

# Westminster News

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

JANUARY 13, 2011

9:00 & 10:30 A.M.

EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

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## Bruce's Blog

### *EFT - Is it the way for me?*

As we look to the New Year it appears that expenses in 2011 will be greater than in 2010. Pledges look to be about the same. How can we do more with about the same as we had last year? There is one significant way you can help **and it won't cost you one cent!** Consider making your donations to WPC by EFT giving. I have been making my contributions to Westminster that way for over two years now and it has helped both my home family and my church family. Please look at the following FAQ's to see if EFT giving might be a possibility for you.

#### **Q: What is EFT?**

A: EFT stands for Electronic Funds Transfer. It is an automated way to make your contribution to WPC.

#### **Q: Is EFT the way for me?**

A: Here are some things to consider in making the decision:

- Do you pay some or all of your bills online? If so, you are already aware of how the deduction works.
- Do you ever find yourself rushing to church without your checkbook, offering envelopes or both? EFT is a way to ensure your contribution is made regularly.
- Are you ever confused about where you stand on your church giving? Do you "get behind" when you are out of town or on vacation? With an automatic deduction you are always up to date.

#### **Q: Why is EFT advantageous to WPC?**

A: Giving through EFT keeps our cash flow regular and predictable no matter what the time of year or your ability to be in worship. The last two summers have seen a more positive cash flow at the church than ever before. A big part of that was EFT giving.

#### **Q: What paperwork is involved?**

A: Fill out the form in this newsletter and submit it along with a cancelled check from the account you want debited. The agreement stays in force until it is altered by you.

#### **Q: Can I use my credit card?**

A: No. With interest rates what they are and the tough times we are all in, the Session doesn't want you to go into debt for your pledge. We only accept withdrawals from checking accounts.

#### **Q: What do I do when the collection plate comes my way during worship?**

A: Smile and know that your donation has already been made. If you want to do more, contact me and I will supply you with "EFT" cards that you can place in the plate every Sunday

## 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.*

Damian Santay	Gail Dixon
Jan Lund	Churck Weier
Dave Gott	Beverly Hughes
Kim Karlen	Barb Bartoszak, friend/Marianne Comstock
Jim Jaracz	Karen Comstock
Danny Host, friend/Margie Bahner	Jeanette Branson, mother/David Branson
The work of the Stephen Ministers	James Daum, brother/Marianne Comstock
Debbie Propeck, friend/Marianne Comstoc	Moira Lukas, sister/Peggy Ogren
Robbie Osterman, serving in Iraq	Richard Yantiss, stepfather/Sheri Geiselmann
Rev. Joan Mier, friend/Elizabeth Flores	Marie Smith, friend/Sonja Ross
Jill Meyers	Kevin Scalon, friend/Lu Ann Franklin
Molly Mecredy, niece/Cheryl Anderson	Olivia Keslin
Natalie Reck, daughter/Sonja Ross	Cherilyn Piech
Erica Heilmann, friend/Ann Witting	Jean Gloff
Connie MacNichol, mother/Dana Wood	Bud Vance
Gloria Fentress, friend/Wendy Borbely	Lloyd Johnson, friend/Julia Robb

*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).*

### On Christmas we celebrated the birth of Jesus. We celebrate every child who is a gift from God.

The Westminster family has been blessed with new babies during this holiday season. **Whoopie!!**

Grandma and Grandpa Terry Quinn have received a BIG blessing in the birth of **Gabriel Patrick Molina** on January 3. He weighed **9 lbs 11 oz** and is 21 inches long. Gabriel's parents are Kristin (Quinn) and Jose Molina who live in Boston. Big brother Nathaniel who is almost three is excited to be a big brother.

Gabriel is the third grandchild for the Quinns. Granddaughter Ashlyn Susan was born in October to their son Brian and his wife Christen.

**Congratulations to the whole Quinn family!**

Grandma and Grandpa Jim Vliek are grandparents for the fourth time.

**Tyler John Rybicki** was born on November 10. Tyler is the first child of Jamie (Vliek) and Dave Rybicki who live in St. John. He weighed **6 lbs 3 oz** and was 20 inches long. Jamie said they are very busy.

Jamie's brother Brad and Lisa Vliek have three children and live in Wheaton, Illinois.

