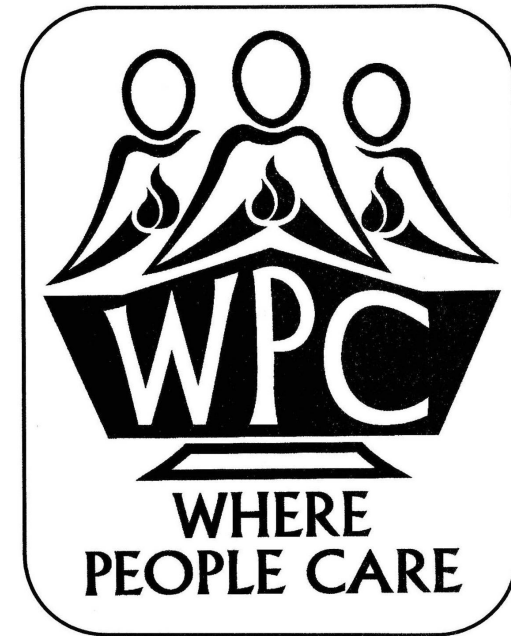


This Week at Westminster

Today, Sept. 18	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Celebration, Sanctuary	
	9:00 a.m.	WPC Kids, 303	
	9:00 a.m.	Middlers' Class & High School, 305	
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education, 106A <i>James – Putting our faith into Action</i> – Leaders: Kim & Diane Karlen	
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Education, 209 <i>Multiculturalism through the Ages</i> –Presenters: Tanya & Sriram Sadagopan	
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary After Children's Chat WPC Kids, 303	
Monday, Sept. 19	3:00 p.m.	Phys Ed Fundays, South Hall	
	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting	
	9:00 a.m.	Mom's Time Out, 208/210	
	1:00 p.m.	Loving Hands Knitters & Crocheters,	
	6:30 p.m.	Spiritual Gifts, 209	
	7:00 p.m.	Green Group, 106A	
Tuesday, Sept. 20	8:00 a.m.	Preschool Photo Days, 208/210	
	9:15 a.m.	World Religion Bible Study, 106A	
	9:30 a.m.	Mom's Group, 209/210	
	10:10 a.m.	Youth Parent Meeting, 305	
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study <i>Beatitudes from the Back Side</i> , 106A	
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 209	
Wednesday, Sept. 21	8:00 a.m.	Preschool Photo Days, 208/210	
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters' Group, 301	
	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Playing Cards, 209	
	6:30 p.m.	Bruce's Bible Study, 207	
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109	
	6:30 p.m.	Women of the Tent Bible Study, 301	
	6:30 p.m.	Mission Meeting, 106A	
	7:00 p.m.	Awakening Mtg., South Hall	
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision, 101	
	7:00 p.m.	NA meeting, 305	
	Thursday, Sept. 22	7:00 a.m.	Acorns, 101
		9:00 a.m.	Mom's Time Out, 208/210
		9:00 a.m.	Samaritan Center Meeting, 301
		9:15 a.m.	Bruce's Bible Study, 209
11:00 a.m.		Wholly Eating, 209	
6:15 p.m.		Westminster Handbell Choir	
Friday, Sept. 23	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Chorale	
	7:30 p.m.	A.A. Group Meeting, 305	
	5:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal	
	Saturday, Sept. 24	8:00 a.m.	A.A. Group Meeting, 305
		9:00 a.m.	Chicago Calligraphy Workshop, South Hall
		9:00 a.m.	Youth Fall Retreat – Angola, IN
	3:00 p.m.	Wedding	

Welcome to
Westminster Presbyterian Church



September 18, 2011
9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration

Westminster Presbyterian Church
8955 Columbia Avenue, Munster, IN 46321
219-838-3131 website: wpcmunster.org

Pastor: Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.
revbruceh@sbcglobal.net

Westminster Presbyterian Church FYI

Worship Focus: A sign of faith is turning destructive desires into positive perseverance!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A LARGE PRINT BULLETIN OR A HEARING DEVICE,
PLEASE ASK AN USHER

PRELUDE: *He Comes to us as One Unknown* Robert Powell

CELEBRATE EDUCATION

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO FOURTH GRADERS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Leader: With God as our shepherd.

