

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church



December 4, 2011

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Celebration

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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This Week at Westminster

Today, Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
	9:00 a.m.	Adult Education, 106A
	10:00 a.m.	Church Brunch, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Education, 209
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary
Monday, Dec. 5	8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting, 106A
	9:00 a.m.	Mom's Time Out, 208/210
	1:00 p.m.	Loving Hands Knitters & Crocheters, Lounge
	5:00 p.m.	Friends Group, 209
	7:00 p.m.	Hessville Volleyball Practice, South Hall
Tuesday, Dec. 6	9:15 a.m.	Religions of the World Bible Study, 106A
	9:30 a.m.	WPC Moms Group, 209/210
	4:30 p.m.	Middlers – Pizza With A Purpose, South Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Volleyball practice
	5:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Meeting, 209
	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, 303
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary
Wednesday, Dec. 7	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 209
	11:00 a.m.	Women's Group Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
	6:00 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Strains, 109
	7:00 p.m.	First Christian Church Volleyball, South Hall
	7:00 p.m.	N.A. Meeting, 305
Thursday, Dec. 8	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
	5:30 p.m.	High School Volleyball practice
	6:15 p.m.	Westminster Handbell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Fair Meadow's Volleyball, South Hall
	7:00 p.m.	High School Thursday Night Jazz, 401
	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Chorale, 109
	7:30 p.m.	A.A. Group Meeting, 305
Friday, Dec. 9	4:00 p.m.	Healthy Families Holiday Party, South Hall
Saturday, Dec. 10	8:00 a.m.	A.A. Group Meeting, 305
	9:00 a.m.	Nativity/Marketplace Set-up, South Hall
	4:00 p.m.	Christening Party – Ego, Fellowship Hall

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	The Mizwicki Family
Gordon Stamper	Katie Casper
Dr. Jerry Smith	Darlene Smith
Chuck Weier	The Stephen Ministers

Robbie Osterman, serving in Iraq
Morgan Sidenbender, daughter/Wendy Borbely
Amelia Oliver, friend/Sally Resch
James Daum, brother/Marianne Comstock
Moira Lukas, sister/Peggy Ogren
Therese Niemiec, sister/Jean Dixon
Nathan Pawlicki, nephew/Mike Pawlicki
Virginia Briseno, mother/Diane Karlen
Barbara Dartoszuk, friend of Karen Comstock
Donna (Brumm)Wright, friend of Wendy Borbely
Lisa Baltus, friend/Sue Guy
Richard Gardner, friend/Martha Wilke
Rich Risch, friend/Dan & Shari
Doug Topoloski, friend/Bobbie Platt

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).

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: *Lost in the Night* (Finnish folk song) F. M. Christiansen

Westminster Chorale, Sheree Richardson, soloist
*Lost in the Night doth the heathen yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish: Oh! Will not day come soon?
He is coming soon, he is coming soon
Sorrowing brother in darkness yet dwelling,
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling, lo,
Christ is coming soon, Christ is coming soon.
Light o'er the land of the heathen is beaming,
Rivers are streaming. Millions yet sigh for the Savior redeeming.
Must he be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall we, no light and no comfort him borrow?
Giving no heed to His burden of sorrow: oh,
Will not day come soon, will not day come soon?
He is coming soon.*

SCRIPTURE READING AND LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Isaiah 61: 1-4 (Old Testament, page 691 –Large print, page 846)
John 1: 1-13 (New Testament, page 91 -Large print, page 111)
(Pew Bibles are located alongside the hymnals on the shelves under the pew.)

MESSAGE: *The Grandmother of Jesus* Rev. Bruce E. Haapalainen, D.D.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Jesus Comes and Brings Pleasure* Michael Burkhardt

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

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION AND PRAYER

Leader: Come, all you who are loved by God,
Come, and be fed with the food that He gives freely;
Come, and quench your thirst from the Waters of Life;
Come, and let your spirits be filled again with the goodness of your Creator.

**People: Lord God, Giver of all good things,
We hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.**

We have come, we have tasted and we know...

God, You are good.

ALL: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

(All are invited to sing)

HYMN: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (omit verse 4) NO. 38

HYMN: *In the Bleak Midwinter* NO. 36

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord God of World-Changing Love,

We thank You for this meal, and for welcoming us to Your table.

