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Westminster invites you to join us for Lent 2012

*Beginning on Ash
Wednesday,
Feb. 22nd at 5:30 p.m.
we will have supper
followed by our six week
study of "Walking the
Way of the Cross with
Paul." Join us as we
"take up our cross"
during this time of
journey and reflection.*



Take Up Your Cross during Lent

In January, I make New Year's Resolutions. In February, I try to salvage my failed resolutions by reworking them into a Lenten discipline!

In recent years, the spiritual practice of "giving up" for Lent has been expanded with ideas also for "taking up" or adding a discipline to your daily life. In keeping with this trend, our theme for this year's Lenten observance is "TAKE UP YOUR CROSS."

Our Lenten Wednesday study for adults will be led by Stuart Brantley and is titled, "Walking the Way of the Cross with Paul." We invite you to come for supper, beginning at 5:30 (but come when you can), and stay for the study, beginning about 6 or 6:15, in which we will examine a number of passages in Paul's letters reflecting on the place of the cross in Christian lives today. (On **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22**, our study time will be brief to allow us to move to the sanctuary for a worship service, including the imposition of ashes at 6:30.)

Child care will be provided for the very young each week, and older children (elementary age) will have the opportunity to learn about and make *different styles of crosses*, which they will then share with the congregation the following Sunday. Also, if you have cross jewelry, we encourage you to wear it every Wednesday and Sunday through Lent.

As a foreshadowing of his own suffering and death, Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) I pray that you will join me on our Lenten journey – Wednesdays **and** Sundays – to discover what it means for **you** to TAKE UP YOUR CROSS.

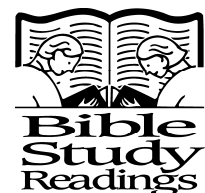
Grace and peace,

Ellen

Bible Study Readings for February

Feb. 13 Bible Study for Sunday, Feb. 19
2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6; 2 Cor. 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 20 NO BIBLE STUDY



Feb. 27 Bible Study for Sunday, March 4
Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps. 22:23-31
Rom. 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

New member

We recently welcomed our newest member, Martha Anderson, to the Westminster family.

Martha wants to thank the people who welcomed her so warmly to Westminster. She is looking forward to being a part of the congregation.

Please introduce yourself to Martha on Sunday!

Blair Fellowship Project 5:30 p.m. February 14th at Cartoons

RSVP to Jamie Evans
(823-9948).



Welcome New Baby

Congratulations to

Kacey Pennington,

Sunday morning preschool teacher, and her husband, Seamus, on the birth of their daughter, Ettelyn Keziah, born on February 9th. Ettelyn weighed 7 lbs and is 20 1/4 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great!

“5th Sunday Special” information



Many thanks to Chris Kiepper for designing the beautiful brochure with the story of our stained glass windows! It is something we will use and share for years to come.

On the same subject, several people have requested the scriptures that were chosen to go along with each window. They are as follows:

- Window #1: Genesis 1:14-15
- Window #2: Genesis 1:11
- Window #3: Exodus 31:18
- Window #4: Genesis 9:14-15
- Window #5: Exodus 3:4-5, John 10:11
- Window #6: Psalm 150:3-6
- Window #7: Proverbs 3:13-15
- Window #8: Ezekiel 2:3-5
- Window #9: Jeremiah 18:1-4
- Window #10: Luke 2:10-12
- Window #11: Luke 23:33-34
- Window #12: Matthew 28:5-6
- Window #13: Mark 1:16-18
- Window #14: Ephesians 2:19-22
- Window #15: Revelation 21:1-5a
- Alpha & Omega Windows: Revelation 21:6-7

You can find Pastor Ellen's entire “5th Sunday Special” sermon on our website at: www.westminsterspmo.com under the “Sermons” tab.

VBS Craft Day!

Sunday, February 26, 2012
Immediately following
worship.

Join us in the gym to make
"sea life" decorations for VBS!
Please bring \$2.00 to go
towards a pizza lunch.

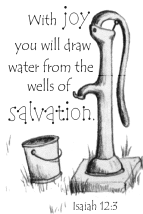


*A music note
from Eric Eichenberger
Director of Music*



*Rehearsals
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
New singers always welcome!*

From Well of Life



Dear Mission committee members,

Thank you for your generous contribution to Center City Christian Outreach, Inc. (Well of Life). The Board of Directors, the volunteers, and especially those served have been touched by your kindness. Your contribution, combined with contributions received from others, allowed us to serve over 2,300 families this past year.

Thank you!
Janet Weld
Treasurer, Center City Christian Outreach

Attention All

From Stuart Brantley

*The Christian Education
Committee needs your help!
We need everyone to donate
pre-filled eggs for this year's
Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring
them to the Church Office.*

*We really appreciate it and
are looking forward to the
Eastertide Season!*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 13

Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.
Prayer Shawl, 12:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14-Valentine's Day

New Horizon's music rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
Blair Fellowship @ Cartoon's, 5:30 p.m.
Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.
Finance committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Boy Scout committee meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15

Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 16

New Horizon's music rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
Woodcarvers/Whittlers, 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 19

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Ellen's book study, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
AA, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20

NO Bible Study
Prayer Shawl, 12:30 p.m.
Communication/Tech committee, 5:30 p.m.
Session, 6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21

New Horizon's music rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
Cub Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22-Ash Wednesday

Lenten Supper & study, 5:30 p.m.
Worship, 6:30 p.m.
Choir practice, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

New Horizon's music rehearsal, 9:00 a.m.
Woodcarvers/Whittlers, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 26-1st Sunday in Lent

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.
Worship/Communion, 10:30 a.m.
VBS Craft Day in the gym, immediately following worship
Pastor Ellen's book study, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
AA, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

8:00 a.m.
Saturday,
Feb. 11th
In the gym



All men of the church are welcome for food and fellowship!

