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Schedule

Passion/Palm Sunday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship, March 20,
5:30 p.m.—7 p.m.

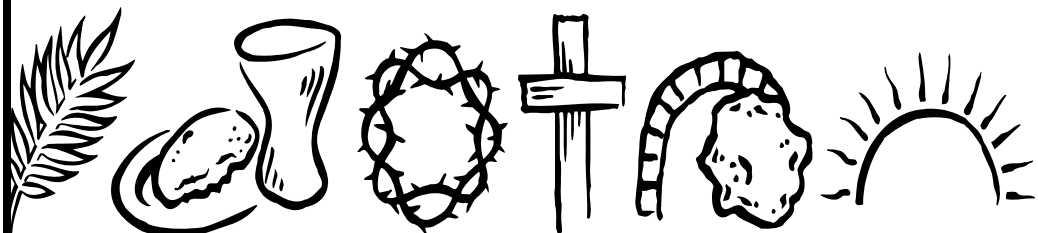
Easter Sunrise Service, 8 a.m. March 23

Breakfast 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

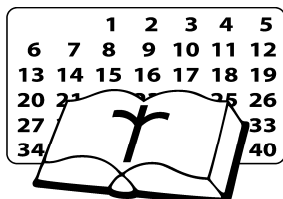
Egg Hunt, 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Easter worship and Choir Cantata,
“Praise the God of Resurrection” 10:30 a.m.

***ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** offering will be
taken on Easter Sunday. Kids, don't forget to bring
your fish banks!



Share in the remembrance



Pastor's Message for Lent

Maundy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter) commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples before he died. "Maundy" comes from the Latin word, *mandatum*, meaning "command." As Jesus shared his last meal with his closest friends, he said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

Jesus also told them, as he shared the bread and the cup, "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)

I invite you to share in a remembrance of our Savior and his great love for us on Maundy Thursday **from 5:30 p.m. to 7p.m. March 20**. This year's service will be different in that we will gather in small groups for a brief time of worship on a "come and go" basis. If you're on your way home from work at 5:30 and have other plans for later in the evening, you may stop by and receive communion at the front of the sanctuary with 12 (or so) of your brothers and sisters in Christ. Or, you might want to bring a friend or a family member later in the evening. Scripture and sacrament will be offered for small groups every 10 or 15 minutes from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

It is our hope that this style of worship will provide a meditative and meaningful commemoration that will allow us to feel as though *we were there* with Jesus in his final hours.

Will you be there?

Blessings,

Ellen

Monday Bible Study Readings

March 10
No Bible Study

March 17
Acts 10:34-43 or Jer. 31:1-6
Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; Col. 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Matt. 28:1-10; Isa. 25:6-9; Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49

March 24
Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps. 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

March 31
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps. 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35





I want to thank you (Pastor Ellen) and the members of your congregation for hosting the recent Presbytery meeting. Everything went well and the food was great.

— David Anderson, Moderator

Dear Ellen,

It's always a delight to me to return to Westminster Church and experience the enthusiasm and joy that people have in their church. The mission and ministry of the church seems to be in constant gradual expansion. All I see speaks well of the fine work that you are doing with and among the people there. I appreciate the many gifts you bring to this work and the way in which you have put them to work. May God continue to bless you in this ministry.

Sincerely,
John F. Nipper

Heartfelt thanks to my dear Westminster family for all you did while I was recuperating from my fall: the prayers, meals, visits, calls, and yes, "the shawl."

I appreciate you all so very, very, very much!

— Betty Caughlan

Spring forward!



Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed March 8.

Wonderful Wednesdays

Every Wednesday during Lent
(March 5 & 12)

The meal starts at 5:30 p.m.

The program starts at 6:15 p.m.



Theme: "Spiritual Gifts"

- Defining them
- Discovering them in ourselves
- Using them for God's purposes

Meals include: "soup of the week" with cheese, crackers, veggies, and dessert. Peanut butter & jelly sandwiches will be available for the kids.

Cost: \$4 for adults



It's a Girl!!!

