



# Westminster Presbyterian CHURCH

— worship well —

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## *From the Pastor’s Study* A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward **Campaign Season**

**T**wenty years ago, literary and Biblical scholar Northrup Frye wrote:

*When the rhetorical occasion narrows down from the historical to the immediate, as at rallies and pep talks, we begin to see features in rhetoric that account for the suspicion, even contempt, with which it was regarded so often by Plato and Aristotle....*

*In intensive rhetoric with a short-term aim, there is a deliberate attempt to put the watchdog of consciousness to sleep, and the steady battering of consciousness becomes hypnotic, as the metaphor of “swaying” an audience suggests. A repetition of cliché phrases is designed to bring about a form of dissociation. The dead end of all this is the semi-autonomous monster called the mob, of which the speaker is now the shrieking head ...*

*For a mob the kind of independent judgment appealed to by dialectic is an act of open defiance, and is normally treated as such ...*

*The reasonable is aware that every rational argument is a half truth, and that the other half should be included within a more tolerant and flexible compromise.*

Many of us are rightly concerned about the nature of discourse during political campaigns in our country. Our campaign rhetoric seems marked by “suspicion,” “contempt,” “a steady battering of consciousness,” led by “the shrieking head” of “the mob.” Yet Frye’s references to Plato and Aristotle remind us that this is a human problem, not uniquely American, not uniquely political, not uniquely the by-product of a 24-hour news cycle.

Many of you in this congregation work “inside” government and leadership in our nation. You know the complexity “the mob” rarely sees, the value of “the reasonable,” the need – on a daily basis – for “more flexible and tolerant compromise.” You also bring that knowledge and attitude to nearly all decisions, transactions, and modes of discourse at Westminster. I cannot help but believe that there is something in your Christian faith – which is also older than our nation and precedes its 24-hour news cycle – that provides you with that quality.

I give thanks to God for this “mode of discourse” you display, for the way it sustains our congregation, and for the ways many of you take it into the service you provide our nation through your working and political lives. I urge you never to abandon the “watchdog of consciousness” no matter how loudly the mob may, from time to time, “shriek.”

–Larry



We recently welcomed these additions to the Westminster nursery:  
**Benjamin (Ben) Patrick Funk**, born September 1, 2010 son of Dana & David Funk

**Lucy Elisabeth Zeranski Ketchem**, born July 21, 2010 daughter of Christina and B.J. Ketchem

We rejoice in the following marriages:  
**Rosemarie Yuhasz & Larry Donald Douglas** on September 24 in the Westminster Chapel.

**Diana Bertha Daulima & David Hill Dunham** on October 16 in the Westminster Chapel

Please remember in prayer the families and friends of the following Westminster members who have passed away recently:

**Kate Wilson Daniels**, who died September 23.

**B. Frances Gardner**, who died October 2.

**John F. Leiss**, who died October 6.



## Member Involvement News

Several years ago, during one of Westminster's periodic introspective reviews, a group of Westminster leaders came up with a list of five attributes to describe the well-rounded Westminster member. The five attributes were:

1. Attends worship regularly
2. Participates in study opportunities
3. Enjoys fellowship activities
4. Is of service to the church and to the community
5. Makes a financial pledge

These attributes still describe Westminster members. Our "Worship Well" logo emphasizes the four primary aspects of our congregation: Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Mission. The fifth attribute, Stewardship, provides the resources to make the others work.

This month marks our annual Stewardship Campaign. During this campaign we are each asked to prayerfully consider how much we value our membership in Westminster and the contribution it makes to our lives and the lives of our family. We are then asked to put this value into a pledge to support the activities of Westminster during the next year. These pledges are very important as they determine the level of programs that the church will be able to support.

All aspects of Westminster are now in full swing. The Sunday Vesper services have begun again. Our typically moving tribute to veterans will mark Remembrance Sunday and shortly thereafter we will be entering Advent, culminating with the glorious celebration of the birth of our Lord. There are many opportunities for study on Sunday morning, evening, and during the week. Several congregational activities are also planned. Mission activities continue year round. There are articles throughout this newsletter providing more details on the activities at Westminster and updates are provided weekly in the bulletin insert.

Several activities are in continuing need of volunteers. The choir is still looking for new members. Men especially are needed. The children's Sunday School program always has need for new volunteers.

Church clean-up day is coming up and all families are invited to participate. Mark Saturday, November 20 from 8 am to Noon on your calendar and join in sprucing up the church and grounds for the upcoming holiday season. Even if you can only come for an hour, your efforts will be greatly appreciated and will spare the church the expense of hiring a contractor to do the work.

Westminster members have many gifts. Sharing these gifts through involvement in church activities is a hallmark of our membership.

Yours in Christ,  
**Art Sauer**

*Membership Involvement Coordinator*



## Flying Solo (Singles) Ministry

**Age 40 and above**

*Please join us for fellowship and friendship at our regular monthly events. Of particular interest in November will be our Roundtable lunch and discussion. See below for details!*

**Tuesday, October 26:** Our monthly Potluck will begin in the Johnson Parlor at 7:00 pm with sandwich-making for the Bag Lunch program. Please bring a dish to share for dinner and drop off a can of food for ALIVE! at the education wing entrance as you arrive.