**Congratulations to the Vliek and Rybicki families.**



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

*New Babies bring*



## 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 December 31, 2010

	Month of <u>December</u>	Jan-Dec. <u>2010</u>	Jan-Dec. <u>2009</u>	Jan-Dec. <u>2008</u>
Operating Revenue	\$83,257.31	\$730,645.33	\$718,737.32	\$772,412.19
Operating Expenses	<u>77,194.77</u>	<u>698,238.58</u>	<u>668,004.20</u>	<u>764,585.15</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 6,062.54	\$ 32,406.75	\$ 50,733.12	\$ 7,827.04

### 2010

	Actual Year <u>To Date</u>	Budget Year <u>to Date</u>
Operating Revenue	\$730,645.33	\$715,000.00
Operating Expenses	<u>698,238.58</u>	<u>718,623.65</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 32,406.75	\$ (3,623.65)



***Our God,  
The breath of all that  
we are in this world,  
renew us, even now.  
We glorify your  
name forever.  
May we share all that  
you have given us  
this day.  
All praise to you!  
In Christ's name we  
pray.  
Amen.***



***Our 2011 Budget  
will be presented at the Annual Meeting***

**Sunday, January 30  
Fellowship Hall**

Potluck Supper will be held at 5 p.m.  
The congregational meeting will follow

Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. The members of Session will provide meat and beverages.

You will have an opportunity to vote for the church officers who will serve for the next three years at the congregational meeting.

Annual Reports will be available on Sunday, January 23 in Fellowship Hall and on the web site ([www.wpcmunster.org](http://www.wpcmunster.org)).

The annual report consists of:

- Minutes of congregational meetings that were held throughout the year.
- A Memorial Page honoring our members who have passed away in 2010.
- The Financial statement and the budget for next year.
- Reports from teams and staff members.
- A list of officers and a ballot for selecting next year's officers.

The Nominating Team presents the following slate of officers.

**Elders**

Alice Jenkins  
Sandy Kauffman  
Chuck Lansdowne  
Sara Montemayor  
Ken Schoon  
**Youth Elder**  
Colleen Ogren

**Deacons**

Dan Blue  
April Cafmeyer  
Elizabeth Curvey  
Kim Karlen  
Tiffany Perez  
Anne Severa  
Fran Shike  
Tim Sweeney

**Pre-School Board**

Peggy Ogren

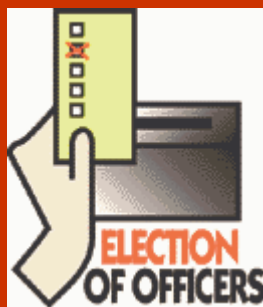
**Audit Team**

Kristle Ondo

**Nominating Team**

Lois Anderson  
Sally Saculla  
Alternates: Steve Bolanowski, Mary Pawlicki

Ernie Nims





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

**9 a.m. in Room 106a**

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

January 9 - 23 *Practicing Our Faith at the Table.*  
Scripture, prayer and stories from the local and global community explore five key aspects of our relationship with food.  
Leader: Ed Harrison

**10:30 a.m. in Room 209**

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

January 9 - 30 *On Creating Christian Identity:  
Reading 1 Peter in Historical Context*  
Leader: Dr. Edgar Krentz, Lutheran School of Theology

January 16 - Creating a past and forming identity  
January 23 - Living as a resident alien and a stranger  
January 30 - Living up to one's name, "Christian"

**Is Disciple Bible Study  
On your "must-do" list? Now's the time!  
Come study with us!**

Joseph framed his little brother, Benjamin; David was on the run from Saul; Rehab risks it all to scheme a great escape . . . These characters and their stories come to life with Disciple's Old Testament Bible Study. Learn who and what's in the Bible and share your impressions of why they're part of man's journey to find God. They're much like us!

**Disciple I—Becoming Disciples through Bible Study**  
Part 1—Old Testament  
**Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (17 weeks) beginning January 18**



**Hear what  
God has to  
say to you!**



Love and value yourself if you are to love others.

Take care of yourself so that you can love your neighbor.

## ***Taking Care of Yourself It's all in the perspective***



All are invited to attend this free program on

**Saturday, January 29  
10 a.m.  
Room 209**

Are you so busy taking care of everyone else that you don't have time for yourself?

Do you feel that everyone takes you for granted?

Do you take yourself for granted?

Teacher and Life Coach Mike Kopec will help you to recognize your self worth and move toward fulfillment in your mind, body and spirit.

