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Annual Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, January 31 Following worship

The purpose of the meeting is:

- Elect members to the Nominating Committee
- Review and approve pastor compensation
- Receive the Treasurer's Annual Report
- Receive the Clerk's Statistical Report
- Any other business the Session desires to bring to the congregation.

There will be a catered lunch from Sugar 'n Spice before the meeting. The cost will be \$7.25 but we want you to come and "pay what you can". The menu will be Chicken Tetrazzini, Mandarin Orange Salad, Homemade rolls and a variety of homemade desserts.



Lenten study begins

In my last Chimes article, I wrote that I want us to GET SERIOUS about prayer as a church this year.

To that end, I would like to invite you to a Wednesday night Lenten study beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17. *Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer and Faith Sharing* is a six-week study and devotional that is part of the Real Life Evangelism Series. The Session began using Step One of this series in the fall. We are enthusiastic about it and are excited to share it with you.

If you plan on joining us, we need to order a book for you. Call or e-mail the church office, 866-2711, westminster2@sbcglobal.net by **Sunday, January 24**, and tell Lisa to put your name down. Then come for supper at 5:30 every Wednesday from February 17 through March 24. The study will begin at 6:15.

Also, several people asked if I would share the prayer that Shelby wrote for her confirmation. It is fitting for all of us:

Dear God, Thank you for the life I live and my family. Please help me pray more and be more focused in my faith. Please help me remember that you're the reason for the Christmas season. Help me learn to listen to you better. Help me grow in my faith journey. Help me to know that you are always with me, and keep my family safe and healthy and to always remain stable. Lead me into the path of faith, love, and guidance in your will. In Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.

Praying for you,

Ellen

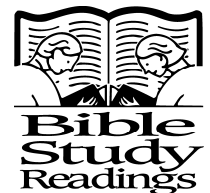
Bible Study Readings for January

January 18 Bible Study for Sunday, January 24

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19
I Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 25 Bible Study for Sunday, January 31

Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; I Cor. 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30



Check out our new Children's Worship

from Julie Carroll

Children's Church



We had a blast at Children's Church last Sunday. We discovered that our kids are very thankful for their family and friends and almost nobody had any bad news to report. We do want to say a prayer that the wild animals roaming around Jessica's farm won't harm her dogs. Thanks to Judy Wyrick for the kazoo's and for everyone's love and support. We can't wait for February 6th, so we can have an early Valentine's Day celebration. Children's Church will be the first Sunday of every month. We will lead the kids down for the service after the children's sermon during the regular worship service.

With much gratitude



Dear Westminster family,
We can't thank you enough for your unexpected and gracious assistance. We are blessed beyond measure to belong to such a caring and giving church. The absolute love and support you've shown to each of us from the moment we walked through those doors shows us why Westminster is home. God continues to take care of us, and one of those ways is through the blessing of our Westminster family.

God bless you all,
Amanda and Matt Bayless

Welcoming a new baby!



Jessica Sappington welcomed a 7 lb. 4 oz. baby boy, D'Avion J'Quon Eugene McBride, on December 29, 2009. He is the grandson of Nancy Sappington, and the great-grandson of Hardy and Betty Baker, and nephew of Jacob and Davina Sappington and Rebekah Sappington.

Blair Fellowship Project 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 9 at Cartoons.



Contact Jamie Evans
if you wish to order
chicken livers (823-9948)

Crosslines Thank you



Dear friends,
Thank you for your donation to the Crosslines Toystore. Because of your special thoughtfulness and generosity, the parents of over 2,500 children were able to come and select gifts for under the tree. Think of all the smiles you helped create on Christmas morning!

I have enclosed a thank you note from one of the families who had a brighter holiday because of you. May God bless you this new year.

Pam

"Thank you for your help this year. Times usually haven't been hard so this is my first doing this. Thanks for everything."

