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## TAKE NOTE

September 4 - 5, 2010

Welcome to Westminster! At the Friendly Avenue campus, there is a live video feed of the Sanctuary services in the Adult Library located in the upstairs hallway across from the office if you need to leave the worship space. As a courtesy to others, remember to turn off your cell phone before worship. Following are news items and ways you can become involved in the church. Please note your interests on your Worship Response Card.

The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to **Leigh Ann Poland** and her family in the death of her mother.

**Neale and Debbie Johnson** and **Tom and Alice Ohmstede** joined Westminster last weekend. Please welcome them and their families to our church family.

The flowers in the Friendly Avenue Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sarah Jackson on her birthday by her daughter, **Margaret Hunter**.

We will celebrate the Lord's supper at all worship services this weekend. In an effort to welcome all to the table, communion bread is casein and gluten-free.

### THIS WEEKEND

**Youth Sunday School begins new curriculum on Sunday, September 5.** Youth grades 6-12 meet during 9:30 worship at the Lake Brandt campus. Youth at the Friendly Avenue campus break into classes, grades 6/7, Confirmation (see below), grades 9/10, and grades 11/12 at 11 am at the Youth House.

**Confirmation Class will begin Sunday, September 5, at 11 am at the Youth House.** This is a formative year for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders that includes retreats, service projects, worship, and learning. If you're interested in learning more about the class, contact Marti Hazelrigg at [marti.hazelrigg@westpreschurch.org](mailto:marti.hazelrigg@westpreschurch.org) or Jake VanWyk at [jakevanwyk@me.com](mailto:jakevanwyk@me.com). The first Confirmation retreat will be September 18-19 at Camp Hanes.

## THIS WEEK

**Women's Salad Supper, Tuesday, September 7** - Join us at 6:30 pm in the Friendly Avenue Fellowship Hall for the Annual Women's Salad Supper. Bring your favorite salad to share and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Meet our Women's Bible Study leaders, learn about the various studies offered this fall and find out how you can connect with Women's Ministry at Westminster. Childcare is available upon request by contacting Melinda Thomas in the church office. To sign up write *Women's Supper* on your Worship Response Card.

**Chancel Choir will resume** its regular rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8. We rehearse each Wednesday from 7:30-9 pm. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Matt Webb in the church office ([matt.webb@westpreschurch.org](mailto:matt.webb@westpreschurch.org)).

**Youth Whitewater Rafting, sign up by September 9** - All youth are invited to join us at the US National Whitewater Center near Charlotte on Saturday, September 11. We will leave from the church parking lot at 7:45 am and return at 8 pm. For just \$50, you can enjoy a road trip on the Westminster bus, great adventures on the rafting course, climbing wall, and zip line. Bring spending money for dinner on the way home and a bag lunch. Forms are available on the church website or at the Youth House. For more information contact Lucy Jefferies in the church office ([lucy.jefferies@westpreschurch.org](mailto:lucy.jefferies@westpreschurch.org)).

**Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 11** - Come to the Friendly Avenue Fellowship Hall at 8 am for a terrific meal. Our speaker is Korby Kemp, Grimsley High School, and NCSU graduate. He is the Eastern Director of College Golf Fellowship, a ministry formed out of the PGA Tour Bible Study. To sign up write *Men's Breakfast* on your Worship Response Card.

**Amani Jewelry Workshop: Help the babies of Kenya** - Westminster has made a pledge of financial support for the Nyeri New Life Home in Kenya for the next year. Sales of items made from the Amani beads will help us meet this commitment to provide needed supplies for this orphanage. Please join us in the Friendly Avenue Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 11, to help make and purchase these unique items. Beaders will work from 9:15 am-noon. You may purchase the items you make or leave them to be sold at other times. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help these children in Kenya. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

## COMING SOON

**Parents of Teenagers, Friendly Avenue Fellowship Hall, beginning September 12** - Come to the "OK (Our Kids) Coffee Corner." This fun group will meet at 11 am Sundays for a round table conversation that focuses on scripture texts/topics our youth are studying in Sunday school. For more information contact Butch Sherrill in the church office, [butch.sherrill@westpreschurch.org](mailto:butch.sherrill@westpreschurch.org).

**Seekers Class Series begins September 12, 11 am, Room 203** - This class is for parents with elementary-age children or younger and strives to build a solid faith-based foundation for growing family and community relationships. Primarily discussion oriented, the class considers topics that are biblically based, focusing on what scripture teaches, why God wants us to pay attention to it, and how it can enrich lives today. This fall the class will study Old Testament characters and wisdom through a Mickey Efirid DVD series. For more information contact Ginger Craig at 540-8336 or gcrraig@triad.rr.com.

**Youth Band will begin meeting next week** - Westminster's Youth Band will practice on Sundays beginning September 12 at 5 pm in the Chapel and will prepare music for special services. For more information contact Linda Jack (linda.jack@westpreschurch.org).