**Monday, November 8** – Our monthly Dine-Out will be at South Austin Grill located at 801 King Street in Old Town Alexandria. Carpool from church at 7:00 pm or meet us at the restaurant about 7:15. Join us for some good southwestern food and fun!

### “Living Well, Loving Well”

Flying Solo Roundtable Lunch and Discussion

**Sunday, November 14**

12:15 pm in the Haverkamp Room

As more people are living into their 80s, 90s and beyond, more of us face the challenges of being the adult children of aging parents. In many cases, we come face to face with issues with which we have little or no experience, such as safety vs. independence and in-home care vs. nursing homes. Come and share your own experiences in care-giving – the decisions you have faced, or anticipate facing in the future, and the resources that were most helpful.

This roundtable will be facilitated by Eileen Jinks, pastoral care coordinator.

Lunch will be provided!

### Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Looking ahead....We are working on the details for our Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Stay tuned for more information.

### Come See Our Photos

Don't forget to check out our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to see pictures from our fabulous retreat to Graves' Mountain Lodge!

For more information about Flying Solo Singles visit our page on the church website: <http://www.wpc-alex.org/singles> or contact me at [nhallberens@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nhallberens@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766 ext. 121.

Blessings!

**Nancy Hall Berens**

Director of Congregational Life and Singles Ministries

## Westminster Travelers



- **October 26:** Step inside the mysterious Scottish Rite of the Freemasonry's House of the Temple, featured in Dan Brown's book, *The Lost Symbol*. Depart at 1:00 p.m., \$5/person.
- **November 4:** National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) Open Rehearsal at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Depart at 9:00 a.m. \$1.00
- **Nov 10:** Lunch at El Pollo Rico in Arlington. Cheap, fast and delicious! \$16 (Peruvian Rostisserie Chicken, Steak fries or Cole Slaw and Inca Cola!)

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

## Women's Ministry

### Women's Friendship and Bible Study Circles

We have 2 day-time and 4 evening circles, including one of mothers of young children. Circle details can be found under Presbyterian Women on the church web site or from a pink flyer in the literature rack in the education wing lobby. Contact moderator Carol Ensley, carolanne.ensley@yahoo.com.

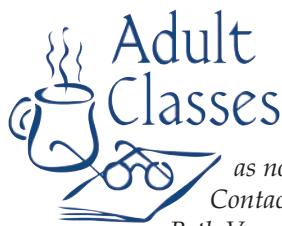
### Women's Work Day

All women are invited to help make stuffed animals and heart pillows for Alexandria Hospital patients on Wednesday, November 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Haverkamp Room with Nancy McIver.

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

All women are invited to reserve the weekend of April 8-10, 2011 for our annual retreat at the lovely Hallowood Retreat Center in Comus, MD, an hour from Alexandria.

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."



## Adult Education September 2010

### Sunday Morning Adult Education Programs

Morning 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 more information at [cvandewater@wpc-alex.org](mailto:cvandewater@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766 ext. 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. Purchase of an \$11.00 guide in class is encouraged.

#### "Conscience and Authority in the Christian Life"

October 24 – November 21, except November 7, Haverkamp Room, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

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

A survey of Protestant and Catholic concepts of conscience, its role in decision making and additional sources of moral authority.

#### "What is the World Coming to?: Recent Global Environment Catastrophes"

November 7, Haverkamp Room, 9:45 -10:45 a.m.

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?

### Sunday Afternoon Pastor's Classes

All adults are invited; no registration is needed.

#### "Reinhold Niebuhr: American Power in Theological Perspective"

Six – week afternoon series, October 17 – November 21, Room 103-105 from 4:30 - 5:50 p.m.

Dr. Larry R. 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.



### Women's Book Group

All women are invited to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett on Monday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m., or Monday, November 1, at 11:00 a.m. in Johnson Parlor. The book for the

Monday, November 22 discussion is *Raven Black* by Ann Cleeves.

## The Church HOME Committee is Helping Our Members Engage

By Christine Eustis, *Chair of Church HOME Committee*

This year, the Session created a new Committee called the Church HOME Committee. The Session and pastors want to focus more attention on helping new members assimilate into the life of Westminster and believed that a Committee devoted to this purpose was appropriate. The name comes from the acronym HOME – Helping Our Members Engage. But, we quickly realized that the name was more appropriate without periods between each letter – with a focus more on creating a church HOME for new and long-time members alike.

The Committee has focused on several areas this year. Our priority is to work closely with the New Member Committee to learn more about who is joining our church and what their interests and needs are. Member Involvement Coordinator Art Sauer is working with the Committee and pastors to link up new members and their interests with the appropriate Session members, committees and church activities. We are working to update the new member form to provide more relevant information to the church to better support new members. Tara Cain in the church office is helping us update the membership database so that we can identify and match members with their interests in church activities throughout the year.

The Committee is attending Inquirers and New Member classes to learn more about the members who are joining Westminster and help meet their interests or needs to the appropriate church activities. Vice Chair Dave Aland is using his creative talents to create a poster campaign to promote church activities. Did you see any of his provocative posters in Fellowship Hall? Check out the



posters and give us feedback. We also are also working with the Worship Committee and Music Director Paul Stetsenko to recruit new members for the choir. Because of a successful campaign, we are pleased to welcome 5 new choir members this fall.

