

From the Pastor's Study

A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward

REWRITTEN BEATITUDES BY FAITH GROUPS, FALL 2006

The Faith groups this past fall read a book on understanding the beatitudes and applying them to our lives. Kathy Harkness's faith group rewrote the beatitudes to reflect our beliefs, our lives and our understandings. Here's what we came up with:

Blessed are those who are full of doubt and struggling, for God's spirit will be with them.

Blessed are those who recognize they are grieving, for God lifts you up.

Blessed are those who submit to God's will with quiet, competent confidence, because we are God's hands on earth.

Blessed are those who strive to discern and do God's will, for they will receive grace.

Blessed are those who extend grace, for they shall receive grace.

Blessed are those who have an open-ended relationship with God, for they will use their gifts and skills for God's purposes.

Blessed are those who hold in their hearts a vision of the world made whole and act to make that vision a reality, for they are worthy to be called God's sons and daughters.

Everything we do, we act in love, promoting human dignity.



Guest Preacher

Dr. K. C. Ptomey to Preach January 28

Please make a special effort to attend Westminster on Sunday, January 28. A long time friend of mine, and leader in the PCUSA, Dr. K. C. Ptomey, will be guest preacher at both services. K. C. has served for over two decades as Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee. His son, Christopher, will be one of several people ordained to church office at the 11:00 a.m. service that day. Hope to see you there!

Larry

Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar Raises Greatest Amount Ever

The 2006 Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar held on December 3 and 10 raised a total of \$44,509.51 in cash and pledges for participating organizations. This far exceeded the \$26,523 comparable figure for 2005, which had in turn far exceeded prior years' figures. In large measure this was due to the inclusion in a major way of support for the United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya for the first time in 2005. In 2006 the combination of cash and pledges of support for the UO&A came to \$30,257 as compared to \$16,227 in 2005.

Virtually all other participants increased the amounts collected in 2006, which were as follows;

Fund for Alexandria's Child	\$203	Heifer International	3,305
Spirit Lake Reservation	165	Medical Benevolence	749
Carpenter's Shelter	875	ALIVE	652
Guest House	570	Alex Neighborhood Health	1,330
A.A.C.H.	195	Reynosa Faith Ministry	50
Habitat for Humanity	398	Adopt a Family	200
Alexandria Senior Services	55	Peruvian Products	3,686
St. John Sheetrock Ministry	424	Rural Coalition	1,573.50

The Mission Committees want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Bazaar and who gave so generously to support these causes.



THANK-YOU'S & MORE

Dear Westminster Members and Staff,

Thank you very much for the love and support you've shown me following the death of my brother, Frank. Your prayers and kind words have meant a lot to me and my family during this difficult time.

Sincerely, Marvin Johnson

MOVING ON

January 10, 2007
Rev. Larry Hayward
Westminster Session and Staff

Dear Friends:

I am resigning from the Westminster staff effective Jan. 31, 2007. After six years, it is time for me to explore other challenges.

I've been blessed and honored to have served you, both as your Coordinator for Local Missions and as Coordinator for Community Relations in the recent years. I have learned a great deal and cherish the working relationships that have developed over the years.

Sheila and I will remain active members and look forward to the continuing quest to live as Christians.

Sincerely, Jim Hoben
Coordinator for Community Relations

LIVING HEALTHY

If you haven't already forgotten your New Year's resolution to shed a few pounds and start living healthy, there is a great support group for you. It's Westminster's Living Healthy Group. We meet once a week on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for 30 minutes or less. We weigh ourselves and support one another's victory (a loss) or defeat (a gain). There is often sharing of helpful hints. There is confidentiality but there is no cost. We number about 15 members who have collectively lost well over 100 pounds. While the church is under renovation, we are meeting at the Hobens' home at 3306 Circle Hill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22305. For more information, call 703 836-0949. Join us.

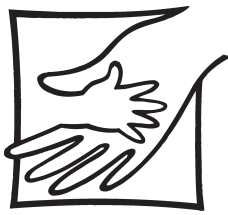
EVENING WITH AMBASSADOR MARTIN INDYK, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL

The Sisterhood of Agudas Achim invites you to a discussion of "Developments in the Middle East" with Ambassador Martin Indyk on Monday, January 29 from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at Agudas Achim. Ambassador Indyk's presentation will be followed by a question/answer session. You may also attend a pre-program reception at 7:00 p.m. with Ambassador Indyk for a fee of \$18 per person or \$25 per couple. RSVP for the pre-program reception to Debbie Bodlander at Agudas Achim (703-998-6460). There is no charge for the general program.