**Youth Fellowship Kickoff, Sunday, September 12**, will take place at the Youth House, 6-7:30 pm. Youth (grades 6-12) and their parents are invited to the Youth House for a meal and to hear about Youth Fellowship plans for the fall. After dinner (\$3) we will divide the group into parents, middle school youth, and high school youth to hear about all of the exciting things happening in Youth Ministry this year. Middle School Fellowship will meet on Wednesday evenings 5:30-7 (dinner served) at the Youth House beginning September 15. High School Fellowship will meet on Sunday evenings, 6-7:30 (dinner served) at the Youth House beginning September 19.

**Westminster offers three Women's Circle Bible Studies.** Each Circle meets once a month for Bible Study and fellowship. If you are currently not a member of a Circle and wish to join one write Women's Circle 1, 2, or 3 on your Worship Response Card or contact Suzanne Andia in the church office 299-3785, ext. 130.

**Circle 1**, Tuesday, September 14, 9:30 am: Studying "Becoming a Woman of Simplicity" by Cynthia Heald, explores the scriptures and offers practical, real-life counsel so you can experience the freedom necessary to live with the quiet confidence God intended. This group will meet at the home of Lee Westbrook, 3600 Mossborough Drive.

**Circle 2**, Tuesday, September 14, 7 pm: Also studying "Becoming a Woman of Simplicity" by Cynthia Heald, will meet at the home of Lori Tucker, 3326 Quaker Run Drive.

**Circle 3**, Wednesday September 8, 10 am – Studying "Journeys Through Revelation – Apocalyptic Hope for Today" by Barbara Rossing. Meets each month in the Youth House.

**"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is coming** - Plans are underway for Westminster's fall youth production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." This humorous and delightful retelling of the biblical story of Joseph will be presented on Saturday, November 13. Auditions for grades 6-12 will be held in the adult choir room on Wednesday, September 15, at 5 pm and on Sunday, September 19, at 5 pm. The Cherub and Junior Choirs will participate in the musical. Details for youth will be included in the Youth Fellowship Kickoff on Sunday, September 12, at 6 pm at the Youth House.

**Space for God: Being Present in Prayer and Silence** - This six-week series has been designed to create a time and space apart that serves participants' desire to be awake and alive to the Divine Presence of God in the ordinariness of daily life. Through various prayer forms, participants will listen and experience being present for the Holy One who is always around and within us. An opening retreat will be on Sunday, September 12, from 1-5:30 pm, with six sessions following on Tuesday evenings September 14 – October 19, 7-8:30 pm. Led by Jane Sharp. To register or get more information write *Space for God* on your Worship Response Card or contact Butch Sherrill in the church office (butch.sherrill@westpreschurch.org). Brochures available at Connecting Points.

### **Women's Studies**

**Living the Questions:** "An Introduction to Progressive Christianity" is a thought provoking study of faith and theology. This study will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning on September 16 (11:30 am-1 pm) in the Youth House. Please contact the facilitators Melinda Billings (282-7220) or Brook Wingate (299-9600) to sign up. Childcare available upon request.

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study:** Beth Moore's "Living Beyond Your Yourself" is an in-depth study of the fruit of the Spirit – living proof that the Spirit of God dwells in us. The first meeting will be on Monday, September 13 (6:30-8:30 pm) in Room 203. All subsequent meetings will be Tuesday evenings. This is a 10-week study. Contact the facilitator, Jan Green at jgreen@wardblacklaw.com to sign up.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study:** Beth Moore's "Believing in God" is based on Isaiah 43:10 and explores what it means to believe in God. This study begins September 9 and runs for 10 weeks (9:30-11:30 am) in Room 201. Please contact the facilitator, Pam Simpson, (psimpson4@bellsouth.net) to sign up.

**Disciple Bible Study** - This informative and transformative Bible study program is designed to develop strong Christian leaders in local churches through in-depth study of scripture. The following classes will begin in mid-September and meet Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. To register write *Disciple I or III* on your Worship Response Card.

**Disciple I: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study** is a 34-week survey of the entire Bible. From the book of Genesis to the Revelation of John, students will be exposed to the major themes and issues of the biblical text. Leaders include Kim Sue, Shuford Wall, Bill Wardlaw, and Michael Westbrook.

**Disciple III: Remember Who You Are** is 32-week course that focuses on a study of the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul in the New Testament. Major themes that weave their way through the study are: the call to remember; the call to repentance; the need for renewed vision; and the place of community. Leaders will be Mike Maynard and Dale Sprinkle.

**All 3rd graders will receive their own Bible during the Children's Time** in the worship services on Saturday, September 11, and Sunday, September 12. The Bibles are age appropriate in its presentation, illustrations, maps, charts and bonus information about biblical times and culture as well as ways we can relate those stories of old to our lives today. Write *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible and the service* you will attend on your Worship Response Card. For more information contact Sue McConnell in the church office.

