

## From the Pastor's Study

A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward

---

### Thanks

#### FLYING SOLO EVENTS

##### April 22 - Roundtable

**Discussion** - right after church, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. Casey Fitzgerald will be our leader on the topic, "*The Tomb of Jesus - Archeology and the Christian Faith.*" A light lunch will be provided at no cost.

##### April 24 - Monthly Potluck

**Dinner** - 7:00 p.m. at Chris Poole's home, 7822 Desiree Street, Alexandria. Please bring a dish to share. Please be at the church at 6:45 p.m. if you want to carpool.

##### May 5 - VA Gold Cup -

Join us at the Virginia Gold Cup Steeplechase Races in The Plains, Virginia. Carpools will depart from the church at 10:00 a.m. Bring a chair or blanket and lunch if you so desire. Food is also available at the race site. The admission fee is \$85.00 per car, so approximate cost per person should be \$14.25. Please contact Karen Van Roekel at karen\_vanroekel@jsi.com to RSVP.

##### Sept 22 - Flying Solo

**Retreat** - Save the date on your calendar! More details will follow in the coming months.

In the middle of 2004, when I accepted the call to Westminster, I knew you were planning a renovation, that you had raised a little over two million dollars, and that at the time you had plans that were in the neighborhood of five million dollars in cost. I was in my twenty-fourth year of ministry at that time, and in eighteen of those I had been involved in some stage of renovation (planning, feasibility study, fund raising, construction, debt retirement campaign). I was neither reluctant to accept the call to Westminster because of the renovation; nor was it the primary "draw" of my sense that this is where God was calling me.

When I started my ministry here, you graciously gave me time to become familiar with the congregation and the plans. I am glad that you did.

While based on my experience I was confident that you knew what you were doing, what I did not expect was the terrific way you took the project, worked well together, envisioned the future with courage and boldness, continued to give and increase your pledging, and came up with plans and an implementation that far exceeded anything I thought any church could do! What I mean is that your carrying through—at every level—allowed me to start my ministry here without being consumed or worn-out by the project.

You did it...yourselves...together...with the presence of the Spirit. Your spirit brought forth God's Spirit, and God's Spirit led your spirit.

It has been wonderful.

I am thankful to God. I am thankful to you.

I look forward to the next step—raising sufficient monies (\$2.4 million over three years) to complete the funding of this effort and to position ourselves to be everything God is calling us to be in worship, education, fellowship, and mission.

Together, once again, we will do it.



Larry



THANK-YOU'S & MORE

Dear Westminster Friends,

I want to thank the Deacons and other Westminster members who prayed, sent cards, and provided meals to my family this Winter while I was recovering from a herniated disc in my lower back. My husband and son had to take over all of my duties while I was on bed rest and having meals prepared was a blessing. I continue physical therapy and continue to heal with God's help.

Yours in Christ, Carol Skiba

Thank you,

Many thanks for your prayers, well-wishes, emails and cards during my recent surgery. I was cheered up by the flowers delivered by Deacon Fred Woods (and thanks to him for shoveling the snow from my walk, too) I also am deeply grateful for your continued prayers for my vocal recovery!

Anne Alexander

"Passing of the Keys" Party for Braswell

On March 22, a beautiful spring day, and with the smell of freshly laid asphalt, Westminster threw a thank-you lunch party in the church parking lot for workers from Harry Braswell Inc. and their subcontractors, a sort of "Passing of the Keys" signifying the completion of most of the work. Approximately 50 contractor personnel with a few representatives from the architect (MTFA) and from Westminster attended the luncheon.

I SURVIVED!

the Westminster Presbyterian Church Renovation 2006-07

On Time With Pride!