Whether you are a new or long-time member of Westminster, we want you to know that the Church HOME Committee is here and ready to help you. Contact us anytime to tell us what you need to get involved in your church HOME, give us ideas, or join the Committee and help all of our members feel at HOME at Westminster. Our email address is [HOMEcmte@wpc-alex.org](mailto:HOMEcmte@wpc-alex.org).

## Men of Westminster



### Men's Retreat News

Who says that there are no second chances in life? Those men who signed up for the February 2010 retreat were disappointed when the record snowstorm and blizzard that we experienced last winter closed Hallowood and made it impossible for the event to take place.

Dr. Eric Springsted, who agreed to be our leader for last year's retreat, has again agreed to be the leader for our upcoming winter retreat, which is scheduled for **February 4-6, 2011**. He will be addressing St. Augustine and his relationship to the heritage of Reformed thought.

Those men who have attended previous retreats know how enjoyable and rewarding the program, food, and fellowship have been. Mark your calendar to make sure that you keep this weekend open. Sign up will begin in November.

### Men of Westminster 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Breakfast

Don't miss the **November 12** MOW Breakfast with Raja Nasr, who is a Professor of Education at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. His topic will be "The Communication of Humor; a Socio-Linguistic Approach".

Raja was born in Jerusalem of Lebanese parents, and served as a Presbyterian Elder for 25 years in Lebanon. Please join us in Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:15 a.m. for good food, fellowship, and interesting conversation.



### Faith on Tap

#### Dates and Times

NOVEMBER CHANGE!!!!

We will meet the **second Tuesday in November**—on the **9th** at 7:30 at the Capitol City Brewing Company in Shirlington. Topic will be our mission trip to Appalachia and the meaning of mission for the church today!

**December 21 (3rd Tuesday)** 7:30,  
Capitol City Brewing Co.

#### Potluck Brunches will Resume in January

In lieu of our regular first Sunday brunch, young adults are encouraged to attend the Blessings Brunch on November 7 and the Christmas party on December 5.

#### Young Adults Advent Study

We will be reading and reflecting on stories from Ted Loder's book *Tracks in the Straw: Tales Spun from the Manger*. Copies are \$12. Please reserve your copy by November 19!

Sundays, December 5-19

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Brides Room (off of Fellowship Hall)

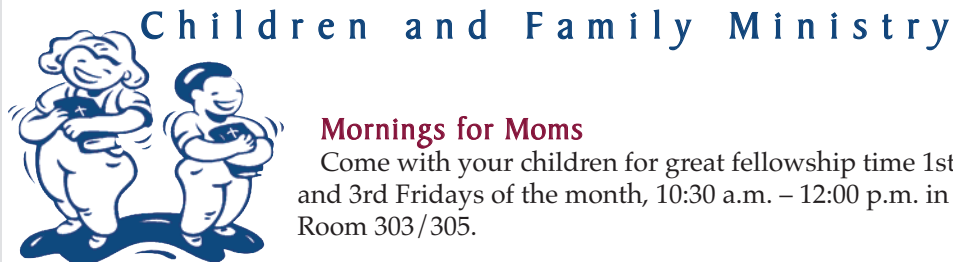
Led by Casey FitzGerald

#### Young Adults Christmas Dinner Party

Sunday, December 5, 7:30p.m. at the FitzGerald's home

We will be collecting and wrapping presents for the residents of the Ladrey Building in Alexandria. Details to follow.

RSVP to Casey at  
cfitzgerald@wpc-alex.org



### Mornings for Moms

Come with your children for great fellowship time 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Room 303/305.

### Moms Study

*Tracks in the Straw: Tales Spun From the Manger* by Ted Loder

Mondays, December 6-20

10:30-11:45 a.m.

Johnson Parlor

Childcare provided

Copies of the book are \$12. Please reserve your copy by November 19.  
(RSVP to Casey FitzGerald)

### Parent and Teacher Education Opportunities

Want to know more about what your children are learning in Creation Station? Join us for our parent Bible studies! Teachers and shepherds will get the nuts and bolts about what will happen in the classroom, all adults will be exposed to the general themes of the upcoming units and ways in which to encounter these sacred texts with our children. All classes are held in Creation Station at 9:45 a.m. (during the education hour) and taught by Casey FitzGerald.

#### Next up:

October 24: The Joseph Narrative Part I

October 31: The Joseph Narrative Part II

November 21: Advent and Christmas with Children

### Christmas Pageant and Congregational Dinner

December 12 at 5 p.m.

(Rehearsal for children in kindergarten through 5th grade will be held Saturday, December 11 at 9:30 a.m.)

Details to follow!



## HELP THE HOMELESS WALKATHON

An All-Congregation,  
Local, National and International Mission Event!

On Saturday, November 20th, WPC will join the thousands walking in the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon on the National Mall (9:00 a.m.). Please join us! By participating, you will provide much needed funding for the local ALIVE! House, a shelter in Old Town for women and families ... AND, you can support the national and international mission work of our church youth.