**New Study Focus: Where Faith & Politics Meet** - You're invited to join the Cornerstone Class for a 5-week study 9:30 am Sundays in the Friendly Avenue Chapel based on Rev. Adam Hamilton's book "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics." The new study will begin September 12. To overcome some of the political polarization in the U. S., Rev. Hamilton urges people of faith to become more involved in thoughtful conversations about some of the key issues. Each class will include a short video followed by class discussion. The study will include sessions entitled: Where Faith and Politics Meet; How Should We Live: The Ethics of Jesus; Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray; and What Would Jesus Say to America? Facilitators will be Wilson Davis and Shuford Wall. Sign up by writing **Faith & Politics** on your Worship Response Card or contact Butch Sherrill in the church office.

**Singles Ministry Outing** - Our Singles Ministry will gather to see the Tennessee Williams classic, *A Glass Menagerie*, at Triad Stage on Sunday, September 12. The play begins at 2 pm and the ticket cost is \$10. Following the play, folks are invited to grab an early dinner together downtown. For reservations, contact Butch Sherrill or Emily Black in the church office. If you would like more information about the group, write **Singles and your e-mail address** on your Worship Response Card.

**Westminster on Wednesday (W.O.W.) begins September 15** - Dinner and fellowship (5:30-6:25) in the Friendly Avenue Fellowship Hall will be followed by classes for adults, children, and youth. Meal sign-ups are on the church website. A full description of each class is on our website and in the September issue of our *Westminster Life* newsletter. To sign up for an adult class write the keyword on your Worship Response Card.

- Presbyterians: Who are we? 5 weeks. Led by Larry Hooker. Keyword: **Presbyterian**
- Spiritual Fitness for the Second Half of Life. 5 weeks. Led by Marion McCollum.

Keyword: **Fitness**

- Effective Parenting in a Defective World. 10 weeks. Various leaders. Keyword: **Parenting**
- Woodworking. 10 weeks. Cost \$30. Led by Erich Thompson. Keyword: **Woodworking**
- One City, One Book. 10 weeks. Led by Mark Brainerd. Keyword: **Book**

**Cherub and Junior Choirs begin September 15** - Our Cherub and Junior Choirs will meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7 pm. The Cherubs (K-1<sup>st</sup> grades) will meet in Room 106, and the Juniors ( 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet in the Great Room. Both groups will participate in worship services throughout the fall as well as in Westminster's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." For more information contact Betsy Hyslop at 299-3785 ext. 128, [betsy.hyslop@westpreschurch.org](mailto:betsy.hyslop@westpreschurch.org).

**Friday Morning Book Study back by popular demand.** Join Mark Brainerd for an early morning book study this fall. We'll meet at Port City Java, 2920 Martinsville Rd. (Pisgah Church/Lawndale), beginning Friday, September 17, at 7 am. Our study will be focusing on "The Life of Meaning: Reflections of Faith, Doubt, and Repairing the World" and will run for nine weeks. This is a collection of essays edited by Bob Abernathy and William Bole and the contributors to PBS's Religion & Ethics NewsWeekly. To sign up and order a \$10 book, write **Friday Study** on your Worship Response Card or contact Mark Brainerd in the church office.

**Children's Ministry Volunteer Training, September 19, 3:30-5 pm** - The Children's Ministry Team will be providing training for all Sunday school teachers and shepherds. We'll cover "making the lesson your own," classroom management, and much more. If you are volunteering in children's ministry please plan to attend this event. Childcare provided.

## NEWS & INFORMATION

**Calling The Village! Children's Ministry needs you to help raise the children.** We're looking for shepherds (and a few teachers). Shepherds serve as extra hands for the classroom teacher, helping with attendance, bathroom visits, crafts, etc. They are not expected to lead the lesson and generally serve one Sunday a month. Two shepherds needed for Lake Brandt, fifteen for Friendly Avenue. Write **Shepherd/Teacher** on your Worship Response Card if we can contact you to serve as a shepherd.

**Secret Saints for College Students** - Volunteers are needed to send cards and letters to our college students. One adult is paired with a student, and will be asked to write the student at least once a month during the school year. We want our young adults to know they are still a part of the Westminster family, even when they are away at school. If you are willing to be a saint to a student, sign up by writing **Saint and your e-mail address** on your Worship Response Card. For more information, contact Cheryl Collins at [cherylcollins@triad.rr.com](mailto:cherylcollins@triad.rr.com). Parents of college students – watch your mailbox for information regarding signing up your student to be matched with a saint.