Westminster Travelers

- Monday, February 13. 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Chez Andre. \$1 plus lunch.
Thursday, February 22. 7:00 p.m. "Visit to a Small Planet," Little Theatre of Alexandria. \$1.
Tuesday, February 27. 9:15 a.m. Visit the exhibit "Clash of Empires: The British, French, and Indian War for North America, 1754-1763," at Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution. \$1 plus lunch.
The NEXT BIG TRIP: May 1-4. Virginia Spring: Historic Hotels, Theaters & Mansions. Two nights in Abingdon, VA at the Martha Washington Inn. "Married Alive," a musical at The Barter Theater. One night in Staunton at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at the recreated Blackfriar's Theatre. Tour of Lincoln Theater and Francis Marion Hotel in Marion. Tour of D-Day Memorial in Bedford. Tour and lunch at Michie Tavern and tour of Monticello in Charlottesville. Included: three breakfasts, three dinners, one lunch, entrance fees, baggage handling & tips. Spirit Tours Motorcoach with Bill Brown as driver. Cost: \$625 per person sharing a double room. Single supplement: \$275. Send \$100 deposit to "WPC" to reserve your space. Balance due February 20. No refunds after March 1 but you may 'resell' your space. Flyers and cancellation insurance information available from Sandy Calhoun, 703-549-4766, ext. 122. This trip is limited to 34 travelers.



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

2007 WILL BE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

As indicated in last month's Chronicle, the first week of fundraising for the United Orphanage & Academy at the Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar on December 3, 2006, exceeded all expectations and set records for generosity in providing for orphan support and underwriting the cost of teacher salaries and training. The second week, December 10, continued that trend, with the result that on December 15 we wired \$18,312 in cash donations collected at those two events. This was almost double the amount of cash contributed last year at the Alternate Christmas Giving Bazaar. Of that amount \$2,510 was designated for teacher salaries and training and \$15,802 for orphan support. In addition to the funds transmitted, which will provide full support for 21 of the 42 children currently in residence for all of 2007, another 17 people have pledged to sponsor an orphan for 2007. As a result the future for 38 of the children currently in residence appears to be assured for 2007. Again this is well ahead of where we were at this time last year. If you wish to continue sponsoring a child and haven't yet let Henri Rush know, please contact him concerning your intentions and the manner in which you would like to provide support (\$750 for a year or \$62.50 a month).

In addition to the funds already transmitted for teachers, at least two other people have pledged to support teacher salaries at \$900 a year or \$75 a month. In sum, at the 2006 Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar a total of \$30,257 was pledged for 2007 support of the United Orphanage & Academy as compared to \$16,227 in 2005. Rev. Chege and I are grateful to God and the great generosity of the Westminster Congregation for the support you are providing.

The only area for which funds were not raised for the UO&A at the Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar was in the area of construction. Funds are needed there to construct classrooms and a library and craft workshop for the Academy, fence the property, and to obtain a van that will be used by both the Orphanage and the Academy. Moreover, Rev. Chege has indicated the desire to increase the size of the residence facility at some point in the future so as to be able to help up to an additional 40 children.

If you have not yet undertaken to sponsor a child, pay the salary of a teacher, or contribute to the construction fund, please consider doing so. Unlike other charities to which you may contribute, every penny you give to the UO&A goes straight through to improving the life of a child who without your help would have no future.

May God richly bless you in this New Year.

Henri Rush

Coordinator, National/International Missions



Notes From the Associate Pastor
co-authored by Karen Blomberg and Dava Money

THE AUTHENTICITY SERIES[®]

"Authenticity derives from the same root as *author*. In our coming forth we author our way forward, engaging in a journey of Authenticity, where our words become flesh, taking the form of dancing, singing, weeping, longing, laughing, mourning, relating, grieving, celebrating" (from *A Minister, a Rabbi, and a Bagpiper*, sermon by KAB on 12-31-06).

