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We blossom and flourish, like leaves on a tree

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From the Pastor's Study *A Message From Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt* **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

As I write, the recent damage caused by the heavy August storms remains acutely present for many in Alexandria, including some of our own members. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the storm will be old news, with most of the damage cleared and repaired, even as some headaches remain. But before we move on, I want to highlight a wonderful experience during our first post-storm worship service on August 8.

Before the service, I greeted one of our members at the door, who described with some weariness the chaos and destruction wrought by the fall of some major trees in his yard (fortunately, the house was ok). As he passed me to take his seat, I wondered whether this service would be of any help to him, and others like him. With so many grand structures falling, I hoped he could be lifted up in some way.

We proceeded as normal through the opening of the service, and then launched into our opening hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise." I may have been mistaken, but I heard extra gusto in our singing. There seemed to be a greater purpose in it. Already lifted by the sound, I soared when we reached the closing lines of the third stanza:

*We blossom and flourish, like leaves on a tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changest Thee.*

Smiling one of those, "did that really just happen?" smiles, I watched our members sing about trees that fall, but a God whose love endures the storms of change. The hymn had been chosen well before the storm, but it was as though we were meant to sing it on that day, in that place, to be reminded of our rootedness in a God whose ways are secure for us, even as the winds blow all around us.

The church speaks from time to time about God's providence, our belief that the Spirit of God is an active agent in creation, not a far-off deity, but one intimately engaged in the workings of our world. Sometimes, that belief is tested, especially when storms erupt and people suffer. Sometimes, it is affirmed, when a voice speaks to us the very word we needed to hear in the midst of the tumult.

As we enter the busy-ness of fall, may our constant motion not deafen us to that word, or mute our voices from the song we are meant to sing to the most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, whose great name we praise.

Yours in Christ,

Patrick



Westminster Life Events

We recently welcomed these additions to the Westminster nursery:

- **Claire Anna Jaffe**, born June 24 to Mike and Amanda Jaffe
- **Emily Katherine Ramsey** and **Allan Parker Ramsey**, born June 25, to Bob and Merry Ramsey, grandchildren of Chuck and Madeline
- **Samuel Byers Gunter** and **June Elizabeth Gunter**, born July 11 to Dave and Katherine Gunter

We rejoice in the following marriages at Westminster:

- **Kathryn Marie Sodaro** and **Nathanael David Jensen** on June 26
- **Laura Ann Veresh** and **Dr. Charles Anthony Lind** on July 2
- **Jessica Prevost** and **Lynn Ewald** on July 24
- **Jana Lee Martin** and **Christopher Patrick Coda** on July 31

Please remember in prayer the family of the following Westminster member who have passed away recently:

- **Ruth Wilmore Pattyson**, who died on July 5



Member Involvement News

What does it mean to be a member of Westminster? How involved do I have to be to be a “good” member? These questions most frequently arise during New Member/Inquirers classes. However, they are also questions that many of our long time members bring up from time to time. The answers are complex and personal. Each individual must come to his or her understanding of what membership means to them. This is too big a subject to address in one article, and so, I will be using this column in the next two or three issues of The Chronicle to address the issue of membership by examining what the Book of Order says about membership, as well as, what Westminster has published on this subject over the years.

To set the stage for this examination of membership, let's look at some basic concepts. At the most basic level a member is someone who has confessed to be a member. To confess membership, one must come before the Session and be examined, profess their Christian faith and intent to be a member of this congregation, and then be introduced to the congregation. All members must have been baptized either as a child or an adult. Beginning next month we'll look at the membership vows, the ways that a person can join Westminster, and the types of membership.

As summer comes to an end there are many ways for members to be involved at Westminster. The most immediate way is to attend the Mission Brunch at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 29. An RSVP to Janet Riksen at jriksen@wpc-alex.org would be appreciated but is not necessary.

