



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Email Newsletter for January 25 - 31, 2010

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This Week at Westminster

Monday, January 25

5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational
Basketball

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

7:00 p.m. [ChristCare Bible Study
Group](#)

Tuesday, January 26

6:00 p.m. [The Flock](#)

6:30 p.m. [Chancel Choir](#)

Wednesday, January 27

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

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

Dear Wendy,

How does a choir that gives constant leadership in worship find renewal and inspiration, and not to mention new music? One source that Westminster's [Sanctuary Choir](#) has been a part of for five years is the Festival by the Sea in Charleston, SC. This event, sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, draws nearly 200 singers annually for two days of rehearsal that culminates in a musical worship service. However, there is no congregation or audience at the end of the weekend. The music that is sung is not for performance, but an ultimate expression of worship.

This weekend workshop provides instruction from a nationally renowned clinician, this year being Christopher Aspaas from St. Olaf College. The weekend provides opportunity for the choir members to spend time together away from rehearsal. The weekend provides a retreat for busy adults. But most of all, this weekend allows us the chance to become better stewards of the talents that God has given us as musicians at Westminster.

Mark Kemp

The Flock

[The Flock](#) will meet on Tuesday, January 26, in the Senior High Lounge. Childcare will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to get on our email list, contact [Steve Phillips](#).



FESTIVAL
BY THE SEA

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

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

5:30 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. JustFaith

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

Thursday, January 28

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

5:30 p.m. [Stephen Ministry Meal](#)

6:00 p.m. [Stephen Ministry Leaders](#)

6:00 p.m. [Stephen Ministry Training](#)

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

**Friday, January 29 -
Saturday, January 30**

Adult Choir Festival by the Sea

**Friday, January 29 -
Sunday, January 31**

Senior High Winter Retreat

**Saturday, January 30 -
Saturday, February 6**

Adult DR Mission Trip

Sunday, January 31

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

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

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

6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner

6:30 p.m. [Joint Youth Choir](#)

Divorce Support Group

A new Divorce Support Group will begin on Wednesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. This group is for people who are separated or divorced and will use the book *Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends*. There is no cost and childcare will be provided (upon request). Members and non-members of Westminster are welcome. To sign up, contact [Barbara Stoop](#) at 313-6956. Dinner [reservations](#) need to be made by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting.



Youth

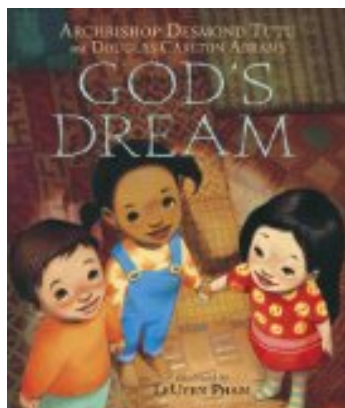
[Confirmation Class](#) will meet on Sunday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m.

[Senior Highs](#) will leave for their Winter Retreat at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29. Bring money for dinner on the way, warm clothes, towels, a sleeping bag, pillow, and Bible. We will return to the church by noon on Sunday, January 31. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

[Junior Highs](#) will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 31 for the third annual cell phone challenge. Junior Highs wanting to go on the Winter Retreat (February 19-21) need to sign up ASAP. The cost is \$125. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

[Sixers](#) will meet on Sunday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m. for Gym Night. Be sure to wear your running shoes and comfortable clothes.

Library Resource



[God's Dream](#) by Desmond Tutu.

Aided by LeUyen Pham's vibrant artwork evoking such images as a rainbow and a sharing circle, Tutu shares his vision of God's dream with the very youngest of listeners. He offers the essence of his "ubuntu" philosophy of unity and forgiveness and loving one's neighbor as oneself.

Union Seminary-PSCE has recently posted [lesson plans](#) and two student [reviews](#) of this book on their Children's Literature website/blog. Each [review](#) includes faith talk questions for discussion.

Newsletter Deadline

If you have an announcement for the Monday, February 1 newsletter, submissions are due in to [Wendy Waldrop](#) on or before Tuesday, January 26.

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