Jean Armstrong, Darlene Smith and Sonja Ross heard Mike speak last spring and said that he is a wonderful motivational and inspirational speaker. They spoke to him after the program and invited him to come to Westminster to share his message with all of you. Take some time on Saturday morning, January 29, to hear him speak - you will be glad that you did.



**You are God's Handiwork**

**Do you want your child to attend the best preschool in the area?**

**Westminster Preschool is taking registrations now!**

by Linda Moran, director

The preschool students returned to class on January 3, 2011 ready to enjoy the second half of our school year.

The Panda classes (4's) had their Medical Day on January 5; the Teddy Bears and Koalas (3's & 5's) had theirs on January 11. Dr. Erin Crill, a pediatrician from the Sisters of St. Francis Dyer office spoke to the children about ways to keep their bodies healthy and helped them perform various "medical procedures" on the stuffed animals and dolls they brought to school with them. We went through lots of band-aids and alcohol wipes!

**Registration** is open for our 2011-12 school year. Information and registration packets can be picked up in the school office (Room 207) or downloaded by going to [www.wpcmunster.org](http://www.wpcmunster.org) and clicking on "Preschool."

We will have an **Open House on January 19 from 5 to 7 p.m.** Parents and prospective students may tour our classrooms, meet our teachers and register for next year. Parents can also have questions answered by calling the Preschool phone at 805-0906, calling Linda Moran, Preschool Director at 614-28770, or by calling the church office at 838-3131 and asking for the Preschool extension.



**Become Part of a "whole-y" experience at WPC**

**Westminster has the opportunity to help the children feel part of the church as a whole**

The children of Westminster already receive age appropriate education through Sunday School while their parents are in worship. In order to give our children an occasion to worship with their families, we are introducing a unique

**5th Sunday Worship Service.**

This service will take place at **both 9 and 10:30 a.m.** in the months where there is a **fifth Sunday.**

On these days the children and youth (kindergarten through high school) will gather in the sanctuary in order to participate in worship with their families. WPC Kids, Middlers and High School will not meet on these mornings. The nursery and preschool care will still be available.

The 5th Sunday Worship will give families new opportunities and experiences. Parents and children will receive the same message which will allow for a conversation about the message with one another afterwards.

**5th Sunday Worship  
January 30, 2011  
9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**



For those of you who were photographed or submitted a photo to be included in the Directory, your copy will be available soon. Unfortunately, we do not have extra copies available for purchase at this time.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped to make the Westminster Photo Directory possible. Thank you to Nancy Quinn, Mary Lomey, Betty Curvey and the many volunteers and to Leseligh Anello and her crew for helping with all the details involving publicity, registration, hostessing and set-up and clean-up during the photography sessions.

A big thank you to Wally Richardson and Linda Fortin for their many hours spent in getting the directory information into the format necessary for publication.

And an absolutely **HUGE Thank You** to Sara Sweeney and Gina Nida for their phenomenal work in getting the directory completed. When you see the directory, you'll appreciate their artistic talents and attention to detail. Sara spent countless hours proofreading and attending to every detail. She was the perfect person for the job.

Finally, thank you to Sally and Darlene . . . Without your help, support and "hinting" that it was time for another picture directory . . . We never would have gotten this done this year.

Finally, thank you to all the families and individuals who came to be photographed or submitted photos. Without you, we really would not have a church picture directory. Here's one final **Big Thank You** to all of you who helped to make this photo directory a reality.

Lois Anderson, Picture Directory Chairperson

## Thank you notes

Our January Red Cross Blood Drive was a success — 34 units of blood were donated. Thank you to all the donors and to volunteer helpers, Alan Carlson and Cele Guzian.

Gratefully,  
Norma Helms

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I would like to thank those who prayed for me when I had my knee surgery. Those who sent cards, called me for up-dates and for my prayer shawl.

Jean Armstrong and Darlene Smith gave communion to Sig and me at our home. Each one gave such a beautiful communion service.

May God bless each one that went that extra mile for us by bringing food for our supper.

Last but not least, a big thank you to Verdeen, her children's choir and their moms. What a special treat.

In Christian Love,  
Sig and Clara Hanus

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To the WPC family,  
During this time of sorrow we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Thank you so much for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

The family of Ann Berzinis

There is happy news too! Isaac Charles Winters was born on December 16, 2010 to Abby (Berzinis) and Kirk Winter. He weighed in at 8 lbs and 6 oz. His brother Everett is fascinated with his new baby brother. Isaac is the thirteenth grandchild of Frank & Barb Berzinis.



