

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Weekly Word

Dear Friends,

On Monday I had the opportunity to visit with Ramón in our church office. You probably don't know Ramón. He's not a member of Westminster. Ramón had heard that Westminster provided \$50 gift cards once a year to people in need, and came by to see if we had any available. Fortunately, since he called ahead, we did. Through the generosity of some Westminster members we are able to provide two gift cards per week to individuals and families in need.

Ramón told me a little of his story. He's a roofer, does lawn maintenance, and works on construction sites. He's been in Austin for a couple of years, but has also worked in San Antonio, and Florida. He has family whom he supports in Monterrey, Mexico. Right now the kind of work that Ramón does is difficult to find in Austin. Ramón signs up on a daily basis at the City of Austin's First Workers Day Labor Center near the offices of Manos de Cristo. Numbers are randomly assigned to all of those who sign up. According to Ramón, last year, those who had numbers 1-80 would usually have a job for the day. This year, work is only available for those with the numbers 1-20. Last week Ramón had "lucky" number 7, but never received a call for work. Times are difficult, especially for those people who find themselves on the margin of the work force.

I'm glad that Westminster is involved in supporting ministries to the marginalized. On the first of each month we gather food for the Manos de Cristo pantry. A good portion of our mission dollars are used to support Manos, and we will soon begin the Manos Back to School Drive. This Sunday, six of our senior high youth will be traveling to serve with the Stewpot ministries out of First Presbyterian Church in Dallas. We will also begin hosting families at Westminster through the Interfaith Hospitality Network in early September. I encourage you to participate in that new opportunity for ministry and sign up in the narthex.

It's important that we do our part to support those who find themselves on the margin. In fact, I don't believe that we can be the church of Jesus Christ unless we participate in these ministries of mercy and justice. That is what we are called to do and who we are called to be as God's people.

Incidentally, Ramón thanked our congregation for being generous during a difficult time. Our gift made a difference to him. May God continue to use us to make a difference in the lives of God's people. And may we become even more aware of God's great generosity as we practice our own.

Faithfully yours,

Bill

Calendar

Jun 21 - Sun		Sr. Hi Mission Trip	Offsite
	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 22 - Mon		Sr. Hi Mission Trip	Offsite
Jun 23 - Tue		Sr. Hi Mission Trip	Offsite
	07:00 PM	Session	Fellowship Hall
Jun 24 - Wed		Sr. Hi Mission Trip	Offsite
	07:00 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Jun 25 - Thu		Sr. Hi Mission Trip	Offsite
	12:15 PM	Mid-day Prayers	Sanctuary
Jun 26 - Fri		Sr. Hi Mission Trip	Offsite
Jun 27 - Sat		Sr. Hi Mission Trip	Offsite
Jun 28 - 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
	05:30 PM	Summer Sunday/Hymn Sing	Fellowship Hall
Jul 1 - Wed	07:00 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Jul 2 - Thu	12:15 PM	Mid-day Prayers	Sanctuary
	07:00 PM	Theology on Tap	Offsite

Prayer Requests

Prescott Williams

Lib Minter

Kathy Lockart

John Clary

Marilyn Clary

Virginia S. Hill

Charmaine Denius

The family and friends of Jo Ann Hardy, upon her recent death (GBATT member and friend of WPC)

Rose Wahrmund (Bryan Saunders' grandmother)

Garrett Herbst (grandson of Harvey and Dean Herbst)

Truman Griffin (father of Vicki Griffin)

Ricky Davidson (uncle of Todd Davidson)

Ashley Siptak and Abby Oehler (great nieces of Martha and Walt Richardson)

The Rev. Don Benton (relative of Joan Johnson)

The Rev. Juan Treviño (pastor of First Presbyterian, Brownsville and friend to many WPC members)

Sissy Schriber (sister-in-law of Bob and Julie Schriber)

Shirley Bridges (sister of Mary Anne Ater)

Drew Saenz (friend of Lea Anne Porter and Michael Gianotti)

Laura Johnson (friend of Layla Young)

George O'Dwyer (friend of the Fields and Shaw families)

Bill Whiteside (friend of Jack and Shirley Howard and Susan Cockburn)

Peggy Huckabay (friend of the Somervilles)

Dorothy Wolter (mother of Gelinda Schmidt)

Joyce Stribling (cousin of Pat Boswell)

Shirley Bird Perry (friend of Sharon McGraw)

Civilians and military in war-torn areas: Ron MacKay, stationed in Iraq; **Scott Cameron**, deployed to Afghanistan (son of Marcia Kiger); **John Ulsamer and Alpha Company**, stationed in Iraq (son-in-law of Jim and Kathy Lockart); **Sgt. Lindsey Rush** (niece of Jim and Karen Nelson)

Victims of oppression

Peace and peace workers

That God's peace may come

Hymn Sing and Hot Dog Roast

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 28 — 5:30 p.m.

Let us know your favorite hymn (see article below). Bring side dishes or desserts to share. Hot dogs and watermelon provided. Come one, come all!

Share Your Favorite Hymn

The annual Hymn sing will be Sunday evening, June 28, 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. It will be followed by a hot dog and watermelon supper. So, we need you to let us know your favorite hymn, children's hymn, spiritual, camp song – you name it. If it's not in one of our hymnals, we'll do our best to find it.

If you play an instrument and want to play on the hymns, let us know that too. We will have a brief rehearsal prior to the service.

Please fill out the form below and leave in the church office or in the offering plate on Sunday. If you prefer, you can write Rick or Catherine Colvin at rcolvin@austin.rr.com.

Hymn _____

Hymn _____

Hymn _____

Instrument _____

Name _____

Phone or email _____

Quarterly Statement of Contributions Will Now Be Emailed

In an effort to be better stewards of the church's money and our natural resources, the Finance and Administration Committee has decided to begin emailing quarterly statements of contributions. This is the statement you receive detailing the donations that you have given to the church.

