

Westminster News

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER 21, 2010

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

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Bruce's Blog

A number of years ago in a conversation with a 2nd grader, I told her that one of the things we did as the church was "Reach Out and Heal an Ouch." She knew what I was getting at instantly because she held up her bandaged finger and asked, "Like this?" In my life, as in yours, there have been many "ouches." In our world even in our church or our own family there are, at any given time, more "ouches" than we can even know about. We try to prevent "ouches" and sometimes succeed but they are a fact of life. And when they happen, "ouches" need to be cared for.

You may remember the Movie ET, THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL. In the movie the little boy, Elliott cuts his finger on a saw blade and says, "Ouch!" The little alien reaches out with a glowing finger, touches Elliott's hand and it's healed. When ET is ready to go home, he points to his heart and says, "Ouch!"

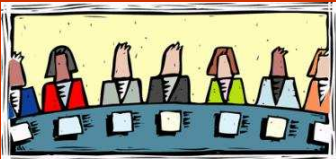
Because there are so many "ouches" in the world we often get overloaded with requests to help and overwhelmed by the world's problems. It's tempting to turn away from so many "ouches" and either pretend they aren't there or that they aren't our responsibility. But, whenever we try that, Jesus answers the question, "Who is my neighbor?" It is the person we become aware of with an "ouch."

As we look back on 2010 we can say, "thanks!" for all that has been done to heal "ouches." As we look forward to 2011 we are already saying, "yes!" to the ouches that we will help heal. Some of the "ouches" include:

- Providing meeting for support groups and community organizations,
- Helping with the ouch of empty stomachs and hunger in our community,
- Soothing ouches that come from feeling alone – especially with the elderly and those of middler and high school age,
- A loving bereavement ministry for the ouches of loss and grief,
- The ouches of sickness through medical missions,
- Ouches met through the Samaritan Center, Stephen Ministry, the Deacons and Health and Healing.

Preventative and Proactive Ministry is helping our children look to God as the Healer and discovering that, in their own lives they can help heal "ouches" as Jesus followers. Mostly we help the ouches of fear and hopelessness by sharing the Good News that God cares and so do we. When times are tough (like now!) the church is given the chance to say, "Yes!" to the needs and do our best work. We are usually challenged by knowing that there is less to go around so we all need to pull together. Let's say, "Yes!" to taking on the "ouches" of a new year of possibility. Soon you will be receiving your pledge card for the coming year. Please say, "Yes!" You will be helping to heal many "ouches."

Session in October



Session Meeting

For What Has Been,
Thanks!
For What Will Be,
Yes!

- Received the report of the Sanctuary Research Team. The team surveyed the congregation regarding the need for improvement in the sanctuary. They received 134 replies. Areas of concern and interest were: (greatest interest first) seating/pews, sound system, chancel, flooring, HVAC, instruments, lighting. The need for a new roof had already been determined.
- Passed a motion to contact the Center for Congregations to find churches with recent renovations, identify professional church renovators, name WPC members with skills to serve on a Renovation Team. Session also thanked the members of the Research Team (Bill Cunningham, Steve Bolanowski, David Radovich, Brad Ronco, Ken Schoon, Brett Shelton, Terry Quinn, Wally Richardson) and disbanded the team.
- Learned that, at the current rate of income to WPC, there could be a deficit at year's end. Staff was urged to limit end-of-year spending.
- Session reviewed the costs of maintenance, clerical and services for the preschool and denied the request of Westminster Preschool to reduce its rent.
- Approved the theme for the Stewardship Campaign, "For What Has Been, Thanks! – For What Will Be, Yes!"
- Approved project for fundraising: The Giving Tree, Women's Association's Shower for Nazareth Home & St. Monica's, Chocolate Pretzel Making and Sales, The Living Nativity and Marketplace.
- Reviewed the report of Presbytery's September meeting.

Thanks!

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for all the sizes of canned goods, peanut butter, pastas and other staples you've contributed to our Loaves and Fishes ministry.



First "Thank You!" and then "Yes!"

We are gearing up for 2011, WPC is ready to say, "Yes!" to all of the opportunities that God has in store for us. Soon you will be receiving your pledge card asking you to make a prayerful and careful response to God's goodness in your life. This response to the church enables us to say, "Yes!" to many needs, provide education and support for our children and youth and do the ministry and mission we have been privileged to undertake in the past. We hope to have funds to improve our technology and build our Pastoral Care Ministry – reaching out to more folks who are hurting and in need.

