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From the Pastor's Study A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward **The Grudge**

Every year I set out to read two anthologies: *The Best American Poetry* and *The Best American Short Stories*. I have been reading them for about fifteen years, and they have provided me with numerous "inspirations" for sermons and counseling.

A poem by Jeffrey McDonald leapt off the page a few weeks ago from the 2010 version of the poetry anthology (New York: Scribner Poetry, 2010). It is entitled "*The Grudge*."

I watered the grudge,
not with the fervent devotion
of a nun clutching rosary beads,
not with the destructive clockwork
of a drunk spilling vodka
tumblers on the cactus erupting
through his heart, but I watered it,
went out there at midnight,
with a can of spittle, moon dangling
like a lightbulb from its frail cord,
and I dripped the dark
nourishing fluid into its roots,
my face pulsing like a blister
as the venom petals bloomed.

By the time we reach adulthood, and often long before, most of us experience something worthy of a grudge that we can "water" until its "venom petals" bloom, our "face pulsing like a blister." Enough bad and unjust happens in life that grudges are easy to grow and maintain.

But most of us know that "venom petals" are not ultimately beautiful. We don't send them on birthdays and anniversaries; we don't place them as centerpieces at dinners for friends.

Faith can help us express anger (witness Job), seek justice (witness the cries of the prophets and Jesus' action of overturning the tables of the moneychangers in the temple) but also channel our anger into constructive action rather than "grudge watering."

"A violent tempered person will pay the penalty; if you effect a rescue, you will only have to do it again." (Proverbs 19:19). May our faith lead all of us to the will to water petals that bloom with life and color.

Larry



- We rejoice in the marriages of:
- **Jennifer Michelle Jenkins** and **Daniel Stephens Mack** on June 11, 2011
 - **Heather Elodie Hyde** and **Marc Allen Schmidt** on December 27, 2010

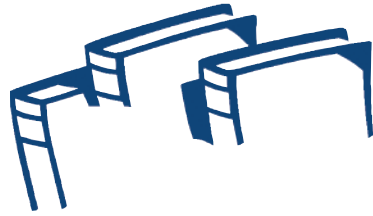
We welcome to the Westminster nursery:

- **William Middleton Reeves**, born May 1 to Lee and Mandy Reeves
- **Whitaker McKee Pollock**, born June 7 to Mark and Meghan Pollock, brother of Connor.
- **Hannah Yoonhee Hixson**, born July 1, 2010 and adopted by Jon & Jessica Hixson on May 26, 2011, sister of Will.

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of **Margaret Sapp Phillips**, who died May 20, 2011.

Women's Ministry

All women are invited to participate in fellowship, service and spiritual growth opportunities listed below. 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.



Women's Book Groups

The women's book groups will meet in the morning (11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) and evening (7:30 – 9:00 p.m.) on September 26 to discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. All women are invited, and no sign up is needed.

Women's Circles

Six friendship circles for women will start studying the Beatitudes in September. Go to "Presbyterian Women" on the church website for circle profiles, pick up a flyer in the lobby literature rack, or call moderator Bonnie Nasr. All women members and friends are invited to join one.



Women's Retreat

Our annual retreat will be March 16-18 at the Hollywood Retreat Center, an hour away. The leaders will be WPC staff members Nancy Hall Berens and Clara Beth Van de Water. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Celtic theme.

Member Involvement News



The doctrine of grace is a major component of the reformed faith. Most people understand that grace is freely given by God. However, the true Christian does not simply accept God's grace, but responds. This response is usually in the form of good works.

Good works can take many forms. In previous articles we have looked at the aspects of Westminster that include doing good works in worship, education and congregational activities. In this article we will look at the fourth part of our program – missions.

Westminster mission activities are extensive. There are three committees devoted to mission activities: Local Missions, National Missions and International Missions. Because of the extent of these activities, this article will focus on local missions. National and international missions will be covered in future articles.

Westminster supports a number of local organizations serving the needs of our community. The Local Mission Committee has arranged the services provided by these organizations under the acronym CHESS for Children, Hunger, Education, Shelter, and Self-Sufficiency. There are so many local mission activities at Westminster that it will be impossible to cover them all in this one article. Therefore, I invite everyone to review the Local Mission section of our website www.wpc.alex.org/local for a more complete review.

