

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May June 7 - 21, 2009

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Weekly Word

Dear Fellow Followers of the Way,

This past Sunday we heard the story at the beginning of Acts 2, the gift of the Holy Spirit that was given when the community of believers was gathered together. If we had continued in the story, we would have read Peter's sermon and the baptism of 3,000 people that day. After the people had been baptized, we learn that the people "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers" (v 42).

Sunday night we had that same opportunity as we gathered to celebrate in our new fellowship hall. We gathered over a meal and enjoyed a time of fellowship and worship. Our new space will hopefully see this repeated with great frequency in the months and years to come.

God can do great things in our midst, particularly when we gather as the Body of Christ. As we gather for worship or for fellowship, we are made more complete as more people gather together. We all have unique gifts and callings and the presence of each one is important.

As we enter the summer, people will begin to travel. When your travels take you away from Austin, find a local congregation to worship with where ever you may be. When you are in town, come and gather with us at Westminster. Even when you may not feel like coming, your presence may be the very thing that uplifts another believer. Remember that you are important and you are needed. Come and join with the Body of Christ on Sunday mornings and let the Spirit move you!

Grace, mercy and Peace,
Karen

Calendar

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| Jun 7 - Sun | 08:15 AM | Worship / Communion | Sanctuary |
| | 09:30 AM | Church School (for all ages) | |
| | 10:30 AM | Fellowship | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship / Communion | Sanctuary |
| Jun 8 - Mon | 05:45 PM | Congregational Care Committee | Library |
| | 06:30 PM | Diaconate | Room 10 |
| | 07:30 PM | Fellowship Committee | Room 10 |
| Jun 10 - Wed | 07:00 PM | Adult Choir | Sanctuary |
| Jun 11 - Thu | 12:00 PM | Children's Ministries Committee | Library |
| | 12:15 PM | Mid-day Prayers | Sanctuary |
| Jun 12 - Fri | | Presbytery Meeting | Kerrville |
| Jun 13 - Sat | | Presbytery Meeting | Kerrville |
| Jun 14 - Sun | 08:15 AM | Worship / Communion | Sanctuary |
| | 09:30 AM | Church School (for all ages) | |
| | 10:30 AM | Fellowship | Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship | Sanctuary |
| Jun 15 - Mon | 07:00 PM | Mission Committee | Library |
| Jun 16 - Tue | 05:30 PM | Admin/Finance Committee | Library |
| Jun 17 - Wed | 07:00 PM | Adult Choir | Sanctuary |
| Jun 18 - Thu | 12:15 PM | Mid-day Prayers | Sanctuary |

Fellowship Hall Dedication

Nearly 250 Westminster members and friends attended the May 31 dedication event. Chip Somerville and the members of the Building Committee were recognized for their many years of dedicated service to the project.

A number of special visitors joined us for the evening: The Rev. Roy Sherrod (Pastor of Westminster 1951-57) and his son Jeff; Mary Cochran Schlottman, wife of the late Rev. Joe Cochran (Pastor of Westminster from 1967-75); Josie Champion, (former choir director); Eric McCreless, daughter of Pat McCreless, (Westminster's former organists). Charter member Ruth Brownlow was able to join us for the evening. Ruth has attended every dedication event at Westminster since the 1947 founding of the congregation! Also joining us for her first official outing was Emily Rogers, six-week-old daughter of David and Lisa Rogers.

Thank you to all of those who contributed to making the May 31 Dedication Event such a wonderful celebration. We're especially grateful for Catherine Colvin, Angela Oliver, and members of the Fellowship Committee who decorated Fellowship Hall with Pentecost balloons and "tongues of fire" napkins. Kudos as well to Corrinne Bowers and Susan Cockburn who assisted in preparing the evening's program and presentations.

A Note from Former Members

Dear Friends,

What a great time to celebrate as you open up and begin to use the new building. Bill and I thought about trying to come for the dedication, but it is very hard to travel--Bill has developed pretty severe arthritis in his lower spine, we see the spine doctor next week. I am getting around much better after the rheumatoid doctor put injections into my knees, so who knows how long that will last. Know that we will be with you in spirit and I will be in the choir space, hiding out in a corner somewhere, celebrating those who are getting a little older and find the stairs to the old choir loft a real challenge. so, enjoy, enjoy, enjoy and may God continue to bless you with prosperity and his Grace.

Love, Betty Milstead and Bill Holden

Music Written for the New Westminster Fellowship Hall

What will we do in the Fellowship Hall?

Practice the Kingdom of God

Dedicated to the new Fellowship Hall, Westminster Presbyterian Church

May 31, 2009

Words by Catherine Colvin

Music by Adrienne Inglis, ASCAP

Verses:

Open the doors while we close out our fears.
Feed hungry people and starve out despair.
Cherish each other and slight selfish pride.
Teach wisdom gently and live to inspire.

Share with the world and hoard kindly thoughts.
Grieve for our losses yet celebrate love.

Refrain:

Practice the Kingdom of God.
Fling wide the gates of our hearts.
As we are given, we freely give.
So practice the Kingdom of God.