With Church School starting up, there are plenty of opportunities to help with children's Sunday School. Teachers, aides, artists, musician, and story tellers are especially needed. To help you must be a member, a man or a woman, young or old, single or married, parent or non-parent, and love children. Anyone meeting these criteria and is interested should contact Casey Fitzgerald (cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org) or Lauren Sigler (laurensigler@hotmail.com).

The youth program is also in need of mentors and activity leaders for both middle school and high school program. Patrick Hunnicutt (phunnicutt@wpc-alex.org) will gladly answer your questions and offers to volunteer.

The choirs (adult and youth, vocal and bell) will also be starting their programs. All those interested in making a joyful noise unto the Lord should contact Paul Stetsenko (pstetsenko@wpc-alex.org).

There are many other ways to be involved with the Westminster Community. Please contact me at asauer@wpc-alex.org for more information on other activities.

Yours in Christ,
Art Sauer

Membership Involvement Coordinator

Pastoral Care: A Follow-Up

The article on pastoral care in the June issue of the *Chronicle* left some with the impression that we will no longer publicize any information about hospitalizations. That was not our intention. We are no longer listing a separate category of hospitalizations in the "Joys and Concerns" or on the Care Line – in other words, when we learn of a member who is hospitalized, we will not automatically list them as hospitalized, for the reasons stated in the article.

However, members can always request prayers related to an upcoming surgery or other hospitalization to be printed under "Prayer Requests." To be clear:

- Members can ask for prayers for themselves, and we will publish the first and last name and condition if they specify. They can ask it to be for the "Joys and Concerns" or the prayer chain. That includes if they are hospitalized and want that information published.
- Members can ask for prayers for someone else, and we will publish the request, but not the name in order to protect the confidentiality of the person being prayed for. Again this can be for "Joys and Concerns" and/or the prayer chain.

We know how much it means to have prayers from the congregation during health crises, and we do encourage you to let us know when you have a special request for prayers.

Eileen Jinks



Flying Solo (Singles) Ministry

Flying Solo is a group for single adults in their prime years (more or less 40 and above) belonging to the life and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church. For more information about Flying Solo Singles visit our page on the church website: www.wpc-alex.org/singles

or contact Nancy Hall Berens at nhallberens@wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766 extension 121.

As summer comes to a close and the new program year at church gears up, this is a good time to re-connect with Westminster friends at some end-of-summer events!

Tuesday, August 24: Our monthly Potluck is a great opportunity to catch up on the news from summer travels! Come to the Johnson Parlor at 7:00 p.m. with a salad, entrée, or dessert to share ... and a can of food for the ALIVE basket in the foyer. Our service project each month is to make sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program before we enjoy dinner together.

Saturday, September 4: Virginia Scottish Games and Festival! Enjoy a fun day of Scottish music, games, dancing, and crafts. Get ready for bagpipes ... maybe even try some haggis! Carpools to Great Meadow in the Plains will leave church at 9:00 a.m. and return in the afternoon. You can buy tickets at the door or get a discounted ticket in advance by going to www.vascottishgames.org.

Monday, September 13: This month's Dine-Out at Satay Sarinah (512 South Van Dorn Street, Alexandria) gives us the chance to try some exotic Indonesian food in a casual setting. To carpool, come to church at 7:00 p.m. Otherwise, meet us at the restaurant about 7:15 for good food and good fellowship!

Tuesday, September 28: Join us for another monthly Potluck in Johnson Parlor at 7:00 p.m.!

**New Program
Year Begins
Sunday, September 12
Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Church School 9:45 a.m.**

Flying Solo Singles Fall Retreat

**Friday – Sunday,
October 8-10:**

*"Coming to the Shack: Finding
God's Healing amidst the Pain and
Evil of this World"*



Retreat for Singles

Our Fall Retreat will be at Graves' Mountain Lodge in the foothills of the Shenandoah. Jeff Hensley will lead us in a thought-provoking discussion of the best-selling novel *The Shack*. Bring your questions and your openness to new ways of experiencing God's reconciling love as we journey together to the Shack – the place of both hurt and healing.

