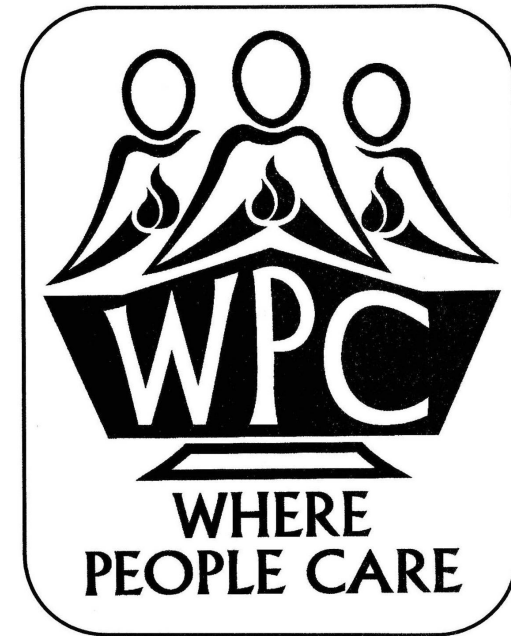


This Week at Westminster

Today, Sept. 4	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	WPC Kids, 303
	9:00 a.m.	Middlers' Class & High School, 305
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary After Children's Chat WPC Kids, 303
Monday, Sept. 5		Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tuesday, Sept. 6	9:15 a.m.	Scholarly Women–209
Wednesday, Sept. 7	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 209
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters' Group, 301
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (bring sack lunch), 106A
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109
	7:00 p.m.	Awakening Meetings, 201, 202, South Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team, Sanctuary
Thursday, Sept. 8	7:00 a.m.	Acorns, 101
	9:00 a.m.	Mom's Time Out, 208/210
	9:15 a.m.	Bruce's Bible Study, 209
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Ministry Meeting, 106A
	6:30 p.m.	Westminster Handbell Choir
	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Chorale
	7:30 p.m.	A.A. Meeting, 305
Saturday, Sept. 10	8:00 a.m.	A.A. Group Meeting, 305
	8:30 a.m.	Linking Faith & Daily Life, 106A
Sunday, Sept. 11		Special 9/11 Commemoration – 10 years later

Welcome to
Westminster Presbyterian Church



September 4, 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: Our value comes not from what we love, but from who loves us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad in your pew)

PRELUDE: *Marion* Burkhardt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come to speak and to sing the name of the One who gives life.

People: Who from the times of Moses and before, into the times of today and beyond, remains faithful and true.

Leader: In our worship and in our lives let us give praise to God.

People: Who shows us the ways of rebuilding and moving forward.

Leader: In the moments ahead, let us worship God.

People: God is worthy of our love and our delight and our very lives!

* **HYMN:** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* **NO. 145**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

Loving Lord, forgive us for the times when we forget to pray. More often than we like to admit, we are just moving too fast and thinking too little. Forgive us also for the times in which our prayers are nothing but “laundry lists,” naming what we want, instead of asking you to remind us of what we need. In time of labor and leisure remind us that you are God and worthy of our praise. Hear our prayers, Lord, 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
Moirra Lukas, sister/Peggy Ogren
Therese Niemiec, sister/Jean Dixon
Nathan Pawlicki, nephew/Mike Pawlicki
Mary Benoit, friend/Therese Morfas
Bill Kaminski, friend/Estill family....
Virginia Briseno, mother/Diane Karlen
Margaret Chastain, mother/Craig Chastain
Barbara Dartoszuk, friend of Karen Comstock

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).

Congratulations to Fritz & Kristine Wilke and to the proud Grandmother, Martha Wilke and Great Aunt Lyn & Uncle Steve Bolanowski as they welcomed into the world William (Will) Peter Wilke VI on August 27, weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God invites us to leave behind what is smudged or broken or dark in our lives.

People: And in Jesus Christ we accept the cleanness, and the wholeness and the hope Christ has for us.

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*GLORIA PATRI

NO. 579

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN: *There is a Balm in Gilead*
(everyone sings the refrain)

NO. 394

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: *Here's One* a spiritual
Don Hill, Soloist

William Grant Still

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 4: 8-13 (New Testament, page 198 -Large print, page 243)

James 4: 1-6 (New Testament, page 230 -Large print, page 280)

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

MESSAGE: COVETOUS OR CONTENT?

Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Devin Zuck, pianist

***DOXOLOGY** **NO. 592**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation & Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Lord we thank you for the spiritual food of this meal. Strengthen us by your word and spirit to serve you in this world you made so carefully and love so deeply. In Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN:** *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* **NO. 268**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Holy Manna* by Wilbur Held

***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

WORSHIP LEADER: Sheri Vinke

DEACONS SERVING COFFEE: Carol Fiegler, Wendy Borbely, Elizabeth Curvey

THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA are given by Sheree & Wally Richardson in celebration of their 6th wedding anniversary

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW MEMBER GATHERING- A new member gathering will be held Sunday, September 11, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. in room 209. If you are interested in becoming a member of Westminster or would just like to find out more about us, please come. Child care will be available upon request. Contact Pastor Bruce if you are interested by email revbruceh@sbcglobal.net or call 838-3131.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study begins Sept.7 at 7 – 8:30 a.m. *The Gospel of John-Part II*
Leaders: Greg Stephan and Joe Van Bokkelen.

Women's Group and Bible Study begins Sept. 7 at 11 – 1 p.m. *Mudhouse Sabbath* (bring sack lunch) Leader: Sally Van Bokkelen

Joyful Strains Children's Choir (K-5th) begins Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Verdeen Strain.

Children's Ministry Meeting – Thursday, September 8th 10:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month, beginning September 10, 8:30 – 11 a.m. *Linking Faith and Daily Life* – Breakfast, various topics and shared leadership.

9/11 Special Commemoration – 10 years later “*The Sultan and the Saint*” Megan Wells, Storyteller next Sunday 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. for Children and Youth (K-12) in South Hall. Come hear the story of St. Francis of Assisi’

9/11 Adult Enrichment Programs – 9:00 a.m. in room 106A & 10:30 a.m. in room 209 *Repercussions, lessons and hope for loving our Muslim neighbors post 9/11*. Leader: Jay Moses of First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton, Muslim Coordinator for Chicagoland Presbyterians

Safety At WPC – Lately, we've had individuals enter the church after office hours requesting money. The police have been notified. The staff will be considering our “**Open Door**” policy. Please watch for information about new methods for entering WPC after 5:00 p.m. This is troubling to all of us.

Please greet, identify, and offer to direct anyone you don't know when coming for evening meetings and events. If you arrive at the church and the doors are locked, call 838-3131, to see if there's a staff member to open the front doors. We'll keep you informed!