

# WESTMINSTER NEWS



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## Stewardship 2012: Counting Our Blessings

By Jim Carter and Katherine Youngblood, Stewardship 2012 Co-Chairs

We are pleased to co-chair Stewardship 2012 this year and excited to announce our theme, *Counting our Blessings*.

The Stewardship Committee, comprised of veterans and first-timers, met in late June to organize and select a theme.

We reviewed themes and related keywords (such as Grace, Growing, and Hope) used over the last twenty

years. After much consideration we unanimously selected “Blessings” as the keyword (interestingly not used over that time frame). The committee felt that the theme strongly conveyed the well-understood and personal messages of how we all are blessed individually and as a congregation.

Life is messy; we all know that. We’ve all experienced seemingly insurmountable and devastating burdens. Yet, in spite of those burdens including health, job loss, financial hardships, family dynamics, and so forth, we think you’ll agree we’ve all been blessed throughout our lives. We count Westminster Church – with its caring staff, enriching programs, and supportive community – among the abundance of our blessings.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for **Festival Sunday on November 13** and **Pledge Sunday on November 20**. As in prior years we will have an extensive communications program of speakers for Moments for Stewardship during worship and writers for the *Westminster News*.

We’re pleased to let you know that we’ll have one more additional means of telling you more about Stewardship 2012. We’ve added a new website:

[www.CountingOurBlessings.org](http://www.CountingOurBlessings.org).

Go to it (accessible directly or via link from [www.eWestminster.org](http://www.eWestminster.org)) as a way of pledging online and seeing testimonials, videos, and images submitted by members and friends describing how Westminster has been such a blessing to them.

We worship, celebrate, and rejoice at Westminster. We give thanks to our God who has brought us to this place. And we look forward to sharing our blessings – not only during the short term of the 2012 Stewardship season – but each and every day of our lives. Thanks be to God.



Jim Carter



Katherine Youngblood



COUNTING  
OUR  
BLESSINGS

STEWARDSHIP 2012

From the fullness of His  
Grace, we have all received  
one blessing after another.

(John 1:16; NIV)

## Upcoming Opportunities for Fun and Fellowship

By *Melanie McCall, Coordinator of Fellowship*

### 10 Years of Sunday/Monday Connections

Sunday/Monday Connections offers women of all ages and varied backgrounds a chance to know each other better by sharing a meal, as well as reflection and discussion about how our faith connects with and impacts our daily lives. Each dinner features a speaker from among the women of Westminster who shares the ways that her "Sunday" faith impacts her everyday life and work. We begin with a social time, followed by dinner, presentation and discussion. Over the years we have heard from clergy, elders, choir members and other thoughtful and interesting women of faith. We meet at The Woman's Club of Minneapolis at 410 Oak Grove St., 6:00-8:30pm. \$25. Register in the Heller Commons, by contacting Dan Franklin at [dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org) or sign up online at [ewestminster.org](http://ewestminster.org) by September 28. Questions? Contact Linda Tuohy at 651.450.6394.

### WestConnect

Adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to be a part of WestConnect, Westminster's young(ish) adult fellowship group. Upcoming:

- **Ongoing on Sundays**, Come to the Bushnell Rm. for the After Hour, a time to connect over good coffee after the 10:30AM worship service. Discuss the sermon, meet new friends, and learn more about upcoming events.
- **Feed My Starving Children**, October 1. Learn more about this ambitious Westminster effort to help starving people in Somalia. (See *Happenings* item on pg. 4 and Dan

*Franklin's column on pg. 8.*) We'll have a group at the 2:00PM shift. When you sign up, mention that you are with WestConnect. Questions about the FMSC event? Contact Beth Gillaspey, [bethgillaspey@gmail.com](mailto:bethgillaspey@gmail.com).

Join us! All the latest news is on our Facebook group page. Search for us at Westminster WestConnect. Questions? Contact Melanie at [mmccall@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:mmccall@wpc-mpls.org).

## WOW Studies the Beatitudes

By *Sharon Achor, WOW Co-Coordinator*

Westminster on Wednesday (WOW) Women's Bible Study begins October 12, with *Confessing the Beatitudes*.

The Women's Bible Study continues to be led by Suann Nicols and the Revs. Liz Heller, Judy Kim, Bebe Baldwin, Ethel Kay Livingston, and Suann Nicols.