"Authenticity" is a particular word that has powerful meaning for us as Christians. In Christ we are called to new life. The *Authenticity Series*[®] helps us in the dynamic, generative, and transformative process of living into who God is creating us to be.

The *Authenticity Series*[®] was developed for those seeking to enhance and expand their own authenticity. This material and experience is not for everyone. It is "edgy." It will push your theological boundaries as well as your common and usual perceptions. If you want to step further into your own authenticity in creative and bold ways, *The Authenticity Series*[®] is for you. In seven courses, each six weeks in duration, practitioners are invited to learn practices, tools, skills, language, and movements that bring to life one's authentic self, values, and service, including:

- discovering who God has created and is creating you to be
- participating in authentic community
- integrating declarations & intention setting
- reclaiming delightful parts of yourself
- recovering your passion & personal power
- discovering choice points in your life
- transforming suffering into compassion
- developing intentional relationships
- identifying your Spiritual Contract
- relaxing into Spirit
- learning to ask for & allow miracles
- understanding the role of people in your life

I have been teaching the courses in my coaching practice and am in the process of introducing this dynamic course material to the church. A trial class was held last fall and those Westminster practitioners are currently in the second course of *The Authenticity Series*[®]. There will be an informational meeting immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, January 28**, in the Agudas Achim sanctuary for all who are interested in participating. Between now and then, don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I'm happy to put you in touch with WPC members who are in the current class. You may email me at bergpcs@aol.com, or leave a message on my voicemail at 703-549-4766 ext. 101.

MEET CURRENT PRACTITIONERS AND FIND OUT MORE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28!

A POEM
composed by Alice Daniels

That Christmas night, the stars shone bright,
They honored Him with holy light.
The shepherds and the wise men three
Brought gifts to Him on bended knee.

I guess He knew, that Babe so small,
That one day He would rule o'er all;
That He would govern all the earth –
That little Child of holy birth.

May we, as well, bring gifts to Him –
That little Child of Bethlehem:
Our hearts, our souls, our daily life,
And strive to win o'er all the strife.

Gulf Coast Mission Trip
Will Be March 10-17

A group from Westminster will travel to Pascagoula, Mississippi, on March 10 to help residents of that area restore their hurricane-damaged homes. Work will be done under the auspices of the St. John's Sheetrock Ministry program, which is providing sheetrock to residents to help them restore their homes. The group will stay in the fellowship hall and church schoolrooms of St. John's Church, which can accommodate groups of up to 35. The church has shower and kitchen facilities. We understand we might even be treated to an authentic Mississippi Gulf Coast shrimp boil one night by members of the St. John's congregation! The date was selected in hopes that some of our college students will be able to participate along with other members of the congregation. The group will fly from Reagan National Airport via Memphis to Gulfport, Mississippi, and will proceed from there to Pascagoula by rented vans. Total cost of the weeklong trip for participants will be \$400. If you think you might be interested, or want further information, contact Nancy Todd at 703-465-1110 or Patrick Hunnicutt at phunnicutt@wpc-alex.org.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
CONDOMINIUM PROJECT



Discover talents you didn't know you had! Volunteer to work on northern Virginia's largest Habitat project at 11328 Westbrook Mill Lane in Fairfax on Saturday, January 27 (8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). WPC is supporting this undertaking with funding and willing workers to build a condominium that will house 12 families. You will be provided with on-the-job training, tools, lunch, and congenial coworkers. Seize the opportunity to be part of a community mission effort that will probably benefit you as much as the families you are helping, who are also working alongside you. You must be 16 years of age to participate. For more information or to sign up to work on the 27th, please contact Paul Grueneberger at p.rj@verizon.net or 703-836-1291.

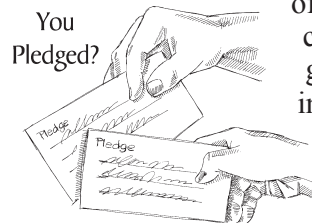
We also need to provide about 35 lunches for our Habitat volunteers. Perhaps there is a group in the church who is not able to participate in the construction work but would like to be part of the mission project by providing food for our hard workers. Please contact Chris Poole (pooleplace@cox.net or 703-581-9180) if you know of such a group or outside food supplier.