Member Update



John and Nancy Bell, former Westminster members who now live in FL, ask for your prayers. John is recovering

from a torn tendon in his knee, which necessitated emergency surgery, and is now in Freedom Pointe Rehab Center in The Villages.

Nancy recently had triple bypass surgery which failed, and this week had two stents.

Thank you.

John and Nancy Bell
12029 County Rd 103, Apt. 110
Oxford, FL 34484

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT "FRIENDS AGAINST HUNGER"

from Janet Trotter



Westminster has another opportunity to help once again at "Friends Against Hunger" on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - 10 AM TO 12 NOON. Helpers must be nine years old or older. FAH is located at 2006 E. Phelps or one can meet at the church at 9:30 for an 9:45 departure. Volunteers package formulated meals that are acceptable to a broad diversity of ethnic tastes and religious differences around the world. The preparation for the recipients is simple, needing only 6-8 cups of boiling water to make a complete meal. The effectiveness of the food has been confirmed by doctors on medical mission trips. FAH is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is completely volunteer-based with no paid employees. Those from Westminster who have helped have found it very rewarding. Please let Janet Trotter know if she can count on you!



Special Joy

To Kacey Pennington, Sunday preschool teacher, and husband, Seamus, on the birth of their daughter, Ettelyn Keziah on Feb. 9

Special Needs

Katie & Chris Lebeck, friends of Janey Martin, potentially becoming adoptive parents

Health Concerns

Betty Ferguson, friend of Sara Parrish, stroke

David Childers, co-worker of Sara Parrish, emergency surgery

Tricia Radford, friend of DeDe Vest, complications from breast cancer.

Max Jett, Cox Hospital

Macy Jett, Cox Hospital, pneumonia

Pat Delano, St. John's, stroke

Robbie Lacy, Megan Henry's mother, recovering at home

Eric Naegler, dialysis

Sue, Fairelyn Bayless' mother, recovering from surgery

Jack Mumford, Jack Taylor's friend, seriously ill

Larry Burt, colleague of Bill Piston, in ICU after serious car wreck

Jim, brother of Mac Phillips, seriously ill

David, son of Bill Harris, recovering from surgery

Noelle Miller, Stuart Brantley's cousin, seizures

Leah Carter, daughter-in-law of Virgie Hankins, recovering from surgery at home

Cameron Davis, friend of D'Anthony Sappington, mom has breast cancer

Joyce, friend of Rosemary Kammerer, ICU

Levi, grandson of Harriett Mercer, recovering at home

Adriana Hughes, broken foot

Jonette Bodanske, recovering at home

Steve, friend of Bill Piston, serious health issues

Heidi, friend of Meredith Taylor, needs back surgery

Dovie Rule, get stronger

Mike Crane, friend of Joe & Joanne Greene, lung cancer

Sonja Barnes, mother of a student of Eric Eichenberger, COPD

Charles Wood, Amanda Bayless' grandfather, complications after knee replacement surgery

Sheila, Louise Harmon's daughter, dizziness, referred to a neurologist

Betsey Scruggs, lower back injury

John Cox, home, broken arm

Vicki Wepfer, former Westminster bookkeeper, breast cancer, will undergo chemotherapy and radiation

Joann, Stuart Brantley's sister, recovering at home

Want to know what's going on in the Presbytery?



Check out the latest news from John Calvin Presbytery. The "JCP

Notices" are posted weekly on the bulletin board outside the office. We'll be happy to make you a copy if you wish. You can also access these on their website : www.jcpresbytery.com.



Annual 2011 Statement of Giving now available

If you would like to receive a 2011 statement of giving, please call the office (866-2711).

January Financial report



Income \$35,519.89
Expenses \$ 16,463.98

Worship Assistants



**If you are unable to fulfill your responsibility please find a substitute and notify the church office. Thank you.*

Liturgist:

February: Bill Piston

Sharing Time

Feb. 12: Kevin Hughes
Feb. 19: Pastor Ellen
Feb. 26: Judy Wyrick

Hospitality/Greeting Teams

Feb. 12: TBA
Feb. 19: Tom & Janet Cavener
Derek & Mary Lowrance
Feb. 26: Mary Shearholdt, Louise Harmon
Doug Esselman, Tom Wyrick

Sound techs

Feb. 12: Bill Piston
Feb. 19: Steve Wilson
Feb. 26: Brandon Carroll

Acolytes

Feb. 12: Conor Hughes
Feb. 19: Brooke Carroll
Feb. 26: Jessica Parrish

Offering Helpers

Feb. 12: Anisa Drake
Feb. 19: Logan Shackles
Feb. 26: Luke Courtney

The Chimes, the monthly calendar, prayer concerns, PDO information, and Pastor Ellen's sermons may be viewed on the church website: www.westminsterspmo.com

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



If you have a special prayer request for the Prayer Chain, contact Ingrid Schumacher (883-4803), or the church office (866-2711).

Reminder — **Best Choice labels** go to benefit the Regional Girls Shelter. Please place your labels in the box on the table in the office hallway.

Christian Education — 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service — 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Monday — Friday
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CHIMES Deadline:
February 23, 2012

CHIMES articles may be e-mailed to the church at westminster2@sbcglobal.net, placed on the administrative assistant's desk, or mailed to the church office.

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Mission Statement
Adopted 1/17/11
Worshipping God,
Welcoming All
A Family of Faith,
Centered on Christ.