



Westminster  
Presbyterian  
CHURCH  
—worship well—

save  
the date

June 8, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Picnic

Join us for a fun-filled picnic after church. All you need to bring is your family! (feel free to bring a chair or two)

Many volunteers are needed, please contact Patty Chamberlain, 703-370-3750, chamberlain\_patty@hotmail.com if you can help move tables, set-up, clean-up, or help with the cooking.



# the chronicle

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## *From the Pastor's Study*

A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward

Worship Well

### being christian among many faiths

I want to compliment the congregation on your attentiveness to the more doctrinally oriented sermons of the past six weeks. I have enjoyed the process of thinking about them and preparing them, both as they have wrestled with our relationship as Christians to people of other faiths, as they have presented our theological struggle to understand who is saved, who is not saved, and what of that question lies beyond our capacity to know, and as they have sought to relate to our congregation's process of envisioning our future. As always, thanks, simply, for listening.

I want to share with you one final resource that appeared as the Affirmation of Faith at the 8:30 a.m. service May 11. It says better than I can say much of what I have been seeking to say in these sermons, at least about our relationship to other faiths and our knowledge – or rather, God's knowledge – of salvation.

This comes from Questions 49-52 of the Study Catechism of the Presbyterian Church, approved for use and study in 1998, available at <http://www.pcusa.org/catech/studycat.htm>.

**Q. Will all human beings be saved?**

**A:** No one will be lost who can be saved. The limits to salvation, whatever they may be, are known only to God. Three truths above all are certain. God is a holy God who is not to be trifled with. No one will be saved except by grace alone. And no judge could possibly be more gracious than our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Q. Is Christianity the only true religion?**

**A:** Religion is a complex matter. When used as a means to promote self-justification, war-mongering or prejudice, it is a form of sin. Too often all religions -- and not least Christianity -- have been twisted in this way. Nevertheless, by grace, despite all disobedience, Christianity offers the truth of the gospel. Although other religions may enshrine various truths, no other can or does affirm the name of Jesus Christ as the hope of the world.

**Q. How will God deal with the followers of other religions?**

**A:** God has made salvation available to all human beings through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. How God will deal with those who do not know or follow Christ, but who follow another tradition, we cannot finally say. We can say, however, that God is gracious and merciful, and that God will not deal with people in any other way than we see in Jesus Christ, who came as the Savior of the world.

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## thank-you & more

### dear friends,

I was pleasantly surprised to receive so many cards and notes from you after my mother's death. It was nice to know that your kind and understanding thoughts were with me.

Thank you so much.  
**Jackie Borthwick**

### a note of thanks to all of you:

'This warm and heartfelt thank you for all of you today holds more appreciation than any words can say... For you're the nicest kind of people this world has ever known, and you'll never be forgotten for the thoughtfulness you've shown.'

May God forever keep you all in his care.

Yours in Christ,  
**Mattie Turner**

### thank you

The Westminster/George Mason Tutoring Program has just completed another successful year. Through the financial support of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 28 children at George Mason Elementary School received consistent help with their school work throughout the year. Many thanks to tutors **Bob Baldwin, Jim Dullea, Susan Griffith, Jim Hoben, Jon Hurt, Ginna Mittauer, Anne Pickett, Nancy Richards, Art Sauer, Bill Watts, Sheila Weiss, and Melynda Wilcox** and to substitutes **Sarah Buchanan, Holly King and Candace and Henri Rush** for their commitment of time to the program. Their wisdom, kindness and companionship have truly made a difference in the lives of the children they tutored.

**Elizabeth O'Brien**  
Co-coordinator

*Westminster/George Mason Tutoring Program*

## summer worship schedule



**May 25 – August 31**

One worship service at 10:00 a.m. and no church school other than the preschool classes held during worship.

## being christian among many faiths

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**Q: How should I treat non-Christians and people of other religions?**

**A:** As much as I can, I should meet friendship with friendship, hostility with kindness, generosity with gratitude, persecution with forbearance, truth with agreement, and error with truth. I should express my faith with humility and devotion as the occasion requires, whether silently or openly, boldly or meekly, by word or by deed. I should avoid compromising the truth on the one hand and being narrow-minded on the other. In short, I should always welcome and accept these others in a way that honors and reflects the Lord's welcome and acceptance of me.

