

Westminster News

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

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EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

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Bruce's Blog

At least a million years ago, I began a love affair with the poetry of William Blake. My first encounter with his writings was in a high school poetry class. Later, I read his work during an independent study of English poets. So it was natural for me to think of his work, "The Lamb," when, a decade ago, people from his country announced they had cloned a lamb named Dolly from a ewe's DNA. The March 10, 1997, issue of *Time* featured an article entitled, "Will There Ever Be Another You?" Of course, being who I am, I wrote a newspaper column entitled, "Will There Ever Be Another Ewe?" Even though Blake died 170 years before Dolly, the prophetic power of his words ushered in a new era – of possibility for some and of panic for others.

Since that cloning moment, chances are his words have never quite had the same meaning:

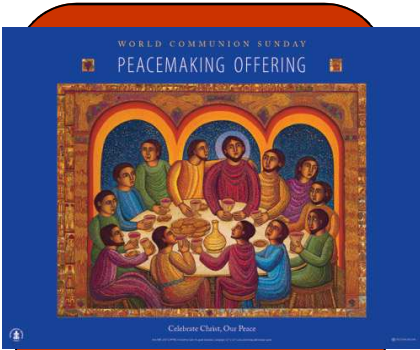
Little lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the streams and o'er the mead,
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little lamb, who made thee?
Doest thou know who made thee?

Once in a Sunday school class I asked a little boy who made him. He responded with pride by saying, "Well, God made me as a baby, but I'm growing up the rest of the way by myself." What a telling statement! And not only for children, but especially for adults. We all know that some credit for who we are or what we have accomplished goes to God and others, but we also believe that most of the hard and significant work we have done by ourselves.

Out of all of the possible first mammal cloning jobs, it was more than a little ironic that it was a lamb. The lamb is both a powerful and provocative symbol for Christians. Jesus is the Lamb of God and the Jews threw lamb's blood on their Egyptian doorposts to cause the Angel of Death to pass over their house. The Bible predicts a coming time when the lion and lamb will lie down together. Christians are also the lambs (and sheep) of the flock for which Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

As smart as we are there is much for us all to still learn. As long ago as he wrote, William Blake's imagery is still both loved and challenging.

"Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?" Do you know who made you? Worst yet, do you think you did it yourself? Do you know who places the red and gold evening sky in front of your face? Can you say who, "Gave thee life and bid thee feed?" **If you don't yet know the answer, it is definitely time to start looking!** Just like Dolly, we are made in the direct image of our Creator and Parent



Please make a donation to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering on Sunday, October 3

Sunday Night Suppers are back!



Learn to love yourself

**Celebrate Christ, Our Peace
World Communion/Peacemaking Sunday is October 3**

When eight Presbyterians on a travel/study trip worshiped with a congregation of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Jimma, Ethiopia, they celebrated Christ, our peace.

When Westminster youth packaged meals for refugees in war torn Afghanistan, they celebrated Christ, our peace.

When men and women gather in the South Hall kitchen preparing meals for the homeless, they celebrate Christ, our peace.

Whenever we open our hearts and lives by building relationships with one another or by caring for God’s creation, we celebrate Christ, our peace.

Please make a donation to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering on Sunday, October 3. Envelopes are in the pew card holders and in Fellowship Hall. Westminster retains one fourth of the collection for local peacemaking opportunities. Please include your WPC envelope number on your offering.

Sunday Night Suppers return on October 17

Come to a “Tailgate Party”
from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Bring a family or friend(s) into the Westminster community.

Visit the Fellowship Hall “Tailgate” table
for some of the 100 free tickets.

You may wish to help as a cook, server or table host.