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 18

Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Shawl, 12:30 p.m.
Session, 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 19

PDO Oversight, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20

Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 21

Mission/Evangelism, 1:30 p.m.
Woodcarvers/Whittlers, 6:00 p.m.
125th Anniversary committee, 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship committee, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 24

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
AA, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 25

Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Shawl, 12:30 p.m.
Encounter Group, 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27

Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 28

Woodcarvers/Whittlers, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 31

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Annual meeting with dinner after worship
AA, 7:00 p.m.

Sound tech training

from Julie Carroll



Check out our new sound equipment!

There will be a short sound tech training after worship on Sunday, January 17. New volunteers are always welcome!

Our film on January 22nd will be "The Ladykillers"

from Kevin Hughes



Join us as we continue our movie nights this Friday, January 22 for "The Ladykillers", another Coen Brothers comedy starring Tom Hanks about a gang of bumbling criminals and their mishaps in the deep South. We will also be showing a children's film in the Fellowship hall. The kitchen will be open if you would like to cook or you can order in. We'll have plenty of room for everyone. Let me encourage you to bring your dinner, comfortable chairs, snacks and the entire family for a fun evening. Invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun.

Don't forget to pick up your copy of the Chimes



We are currently emailing our newsletters, but if you would still like a copy of the Chimes, we will have them available to pick up on the table in the narthex.



Encounter Group to meet
6:30 p.m.
January 25, 2010
 Hostess: Betsey Scruggs
 Bible Study leader: Janet Cavener

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance needs you help

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to the earthquake that hit Haiti this week. Stand in the gap for those affected by this earthquake. GIVE. ACT. PRAY.

**EARTHQUAKE
 VICTIMS
 NEED YOUR
 HELP!**

Give — financial support for relief efforts by logging on to www.pcusa/pda and designate your gift to **DR000064** or by noting "Haiti" on your check to Westminster.

Act — Sign up to receive PDA-RIN email notices to alert you of additional needs. Consider making Gift of the Heart hygiene kits. A shipment is being prepared by Church World Service to sent to Haiti.

Pray — Join with others in lifting up the people of Haiti and those seeking to provide aid in this critical time.

God of compassion, please watch over the people of Haiti, and weave out of these terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted; Guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heals wounds and provides hope. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffer we all suffer. Through Jesus Christ who was dead; but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

A music note

from Eric Eichenberger
 Director of Music



Rehearsals
Wednesdays •7:00 p.m.
 New singers always welcome! Jonette Bodanske will be teaching a "learn to read music" class at 6:45 before choir.

Would you like a ride to church?



Anyone who needs a ride to church may call the church office (866-2711), or call Marsha Hanners at 823-8883.

Rides are sponsored by "Assisting Aging Parents."



Valentine's Day Brunch scheduled

from Women of Westminster Coordinating Team

The Women of Westminster invite all the women of the church, their families and friends to the annual Valentine's Brunch in their honor. The event will be Saturday, February 13, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the downstairs Fellowship Hall (The elevator will be running.) A delicious Valentine's brunch will be served, games will be played and cupid might be in on a special music number (Now, you did not hear that from me!) So, please invite your family members and your friends and come and join us on the 13th.

Questions? Call a WOW member-Virgie Hankins. 881-0051 Need a ride? We can handle that too. Just call the office 866-2711.

Support the Boy Scouts!



The Boy Scouts will host their annual chili supper from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on **Saturday, February 6th** here at Westminster. The menu will include all-you-can-eat chili with the fixins' for \$5. The troop will be here Sunday, January 31 to sell tickets.

Welcome our newest members!



Please welcome our newest Westminster members: Casarah Bauer and Cara Eichenberger. Casarah has been a frequent visitor and comes by profession of faith. Cara comes by reaffirmation of faith and is the wife of Eric Eichenberger, Westminster's music director. Please introduce yourselves to them when you see them around!

Year End Statements and Offering Envelopes



If you would like to receive a 2009 statement of giving, please call the office (866-2711).