People: We will not be in need.

Leader: God is with us.

People: In green pastures and by still waters we renew our spirits.

Leader: God is at our side.

People: Even in despair we find courage, in darkness we find light.

Leader: God comforts us.

People: Let us share God's love with others.

ALL: Let us worship God!

* **HYMN:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* NO. 387

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before you and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God and we fall short of being a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness and we also ask for your strength. Give us clear minds and open hearts to move away from destructive desires and toward the positive perseverance to run this life in faith. Remind us to be who You would have us to be, regardless of our current life circumstances. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You and with those You have given us to share this earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Whether you're visiting Munster, looking for a church "home," exploring the Christian faith, or worshipping as part of our church family, we're glad you're here! To get better acquainted with our guests, we offer a Visitor Information Center in the main hallway. Please stop at the table to pick up information about our ministries.

There are registration pads at the end of each pew which we hope you will use, along with our Westminster Presbyterian Church members.

- Our Fellowship Time is held after the first worship service in Fellowship Hall which is outside the sanctuary. Please join us this morning.
- Infant and toddler care (ages 2 and under) is provided during worship in Room 208.
- The preschoolers (age 3 and 4) meet in Room 202.
- Sunday School (WPC Kids) for grades Kindergarten through 5th is held at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Room 303.
- Trained youth mentors are available on Sunday morning upon request for any child with special needs.
- Sunday School for Middlers and High School Age Youth is held at 9:00 a.m. in Room 305 which is at the south end of the building.
- Sunday Adult Enrichment groups meet at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106A and 10:30 a.m. in Room 209. All are invited to attend.
- Communion in our church is ordinarily held on the first Sunday of the month and is open to any believer.
- Restrooms are located on the East Side of Fellowship Hall.

~Call the church office (838-3131) for more information~

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is a way that we show concern, and we invite God to be a part of our concern. Please take time to pray for these individuals and families.

Damian Santay	Dave Gott
Jill Meyers	Pat Warot
Bud Vance	Beverly Hughes
Karen Comstock	Jan Lund
Jim Jaracz	Gail Dixon
Promela Mehta	Kim Karlen
Karen Galocy	

Aldridge Family, neighbors of Chuck Weier
The work of the Stephen Ministers
Robbie Osterman, serving in Iraq
Morgan Sidenbender, daughter/Wendy Borbely
Sharon Meyer, mother/Tiffany Perez
Amelia Oliver, friend/Sally Resch
Baby Eli, great grandson of Chuck & Karen Lansdowne
James Daum, brother/Marianne Comstock
Moira Lukas, sister/Peggy Ogren
Therese Niemiec, sister/Jean Dixon
Nathan Pawlicki, nephew/Mike Pawlicki
Mary Benoit, friend/Therese Morfas
Virginia Briseno, mother/Diane Karlen
Margaret Chastain, mother/Craig Chastain
Barbara Dartoszuk, friend of Karen Comstock
Donna (Brumm)Wright, friend of Wendy Borbely

If you have prayer requests please contact the church office at 838-3131. These names will appear on the printed list. Please call again when the situation or person has improved and may be removed from the list. Prayer concerns will be left on for one month. They will be renewed if requested. Some people are in need of prayers, but do not want their names to appear on the printed list. If this is the case, please contact the prayer chain leaders, John Karcher (923-8023) or Clara Hanus (836-5727).

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Lift up your hearts, lift up your lives, in the name of Christ Jesus we are forgiven!

People: In gratitude, we lift up our voices saying: “Thanks be to God!” Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

NO. 579

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LITANY

Leader: Consider it pure joy, dear friends, that whenever you face trials of many kinds, the testing of your faith develops perseverance. (James 1: 2-3)

People: While we would not choose it, help us to accept the trials of our lives as the building blocks of faith.