*May God bless these words and guide us as we seek to embody them to the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Larry*

## lost and found

Missing your favorite glasses case, glasses or gloves? Check out the lost and found in Fellowship Hall for things left from the winter months. Items not picked up by June 9 will be donated to a local charity.



**News Flash:** Nancy Jane Wilke and Sandy Calhoun will continue to run The Westminster Travelers program for one more year! Let us know where you most want to go as we plan for the coming year.

**Thursday, June 5.** National Gallery of Art. *In the Forest of Fontainebleau: Painters and Photographers from Corot to Monet.* 9 a.m. \$1.

**Thursday, June 5.** *The Underpants,* Little Theatre of Alexandria. 7 p.m. \$1.

**Thursday, June 19.** *Hot Mikado,* a jazz version of a Gilbert & Sullivan favorite. Aldersgate Church Community Players. 7 p.m. \$1.

Travelers trips are open to non-church members if space is available. Call the church office to make a reservation.



## from Associate Pastor

Karen A. Blomberg

### healing services in the presbyterian church ?

Yes. Our Book of *Common Worship* has designed services of Wholeness and Healing for use by congregations. These services are made available to those wishing to participate in a time of prayer and supplication for wholeness or healing. The Worship Committee has authorized a brief service of Wholeness and Healing to be offered this summer. The service will last about 15 minutes and will be available each Sunday this summer beginning June 1 immediately following the 10 am service. The short service will be offered in the transept nearest the baptismal font. Those wishing to take part in the prayer service may go to the transept nearest the baptismal font following the 10 am service. The service will include prayers, reading of scripture, and for those who desire it – laying on of hands and anointing of oil. The Presbyterian Directory for Worship states:

*Healing was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus which the church has been called to continue as one dimension of its concern for the wholeness of people. Through services for wholeness, the church enacts in worship its*

*ministry as a healing community...The vital element of worship in the service for wholeness is prayer since this is essentially a time of waiting in faith upon God. Thanksgiving for God's promise of wholeness, intercessions and supplications should be offered...Enacted prayer in the form of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil is appropriate. (James. 5:14.) The enactment of prayers involves the presiding minister of Word and Sacrament together with representatives of the believing community.*



The services are being organized by Karen Blomberg, Associate Pastor, and Jill Ewell, Pastoral Care Assistant. If you have questions about the service, please contact either one of us. If you desire special prayers for wholeness and healing for yourself, others, and/or the world, I hope you will participate.



## flying solo (singles) upcoming events

### save the date!!!

Mark your calendars now for the annual Flying Solo Retreat which will take place **October 3-5,**

**2008** in Rehobeth Beach, Delaware. We will be renting two traditional beach houses, side by side in the heart of downtown Rehobeth Beach, just one and a half blocks from the beach and boardwalk. Early October is a lovely time to stroll on the beach and connect with friends from church in a relaxed atmosphere. Stay tuned for more details on program and registration coming soon!

### regular monthly events in June:

**Monday, June 9:** Our Dine-Out in June will be at Aladdin's restaurant in Shirlington at 4044 Campbell Avenue (former 28th Street). On the second Monday of each month we meet at a local restaurant for an evening of food and fellowship. If you want to carpool, meet in the church parking lot by 7:00 pm. Otherwise, we'll meet at the restaurant at 7:15.

**Tuesday, June 24:** Our Potluck will take place in the

Johnson Parlor at 7:00 pm. On the fourth Tuesday of each month, we gather at church for a casual potluck dinner and for our monthly mission project (making sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program). Please bring a salad, entrée, or dessert to share. We also encourage you to bring a can or two of food for ALIVE!

### upcoming event:

**Saturday, July 12:** Come celebrate Alexandria's birthday with a pops concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Flying Solo will be joining the festivities for this annual birthday bash including the city's birthday cake and fireworks! Bring your own picnic or buy food at the event. Parking is limited, so plan on meeting at the church at 5:30 pm to carpool. Or join us later down at Oronoco Bay Park between Pendleton and Union Streets in Old Town. Entertainment starts at 6 pm with the grand finale at 9:30 pm. For more information, call Art Sauer at 703-971-7232.