There are two meaningful ways for you to participate:

**1. WALK in the WALK!** The 2.5 mile walk is scheduled for November 20 starting at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 for Adults and \$15 for youth, age 25 and younger. It's a great family activity, and 100% of the registration fees and donations benefit ALIVE! And, if 850 walkers sign up to walk in support of ALIVE!, they receive a big boost in funding. To register, go to [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org), and look for the "register for walk" and select ALIVE! as your designee or register under the "Westminster Presbyterian Church" team.

*Note: if you sign up, but cannot walk, ALIVE! still receives credit!*

**2. SPONSOR A YOUTH WALKER!** If you cannot walk that day, sponsor a youth who is! Not only will you support our national and international youth mission trips, you will make a connection with our wonderful youth, who are our church's future. To sponsor, simply complete the form at right and return it to the church office (also available on our web site). Or, look for our youth as they seek your support, especially during the fellowship hour after worship on 11/14.

**Please join us!**



**YES**

I'D LIKE TO SPONSOR A YOUTH HELP-THE-HOMELESS WALKER!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount:

\$20

\$40

\$60

\$80

More \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request: ("your" youth will spend time in prayer on your behalf, and will contact you separately)

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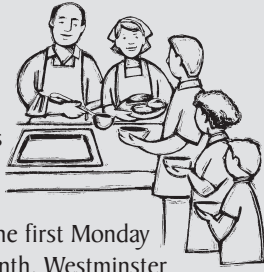
**Thank you for your support!**

Make checks payable to  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
(memo: youth walk)

Please return to church office by  
**Thursday, November 18**

### Carpenter's Shelter

Many children currently reside at Alexandria's shelter for homeless families. The first Monday of every month, Westminster members provide, deliver, and serve food to shelter residents. Additionally, children at the shelter need tutors, chaperones for trips, and school supplies.



### George Mason Tutors

About thirty children at the elementary school adjacent to the church receive consistent academic help and mentoring each year through this thriving afternoon program.



Volunteer tutors build relationships with the children they tutor, meeting with them once or twice each week to help them with their homework, play educational games and give them the confidence they need to succeed in school.

## Focus on Missions



Westminster members have many opportunities to serve the local community through a wide range of mission programs. The Local Missions Committee has categorized these programs into five areas represented by the acronym CHES.

Westminster-supported programs serve the needs of Children, alleviate Hunger, promote Education, provide and improve Shelter, and help those in need achieve Self-sufficiency. This Chronicle article specifically highlights local missions programs serving children. Westminster contributes money to all of these programs, and many of its members are actively involved with them as volunteers. If you would like to know more about any of these programs, or would like to be a volunteer, please contact [localmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:localmission@wpc-alex.org).

### Child Development Center of ALIVE! (Alexandrians INVolved Ecumenically!)

ALIVE! is an organization of several Alexandria faith communities that serve critical needs of low-income families in Alexandria. The program supports a preschool for these families at the First Christian Church on King Street.

### Presbyterian Women Work Day

Hospitalized children are given stuffed toys crafted by Presbyterian women. This group meets at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month to make handmade articles to give to others in need.

## In Search of ... Family Mentors

Would you like to share a family's journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency? If so, please consider becoming a mentor to a family in the Arlington-Alexandria Coalitions for the Homeless transitional housing program. This is a great activity for a group of four to six people. If you do not have a group already, we will help you get one together.

AACH's transitional housing program, Adopt-A-Family, serves Alexandria and Arlington. Participating clients receive a rental subsidy for up to 24 months, along with career counseling and other life skills assistance. The program is designed to provide employment options and to build family assets.

Each family in the program has a particularized plan developed by an AACH case manager and must meet certain milestones. Groups who volunteer for the program work with a case manager to find a good family match. With guidance from the case manager, the group works with the family. Examples of the type of assistance provided are English as a Second Language training, computer training, parenting skills, household and budget skills, and map reading. In the words of an area Adopt-A-Family volunteer, describing her group's work with a single mother, "We were there when her son took his first steps, when she learned to check the oil in her first car, when she became a naturalized citizen, and when she needed to brainstorm about finding a new job with a higher hourly wage."

If you'd like to learn more about AACH's transitional family housing program and how you can help, please contact Beth Richardson at [bethlyone@aol.com](mailto:bethlyone@aol.com) or 703-582-6305.



**Adopt-a-Family**

## Ways to be Involved

### Saturday, October 23: Rebuilding Together

**Alexandria** will participate in Energize Alexandria by weatherizing the homes of low-income Alexandrians in preparation for the winter. This should take about four hours and we'll be working on the home that we worked on last year. Weatherizing is an annual effort. For information, contact Eric Weiss at 703 960-0978 or eric.weiss@winchendon.com



### Saturday October 23rd: Carpenter's Shelter Community Walk.

Join Carpenter's shelter volunteers and supporters as they walk to raise funds to fight homelessness. This mini walk is great for the little ones too as it will cover just a few blocks around Carpenter's Shelter. Registration is \$15 for youth (age 25 and under) and \$25 for adults. T-shirts for everyone! For info or to register contact maureenford@carpentersshelter.org (703-548-7500 ext. 226).