We gather for coffee and fellowship at 9:00AM Wednesday mornings. Bible Study is 9:30-10:30, followed by a program 10:45-11:45AM. Many of us bring a bag lunch and continue our time together after the program.

Join us on **October 12** when The Rev. Dr. Stephen Robertson will present *My Story So Far*. Upcoming programs include: **October 19**: Frances Bulbulian discusses his design and completion of Westminster's Marquette Addition 10 years ago; **October 26**: The Humane Society. Come for part or all of the morning!

## Social Justice Forums

By *Cynthia Arnold, Social Justice Ministry Team*

The upcoming Social Justice Forum Series titled **Rebuilding A Nation** will feature an internationally renowned activist and local Native Americans working on issues of Native pride, arts, economic development, sustainable development, renewable energy and food systems. **Sunday, Oct. 2, Justin Kii Huenemann** (Navajo). Huenemann is the founding president and CEO of the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI), a community development organization. He has spent his entire professional career working to advance American Indian self-determination and to improving the quality of life of American Indian people. He has a B.A. in Architecture and an Masters in Education Administration from the University of Minnesota. **Sunday, Oct. 9, Bernie Melter** (Lakota Sioux) is a retired Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs. He has received numerous awards for his work

with veterans and was named one of the "Ten Outstanding Vietnam Veterans" by Gov. Al Quie. Audience members will experience first-hand the challenges of our region's Native Americans. In particular, he will highlight the work that must be done to assist American Indians living on reservations. **Sunday, Oct. 16, David Cournoyer**, (Rosebud Sioux and family ties to the Yanton Dakota people) is the president of Plain Depth Consulting, which works on issues of communications, facilitation, leadership, and organizational development. His clients include local and national non-profits, philanthropic, tribal and state government entities. David has served as director of resource and program development for Native Americans in Philanthropy and also served as board chair. He has also worked with the American Indian College Fund. In 2011, Gov. Mark Dayton appointed David to the Early Learning Council.

Learn more about this series online,  
[www.ewestminster.org/socialjusticeforum](http://www.ewestminster.org/socialjusticeforum).

# From Our Pastor

## Dear Friends,

I wrote in a recent *News* about the proposed new ministry in Uptown and mentioned that Westminster has helped start some sixteen churches over the years. Someone asked me to give more details.

Westminster was established in 1857; fifteen years later we started another church on Western Avenue by Cedar Lake. It later became the Fifth Presbyterian Church. That same year Westminster started Franklin Avenue Presbyterian Church, changed later to Vanderburgh Memorial, named after a Westminster member.

In the 1880s Westminster started two more churches and three "missions" along the river flats, among immigrants. The missions involved Sunday afternoon programs for children, often led by the women of Westminster. The three missions later became churches.

A major capital campaign undertaken by our church at the turn of the century, the "20th Century Fund," focused on starting new churches in the city. We also launched our own new member drive that year. In five weeks 205 people united with the church. Westminster's membership passed 2,000 in those years.

We continued helping new churches get off the ground through the last century. We were the parent church for another six congregations along the way. We assisted in establishing Christ Presbyterian in Edina and Kwanzaa Community Church in north Minneapolis. Today we continue to provide funding to Kwanzaa and *Familia de Fe*, a new Latino church being started by the presbytery in south Minneapolis.

This past July the few remaining members of the congregation of Grace-Trinity Community Church in Uptown voted unanimously to accept Westminster's proposal to start a new ministry based at that church. Their pastor will retire at the end of this year; a search team of two members of Grace-Trinity and three from Westminster has begun working to find a new minister.

The Session of Westminster will hire a Stated Supply Associate Pastor – hopefully by January 1 – who will be on our ministerial staff. The new pastor's job will be based entirely in Uptown at Grace-Trinity (28th and Hennepin). The position's cost will be shared by the good people still at Grace-Trinity and Westminster's 2012 budget.

Even though our church has been involved in starting many new churches over the years, this is an exciting new venture for most of us. Our 2012 pledges will help launch this new ministry in our city; I encourage you to be generous as we move toward stewardship season.