One of Braswell's employees, Riccardo, helped arrange some friends of his to cook outstanding beef and pork taquitos. Larry welcomed everyone and, on behalf of the church, thanked Harry Braswell Inc. for all their hard work and a job well done. Harry Braswell expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to help Westminster fulfill their dream and how excited they were to have successfully met the delivery date. Harry then handed out T-shirts to all in attendance. The T-Shirts read "I Survived! the Westminster Presbyterian Church Renovation 2006-07, On Time With Pride!" Fun was definitely had by all!

Steve Cloud & Jim Buchanan



Westminster Travelers

May 1 - 4. Virginia Spring trip to Abingdon, Staunton, and Charlottesville. Call Sandy Calhoun to be put on the Waiting List.

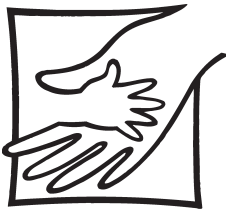
Wednesday, May 16. 12:00 Noon. - 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. A gourmet Italian lunch at Cafe Oggi, McLean, VA. Visit Great Falls Park in Virginia. \$1 plus lunch.

Tuesday, May 22. 9:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Visit the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History. Light lunch at Buzz Bakery, Slater's Lane, Alexandria. \$1 plus lunch.

Looking ahead: We are researching a motor coach trip to either Asheville and Winston-Salem or to Chicago for the week of October 22. Contact Sandy Calhoun if you are interested. 703-549-4766, ext. #122. We welcome new travelers to our group!

Youth Thank Hospitable Hosts!

As we settle into our new rooms, the youth want to thank all of the families who provided a home away from home for us and the advisors during our renovation. We were fortunate to have such great hosts: the Goodwins, the Dickersons, the Wilsons, the Runyans, Karen Blomberg, the Jaynes, the Folkerts, the Dennes, Caboose Cafe, the Duprees, the Buchanans, and the Hunnicutts. Hospitality is a gift and a deep expression of our faith. Thank you all who shared so freely of this gift!



News from  
United Orphanage & Academy In Moi's Bridge, Kenya

**GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS**

There is a Hymn that includes the lines "All I have needed your hand has provided. Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me." That is the way I feel about the supporters of the United Orphanage & Academy. I came back from my visit to the UO&A in February frantic to raise money for a van so that the children would have safer transportation to school and medical appointments than the back of a pickup truck. A second high priority was fencing the property to improve security. And a third was to replace the mud hut that had been used as a kitchen since the Orphanage opened in June of 2004 with six children with a structure more suitable to feeding the 43 children in the Orphanage as well as providing lunches for the 34 community children attending the Academy. I was contacting everyone who had expressed interest in the UO&A to see if there was some way to put together a package that would at least raise the \$15,000 Rev. Chege had estimated would be necessary to obtain a serviceable second hand van. I had of course shared my concerns with Larry Hayward.

No more than a few days later Larry called me to say that a very generous member of our congregation had offered to match any money contributed to support the orphanage up to \$10,000. If this process resulted in raising \$20,000 he asked me, what would it be used for. After catching my breath, but without missing a beat, I told him; \$15,000 for a van, \$4,000 for a replacement kitchen structure and \$2,000 to fence the property. He was kind enough not to point out that these items totaled

\$21,000. The next night the Administration and Finance Committee approved recommending to the Session that it accept the gift and approve it as a Lenten Challenge Grant to run from March 4 through April 1 (Palm Sunday), which the Session did at its February 28 meeting. The Meeting House, which has become increasingly involved in support of the UO&A since eight members traveled there last July, also decided to participate in raising funds to meet the challenge. We both announced that should we succeed in raising more than the \$21,000 for the items embraced within the challenge the excess would be used to establish a van insurance and maintenance fund.

As you will read elsewhere in this publication, the combined efforts of Westminster and the Meeting House have succeeded in raising \$14,141. With the matching gift there will be enough for a good used van, a new kitchen building, a fence for the property and a van maintenance fund. I give thanks for all of you who participated in this offering and especially for the individual who initiated the process and for the Session which approved it.