For what you have done for Christ's Church in the past, your WPC leadership says, "Thanks!" We are asking, that to the year 2011, through your pledge of support you will say, "Yes!"



Westminster's Financial Snapshot

The Westminster Financial Snapshot is a brief summary of

- 1 The current revenue and expenses of the church and
- 2 A comparison of current revenue and expenses to the previous two years and to the 2010 budget.

This information is provided so that the congregation is kept up to date on the financial operations of the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Quinn or any Session member."

Westminster's Financial Snapshot For the month ended September 30, 2010

| | Month of <u>September</u> | Year to Date <u>2010</u> | Year to Date <u>2009</u> | Year to Date <u>2008</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Operating Revenue | \$55,850.07 | \$509,285.43 | \$510,800.29 | \$565,064.48 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>50,813.84</u> | <u>502,276.25</u> | <u>491,872.49</u> | <u>580,867.57</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 5,036.23 | \$ 7,009.18 | \$ 18,927.80 | \$ (15,803.09) |

2010

| | Actual Year <u>To Date</u> | Budget Year <u>to Date</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Operating Revenue | \$509,285.43 | \$536,250.00 |
| Operating Expenses | <u>502,276.25</u> | <u>538,967.74</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 7,009.18 | \$ (2,717.74) |



The Prayer Garden is a gathering place for the spirits, both ours and those we remember.



Know anyone needing prayer or visitation?

The deacons and staff make home visits and regularly pray for those on our church prayer list.

Sometimes, however, a member or friend is in the hospital and we do not always get notice. If you or your loved one faces hospitalization, please call Darlene or the church office (838-3131).

Prayer Requests

Prayer doesn't mean that you have exhausted all help. It 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.

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| Damian Santay | Karen Comstock |
| Jan Lund | Jean Costaurle, mother/Gina Howe |
| Dave Gott | Marino Saculla, brother-in-law/Sally |
| Kim Karlen | Trenton Moore, friend/Sue Guy |
| Loretta Barth | Sarah Geishimer, daughter/Jean Geishimer |
| Jim Jaracz | Andrew Lewis, nephew/Ann & Tom Witting |
| Nancy Lamantia, daughter/Sue & Ed Harrison | Debbie Propeck, friend/Marianne Comstock |
| Jean Gloff | Robbie Osterman, serving in Iraq |
| Bud Vance | Rev. Joan Mier, friend/Elizabeth Flores |
| Gavin Ambrose, 5 year old friend of Gelardens | Jill Meyers |
| Beverly Hughes | Gene Wentzel, friend/Gail Dixon |
| Gail Dixon | Jeanette Branson, mother/Dave Branson |
| Chuck Weier | Ann Berzinis, mother/Frank Berzinis |
| Dawn Bogner, niece/Ruth Fauth | James Daum, brother/Marianne Comstock |
| Danny Host, friend/Margie Bahner | Roma Koshtial, friend/Dana Wood |
| The work of the Stephen Ministers | Shane & Jill (Powley) Hoskins, friends/ Rachel Franklin |
| Primo & Esther Grazioli, family/Sue Guy | Natalie Reck, daughter/Sonja Ross |
| Barb Bartoszak, friend/Marianne 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).

Our sympathy to

the family of Patti Lamott who died on September 28. Patti and her husband Jim have been members of Westminster since 1981. Their daughters Amy and Karen grew up here.

A memorial service celebrating Patti's life was held here at Westminster on Saturday, October 16. A luncheon was served in Fellowship Hall.

Please keep Patti's family in your prayers.

Congratulations to

Excited and beaming grandparents Terry and Nancy Quinn.

Ashlyn Quinn arrived on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 5:12 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs and measured 21 inches long.

The proud and tired parents are Brian and Christen Quinn. Ashlyn is a beautiful and contented baby. Grandma Nancy and Grandpa Terry say,

"We are so blessed."



Want to stimulate your mind?
Westminster is the place for you!