If you have questions about any of these events or would like to know more about Singles Ministry at Westminster, please contact Nancy Hall Berens at 703-549-4766, ext. 121, or [nhallberens@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nhallberens@wpc-alex.org).



news from

## united orphanage & academy in moi's bridge, kenya

### help build a brighter future for the children of moi's bridge

To those of you who attended the Concert with a Cause on April 27 at Old Presbyterian Meeting House to support the United Orphanage & Academy, thank you very much. As a result of your generosity \$1,907 was raised which will be used to support further construction of the new three story, stone Academy building. When completed, this building will house all nine classes of the Primary School (Grades Early Childhood Development through Grade Eight) as well as a Computer Laboratory, Library and Director's Office. For the present Early Childhood Development is meeting in the Study Hall Room at the Orphanage, Grades One through Four are meeting in a wood frame construction building and Grade Five is meeting in one of the completed rooms on the first floor of the new building. Pictures of these buildings and of the Orphanage buildings as of our March visit are posted on the National/International Mission Committee bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

This may sound like a plea for further construction funds, and, of course, such funds are always welcome, but this is not the primary focus of my appeal this month. As I have indicated in prior articles, seven distinct tribal groups live in the area surrounding the UO&A. For those of you who have been following the reports of the Tribal conflicts in Kenya, they are Kikuyu, Kisii, Bukusu/Luhyia, Luo, Kalenjin, Kamba, and Turkana. We have children from four of those tribes living, working, playing and worshiping happily together at the Orphanage and from others study-

ing together at the Academy. But admission to the Academy for other than the children in the residential facility (35) has been limited to date to children from the community (64) whose parents or guardians are able to pay a small tuition and meal fee. This means that children from the poorer tribes have been excluded by lack of financial means. To address this situation last year at the Alternative Christmas Giving Bazaar for the first time we solicited funds for scholarships to enable a broader mix of children from the community to attend the Academy.

These scholarships which were originally priced at \$200 have now been repriced at \$100 as a result of the salaries of the teachers in the Academy being independently underwritten by other donors to the Academy. A board is being created with one respected representative of each of the tribal groups mentioned above to oversee the grant of these scholarships to insure that members of each group will consider the process to be fair and to increase community involvement in matters affecting the Academy. This is the golden opportunity which I am laying before you in this article. We have 14 scholarships funded to date but need many more if the scholarship board is to have a meaningful number to allocate. Please consider contributing a scholarship which will permit more of the children from the various tribes in the Moi's Bridge area to have the opportunity for the better future that receiving the superior education being offered at the Academy will provide.

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## notes from the stewardship committee

### "the assurance of things hoped for"



What are the first words that you hear when you call to place a complaint? Predictably, after being put on hold, you hear a reassuring voice intone: "please don't hang up, your call is important to us." Instinctively, we know that the opposite is true. At Westminster, however, there is a Call which is important to us because it directs us in all that we do. That is God's Call to us. We take great pains to listen for this Call and to be receptive to it. None more so than during the

annual officers' entreat; the focus of which was to listen for and then discuss our Call for Godly action at Westminster and the broader community in the near future.

In keeping with our attention to God's Call, the Stewardship Committee has chosen as the theme of this year's program the optimistic words of Hebrews 11:1 that faith is "the assurance of things hoped for . . ." Our goal this year is to engage the Congregation in this assurance through the commitment of our time, considerable talents, and financial gifts.

## there's still time for spirit lake

Still looking for something to do this summer? Tired of going to the beach or the mountains? Join others from Westminster as we travel to Devil's Lake, North Dakota to visit our friends on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation. We'll do some home fix-up work and run a Vacation Bible School for about 50 children. In our leisure time we visit local sites such as annual Indian Pow Wow, the Sully Hill Nature Preserve, and the old fort at Ft. Totten. This is an area where the buffalo still roam. The fields of sunflowers are another interesting sight. We're especially interested in folks with home repair skills and experience working with children. The cost of \$800 includes airfare, food and ground transportation. Lodging will be at the local church. Hotels are available locally for those who want to use them instead. If interested, contact Art Sauer at: [asauer@wpc-alex.org](mailto:asauer@wpc-alex.org)

## youth mission update

Thank you, Westminster, for being such vibrant supporters of youth mission. With summer upon us, here is a brief description of how your support will bear fruit among our youth and those they seek to serve. Please keep us in your prayers as we help others and are formed in faith to be a light unto the world.