Enjoy a fall getaway with church friends in the Blue Ridge at Graves' Mountain Lodge during their annual Apple Harvest Festival!

Copies of *The Shack* are available to borrow in the church library. Retreat brochures are available in the Education Wing entrance. Registration deadline is September 20.



ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT the night of August 28!

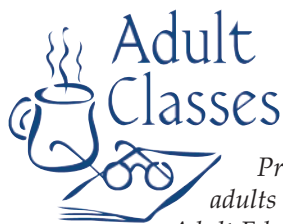
Let's get a group together to take a kayak/canoe tour with Jack's Boathouse! No experience is needed! Their team of trained paddling guides escort us around Roosevelt Island for some stunning views of the monuments and wildlife then on towards Fletcher's Boathouse for the sunset. The pace is relaxed and guides will offer pointers when desired! If you are interested, please contact me soon ... I have to make reservations. (Cost is \$20/person.) Contact Casey at cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org.

Brunch Schedule Changes

Though we usually have brunches on the first Sunday of each month, due to scheduling conflicts we will have our September brunch on **Sunday, September 19** and our October brunch will be cancelled. At the September brunch we will be asking folks to bring donations of goods (to be specified later) for our upcoming mission trip. Join us for great food and fellowship on the 19!

Next Young Adults' Faith on Tap

Tuesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m.
Capitol City Brewing Company,
Shirlington



2010 FALL SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Programs are held from 9:45-10:45 a.m., except as noted. All adults are invited with no registration required. Contact Director of Adult Education and Women's Ministries Clara Beth Van de Water for further information at cvandewater@wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766 extension 120.

"INVITATION TO GENESIS"

September 12 - November 21, except October 17, Westminster Room
Elders Kathy Harkness, M.A., and Connie Ring, J.D., DISCIPLE Bible Study Program Graduates, Experienced Leaders

Return to the foundational stories of the Judeo-Christian tradition and Western civilization. Explore their meanings and continuing influence. This discussion class meets from 9:30-10:45 a.m.; registration and purchase of an \$ 11.00 guide in class is encouraged.

"SCIENCE, FAITH, AND THE NEW ATHEISM"

September 12, Haverkamp Room

Dr. John Haught, Senior Fellow, Science and Religion, Woodstock Theological Center, Georgetown University, author of new book, *Science, Faith, and the New Atheism*

Does science make religion obsolete? This lecture will summarize the thinking of today's prominent bestselling atheists and illustrate the ongoing relevance of a religious faith in which science and religion are complementary.

"PROVERBS: SAYINGS, STORIES AND PROFOUND RELIGIOUS WISDOM"

September 12-October 4, Room 103-105 from 4:30 -5:50 p.m.

Dr. Larry R. Hayward

The *Old Testament Book of Proverbs* is a compendium of maxims and sayings that, in the words of one scholar, represents "the moral experience and trained intelligence of genuinely religious" people.

But recent scholarship has shown that part of the profound religious wisdom behind the Book of Proverbs may lie in an overarching story and a careful arrangement of the parts. Join us as we explore this book together at Westminster.

“REINHOLD NIEBUHR: AMERICAN POWER IN THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE”

Sunday Morning Class: September 19-October 10, Haverkamp Room

Dr. R. Bruce Douglass, Professor, Political Science, Georgetown University; Director, Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington

20th century Pastor-Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr of Union Seminary, NY, was and is arguably the most influential “public” theologian in American Protestantism. Look at the prominent themes and continuing influence of Niebuhr on the philosophy of diverse public figures, including Kennan, King, Carter, and Obama through these lectures. This series will be complemented by the Sunday evening class taught by Dr. Larry Hayward October 17- November 7.

Sunday Evening Class: October 17- November 21, Room 103-105 from 4:30 - 5:50 p.m.