**Gather around the table
for group discussion relating to life as a Christian**

October 24 ***The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved***
Who wrote the Gospel of John? Express
your thoughts as you hear Biblical evidence.
Leaders: Kim Karlen & Julie Sannito

October 31 - November 21 ***Turmoil in the Church***
Dig into history as we learn about and discuss
the events leading into the Protestant Reformation.
Leader: Greg Stephan

**Share in this special opportunity
to learn from respected speakers**

October 24 ***The Great Kings of Israel***
The puzzling death of Josiah, Judah's greatest king.
Leader: Dr. Ralph Klein, Lutheran School of Theology

October 31 - November 14
Colonial North American Christianity
Leader: Kurt Hendel, Lutheran School of Theology

October 31 - The Puritans
November 7 - The Anglicans
November 14 - The Roman Catholics



Get a hot cup of coffee
in Fellowship Hall then
come learn with us!





HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Tour the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John

Saturday, October 23
is reserved for WPC to

Come Take the Journey

on this interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane.

We will then journey through the Passion of Christ as depicted in the Stations of the Cross.

Golf carts are available for those who are unable to walk the distance.

We'll meet at the Shrine at **11 a.m.**,
tour with a docent and visit the gift shop.

Lunch follows at Teibel's Restaurant for just \$17.
Reservations and advance payment are necessary for lunch.

Sign up early for a beautiful autumn day of fellowship, passion and some of that famous perch or chicken

Westminster Mom's Group
presents

SPOOKTACULAR SUNDAY

Sunday, October 24
1-4 p.m.
South Hall

Bouncy House * Costume Parade * Spooky Snacks * Games & Prizes

Storytelling by Dan in the Haunted Woods

Admission: Canned goods or donation to Greater Hammond Food Pantry
Bring your family and one from the neighborhood.

Join us for ornament decorating
for this year's
Giving Tree

Friday, October 22
6:30 - 8 p.m.
and
Sunday, November 14
2 - 4 p.m.



Flu Shots

will be given here at Westminster
on
Monday, October 25
2-4:30 p.m.

RSVP is appreciated but not necessary. Call Darlene at 838-3131.

Flu shots are covered by Medicare, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Anthem, Aetna, Signa and others.
If paying cash, the cost is \$25.



Encouragement for Caregivers
Wednesday, November 3
7 p.m. in Room 209
Presenter: Pastor Bruce Haapalainen

All are invited
A Stephen Ministry
Health & Healing Program

Give the gift of life . . .

Attend a **free**
CPR Training Session for
Children & Adults

hosted by Community Hospital

Tuesday, November 9
7 - 9 p.m.

Here at Westminster
Please sign up in Fellowship Hall
A certificate will be given at the completion of the course.



Life Line
Screening
On Thursday,
November 4
will help you
avoid a stroke!
Call
1-800-710-1913 for
an appointment

The New Face of Alzheimer's

All are invited to this free program on Alzheimer's Disease on
Saturday, November 13
10 a.m.

A continental breakfast will be served

Featured Guest Speakers
Mary Ann & John Becklenberg
(Mary Ann was diagnosed with with early stage Alzheimers)





Need to get a hold
of
Dan LeMonnier
when he isn't
around WPC?
You can e-mail him
at
wpcyouth@aol.com

You can also call or
text him at
313-2371

Youth Praise Team has begun rehearsals! John Shields leads this group in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. If you are interested in singing or playing in the group, see Dan LeMonnier for an application or call him for more information.

Join High School and Middlers for **Fright Fest at Great America** on Saturday, October 30. We meet at Westminster at 9 a.m. and should return around 6 p.m. Adult chaperones/drivers are welcome.

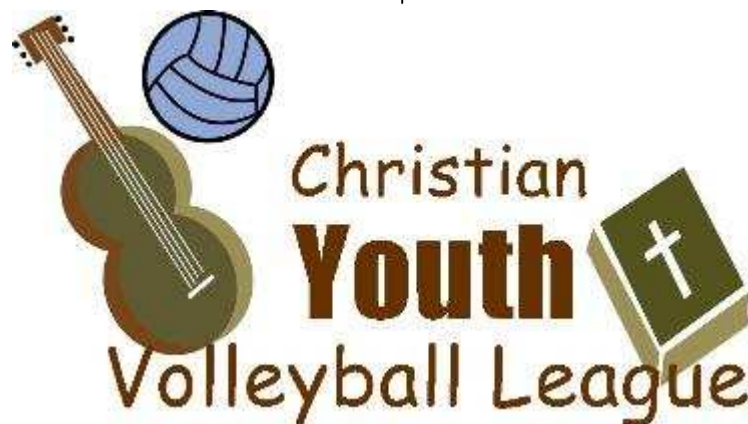
Volleyball practice is about to begin. We will field teams again this year in the **Christian Youth Volleyball League**. Middlers will begin practice on Wednesday, November 3, and the High Schoolers will begin on Thursday, November 4. Both groups will practice from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. All experience levels are welcome. Come on out and be a part of the fun!