- **The Senior Highs** are going to Pass Christian, Mississippi from June 22-28. Along with high school students from across the region, our youth will perform light construction and rehab work for residents still struggling to overcome the damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. In so doing, we hope to mirror the world's response to other terrifying disasters, such as those recently experienced in China and Myanmar. For fun, we will spend a day in New Orleans and feast on beignets!
- **Middle School** youth are embarking on a joint mission/worship excursion from July 7-13. Our original trip to West Virginia was cancelled, which gives us the opportunity to return to Marion, VA and work with Project Crossroads to provide light construction help for low-income and disabled residents. From there, we will head to the Massanetta Middle School conference in Harrisonburg, where fun, fellowship and worship will help our faith grow in "leaps and bounds" (the conference theme).



**bread for the world's  
2008 "offering of letters"  
campaign will focus on  
food shortages and long-term solutions to hunger**

Westminster's National/International Mission Committee will again be leading Bread for the World's Offering of Letters Campaign to fight hunger this year. It will culminate in support for a letters writing campaign on June 22, subject to Session approval.

After last year's focus on the Food Stamp issues of the recently-approved U.S. Farm Bill, the emphasis this year is on finding long-term solutions through poverty-focused development assistance in the poorest countries of the world. Issues of primary importance will be on improving the various phases of agricultural production and distribution, but will also address nutrition, clean water, health and education.

Westminster is a Covenant Church of Bread for the World, providing longtime financial and other support. The Offering of Letters Campaign is a non-partisan grassroots initiative which has received enthusiastic support from many churches across the nation. Further information, sample letters and stamped envelopes will be available for those wishing to participate.

Contact Sam Ulm at 703-751-6210 for more information.



**what's up  
with our  
youth?**

### calling all graduates!

Each year, we like to share with the congregation the names of our church family who are graduating from high school, college/trade schools/masters programs/medical/business/law schools/etc. If you would like to share, please send graduation information to Oraly Spatz ([ospatz@wpc-alex.org](mailto:ospatz@wpc-alex.org)).

## focus on missions



### local missions busy in april

Last month Westminster was very busy with local mission projects. In addition to our regular monthly programs feeding people with Meals on Wheels, Bag Lunch, SOME, Carpenter's Shelter and the Last Saturday program, we had a number of events and some really excellent effort on behalf of ALIVE. Many thanks to Eric Weiss for organizing our Rebuilding Together Alexandria house where a team of Westminster staff and members helped an elderly homeowner with a number of projects. Some of our team went back another Saturday to finish. (see her thank you note on p. 2.) The Carpenter's Shelter Cook-off made \$88,000, ALIVE held a gala and a walkathon to raise money that some of our members participated in, the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Center also had a fundraiser that some Westminster staff and members supported.

Westminster's support for ALIVE! (ALexandrians In-Volved Ecumenically) has been significant in the past two months. WPC members donated more than 80 bags of non-perishables and almost \$6500 to the food program in March and April to help ALIVE! qualify for a matching grant. As more Alexandrians seek help to feed their families and as food prices rise, the food budget was exhausted months before the end of the fiscal year. The influx of new donations has helped to cover the shortfall and will bring in extra resources from a foundation.

Westminster Boy Scouts have volunteered to transfer donated non-perishables to First Christian Church, the initial collection point for food, so keep those bags of food coming! Also, your financial donations will enable ALIVE! to purchase surplus meat, fruit and vegetables at 9 cents per pound. Many thanks to those Westminster members who already have donated both food and money.

### habitat for humanity day coming in june

The Maple Ridge Habitat Project will start in June, actually in the area where we parked to work on the Westbrook Forest Habitat Project. This will be a 9-unit condominium, and our work day will probably be assigned next month. The site is located at 11328 Westbrook Mill Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030, at the intersection of Waples Mill Road and Lee Highway. We'll be looking for 20-25 people to work (usually 8:30 am to 3:30 pm on Wednesdays or Saturdays), as well as for a vendor/group/individual to provide lunch for about 35 workers. For questions or to help, please email Chris Poole, pooleplace@hotmail.com.