**A resident of Carpenter's Shelter is in need of items** to start her in-home child care business. Items can be dropped off at Carpenter's Shelter, 930 N. Henry St, seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Let the front desk know Courtney Bishop approved the donation. To see what items are needed, please visit the Local Missions webpage ([www.wpc-alex.org/localmission](http://www.wpc-alex.org/localmission)).

**Bag Lunch Soup** The Bag Lunch program, providing lunches for the homeless and working poor in Alexandria, will begin soup service early this year. If you'd like to join WPC's soup makers, please contact Louise Anderson at [louiseanderson@erols.com](mailto:louiseanderson@erols.com) or 703-820-3568. No experience necessary.

**Help us make this Christmas a meaningful** time for the 91 foster children in Appalachia placed in homes in Logan, Mongo and Boone County. Please bring your donations of **new clothing, new toys or gift cards** to the church office or Fellowship Hall and place them in the Appalachia Service Project Donation basket. Gifts and donations should be delivered to the Church by Monday, Oct. 25.

Reformed Institute is sponsoring **"Presbyterian and Global Missions: Westernization or Partnership?"** presented by Dr. John Lee, Pastor of Korean Presbyterian Church in Rockville, at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church in McLean ([www.lewinsville.org](http://www.lewinsville.org)) on Saturday, October 30, from 9:30 a.m. – noon. All adults interested in mission are invited. More information can be found at [www.reformedinstitute.org](http://www.reformedinstitute.org).



## Child and Family Network Center

This neighborhood-based community-supported, free preschool serves approximately 135 children from low-income families at four different locations.



The preschool also offers speech therapy, occupational therapy, psychological assessments and social services to the children and their families.

## Share the Spirit

In December, Westminster members "adopt" a family through the Child and Family Network Center to provide a brighter holiday for low-income working families.

## Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH)

AACH provides shelter, counseling, and employment training to help homeless families rebuild their lives. Volunteers help with transportation, child care, and furniture delivery/pick-up.

## Job Hunters' Support Group.

This group, facilitated by Tanya Bodzin, a board-certified master career counselor, has been meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. since March at Agudas Achim Congregation. Open to all in need of such services, this is a free opportunity for professional adults to benefit from information, resources and support as they pursue their next job. For more information or if you wish to participate, contact Tanya Bodzin at [coachtanya@aol.com](mailto:coachtanya@aol.com).

## Save Your Christmas Shopping for Westminster's Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar December 5 and 12.



Plan to do your Christmas shopping this year at the Westminster Mission Committees' Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar on December 5 and 12 in Fellowship Hall following the 8:30 and 11:00 am services. The Bazaar affords you the opportunity to honor friends, neighbors and coworkers by giving gifts in their names to charities supported by the Local and National/International Mission Committees at Westminster. These gifts will make an important difference in the lives of people in our community, nation

and around the world. The need has never been greater since perhaps the end of the Second World War. For example you can contribute to AACH, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter; our ministry with Heifer International, or the Medical Benevolence Foundation and the Community Coalition for Haiti. Cards will be available from Westminster or the organization involved to give to the person you are honoring by your gift.

Also this is the primary time to provide continuing support for Westminster's United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge Kenya. There are 51 children at the Orphanage that require support. And as the Academy grows and expands, additional funds are needed for school supplies and to provide scholarships to permit local orphans and vulnerable children for whom there is no room at the residential facility to attend the Academy and get a good education and at least one nutritious meal a day.

Finally, as in the past, beautiful hand-made woolen and ceramic gifts from the Peru Bridge of Hope Partners for Just Trade and delicious chocolate, tea and coffee from the fair trade group Equal Exchange will be available for purchase. These are gifts that also give twice: once to the recipient and once to the workers, their families and communities in Peru and around the world.

**Don't give 'til  
it hurts.**

**Give 'til it helps.**

*Cheerful Giving:*  
**Westminster 2011  
Stewardship Campaign**

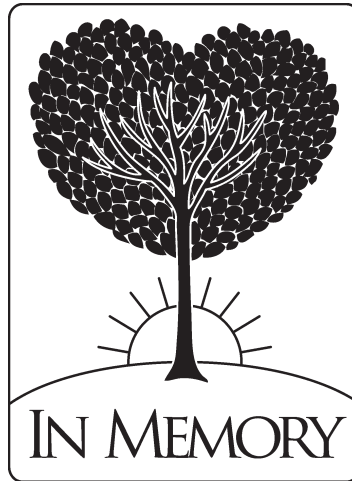


## Remembrance Season at Westminster

We are expanding our Remembrance season this year to commemorate the lives of all Westminster saints, both those living and deceased. We will particularly honor those we have recently lost and those who were lost in defending our nation or while on active duty in military service. On Sunday, November 7, we will celebrate the lives of our Westminster community and particularly remember those who we have lost in recent months. We will conclude our worship with the Service of Light offering special prayers for, and the reading of the names of, those whose spirit has returned to God in the past year.

On November 14, the Sunday closest to Veterans' Day, we will honor the men and women who are now or have served in the military. The Service of Light at the beginning of the worship service will be dedicated to those members, and friends of members, who lost their lives in combat, while on active duty, or in terrorist attacks. Their names will be read and special prayers will be given. After each service our remembrance will continue with a tribute in Fellowship Hall. We would ask Westminster members and friends to bring a photograph of someone whom they wish to remember—a family member, friend, a cherished one—to Fellowship Hall, either before or just after the service. The photograph can be in a standing frame, or just a print to be affixed to a display board. With the photograph, bring a printout of the name and a few sentences about the person. If you wish to bring flowers or a votive candle, feel free to do so. There will be someone to assist you.

