

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Connections @ Westminster

August 8 - 22, 2010

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## Weekly Word

Dear WPC saints,

I trust you all are having a wonderful, relaxing summer. A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium with the delegation of young people from Mission Presbytery (Sadie Pass & Annie Clark were part of the group). We enjoyed a week of worship, recreation, small group gatherings, and lots of fun with 5,000 other Presbyterian Youth from the United States and around the world.

These young people were an impressive group! In addition to their energy and excitement, they lived and acted in ways that showed that they are people of intelligence, imagination, and love. The Triennium offering, received during the final worship service on Saturday morning totaled \$25,875.75. This will go to help with disaster relief in Haiti, and to help support the work of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Human Trafficking Roundtable as they work to lift up human rights issues, and to end modern-day slavery. PYT participants also gave more than 2,200 pounds of canned goods to help hungry children and families.

I've included one of the prayers offered at worship. It is a prayer based on Ina Hughes' *Prayer for Children* (adapted by Julie Cox and Michelle Thomas Bush). I am grateful for the faith, witness, and wisdom of our youth – both here at WPC, and across the expanse of the church.

Grace and peace,  
Kathy

## A Prayer for Young People

God, who hears our prayers, we pray for young people  
who sit outside the coffee shop and those who harvest coffee,  
who have a zillion friends on Facebook connecting them across the world;  
who celebrate sunsets, stars and secrets;  
who cling to their I-pods and are passionate about playlists;  
who could and do talk on the phone and text for hours;  
who go out, go together, but never really go anywhere.

And we pray for those who spend their days in treatment and struggle to recover;  
who live in pollution and who are all about being "green;"  
who watch Food Network and create fabulous meals;  
who practice piano and soccer but not safe sex;  
who are rebuilding their homes, schools and families in Haiti.  
who don't consider consequences and do something just FTS, "For the Story."

We pray for young people, who are living colorful days  
and are making wonderful memories;  
who cut themselves so they can feel something...anything;  
who are still searching for just the right pair of jeans;  
who drive a tractor long before they get their drivers license;  
who laugh and play and believe in love.

We pray for those who document everything;  
who don't enjoy anything;  
who are obsessed with World Cup Soccer!  
who are struggling half way around the world  
and those who are sitting right beside us;  
who live and move and have no being;  
who are already making a difference.

We pray for young people, who cannot afford any extras  
and those who can't even afford the basics;  
who count calories, count grams of fat and count on no one;  
who are suffering from AIDS and receiving no medical care;  
who feel invisible and those who think they are invincible;  
who are dreading the decisions they have to make.

God be and abide with all young people. Amen.

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## Calendar

Aug 8 - Sun	08:30 AM	Worship / Communion	Sanctuary
	09:40 AM	Church School (for all ages)	
	10:40 AM	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
Aug 9 - Mon	09:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	
	05:45 PM	Fellowship Committee	Fellowship Hall
	05:45 PM	Diaconate	Fellowship Hall
	05:45 PM	Congregational Care Committee	Fellowship Hall
Aug 10 - Tue	09:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	

Aug 11 - Wed	09:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	
Aug 12 - Thu	09:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	
	12:15 PM	Mid-day Prayers	Sanctuary
Aug 13 - Fri	09:00 AM	Vacation Bible School (VBS)	
Aug 14 - Sat	10:00 AM	Ladies Who Brunch Circle	Library
Aug 15 - Sun	08:30 AM	Worship / Communion	Sanctuary
	09:40 AM	Church School (for all ages)	
	10:40 AM	Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	04:00 PM	Mission Committee	Library
Aug 16 - Mon	05:45 PM	Human Resources Committee	Pastor's Study
	07:00 PM	Youth Ministries Committee	Library
Aug 17 - Tue	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting	Pastor's Study
	12:30 PM	Adult Ministries Committee	Library
	05:30 PM	Admin/Finance Committee	Library
Aug 18 - Wed	07:00 PM	Adult Choir	Choir Room
Aug 19 - Thu	09:00 AM	WPDS Staff Inservice	10
	11:00 AM	WPDS Staff Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12:15 PM	Mid-day Prayers	Sanctuary
	06:30 PM	WPC Book Group	Offsite

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## **Astonishing Journey Still Approaching the Fellowship Hall!**

**Event Now About, Almost, Less Than Three Months Away!**

**(Can We Stand the Wait?)**

**The Connections Café Is Coming With The Connections!**

“Not all who wander are lost.” J.R.R. Tolkien

As October 24<sup>th</sup> (sort of) nears, many wandering, un-connected WPC members are asking, “How are our buildings and grounds maintained?” “Who sees that everything is kept in good repair and best appearance?” The “Unnamed Informed Source” (whom you should recall from the last episode) indicated connected **Property Committee** members get it done. From our buildings, to the HVAC, to the irrigation system, and to the grass, plants, and trees; this committee has it covered ... They even manage their budget for it too. What a great connection! Dig right in!

Westminster members are committed to following Christ's call to love our neighbor. At the Connections Café, the wanderers and un-connected will find the **Mission Committee** has an extensive list of opportunities for ministry and welcomes everyone's participation. Westminster seeks to be a caring and benevolent congregation; actively committed, both corporately and individually, to local and global concerns. More Astonishing Journeys!

Keep watching this news spot, or miss your connection.