This does not mean that there are no further needs at the UO&A, particularly in connection with bringing into existence the full range of programs contemplated to be offered by the Academy, both for the children in the Orphanage and in the surrounding community. But for now I can only say thank you to all of you who have so faithfully supported Rev. Chege's and my dream for the future of the children in Moi's Bridge.

**POT LUCK**



*Celebration Of Mothers  
Potluck*

*Saturday, May 12*

*6:00 Pm*

*Westminster Church*

RSVP - 703-549-4766 ext. 101

Questions? Contact Larry Wynne at [larrywynne@cox.net](mailto:larrywynne@cox.net) or Karen Van Roekel at [kvanroekel@jsi.com](mailto:kvanroekel@jsi.com)

This family potluck event is for all who have been or have ever had a mother. We will be honoring mothers and grandmothers, great-grandmothers - those living, and those who live beyond the grave. Bring a favorite entree, salad, or dessert, perhaps one that is or was a favorite of your mother or grandmother.

Please RSVP by calling 703-549-4766 ext. 101 or by emailing [bergpcs@aol.com](mailto:bergpcs@aol.com). Let us know by May 7th.

The spirit of the evening will be one of celebration of the women who surround us now and who have gone before us.

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE WPC MISSION TRIPS THIS YEAR

This year the National/International Mission Committee is sponsoring four mission trip/work camps. Each is one week, and at least one should appeal to anyone interested in being involved in a mission trip this year

The first, a trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi in March, has already taken place, but if there is enough interest a follow up trip will be arranged this Fall or Summer. The price for a further trip will be \$500 which covers transportation by air and rental van and most living expenses. Contact Nancy Todd at 703-465-1110 or toddhouse@comcast.net.

### The other trips planned for this year are;

June 24-29 **The Shack Neighborhood House in Purselove, West Virginia** (about 4 hours drive from Alexandria) This can be a family oriented trip which involves everything from construction, to yardwork, to work with children, and rug weaving. We have been invited to participate with the Old Presbyterian Meeting House on this trip. Costs will be \$250 per person for lodging, supplies and the Shack's administrative costs and an estimated \$75 to \$150 for food and travel expense. Contact Ellen McCleskey from the Meeting House at 703-403-8626 or e2mcc716@yahoo.com.



July 28-August 4 **Bdecan Presbyterian Church on the Spirit Lake Sioux Indian Reservation, Tokio, North Dakota.** An intergenerational trip involving attendance at a pow wow to experience various aspects of Native American tradition, providing Vacation Bible School at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church for 45 to 70 children from the Reservation and providing repair and maintenance services for families in need of such

help. \$700 covers all costs of the trip. Transportation is by air and rental van. Lodging is at the Bdecan Presbyterian Church. Contact Linda Harkness at 703-548-2037 or tastefulaffairs@aol.com.

October 13-20 **Faith Border Ministry, Reynosa, Mexico.** Westminster will be returning to Reynosa after several years absence. Work involves construction of a home for a poor family in Mexico, in other words heavy labor (cement mixing, block laying, etc.) Trip will be led by Tom Geiger a member of our church with extensive experience in Latin America. \$1,500 covers all costs of the trip, including a contribution to cost of construction materials. Transportation is by air and rental van. Lodging is at Faith Ministries Guest House. Contact Henri Rush at 703-836-1935 or rhcavusa@aol.com.



Handy with a paint brush or hammer? Westminster is a sponsor of **Rebuilding Together Alexandria** and we, along with other organizations and faith communities, are

helping repair/refurbish homes on Saturday, April 28. We have been assigned the home of an elderly lady who is eagerly anticipating our assistance. Her home needs alot of interior painting, and some patching of plaster in one bedroom, as well as some other repairs of a fence, stairs and back door screen. Eric Weiss, our volunteer coordinator, needs a team of 12-15 people, and one or two who can go to the home the week before to do the plastering or tape around the windows. Please call Eric immediately to volunteer: 703-960-0978. The Westminster team last spring had a great time -- come join us!