### do you volunteer in the community? stand up and be counted!

In an effort to better focus our efforts, the Local Missions Committee would like to know which members of the WPC Congregation currently volunteer in the community. While we are very aware of the organized efforts that support the Bag Lunch program, and meals at Carpenter's Shelter and SOME (to name a few), we'd like to know what other organizations or activities our members support—both those that we support through our current Local Missions committee and those we do not.

Please respond to the following via email to Rita Grazda, rgrazda@aol.com:

1. Your name
2. Your email and phone number
3. Organization you support (include address, phone number and website, if available)
4. What service do you provide?
5. How often do you serve (e.g. hours per week, month, etc.)

If you volunteer for more than one community organiza-



*Flowers*  
in Memory of...

### sanctuary flowers

If you would like to memorialize or honor loved ones with a flower arrangement in the sanctuary for Sunday services, there are a number of open dates available. On most of these dates one arrangement has been reserved, but a second arrangement would also be welcomed. One arrangement costs \$55; two arrangements are \$110. Please call Oraly Spatz in the church office or email her at ospatz@wpc-alex.org if you are interested.

## A Reminder About Emergency Information Forms

By Sandy Calhoun, Retiring Director of Seniors' Ministries

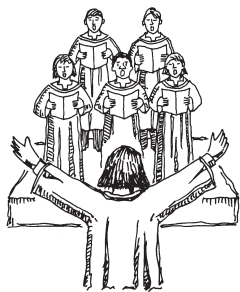
When the Westminster Travelers are on extended-day bus trips, each passenger carries with her or him a personal information form naming a person to be notified in case of emergency, a current list of medications, the name of the primary care physician, and information about a living will. I would urge everyone that this information plus data about your church membership, your next of kin or a surrogate, the location of your last will and testament, any organ donation wishes, funeral plans you have made, and the name of your attorney should be kept with you even when you are not traveling. You may also leave a copy of this document in the church safe. Remember to update the document when changes occur. Probably, in the not too distant future, we will all carry this kind of information with us on a computer's memory stick

On our very first Travelers' extended trip, a passenger needed hospitalization in Canada. The emergency personal information form was very useful. The need for such a document also became apparent recently when a church member died alone at home. If you wish to control the disposition of your body and your belongings, you must make arrangements that are clear and obvious to legal authorities. Because of a coincidence of events or one could say, the work of the Holy Spirit, our church member's wishes were discovered; however, a far different outcome was narrowly averted.

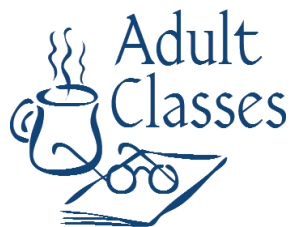
Although our natural inclination is to put off planning for emergencies, thinking, "it could never happen to me," one has only to think about the recent natural disasters, the high number of traffic accidents and crime scenes in the news, and the unavoidable fact that we all die sometime, to realize the importance of doing some basic planning.

## Summer Choir

Did you sing in your college or high school chorus? Sing with the Westminster Choir this summer! In June,



July and August the choir gathers at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse for worship at 10:00 a.m. No weekly commitment necessary, no week-night rehearsal. Contact Paul to let him know which Sundays you'd like to sing in the choir, so music can be planned to fit the available voice parts - pstet-senko@wpc-alex.org.



## Adult Classes

## adult education programs

Classes meet Sundays from 9:45 in the Haverkamp Room. All adults are invited. No registration is needed.

### fall adult education preview

"**Christ and Culture,**" a weekly discussion of current events in the light of Christian faith, will be led by pastor Dr. Larry Hayward on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. beginning September 14.

"**Why Be Reformed?,**" a lecture series on why our Reformed Protestant tradition still matters today, will be presented by Dr. R. Bruce Douglass, professor at Georgetown University and director of the Reformed Institute, on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. beginning September 8.



## 2009 women's retreat: a bouquet of blessings

Mark your calendars for March 28-30, 2009, for the annual women's retreat at Hallowood Retreat Center in Comus, Maryland. The theme will be "A Bouquet of Blessings." Clara Beth Van de Water, director of adult education and women's ministries, will be the leader.