Christmas Joy Offering
Raises \$6,510.75

The Christmas Joy Offering, which was collected at the 10:00 pm service on Christmas Eve, raised \$6,510.75. The Joy Offering is one of four special offerings authorized by the General Assembly of the PC(USA). It provides emergency assistance to and supplemental health insurance for active and retired pastors, church workers and missionaries. It also helps support Presbyterian Racial and Ethnic Schools and Colleges. Thank you for generously supporting these causes.

Celebrate the Journey

As of January 10 we have received 384 pledges for a total of \$1,081,944. Our goal is 400 pledges of \$1.1 million. Our congregation has been very generous and we are closing in on our goal. If you haven't pledged yet, please help us realize our vision for 2007.



“JESUS THE SAVIOR: THE MEANING OF JESUS CHRIST FOR CHRISTIAN FAITH”

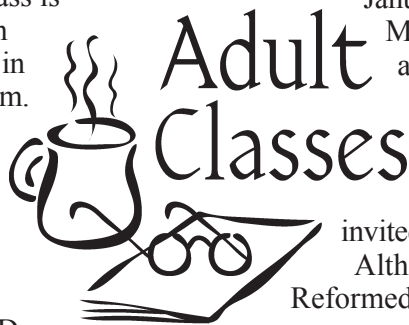
The Rev. Dr. A. Katherine Grieb from Virginia Theological Seminary is teaching a course on biblical theology and church doctrine. The class is meeting on Sunday mornings through February 28 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Founders Gallery at Agudas Achim. All adults are invited to attend; no registration is required.

This is your opportunity to explore the meaning of Jesus Christ for Christian doctrine and for your own faith under the guidance of an outstanding theologian and scholar. Dr. Grieb is professor of New Testament theology at Virginia Theological Seminary and an Episcopal priest. She holds a Ph.D. in theology from Yale University.

“GRACE AND GLOBALIZATION: BEYOND THE VIEW THAT IT IS ALL SINFUL”

The Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington will hold its annual convocation on Saturday morning, January 27, at National Presbyterian Church. Dr. Max Stackhouse, professor of reformed theology and public life at Princeton Theological Seminary, will speak on “*Grace and Globalization.*” The presentation will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00, preceded by a continental breakfast at 9:00. All adults are invited; there is no charge.

Although advance registration is not required, the Reformed Institute would like to get an idea of how many people to plan for. If you expect to attend, please contact Connie Ring (ccring@ober.com), Clara Beth Van de Water (703-549-4766 x120), or Mary Hill (mhill@reformedinstitute.org or 703-518-5125). For directions, visit www.NatPresCh.org.



Adult Classes



COME TO A JEWISH-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE WITH PASTOR HAYWARD AND RABBI MOLINE

Pastor Larry Hayward and Rabbi Jack Moline of Agudas Achim Congregation will discuss major Biblical themes and theological interpretations on Tuesdays, January 30, and February 6, 13, and 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Agudas Achim. Their conversation will highlight commonalities and differences between Judaism and Christianity. All members and friends of both congregations are invited.

Nourish Yourself With “Honey For Your Soul” At Women’s Retreat

“With honey from the rock I would satisfy you,” says the Lord (Psalm 81). Come to our women’s retreat and enjoy “Honey for Your Soul.” The retreat will be held March 23-25, Friday evening through Sunday noon, at the lovely Hallowood Retreat Center in rural Comus, Maryland, about an hour from Alexandria. All women members and friends are invited. Registration for the retreat will begin on Sunday, February 18. Watch for registration forms in the next



Chronicle or at church on February 18 and 25.

If possible, please read or listen to *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd before the retreat. This popular spiritual novel is widely available in regular, large-print, and recorded editions. Join your sisters in faith in looking at themes from this novel, scripture, a movie, and our lives. To learn more, speak to a member of the retreat committee: Sue Aland, Rosa Fullerton, Beth Jullien, Wendy Lockard, and Nancy McIver.

Retreat leader Clara Beth Van de Water has a master’s degree in theology from Harvard University and looks forward to time with new and old friends. Call her at 703-549-4766 x120 if you would like to borrow the novel on compact disc.

WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP NEWS

The January selection is *The Illuminator* by Brenda Rickman Vantrease. Discussions will be held Monday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Clara Beth Van de Water’s home near the church. Call 703-548-8868 if you need directions. All women are invited.