There are opportunities with ongoing activities such as providing dinner at Carpenter's Shelter on the first Monday of each month. The sign-up sheet is in the Education Wing lobby. We also serve Bag Lunches several times a month. You can participate in this activity by serving the lunches or by preparing sandwiches. Watch the announcements to find out when sandwiches are needed. On the third Tuesday of each month Westminster volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels. During the school year, Westminster volunteers participate in the George Mason Tutoring Program by spending an hour one or two afternoons a week helping a child learn to read or do math problems. Additional volunteers are always needed for all these activities.

In addition, Westminster also supports Guest House, Senior Services of Alexandria, Good News Jail Ministry, Child and Family Network Center, and Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services.

If you are interested in becoming involved with any of our local mission activities, you may contact LocalMission@wpc-alex.org for more information or to let them know of your interest. During the summer there is always a need for new volunteers due to regulars being on vacation. This is especially true for Carpenter's Shelter dinners and the Bag Lunch program.

Have a great summer.

Yours in Christ,
Art Sauer

Membership Involvement Coordinator

Westminster Travelers



Up-coming productions at Little Theater of Alexandria:

Thursday, July 21: "Hairspray"

Thursday, September 8: "Rabbit Hole"

Show starts at 8:00 pm. Please arrive early to receive your ticket. To make a reservation, contact LeAnne Perkowski in the church office at 703-549-4766 or lperkowski@wpc-alex.org. Open to non-church members if space is available.

For more information or to sign up for any Westminster Travelers event, please contact the church office.

Plan now for the Flying Solo Singles Fall Retreat:

October 14-16, 2011: Flying Solo Fall Retreat at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD. Our retreat leader is Maggie Hayward who is joining us for a weekend entitled "Everybody's Lookin' for Answers." We will explore spiritual themes in the Coen brothers' films as we discuss such topics as free will, forgiveness, compassion, the will of God, justice and grace, the problem of evil, and the definition of sin. Come learn about "the Gospel according to the Coen Brothers!" Registration material is coming in the mail, but is also available online on the Flying Solo page or by contacting Nancy Hall Berens. Enjoy the country in the fall complete with beautiful views of Sugarloaf Mt. from our cottage deck!



Flying Solo (Singles) Ministry

Flying Solo Singles welcomes single adults ages 40 and above to participate in a variety of opportunities for Christian fellowship, spiritual growth and service to others. For information on our group and up-coming events, visit our page on the church website:

<http://www.wpc-alex.org/singles> or contact Nancy Hall Berens at nhallberens@wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766 extension 121 to learn more!

Flying Solo Singles Summer Events:

Tuesday, June 28: Join Flying Solo Singles for our monthly Potluck at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor. We begin by making sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program (materials provided) then enjoy a potluck dinner together. Please bring a dish to share and a can of food for the ALIVE! basket in the foyer.

Saturday, July 9: Celebrate Alexandria's Birthday! Hear the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra in concert concluding with Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" and fireworks! Bring your own picnic or buy food at the event. Location: Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, in Old Town, 6-10 p.m. (carpool from church at 5:30).

Monday, July 11: Our July Dine-Out will take us to Bistro Bistro, 4021 Campbell Ave, in Shirlington. Join us for an evening of food and friendship. If you want to carpool, come to the church parking lot by 7:00 p.m. Otherwise, we'll meet at the restaurant about 7:15.

Tuesday, July 26: Time for another potluck! 7:00 p.m. in Johnson Parlor.

Sunday, August 7: Join us for Sunday Brunch at Clyde's, 1700 N. Beauregard Street in Alexandria. It is our summer tradition to go out to Sunday Brunch instead of our monthly Monday Dine-Out in August. RSVPs are helpful but not required. Please let Nancy Hall Berens know by Friday, August 5 if you know that you will attend but please join us even if you decide to come at the last minute! Carpool after church or meet us there at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 13: Step back in time on the historic C&O Canal! Take a trip on the canal in a mule-drawn barge with costumed interpreters telling the history of the canal and what life was like for the families who lived and worked there. Cost: \$8 (61 and under) or \$6 (62 and over). Carpools leave church at 12:30 p.m. for the 1:30 boat ride (Great Falls, Maryland). Walk or hike along the canal afterwards. Return late afternoon. Please RSVP to Nancy Hall Berens.

Tuesday, August 23: Time for another potluck! 7:00 p.m. in Johnson Parlor.