Dr. Larry Hayward

These sessions will discuss articles published by Reinhold Niebuhr in *The New Republic* during the 1950s and 1960s. The articles will be available online.

TOPIC TO BE ANNOUNCED

October 24-November 21, except November 7, Haverkamp Room

Dr. Patricia Lyons, Teacher, Religion and Ethics, and Director of Service Learning, St. Stephen and St. Agnes School; author of new book, *The Soul of Adolescence: In Their Own Words*

Dr. Lyons, a dynamic teacher, highly appreciated at WPC, will announce her topic in September.

“WHAT IS THE WORLD COMING TO ? : RECENT GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHES”

November 7, Haverkamp Room

Dr. Victor Zabielski, Professor, Geology, Northern Virginia Community College

Look at the whys and wherefores of seemingly increasing environmental disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, storms, volcanoes, etc. What roles might humanity play in cause and response?

“ENDING SLAVERY”

November 28, Haverkamp Room

Mr. M. Lee McClure, Outreach and Research Coordinator, Free The Slaves Foundation, Washington, D.C.

Did you know that more people around the world are enslaved today than at any time in human history? Learn the shocking background and statistics on modern day slavery and about plans and efforts to reduce it through the work of Free The Slaves and coordinating groups around the world.

“CELTIC SPIRITUALITY: ANCIENT TRADITIONS FOR MODERN TIMES”

December 5 and 12, Haverkamp Room

Dr. Anthony Tambasco, Professor, Theology, Georgetown University

Delve into the origins, emphases, and timeless influence of Celtic spirituality. Explore elements, lessons, and practices adaptable for contemporary Christians.

Tables for 8

Since 1995 Congregational Life has sponsored Tables for 8. We welcome new members and encourage former members to continue. This fellowship group meets in individuals' homes once every four to six weeks for dinner and camaraderie. The host/hostess provides the main dish, while other participants contribute a dish.

Sign up in person on Sundays in September during the 12:00 fellowship hour, or by e-mail, or phone. Watch for reminders in the Sunday bulletin.

Kick-off will take place on Saturday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. This event will be a potluck, and those who can attend will bring a dish of your choice to feed eight people.

You do not have to attend the kick-off to participate in Tables for 8 for the year, but it is your opportunity to meet your new group for the 2010-2011 year and plan your first in-home meeting.

We're hoping for a large turnout this year! Contact Janet Harris with questions at 703-764-3395 or gandjharris@starpower.net.

Breakfast with Presbyterian Leaders from Kenya

October 17, Fellowship Hall
 Enjoy breakfast while listening to visiting Kenyan leaders involved with the orphanage and school founded by Westminster under the leadership of Elder Henri Rush and supported by WPC and Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

ALIVE! Child Development Center Needs Donations of Cleaning Supplies including:

- "Simple Green" cleaner
- Regular, unscented bleach
- Johnson's baby shampoo
- Unscented baby wipes
- Kleenex
- Lysol spray
- Sanitizing (Clorox, Lysol, generic) wipes
- Paper towels

You can leave donations in the ALIVE! food baskets that are located in Fellowship Hall and in the lobby entrance to the Education wing.



Sandwiches Needed for Bag Lunch

Please make sandwiches on whole wheat bread with generous portions of meat and cheese (no condiments).

Each sandwich must be bagged, and the outer bag should be labeled with the date and type of sandwich. Sandwiches can be left in the freezer in the kitchen off Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact kathygstenzel@aol.com or 703-683-4516. Thank you!

Focus on Missions



Kenya Presentation

On Sunday, June 27th, Westminster members who visited the United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge last February presented a program which was well-received by approximately 60 people in Fellowship Hall. Those who attended heard inspirational stories, saw remarkable photography and enjoyed delicious food and beverages. A special thank-you to Melissa McClellan, Amey Upton, Marti Klein, Craig Lewis and Donnie Smyles for their generous gifts to the presentation and breakfast.