In addition, we ask your help in letting us know of military personnel who died in service so that their names can be read. Please contact Paul Stetsenko, Director of Music Ministries, with this information. We hope that you will participate in this Remembrance season giving thanks for the Saints of Westminster; so long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us as we remember them.



*Dear Westminster family,*

I can't begin to express what it has meant to me to have received so many cards and expressions of condolence and support following the death of my brother. It has been a particularly trying time because his passing was so unexpected. You truly have shown the meaning of Christian community.

Blessings,  
**Art Sauer**



**You're Invited to the Blessings Brunch,**  
to celebrate all the blessings your pledges make possible.

Sunday, November 7  
in Fellowship Hall  
following the 11:00 worship service.

Thank you for your support to the annual Stewardship campaign.

## Nominating Committee Slate of Officers – Fall 2010

According to the Book of Order, "all ministries in the Church are a gift from Jesus Christ ... to those called to exercise special functions in the church - deacons, elders ... God gives suitable gifts for their various duties. Candidates should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord." The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of nominees with these characteristics to be considered for election on Sunday, October 31, 2010, at the Congregational Meeting. If elected, these elders and deacons will be trained in January and assume their duties on January 31, 2011.

### Elders, Class of 2011

**SARAH HOFFMAN** – A member since 2008, Sarah has been a participant in the Young Adults Group and served as a lay leader in Women's Circle. Before staying home to take care of her son, Bastian, she taught preschool at Browne Academy. She also taught middle school English, civics and sign language in Williamsburg, VA. Sarah was raised in Fairfax, attended the University of Virginia and lived in Williamsburg for three years before returning to Northern Virginia.

### Elders, Class of 2013

**RANDALL DAVIS** – A member of Westminster for 20 years, Randall has been the church school superintendent and a church school teacher. He is an attorney with Stuntz, Davis & Staffier in Washington, DC focusing on energy, environmental law and public policy. Randall enjoys reading and gardening, and economic and political studies.

**ROSA FULLERTON** – Rosa has been a member of Westminster for 25 years and has been active as a Deacon, and an Elder chairing the Communications' Committee. She has been a children's church school teacher, served as the Church School superintendent. Rosa also chaired Rachel Circle and was moderator of the Presbyterian Women. She served on the Personnel Committee and is currently on the Worship and Music Committee. Currently semi-retired, Rosa works part-time in an Old Town boutique and volunteers at 10,000 Villages. Rosa has been active in the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria for about 18 years.

**ERIK JOHNSTON** – Erik has been a member of Westminster since 2009 and has been involved in Young Adult Group, local mission projects serving on the Mission Council and the National/International Mission Committee. He also serves on the Presbytery Hunger Team. Erik is an associate legislative director for the National Association of Counties and focuses on agriculture and rural development issues. While Erik was born in Pittsburgh he grew up in southwest Virginia. Erik lives in Alexandria with his wife Megan and young son Liam.

**ROB LALKA** – Rob has been a member of Westminster for one and a half years. He is a senior high youth group advisor and active with Young Adults (including Faith on Tap and the Appalachian Service Project). Rob is a career civil servant working in the Office of the Secretary of State. Rob enjoys travel, camping, hiking, baseball, flag football, running, guitar, history, and literature.

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**MELISSA MCCLELLAN** – She has been a member of Westminster for two years and has been involved in young adult activities, local missions, the Kenya mission trip, and Presbyterian Women (Sarah Circle). Melissa is and an attorney for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and enjoys travelling, photography, being outdoors, and cheering for the Florida Gators.

**THOMAS PAULSEN** – Tom has been a member of Westminster for five years and has been an usher, assisted in communion for home bound church members and has been involved in adult studies. He is retired from the eMagin Corporation where he was Chairman of the Board of Directors. He currently works with not-for-profit organizations to help provide troubled youth with life and job skills training in and with various organizations in Washington DC and the Metropolitan area. In addition to that work, Tom enjoys fly-fishing with his grandchildren.

**CHRISTOPHER VAN HORNE** – Chris joined Westminster as a member in 2009 after visiting for a year. Currently, he serves on the A&F Committee, helps on the counting team and is a driver for Meals on Wheels. Chris owns a photocopying and imaging business in downtown, DC. He enjoys watching football, baseball and golf as well as playing golf, tennis, swimming, skiing and water skiing with friends and family. Chris grew up in Scarsdale, NY and was a member of Hitchcock Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon. More recently, he captained a counting team and served on and was Chair of the Finance Committee at Fairlington United Methodist Church. Chris was a driver for Meals on Wheels through NY Avenue Presbyterian Church from 1993-2009.

**DEBORAH OWEN WELLS** - Deborah and her husband, Kent, joined Westminster two years ago after being members of the Presbyterian Meeting House for 24 years. At WPC, she has participated primarily in worship. While a member at OPMH, Deborah served as a Sunday School teacher, as a member of the Adult Education Committee and as a Deacon. She is the Vice President for Finance and Administration for Lewis-Burke Associates LLC, a government relations and consulting firm representing universities and research organizations. Deborah is active with the Board of Trustees of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria; she also enjoys cooking, travel and rowing.

