



# Westminster Presbyterian Church



## Email Newsletter for February 15 - 21, 2010

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### This Week at Westminster

#### **Monday, February 15**

*Weekday School Closed*

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

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

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

#### **Wednesday, February 17**

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. [ChristCare](#) Luncheon  
Group

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

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

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

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

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

5:30 p.m. JustFaith

6:00 p.m. All-Church Dinner



Dent Sparkman takes the children of Batey 6 for a ride after dumping a load of dirt to fill the foundation for the school being built with the help of Westminster on the recent mission trip (January 30 - February 6).

### DR Mission Team Serves All Levels of Need

Seventeen members and friends of Westminster returned February 6 from the Dominican Republic, and for some, Haiti and the Haitian border, where seven team members provided medical care for survivors of the January 12 earthquake.

Because our team consisted of two trained crisis counselors, many people suffering emotional trauma were helped to begin eating and talking again. This was a welcomed, unexpected, and invaluable addition to the dozens of surgical and medical personnel who even now stream in and out of the make-shift clinics and hospitals dotting the countryside. The surgical and medical personnel on our team performed surgeries, provided patient care, and assumed administrative oversight where others were reluctant to step into leadership roles.

Westminster's 10-person construction team labored

6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

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

**Thursday, February 18**

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

6:30 p.m. [Stephen Ministry Training](#)

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare Hiking Group](#)

**Saturday, February 20-  
Sunday, February 21**

[Junior High Winter Retreat](#)

**Saturday, February 20**

8:00 a.m. [ChristCare Hiking Group](#)

**Sunday, February 21**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Membership Committee

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

12:15 p.m. [Connections](#)

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

5:00 p.m. [Joint Youth Choir](#)

6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner

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

alongside Dominican workers and community members building a new school for our church partners in the DR. Others built and painted 12 pews for a fourth church recently planted by the local pastors to serve Dominicans and Haitians living in impoverished Bateys nearer to Barahona.

*Gourmet Dominican Coffee is now available for sale in the church office for \$10 per pound (ground or whole bean). All proceeds will go to Westminster's partner churches in the Dominican Republic.*

**Dave Carlson**

## Ash Wednesday Dinner and Service

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.

## GED Teaching Opportunity

[Pleasant Valley Connection](#) is offering GED courses beginning in March on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Additional volunteers are needed to teach the courses. Volunteers are required to complete training from Greenville Literacy. For more information, contact [Susan McLarty](#) (232-2424). To learn more about Westminster's 20+ years of involvement with the Pleasant Valley neighborhood, visit the [church website](#) and click on the link from the home page called "Pleasant Valley Mission Day."

## Junior Highs and Sixers at Camp Buc

Some of the [Junior Highs](#) and [Sixers](#) will be at Camp Buc February 20-21 for their winter retreat. Please keep the group in your thoughts and prayers as they travel to and from Camp Buc and that they will have a safe and fun time while on the retreat.

## Youth Groups

[Senior Highs](#) will meet on Sunday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and to discuss new ideas that will help us to be the best group possible for 2010 and beyond. Don't forget to sign up by Sunday, March 7, for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip (June 18-25). There will be a brief informational meeting at 12:30 p.m. in Room 209 on Sunday, February 28, for those who may have questions about the trip. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

[Junior Highs](#) and [Sixers](#) will leave at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, for our winter retreat. We will return to the church by 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 21. You will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes, any personal items needed, and a signed permission slip to go snow tubing. We will not meet for youth group on Sunday the 21st. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

## Newsletter Deadline

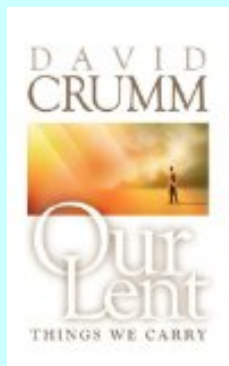
If you have an announcement for the Monday, February 22 newsletter, submissions are due in to [Wendy Waldrop](#) on or before Tuesday, February 16.

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## Library Resource



***Our Lent: Things We Carry*** by David Crumm.

This 40-day journey by an award-winning religion writer explores the enduring power of the things Jesus showed in his teachings: coins, basins, bowls, bread, cups, swords, and tables. An array of personalities connect these lessons to contemporary life: Thomas Merton, Judy Garland, Desmond Tutu, Merle Haggard, and Muhammad Yunnus.

Each reflection is also posted on [www.OurLent.info](http://www.OurLent.info) with additional content including photos, videos, and discussion.

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