## women's book group

All women are invited to read *The Shack* by William P. Young. Discussions will be held on Monday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Clara Beth Van de Water's home near the church and on Monday, June 2, at 11:00 at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads. Call Clara Beth Van de Water (703-549-4766 X120) for directions to her house or for parking directions at Goodwin House.

## nominating committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that **Emily Zimmerman** was elected at the Congregational Meeting on May 18th as Youth Elder. Emily's term will begin July 1, 2008 and continue through June 30, 2010. Emily is a freshman at Minnie Howard and will attend T.C. Williams High School next year. Her favorite subjects in school are math and chemistry. She was confirmed on May 11th and has been involved with our church for many years. She has participated in children's choirs, has participated in M & M Week, and has been an active member of the Middle School and Senior High youth groups since the 6th grade. She runs cross country and rows for T. C. Williams Crew. She recently rowed in the Virginia state championship boat and in Philadelphia for the Stotesbury Cup.

The Nominating Committee is also pleased to announce that **Jim Silverwood** was elected to the Nominating Committee representing the congregation at large. Jim and his family joined in 1998. Since then, he has been active in Scouts, the National and International Mission Committee, and served two three-year terms on the Diaconate. He also served on the Nominating Committee in 2007 as a representative from the Diaconate. He works for the Justice Department and is currently involved with Justice-sponsored Assistance Programs in Africa and the Middle East. He was formerly a Federal Prosecutor in the Organized Crime Division. He enjoys playing basketball and golf and has been in an all-male book club for over 30 years! He and his wife Jean, son, John, and daughter Annie, live near Westminster and are very fond of dogs.

## do you know a future leader for our church? seeking god's servants

*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

**Romans 12:4-8**

## help us seek out those whom god has called to lead our congregation

Please give us your recommendations of those individual communicant members whom you believe have the gifts of heart, mind and spiritual wisdom to serve as Elders, Deacons and Trustees and on the Nominating Committee of our church starting in February 2009.

We seek men and women of strong faith and conviction, joyful hearts, initiative, spiritual maturity, loving concern for others, and who are willing to take an active, informed leadership role in the life of our church so that their love of Christ, their wisdom, and their joy may be given in service to our congregation.

Recommendations can be submitted online via the church website (in the Officer section), in writing or verbally to any of the Committee members, or submitted in writing to the church office.

## members of the 2008 nominating committee

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## treasurer's summary report

### 1st quarter, 2008

<b>2008 Year to Date</b>	
Operating Income	\$362,886
	(includes budgeted carryover)
Operating Expenses	\$378,910
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$ 16,024)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Operating	\$ 404,824
Foundation	\$1,013,545
Capital Campaign	(\$ 879,405)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 538,964</b>

### operating fund

The Operating Fund is in good shape. Pledge giving has been strong. Total collections for the 1st Quarter of 2008 (Jan – March) was \$348,826. Adding in the Operating Reserve for the 1st Quarter (\$14,060) resulted in total revenue collections for 2008 of \$362,886. This is only \$8,077 (-2%) behind our revenue projections for the 1st Quarter; not very significant for 3 months.

Total expenses through the 1st quarter are within the expected budgeted

amount. Utilities are running slightly high but seem to be leveling off. Total expenses for the 1st Quarter of 2008 totaled \$378,910.

### westminster foundation

The Westminster Foundation continued to experience small (-3%) decreases in total asset value in the 1st Quarter due to a weak stock market and few dividend payments being received.

### capital campaign

The Capital Campaign received a total of \$93,775 in the 1st Quarter of 2008. This means that the church has collected under the Encore Campaign \$1,039,176 (or 45%) of the total pledges made (\$2,306,895) for this Campaign.

At the end of the 1st Quarter, the Capital Campaign made payments on the church's outstanding debt to reduce the two loans to \$1,072,816 consisting of:

- \$868,000 remaining on the Cardinal Bank loan and
- \$204,816 remaining on the Westminster Foundation loan.



