



Westminster Presbyterian Church



Email Newsletter for January 4 - 10, 2010

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This Week at Westminster

Monday, January 4

Weekday School Reopens

5:30 Men's Recreational
Basketball

5:40 p.m. [Westminster Bells](#)

Tuesday, January 5

12:00 p.m. Administrative
Committee

Wednesday, January 6

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. ["It's Elementary!"](#)

3:00 p.m. [Tweens](#)

3:30 p.m. [Cherub Choir](#)

4:30 p.m. [Junior Choristers](#)

Dear Wendy,

Ask one of our Senior Highs what he or she does with his or her free time and you will hear the question, "What free time?" During the school year, our youth are so busy with schoolwork, sports, jobs, and so many other things that when winter comes, we like to get away and take a break in the form of our winter retreat.

One of the main goals of the winter retreat is to do just that. We spend time together playing games, watching movies, talking, and just hanging out. Meal times are loosely scheduled. We do have a 5:00 p.m. meeting on Saturday to ski down the slopes, but this is the only thing that is scheduled. Our other main goal is to join together to discuss Youth Sunday, which leads to further discussion about our relationships with God and what God is doing in our lives.

Our hope is that we can return to Greenville with a theme for Youth Sunday, be a lot more relaxed, and our relationships with God and one another will be strengthened for the weeks ahead.

This year, both youth groups will be going to Camp Buc for separate winter retreats. The Senior High retreat will be this weekend, January 8-10, and the Junior High retreat will be February 19-21. We hope you will join us.

Steve Phillips

Westminster Welcomes Derek Pitman

Westminster will be fortunate to have one of Furman University's senior Church Music Majors with us for the spring of 2010. Derek Pitman, a native of Greer, will begin working among the choirs and ensembles in January as he completes his course work for the Bachelor of Music degree in Church Music. Derek has a wide range of musical experience and has recently been a section leader at Christ Church Episcopal in Greenville. In addition to singing with Westminster's Sanctuary choir, he will be assisting in rehearsals for all of the choirs, leading in worship, and helping with the administrative aspects of the music ministry. Join us in welcoming Derek on Sunday, January 10!

4:30 p.m. [Senior Choristers](#)

5:30 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. JustFaith

6:30 p.m. Young Adults

7:00 p.m. [Sanctuary Choir](#)

Thursday, January 7

10:00 a.m. [Bible Study](#)

Friday, January 8

12:00 p.m. [Centering Prayer](#)

Friday, January 8 - Sunday, January 10

Senior High Winter Retreat

Saturday, January 9

9:00 a.m. Adult Mission Trip
Packing Day

Sunday, January 10

8:15 a.m. Finance Committee

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Creation Stewardship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Annual
Congregational Meeting

4:00 p.m. [Presbyterian Women](#)
Epiphany Tea

5:00 p.m. [Senior High Choir](#)

5:00 p.m. [Junior Highs](#)

5:00 p.m. [Sixers](#)

6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner

6:00 p.m. Education Committee

6:00 p.m. Witness and Service

Presbyterian Women Epiphany Tea

The Presbyterian Women will hold an Epiphany Tea on Sunday, January 10, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Atrium. This will be a special time to celebrate the new year and to dedicate it to living as Christians. All of the women of the congregation are invited. Guests are welcome.



Youth Groups

Senior Highs who are going on the winter retreat will be leaving the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, and will return by noon on Sunday, January 10. At 6:00 p.m. on the 10th, we will meet for dinner and a game of broom hockey.

Junior Highs and Sixers will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 10, for a giant broomball game in the gym. Bring your tennis shoes and a wooden-handled broom.

Pathways

On January 23, we will be hosting the [Pathways Youth Leader Training Seminar](#) here at Westminster. Co-sponsored by Princeton Seminary's Institute for Youth Ministry and the PC(USA)'s Office of Ministries with Youth, the Pathways Seminar offers theological and practical training both for adult youth leaders and for youth in grades 9-12. If you are interested in attending, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

Adult Groups

The Young Adult Group (for those in their 20's and early 30's) will meet on Wednesday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior High Lounge. Please make dinner [reservations](#) by Monday, January 4. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions or would like to get on our email list, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

The Flock will meet on Tuesday, January 12. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions or would like to get on our email list, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will meet at Flat Rock Grill, 1115 Woodruff Rd., on Sunday, January 17, after the 11:15 worship service. Place reservations with [Mary Ann Cox](#) (963-2335) by Saturday, January 16.

6:30 p.m. [Senior Highs](#)

6:30 p.m. [Junior High/Sixer Choir](#)

7:00 p.m. Stated Session

Newsletter Deadline

If you have an announcement for the Monday, January 11 newsletter, submissions are due in to [Wendy Waldrop](#) on or before Tuesday, January 5.

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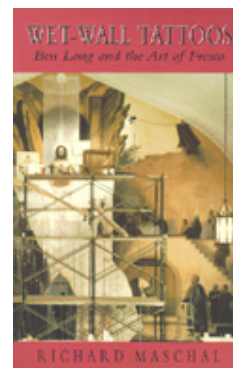
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Library Resource

[Wet-Wall Tattoos: Ben Long and the Art of](#)

[Fresco](#), by John R. Blair, recounts the work of N.C. painter Ben Long from 1987-1989 using an ancient and demanding technique to paint the [fresco](#) at [St. Peter's Catholic Church](#) in downtown Charlotte. The sometimes bitter disagreements between the parish priest and Long over content of the fresco recall the battle of wills between Michelangelo and the Pope over the Sistine Chapel.

[Ben Long's paintings and drawings](#) are on display at the Greenville County Museum of Art through February 7.



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