Leader: My dear sisters and brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. (James 1:19)

People: May we use our two ears before our one mouth. Let us not let anger explode into our relationships.

Leader: Faith unaccompanied by action is dead. Show me your faith without deeds and I will show you my faith by what I do. (James 2: 17-18)

People: The best “show and tell” in life comes from the joining of works and faith to the Glory of God!

Leader: Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. (James 3:5)

People: By the leading of your Spirit, Lord, may we be guided to speak carefully, thoughtfully and kindly.

Leader: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5: 16b)

People: May what we say and the way in which we say it, bring healing and up-building to people and honor to God!

ALL: Amen!

HYMN: Open My Eyes That I May See

NO. 324

OUR PRAYER FOR OTHERS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. ~Amen.

ANTHEM: *Psalm 150*

Heinrich Schutz - arr. Wayne Bisbee

Westminster Chorale

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing Praise on earth, alleluia.

Sing praise in heaven, declare His power. Sing praise for all His mighty acts.

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing alleluia, praise His worth.

Sing His achievements, strength supreme. Sing praise His transcendancy.

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing alleluia, praise with joy.

Sing praise with psaltery and harp. Sing praise with trumpets blasting forth.

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing praise with charming reed and flute,

Sing praise with dancing and with drums. Sing praise with strings most delicate.

Sing alleluia, praise the Lord! Sing alleluia, cymbals clash.

Sing alleluia, cymbals ring. Sing all that breathe, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

James 1: 1-4 (New Testament, page 228 -Large print, page 277)

James 1: 13-18 (New Testament, page 229 -Large print, page 277)

(Pew Bibles are located alongside the hymnals on the shelves under the pew.)

MESSAGE: *Finding Joy in TOUGH times*

Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

JAMES: The Nuts & Bolts of Our Faith

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Earth and All Stars*

***DOXOLOGY**

NO. 592

***HYMN:** *Earth and All Stars*

NO. 458

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Autumn* (from the Four Seasons)

Vivaldi

***Please rise in body or in spirit**

Thank you for sharing a part of your weekend with us.

Westminster Presbyterian Church is a place Where People Care!

WORSHIP NOTES:

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Verdeen Strain

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Don Hill

ELDER HOST: Chuck Lansdowne

WORSHIP LEADER: Tom O'Donnell

DEACONS SERVING COFFEE: Mike Pawlicki, Dan Gelarden, Tiffany Perez

THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA are given by Dennis & Sharon Orr in memory of Robert Orr & DeVere Ames, and by Wally & Janet Krieger in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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ADULT ENRICHMENT

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Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. – *Islam, Muslims, and the Current Global Context: Moving Beyond Media Sound Bytes* – Presenter: Scott Alexander

GREEN GROUP MEETING – Come join us for a discussion of environmental concerns on Monday at 7:00 p.m. in room 106A. (Please note change of day and location.)

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS as well as learn to appreciate the spiritual gifts of others. The next classes will meet on Mondays, September 19th and 26th, and October 3rd and 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in room 209. To reserve your spot please sign up in Fellowship Hall, or call the church at 838-3131, or e-mail Lesly Casper at leslycasper@sbcglobal.net.

WESTMINSTER'S MOMS GROUP invites Moms of all ages to join us for fun & fellowship at our opening brunch on Tuesday, September 20 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to pass and a friend, if you wish. Peggy Ogren will provide childcare for \$7.00.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - beginning September 21 every Third Wednesday 6:30 p.m. in WPC room 302/303 – an interactive Biblical experience for women of all ages. Contact Jean Dixon if you have any questions at 219-789-6004

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 – Stay for the “Haiti Homecoming Brunch” from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with Presbyterian Mission Co-worker, Pix Mahler, from Haiti who will be our guest. We hope to raise enough money to build a home (\$2,000) for a family displaced by the 2010 earthquake. Contact Meda Enger if you would like to help with this project at 219-923-4045.