The Fall Middler Youth Night is scheduled for Friday, November 5, from 7 p.m. until 1 a.m. Come for a night of games, fun, food and craziness. Adult volunteers are welcome!

The Awakening, a retreat for any teen from freshman year of high school to freshman year of college, is planned for the weekend of November 5 - 7, 2010. You will be inspired, challenged, and encouraged to develop your personal relationship with Jesus while exploring opportunities for Christian action in your home, school, workplace and community. Join teens from across NW Indiana in this opportunity to arise and hear God's voice in your life. Contact Dan LeMonnier, Corie or Rob Adlard for a registration form or more information.

Pizza with a Purpose continues every Wednesday. We have our discussion and food at 4:30 p.m. followed by Open Gym from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Join us after school, band or team practice.

Sunday Night Café, our new High School Bible Study and Discussion with Corie and Rob Adlard continues every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Worship with your family in the morning and join us for a great time in the evening.



WPC Kids donate toys to Romanian orphans



Throughout September WPC Kids collected toys for *New Opportunities for Romanian Orphaned Children* (NOROC) a world mission partner selected by our Mission Team earlier this year.

The toys are prizes from “Children’s Meals” and Beanie Babies. They will arrive in Romania in time for Christmas.

Our abundance shared with others makes us a part of God’s kingdom work! Thanks to all who shared in this project!

News from WPC Kids

Thank you Crystal Welcome Anne

Westminster thanks Crystal Angeles for serving our young children with love and creativity. Crystal is working on a Master’s Degree in film production. We send our love and wishes for much success as growth opportunities come her way. Thank you Crystal!

Please welcome Anne Thomas as our new Sunday morning preschool teacher! Ann has completed school credits for teaching and is eager to get to know all of our children.

Stop by to meet Anne in Room 202 and get to know our new family member by offering to be her helper some Sunday morning!





I am going to make a family happy this Thanksgiving

Let's work together to feed the poorest of the poor this Thanksgiving

WPC Kids will be distributing grocery bags to the congregation this Sunday, October 24. Attached to each bag is a list of food items.

Please include any/all of the following for a needy family 2 cans each of corn, green beans, fruit cocktail, 1 can of cranberry sauce, 1 can turkey broth, 2 packages of macaroni and cheese, 1 package of stuffing mix, 2 packages of muffin mix. A turkey will be added to each family's bag.

Bring to WPC South Hall in a doubled paper bag on or before Sunday, November 14.

If you prefer, donations may be made payable to WPC with Greater Hammond Food Pantry on the memo line;

Greater Hammond Community Services needs help to feed the needy this Thanksgiving

Greater Hammond Community Services is located at 824 Hoffman Street in Hammond.

If you can help with any of the following items, call Barbara Whitehead at 932-4800, ext. 108.

Volunteers are needed to:
Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Pack Baskets

Nov. 18, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

Sort donations

Nov. 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sort donations

Thanksgiving Basket Delivery

Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Thanksgiving Basket Delivery



Women's Fall Luncheon and Baby Shower

**Saturday, November 13, 2010
12 noon**

Cost: \$10 for lunch

**First Presbyterian Church
6021 Hohman Avenue, Hammond**

to benefit
babies & toddlers of

The Nazareth Home and St. Monica Home
bring a cash donation, small size diapers,
or an item from the gift registry
(see our web site wpcmunster.org)

RSVP to Clara Hanus at 219-836-5727

**PHANTOM OF THE ORGAN
ORGAN CONCERT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29
7:13 P.M.
WESTMINSTER'S SANCTUARY**



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Westminster is a community
where people of all ages
are transformed by God's love
to serve and grow
as disciples of Jesus.

**News for members and friends
of Westminster Presbyterian Church**