

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Weekly Word

Dear Westminster saints,

I am not sure why, but I have been thinking a lot about water. Perhaps it's because summer is officially here, and it's hot outside, and I am thirsty! Perhaps it's because I am getting ready to canoe the San Marcos River with Chip Somerville and our Middle School Youth. Perhaps it's because most of us have to remember whether today is the day when odd- or even-numbered zip codes can sprinkle their lawns; or because swimming pools and Barton Springs and the lake are the best places to be these days; or because some portion of our vacation times almost always

involve water – whether we are at the beach, a cool shower after a hike, or enjoying a tall glass of lemonade or iced tea.

I know that one reason I'm thinking about water is because we celebrated the baptism of Henry Robert Palmer, son of Stephen and Ann Strauser Palmer, last Sunday...and because we will baptize Kline Krupp, daughter of new member Keri Krupp, this Sunday. When we celebrate the sacrament of baptism, some of the words spoken are these:

*In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God.
God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection.
By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ,
and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice.*

The *Book of Common Worship* reminds us that, at baptism, the water in the font should be *visible* and *audible*. We need to be able to *see it* and *hear it*, which is why the water is poured, and why Bill and I make sure those we are baptizing get wet (and not just damp)!

Over the next several weeks, I invite you to think about water, and to remember the many, many ways we are claimed and sealed by the Holy Spirit as children of God. As you enjoy times of rest, relaxation, and recreation, and as water is *visible* and *audible* in your lives – whether that be in your swimming, thirsting, splashing, diving, surfing, or sprinkling – remember that you are beloved child of God! For by water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace and justice. Remember your baptism, and be glad!

See you Sunday, if not before.

Grace and peace,
Kathy

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Calendar

June 27 - Sun	08:30 AM	<u>Worship / Communion</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
	09:40 AM	<u>Church School (for all ages)</u>	
	10:40 AM	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Fellowship Hall</u>
	11:00 AM	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
Jun 29 - Tue	10:00 AM	<u>Staff Meeting</u>	<u>Pastor's Study</u>
Jun 30 - Wed	07:00 PM	<u>Adult Choir</u>	Choir Room
Jun 1 - Thu	12:15 PM	<u>Mid-day Prayers</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
	07:00 PM	<u>Theology on Tap</u>	Offsite
Jul 4 - Sun	08:30 AM	<u>Worship / Communion</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>
	09:40 AM	<u>Church School (for all ages)</u>	
	10:40 AM	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Fellowship Hall</u>
	11:00 AM	<u>Worship / Communion</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>

Jul 5 - Mon		CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED 4 TH OF July holiday	
Jul 7 - Wed	07:00 PM	<u>Adult Choir</u>	Choir Room
Jul 8 - Thu	12:15 PM	<u>Mid-day Prayers</u>	<u>Sanctuary</u>

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Sundae Sunday is coming! – July 11 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Don't be sad...before we head into another "Monday, Monday," we'll enjoy a time of Sunday evening fellowship, singing, and worship, all while eating dessert first: old-fashioned ice cream sundaes! **Bring your favorite ice cream to share.** Drinks, toppings and other goodies provided.

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**Calling All WPC Dessert Makers
for
Hands Across Exposition!**

Westminster Presbyterian is providing home baked desserts for the Hands Across Exposition event on Sunday, September 26. Your home-baked cookies, brownies or lemon bars are needed to help make this event a sweet success! Would you be willing to bake a treasured recipe or two for this fun gathering? Cookies, as we know from our own Westminster events, are so welcomed and "GO FAST." Your participation is appreciated, even if you cannot attend the event, and arrangements can be made for receiving your home baked treats in advance. Questions? Email: NancyCampbell@austin.rr.com or phone Nancy at 476-1905. Many, many thanks!

Yes, I am willing to bake goodies for Hands Across Exposition on September 26. You can count on me, but please remind me in early September and let me know cookie/dessert drop off details.

Name _____

Phone
Number _____

Email
Address _____

***** Please leave your info in the church office *****

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Want to Know More About the Beautiful WPC Landscaping?

"Self-Guided Nature Tour of the Westminster Presbyterian Church campus" is a loose-leaf notebook prepared by Adrienne Inglis. It is on the library table in Fellowship Hall for the use of those interested in an organized and informative look at our lovely grounds. Just return the guide to the library table in Fellowship Hall when you finish your tour.