A Revelation at the Grocery Store

On Monday I ran into Manos' Executive Director Julie Ballesteros at HEB with two heaping shopping carts. I asked what was up. The Capital Area Food Bank was out of everything we needed and she had to restock the Food Pantry from a regular grocery store! Expensive for Manos.

Please remember that this Sunday is when we collect food for the pantry. Manos needs it more now than ever! Be generous and thank the Lord you are able to do it!

The food pantry priority needs are cereal, canned tomatoes, canned pasta, canned beans, canned fruit. Any non-perishables can be used.

First Sunday - "Feed and be Fed"

Moneta Prince

Where Are the Cookies?!?!

One of Westminster's most treasured traditions is After Church Cookies. A generous set of 30+ volunteers bring cookies and treats throughout the year for us to enjoy following the 11:00 worship service. We've been

serving the cookies in the Library, but it's getting harder and harder to fit our crowd into that space, so the cookies are moving to the new **Fellowship Hall effective June 7**. If you're a Cookie Host, please store your cookies in the kitchen before worship. You can sneak out of worship a little early to place them on the table that will be set up in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Morning Parking on Exposition Blvd.

You are welcome to park on the west side of Exposition Blvd. on Sunday mornings. However, if you park on the street, **please do not park in the one space at the corner of Exposition and Carlton Road**. There is a sign there that says, "**No parking here to corner,**" and is there to keep that space open so persons attempting to turn on to Exposition can see to make their turn at this blind intersection.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Congratulations to Graduates

Brandy Wojcik graduated from UT

Margaret Shaw graduated with an MS Degree in Political Science from the University of Mississippi

Emily Sullivan graduated with an MTS from Vanderbilt Divinity School

Adam Long graduated from St. Stephen's Episcopal School. Adam received The Dobbie Leverton Fenton Medal, which is awarded annually to a member of the senior class who lives his/her life promoting the values of social justice. This award was inspired by Dobbie Leverton Fenton, beloved former student and St. Stephen's teacher, advisor, and friend who lived a life of compassionate service.

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Columbarium Niches Now Available

Columbarium niches are now available for Westminster members to reserve. All Westminster members, former members, and family members are eligible to reserve a niche. More information can be found in the recently adopted columbarium policy which is available online at the church website, wpcaustin.org/columbarium.cfm, or in the church office.

From Previous Connections

Interfaith Hospitality Network Information

This year our congregation has an exciting opportunity to participate in mission very close to home through participation in the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Our first opportunity to host is coming up September 6th – 12th, 2009 (Labor Day).

You are invited to sign up to volunteer at the mission bulletin board in the narthex or email David Rose - daviddouglasrose@gmail.com

Weekly Prayer

All are welcome to a time of prayer at 12:15 p.m. each Thursday in the south transept of the sanctuary. The time is brief, about a half hour, but important and meaningful in the life of our congregation. You are always welcome--

Women in Black

Women in Black stand Wednesday noon hour vigils for peace in front of the State Capitol, 11th and Congress Avenue. You-- woman or man, in black or not, for an hour or any time less than that--are invited to come on any Wednesday.

Worship

Sunday, June 7

Trinity Sunday

Preacher: Bill Clark
Liturgist: Kathy Anderson
Scriptures: Romans 8:12-17; Psalm 29; John 3:1-17

Those Serving as After-Church Elders, Greeters, Cookie Hosts, and Acolytes

After Church Elders: Todd Davidson, Debbie Mincher, Ann Scott
Greeters: South Door, Ann and Howard Humphreys; North Door, Bonnie and Aoife O'Reilly
Cookie Hosts: Bonnie and Aisling O'Reilly and Marsha Hunt
Acolytes: Robert Ehrlich, Adelaide Ehrlich, Christopher Hoeffner-Ross

Sunday, June 14

Pentecost Sunday

Preacher: Kathy Anderson
Scriptures: I Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34

Those Serving as After-Church Elders, Greeters, Cookie Hosts, and Acolytes

After Church Elders: Jack Prince, Bob Schriber, Corrinne Bowers
Greeters: South Door, Kim Edwards and Annie Clark; North Door, Terry Allbright and Mike Rush
Cookie Hosts: Kim Edwards and Amy and David Rose
Acolytes: Molly Wear, Todd Schriber, Julia Schriber

Adult Ministries

Adult church school 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Forum Class – Room 10 **The Theology of *The Shack***, a series reflecting on this best-selling novel.
Bible Study – Room 6 **June 7:** John 3-4
 June 14: John 5-6

Children's Ministries

Thank you to everyone who has helped teach our Children and Youth this past school year. You have contributed to the lives of these children and have helped to bring about the Kingdom.