### Deacon, Class of 2011

**MARGARET CARPENTER** - She has been a member of Westminster for 19 years and serves as a nursery and church school volunteer, a member Christian Education Committee, and various other youth and teen-related volunteer activities. Margaret also chaperons the Middle School Youth mission trips and is a member of Local Mission Committee and a WPC Congregational Representative to ALIVE! She is a retired federal government senior executive. Margaret also served at the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Interior and the Securities and Exchange Commission. She spends time traveling and caring for her elderly parents.

**KATHRYN TORPEY** – Kay has been a member of Westminster for 18 months and has been active in Rachel Circle, Women's Book Group, Adult Education Committee, Adult Education Programs, Vespers, Tables for 8, Church Clean-up Day, Spirit Lake Mission Trip, Moi's Bridge Mission Trip, & various other informal Church get-togethers and dinners. She is a retired federal executive and is a former police officer & criminal investigator with the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C.; retired from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts as a member of the Senior Executive Service; and is a Certified Genealogist & lineage research consultant. Kay enjoys bird watching, mindfulness meditation, gardening, reading, travel, volunteer activities including friendly visitor, fight the flu, long-term care ombudsman, ESL conversation partner, and genealogical research. She is married to Joe Torpey.

### Deacon, Class of 2013

**CHRIS BAGLEY** – He has been a member of Westminster for two years. Chris is an engineer with MPR Associates, a specialty engineering consulting firm based in Alexandria. He recently separated from the US Navy, where he was a nuclear engineer. Chris tutors high school students in math and adults trying to earn their GED. He enjoys running and hiking, and regularly plays bridge. Becca, his wife, is expecting a baby in December.

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**KIM DAVIS** – Kim has been a member of Westminster for 21 years and has served as Deacon, Superintendent of Education on Sunday mornings, taught Church School and served on the BUF Task Force. She worked in Public Relations for 20 years, and took time off to raise her kids. During the time they were in school, Kim was president of the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Association of Parents and Teachers, served as president of the Parents Council of Washington, and volunteered in numerous school and community organizations. Kim has been taking classes at George Mason University, volunteers at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and for the Center for Alexandria's Children. She is a member of the Hunting Creek Garden Club and enjoys flower arranging and gardening.

**AMY HAWKINS** – Amy has been a member of Westminster since she was young. Her father was in the military and moved around but Alexandria and Westminster were always considered home. She participated in youth choir. As an adult, she volunteered as a church school superintendent, an assistant Sunday school teacher, and helped in the nursery. Amy has served bag lunches and has helped at Carpenter's Shelter. She worked for a number of years in real estate, primarily for builders in new home sales and sales management until deciding to stay home to raise a family. She is an avid tennis player, enjoys golf, is a horse owner and has been a dressage competitor for many years. She also enjoys gardening, reading and going to the theater. Amy and her husband, Dave were married at Westminster and have two children.

**JON HIXSON** – Jon has been a member of Westminster for 10 years. He is currently a board member of Westminster Weekday Preschool, a Sheppard for the children's program, and assisted in the nursery for pre-school children. Jon works for Cargill in government relations. Jon enjoys spending time with his family, exercising, cooking, and maintains an active interest in his parent's farm in Kansas.

**JOHN KOON** – John has been a member of Westminster for over a year and has been a 4-year-old class shepherd; a Creation Station teacher; and a member of Men of Westminster. John is active duty military (Navy); EP-3 Pilot currently serving in the ISR Capabilities Office on the Navy Staff. Rob is a member of the Civil Air Patrol and enjoys outdoor activities and family activities. He moved to Alexandria from Washington State in 2008. He is married to Caragh Koon and has two daughters, Caroline (7), and Louisa (5)

**MARBETH PAULSEN** – She has been a member of Westminster for five years. Marbeth is currently the moderator of Deacon's and chair of Ruth Circle. She has also been active in Meals on Wheels for the past seven years. Marbeth is a retired teacher and enjoys needlepoint, bridge, reading, exercise and traveling.

**NANCY PITCHER** – She has been a member of Westminster for 21 years and is currently a Deacon. She has taught Sunday school and did various sessions of art for Creation Station, most recently serving as assistant superintendent. She has been on the Stewardship Committee, assisted with youth bake sales and youth related activities with her daughter, Gopi. She has also helped in the bag lunch program, and the Women's Book Group. Nancy is the Director of Administration for The Real Estate Roundtable in Washington, DC. She enjoys sewing, crafts, spectator sports, hiking and a new-found passion for watercolor painting.

**BETSY SMITH** – Betsy has been a member of Westminster for five years. She has been a Deacon, participated in the bag lunch program, served as an usher and is a member of the envisioning task force. Betsy is a retired teacher and administrator in the Fairfax County school system. She is a volunteer docent at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, is an officer of several lineage societies. She enjoys book club, the Center for the Arts at George Mason University and Wolf Trap. Betsy grew up on a farm in the Shenandoah Valley. She and her husband, Bob, have two daughters, four granddaughters and three great-granddaughters.

