



# Westminster Presbyterian Church



## Email Newsletter for February 1 - 7, 2010

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### This Week at Westminster

#### Monday, February 1

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

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

#### Tuesday, February 2

12:00 p.m. Administrative  
Committee

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

#### Wednesday, February 3

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](#)

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

5:30 p.m. Dinner

5:30 p.m. JustFaith

### Souper Bowl of Caring

On February 7, the Souper Bowl of Caring will celebrate its 21st year of inspiring and mobilizing youth across America to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities.

The program began in 1990 as a grass-roots effort with one youth group in Columbia and, over the past two decades, has grown steadily into a significant nationwide charitable initiative involving tens of thousands of congregations, schools, and businesses. Even a few NFL owners and coaches and several past Presidents and First Ladies of the United States are official supporters!

In 1990, 22 participating churches in Columbia raised \$5,700 through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Last year, approximately \$10.3 million in cash and food was donated to help provide food for the hungry, shelter for the homeless, and compassion to those in need.

The idea is simple. Parishioners are asked to donate \$1 and/or canned food items as they leave worship on Super Bowl Sunday. Youth are encouraged to take the initiative one step further and to volunteer at the charity of their choice the day before the Super Bowl. Collections totals are reported to the national committee, but every penny and can of food collected by participating groups is given directly to the charity of each group's choosing.

All donations, whether large or small, are important. The Reverend Brad Smith, founder of the Souper Bowl of Caring, always says that one of the main joys of the effort is to witness the tremendous, positive, cumulative results that can occur when people across the country, particularly youth, join together to serve in such a simple, meaningful way.

Please join me in supporting the Souper Bowl of Caring and in helping the less fortunate in the Greenville area by donating food, money, or your time this weekend.



6:00 p.m. [Pastor's Baptism Class](#)

6:15 p.m. [ChristCare Parenting Group](#)

6:30 p.m. Young Adult Group

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

#### **Thursday, February 4**

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

4:30 p.m. [Heritage Lecture Committee](#)

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

#### **Saturday, February 6**

9:00 a.m. [Stephen Ministry Training](#)

#### **Sunday, February 7**

8:15 a.m. Finance Committee

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. [Confirmation Class](#)

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. Stated Session

12:30 p.m. Circle 7

### **Newsletter Deadline**

If you have an announcement for the Monday, February 8 newsletter, submissions are due in to [Wendy Waldrop](#) on or before Tuesday, February 2.

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## **Youth**

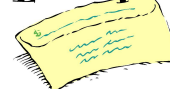
[Confirmation Class](#) will meet on Sunday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m.

[Senior Highs](#) and [Junior Highs](#) will be collecting canned food and money to donate to United Ministries on Sunday, February 7, before and after both worship services. If you can help, please let [Steve](#) know. We will be going out to lunch after the 11:15 worship service and will not be meeting Sunday night. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

## **Church News**

The church's **offering envelopes** are dateless and can be used until they run out. If you need more offering envelopes, please call the church office at 232-2424.

**Offering Envelopes**



The 11:15 a.m. worship service is broadcast via **live video streaming**. The link to view the service is located on the home page of the church [website](#). Live video streaming helps connect members and visitors who may be homebound, ill, or out of town worship with the congregation. If you have questions, contact [Susan McLarty](#).

Join your Westminster friends and family at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, to enjoy a meal together before experiencing the reflective **Ash Wednesday** service at 6:45 p.m. Soup, salad, bread, and dessert will be served. Children will have a ham and cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, and fruit. Nursery will be available for children under three, and an activity will be available for children first grade and under during the service; older children may attend the service. Please make your [reservations](#) by Sunday, February 14.

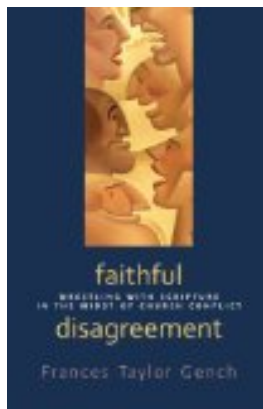
## **Adult Groups**

**The Young Adult Group** will meet on Wednesday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Senior High Lounge. If you plan to join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m., please make your [reservations](#) by noon on Monday, February 1. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

**The Theology Reading Group** will meet on Monday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Sue Inman will lead a discussion of the book *A Reason for Crows: A Story of Kateri Tekakwitha* by Diane Glancy. All are welcome.

**The Divorce Support Group** will begin on Wednesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided upon request. Members and non-members of Westminster are welcome. To sign up, contact [Barbara Stoop](#). Dinner [reservations](#) need to be made by noon on the Monday prior to the meeting.

## Library Resource



***Faithful Disagreement: Wrestling with Scripture in the Midst of Church Conflict*** by Frances Taylor Gench.

As Gench reminds us, conflict over scriptural interpretation has been with the church since its earliest days. She reflects on those early experiences of conflict, presenting substantive studies of biblical texts showing that discord, and drawing lessons from each about how it informs current conflicts in the church. In the process, she provides a constructive resource to help Christians wrestle with Scripture in the midst of their disagreements.

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