See you in church!  
Grace and peace,



Timothy Hart-Andersen

## WESTMINSTER CLERGY & STAFF

### The Rev. Dr. Timothy Hart-Andersen

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Kathy Fisher, Executive Assistant

Mary Hess, Director of Legacy Giving

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The Rev. Meghan K. Gage-Finn, Associate Pastor

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Marie Kruskop, Coord., Early Childhood Ministries

Barbara Prince, Program Assistant

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Dan Franklin, Coord. of Discipleship Ministries

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Westminster Gallery and Archive

Barbara Prince, Program Assistant,

Worship, Music and the Arts

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Susan McKenna, Director

### PARISH ASSOCIATES (Volunteer Clergy)

The Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins

The Rev. Margaret McCray

The Rev. Dean J. Seal

# WPC Happenings • • • WPC Happenings

## Be a Westminster Greeter!

“Everyone is so nice!” “We felt so welcome!”

These compliments are not only gratifying to hear but represent the majority of the feedback we receive from visitors. On Sunday mornings that welcoming atmosphere begins right at the doors of the church with our volunteer greeters. It is always difficult to walk into a church one has not visited before, but it can be especially difficult at a church with a building as large as ours. Our greeters are there with a smile and a warm handshake to let everyone know they are welcome. And we need more volunteers to provide those smiles! If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact Dan Franklin, 612.332.3421 or [dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org).

### Men’s Fall Retreat

Plan on a beautiful autumn weekend at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest near Deerwood, MN starting Friday evening, **September 30**. For those who want to beat the afternoon traffic, there’ll be a golf outing earlier that day! The main program will be Saturday, October 1, led by Westminster member Chad Quaintance on the theme of *Conflict and Community: How Can We Relate to One Another in a Divided Church and World?* Leaning Tree Lodge is available a second night on Saturday for anyone who wants to enjoy the 1,000 acres and three miles of lakeshore. Please contact Bill Kruskop, [bkruskop@earthlink.net](mailto:bkruskop@earthlink.net) to register.

### Feed My Starving Children

Please join us on **Saturday, October 1** to help assemble food packets at the Feed My Starving Children, Coon Rapids location. This will be the most fun you, your family, and friends can have while helping so many get the food they desperately need! We have two time slots: 11:30AM to 1:30PM and 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Contact Dan Franklin, 612.332.3421 or [dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:dfranklin@wpc-mpls.org) to sign up. *See Dan Franklin’s column on pg. 8 of this issue.*

### WOW Westminster on Wednesdays

WOW meets each Wednesday for a morning of fellowship, Bible study, and programs on a wide variety of topics. The WOW year kicks off on **October 5** with the annual Birthday Luncheon. Nicolas Carter, harpist, will share stories and perform music on the Paraguayan harp. The Birthday Offering will be received during a Chapel worship service, and Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Memberships will be awarded in recognition of substantial contributions to the church. For more info, call Beverly Harness, 952.929.0819. Register in the Heller Commons. Regular WOW gatherings begin on October 12 at 9:00AM.

### Births & Adoptions

#### ROBERT ANTHONY BEFIDI

Birthdate: March 31, 2011  
 Family: Jeannine & Robert Befidi  
 and Yannik, Isabelle, Layla

#### LUCY MORAN NASSER

Birthdate: August 31, 2011  
 Family: Madelyn & Rich Nasser  
 and Cam

#### ELIZABETH VIOLET KLOBUCHAR

Birthdate: September 8, 2011  
 Family: Susan & Tom Klobuchar  
 and John

### New Member Class Series begins October 16

*How do I become a member of Westminster? What does it mean to be part of this church & its mission? I’d like to explore my faith further...how do I do that?*

For information on joining Westminster, please contact the Rev. Annika Lister Stroope or her assistant, Claudia Kapitan, 612.332.3421.



### Fall Seminar: Changing Lives, Leaving Legacies

How do we live today to prepare Westminster for tomorrow? How is the endowment a ministry? What is the human, transformative side of the numbers? Join us after worship on **Sunday, October 9** to consider these and other questions of how WPC is positioned to meet future challenges. Paul Hyde and a panel of church members will share the amazing story of the endowment, its role in sustaining the mission of the church, and their personal hopes and dreams for its future. Recent findings comparing WPC with other endowed churches will also be shared. This seminar with buffet lunch will be from 11:45-1:00PM The lunch is free, but for planning purposes, please RSVP to Mary Hess at 612.332.3421 or [Mhess@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:Mhess@wpc-mpls.org) by Oct. 2.