We will be sending statements by email to all contributors for whom the church has an email address. If the church does not have your email address, you will still receive a paper copy. Please let the church office know if you prefer to have a paper copy mailed to you. You can call Jimmie Grossman, email her at wpcadmin@wpcaustin.org, or return the form below.

You will receive your statement in mid-July covering the period of January through June of this year.

_____ I wish to continue receiving a paper copy of my statement of contributions.

_____ Please update my email address to ensure I receive my statement via email.

My email address is: _____ (please print)

Printed Name _____

Westminster's Web Workers

A fabulous team of dedicated volunteers, lead by David Thompson, has been working diligently to make our website more dynamic. Here are the recent changes and the individual who's made it happen. Click to experience the difference.

[David's Sermon Files](#). As of this afternoon, David VandenBout went live with the sermons page. It currently has Bill's sermons from the last two weeks. David plans to keep this page updated for us.

[Steve's Edits](#). Steve Thomas has pulled out his style guide and edited the text throughout the site. And he's gathered a ton of pictures to sift through and begin putting on the site. Steve will continue to serve as our site editor and work to keep our text crisp, our spelling and grammar correct, and our formatting consistent.

[Kathy's Updates](#). Kathy Anderson has edited and updated the Worship and Music, Adult Ministry, Congregational Care, Mission, and Fellowship pages and will keep these current. The site now includes current offerings in the Adult Church School program.

[Karen's Forms](#). Karen Wagner is in the process of updating the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry pages and will keep them current. She's already created forms for making mission trip reservations and youth directory submissions online. Just one example of how we can easily use the site to collect information and encourage people to visit the website.

[Rosemary's Calendar](#). Rosemary Standerfer continues to keep the online calendar current and has found ways to copy and paste the data into the regular printed communications she creates.

[Katie's Bios](#). Katie Burns prepared bios for all of the staff and they are live on the staff pages of the site.

[Stephanie's Pics](#). Stephanie Griffith took new pictures of the staff, and they're on the staff pages as well.

Church Offices will be Closed July 6

Since the 4th of July falls on Saturday this year, the church offices will be closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of the holiday.

From Previous Connections

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.

Columbarium Niches Now Available

Information can be found in the recently adopted columbarium policy which is available online at the church website, www.wpcaustin.org/columbarium.cfm, or in the church office.

Sunday Morning Parking On Exposition Blvd.

Please remember to leave the two corner spaces open at the corner of Exposition and Carlton so people can safely turn onto Exposition.

Where Are the Cookies?!?!

After church cookie (after 11 a.m. worship) time is now in the new Fellowship Hall. Please join us there!

Worship

Sunday, June 21

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Bill Clark

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 17:32-49, Psalm 9:9-20, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4: 35-41

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

After Church Elders: Stan Shaw, Ann Scott, Debbie Mincher

Greeters: South Door, Eleanor Luke and Jane Smoot; North Door, MaryAnne Ater and Sharon Raab

Cookie Hosts: Kathy Lockart and Marlene Magierski

Acolytes: Sadie Pass, John Pass, Jonas Tatu

Sunday, June 28

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Bill Clark

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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

After Church Elders: Cindy Sullivan, David Rose

Greeters: South Door, Layla and John Young; North Door, Red Olander and Ed Tyson

Cookie Hosts: Amy McClintic and Leslie Pettijohn

Acolytes: Walter Torres, Wiley Beale, Patrick Beale

Adult Ministries

Adult church school 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. *For more detailed descriptions, please visit the WPC website!*

Forum Class – Fellowship Hall

The Amazing Faith of Westminster

The annual summer favorite! Come hear from Westminster members as they share with us stories of their faith!

Bible Study – Room 6

June 21: John 7-8 (Conflict & Opposition Grow)

June 28: John 9-20 (cont'd.)

July 5: John 11-12 (cont'd.)

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.

Andy and Alice Lottes

John and Layla Young

Lesley Fields

Martha Richardson

Charlotte Trafton

Cynthia Hanes

Eleanor Cochran

Yvonne Steckel

Emily Mika

Lynn Eno

Sharon Raab

Julie Schriber

Leslie Pettijohn

Laura Slaughter

Carolyn Long

Melissa Koerner

Ann Kriss

Evelyn Farmer

Deborah Polan

Anita Sybesma

Becca Thompson

Ali Kamas

Juli Cummings

Brian and Cristia Moore

Indy Prentice

Chris Clark

Susan Somerville

George Pryor

Eleanor Luke

Walter Torres

Sadie Pass

Kathy Anderson

Abby Cain

Liz Jones

Kim Edwards

David VandenBout

Walt Richardson

Virginia Hill

Brandy Wojcik

Allison Wilkerson

Lesley Saunders

Jean Davis

Bill Clark

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 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 9th - 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 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 9th - Elijah meets God (1 Kings 19: 11-18)

Aug 16th - Elijah Ascends to Heaven (1 Kings 19:19-21; 2 Kings 2:1-14)

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

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, 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.

Fellowship

Theology on Tap – Thursday, July 2 @ 7 p.m., B. B. Rover’s Café and Pub, 12101 Research Blvd., in the North Brook Center. Join us for conversation, drink (your choice), food and fellowship! **This month’s topic is the movie: *The Body***, starring Antonio Banderas. Kathy Anderson and Karen Wagner each have a copy of the DVD to lend, so please contact one of them if you can’t find a copy, and would like to watch it.

Mission

Bring Food for Manos de Cristo on Sunday, July 5

Manos needs food. Bring non-perishable food Sunday, **July 5**. 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 \(U.S.A.\)](#).