The recent travelers to Kenya presented Henri Rush with a beautiful engraved pocket watch as an expression of their appreciation for his leadership and dedication.

Please visit the Church website on the International Mission's page to see a few photos and additional information about the trip.

Sunday, August 29 at 9:00 a.m. Mission Fellowship Breakfast

If you support Westminster mission projects and are interested in learning more about how you can be involved in service, please join us for a full breakfast hosted by the Local Missions Committee and National/International Missions Committee. Enjoy fellowship with Westminster members who support mission as close as George Mason Elementary Tutoring Program and as far as our Orphanage and Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Janet Riksen at jriksen@wpc-alex.org

Young Adult's Fall Mission Trip to Appalachia!

Only a few spaces left for the Young Adult's Fall Mission Trip to Appalachia! There's still time to sign-up and join us for our first-ever Appalachia Service Project mission trip. Our group includes: Casey FitzGerald, Adrienne Griffin, Steven Holton, Erik Johnston, Rob Lalka, Megan McGormley, Heather Rehm, Janet Riksen, Peter Roden, Cassie Schurz, John Stebe and Stephanie Wright.

Dates for the trip are September 30 through October 3, 2010. There's no building experience required, and the total cost is \$100 per person. For more information, please contact Janet Riksen at jriksen@wpc-alex.org

Westminster-George Mason Tutoring Program

The Westminster-George Mason Tutoring Program needs tutors and substitutes for the coming school year. Each tutor is assigned to work with one student at George Mason Elementary School once each week from October until May. Tutors help students study and complete their homework and other assigned projects. Students are selected for the program by their classroom teachers, who provide assignments and feedback for the tutors. Tutoring sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:35-3:35 in the school library. If you would like to serve as a tutor or substitute, please contact Elizabeth O'Brien at elizabethbobrien@aol.com or 703-684-3980.



Notes From the Stewardship Committee Second Quarter Stewardship Reflection

Last month the second quarter pledge statements were mailed out. Below are just a few examples of why this congregation's generous giving is critical to the church and the community. While there isn't nearly enough space here

to reflect on the entire list of important expenses Westminster pledges funded during the second quarter, here are just a few examples:

Carpenter's Shelter-\$1,875

Located in Alexandria, Carpenter's Shelter provides emergency shelter to families and single adults who have become homeless. The agency is focused on empowering individuals and requires that adults leave the shelter daily to work or seek employment. To assist them, Carpenter's Shelter provides individual job mentoring, assistance with resume and cover-letter writing, computer training and a comprehensive life skills course. Its mission is to end homelessness through services, education and advocacy.

Internet and Website Costs-\$534

The first introduction potential members have to Westminster is often our website. Time and time again we hear from visitors that they found us on the web, they liked our site, and so they decided to stop in. Having an attractive and easy-to-navigate website is important for the church to attract members, and keep our congregation updated on all the latest information.

Adult Education Teachers-\$1,350

The wide array of adult educational opportunities offered at Westminster help us to grow more in the Christian faith. Skilled instructors help us to seek a greater appreciation of the gospel, and refine our understanding of sometimes difficult Biblical text. Classes are offered at various times and intervals so that adults can find something to meet their needs.

Building Repairs-\$5,632

Just like your home requires maintenance and repairs, so too does Westminster. Almost \$4,000 of our building repairs this quarter were for two older HVAC systems. We are thankful to have a cool and comfortable building while summer days creep closer and closer to 100 degrees!

Shared Mission Giving to Presbytery-\$4,000

Westminster, along with the other churches in the Presbytery, contributes to the mission programs of the Presbytery and larger church. This might include supporting missionaries, campus ministries in the metro area, new church development, etc.

Member Assistance through the Member Response Team-\$1,470

At Westminster we are a family, and taking care of the needs of our members is a priority. These funds help provide emergency assistance if someone in our family is in need.

These are just a few examples of how important this congregation's pledges are. Thank you for your contributions!