### Daily Phone Devotions Phone 612.332.7087 for the daily lectionary

September 26	.....Exod. 18:1-12
27	.....Phil. 1:15-21
28	.....Matt. 9:2-8
29	.....Exod. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
30	.....Ps. 19
October 1	.....Phil. 3:4b-14
2	.....Matt. 21:33-46
3	.....1 Pet. 2:4-10
4	.....2 Cor. 5:17-21
5	.....Deut. 6:10-25
6	.....Exod. 32:1-14
7	.....Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23
8	.....Phil. 4:1-9
9	.....Matt. 22:1-14
10	.....Jude 17-25
11	.....Exod. 33:1-6
12	.....John 6:25-35
13	.....Exod. 33:12-23
14	.....Ps. 99
15	.....1 Thess. 1:1-10
16	.....Matt. 22:15-22

## Church Vocations Team Update

By Meghan K. Gage-Finn, Associate Pastor

The mission of the Church Vocations Team (CVT) is to support and guide Westminster members through the seminary and PC (USA) ordination process as they discern their sense of call and vocational direction. As the staff liaison for CVT, it is a joy and a privilege to meet with college students or members contemplating a second career to discuss the ways God is at work in their lives as they are listening to the first hints of a call toward ministry. Members of CVT also meet regularly with those students currently in seminary who are under our care as they navigate the complex route toward ordination. We currently have four individuals who are under our care in various stages of the ordination process.

**Dan Franklin**, Westminster's Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries, is in his first year of coursework at Luther Seminary and is an Inquirer with our Presbytery, one of the initial steps in moving toward ordination. This semester he is taking a History of Christianity as well as a course on the Synoptic Gospels. Dan expresses his appreciation to the staff and congregation for their support of his studies and the positive feedback he's received after leading in worship.

At the September 13 meeting of Presbytery, Macalester grad and former Westminster summer intern, **Megan Cochran**, successfully moved to the next phase of the ordination process as she was approved as a Candidate. Megan is in her final year at McCormick Seminary in Chicago, and after beginning seminary with a strong pull toward chaplaincy, had a formative experience as a seminary intern at a Chicago church last year. She begins this year with a new sense of how God may use

her in parish ministry. In her own words Megan reflects, "I feel called to walk the faith journey with others, being a shepherd, to nurture, support, and guide others in their lives of faith. I am pursuing ministry to continue following my call by the grace of God."

Two final members under our care are recent seminary graduates **Anna Kendig**, from McCormick Seminary, and **Sarah Chamberlain Hooker** from Columbia Seminary in Atlanta. Both have successfully passed their ordination exams and are certified and ready to receive a call. Sarah lives in Princeton, NJ and is currently completing a Clinical Pastoral Education Residency. Anna is in the Twin Cities and has helped lead several of our recent summer youth mission trips to Cuba. Currently she is volunteering as a hospital chaplain, and writing curriculum and devotional materials for the PC (USA).

In addition to these four individuals pursuing ordination, **Cathy Smith** is studying for a Master of Arts in Congregational and Community Care Leadership at Luther. She is halfway through her program and this past spring served as a chaplain intern at Benedictine Health Center in Minneapolis. Cathy shared that as a chaplain intern she had the opportunity to work with several residents and their families as they moved through the dying process in Hospice care. Cathy says, "This experience impacted me profoundly and I have found myself feeling a call in this direction." She continues to volunteer with Hospice as she continues her studies.

Please pray for these members as they seek to follow God's call on their lives. Thank you to the members of the Church Vocations Team: Chair Don Ristad, David Braden, Abigail Karels, Lorene Liddle, Burt Nygren, Cindy Vekas, and Gretchen Wrobel.

## World Communion Sunday: It Started Long Ago . . .

By Melanie Ohnstad, Minister of Music and the Arts

The Garden of Eden...the mythological place of human origin, our genesis. It was in Eden that God created humankind in God's own image. It was the descendants of Eden, our spiritual ancestors, who were blessed and who dispersed on the face of the earth. God's people now are a diverse global family of many nations, many cultures and many languages. On **October 2, World Communion Sunday**, we celebrate our kinship and renew our vision to see the image of God in every created being.