*Friends...  
better together*

All are invited to this first meeting

Pizza Party  
Friday, February 11  
5:30 p.m.  
Room 209

Come join this new group who will join together to support one another by listening, laughing, eating, and socializing.

For more information contact:  
Jim Lamott (jalamott@gmail.com) 836-6008  
Sally Saculla (sjsaculla@yahoo.com) 513-8928

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Father Ed Shea  
back by popular demand!

Father Ed Shea has been a frequent presenter at Health & Healing and Stephen Ministry programs here at Westminster. We work around his calendar. Everyone finds his presentations to be inspirational. You won't want to miss this.

**A Program of Spiritual Thoughts & Song**

is his topic for  
**Wednesday, February 2**  
**7 - 8:30 p.m. in Room 209**  
**All are invited!!!**

**Monvee  
begins January 27**

**Leaders: Suzanne Killmer and Connie Kann**

**January 27 - March 3**  
**7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

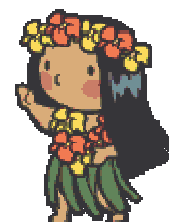
Come on Thursdays to this new study group to explore how **YOU** connect with God.

Monvee is a revolutionary tool designed to handcraft spiritual growth plans based on your unique characteristics.

It creates spiritual growth plans that fit how you're made, how you learn, and even your stage in life.

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**Start looking for your  
hula skirt  
and Hawaiian shirts!**



**Friday, February 25**  
**6 p.m. in South Hall**

is

**Polynesian Family Night at WPC**

Come for everything Polynesian:  
food, entertainment, crafts, games & costumes

Plan to bring friends and neighbors.



A new education opportunity  
for high school and college age youth starts in January

**We are excited to announce a new education opportunity for High School and College age youth.**

It is called "*Impact - Issues that Matter*" and it begins on Sunday, January 9. We'll meet in **Room 401 at 9 a.m.** each Sunday for an hour of snacks and discussion with leadership drawn from our congregation. Dale Fieldhouse will moderate. Here's a look at what's coming in the next several weeks:

January 9 **\*The Parable of the Fig Tree\*** A video discussion about second chances led by Shari LeMonnier.

January 16 - 30 **\*Angels Among Us?\*** What exactly are angels? What is their purpose in the Bible? Are they active today? Julie Sannito and Kim Karlen will lead this interactive seminar.

February 6 - 20 **\*Your Earnings, God's Investments\*** A workshop on using Biblical principles to guide how we earn, invest and spend money. Led by Jean Van Keppel.

February 27 **\*Courtside with the Lord\*** For the last 28 years, Rev. Scott Bradley has been the chaplain for the Chicago Bulls. Come listen to his stories of ministry in the NBA.

March 6 **\*The Parable of the Pearl of Great Price\*** A video discussion about the Kingdom of God led by Dale Fieldhouse.

Got an idea for a topic you'd like us to tackle? Or maybe you'd like to take on a short term teaching assignment? Talk to Dan LeMonnier to find out more.

***Impact - Issues that Matter***  
**Discussion for high school and college kids on Sundays at 9 a.m.**

***Let's go skating!*** On **February 6** we'll head to Deep River for an afternoon of ice-skating. Meet in South Hall at 12:30 and we'll car pool to the park. Cost is \$3 per person. Skate rental is available for \$4.

***The High School Ski Trip*** is set for **Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30.** We'll be going to Cascade Mountain in Wisconsin. The cost is \$120 for the weekend. Scholarships are available. Talk to Dan LeMonnier for details. Chaperones are welcome here too!

***Confirmation Classes*** will begin on **Wednesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m.** for all interested eighth-graders. Confirmation Sunday is May 1. See Dan to sign up.

***Sunday Night Café*** Bible study & discussion meets Sundays from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

***Pizza with a Purpose*** explores a new topic each week on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

***Middler Volleyball*** practices Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7 p.m.

***Youth Praise Team*** meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary with John Shields.

***High School Volleyball*** practices Thursdays from 5:30 - 7 p.m. followed by ***Thursday Night Jazz*** dinner and discussion till 8:30 p.m.

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

**You can also call or text him at 313-2371.**

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where people of all ages  
are transformed by God's love  
to serve and grow

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of Westminster Presbyterian Church**