**Congregational Meeting** - The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following each of the worship services, September 18 and 19, for the election of officers and the election of the 2011 Officer Nominating Committee. Those nominated to serve as elders are: Ken Carper, Amy Gilliland, Ann Hooker, Brian Lunsford, Frannie Motley, Walter Pharr, Lori Tucker, Michael Westbrook, and Mark White. The congregational members nominated to serve on the Officer Nominating Committee are: Bert Andia, Joanna Bright, Larry Hooker, and Carolyn Plumb. This meeting also will include the annual meeting of the corporation.

**Westminster is partnering with Morehead Elementary School** to provide lunch buddies for students in grades 3-5. The Lunch Buddy Program pairs a caring adult with an elementary student who needs a positive role model in his/her life. The one-on-one relationship that develops between lunch buddies often makes a profound difference in a child's life. Each lunch period is 30 minutes. If you are interested in being a lunch buddy, write **Lunch Buddy** on your Worship Response Card or contact Diane Campbell in the church office, 299-3785, ext. 114.

**A blessing for the children, youth, their families and the members of Westminster:**

We welcome Marti Reed Hazelrigg as a permanent member of the staff at Westminster. After some urging and a lot of prayer, Marti will step out of her current role as consultant to the church and serve as the Director of Spiritual Formation for Children and Youth. We are convinced it takes a Christian community to nurture children and youth in their love for God and love for neighbor. Our youth committee has been studying the book, "Sustainable Youth Ministry" which strongly emphasizes a church must build a strong organization in the church family to bring about the development of a high degree of religious devotion. Marti has been helping us develop and implement this vision to create a youth ministry of excellence and has worked hard to build a team of committed teachers and advisors to walk along side of our youth. Marti also will work with our Children's Ministry in shaping disciples as children grow and mature through their teenage years. She along with our Children's Ministry staff will be involved in the development of teachers and shepherds. Marti, an ordained Presbyterian minister, has spent the past 17 years first learning and then building and leading churches in children's and youth ministries. We are blessed that she has chosen to serve God through her work at Westminster.

**Time for Refreshments**

Friendly Avenue Campus: Saturday evening following worship on the patio outside the back entrance; Sunday from 10:30 - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Lake Brandt Campus: at the entrance of the Sanctuary following worship.

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## THE CHURCH AT WORK

- Saturday (9/4) 6:00 P.M. - Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary  
7:00 P.M. - Receive New Members - Conference Room  
7:00 P.M. - Time for Refreshments - Patio
- Sunday (9/5) 7:00 A.M. - Weaver House Breakfast and Worship  
9:30 A.M. - Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 A.M. - Contemporary Worship - Lake Brandt Campus  
9:30 A.M. - Church School Classes  
10:00 A.M. - Summer Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room  
10:30 A.M. - Receive New Members - Lake Brandt Connecting Point  
10:30 A.M. - Receive New Members - Friendly Avenue Conference Room  
10:30 A.M. - Time for Refreshments - Fellowship Hall  
11:00 A.M. - Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
11:00 A.M. - Contemporary Worship - Chapel  
11:00 A.M. - Church School Classes  
11:00 A.M. - Confirmation Class - Youth House
- Monday (9/6) CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
5:30 P.M. - Fitness Class - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 P.M. - JobConnect Support Group - Conference Room  
7:00 P.M. - Music Search Committee - Room 200
- Tuesday (9/7) 9:00 A.M. - Intercessory Prayer Group - Conference Room  
9:00 A.M. - Yoga Class - Fellowship Hall  
11:00 A.M. - Gentle Fitness - Fellowship Hall  
5:45 P.M. - Yoga Class - Youth House  
6:30 P.M. - Women's Salad Supper - Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday (9/8) 10:00 A.M. - Wednesday Morning Circle - Youth House  
10:00 A.M. - Lectio Divina - Chapel  
12:00 P.M. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Conference Room  
4:30 P.M. - Stephen Leaders Meeting - Room 202  
5:15 P.M. - Serving on Holy Ground Planning - Adult Library  
6:30 P.M. - Prayer Shawl Ministry - Redington  
7:30 P.M. - Chancel Choir - Choir Room  
8:00 P.M. - Wednesday Night Bible Study - Room 201
- Thursday (9/9) 9:30 A.M. - Simpson Women's Bible Study - Room 201  
9:30 A.M. - Haskins Smores Bible Study - Room 203  
11:00 A.M. - Gentle Fitness Make Up Day - Fellowship Hall  
11:00 A.M. - Serving on Holy Ground Worship Planning - Room 202  
5:30 P.M. - Fitness Class - Fellowship Hall  
6:30 P.M. - Stephen Ministry Training - Room 203  
7:45 P.M. - Evening Lectio Divina - Conference Room
- Saturday (9/11) 7:45 A.M. - Youth Whitewater Rafting Trip  
8:00 A.M. - Men's Breakfast - Fellowship Hall  
9:15 A.M. - Amani Bead Workshop - Fellowship Hall