Ready for some Spring Cleaning? **ALIVE!** Furniture Program accepts: twin, full and queen size beds and box springs; dressers and bureaus; living room furniture; dinette tables and chairs; dining table and chairs. Furniture should be in reasonably good condition -- not broken, torn or heavily soiled. And the **ALIVE!** Housewares Program accepts pots, pans, dishes, towels, and sheets; small appliances in working order; stainless flatware; and cooking utensils. To arrange for a pick up of furniture in the City of Alexandria, call (703) 837-9300 X3. To find out where to deliver your items for the Housewares Program, call (703) 837-9300 X5.

### Thanks

On those cold winter evenings when the homeless of our community needed shelter, several Westminster men helped out at the St. Clement's Winter Shelter. Our warm thanks to: Alan Schneider, Jim Hoben, Bob Calhoun, John Wilson and Carl Behnke.

# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## Mission Trip to Pascagoula, MS, for Katrina Relief

Thank you, Westminster, for sending 10 of us to the Mississippi Gulf Coast the week of March 10 – 17.

I can tell you that we worked very hard hanging, tearing out, mudding and sanding sheetrock, removing debris and doing yard work at six different houses in Pascagoula and Moss Point, MS, which were severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina's winds and high water. We worked side by side with twelve people from Christ Episcopal Church in Richmond. We shared two devotionals a day, ate very well, and became good friends sharing many good laughs together. That's basically what we did every day – what's harder to fully explain to you is how we feel about the week we spent there, a year and half after this country's costliest storm hit the Gulf Coast.

As we look back it's the strength, resilience and positive attitudes of the people we met there that stand out in our minds as well as their gratitude for whatever they have and for the many, many volunteers who have come down to help them. There was the lady who stood behind us in line at Wal-Mart who could tell by our dirty, paint-splattered clothes that we'd been working and just wanted to thank us for being there to do what we could. This scene was repeated all over town – a store, a public bathroom, and a gift shop. There were the wonderful invitations to visit the homes of the St. John's parishioners who had just returned to their homes after 1 year of being displaced but wanted to show us some good Mississippi hospitality. Betty Douglas asked us to join her for the blessing of her recently completed house because it was volunteers like us who helped in finishing the job. Geraldine Galloway and her family prepared a huge lunch for us as a thank you for the work we were doing in their home.

Someone in our group mentioned that he has always been a believer in the "universal family" and after this trip he feels like his family just got a whole lot bigger! THEY made US feel good, which highlights the many contradictions we experienced on the Coast... that to give IS to receive... that the devastation of Mother Nature can be upstaged by the kindness of human nature...that our combined group of 22 people worked that hard all week and seemed to make a small



difference to several families but there is so, so much more to be done... that a little paint, sheetrock and a plant or two can give hope to those who just want to return to some kind of normal. There was the obvious sorrow of the loss of so much, yet the inevitable feeling we got is that these folks wanted to share their hope for the future and their faith in God, no matter their circumstances. And you really want to help people like that.

On our last full day down there we drove further west down the beach through some of the worst of the damage. We stopped at an extremely large live oak tree on the Gulf branch campus of the Univ. of Southern MS. The plaque in front of it claims that this "Friendship Oak" as it is called was a sapling when Columbus sailed, so it has weathered many hurricanes in its lifetime. Over the years, someone had built a type of platform "tree house" in its branches. This man-made structure had been mostly ripped away by Katrina, but the mammoth tree itself still stood proud, like the people we met. Along this same drive we saw more evidence – signs in front of nothing but the foundation left of someone's home that read, "Christ has risen and MS will, too", or "Camp Hope", or "We will return" or "Stay Encouraged".

Westminster's relationship with St. John's church in Pascagoula began when Henri Rush agreed to add their "Sheetrock Ministry" to our Alternative Giving Bazaar this past Christmas. Many in our congregation contributed to this effort to give away sheetrock to those who are rebuilding their homes. We need to recall that this is an ongoing opportunity to assist in important Katrina Relief efforts and that St. John's really needs us. See me if you are interested in sending a contribution.

