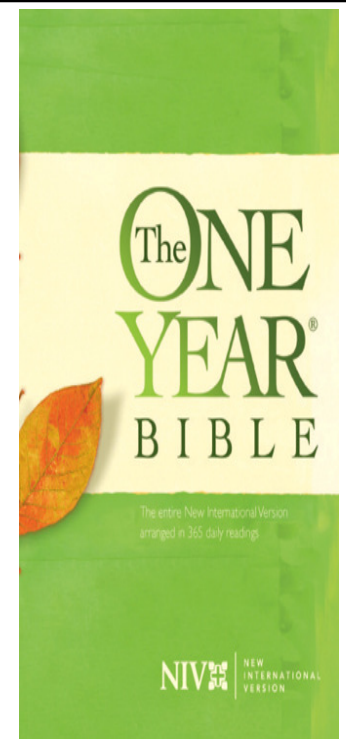
We are challenging all of Westminster to read through the Bible in one year. It sounds overwhelming, but if you will commit 15-20 minutes each day, you can read through every verse, every word of the Bible.

We will be using *The One Year Bible* as our guide. This unique Bible gives us readings for every day of the year starting with January 1st. Each day you will read through a passage from the Old Testament, New Testament, and short passages from Psalms and Proverbs.

You can purchase a personal copy of *The One Year Bible* through the church for \$13.00. If you love the Bible you already have, the daily reading references will be printed in each week's bulletin insert for you to take home. And don't worry if you miss a Sunday. The daily references will be made available on the church website as well.

Contact Eric if you would like to purchase a copy of *The One Year Bible*. Cost \$13.00. It is also available on Kindle and Nook if you would prefer an electronic version.

We look forward to experiencing together the whole story of scripture.



2012 SESSION

Clerk of Session—Patricia Klint
Treasurer—Larry Atkinson
Moderator—Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg



Class of 2012

Larry Bartlett (T)
Becky Bittle
Allison Hurd
Harold Leeds
Carol Edley (T)
Kathleen Nance

Class of 2013

Dionne Bagsby
Jon Carter
Peggy Claus
Bob Craig (T)
Tony DiNicola
Polly Pooler (T)

Class of 2014

Lisa Francis
Celestine Kepgna
Mike Moriarty (T)
LaNelle Pierce-Chambers
Mickey Rigney (T)
Jule White

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Playhouse Fundraiser

A special opportunity has become available to Westminster, an anonymous church member has offered to match up to \$1,500.00 in donations to the church's new playhouse.

This offer is being extended to the church congregation, with session approval, so that you might have an opportunity to help us reach the \$1,500.00, matching fund goal.

The Commercial Grade Little Tykes Playhouse is now listed at \$3,000.00. Little Tykes has a 15 year warranty on their products and meet the highest of standards for compliance according to national standards for children's play equipment.

Thank you for your help,
Rose Wynne
Director, ELP





Early Learning Place

January 2012

Westminster Presbyterian Church

TAX EIN NUMBER 75-094-5945

January Events

January 3 – Back to Preschool

January 12 – Book Orders Due

January 16 – Holiday MLK

January 23 & 24- Rodeo Round-up

“Cowboy Don “ Visits ELP

January 25 – Sing for Friends & Neighbors
(done every third Wed. monthly)

Rodeo Round-Up

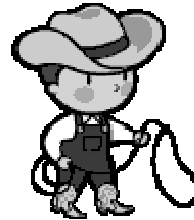


Rodeo Round-up is here again! We will be setting up in Fellowship Hall with several fun centers for the children: Panning For Gold, Bean Can Bowling, Bronco Bull Riding (sitting on a saddle and using our imaginations), Campfire Stories, and Scrub Alley (scrub boards and tubs for washin’ our gear on the range). Fun begins on January 23! Yippee-hi-ay!



Don’t forget—for those of you thinking ahead, our tax EIN number is:

75-094-5945



“Cowboy Don”

Dr. Don Hogg, Minister of Westminster Presbyterian, grew up on a ranch and will visit our preschool in his “cowboy duds” for Rodeo Round-up . “Cowboy Don” will explain how cowboys work a ranch, how cowboys take care of their animals and he will demonstrate a few ropin’ tricks!! Make sure and ask your preschooler what they thought of our special visitor!

Pre-registration Fall 2012



Pre-registration for Fall 2012 is offered to those currently enrolled in ELP from Feb 13 thru Feb 16.