The landscape design is by Carolyn Long, and the self-guided nature tour is by Adrienne. Our church grounds have been designated as a National Wildlife Certified Wildlife Habitat.

This guide is interesting, helpful, and colorful. Thanks to Adrienne, Carolyn, and all who contributed to the lovely grounds of Westminster.

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Manos de Cristo 2010 Back to School Drive

Our church will be providing Elmer's Glue (4 and 8 oz. bottles) and Elmer's Glue sticks for the Back to School Drive. Manos needs over 1900 bottles of glue and over 1100 glue sticks for the children. You can bring Elmer's glue or glue sticks and place them in the box in the narthex, or you can write a check to help Manos buy the glue at a much lower rate. **Checks should be made out to WPC with "Manos Back to School" in the memo line.** You can drop your checks off in the church office in the envelope marked Manos de Cristo Back to School Drive. We must present the glue and checks to Manos by July 16.

Manos also needs volunteers to help with the Back to School drive. Shifts are available July 26-30 (9 a.m.-12 noon & 1-3 p.m.) and August 2-6 and August 9-13 (8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1-3 p.m.). You can contact Judy Cardenas at 477-7454 Ext. 106 or outreach@manosdecristo.org. Additionally, Manos is collecting new or used children's books. If you can donate books, please place these in the Manos box in the narthex. Thanks!

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From the Finance Committee

Below is a short update on the general fund revenues and expenses. The full financial statements are always available in the church office on a monthly basis. We encourage anyone who is interested to pick up a copy or ask Jimmie to email you one.

Operating Revenues and Expenses

As of May 31, 2010

Revenues \$334,865

Expenses 285,894

Net income \$48,971

Cash on hand – Operating Fund \$177,376

Fellowship Hall Debt \$1,050,000

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You Are Invited

The congregation of El Buen Pastor Presbyterian Church (EBP) and the Presbyterian Women (PW) of EBP cordially invite you to celebrate the church's 100th Anniversary on July 11, 2010, during 11:00 a.m. worship services.

After the celebration, we will have a luncheon in the fellowship hall with a photo presentation of our 100 years of service to the Lord.

EBP is the only Hispanic Presbyterian church in Austin, Texas, and your presence will be a joy for us.

The church is located at 1200 Willow (on the corner of Waller and Willow Streets) Three blocks east of IH-35 and one block south of Cesar Chavez Street.

Please R.S.V.P. for lunch before or by July 1 at (512) 478-2221, or email elbuenpres@yahoo.com

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From Previous Connections

IHN -- A Great Opportunity

Now that we have our wonderful Fellowship Hall with bathing and laundry facilities, we are able to host Interfaith Hospitality Network families for a week. Many members of WPC have volunteered for the past few times when we have hosted these homeless families who are well on their way to self-sufficiency.

Our next opportunity will be July 18 - 25. Many have already signed up to help, but we still have need for more. Think about yourself or your family and see if you can participate. This is an excellent way to show our children and young people the joys and challenges of helping others who have hit rough times.

Please call Moneta Prince at 708-8293 or e-mail her at myongsook@aol.com.

Mark Your Calendars for September Mo Ranch Retreat!

September 10-12, 2010 (the weekend after Labor Day) ... another fun at the All Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch!



Save the date!

Sunday, Sept. 26

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

HANDS ACROSS EXPOSITION!

Sponsored by:

**Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
Tarrytown United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church**

5:00 pm: Begin at Good Shepherd
for games & snacks

5:45: Walk to Tarrytown Methodist
for games, performances, hot dogs, and more!

Desserts provided by Westminster

PC(USA) General Assembly to meet in Minneapolis – July 3-10

“Out of the believers heart shall flow rivers of living water.” – John 7:38

In July, the General Assembly will meet to deliberate and discuss matters that are of importance to the congregations and member of the **Presbyterian Church**. Commissioners (elders and ministers) from all 173 presbyteries (regional gatherings of congregations, WPC is part of **Mission Presbytery**) gather to worship God and to make decisions for the overall life and ministry of the PC(USA).