All invited - Program on Saturday, September 25

10 a.m. with continental breakfast
Room 209

Learning to Love Yourself

(learning to love yourself is an inside job
this may be the most powerful lesson of your life)

Presenter: Dr. Myrna Sarowitz PsyD.
a professionally trained life coach

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 August 31, 2010

	Month of <u>August</u>	Year to Date <u>2010</u>	Year to Date <u>2009</u>	Year to Date <u>2008</u>
Operating Revenue	\$63,382.15	\$453,435.26	\$458,712.67	\$509,714.79
Operating Expenses	<u>46,688.98</u>	<u>451,321.10</u>	<u>437,350.63</u>	<u>528,432.64</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$16,693.17	\$ 2,114.16	\$ 21,362.04	\$ (18,717.85)

2010

	Actual Year <u>To Date</u>	Budget Year <u>to Date</u>
Operating Revenue	\$453,435.26	\$476,666.67
Operating Expenses	<u>451,321.10</u>	<u>479,082.43</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,114.16	\$ (2,415.77)

Help stock the pantry shelves for our Loaves and Fishes Ministry to feed the homeless

The clever cooks preparing the food promise to use any canned goods or staples that you bring to the "chef" who's waiting in the Gathering Space.

Especially useful are canned fruits and vegetables, tomato sauce and paste, peanut butter and jelly - in any size, small, medium or large.



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



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 | James Daum, brother/Marianne Comstock |
| Dave Gott | Becky Tyrrell |
| Kim Karlen | Roma Koshitial, friend/Dana Wood |
| Loretta Barth | Ann Berzinis, mother/Frank Berzinis |
| Jim Jaracz | Jeanette Branson, mother/Dave Branson |
| Nancy Lamantia, daughter/Sue & Ed Harrison | Ron Dolan, friend/Wendy Borbely |
| Jean Gloff | Sarah Geishimer, daughter/Jean Geishimer |
| Bud Vance | Trenton Moore, friend/Sue Guy |
| Beverly Hughes | Marino Saculla, brother-in-law /Sally |
| Gail Dixon | Jean Costaurie, mother/Gina Howe |
| Chuck Weier | Anna Dorn |
| Patti Lamott | Andrew Lewis, nephew/Ann & Tom Witting |
| Dawn Bogner, niece/Ruth Fauth | Becky Tyrrell |
| Danny Host, friend/Margie Bahner | |
| The work of the Stephen Ministers | |
| 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).

Congratulations

to Misti and Paul Perez on the birth of their third son **Jackson Perez** on September 30, 2010. Jackson weighs 7 lbs, 8 oz. Jackson's brothers are Jacob and Kyle. Proud grandparents are Tom and Ronda Reynolds.

and to

Chuck and Karen Lansdowne on the birth of their first grandson named Jack who was born on August 11. They have three granddaughters.

Our sympathy:

to the family of Gail Bacon who died on September 18. The funeral service was held on September 22 at the Kish Funeral Home. Gail was an active member of Westminster since 2005. She loved being a deacon, was a wonderful telephone hostess and coordinator of the group that mails the church newsletter. Her family and church family will miss her.

and

to Carl and Verdeen Strain. Carl's son Carl Strain, Jr. died on September 18, in Indianapolis. He was on his way to do a charity run on his motorcycle. The funeral was held on Thursday, September 23, in Zionsville.



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

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

September 12 - October 3 **A Closer Look at Paul.** Learn about Paul the Apostle, his faith, teachings and influence on the Gentile world.
Leaders: April Cafmeyer & Cindy Merritt

October 10 **Conversations with God.**
Come continue the conversation with God in community.
Leader: Elizabeth Flores

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

September 26 *Amos, An Eighth Century (BC) Prophet for the Twenty-First Century*
Leader: Mark Bartusch, Valparaiso University

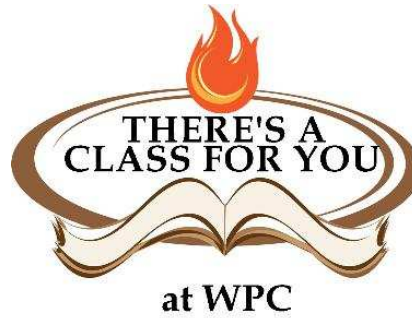
October 3—24 *The Great Kings of Israel*
Leader: Dr. Ralph Klein, Lutheran School of Theology

- October 3 Hezekiah and the Assyrian Invasion
- October 10 Hezekiah's reform and the brazen serpent of Moses
- October 17 Josiah's reform and the book of Deuteronomy
- October 24 The puzzling death of Josiah, Judah's greatest king.