If you requested offering envelopes for 2010, they are available for pick up on the table in the narthex. Thank you.



With Sympathy

To the family of Hardy Baker, who passed away Thursday, January 14

Special Needs

Matt Bayless
Doug Buck, grandson of Virginia Buck, serving in Afghanistan

Health Concerns

Debbie Esselman's brother's mother-in-law, under hospice care
Helen Gurnon, Ellen's mother, transitional care after a fall
Joefenech Montalvo, friend of Cathy Drake, head injuries suffered in an auto accident
Len Curtis, friend of Betty Caughlan, test results
Kathy Lindstrom, friend of Janey Martin, cancer
Jason, nephew of Carol Taylor, complications from lung transplant
Sara Parrish, broken ankle
Jane Lages, Pam Burrier's daughter, herniated disc in her neck
Allen Carter, Virgie Hankins' brother-in-law, cancer
Duane Addleman, at home, recovering from surgery
Lela Mae Caldwell, Louise Rook's aunt, under hospice care
Rose Chaloux, PDO substitute and lunch volunteer, on going health issues
Donald Harris, David Harris' father
Gary Shearholdt, cancer, recovering from surgery
Joanna Coonrod, cancer
Scott Snelgrove, Stuart Brantley's cousin, cancer
J.R. Richardson, cancer
Lesa Eichenberger, Eric's mother, cancer
Elsbeth Osgood, Vivian Osgood's mother in Germany, leukemia, (friend of the Trotters and Ingrid Schumacher)
Luther Pogue, Dick Pogue's father, moved to a nursing home
Robert (Scott) Smith, husband of PDO teacher, Lori Smith, cancer
Joe Caughlan
Eli Reagge, 2 year old with leukemia, friend of Eichenberger family
Suzan Tarwater, friend of Lechlitters, brain cancer
Joann Ryan, friend of Louise Harmon, cancer, and back problems

Attend the John Calvin Presbyterian Leadership Development Conference

When: Saturday, February 6, 2010
Where: First and Calvary Presbyterian
820 Cherry St, Springfield

Registration 9 a.m.
Worship & Plenary 9:30
Workshops 11:15-12:30
Lunch
Workshops 1:30-2:45
Closing 2:45-3:00

Keynote Speaker: The Reverend Charles Spencer, Executive Presbyter, Heartland Presbytery

Please call the church office (866-2711) to register. Registration fee is \$15.00 (includes lunch). Registration deadline is Friday, January 29, 2010.

Journey Grief Support Group



Evening sessions are from 6-8 p.m. 1st Wednesday and 3rd Monday every month at Ziggy's Café, 932 N. Glenstone.

Grief has many paths.

From the first steps of deep loss to the later steps of seeking a new life... the path often holds unexpected turns and side roads that beckon.

This support group deals with issues that often are not addressed and questions often left unanswered.

No registration fee required. For more information call Gwen Louise Lloyd (417-820-8491 or 800-330-8304).

Everyone is welcome!

Worship Assistants



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

Liturgist:

Mary Phillips

Sharing Time

Jan. 17: Pastor Ellen

Jan. 24: Judy Wyrick

Jan. 31: Pastor Ellen

Hospitality/Greeting Teams

Jan. 17: Tom & Janet Cavener

Derek & Mary Lowrance

Jan. 24: Matt Bayless, Louise Harmon

Doug Esselman, Tom Wyrick

Jan. 31: TBA

Sound techs

Jan. 17: Kevin Hughes

Jan. 24: Bill Piston

Jan. 31: Derek Lowrance



During 2010, the Per Capita per member amount is \$21.12. Please pay at your earliest convenience with a memo "per capita". Thank you.

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 Ingrid Schumacher (883-4803), 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:
January 28, 2010

CHIMES articles may be e-mailed to the church at westminster2@sbcglobal.net, placed on the administrative assistant's desk, 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.