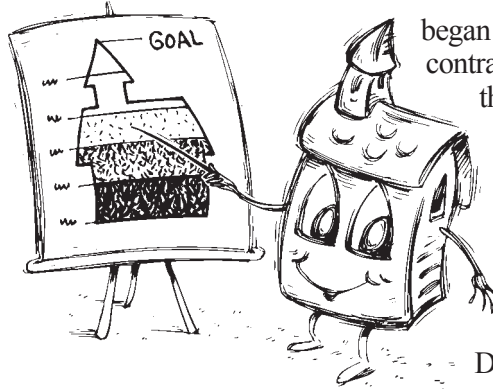
The February pick is *The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich. Discussions will be held on Monday, February 26.

RENOVATION NEWS

Capital Campaign Renovation Update Significant progress in the Westminster building

Construction continued through December. New partitions were installed in most of the restrooms and the plumbers connected the showers in the 1st floor restroom. Installation of the restroom fixtures was delayed until the main valve on the 3-inch water service on the 1st floor was replaced. This delayed installation of the counters and sinks. Elsewhere in the education wing, cabinets and bookcases were installed in the offices on the third floor. The boiler in the education wing was successfully fired and we are finally off supplementary electric heat! Electricians installed new light fixtures in the 4th floor youth & scout rooms and the ceiling and walls were painted.

The Sanctuary walls have been insulated by blowing rock-wool-like material into the walls every 16 inches. The electric heater elements of the Sanctuary air handler were connected in order to provide some heat and maintain a somewhat constant temperature and humidity while the finish work is accomplished on the coffers. In December, trim carpenters came in to start installation of the coffered ceiling. The pipes for the hot or cold water to feed the air handlers above the Sanctuary were installed. The new cast-iron boiler for the Sanctuary was installed, tested and connected to the gas line and water pipes. The ceiling was spackled and sanded and two of the coffers were painted with the colors ordered by the architect. The "mock-up" is being evaluated for suitability before it is applied to the entire ceiling. The new Sanctuary windows have been delivered and are awaiting installation. The organ contractor came to measure the new lofts so they could design and construct the new swell boxes. The chancel construction



began with the framing of the choir loft. A contractor for the sound system helped lay out the locations for the speakers, microphone jacks, and conduits under the chancel. The projection screen in the Sanctuary ceiling was installed. Lights were also installed above the ceiling along the work platform that leads to the air handling equipment in the steeple and over the choir.

During the heavy rains in November, water was found on the second floor hall near the elevator. A check of the roof uncovered a long-standing leak. The roofer replaced the rotten timber and installed more extensive flashing and shingles. The soil in the rose garden area was replaced and seeded in order to give the area a chance to settle over the winter.

Elsewhere throughout the church, installation of the new windows was started. They were installed in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen, in the library and hall, in the choir room and in the 1st-floor connecting wing. Carpenters have also installed new wall framing behind the water damaged wainscoting in Fellowship Hall. The ceiling grid for the library and hall/narthex has been installed. A plaster base in the Westminster room was applied to the ceiling, cured and smoothed with a trowel. After a coat of adhesive was rolled on, a finish coat of plaster was applied providing a very white and smooth surface.

Although much work remains, a great deal has been accomplished and completion of the project in time for our return prior to Easter is looking like a real possibility. The contractor remains on schedule and at, or slightly under, anticipated costs. We have been very lucky so far and owe substantial thanks to the highly skilled Westminster team who are overseeing the construction.

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS! GET READY FOR A SPRING RETREAT!

From March 23-25, we're going to Shrine Mont, an awesome camp in Orkney Springs, VA. We'll have our usual outdoor fun, some great food, and we have a special musical guest joining us for the weekend. Put the dates on your calendars – more info to come!



Young Adults

A Religion of Rules? What's the point of being Christian? Or even religious at all? Is it to get clarity about the "right" thing to do in life, to gain insight into ourselves, or something else? Come to the Reformed Institute's Young Adult event for theological discussion and reflection on Saturday, February 3, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Rockville, MD. Cost: \$15. Registration deadline: January 27. Register online at www.reformedinstitute.org.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Excitement is building for the move back into our "new" building! Every time I am at WPC's office (which is temporarily housed in the Creation Station rooms) I become more excited about the possibilities! With the possibilities, however, comes the realization that we still have an opportunity for workshop leaders (teachers) and shepherds for the last rotations to make this third year of the program a success. Here are the workshops where we need teachers and the classes where we need shepherds.