Saturday, September 3: Journey to Scotland ... at the Virginia Scottish Games and Festival! Watch the caber toss, highland dance, sheep-herding, bagpipes and drums. Look up your family's clan. Try some haggis! End the day with a trip to nearby Barrel Oak Winery for a little wine-tasting. Carpools leave church at 9:00 a.m. and return in the late afternoon. Get your own ticket at the gate or get a discounted ticket in advance at www.vascottishgames.org. Location: 5089 Old Tavern Road, The Plains, VA, off Route 66 Exit #31 to Rt. 245 (Old Tavern Road).

An Opportunity To Learn The Bible

DISCIPLE

- Would you be willing to join me and others at Westminster reading nearly the entire Bible – Genesis to Revelation – and learning about its background, history and theology?
- Would you be willing to spend about a half hour a day and an hour and a half together in this endeavor?
- Would you be willing not only to learn about the Bible but be open to where such learning might lead your faith?

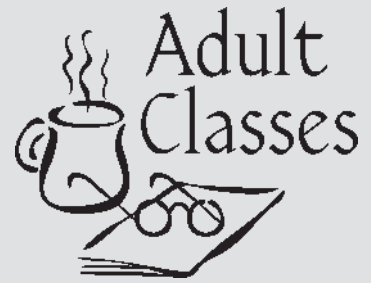
If so, I invite you to consider enrolling in DISCIPLE, a program which I will offer for the third time at Westminster (the fourteenth time in my ministry!) this upcoming school year. This national program leads us to spend seventeen weeks on the Old Testament and seventeen on the New Testament. It leads us to read over 70% of the Bible. It leads us to know one another better. It leads us to grow in our faith as we can better serve God in the world in which God has placed us.

Over 120 people completed DISCIPLE when I offered it in 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. Leading DISCIPLE is one of the most rewarding and enjoyable aspects of my ministry.

- Meeting times:** Every Thursday evening
7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
September 1, 2011—May 31, 2012
Except: November 24, December 22 and 29, April 5
Haverkamp Room
- Those eligible:** WPC members, visitors, friends, general public,
People who have taken DISCIPLE before
- Commitment:** Thirty minutes of reading a day
Ability to attend 28 of 34 weekly sessions
- Cost:** \$30 for purchase of manual
\$30 for purchase of New Interpreter's Study Bible: NRSV
Scholarships and payment plans available
Manuals and Bibles will be distributed September 1
- Signup:** To indicate your intention to sign up, email Program
Assistant, LeAnne Perkowski, Lperkowski@wpc-alex.org
- Information:** Call or email me at lhayward@wpc-alex.org
Attend brief "information sessions" on DISCIPLE
following worship on July 17 and August 28 at 11:30 a.m.
in the Haverkamp Room.

I hope you will consider joining me and others in DISCIPLE!

Larry



Adult Education

*Adult education classes will
resume Sunday, September 11, from
9:45-10:45 a.m.*

- Dr. Bruce Douglass, who taught a WPC class on Reinhold Niebuhr, will teach a class on his brother, H. Richard Niebuhr. His thought continues to influence how some Americans view religion in the "public square".
- Rev. Larry Goleman, a PC(USA) minister, will offer a class on how theology has been portrayed through works of art.

**Sign up now for
the Fall Mission
Trip to Appalachia!
Appalachian Service
Project Trip
October 20-23, 2011**

Join other Westminster members for our return visit to help those in need in Appalachia. Pack your bags, jump in a van and drive down together early Thursday morning and get back for dinner on Sunday night.

Travel by vans to Jonesville, Virginia

Climate controlled lodging with bunk beds and hearty meals provided

No building experience required

Total cost is \$145 per person

Registration is due on August 1

This trip is an incredible opportunity both to serve and to connect with other members of Westminster.

For more information please contact Director of Missions, Janet Riksen at jriksen@wpc-alex.org.



Focus on Missions

Three National Mission Trips planned for this Fall

Appalachian Service Project Trip

October 20-23, 2011

See More information on this event to the left

Intergenerational Apple Gleaning Day Trip to Winchester VA

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Perfect for all ages, especially young families looking to expose their children to the importance of mission. We'll spend a morning of gleaning apples in beautiful Winchester, Virginia (1.5 hour drive). For those wishing to make a day of it, feel free to stay after lunch and enjoy the Shenandoah Valley.

Participants will meet at the church around 8:00 a.m. and carpool to Winchester. We'll arrive by 9:30 a.m., get a briefing about the orchard and then have fun socializing and picking apples for up to 2 hours. We'll eat our packed lunches and be back on the road by 12:30 p.m.