Worship at Westminster on World Communion Sunday has often included songs and liturgy drawn from the world church. In recent years we have "gone" Latin, Asian Rim, and African in our musical focus in order to enrich our understanding and appreciation for worldwide Christian community. This year, we will "go" Gospel, experiencing one of America's unique contributions and

expressions in the global church.

Our guest musicians will be a new group in the Twin Cities, WASETI, founded and led by Sam Reeves. Sam was born in Liberia fleeing that land twenty-one years ago during war. He held his mother's hand as they walked two days with bombs overhead and dead bodies underfoot. These memories have shaped Sam's passion for peace; his hard work and, he would say, his mother's prayers have shaped his career as a pianist. Sam has accompanied the Twin Cities Gospel Choir and Robert Robinson for upwards of ten years; he has played with such greats as Stevie Wonder and Jennifer Holiday. However, overall he says, "I am honored to be a Child of God, and a devoted lover of all that is God's."

That seems a good thing to think about on World Communion Sunday, October 2. See you in worship!

## Coming Up in Adult Education

By Katherine S. Michael, Associate Pastor

*From the 'Scriptures' to Two Testaments: Formation of the Newer Testament in Early Christianity*

**Dr. Michael Holmes**

**Sundays, October 2, 9; 9:15AM; Great Hall**

"Who decided what should be included in the Newer Testament, and when did that take place?" This question is asked often, and Education for Faith and Life will provide answers and insights on October 2 & 9. Our presenter, Dr. Michael Holmes from Bethel University, is an international authority in the field of textual criticism—the study of where our sacred texts have come from and how they were put together. Join this outstanding scholar for an intriguing exploration of Newer Testament writings.

*Is Jesus Coming Back? Studies in 1 and 2 Thessalonians*

**Rev. Kathy Michael**

**Sunday, October 16; 9:15AM; Great Hall**

Christian groups and charismatic leaders have been predicting the "end times" since the beginning of Christianity. May 21, 2011, was one of the more recent dates that warned of cataclysmic destruction accompanied by Jesus' return. Such expectations were common in the First Century, but Paul encourages the Thessalonians to "live a life worthy of your calling," and not be distracted by Jesus' anticipated return. 1 Thessalonians, probably written around 50 CE, is the earliest document in the Newer Testament. This class will explore what wisdom these two letters might have for us today.

*What's Love Got to Do with It?*

**Dr. David Fredrickson**

**Wednesdays, Sept. 28, October 5, 12, 6:30PM, Meisel Rm.**

Dr. David Fredrickson from Luther Seminary shines a whole new light on Paul's letters to the church at Corinth as he explores the concepts of Eros and sweetness in Paul's thought. Paul's emphasis on love within the community of believers takes precedence over all else. Fredrickson is a dynamic and fascinating teacher who opens windows and doors for a fresh and exciting look at Paul's writings. Don't miss this opportunity to be amazed!

*Paul and the Reformation*

**TBA, (Watch for info in the News and bulletins)**

**Wednesdays, October 19, 26; 6:30PM, Meisel Rm.**

Martin Luther's impulse to challenge the church's doctrine came directly from his reading of Paul's letters to the Romans. How can we see Paul's stamp on the Reformation of the 16th Century and on our Protestant/Presbyterian tradition of today?

## FABFOFIFAM

By Mary Alette Davis, Director of Children's Ministries

It may sound like the giant from *Jack and the Beanstalk*, but it's not—it's the new name of the FABulous FOurth and Fifth (Grade) FAMilies group!

In the coming months, fourth and fifth graders and their families will have opportunities to help with communion and also get together for fun activities.

**The first Sunday of the month**, children in these grades sign up with their parents to assist elders in the preparation of the elements of communion. This is a chance for our children to learn about the sacrament, and participate in preparation for worship. Fourth grade is a year when our curriculum encourages children to understand the meaning of communion in worship, and so it is appropriate that they do this hands-on preparation.

This age group also has its own time of fun fellowship activities, too! Our first FABFOFIFAM gathering is **Sunday, October 30** following the 10:30 service. After lunch at church, we'll go to the Minnetonka Orchards for hayrides, a maze, and apple picking. (Costumes are encouraged, but not required!)

