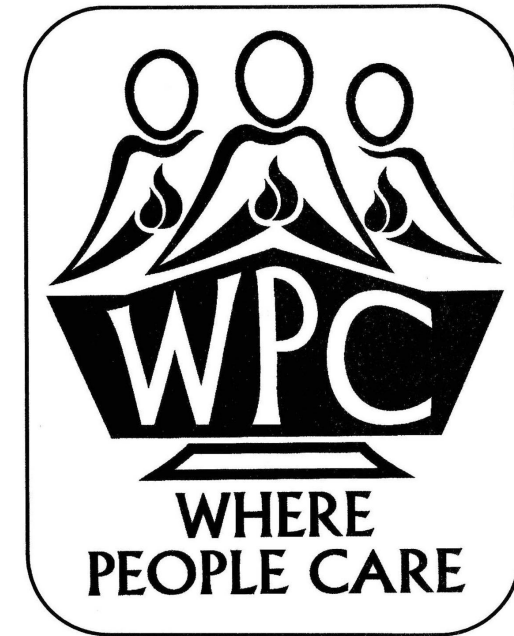


This Week at Westminster

Today, Jan. 8	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 –Leader: Greg Stephan	
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Education, 209 –Leader: Fred Niedner	
	10:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Celebration, Sanctuary After Children's Chat WPC Kids, 303	
Monday, Jan. 9	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	
	5:30 p.m.	Illiana Artist, 305	
	6:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Call Meeting, Lounge	
	7:00 p.m.	First Christian Church Volleyball, South Hall	
Tuesday, Jan. 10	9:15 a.m.	World Religion Bible Study, 106A	
	9:30 a.m.	New Community Bible Study 1 Peter, 301	
	9:30 a.m.	WPC Moms Group, 209/210	
	4:30 p.m.	Middlers – Pizza With A Purpose, South Hall	
	6:00 p.m.	Campaign Call Meeting, Lounge	
	7:00 p.m.	Lansing Bible Church Volleyball, South Hall	
	7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice, Sanctuary	
	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting, 209	
	Wednesday, Jan. 11	7:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 209
		9:00 a.m.	Quilters' Group, 301
1:00 p.m.		Cancer Support Group, Lounge	
5:00 p.m.		Soccer Camp, South Hall	
6:00 p.m.		Capital Campaign Call Meeting, Lounge	
6:30 p.m.		Joyful Strains, 109	
7:00 p.m.		Healing the Soul, Presenter: Father Walker, 209	
7:00 p.m.		Deacon Meeting, 209	
7:00 p.m.		WPC Freshmen (Re:Fresh) Volleyball, South Hall	
7:00 p.m.		N.A. Meeting, 305	
Thursday, Jan. 12	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, South Hall	
	6:15 p.m.	Westminster Handbell Choir	
	7:00 p.m.	Fair Meadow Volleyball Practice, South Hall	
	7:30 p.m.	Westminster Chorale	
	7:30 p.m.	A.A. Meeting, 305	
Saturday, Jan. 14	8:00 a.m.	A.A. Meeting, 305	
	9:00 a.m.	New Member Gathering, 209	
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Choir, 109	

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church



January 8, 2012
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

Worship Focus: *The old, old story stays fresh in the retelling.*

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: *Crusader's Hymn*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather this morning to worship God.

People: **We come seeking comfort, inspiration, community and insight.**

Leader: We come to open ourselves to the power of God in our very midst.

People: **We come offering up our lives with all of their seasons and situations,
seeking God's help as we grow.**

ALL: Let us worship God!

* **HYMN:** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

NO. 306

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Forgive us Lord for the times in which we have sinned. We have been stingy,
ignoring hungry outstretched hands, we have been casual, overlooking falling tears
all around us and we have needed approval so much that we have sought to be
whatever is convenient for the situation. God: forgive, restore and redeem us so
that we may live worthwhile and worthy lives for your glory. In Jesus' name we
pray. Amen.**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: In Jesus, God forgives us and makes peace within us.

People: **Through Christ's grace we claim God's healing, faith and hope. Amen.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

NO. 579

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

I Love to Tell the Story

Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went. Acts 8:4

1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my long - ings as
sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that

noth - ing else can do.
God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in
I have loved so long.

glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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	Promela Mehta
Jill Meyers	Pat Warot	Karen Galocy
Bud Vance	Beverly Hughes	Jim Jaracz
Karen Comstock	Jan Lund	Gordon Stamper
Gail Dixon	Chuck Weier	Ellie Wynn
Loretta Barth	Kim Karlen	Dr. Jerry Smith
Marianne Comstock	Bob Hart	Sue Harrison & Family
John Powley		

The Stephen Ministers	The Mizwicki Family
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
Virginia Briseno, mother/Diane Karlen	Connie Vukovich, friend/Kelly Comstock
Barbara Dartoszuk, friend/Karen Comstock	Donna (Brumm)Wright, friend/Wendy Borbely
Lisa Baltus, friend/Sue Guy	Richard Gardner, friend/Martha Wilke
Rich Risch, friend/Dan & Shari	Pattie Jacocks, sister/Camilla Higley
Alden Monberg, sister/Priscilla Stephan	Lester Schoon, father/Ken Schoon
Kristen Gloff & newborn son, Carter William	

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).