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





DISCIPLE

Disciple I

Are you interested in meeting the people in the Bible? Disciple I is a great way to get acquainted. Come to this shortened version. We'll be studying the Old Testament for 17 weeks. Class will meet every other week with friends who want to know what lies in the pages. Add your name, phone and day preferences to the red poster on the education table in Fellowship Hall. We'll get a class together as soon as your availability is known. It might change your life for the

Digging into Jesus' Parables

Tuesdays
October 12 - November 30

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Leaders: Mary Lou DiCostanzo and Cindy Merritt

All church study
Portraits in
Faith



Ruth and Esther

Bruce and Friends

Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. thru November 17
Pastor Bruce will be in the Gathering Space with coffee to talk about the passage and message from the previous Sunday.

Panera Possibilities

Meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday
at Panera Bread on Indianapolis Boulevard in Schererville.
An Elder will be hosting a time to look at the questions for each week's consideration.

Thursday Bible Study

September 9 thru November 11
9:15 - 10:45 a.m. in Room 209

The group will discuss the Ruth/Esther passages before they are presented to the church in worship.

Ever thought of becoming a Stephen Minister?

Westminster will be training another class of Stephen ministers beginning Monday, October 11, 2010, 7 - 9 p.m.

Stephen Ministers care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to others experiencing a difficult time.

The fifty hours of training teaches listening and caring skills. If you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening, please prayerfully consider whether you might want to be part of this exciting ministry.

If you think you might be interested, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Lesly Casper, Linda Kauffman, Nancy Quinn or Sally Saculla.



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

Saturday, October 23, is reserved for WPC to
"Come Take the Journey."

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 \$15.
Golf carts are available
for those who are unable to walk the distance.

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

Understanding Depression It's not a rare disease!

All are invited to this Stephen Ministry/Health & Healing Program

Wednesday, October 6
7 p.m.
Room 209

Presenter: Dr. Mark Killmer





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

Do you play guitar, drums, keyboards or any other musical instrument? Do you like to sing? Then you will be interested in checking out the new Youth Praise Team! Rehearsals start soon, led by our very own Guitar Hero, John Shields. See Dan LeMonnier for an application.

We enjoyed a great day of biking to Hobart along the Oak Savanna trail on September 19.

If you couldn't make it that day, don't worry! We've got lots of fellowship opportunities coming up in the next several weeks: for example, you can do your part for the environment on **Saturday, September 25**. We will join WPC's Green Group for a **Beach Clean Up**. We'll meet at WPC at 8:30 a.m. and car pool to Jerose Park in East Chicago. We should be back by 1 p.m. Bring pocket money for a lunch stop on the way home. Parents are welcome!

It's not too late to join the Middlers in the **Crop Walk on September 26**. We'll meet at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Highland at 1 p.m. Walk here to Westminster and back again. If you can't walk, you can volunteer to help at our hospitality half way point or pledge to help fight world hunger.

Middler's will go **Apple Picking and Bake Pies** for shut-ins on Saturday, October 2. Meet at church at 9 a.m. to go picking. We'll return about noon to South Kitchen where Ed Harrison will lead us in the baking. So if you can't go early, join us at church. We hope to be finished around 3 p.m.

October 3 is a big transition day for high school youth. That's the date we've picked to open our **Sunday Night Café**. Corie and Rob Adlard will lead our high school group in Bible study and discussion. There will be no 9 a.m. study time for high school. We want to encourage you to worship with your family at either service.

Pizza with a Purpose, Mid-Week Jazz, Open Gym, Volleyball, Great America and Blast Camp (paint ball!) are just over the horizon. More information on those events will be in the next exciting issue of Youth Group News!

Two New Small Group Opportunities

The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity

Is your inner artist just waiting to shine? This group can help free up the painter, musician, writer (etc.) within you.