Harvest of Hope Intergenerational Weekend Gleaning Trip

November 4-6, 2011

This weekend event will take place in Shawsville, Virginia (4.5 hour drive away, near Roanoke). Participants will leave on the morning of Friday, November 4 and return on the evening of Sunday, November 6. This intergenerational event is open to anyone over 10 years of age, but children must be accompanied by a parent.

Join us for a weekend of gleaning, education, and fun! Learn about hunger, some of its causes and find simple ways you can help end hunger in America. Participants will glean beets and turnips each morning, donating the produce to local food banks and soup kitchens.

The registration fee is \$75 per person and includes lodging, all meals on site & snacks, educational materials and a t-shirt. Scholarship assistance is available and transportation to the event will be covered by the church.

For more information about all our mission trip opportunities, please contact: Doug Anderson (National Mission Chair) or Erik Johnston (National Mission Committee Vice Chair), NationalMission@wpc-alex.org.

Confirmands Give to Local Missions

On Confirmation Sunday, June 12, as part of the celebration and gift to our youth, a donation of \$250 was presented on their behalf to Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless (AACH). The youth voted and chose which mission project they wanted to support, and they chose to support a particular AACH program called SKIT.

Over half of all AACH clients are children, and over half of these children are less than six years old. In response to the needs of these children, AACH has developed a comprehensive program called SKIT which stands for Support for Kids in Transition. SKIT volunteers assist children living at Sullivan House with positive educational and recreational activities. Activities include arts and crafts projects, game playing, esteem building and outdoor fun. Volunteers are also needed Wednesday evenings.

If you have an opportunity, please be sure to say "thank you" to Westminster's Confirmand Class of 2011. They make us very proud!

Westminster at Work in Southern Africa

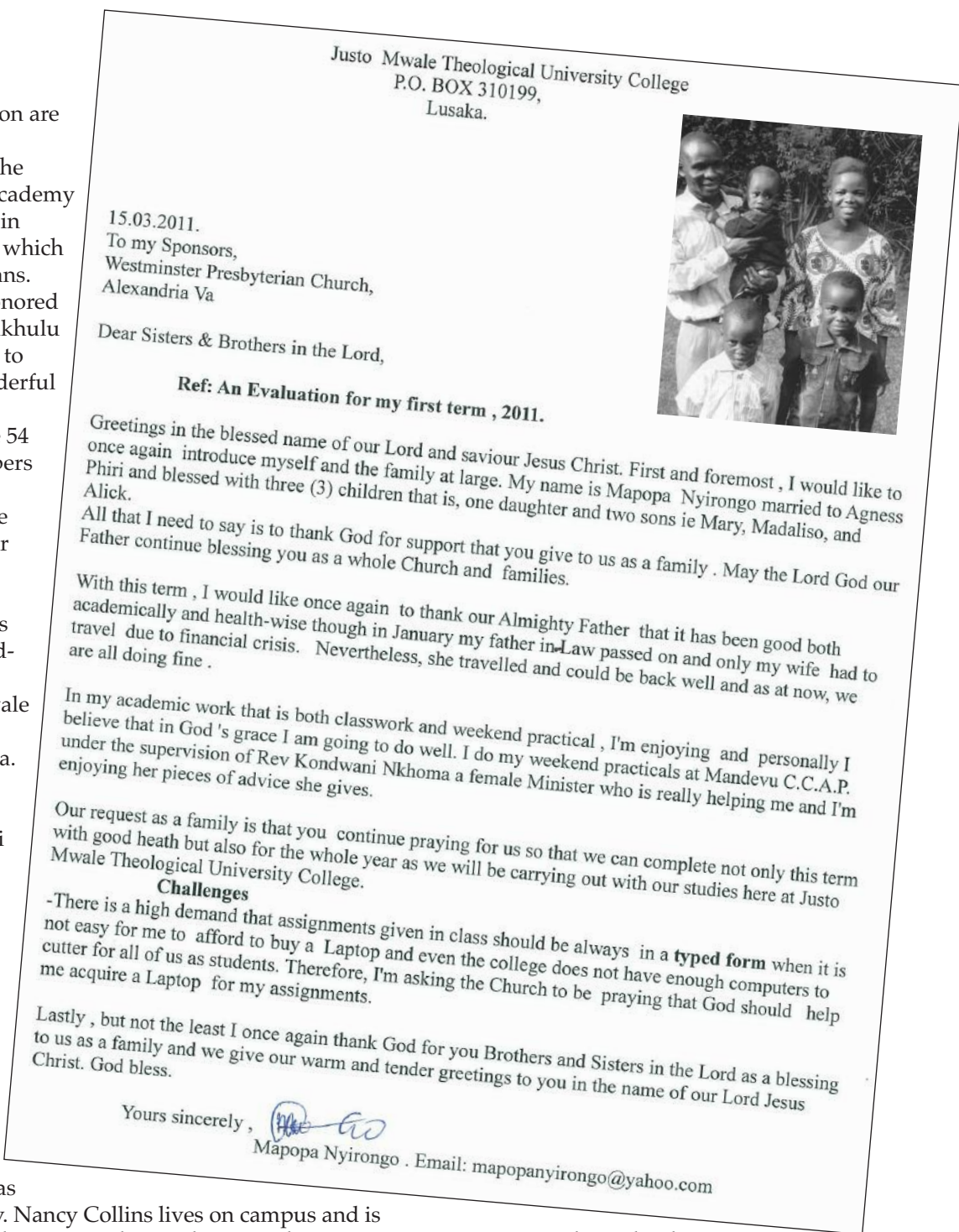
Many in our congregation are familiar with—and have generously supported—the United Orphanage and Academy that was founded in 2001 in Moi’s Bridge, Kenya, and which currently houses 54 orphans. Last fall 2010, we were honored to host Rev. George Wepukhulu and Rev. Stephen Githuki to further advance this wonderful partnership focused on improving the lives of the 54 children. However, members may be less familiar with some of the other valuable mission programs that our congregation supports to help transform lives in Africa. This article profiles Mapopa Nyirongo, a third-year student studying Theology at the Justo Mwale Theological University College in Lusaka, Zambia.