Westminster Stewardship Committee

Youth Fall Retreats!

Senior High (10/8-10) to Philadelphia!



Join us as we participate in an urban mission program sponsored by Broad Street Ministries and enjoy some of Patrick's favorite Philly treats!

Middle School Halloween Retreat (10/29-31)

to Shrine Mont!

Enjoy a great time away, and come back in time for trick-and-treat.



(See separate mailings for more details, and contact Patrick to RSVP)

Youth Kick-off Breakfast!

Sunday, September 12
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Enjoy a great breakfast to start off our youth program year!

Mornings for Moms

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:30-12
Starts September 17!
Creation Station 303/305

Moms and kids are invited to join us twice a month in the church for fellowship and service. We will begin on September 17 by making sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program. Bring your kids, a snack if you'd like, and be prepared to meet other moms in the church and make lasting friendships. Contact our Mornings for Moms coordinator, Marcy Crisler (marcy@hockingcounty.com) if you have questions to ask or ideas to share!

Moms Book and Bible Study

The Friendship of Women: The Hidden Tradition of the Bible by Joan Chittister

Wednesdays, October 6-November 3
9:15-10:30 a.m. in the Westminster Room

Childcare provided!

Explore the many dimensions of friendship and the concept of Christian friendship with other moms of the church (and make some good friends while you're at it)! Led by Casey FitzGerald. From the book cover: "Friendship colors the very air we breathe; it is everywhere around us. It binds past and present and makes bearable the uncertainty of the future ... Drawing a highly inspiring message from [the lives of Biblical women], Joan Chittister invites us to seek and embrace friendship as it is embodied between women, between God the Creator and all of creation, and between all human beings." Cost of the book is \$14. Please RSVP to Casey FitzGerald, cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org.

Children and Family Ministry



Creation Station Open House

Sunday, September 12
9:45-10:45 a.m.

New Program Year, New Curriculum!

We are excited to announce that this year we begin a brand new curriculum in Creation Station. While continuing to utilize the rotation model, this new curriculum (Spark!) will focus on more in-depth ways of studying God's word. We believe our children and families are up for the challenge! Kids will engage in learning God's word through Art, Bible Skills and Games, Computer Lab, Cooking, Creative Drama, Music, Science, and Video. Families will be invited to go even deeper by utilizing our new monthly take-home activity sheets. Parents, teachers, and shepherds are also invited to join in on monthly adult studies on upcoming Creation Station themes.

This year we will focus on the following themes: Creation, The First Sin, The Joseph Narrative (in two parts), Jesus' Birth, Queen Esther, The Banquet with Simon, Holy Week/Easter, and Ruth.

Our first parent class (On Creation) will be held on Sunday, August 29 at 9:00 a.m. in Creation Station.

We are still in need of faithful adults to serve as teachers and shepherds in Creation Station. Contact Kristina Hill (kristina.h.hill@gmail.com) if you are ready to answer the call!

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Sunday, September 19
11 o'clock worship

All third graders will receive their new Bibles as a part of the worship service on September 19. We will meet in the library following Creation Station for the pinning on of flowers and to receive more information!

Young Families BBQ

Saturday, September 18
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Families are invited to join us in our annual fall barbeque at the church! Bring your children and a salad, side, or dessert to share. We will provide burgers and hot dogs! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for fun, fellowship and a big bouncing ark.

RSVPs appreciated! Please email LeAnne Perkowski (LPerkowski@wpc-alex.org) if you are able to attend!

Dads of Young Children

Fly Fishing Trip
Saturday, October 2

Join Vince Crisler and other dads for a day of fishing! No experience necessary. Details to follow. If you know you are interested, email Vince at vince@hockingcounty.com .

Women's Ministry

Women's Friendship Circles

We have six friendship circles for Bible study, fellowship, and service that meet monthly. All women are cordially invited to visit and join a circle of your choice. We have 2 day-time and 4 evening circles, including one for mothers of young children. Circle details can be found under Presbyterian Women on the church web site or from a pink flier in the literature rack in our education building. You can contact our moderator, Carol Ensley, at carolanne.ensley@yahoo.com.