Thanks to the National/International Missions Committee for their support so that Patrick, Rebecca, Wayne, Susan, Carrie, Steve, Tandy, Meg, Gayle, and I could make this trip. We hope Westminster will continue to remember how much is left to be done on the Gulf Coast and look for ways we can help.

**Nancy Todd**



Notes From Associate Pastor  
Karen Blomberg

### AUTHENTICITY CLASSES CONTINUE

Thirty-five Westminster members have been through one or more of the Authenticity courses offered at Westminster. The first course, *Foundations of Authenticity*, will be offered again in the fall. Some of the evaluations from Westminster participants include the following comments:

- *The most helpful part of the training was understanding the interplay of language, emotions, and body.*
- *Thank you for helping me to begin to learn how to face an unknown future with openness and hospitality. It's a much better and happier approach than fear and hostility!*
- *I didn't know what to expect, but it's what I didn't expect that was most helpful.*
- *I have grown a great deal in taking this class. Self-doubt and anger were major emotions in my life. Now I address them with more skill when they surface.*
- *I feel like as I get to know myself more, I understand others more deeply. My compassion is growing.*

I am thrilled at the interest in this work that I have been developing over the past three years. In the Westminster classes, so much wisdom is shared as community grows. As we practice various spiritual disciplines, "practitioners" find the classes to be a hospitable place to explore their spiritual lives and to learn practical tools for everyday living.

Currently, two Authenticity groups have begun the second course, "*Compassion*." A third Authenticity group began the third course, "*Abundance*." We viewed the DVD *The Secret* and had a lively discussion our various interpretations of that "Oprah approved" DVD.

If you have any questions about the Series, or would like a brochure, please call me at the church or email me at [bergpcs@aol.com](mailto:bergpcs@aol.com).

*Karen B*



### Women's Retreat

Next year's women's retreat will be held on March 28-30, 2008, at Hallwood. Mark your calendars!

### SPRING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

*Sunday morning programs for adults are held from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. as follows.*

#### Presbyterian Roots, Roles, and the English Civil Wars

With historian Alan Capps, editor of the *Journal of Homeland Security*, April 22-May 6, Haverkamp Room.

Alan, a Westminster member, says, "The 17th century in England was an era of intrigue, the double-cross, monarchs executed and monarchs restored, religious and political fervor, and the growth of colonies in the New World. This course will examine the pivotal role that Presbyterians and Presbyterianism played in the lead up to the English Civil Wars, during the wars, and in the restoration of the monarchy and its legacies in both Great Britain and the United States."

#### God's Justice—Housing for All?

With activist Elder James Hoben, retired from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, April 22, Westminster Room.

Clergy, cooks, cleaners (house), child-care providers, children (ours) and countless others—What unites them and us? View a 10-minute film on our Northern Virginia affordable housing crisis. Learn about scriptural directives from the Torah, New Testament, and Koran. Learn what can be done and about ways to be involved. Whether you own your home or rent the place you desire, why is affordable/workforce housing vitally important to you?

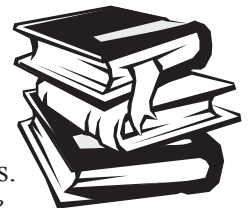
#### Jesus Christ: Who Do You Say That I Am?

With theologian Dr. Jeff Hensley, Virginia Theological Seminary, May 13 and 20, Haverkamp Room.

Dr. Hensley will help us examine Christology, the person and work of Jesus the Christ (Messiah). On May 13, the topic will be "*Who Do You Say That I Am? The Person of Christ*." On May 20, we will discuss "*How Does Jesus Save? The Work of Christ*."

### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP NEWS

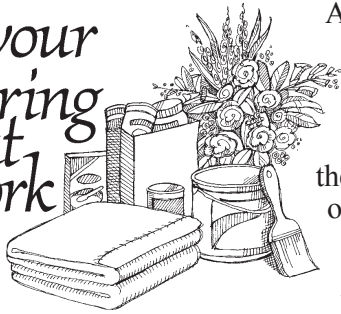
The book for Monday, April 23, is *The Inheritance of Loss* by Kiran Desai. Discussions will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Clara Beth's home. Call 703-548-8868 for directions.



The book for May 22 is *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

## Lenten Challenge Grant Raises \$28,282 For UO&A In Kenya

your offering at work

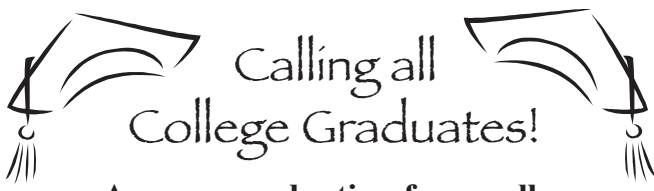


A generous member of our congregation undertook to match up to \$10,000 contributed to meet the most urgent needs of the United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya,

during Lent. The Session of Westminster approved acceptance of the gift and congregational participation in the challenge. The Session of Old Presbyterian Meeting House also approved their congregation participating in the challenge. As a result of these actions, the congregations of Westminster and the Meeting House raised \$11,051 and \$3,090, respectively, which were subsequently matched in total to raise \$28,282.

These funds will be used to meet urgent needs specified in connection with soliciting the matching funds, as follows: \$15,000 to purchase a good used van to replace transportation of the children to school and to and from medical appointments in the back of a pickup truck; \$4,000 to construct a new kitchen building more appropriate to the requirements of the present day Orphanage and Academy to replace the mud hut that had been being used since the Orphanage opened; \$2,000 to fence the property to increase security; and \$7,282 to establish a fund to pay for insurance, maintenance and fuel for the newly acquired van.

The children served by the United Orphanage & Academy will be greatly benefited by these gifts. On their behalf I would like to express heartfelt thanks to every one who contributed to this offering and especially to the person whose generous gift initiated the process and to the Sessions of Westminster and the Meeting house for approving it.



Calling all  
College Graduates!

**Are you graduating from college,  
graduate school, or vocational training?**

Let Patrick know, so we can  
share the good news with the church!  
(phunnicut@wpc-alex.org)

## Practicing Our Faith: A YOUNG ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

**Sundays, April 22nd-May 20th, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

What would it look like if we understood faith not as stagnant but as something to be practiced—something that requires our constant effort to be maintained and to grow? How might our relationships with God and one another be affected? Together we will explore the dynamics of faith and learn different ways in which faith can be practiced. Just bring yourself and an open mind!

### American Museum Scavenger Hunt

by Watson Adventures

Saturday, May 19, 3: 15 to 6:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15.

Email Casey to sign up by April 22nd!!!

Two museums in one building combine for a whirlwind tour of the best of American history and art, and this hunt reveals the quirkiest secrets in the American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery. Highlights include freaky folk art, shocking sculptures, Oval Office embarrassments, celeb secrets, and more. Don't miss out on the fun!!!

Transportation to the hunt will be arranged once participants have signed up.

### Dinner with Friends



### Tables *for* Eight

Beginning in June we will be looking to do a young adults' version of WPC's "Tables for Eight". Once a month, groups of eight will get together for dinner and fellowship. One person/couple will host, serving the main dish and

drinks, those attending are asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert. Please email Casey FitzGerald if you are interested in being a part of this form of fellowship!

### Young Adults' First Sunday Brunch

May 6th following the 11 o'clock worship service, the Young Adults will have their First Sunday Brunch in the Havercamp Room at Westminster. All young adults are invited to attend!





# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Milestones of Faith Development classes:

**April 22 and 29:** Milestones of Faith Development for Third Graders will be held. This is the class on "How to Use My Bible". It will be held in the Creation Station wing following the Children's Sermon in the 11:00 worship service. Third graders: bring the Bible that Westminster gave you last May so you can learn how to use it!