The **Parent/Child Book Club** for this age group will resume in the coming months. Additional FABFOFIFAM events are scheduled for Fifth Sundays in January and April. Contact Mary Alette Davis for more information, 612.332.3421 or mdavis@wpc-mpls.org.

### *Turkey Adventure: A Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Apostle Paul*

Join Rev. Kathy Michael and Dr. Sarah Henrich from Luther Seminary for this wonderful adventure, April 20-May 2, 2012. We will fly to Istanbul where we will see the great Hagia Sophia church, the Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, and the Grand Bazaar.

We will visit many of the cities where Paul preached, including the amazing Ephesus, an archaeological wonder. We'll see the ancient sites of Troy and Alexandria Troas on our way to the cities of Revelation, Pergamum, Sardis, and Philadelphia. We'll stop at Antioch-of-Pisidia, a major Roman colony where Paul preached on our way to Cappadocia where early Christians built cave cities as they hid from persecution.

We'll worship together, eat together, shop together!, laugh together, and experience the power of community as we make this pilgrimage of faith.

Brochures are on the literature tables, or you can contact Kathy or Claudia in the church office, 612.332.3421 or kmichael@wpc-mpls.org. Call or email now to save your place!

## Town Hall Forum Explores American Values

By Susan McKenna, Director, Town Hall Forum

The Town Hall Forum continues with its fall line-up of speakers. All events are free and open to the public. Music precedes the forum a half hour in advance, and a public reception follows. For further information, contact Susan McKenna at 612.332.3421, or [smckenna@wpc-mpls.org](mailto:smckenna@wpc-mpls.org).

### **JEFFREY SACHS, Thursday, October 20, Noon, *Reawakening American Virtue and Prosperity***

Jeffrey Sachs is Director of The Earth Institute and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. Considered one of the leading economists in the world today, he advocates combining economic development with environmental sustainability and mitigating human-induced climate change. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from Harvard University where he served on the faculty for nearly twenty years. His latest book, *The Price of Civilization*, is a blueprint for America's economic recovery.

### **TOM BROKAW, Tuesday, November 8, 7:00PM, *The Time of Our Lives: Past, Present, Promise***

Tom Brokaw is a Peabody and Emmy Award-winning journalist who served as anchor and managing editor of the NBC Nightly News from 1983 to 2005. Before that, he served as a White House correspondent and anchor of the Today Show for NBC News. Currently, he is a special correspondent for the network. He is the author of five bestsellers, including *The Greatest Generation*. In his newest book, *The Time of Our Lives: Past, Present, Promise*, he examines changes in American life since the Great Depression, and, reflects on our nation's future.

### **CHRIS MATTHEWS, Thursday, December 8, Noon, *Jack Kennedy: Elusive Hero***

Chris Matthews is a writer, political commentator, and the host of the nightly news show *Hardball with Chris Matthews* and the weekly panel discussion, *The Chris Matthews Show*. Before entering journalism, he was on the staff of four members of Congress, he served as a top aide to former Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill, and he worked as a speechwriter for President Jimmy Carter.



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Tom Brokaw



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Chris Matthews

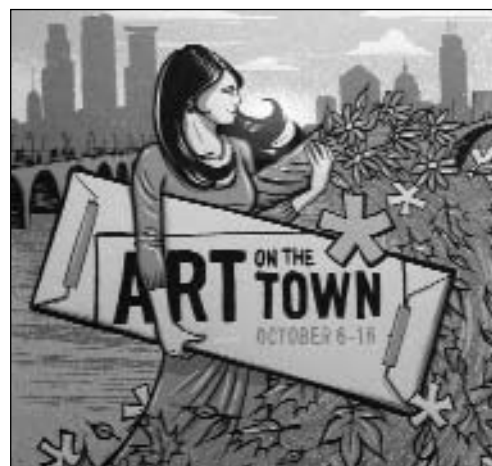
## Invitation to Gallery Reception, October 14

By Rodney Allen Schwartz, Director, The Westminster Gallery and Archive

The Westminster Gallery is a member of the Twin Cities Fine Arts Organization, (TCFAO), which consists of approximately fifty galleries, museums, and other arts groups in the Twin Cities. The TCFAO sponsors a region-wide series of events called Art on the Town. Over the course of ten days, October 6–16, each member hosts a reception, opens an exhibition, presents a lecture, or sponsors an event celebrating their arts programming. This is a wonderful opportunity to discover the varied and vibrant Twin Cities arts scene.

