

Westminster Presbyterian Church

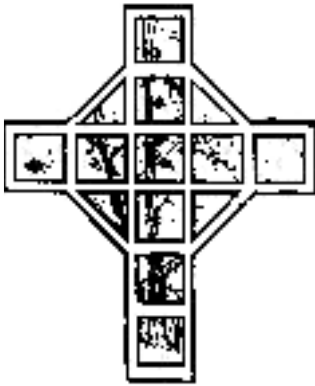
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# *The Triangle*

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## NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class will be held Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:30am. If you have not responded to this invitation and would like to attend the class, please notify the church office so that we can plan for you. You will learn more about the church and about your faith. The class will go until about 2:30pm and lunch will be provided. You will have the opportunity to join Westminster at the conclusion of the class.

**PASTORS' CORNER**  
**The Rev. Christine T.**

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*  
*Psalm 119:105*

On Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Director of Christian Education, Rachelle Dudley and I, along with four adult leaders and one youth leader, headed to Westport with nine of our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders for a Bible Class Retreat Weekend. We are grateful to South Beach Presbyterian for their hospitality and use of their retreat facility. What a great sunny weekend!

A lot of fun was had by all...games, art activities, music, and indeed, kite-flying on a cool, but gorgeous day on the beach. But our young kiddos worked diligently on their Bible Class lessons as well ...of course, we made those fun too! They began the first night with a "What I Know About the Bible at the Beginning of the Retreat" survey, a Bible basics review and short meditation on God's care for us.

Saturday morning following breakfast we started our day with Morning Watch, a self-guided reflection and prayer time on Psalm 8. The rest of the day was a mix of Bible sessions and play time. We had sessions on: Exploring Your Bible (origins of the Bible, different translations), How to Use the Bible, The New Testament, and Introduction to Paul, major writer in the New Testament. After supper, an evening vespers service was led by our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders. They used their Bibles for all parts of the liturgy. We celebrated the day with a campfire complete with s'mores.

Sunday morning started early with packing up, a mini-session on Miracles of the Bible, and review with a survey, "What I Know About the Bible at the End of the Retreat." We worshipped with our brothers and sisters at South Beach Presbyterian and then headed for home.

Our prayer is that our 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders have had a great start to a life-long journey of finding and knowing God through the reading of Scripture. They are a fabulous bunch and we invite you to pray for them and encourage them in their faith. Their names are: Turner Akin, Gilly Burkhart, Forrest Dudley, Mari Johnson, Robby LeTourneau, Donovan Long, Garrett Loree, Jeff Loree and Elizabeth Stoker. We will be celebrating them in Sunday worship in the near future.

Thank you for your prayers and your generous donations to help this retreat happen. Pictures and display are on their way soon! Many thanks also to our other invaluable leaders for the weekend: Greg Burkhart, Lit Dudley, Jeff LeTourneau, Beth Loree, and Jim Long.

*All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,  
so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.*

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*Blessings, Christine*

# Calendar for This Week and Next

## FRIDAY, MAY 6

5:00pm Wedding rehearsal

## SATURDAY, MAY 7

2:00pm Hoder/Fredericks wedding  
and reception

## SUNDAY, MAY 8

9:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:15am Worship  
12:30pm (no Youth Group)  
4:00pm Voice and instrument recital

## MONDAY, MAY 9

1:00pm Grief Support Group (lib)

## TUESDAY, MAY 10

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
10:00am Horizon Bible Study (chapel)  
6:00pm Parenting Class potluck  
(room 12)  
7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal  
7:00pm Chancel Choir

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)  
6:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)  
7:00pm Department meetings

## THURSDAY, MAY 12

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters  
12 noon Triangle articles due

## FRIDAY, MAY 13

7:00pm Set up for Habitat breakfast

## SATURDAY, MAY 14

8:30am Habitat for Humanity Fund  
Raising Breakfast (see  
article on page 6)

## SUNDAY, MAY 15

9:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:15am Worship  
12:30pm Youth Group  
12:30pm Parent's Night Out Planning  
(FH)  
1:00pm Golden Delicious lunch at  
Ramblin' Jacks

## MONDAY, MAY 16

7:00pm Rachel Circle

## TUESDAY, MAY 17

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
9:30am Elizabeth Circle (room 12)  
11:00am Mary-Martha Circle  
6:30pm Naomi Circle  
7:00pm Adult Education meeting  
7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

9:30am Triangle folding (library)  
10:00am Bible Study (room 12)  
7:00pm Session (chapel)

## THURSDAY, MAY 19

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters  
1:00pm Dorcas Circle  
6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal  
7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

## PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!!

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 5:00 until 9:00pm

Ages 3-12 ~ \$5 per child

Enjoy a **Night Out** while your children enjoy Pizza, Games, Crafts, Gym Time, a Movie and Popcorn at Westminster Presbyterian Church with our stellar senior high youth, parents and staff – a fun, safe, and caring place for your kids!

All Children Must be Pre-registered by May 13<sup>th</sup>

Registration Forms are available in the church office or online at [www.wpcoly.org](http://www.wpcoly.org).

Sponsored by the newly-formed Outreach Committee

**\* \* \*** Volunteers are needed to help with activities. Contact Sue Harris at 259-0283 or [susanakin@comcast.net](mailto:susanakin@comcast.net) to pitch in! Also – keep an eye out for supplies needed for this fun night – our first formal step in Reaching Out into our Community! **\* \* \***

*Kate Scriven*, for Mission & Fellowship's Outreach Committee

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School's "Shake It Up Café" is scheduled for the week of June 27<sup>th</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's VBS will be a collaborative effort with United Churches and we are still requesting adult and youth help. To register to attend or to volunteer you may contact us in person or use the website <http://www.cokeburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe/wpcoly>. Registration forms are also in the literature rack at church and on our website ([www.wpcoly.org](http://www.wpcoly.org)). For more information or to offer help you may contact Greg Burkhart at 357-4210 or [gburkhart4210@comcast.net](mailto:gburkhart4210@comcast.net) or Rachelle Dudley at [rdudley@wpcoly.org](mailto:rdudley@wpcoly.org).