Aven Suzanne Martin

born Tuesday, February 26

at St. John's

7 lbs. 6 oz., 20-1/2 inches long.

to

Courtney & Angie Martin

Congratulations to the Martin Family!

Worship Assistants

**If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility please find a substitute and notify the church office. Thank you.*

Liturgist

Harry & Virgie Hankins



Sharing Time

March 9: Pastor Ellen
March 16: Georgann Peck
March 23: Pastor Ellen
March 30: Janet Trotter

Hospitality/Greeting Teams

March 9: Andrew & Ellen Baird
Eric & Ann Naegler
March 16: Tom & Janet Cavener
Karen & Lynn Thompson
March 23: Mary June Ellis, Pat Schmidt,
Louise Harmon, Doug Esselman
March 30: Clarence & Rosemary Kammerer
Joe & Janey Martin

Card Nuts update

Card Nuts has been cancelled for the time being. In the summer we will take another look at this program and see if we can work something out for older adults. Right now there doesn't seem to be enough interest to continue.

Weather cancellations

When the public schools close due to inclement weather PDO and the church office will also be closed. Mass email alerts will be sent regarding church cancellations. If you wish to be on the list, make sure we have your email address. Thank you.



Anniversaries

Tyler & Marlana Bramble.....16th

Birthdays

Jeremy Brown..... 3rd
Hardy Baker..... 5th
Jo Heath 5th
Nancy Addleman 9th
Shaun Baker 10th
Mary Phillips 11th
Morgan Weede 15th
Robert Jett 17th
Julie Greene 20th
Natalie Baltz 20th
Jelena Popovski 21st
Matt Bayless 26th
Alex Thompson..... 26th
Jessica Harrell 27th
Rebekah Sappington 28th
Lynn Thompson..... 28th
Jacob Sappington..... 29th

The Membership Care Committee will meet at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

Worship recordings

If you happened to miss a worship service, but would like to listen to it, you may request a cd recording by contacting the church office. CD players are also available to borrow.

APCE conference report

The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) Annual Conference was held February 13 through 16 in San Diego, Calif. (Georgann Peck and Davina Sappington attended from Westminster.)

I attended worship and plenary each morning where we heard sermons and lectures about how to transform our minds and follow God's will rather than conform to this world (Romans 12:2).

In the afternoons I attended several workshops that provided valuable information for teaching children, including creative activities for the classroom, child development, and storytelling tips. It was a good experience, and I was able to leave with a renewed enthusiasm for teaching.

— Davina Sappington

Family Violence Center needs

Women of Westminster collect "wish list" items for the Family Violence Center.

The center's current wish list includes paper towels, paper plates, large black trash bags, tall kitchen bags, plastic silverware, shelving, plastic storage tubs, size 32 – 38 boys jeans, women's 2x, 3x tops and pants, digital camera, roll-a-way beds, twin mattresses, twin bedding, pillows, blankets.

Urgent needs include dryer sheets, powdered laundry detergent, toilet paper, baby wipes, copy paper, white cardstock.

A donation drop box is available in the narthex. Thank You.

Choir Practice

Join the choir in 2008!!

**Director of Music
Eric Eichenberger**



**Rehearsals Wednesdays – 7:30 p.m.
(During Lent)**

We are looking for instrumentalists to play in the Easter Cantata orchestra. Please contact Eric at 417-724-9112.

Stress Workshop Making Peace with Stress



Feeling a lot of stress in your life? Come talk about it with Jeep Helm, MSW. Stress will always be coming at us, whether we like it or not. There are mild versions such as a leaky kitchen faucet or someone cutting in front of you in traffic. It doesn't take much imagination to think of extreme forms of stress. We cannot banish stress from our lives, but we can certainly minimize the harm it can do. Jeep Helm is a licensed clinical social worker and family therapist with almost 30 years of experience. She has been in private practice for about 16 years. Jeep and her husband, Bert, joined Westminster in the fall of 1966.

Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m. is the date for a very special opportunity. Child care provided if needed. RSVP to Ann Stonestreet — 869-0421.

This special event is offered by the Health Ministry.