The Westminster Gallery invites you to attend an open house and reception on Friday, October 14, from 5:30–7:30PM. Take advantage of this informal setting to spend some time with Westminster members and friends, and other art lovers as you view the new exhibition *I Am: Discerning Christ's Identity through Proclamation, Parable, and Example*. Treats will be served! The exhibition runs through November 20.

Additionally, the TCFAO is sponsoring a special exhibition of art featuring a variety of its members from September 30–January 8, 2012 at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts, 1011 Washington Ave S., Minneapolis. There will be an opening reception on October 6. This exhibition, *Art on the Town: Selections from Twin Cities Fine Arts Organization*, will include representative examples of some of the member galleries and the artists' works which they own, exhibit, or sell. Art for the exhibition was chosen through a juried process. The Westminster Gallery is lending a linocut print by Robert Hodgell titled *Christ Healing the Blind Man*, a recent gift to the Westminster Collection from Liz Heller. For additional information on the TCFAO, these events, or for links to its members' webpages, visit [twincitiesfinearts.org](http://twincitiesfinearts.org).



# RESPONDING IN DISCIPLESHIP



By Dan Franklin, Coordinator of Discipleship Ministries

*“O God, you love the needy and care for all the poor!  
Today our hearts are heavy with news of drought and war.”*

Those are the first lines from “O God, You Love the Needy,” a new hymn written by the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette of Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware in support of relief efforts being made by the Presbyterian Church (USA) in the Horn of Africa, particularly Somalia.

You may have seen articles in the *Star Tribune* earlier this month reporting on the famine in Somalia and East Africa. One article noted that many experts believe that the systemic corruption in that part of the world is as much to blame for the loss of life as the lack of rain.

That may be so, but the *Star Tribune* also quoted a report from the United Nations that declares that hundreds of Somalis are dying every day and 750,000 more may die in the next four months if there is no adequate response. There is little we as a church can do about government corruption or rebel insurgencies in far off places, but that is no excuse not to act. The Lord commands us to remember the hungry and the poor and to aid as we are able.

You have an opportunity to help the approximately four million Somalis who are in need of aid by **volunteering at the Coon Rapids location of Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) on Saturday, October 1.**

Feed My Starving Children began in 1987 through the efforts of a Minnesota businessman who felt called by God to help feed the starving children of the world during a humanitarian visit to Honduras. He returned to the Twin Cities to develop a method of large-scale relief. In 1989, FMSC connected with food scientists from Cargill and General Mills to develop a nutritional product especially for FMSC to feed starving children. This food product included rice, soy, vegetables, a vegetarian-based chicken flavoring, and a vitamin and mineral mix. Food scientists continue to update the formula. In the years since, FMSC has produced over 124 million meals.

An extraordinary crisis requires an extraordinary response and Westminster has committed to fill all the volunteer slots for two shifts on that first Saturday in October: 11:30-1:30 and 2:00-4:00. That’s a total of 220 positions or 110 per shift. Carpooling will be available and children as young as 5 can participate. Please contact me to sign up.

*“Now bless these gifts we’re bringing for neighbors who are poor,  
Till mourning turns to singing and famine is no more.” (Gillette)*

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In August, members of Boy Scout Troop 100 presented a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, D. C. Front row: (l to r) Pao and Johnny Her; back row: Feng Thao, Kong Cheng Vang

*Photo submitted by Dave Moore*

## Quiet Worship

### The Lord’s Prayer

Saturday, October 22, Chapel, 9:00AM

The Gospel Reading in the Lectionary for this day begins with Luke’s account of the disciples asking Jesus, “How do we pray?” and of Jesus responding, “The Lord’s Prayer.”

As part of our Gospel Reading, we will hear The Lord’s Prayer spoken in the language that Jesus used: 1st century Aramaic. And at the end of the service we will hear it chanted as a Sung Prayer, using the music from a traditional Middle Eastern chant.

Our Worship Leader will be the Rev. Dr. Margaret McCray who, on this day, marks the thirty-fourth anniversary of her discerning a call to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

See [www.ewestminster.org/quiet\\_worship](http://www.ewestminster.org/quiet_worship).