Westminster currently sponsors Mapopa and his family—wife Agness Phiri and three children Mary, Madaliso and Alick—through the Presbyterian Church (USA), PC(USA). Mapopa and his family came from Lundazi in eastern Zambia and he has been called by God to the hard life of a rural pastor. According to Nancy Collins, PC(USA) Regional Liaison for East Central Africa, Mapopa has

answered that call joyfully. Nancy Collins lives on campus and is available to Mapopa and the eleven other Bachelor of Theology students sponsored through other PC(USA) congregations. Mapopa, like the other students, have planted a large garden near his home to help stretch the living allowance he receives. Mapopa’s wife, Agness, is currently enrolled in a literacy class through the women’s program provided by Justo Mwale for spouses of pastors.

Through the newly formed International Missions Committee, WPC will continue to support the work of Nancy Collins, Justo Mwale and other projects, and you may learn more about these through future Chronicle articles or by emailing the International Missions Committee at InternationalMission@wpc-alex.org.

Attached is a recent letter from Mapopa to Westminster.



Mission Breakfast Celebration, Sunday, August 28 at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Do you currently support Westminster's mission projects? Are you interested in learning more about how you can be involved in service? Join us for a Mission Breakfast hosted by the Local, National and International Mission Committees. A full and delicious breakfast will be provided. Enjoy fellowship as we express our appreciation to Westminster members who volunteer their time and support mission as close as George Mason Elementary and as far as Kenya. RSVP not necessary but appreciated to LeAnne Perkowski at lperkowski@wpc-alex.org

Local Missions Packets for Street People

More than 125 packets containing resources for people in need whom we encounter on the street or sidewalk have been taken by our congregation to distribute as opportunities arise.

Thank you to those who have shared your experiences. Please continue to let us know of responses to this ministry from those in need in our community. Your comments are very helpful.

Later in the summer, Local Missions plans to assemble and distribute additional packets to WPC members. If you would like packets before that time or need more information, contact Carolyn Turner at LocalMission@wpc-alex.org.



Focus on Missions *continued*

Notes of thanks

Carpenter's Shelter is so grateful for the support of your congregation. We believe that no child deserves to be homeless and your gift is helping to ensure that more than 250 children will never be without a home again....

Your support of Carpenter's Shelter helps lighten the burden of others and you are a vital contributor to the mission of ending homelessness one child, one family at a time.

Lissette S. Bishins
Carpenter's Shelter

Thank you for your most recent very generous contribution to AACH. We truly appreciate your support of our work, particularly at this very difficult economic time. Your gift will help to make a difference.