**May 6:** *Children's Sabbath.* Boys and girls in the fifth grade will be participating in the 11:00 worship service. This is their final Milestones of Faith Development showing that they have had the opportunity to learn five milestones and can now put them into practice, hopefully with more understanding of their meaning. Fifth graders: I will be contacting you for participation or better yet, call me and tell me what you would like to do!

**May 13:** Milestones of Faith Development for Fourth Graders: *What is the meaning of Baptism?* It too will be held in the Creation Station wing after the children's sermon at the 11:00 worship service. Parents and fourth graders plan to attend together.

## FINISHING CREATION STATION



My primary goal before I retire on July 1 is to see the physical portion of Creation Station completed. There are still lots of things to be done and I know you are as eager as I am to see it finished! I cannot do it alone so if you are willing to re-hang murals, help paint the hall mural, hang the wall-paper map, organize cabinets, or any of the other myriad jobs to be done, please contact me. If it is not completed by then, well--we don't want to think about that!!!

Sign up for next year's Creation Station teaching and shepherding begins in May so parents watch the mail for your opportunity to participate. Others who have taught or shepherded in the fall can contact me to learn more about the rotations and classes to become involved with for 2007-2008. Can you believe this will be our fourth year of Creation Station?

## Comforting Spiritual Skinned Knees

Parents are often seduced by the myth that they can protect and provide for their children so that they never get hurt or want for anything. This fantasy seems all the more powerful when it comes to spiritual matters.

Parents seem to think that enough prayer or attention or Church School will ensure that their children learn to always make the right and moral choice and never experience a moment of theological doubt. But we cannot prevent spiritual skinned knees any more than the physical ones.

Our children will experience disappointment, doubt and their own dark nights of the soul. We cannot avert them. Nor is it helpful to pretend they don't exist. What is loving and faithful is to hold our children when they hurt, listen to their disappointments, acknowledge that pain and loss are very real and to assure them of our love and God's love. And to always remember that God never lets go of any of us.

Thank God for that!  
**Joan**

## Youth Plant Sale!

Spring has sprung (even in the cold), and it's time to get those flowerbeds flowering. Once again, the youth will have a wide variety of plants available for sale, and the proceeds will support their summer trips to Montreat and Massanetta, as well as future mission trips. Orders will be accepted through Monday, April 30. Plant pickup will occur in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 12. Order forms are available after worship in the narthex or Fellowship Hall or in the church office during normal business hours. See Patrick Hunnicutt, Jeanie Pruitt-White, or Joe Kelly if you have questions.



# Plant Sale

# Volunteer CORNER

Wow!! Have you seen the renovated sanctuary and the other parts of our church building? The changes and improvements are striking but as with many things,

what you see is only a small part of the work that has taken place. The same is true of our volunteer program. Westminster has a large number of volunteers and volunteer activities, but most people see only a small part.

Now that we have returned to our own building there are renewed needs for volunteers to help with the business of running a church and maintaining the building and grounds. Most of these requirements are intermittent and take only a few hours when needed. Keep an eye on the weekly Chronicle Update for opportunities to help.

## Honoring Volunteers

In past years we have honored our volunteers in June at the conclusion of a Time & Talents pledge campaign. However, due to the number of events planned to celebrate the completion of renovations and the kick-off of the debt retirement campaign, the volunteer celebration will be held in September. We will be holding a "Volunteer Job Fair" on September 16 in conjunction with the appreciation of our volunteers. The "Job Fair" will replace the traditional Time & Talent survey. Instead of filling out a form and sending it in, you will be able to meet directly with volunteer leaders to find out what their activity involves and let them know that you are interested.