For more information, see the GA website: <http://www.pcusa.org/ga219>.

If you want to know more about some of the issues facing the General Assembly, come to the Forum Class on Sunday morning, June 13. Miles White, the Stated Clerk of Mission Presbytery, will be here to share a preview with us.

Also, the [Presbyterian Outlook](#) is hosting 5 “webinars” that will explore one of the five key issues facing the General Assembly. Top experts on each topic will speak about the issue – pro and con – and then address your questions.

The one-hour Webinars will begin at 2 p.m. EST, 11 a.m. PST. The cost is \$9.95 per webinar, #34.95 for all five webinars. You’ll need access to a telephone and an internet connection. Register by going to www.pres-outlook.org or call 1-800-446-6008.

Ladies Who Brunch Saturday Circle

Hello Ladies of WPC!
This summer you are invited to join the Ladies Who Brunch, Saturday PW Circle. We will meet on the second Saturday each month this summer to nosh on a lovely brunch and discuss women in the New Testament and their encounters with Jesus. The study is derived from the book [Back to the Well](#) by Frances Taylor Gench. Brunch begins at 10:00 am in the library. Study begins at 10:30 am.

This Saturday we will discuss this encounter between the Samaritan woman and Jesus. Please read John 4:1-42 before you come.

Let Lesley Fields (lesley_fields@msn.com) know if you would like to join us this summer.

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Worship

Sunday, June 27

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Kathy Anderson

Liturgist: Bill Clark

Scripture: Luke 15: 11-32

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

After Church Elders: Stan Shaw, Ann Scott, Corrinne Bowers

Greeters: **South Door**, Laura Slaughter and family; **North Door**, Mary Anne Ater and Hazel Herring

Cookie Hosts: Laura Slaughter and Marlene Magierski

Acolytes: Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Claudia Taylor, Hannah Blockinger

After-Church Flower Deliverer: Scott Pass

Sunday, July 4

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher: Bill Clark

Liturgist: Kathy Anderson

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

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

After Church Elders: Lesley Fields, Mike Cook, David Rose

Greeters: **South Door**, Ann and Stephen Palmer; **North Door**, Frank Denius and Susan Somerville

Cookie Hosts: Ann Palmer and Leslie Pettijohn

Acolytes: Elizabeth Slaughter, Ben Slaughter, Chris Hoeffner-Ross

After-Church Flower Deliverer: Amy Hoffman

Preaching the Parables Summer Sermon Series

June 6	The Sower	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23
June 13	The Mustard Seed	Matthew 13:31-32 or Mark 40:30-32
June 20	The Lost Sheep/Lost Coin	Luke 15:1-10
June 27	The Prodigal Son	Luke 15:11-32
July 4	The Talents	Matthew 25:14-30
July 11	The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37
July 18	The Widow and Unjust Judge	Luke 18:1-8
July 25	The Wedding Banquet	Matthew 22:1-14
Aug. 1	Two Sons	Matthew 21:28-32
Aug. 8	Laborers in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
Aug.15	Three Parables	Matthew 13:44-50

You are invited to read the parable in advance and ponder its meaning. Where do you see signs of God's kingdom in this parable? What is new and even startling?

We look forward to your presence in worship with us this summer.

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Adult Ministries

Adult church school, Sunday mornings 9:40 – 10:40 a.m. *For more detailed descriptions, please visit the WPC website!*

Upcoming Classes

Forum Class – Fellowship Hall

June 27

The Amazing Faith of Westminster

The annual summer favorite is back! We'll have several of these classes over the course of the summer, and each time, two WPC members will share a bit of their life story and faith journey with us. Cary & Trey Fyfe will be with us this week!

July 4 & 11 *Questions You've Always Wanted to Ask But Never Had the Chance*

Have you ever had a question about church, God, or faith that you've always wanted to ask, but never had the

opportunity? Or, is there something that you've always wondered about that you want to ask about? If so, come join us for an informal Q & A time with one of the pastors. You'll have the opportunity to write down your question, put it into a box, and have it chose to be talked about. Come one, come all! There are no bad, stupid, or wrong questions!

Bible Study – Room 9

Interested in reading and studying the Bible? No prior knowledge is needed, just your willingness to read the Bible and reflect on it with others! Join us!