New registration Forms must be fully completed along with the first half of the supply fee.

We cannot hold spaces for those with incomplete paperwork or supply fees. Supply fees are not refundable.

New Enrollment OPTIONS:

Monday/Wednesday

Tuesday/Thursday

All Four Days

We will no longer offer one day attendance.

All remaining openings will be offered to our waiting list beginning Feb 17.








Thanks!

Looking Ahead;

Spring Break March 12-March 16

JANUARY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 11 AM Worship Only Caroling Worship Food Sunday, CCA No Youth, Sunday School, Choir rehearsals</p> 	<p>2 Staff Holiday No Exercise 6 PM Committee Chairmen Meeting 7:15 PM Committee Meetings</p>	<p>3 ELP Return 10 AM PW Coord. Team Meeting 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 5-8 PM Open Youth 7PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9-10 AM Exercise</p> 	<p>6 Epiphany of the Lord</p>	<p>7 10 AM Un-decorate the church</p>
<p>8 PNS Penny - collection Ordination and Instal- lation of Elders. 8:45-2:30 Youth Prog. 12 PM Mom's lunch 12 PM Chime Choir 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 9-10 AM Exercise 7 PM Finance Meeting 7 PM PW Circle 3</p>	<p>10 2 PM Newsletter mail-out 10 AM PW Circle 1 & 2 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11 5-8 PM Open Youth 7PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 6:30-8:30 PM Cub Scouts (FH)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 Communion  8:45-11:20 AM Youth Prog. / lunch out 12 PM Chime Choir 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>16 Martin Luther King Day ELP Holiday 9-10 AM Exercise 7 PM Session Meeting</p>	<p>17 10 AM Hearts & Hands 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p> 	<p>18 5-8 PM Open Youth 7PM Men's Bible Study 7 PM Ensemble Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 
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<p>29 No Youth SHYC @ Austin College— Sherman, TX 12 PM Chime Choir 3 PM Bell Choir 4 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 9-10 AM Exercise</p>	<p>31 7-9 PM Boy Scouts</p>				

JANUARY



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| 1 Andrew Adams | 12 Daniel Adams | 19 Layne Bruhn | 29 Danya Trent |
| 1 Celestine Kepnga | 12 Bea Anna Williams | 21 Douglas Snyder | 29 Connie Bosworth |
| 2 Katie Van Geem | 14 Warren Kepnga | 23 Jonathan Carter | 30 Douglas Carter |
| 3 Susan Anderson | 14 Medy-Nora
Kepnga | 23 Wendy Burke | 31 Neil Van Geem |
| 4 Laura Wheeler | 15 Cal Miyatake | 24 Larry Engelhart | |
| 7 Barbara Welsh | 15 Diana Cartrette | 24 Linda Wynne | |
| 9 Nancy Lander | 16 Libby Winn | 27 Inez Montague | |
| 10 Amanda Conover | | 28 Allison Hurd | |

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Contemporary Worship Service: 8:45 AM, Sundays

Traditional Worship Service: 11:00 AM, Sundays

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Serving the Church — Communion Sunday, January 15, 2012

Sermon: "Have No Fear Of Them"
Scriptures: Psalm 13:1-6; Matthew 10:26-33
Pulpit: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Acolytes: TBA
Communion Preparers: Rosie Vela, Peggy Claus
Communion Servers: TBA
Counters: Linda Tallman, Rosie Vela
Doorstep Ministry: Ann and Herman Wardlaw
Elder on Call: Bob Craig
Greeters: Bill and Mary Jane Heiss
Liturgist: Susan Head
Sound Room: Teddy Claus
Usher Team: Vance Riedel, Tony DiNicola, Paul Zang,
Lee Curl, Eva Riggs, Yvana Kepnga,
Jim and Linda Wynne

Worship Team (8:45)

Serving the Church — Sunday, January 22, 2012

Sermon: "God Provides Out Of Abundance And Scarcity"
Scriptures: Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 15:13-21
Pulpit: Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hogg
Acolytes: TBA
Counters: Bob Craig, Shar Werner
Doorstep Ministry: Daisianne & Stephen Younger
Elder on Call: Tony DiNicola
Greeters: Sherry, Tyler Foster
Liturgist: Susan Bennett
Sound Room: Bob Craig
Usher Team: Shirley Godby, Dub Godby, Rosie Vela,
Robert Vela, Linda Puckett, Zack Francis,
Bob and Layne Bruhn

Worship Team (8:45)

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