Mary M. Adams
Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless

Thank you so much for your amazing support of The Child and Family Network Centers. Your commitment to the poor of Alexandria is a living tribute to your faith and ministry. Your contributions will alter the educational trajectory of Alexandria's most vulnerable.

Know that you have changed lives.
With gratitude,

Margaret Patterson
The Child & Family Network Centers

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and especially our clients, I want to thank Westminster Presbyterian Church for making a donation to Senior Services of Alexandria's Meals on Wheels Program.

Your continued support enables us to provide quality programs and services to seniors in our community. We look forward to sharing our achievements and program updates as we progress throughout the year. Thank you again for your generous support.

Janet Barnett
Senior Services of Alexandria

Thank you for your ongoing, generous donations to our program. Your donations form the backbone of our religious organization's support. We appreciate your congregation's vital work in our community.

Friends of Guest House, Staff, Board & Residents



Faith on Tap

7:30 p.m.

Capitol City Brewing Company (Shirlington)

JULY 21

Christian Faith in a Religiously Plural World

JULY 19

Faith and Money: What Would Jesus Buy?

AUGUST 16

The Spiritual Practice of Being Uncomfortable

Top Golf Trip

Wednesday, August 24, 7:30 p.m.

6625 S. Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA 22315

Join us at the driving range for a fun night out. We'll eat and play golf. All levels of play welcomed. Cost is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to Casey by August 10.

Young Adults' Small Group Opportunity to Begin This Fall

Have you been yearning for a deeper sense of community at Westminster? Hoping to engage your faith in a more meaningful and challenging way? Want to experience growth in your spiritual life? Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our small groups in the coming program year. Groups of 4-7 participants will meet twice a month on Sunday mornings during the education hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.). Participants will commit to five months of meetings (twice per month), and do their best to attend each one. Groups may be extended beyond the five months if they so choose. This opportunity will be open to young adults who are single or married, with or without children.

An informational session will be held on **Sunday, September 18 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 103/105. Groups will begin in October.**

A&F Update

On May 25, the Session adopted a policy explicitly prohibiting the carrying of firearms on Westminster church property except in the case of law enforcement personnel acting in an official capacity or individuals who as a condition of their employment are required to carry firearms at all times. This policy was adopted in response to an April 8, 2011 Advisory Opinion by Virginia Commonwealth Attorney General Cuccinelli. Attorney General Cuccinelli concluded that under the Constitutions of Virginia and the United States and under the laws of Virginia, it is permissible for a citizen to carry a firearm into a place of worship for personal defense purposes. The Attorney General also concluded, however, that places of worship have a property right to restrict or ban the carrying of firearms onto their private property should they choose to do so. The Session-adopted policy carefully balances the needs of law enforcement and other persons who are required to carry firearms at all times with the desire of the church to foster a peaceful place for worship free from weapons.



A Great Smoky Mountain of Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our very successful youth barbecue fundraiser. We raised over \$2500, which covers the balance of money we anticipate needing to serve in Haiti. Please keep our 15 youth and 6 advisors in prayer as they open themselves to serve hand in hand with our neighbors in Haiti. Sorry to those who wanted to buy some meat but could not because we sold out so quickly. We hope to do this again next year!



Children and Family Ministry



Saturday in the Park

July 9, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Westminster Preschool Playground

Young families are invited to join us for treats and playtime! Get to know your Westminster family while enjoying some outdoor fun. Cancelled in case of rain.

Summer Moms Study

Selected dates, 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the Johnson Parlor

We will return to Rob Bell's NOOMA videos as a meaningful and low-key study for the summer. Come to one or all of the sessions! Please let Casey FitzGerald know in advance if childcare is needed. This is a terrific way to connect with other mothers in the church. Feel free to bring friends!

Dates:

Monday, July 11

Monday, July 18

Wednesday, August 10

Wednesday, August 17

Wednesday, August 24

The Great Family Read: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Wednesday, July 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Haverkamp Room (Dinner is provided)

"You have to write the book that wants to be written. And if the book will be too difficult for grown-ups, then you write it for children." –Madeleine L'Engle

All are welcome to join Casey FitzGerald in an evening workshop on Madeleine L'Engle's amazing children's novel, *A Wrinkle in Time*. Books cost \$7, and are available for purchase in the library. Please RSVP by July 10.



Congrats to our Grads!