June 27 Acts 28:1-31

July 4 I Thessalonians 1-3

July 11 I Thessalonians 4-5

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Children's Ministries

Preschoolers: Preschoolers start in Room 14 for Song Time and the teachers will pick them up and take them to their classrooms. The children may be picked up in their room at the end of Sunday school. 2/3's will be in room 5 and the 4's/K's in room 4. Your child must be 2 by August 1st to be in the 2 year old class. Younger children may be taken to the nursery.

Starting June 6th the preschoolers will meet together to find out if God has a favorite color?

Zacchaeus Climbs a Tree	(Luke 19: 1-10)	Green
Daniel and the Lion's Den	(Daniel 6:1-23)	Yellow
A Bright Star	(Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-12)	Yellow
Samuel Hears a Voice at Night	(1 Samuel 3)	Black
Miriam Helps Her Baby Brother	(Exodus 1 and 2)	Brown
Three Men in a Fire	(Daniel 3: 8-29)	Orange
Fish for Breakfast	(John 21:1-14)	Orange
God Made a Promise to Noah	(Genesis 6:9-9:17)	Rainbow

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 through 5 years old.

Godly Play is on break for the summer. Thank you to all the parents who have faithfully supported this program. It wouldn't happen without your help and your willingness to volunteer as storytellers and doorkeepers.

Elementary Age Children: Dwelling Places meets in Room 13.

Prodigal Son
Parable of Talents
Good Samaritan (Lectionary)

Widow and Unjust Judge
Wedding Banquet
2 Sons
Laborers in the Vineyard
3 Parables (Matt 13:44-50)



VBS -- Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

WPC Vacation Bible School August 9-13

Registration is open online for children who have turned 4 by June 1 through 5th grade
Youth are needed as volunteers (volunteer registration is online as well)

We have a different format this year with an Egyptian marketplace. We will be needing shop keepers who can help the children with a variety of crafts and activities. We need make-up specialists, artists, brick makers, embalmers, and jewelers. The children will make scented lotion, Egyptian collars, bricks, hieroglyphic art, baskets, and an ancient Egyptian game. We are also looking for pop up tents (the ones without walls) to use for the week of August 9-13. Please let Karen know if you are interested in helping or contributing in other ways.

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Youth Ministries

Church School classes for all youth meet each Sunday morning in the Annex, located at the corner of Carlton and Hillview, just beyond the church parking lot.

Sunday School -- we will be following the parables for the summer

Prodigal Son
Parable of Talents
Good Samaritan (Lectionary)
Widow and Unjust Judge
Wedding Banquet
2 Sons
Laborers in the Vineyard
3 Parables (Matt 13:44-50)

Also, once we know dates in early August we will look for times to help with Manos de Cristo back to school.

And of course we need as many youth as are around to help with VBS August 9-13!!!

High School Mission Trip Summer 2010 – June 20th – June 26th – To Texas City for Hurricane Clean up with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Check out <http://www.wpcaustin.org/texascity.cfm> to see updates from the trip

	Middle School (Grades 6 – 7)	Senior High (Grades 9 – 12)
Room	Meets in the Annex Living Room	Meets in the Annex Red Room
events, questions, our lives.		Topic: A variety of resources focusing on our lives, current and the role of faith in

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Fellowship

Theology on Tap

Thursday – July 1

7 p.m. @ Opal Divine's, 700 West 6th Street

Film Topic: *Atonement*

If you have a chance to watch the movies ahead of time, please do...but if you can't, don't stay away; there will be plenty to talk about.

Bring a friend, neighbor, or co-worker! **Opal Divine's is on West Sixth Street across from Katz's Deli. This is a great place; we have the upstairs room all to ourselves!**

Here's a link to the website if anyone wants to preview the menu:

<http://www.opaldivines.com/freehouse/index.html>

There is a parking lot in the back and lots of street parking as well within a block or two that is generally free. Suggestion: Why not meet at the church parking lot and carpool with others? Talk it up; ask around; the less vehicles we have to park the easier it will be.

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Mission

Bring Food for Manos de Cristo on Sunday, July 4 – Always the 1st Sunday of the Month!

Manos always needs food. Bring non-perishable food Sunday, **July 4**. 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 \(U.S.A.\)](#).