**SAM ULM** – Sam has been a member of Westminster for 28 years and has served as an Elder, Deacon, New Member Committee, Local Missions Committee, and the National/International Missions Committee. He is a marketing consultant. Sam serves on the board of a non-profit organization; he is a Bread for the World participant; frequent volunteer in the community. He is married to Anne Ulm, has two sons who were raised in the church and is a proud grandfather.

**NANCIE WILLIAMS** – She has been a member of Westminster for 18 years and has been active in Ruth's Circle, church school and making sandwiches for the homeless. Nancie is a top-producing realtor with a firm in Old town. Her interests include spending time with her seven grandchildren, travel, exercise, and the neighborhood social committees.

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### Trustee, Class of 2013

**BECKY MOORE** – She has been a member of Westminster for 17 years and served as an elder, moderator and member of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission, lay leader, church school and nursery volunteer, usher, speaker, money counter, sandwich maker, and pew checker, among others. Becky works in Virginia's court system. She volunteers to assist lawyers and judges with continuing legal education, and helps at her children's school.

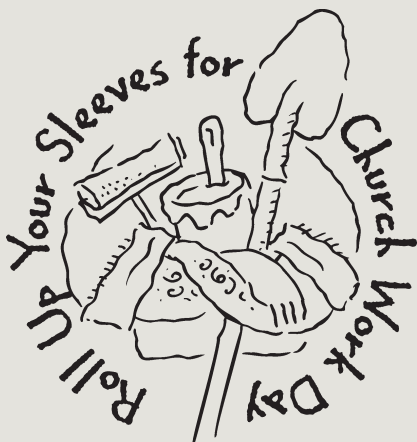
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**BEATRICE HURT** – Bea and her husband Jon have been members for 22 years. She has been a Deacon, Office Aide, Photo Archivist, a member of the Nominating Committee, the WPC Reunion Committee, and Tables for 8. She is retired and enjoys traveling, spending time with her children, grandchildren, friends and her Bichon Frise. Beatrice also likes to read and antique.

**JOHN RUNYAN** - John has been a member of Westminster since 1990. He has served in a variety of capacities including a term on the Deaconate, the New Member Committee, the Nominating Committee and as church school superintendent. He also has served as an unofficial new member photographer and has enjoyed photographing incoming officers. John and his wife Ruth Kane have raised their daughters Caitlin and Meg in the church. John has spent a career in government relations and now runs his own independent public affairs consulting firm.

**DONALD SMYLES** – He joined Westminster in 1988. He and his wife Cathy were married by Dr. George Pera in the Chapel in 1989. Don has served two terms as Elder and served on the Stewardship and Local Missions Committees. He also served two terms as Deacon where he was the representative to the Nominating Committee. Don has been a church school teacher, served on the Board of the Preschool and was the coordinator of the coffee hour. He currently drives the Church bus and coordinates the annual Adopt-a-Turkey program. Cathy and Don have three children, John, Holly and Margaret, all confirmed at Westminster.

**BARBARA WATTS** – Barbara joined Westminster Presbyterian Church twenty years ago and has been an active member serving many functions. Besides her husband William, who is Chair of the Westminster Foundation Board, she has a daughter and a son, Elizabeth and Will. She has been a volunteer teacher in the Sunday school and a volunteer in the George Mason School monitoring program. She served a term as Deacon. Barbara lives with her family in Alexandria and works in the Fairlington Shopping Center as manager of Reunions, an antique gift shop. In her spare time, Barbara likes to jog, practice yoga, read and garden and loves to cook.



### Church clean-up day

Saturday, November 20 from 8 am to Noon

All families are invited to join in sprucing up the church and grounds for the upcoming holiday season. Even if you can only come for an hour, your efforts will be greatly appreciated

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## Notes From the Stewardship Committee

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

This year's stewardship theme, "Cheerful Giving," draws upon Paul's message to the Corinthians as referenced above, and asks the members of Westminster Presbyterian to give of their treasure, talents and time in a "cheerful" way. For, "the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (2 Corinthians 9:6)

It is easy to wonder how we can remain cheerful during difficult economic times. However, we must have faith that God is there for us during good times and bad, and that he wants us to give freely and happily from our hearts. By maintaining this positive attitude, we demonstrate our commitment to God and to our church home, Westminster Presbyterian.

As members of Westminster, we are continually reminded of the benefits associated with our stewardship commitment. Our pledges help to fund all facets of the church budget to include our international, national and local mission efforts, our staff salaries and everything else that makes Westminster such a warm and welcoming home.

The Stewardship Committee wants to thank the members of the congregation for their active participation in the 2011 Stewardship Campaign. You will hear more from the Committee in the coming weeks and should have received a specific stewardship letter in the mail, already. As you reflect upon what the right contribution amount may be for you personally, please remember Paul's message to the Corinthians and consider what a cheerful giver you might be.

Further to this end, on November 7 the Stewardship Committee invites you and your families to attend a "Blessings Brunch" after the 11 o'clock service. This brunch will allow the Stewardship Committee the opportunity to share its appreciation for the Congregation's support, both in the past year and for the year to come, and for us all to celebrate the blessings of Westminster.

-The Stewardship Committee

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