- **Rotation 5:** The Lord's Supper (dates February 4, 11, 18, 25)

Need shepherds for kindergarten and 4th and 5th graders

- **Rotation 6:** Jewish Feast and Festivals (dates March 4, 11, 18, 25)

Need teachers of Music/movement and Cooking
Need shepherds for kindergarten

- **Rotation 7:** Psalms and Songs (April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20—one of these dates we may be doing large group activities)

ALL TEACHERS and SHEPHERDS needed!

However, we will be back in our fabulous Creation Station rooms so this will be an even more exciting time to become involved in teaching or shepherding!!

Workshops include: art, music, cooking, and science.

Shepherding includes kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders, 3rd graders, and 4th & 5th graders.

CALL Joan Taylor Reid at 703-751-0044 to learn the details and become involved. Curriculum, training, supplies, beautiful surroundings, and loving children provided.

HELP FINISH the physical portion of CREATION STATION—FINALLY, after almost 6 years of planning and working!!

There will be many opportunities for volunteers of all ages to complete the plans for Creation Station in March, once we have been given the occupancy permit. These include

- sewing the window treatment for the kitchen--Garden of Eatin'
- painting simple murals in the hall (God's "To Do" list of creation)
- putting back the room decorations (murals, clocks, puppet theater, costumes)
- purchasing special supplies
- building and painting specific items (Rabbi's chair, door "trees signs", log stools)
- contributing money or articles to finish the rooms (we need 3 oriental rugs for the storytelling room, cooking utensils and pans, etc. for the kitchen, a wall map for the geography room East of Eden, etc.)
- shopping

If you CAN help in any of these ways, by volunteering time or money to purchase items required, contact me, Joan Taylor Reid, and make my day!

Westminster Weekday Preschool

Westminster Weekday Preschool's in-house registration for the fall of 2007 has begun. Classes will be available for children who have reached the ages of 2, 3 or 4 as of September 2007.

Any interested church member should obtain an application from the Preschool office after January 17. Application forms must be returned to the Preschool office any time before noon on January 26.

Open houses for parents interested in observing the program will be held on January 23 and 25 between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. It is not necessary to make an appointment.

For further information, please call Nedra Trahant, Director, at 703-549-5267 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



Calling all Westminster Families with Children!



Beat those mid-winter blues! Join us for an afternoon of **BOWLING on Saturday, February 24 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at U.S. Bowling, located at 100 South Pickett Street in Alexandria. Mark your

calendar now for this fun activity for the whole family. Look for an Evite and reminders in the Sunday Chronicle Update. Questions? Contact Robin Simpson at 703-349-5591 or robinotrl@yahoo.com or Nancy Hall Berens at 703-671-0575 or hallberens@erols.com. Visitors and new members are especially invited to come meet other families at Westminster!

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Volunteer CORNER

You may have noticed that there was no “Volunteer Corner” article last month. That is because I was away on a paid assignment to Palestine. No, it was not fun and no, I did not get to see many places mentioned in the Bible. Only with considerable effort (and some luck) was I able to spend a half a day in the Old Quarter of Jerusalem.

The whole episode was a forceful reminder of why I like to volunteer. First, you can set your own hours (within limits). Second, you can really feel good about what you are doing. Finally, others really appreciate what you do.

If you aren't already experiencing the joys of volunteering at Westminster, contact me at asauer@wpc-alex.org or talk with me after church on most any Sunday.

We have some special needs this month. First, there is the Habitat for Humanity workday on January 27. Announcements for this project are in the Chronicle Update. Also, Jon Butterbaugh is in need of additional volunteers to serve breakfast at S.O.M.E once a month on the second Saturday.

There is also a continuing need for another volunteer printer. The good news here is that the church recently purchased a new folding machine that is really fantastic and has cut the time required for preparing publications nearly in half.

So, as we start the New Year, set your time, feel good about yourself, and be appreciated. In short – VOLUNTEER!!

Yours in Christ,
Art Sauer
Coordinator of Volunteer Activities