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| Andy and Alice Lottes | Julie Schriber | Juli Cummings | Liz Jones |
| John and Layla Young | Leslie Pettijohn | Brian and Cristia Moore | Kim Edwards |
| Lesley Fields | Laura Slaughter | Indy Prentice | David VandenBout |
| Martha Richardson | Carolyn Long | Chris Clark | Walt Richardson |
| Charlotte Trafton | Melissa Koerner | Susan Somerville | Virginia Hill |
| Cynthia Hanes | Ann Kriss | George Pryor | Brandy Wojcik |
| Eleanor Cochran | Evelyn Farmer | Eleanor Luke | Allison Wilkerson |
| Yvonne Steckel | Deborah Polan | Walter Torres | Lesley Saunders |
| Emily Mika | Anita Sybesma | Sadie Pass | Jean Davis |
| Lynn Eno | Becca Thompson | Kathy Anderson | Bill Clark |
| Sharon Raab | Ali Kamas | Abby Cain | Marlene Magierski |

Children's Church School 9:30 – 10:30

Preschoolers: Meet in room 4 (4's-5's). Children can be picked up following church school at 10:30 a.m. in their room. This summer the LAMBS will be using a curriculum entitled "Stepping Stones of Faith" by Anita Edlund. We still have some spots if you would like to teach and learn from our preschool children. Contact Kim Edwards or Karen Wagner if you are interested.

June 7th - God Loves Me (mark 10:13-16)
June 14th - God Cares about All of Me (Matthew 6:25-33)
June 21st - God Understands My Feelings (Matthew 5:1-12)
June 28th - God is Always with Me (1 Samuel 17:12-49)
July 5th - God Will Help Me when I am Afraid (Daniel 6: 1-127)
July 12th - God Will Listen when I Pray (Jonah 1:1-3:3)
July 19th - God Likes to Be Praised (2 Samuel 22:1-4; Psalms 148, 150)
July 26th - God Wants me to help Other People (John 6:1-14)
Aug 2nd - God Keeps Promises (Matthew 1:18-2:11)
Aug 9 - God Made the World and God Made Me (Genesis 1:1-2:22) Psalm 119:73)
Aug 16th - God is Good (1 Samuel 1:6-20; 2:18-21)

A **NURSERY** for our littlest members is in Room 2, staffed by a caring and trained team of child care workers. Children of all ages are welcome in worship at Westminster. The nursery, located in Room 2 of the Education Wing is available for infants and beginning at 11:15, preschool children may join in Godly Play in Room 13 if they grow restless.

Elementary Age Children: Dwelling Places meets in Room 13. This summer we will be learning about Samuel, David and Elijah. There are a few spots left if you are interested in teaching our elementary age group.

June 7th - The Call of Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-10)
June 14th - We Want a King (1 Samuel 8)
June 21st - Samuel anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
June 28th - David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17:3-9;12-18; 33-50)
July 5th - Jonathan and David (1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19 1-7)
July 12th - The Friendship of David and Jonathan (1 Samuel 20: 1-23; 31b-42)
July 19th - David Becomes King/God's Covenant with David (2 Samuel 2:1-4; 6:1-5; 17-19; 7:1-9,16)
July 26th - Elijah - The Drought and the Widow (1 Kings 17:1-16)
Aug 2nd - Elijah - The Contest (Kings 18:1-39)
Aug 9 - Elijah meets God (1 Kings 19: 11-18)
Aug 16th - Elijah Ascends to Heaven (1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-14)

P3 will meet June 7th will be our next P3 event. Dinner and a movie in Fellowship hall. We will meet from 4-6 and begin with a short time on the playground and then will have pizza and watch a movie together in Fellowship Hall

COME EXPERIENCE THE E.D.G.E!!!!

VBS Registration is online!

Sign up to be a part of **CAMP E.D.G.E –**

August 10 – 14. [Register Online](#)

Youth Ministries

June 13th there will be youth from Westminster in Charlottesville, VA here. We would like to have time to hang out with them and show them Austin before they head to Mo Ranch.

Church School classes for all youth meet each Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Annex, located at the corner of Carlton and Hillview, just beyond the church parking lot.

SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Middle School - Heifer Ranch July 26-31 – Cost \$250

Roger, John, Martin, Justina, Cian, Jessica, Grace, Annie, Madison, Todd, and Hayden - Bill, Layla, John, and Bob

High School - Stewpot – June 22nd – 26th – Cost \$125

Chris, Wynn, Phil, Carlen, Abigail, and Sadie - Mandy, Karen and _____

High School youth - Synod Youth Workshop – Tulsa, OK July 13-18 – Anyone interested - \$275

Middle School (Grades 6 - 7)

Meets in the Annex Living Room

Topic: Christian Practices

Grade 8: Confirmation Class

Senior High (Grades 9 - 12)

Meets in the Annex Red Room

Topic: A variety of resources focusing on our lives, current events, questions, and the role of faith in our lives.

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Fellowship

Theology on Tap – Thursday, June 4 @ 7 p.m. location TBA

Join us for conversation, drink (your choice), food and fellowship! **For June 4: Watch the movie *The Apostle*, and be ready to discuss it!**

Mission

Bring Food for Manos de Cristo on Sunday, June 7

Manos needs food. Bring non-perishable food Sunday, **June 7.** And as we are fed at our Lord's table, we remember to feed others in need! Please remember to give for those who have less than we do.

[Westminster Presbyterian Church](#), organized in 1947, is a congregation of [Mission Presbytery](#), the [Synod of the Sun](#), and the [Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#).