Women's Book Groups

All women are invited to read *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present* by journalist Gail Collins and discuss it on Monday, September 27 at 11:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor with Clara Beth Van de Water.

Women's Work Day

All women are invited to help make stuffed animals and heart pillows for Alexandria Hospital patients on Wednesday, September 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Haverkamp Room with Nancy McIver.

Women's Fall Gathering on "Domestic Sex Trafficking of Children"

Tina Frundt, Founder and Executive Director of Courtney's House, a new safe haven in our area for American children who are victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking (taking them across state lines), will speak about Domestic Child Sex Trafficking on Wednesday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room. This talk is sponsored by our Presbyterian Women circles who will serve dessert afterwards. We will learn who are the child victims, who forces them into prostitution, what the law tries to do in terms of protection, and ways we can help, both by being more aware, and by donating supplies to Courtney's House. Forcing children into prostitution and moving them across state lines so they are harder to track down is on the increase in our mobile society and with many men willing to pay. Ms. Frundt was a child victim herself and has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN, etc. Some WPC women heard Ms. Frundt speak at a presbytery-wide women's gathering and were very moved. All friends and members are invited, no reservations needed.

Women's Retreat in April-"Hearts on Fire: Our Journey of Faith"

All women are invited to reserve the weekend of April 8-10, 2010 for our annual retreat at the lovely Hallowood Retreat Center in Comus, MD, an hour from here.

Our leader will be Dr. Melissa Kirkpatrick, an educator with a Ph.D. in history, who taught for the Reformed Institute and served several churches in our area. Dr. Kirkpatrick has said, "Some have said modern life has become flat and passionless. Religious practice is considered boring and is often thought of as something that should be marketable, as though faith were the latest interchangeable gadget. But thinking about the Reformed motto, 'The church reformed, always being reformed', we can be confident that the heart of the Christian life is an affirmation of experiential faith in a God who loves us."

Westminster Travelers



September 2 - Little Theater of Alexandria "Nude with Violin" Departure at 7:00 p.m. \$1.

September 8 - Friendship Dessert, Fellowship Hall. Bring dessert for 6 to share. We'll plan our out-of-town December trip. 1:00-3:00 p.m.

September 15 - Lunch at Chez Andree in Alexandria. Departure at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at noon. Return by 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$20/person (Lunch Menu)

Sign up for these trips through the church office. Contact Sharon Tarr, Director of Westminster Travelers, for more information at starr@wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766 extension 122.

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Piano Recital by Valentina Lisitsa!

October 2, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

- Reserve Saturday evening, October 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., for a truly extraordinary musical event, a piano recital by Valentina Lisitsa.
- Last Fall, Ms. Lisitsa made her first visit to Westminster, presenting a recital including works by Chopin and Rachmaninoff. It was a treat for the congregation and community and a wonderful showcase for Ms. Lisitsa's talent and for Westminster's commitment to excellence in music.
- Earlier this month, Ms. Lisitsa played two performances of Chopin works in Canada as part of the Festival de Lanaudiere. Also during August, she is performing in Luzern, Switzerland and recording Chopin works in Hanover, Germany. Last year, she recorded the Rachmaninoff Piano Concertos with the London Symphony Orchestra. She has toured and continues to tour with Hillary Hahn, the Grammy winning violinist.
- Locally she played at the National Museum for Women in the Arts and at the Schlesinger Center here in Alexandria. Westminster members who have had the opportunity to hear Ms. Lisitsa play, have been amazed by her musical talent, her virtuosic technique, and by her power and grace at the keyboard.

SAVE THAT DATE and tell your friends, because this is an event you do not want to miss!

As last year, there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the recital,
with an opportunity to meet Ms. Lisitsa.

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