## Volunteer Opportunity

Can you drive a car? Can you spare two hours once a month during the day? Would you like to help people who can't provide meals for themselves? If you answered yes to these questions, we need you for the Meals on Wheels program. For many years Westminster has been providing volunteers for this program, but as so often happens, volunteers move away or are unable to continue for a variety of reasons. That means we need new volunteers. All you have to do is pick up the meals (which are already prepared) and deliver them to the recipients. The routes are already planned out and directions are provided. The entire activity is planned so as to take less than two hours from start to finish. This is a great activity for couples but individuals are also needed. Ede Thomas has been leading Westminster's Meals on Wheels volunteers for many years and will warmly welcome you to the group. Give her a call at 703-836-7727 if you are interested.

There are countless other ways that you can be involved as a volunteer at Westminster. Many of them are listed elsewhere in this issue of the Chronicle and others are listed in the weekly "Chronicle Update". Take your pick of the opportunities. You'll get much more than you give.

Yours in Christ,  
**Art Sauer**, *Coordinator of Volunteer Activities*

## New Treasurer

We are pleased to announce that **Terry Grindstaff** will be Westminster's Treasurer beginning in May. Terry was recommended for the position by the Administration & Finance Committee and elected by the session at its March meeting. Terry has been the Budget Subcommittee chair and a member of the Administration & Finance Committee for a number of years, and is currently chairing the Capital Campaign Coalition.

## Please Return Church Items

If you have been storing church items at your home for safekeeping during the renovation, now is the time to return them. Small items may be returned to the church office. For larger items, please call Bill McCulla or Jim Buchanan to make arrangements for return. Thank you to those who have generously shared their space!

The library is open for business!



There is still much rearranging to do, but please feel free to browse and check out items. Please print your name & phone number on the "out" card and place it in the small blue box on top of the counter. If you have items you have been holding on to during the renovation, they can be returned now. There is a basket in the corner serving as our temporary book return bin.

**Cathy Hunter**,  
Librarian

## CHURCH STAFF

Larry Hayward	Pastor
Karen Blomberg	Associate Pastor
Patrick Hunnicutt	Associate Pastor
Paul Stetsenko	Director of Music Ministries
Joan Taylor Reid	Director of Children's Ministries
Clara Beth Van de Water	Director of Adult Education
Sandra Calhoun	Director of Seniors' Ministries
Casey FitzGerald	Dir. of Young Adults and Singles Ministries
Henri Rush	Coordinator of Nat'l/Internat'l Missions
Judy Hansen	Coordinator for Local Missions
Art Sauer	Coordinator of Volunteer Ministries
Nancy Bea	Business Administrator
Tara Cain	Administrative Assistant
Larry Johnson	Sexton
Marvin Johnson	Sexton
Eddie Watkins	Sexton

Church Office: 703-549-4766 • Fax 703-548-1505  
WebSite: <http://www.wpc-alex.org/>  
CARE Line: 703-684-2934

### ***The Chronicle***

A publication of Westminster Presbyterian Church  
*Contributors*  
Members, Friends, & Staff of Westminster  
Dawn Campbell, *Production Editor*

Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m

Time Sensitive

---

## New Phone System

As the staff moves back into the renovated building, please remember that we have a new system of phone extensions. If you are calling the church after hours, you will be able to use a name directory to find an extension if you don't know it. Below is a list of the new extension numbers for your convenience.

Larry Hayward	Ext. 100	Jim Hoben	Ext. 125
Karen Blomberg	Ext. 101	Henri Rush	Ext. 124
Patrick Hunnicutt	Ext. 102	Art Sauer	Ext. 126
Paul Stetsenko	Ext. 127	Nancy Bea	Ext. 110
Joan Taylor Reid	Ext. 121	Tara Cain	Ext. 111
Sandy Calhoun	Ext. 122	Carolyn Carmack	Ext. 115
Clara Beth Van de Water	Ext. 120	Nedra Trahant	Ext. 129
Casey FitzGerald	Ext. 131	Bill Campbell	Ext. 130
Judy Hansen	Ext. 123		

---