*Greg Burkhart*, for Christian Education and VBS

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH BEGINNING AGAIN

Children's Church will begin on Sunday, June 5, 2011 during the 11:15am service of worship. This program has been coordinated by Pastor Christine Long along with members of the Children's Church Vision & Design Team. If you would like to help with worship leading, music, craft making or support leadership, please contact Christine. Contact information for all staff is on the back page of your Triangle.

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

- ◆ Church Staff
- ◆ Music Program
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Youth Group
- ◆ Our Building (including the new fellowship hall)
- ◆ Mission Giving (both local and international) . . .

**Are these important parts of Westminster? Are they important to you?**

In order to maintain the ministry of Westminster, which we feel Christ calls us to deliver, we are using \$25,312 out of our Reserve Fund. This, of course, cannot continue year after year. A month or so ago, with careful consideration, the Year-Round Stewardship Committee recommended requesting that each giving unit increase their annual gift by \$250 with those able to give more to please do so to compensate for those who are not able to at this time. If we can accomplish this goal together, beginning with an additional gift this year, we can break the deficit spending cycle and return Westminster to a more secure financial foundation. Your additional gift will make a difference in the life of the church and the missions and services we can provide. Please consider writing your check today!

Ron Stoker, for the Year-Round Stewardship Committee

*Note: The Year-Round Stewardship Committee was formed last year to promote stewardship throughout the year. The Committee works in conjunction with the Stewardship & Finance Department.*

## EXCITING REPORT ON THE FEINSTEIN CHALLENGE

During the months of March and April Westminster responded with enthusiasm to the Thurston County Food Bank's Feinsein Challenge – a matching fund opportunity. Many of you responded and a check totaling \$7,432.50 has been mailed to the Food Bank. For over a decade Alan Feinsein has divided one million dollars nationwide among hunger fighting agencies to help them raise funds during March and April. Westminster's contribution has gone a long way toward the \$35,000 that is our local Food Bank's share of the Feinsein Challenge effort.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INVITES YOU TO BREAKFAST!

South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity's upcoming BUILDING ON FAITH BREAKFAST will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) in our new fellowship hall. This is a great example of WPC's mission to be a hub for community activity!

The work of Habitat for Humanity is driven by the desire to give tangible expression to God's love through the work of eliminating poverty housing. The BUILDING ON FAITH BREAKFAST is a celebration of the special partnership between Habitat and the Faith Community. The purpose of this event is to help spread the word about Habitat's mission to help build simple, decent homes in our community for working families in need.

Please join us for a complimentary breakfast to hear all about the work of Habitat from homeowners, volunteers and staff.

- The date of the event is **Saturday May 14, 2011.**
- The time of the event is **8:30am to 10:00am.**
- The location is **Westminster Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.**
- A **full breakfast** will be served.
- Tables will seat 8 people.

*Paul Taylor, for Habitat for Humanity*

## GOLDEN DELICIOUS ACTIVITIES

Golden Delicious is a loosely organized group that realizes the value of friendship. We take turns planning outings (usually after-church lunches) where we meet new and old friends. All are welcome. We ask that you sign up for activities at the Golden Delicious table in the narthex so we can make our plans.

*Charlotte Petermann, 456-4137, for Golden Delicious*

## REQUEST FOR USED BOOKS

The Friends of the Olympia Early Learning Center (formerly Olympia Child Care Center) is sponsoring a used-book sale in June. We would appreciate all donations of books (in good condition) for our sale. They may be marked OELC and left in the church library or given to Carol Sanborn or Elsa McLain.

*Elsa McLain, for the OELC*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Please look over the following information. You will find items that you know about and some that may be new to you.

**First Sunday of each month:** We celebrate Holy Communion and receive our monthly offering for the Thurston County Food Bank. Checks may be written to Westminster noting Food Bank on the check.

**Departments of Session:** The Buildings & Grounds, Christian Education, Mission & Fellowship, Stewardship & Finance and Worship & Music departments meet at 7:00pm the second Wednesday of each month (skipping July).

**E-Mail Newsletter:** You may receive our newsletter, The Triangle, by email. It will come to you a bit sooner and for some it is a more convenient format. Let the church office know if you would like to be put on the email list or if you would like a sample copy sent to you so that you could decide which format you prefer.

**Literature Racks** can be found in the narthex near the library and in the waiting room by the church offices. The literature racks contain current program information, Annual Reports, recent and current newsletters (Triangles) and devotionals you are welcome to take home.

**Music Opportunities:** Westminster has several music groups and you are invited to participate in those that appeal to you. Contact Terry Shaw (information on back page) if you are interested in the Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Youth Choir, Bell Choir or Children's Choir.

**Summer Worship:** Beginning Sunday, June 19, we will begin our summer worship schedule with a single service of worship at 10:00am. Sunday school will resume again in September.

**Youth Auction:** Including ticket sales and gift baskets the youth made just over \$2000 at their silent auction and chili feed that was held this past Sunday evening. This will help fund their mission trip to Camp Sound View this coming July.



### **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:**

Easter, April 24 – 498 – (227 at 9:00am service)

May 1 – 196 – ( 45 at 9:00am service)

### **GREETERS FOR MAY:**

*Jim and Bev Bosworth*

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