Terry Grindstaff, Treasurer

## july 19 to 26 mission trip to reynosa

For the last 20 years, Faith Ministry of McAllen, Texas has been working to improve the lives of the poorest of the poor in Reynosa, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from McAllen. Their programs have helped to build three sanctuaries in the barrios of Reynosa where poor Mexicans have the opportunity to nourish their spirits through worship at Sunday services and receive support in their daily struggles to survive and raise their families. With support from congregations like Westminster, which has sent groups to Reynosa on a number of occasions, Faith Ministry supervised the building of hundreds of small, one room homes for families living at the margins of Mexican society. Finally, with support from Westminster, among others, Faith Ministry's health clinics provide medical services to families that cannot afford private medical care.

A few years ago Tom Geiger and a group from Westminster assisted a Reynosa family of five that had an estimated per capita income of approximately two dollars a day. The oldest daughter in that family was hoping to study to be a pastor.

The home that Westminster volunteers built for them was a bare cement block one room structure, but for this family, it represented a dramatic improvement in their living conditions. That experience was a joy and a blessing for everyone who participated, the members of Westminster and the Mexican volunteers who work with Faith Ministry and, of course, the family members who received the new home. Experiences like these bring memories that will be with you forever.

This Summer Westminster hopes to send a team which will be led by Tom Geiger to Reynosa to construct a home from July 19 to July 26. Please consider joining us. The Westminster team needs at least six volunteers to be able to build a home for a Mexican family. In addition Faith Ministry's two clinics are now in operation and may provide opportunities for those of you who are professional health care providers. Your help would be much appreciated.

Please contact Henri Rush at Westminster or Tom Geiger at thomasgeig@gmail.com if you would like more information.

## church staff

Larry Hayward .....Pastor  
Karen Blomberg .....Associate Pastor  
Patrick Hunnicutt .....Associate Pastor  
Casey FitzGerald .....Associate Pastor  
Paul Stetsenko .....Director of Music Ministries  
Clara Beth Van de Water .....Director of Adult Education  
Sandra Calhoun .....Director of Seniors' Ministries  
Nancy Hall Berens .....Interim Dir. of Congregational  
Life and Singles Ministries  
Henri Rush .....Coordinator of Nat'l/Internat'l Missions  
Art Sauer .....Coordinator of Volunteer Ministries  
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## volunteer corner

The questions come up weekly, sometimes daily. Why don't we have enough volunteers? How can we recruit more volunteers?

First, I'd like to address the question of "Why don't we have enough volunteers?" Admittedly, we'd like to have 100 percent of Westminster members volunteering for at least one of our activities. Of course, this is highly improbable. Many members are physically not capable of volunteering either due to infirmity or to being out of town residents. Of the remaining members, my best estimate is that about three-fourths of them volunteer in some way at some time during the year. So, my take is that Westminster has lots of volunteers. The problem (if one wants to see it that way) is that our volunteers are not necessarily volunteering for the things that others want them to volunteer for. This brings us to the next question.

"How can we recruit more volunteers?" By definition volunteers are not working for pay. This has more implications than simply ruling out money as an inducement. Quite simply, it means that **volunteers work because they want to**. To recruit them we need to get them interested in what needs to be done. To keep them volunteering we need to keep them interested.

Recently, I've been reading (skimming is more accurate) a book

called "New Breed" that was loaned to me by Patrick Hunnicutt. This book looks at the difference between today's volunteers and the volunteers of the past. I don't have enough space in this column to cover everything but, I'll touch on some highlights and present more in later columns.

Today's volunteers are interested in helping out but, they want to do something that fills a need for them as well as the organization. Along with this, they feel less obligation to stick with an unfulfilling activity. They want more flexibility in their schedule and a sense of ownership in what they are doing. They will do things like stuff envelopes but, they like to see it as part of a bigger mission. One thing that has not changed is that they like to be personally asked to help. Volunteers do not respond well to ads, especially traditional print ads. E-mail, text-messages, and personal phone calls are the best way to connect with the new breed of volunteer.

In closing, I want to point out that recruiting volunteers is the responsibility of every activity leader. With the size of our program at Westminster, I can only focus on the most urgent needs. The most effective recruitment comes from the activity leader. After all, who knows more about the activity and can best describe what is needed?

*Yours in Christ,*

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