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## **Rally Day is Sunday, August 22 during the Church School Hour (9:40 – 10:40 a.m.)**

*Each of you...Everyone...People of all ages...No matter who you are...Old, young or in between...Yes, you!  
...YOU'RE ALL INVITED!*

Come hear about the many education and fellowship opportunities for you here at WPC this Fall! We'll gather for a time of food (you know that fabulous Westminster food?!?), fellowship and song. Then, after introducing teachers, we'll "break out" into our different classes (e.g., the preschool LAMBs will go with their teachers, Youth and Dwelling Places with theirs, etc., etc.). Adults will remain in Fellowship Hall to hear about offerings especially for them. See you then! Bring a friend!

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## **CALLING ALL WOMEN (AND MEN) IN BLACK!**

Paul and Amy Hoffman are hosting a special screening of the film *One Peace at a Time* by local film maker, Turk Pipkin. It will be in our very own fellowship hall at 7 pm Saturday August 14th. All are welcome. See [www.nobelity.org](http://www.nobelity.org) for further info on the film. **Please RSVP by Aug 10** to [amyjhhoffman@hotmail.com](mailto:amyjhhoffman@hotmail.com) or 459-7285 if you would like to attend.

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## **Lifetime Learning Institute Offers Two Fall Classes at Westminster**

Lifetime Learning Institute, a continuing education program of non-credit daytime courses for adults 50 years of age and over, will offer two courses at Westminster this fall.

### THE SECRET OF LIFE: THE DNA REVOLUTION

This class examines questions like: What separates living things from inanimate objects? What are all those chemicals doing in me anyway? What's the deal with genetic engineering? What is DNA, what does it do, and how does it do it? What do most working biologists really think about evolution? The class is directed at people who are curious about how life operates at the submicroscopic level. It is an introduction to the amazing world of molecular biology for people who are interested in topics such as genetic diseases, transgenic organisms, DNA sequencing, and gene therapy. No previous background in science is assumed.

Instructor: Bill Sofer  
Time: 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon  
Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church

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### E. M. FORSTER ON THE PAGE AND ON THE SCREEN

We'll begin with "Where Angels Fear To Tread," as an introduction to Forster. Then we will discuss each of the following novels and view the film based on each book: "A Room With A View," "Howards End," and "A Passage To India." We'll also read and discuss "Maurice," if time permits. Please bring a copy of each text to its respective class. Tea will be served.

Instructor: Linda Ringer Leff  
Time: 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.  
Place: Westminster Presbyterian Church  
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## **Worship**

### Sunday, August 8

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Preacher:** Kathy Anderson

**Liturgist:**

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:1-16

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

**After Church Elders:** Lesley Fields, Stan Shaw, Debbie Mincher

**Greeters:** **South Door**, Meg and Emma Davidson; **North Door**, Linda Tyler

**Cookie Hosts:** Martha Richardson and Patricia Boswell

**Acolytes:** Abigail Cain, Roger Cain, Eliza Cain

**After-Church Flower Deliverer:** Celia Bell and Virginia Hill

**Sunday, August 15**

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Preacher:** Bill Clark

**Liturgist:**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

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

**After Church Elders:** Linda Tyler, Lesley Fields, Grover Campbell

**Greeters:** **South Door**, Lesley Fields and Diane Frick; **North Door**, Diane Frick

**Cookie Hosts:** Marcia Kiger and Julie Schriber

**Acolytes:** Sadie Pass, John Pass, Chance Polan

**After-Church Flower Deliverer:** Steve Thomas

***Preaching the Parables  
Summer Sermon Series***

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**

**August 8 & 15**

***Speaking of Faith***

Join us as Westminster members lead us in thoughtful discussion about faith, religion, spirituality, and meaning by addressing various topics highlighted on the public radio program *Speaking of Faith* (see [www.speakingoffaith.org](http://www.speakingoffaith.org)).

*Speaking of Faith* (SOF) is a new kind of conversation — and an evolving media space — about religion, spirituality, and large questions of meaning in every aspect of life. The program began as an occasional series in 1999, became a monthly national program in September 2001, and launched as a weekly program in the summer of 2003. SOF is heard on a growing number of public radio stations in the U.S. — 230 and counting — and globally via Internet and podcast. In 2008, SOF was awarded the highest honors in both broadcasting and electronic media: the Peabody Award.

Come join us!

## 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!

**August 8** James 3

**August 15** James 4

**August 22 is Rally Day!**

All ages meet in the Fellowship Hall during the Church School hour.

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## Children's Ministries

**Preschoolers:** Preschoolers will be in room 5

**Starting June 6<sup>th</sup> the preschoolers will meet together to find out if God has a favorite color?**

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.

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Youth are needed as volunteers (volunteer registration is online as well)

IF you can't volunteer your time, pray for the leaders and the participants as we prepare for our time together.

### Wish List for VBS

Newspaper torn into 2" wide strips (for a papier mâché project)

Paper towel/toilet paper cardboard tubes

Pop up canopy tents (legs and the top canopy to create our marketplace) We need 4-5 of them

Remnants of beads, gems, feathers or similar art materials

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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

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Laborers in the Vineyard

3 Parables (Matt 13:44-50)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!**

August 9-13 – VBS

Tuesday, August 17 – Trip to Schlitterbahn - need a head count

Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Fellowship Kicks off

August 28-29<sup>th</sup> – Annual John Knox Youth Retreat - contact Karen if you want to go!

### **Middle School (Grades 6 – 7)**

Meets in the Annex Living Room

Topic: A variety of resources focusing

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### **Senior High (Grades 9 – 12)**

Meets in the Annex Red Room

on our lives, current events, questions,  
and the role of faith in our lives.

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## **Fellowship**

**Theology on Tap**

**Thursday – Sept. 2**

**7 p.m. @ Opal Divine's, 700 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Film Topic: TBA**

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, September 5 – Always the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month!**

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