PS Men will want to come also.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, March 5

Wonderful Wednesday Lenten Supper, 5:30 p.m. meal,
6:15 p.m. program
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

Woodcarvers/Whittlers, 6 p.m.
Worship Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 8

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sunday, March 9 — 5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship with Communion, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 7 p.m.
AA, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 10

No Bible Study
Pastor Ellen in Dallas through March 12
Boys Scouts, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

Wonderful Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

Woodcarvers/Whittlers, 6 p.m.
Christian Education Committee, 5:30 p.m.
Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Stress Management Seminar, 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 16 — Palm Sunday

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship with Communion, 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study, 7 p.m.
AA, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 17

Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Ministry, 12:30 p.m.
Stewardship & Revitalization, 5:30 p.m.
Session, 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19

Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20— Maundy Thursday

Worship, 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Membership Care Committee, 7:15 p.m.

PRAY FOR:



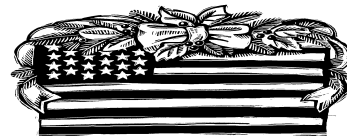
HEALTH CONCERNS

Maxine Groover
Lisa Eichenberger, Eric's mother, cancer
Gary Kirst, friend of Arlene Eichler
Bill Daniels, friend of the Brantley's
Don Schmidt, brother-in-law of Pat Schmidt
Gary Shearholdt, cancer treatment
LeeAnn Bennett, daughter of Ellie Bennett
Scott Snelgrove, Stuart Brantley's cousin
Ryan Payne

AND...

Remember all those who suffered losses from recent tornadoes, the ice storm, and the shooting victims in Kirkwood, Mo., and NIU.

Please call the church office [866-2711] with your prayer concerns. The Care Line may be reached by dialing ext. 6 for updates. Thank you.



**Remember Those
in the Military**

**Please remember our
members who are unable to attend
worship services**

Lavonne Wilson, Marge Peterson, Kathleen Kennon, Bill Cole, Lee Tarvestad, Jackie Arnsmeier and Peggy Marshall.

Sharing changes lives — including our own

Remember your earliest lessons about sharing? At the time, sharing may have seemed like a burden: giving up part of what you believed was rightfully yours. Over time, however, we come to realize that all of our gifts come from God, and that sharing enriches us. **One Great Hour of Sharing** offers an opportunity for each of us to share with people in need around the world — giving communities and families not just clean water and food, but the tools and training to live healthier lives and build sustainable sources of income. In giving to One Great Hour of Sharing, we give shape to the heart of Christ. The blessing of sharing changes lives, and our own lives are never again the same.

Westminster will receive the OGHS offering on Easter morning. Please read the insert and prayerfully consider this opportunity for global mission. An offering envelope is enclosed in this *Chimes*.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have.”
Hebrews 13:16a



Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies will be ordered from Wickman’s Gardens for the cost of \$12.25 each. If you would like to purchase one for the sanctuary in memory of, or in honor of someone special, please fill out the order form and return to the church office along with your \$12.25 per plant. **All orders must be in the church office no later than Monday, March 10.**

EASTER LILIES ORDER

Given By _____

In Memory of _____

Or In Honor of _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$12.25 per plant) for _____ plant(s).

Make check out to “Westminster Presbyterian Church”; designate for “Easter Lilies.”

The Chimes, the monthly calendar, prayer concerns, PDO information, and Pastor Ellen’s sermons may be viewed on the church website: www.westpresby.com

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



If you have a special prayer request for the Prayer Chain, contact Pat Schmidt (881-1312), or the church office 866-2711.

Reminder — **Best Choice labels** go to benefit the Regional Girls Shelter. Please place your labels in the box on the table in the office hallway.

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Monday — Friday
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CHIMES Deadline:
Thursday,
March 13, 2008

CHIMES articles may be e-mailed to the church at westminster2@sbcglobal.net, placed in the folder outside the office doors, or mailed to the church office.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Mission Statement

Adopted 4/15/02

Our mission is to nurture people...
By proclaiming God's grace
through Jesus Christ
By prayer, worship, study,
service, and fellowship.