As a community of faith, we honor and celebrate transitions. We celebrate those who have worked hard and are now rewarded by a diploma and all the rights and privileges pertaining therein! Blessings to all of our grads on all of your future endeavors! May God continue to be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path!

High School

- **Rebecca Dickerson**, daughter of Carol and Spencer Dickerson (St. Stephens/St. Agnes)
- **Ben Goodwin**, son of Michael and Priscilla Goodwin (TC Williams)
- **Elizabeth Kotsch**, daughter of Jeff and Connie Kotsch (TC Williams)
- **Alex Moser**, son of David and Rebecca Moser (South County)
- **Douglas Murphy**, son of Sean and Sally Murphy (TC Williams)
- **Claire Neimann**, daughter of Ken and Julie Niemann (St. Stephens /St. Agnes)
- **Tre Sanders**, grandson of Barb Rawlings (TC Williams)
- **Nick Severini**, son of Jody Severini and Becky Busch (TC Williams)
- **Rebecca Stone**, daughter of Richard and Kristin Stone (TC Williams)
- **Connor Sullivan**, son of John and Becky Sullivan (TC Williams)
- **John Todd**, son of Doug and Nancy Todd (Yorktown)
- **Claire Yamada Watson**, daughter of Lee Watson and Debbie Yamada-Watson (H-B Woodlawn)
- **Allie Zickar**, daughter of Lou and Lisa Zickar (TC Williams)
- **Emily Zimmerman**, daughter of Martyn and Cindy Zimmerman (TC Williams)

Undergraduate/Graduate:

- **Elizabeth Fitzsimmons**, daughter of Shera Fitzsimmons (Randolph-Macon College B.A. in Sociology)
- **Jack Kilby**, son of Mike and Sue Kilby (University of Virginia, B.S. in Biology)
- **Gopi Pitcher**, daughter of Nancy Pitcher (James Madison University, B.S. in Health Studies/Pre-Physical Therapy)
- **Sheffield Clay Richey III**, son of Sheffield and Murray Richey (Washington and Lee, B.A. in Politics, minor in Philosophy)
- **Thomas Sheffield Richey**, son of Sheffield and Murray Richey (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Master of Library Science)
- **Matthew B. Solomond**, son of Louise Ball (Georgetown University, Master of Professional Studies Degree in Real Estate Finance)
- **Elizabeth Watts**, daughter of Bill and Barbara Watts (Boston University, B.S. in Psychology)



The Fowler Family wishes to thank and send best wishes to all those in Westminster, including those on the staff, who sent loving sympathy cards to us in memory of Betsy and who supported her and us during her long illness. We also wish to thank those who have contributed to the Westminster Memorial Fund in her name.

Thank you very much for the beautiful sanctuary flowers, cards, visits and prayers during my recent knee surgery. Recovery is slow. It means so much to have such a wonderful church family.

Sincerely,
Jane Olmstead

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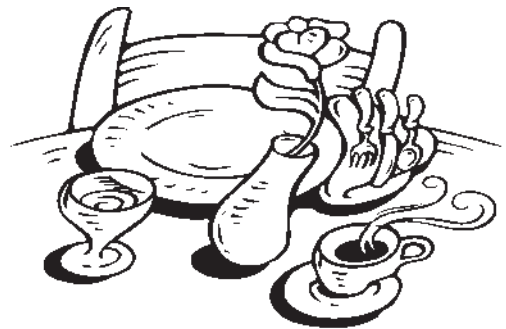
Tables for 8

Do you enjoy fine dining? Do you like to make new friends? Do you appreciate fellowship and camaraderie with others at Westminster? Then Tables for 8 is for YOU!

Sponsored by Congregational Life, Tables for 8 have been building deeper bonds among Westminster members since 1995. Following our kick-off potluck at church on Saturday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Haverkamp Room, each group of eight to nine will meet independently for the remainder of the year. Normally, most groups try to meet once every four to six weeks in members' homes for dinner. The host or hostess prepares the main meat dish, while other members of the group bring the remaining courses to be shared by all.

There is no program to prepare. Just come and enjoy one another's company and create lasting bonds with fellow Westminster members. This activity is for any adult of any age—both singles and couples.

To sign up, please e-mail or call Janet Harris. You may also sign up in person during fellowship hour on Sundays in September 4, 11 and 18. We look forward to having many new participants as well as returning members this fall. Mark your calendar now for Sept. 24!



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