LITANY ON THE NEW YEAR

Leader: God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you.

People: We thank you O God for all of life, for the generosity of your creation, for the abundance of your love, for the overwhelming blessings you pour down upon our lives.

Leader: God of the past, our times are in your hand; with us abide.

People: Keep us mindful O God of the generosity of your grace in all our days gone by. As we reflect on past years, we thank you for the many ways in which your presence has been made known in our lives. And we seek your presence in this New Year coming upon us.

Leader: God of the coming year, through paths unknown, we follow you.

People: Dear Lord, in this coming year may we be as generous with our time, our talents, and our resources as you are with us. May we truly reflect your love in the ways in which we give of ourselves. We pray that you will bless our efforts to be your worthy disciples.

HYMN: *God of Our Life*

NO. 275

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: *Stars Lead us Ever On* (a Sioux Tribal Carol) Harvey Gaul

Westminster Chorale - Haley Fieldhouse, soloist
*Stars lead us ever on, (So did one star, one guiding star)
Plains are not desert sands: (there was one plain, one lonely plain)
Sheepfolds, they must guarded be (Not one may stray, because of one Lamb.)
Roses are precious flowers (One Sharon Rose, One cruel, piercing thorn)
Man is by God redeemed (One lonely Man, because of one Man)
Ever on, ever one, ever on. Man is by God redeemed.
One lonely Man, because of one Man.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 2: 9-10 (New Testament, page 233 -Large print, page 283)

Psalm 22: 1-5; 27-31 (Old Testament, page 500 -Large print, page 615)

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

MESSAGE: "Same Old," Yet Ever New

Rev. Mike Pennanen

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Jesus, You're Worthy of Praise*

Emma Lou Diemer

*DOXOLOGY

NO. 592

*HYMN: *I Love to Tell the Story* (see page 6)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *In Dulci Jubilo*

Dietrich Buxtehude

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

**WESTMINSTER IS A COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE
TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S LOVE TO SERVE AND GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS**

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: Jean VanKeppel

WORSHIP LEADER: Mary Lomey

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADULT ENRICHMENT

Today at 10:30 a.m. — in Room 209 - *Job: Innocent suffering/worshiping God without hope of reward* - Leader: Fred Niedner, Valparaiso University

Next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. —in Room 106A. *The Faith and Practice of the Early Christians* –
Leader: Greg Stephan

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NEW MEMBER GATHERING: A new member gathering will be held **Saturday, January 14, 2012** from 9-11 a.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. Please contact Pastor Bruce at the church office (219-838-3131) or email him at (revbruceh@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in attending.

Healing The Soul will be on **January 11** at 7:00 p.m. in room 209. Father Brian Walker will be giving the presentation. Everyone is invited to this Health Healing and Stephen Ministry program.

The new **Flower Chart for 2012** is in the room behind the narthex. You may sign up for Sunday's flowers to honor or remember someone or a celebrating event.

Love and Communication for Couples - A Valentine's Day Prep! Four Wednesdays – beginning January 18 - February 8 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Leader: Melinda McKeague, MA, LMHC - Samaritan Counseling Center. Explore *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. Learn yours and your spouse's love language. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

Loaves & Fishes – start the New Year by volunteering to reheat soup that is all ready made. Add the ready made desserts and sandwiches. This takes about 1 ½ hours in the afternoon on Wednesday or the third Saturday of the month. We will show you how. Call Bunny at 219-922-6315 or Ed at 219-730-3055.

Reliable Services for those in need. Health and Healing (Denise Walker - coordinator), would like to offer assistance to families or individuals in our congregation who may need a little help maintaining their independence. All services are free and confidential. So, if you need a little help running errands or a ride to an appointment, please call Darlene or the church office (219-838-3131) to make arrangements. We will pass the needs on to Denise.

Holiday celebrations are over for another year. The house is clean and quiet once again maybe too quiet. Need a friend to talk to? **Stephen Ministers** are available for listening and comfort. Please call Nancy Quinn (219-680-9641) or Barbara Santay (219-381-0286).

"Stand Strong" and Live Your Faith! Ever feel as if the world is closing in around you? Well, that's what the earliest Christians experienced. Peter, Jesus' apostle, has words of encouragement and hope. You're not alone! Let's learn how they survived torture and fear – strengthening our determination. *All are invited* to attend this six-week Bible study: **I Peter – "Stand Strong" Class begins Tuesday, January 10, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** Leader: Sally Van Bokkelen - Study Guide: \$6.00

Sunday Community Supper will be on **January 15** from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Bring a friend, someone in need or a new family. We'll be celebrating the New Year. Sign up in Fellowship Hall today and get your free ticket. Menu: Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Drop Soup, Almond Cookies and Mandarin Oranges.

Preschool Registration opens for current families, church families and Alumni families on **January 9th**. There will be **Open House** on **January 17th** from 6-8 p.m. and registration will be open to the public. Any questions contact Linda Moran at 219-805-0906 or 219-614-2870 or you can also look online on our website at wpcmunster.org