We remember that we are Your children,

and that You have called us to share Your love with everyone we meet.

Help us to receive Your life, walk in Your strength, and follow Your ways

every moment of our lives. In the name of the Christ. Amen.

TELLING TIME DVD

POSTLUDE: *Prepare the Way*

Michael Burkhardt

***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

PIANIST: Nat Stasinski

ELDER HOST: Alice Jenkins

WORSHIP LEADER: Tom O'Donnell

DEACONS SERVING COFFEE: Barbara Grevengoed; Christie Stricklin; Tim Sweeney

THE FLOWERS IN OUR WORSHIP AREA are given by Steve and Sandy Coxhead in memory of Ralph Gloff and Carolyn Dombrowski.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Today at 10:30 a.m. – *Early Church History: An Introduction – Christology and the Councils*

Presenter: Kurt Hendel (209)

Next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. – *Christmas: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly* –

Leaders: Chris Morfas and Joe Van Bokkelen (106A)

Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. – *Early Church History: An Introduction – Monastic Movements*

and Ideals - Presenter: Kurt Hendel (209)

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Westminster Youth host the Soup Supper during the Living Nativity and Market Place.

You can help us cut costs by providing the ingredients – sliced carrots, chopped celery, noodles... the list is long. Visit the “Soup Supper” table in Fellowship Hall. Items are due in the kitchen by **Friday, December 9**. Every little bit helps and it tastes so good on a cold night.

On **December 11th** Westminster will celebrate **Stewardship Campaign Commitment Sunday**. Members and friends will dedicate their pledges for annual giving. We will also consecrate our pledges to the three year Capital Campaign to support the renovation projects at WPC. On both Sunday **December 18th** and Sunday **December 25th** we will observe **First Fruits** giving. This is an opportunity, for those who wish, to share the first installment of our three year Capital Campaign commitments.

Living Nativity, Soup Supper and Marketplace - Sunday, Dec. 11. Be sure to include your family in this year's Living Nativity tradition, Soup Supper and Marketplace. There's a sign up in Fellowship Hall for the performances at **5, 6 & 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 11**. We need Herod, wisemen, shepherds and angels. The High School youth and parents staff the Soup Supper to raise money for mission trips and events, so be sure to stay for soup, bread and a hotdog! We've some exciting new vendors in the Marketplace, too. Plan to do your Christmas shopping for those hard-to-find gifts. Bring wrapped baked goods for the Bake Sale on Saturday, please. There's plenty of fun and memories to be made. Please call Sally Van Bokkelen or Kelly Rhodes if you know of a potential Baby Jesus!

"O Come Let Us Adore Him!" - Sunday Night Supper. Get your free ticket early for the Christmas Dinner on Sunday, **December 18** from 4:30 -6:00 p.m. Carl Strain will again lead Carols around the tree in Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful time of the year to bring friends to Westminster. Dinner will be served as always. Celebrate with friends and the WPC family! Remember, there are only 100 tickets so return yours if you can't come for any reason.

The 2011 Giving Tree is adorned with Dudzua dolls. In 2012, Heart for Africa will be distributing **shoes** to the children of Swaziland and would like to give them a hand knit doll at the same time. These dolls are called **“DUDUZA” (comfort) dolls**. They are hoping to have 10,000 dolls made to distribute in July, 2012, but also want to sell 500 dolls to raise funds for the El Roi home for abandoned babies in Swaziland. You may select this mission or another of your choice and receive a card or a purchased doll for the special person on your Christmas List. Donations will be received until December 23.

The Westminster Scandinavian Underground invites members and friends who love Scandinavian foods to its annual Lucia Day Christmas Smörgåsbord (potluck) on Tuesday, **December 13** (as always) at 6:00 p.m. here at the church. Please call Peg Schoon (836-8593) or email her at mschoon@iun.edu to discuss menu options.

Loaves & Fishes Ministry to host Jan. 1 football party for the homeless in Fellowship Hall! Help us host our special guests from the City Rescue Mission on New Year's Day. Please contact Ed Harrison, Bunny Schlotman or Sally Van Bokkelen, if you can help.