The guidebook is for creative people in all walks of life.

Each week we will stretch our imaginations and free our dreams.

The Artist's Way - both a book and a 12-week course - will be our resource.

This group will meet at WPC on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning October 9. For questions or details, please contact Mike Pennanen (219-937-0341) or Jeanie Haapalainen (219-924-9691).

Personal Finance Workshop

Join WPC's treasurer Terry Quinn for this 6 week course.

Take control of your finances once and for all with this practical approach to personal financial management.

- Assess where you are.
- Know where you are going.
- Plan for your future.

The first meeting will be at WPC on Thursday, October 7, at 7 p.m.

For questions or details please contact Terry Quinn (865-2609) or Jeanie Haapalainen (924-9691).

Small-Group Opportunities



Is reading stories about Jesus to children your pleasure? Do you enjoy tea parties and dress-up? Can you manipulate the cannons on a pirate ship and spin a tale? Do you like cookies and milk? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, consider this \$10/hr paid position.

We need a lover of small children to teach and play with our children each Sunday morning. Children will come directly to class at 8:45 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., children will attend worship with their families and follow you to class after the Children's Chat. This position may be shared with a co-teacher on alternating weeks or split between 9 and 10:30 classes Contact Sally (838-3131) if interested.

Responsibilities include: provide a loving and consistent presence for our children, plan an age appropriate lesson and group activity/craft each week, put away toys and tidy the classroom, follow WPC's Safe Sanctuary guidelines including a mandatory background check, obtain a youth or parent helper each week.

Preschool teacher is needed Sundays at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Hours: 8:45 - 10 a.m. and/or 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. each Sunday

Loving Hands knitting group makes a difference



Happy Child with her Big Hearted Granny

Dear *Ladies with Loving Hands in Munster,*

NOROC in Romania thanks you for your donation to Big-hearted Grannies & Big-hearted Teachers & Friends

1 box(es) dated *July 2010*
A rainbow of colors - Knitted with love
 Yours prayers and financial support are truly needed and greatly appreciated.
 Together in Christ's service,
Carolyn White



Young boys with their NOROC GRANNY are visited by Petru & Marilena Solca (president & VP NOROC), Fred, Carolyn, & Natalie White and TJ Kiser from USA

Dear *Ladies with Loving Hands*

NOROC in Romania thanks you for your donation to Big-hearted Grannies & Big-hearted Teachers & Friends

check #
1 box dated *Aug 2010*
Knitted with love!
 Yours prayers and financial support are Truly needed and greatly appreciated.
 Together in Christ's service,
Carolyn White

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 NOROC is a 501(c)3 organization.
 200 Hedges, Abilene, TX 79605
 325.692.0284

Westminster's Loving Hands Knitting Group meets each Monday at 1 p.m. in the Lounge. All knitters are welcome.

Under the leadership of Peg Schoon, this group of women have made a difference in the lives of many children and families.

Since March, 2010, they have made and donated

- 930 children's beanies to Swaziland
- to Community Hospital
 - 112 preemie hats
 - 12 preemie burial buntings with matching hats
 - 16 preemie blankets with matching hats
 - 1 preemie blanket
 - 40 newborn hats
- To Southlake Methodist Hospital
 - 9 newborn hats
- to Paige Stephan
 - 4 preemie burial buntings
 - 2 preemie blankets with matching hats
- to Darlene Smith
 - 1 preemie blanket and hat set
 - 5 newborn hats
 - 1 newborn baby blanket
 - 11 prayer shawls
- to the Romanian orphanage
 - 38 hats
 - 20 pair of slippers
 - 13 pair mittens
 - 5 hats with matching mittens
 - 2 sweaters
 - 1 sweater with matching hat
 - 1 scarf
 - 9 scarves with matching hats
 - 1 set leg warmers

Westminster Moms Group presents

Spooktacular Sunday

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



Bouncy House

Costume Parade
Games & Prizes

Spooky Snacks

Admission: Canned goods or donation to Greater Hammond Food Pantry

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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.**

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