



Email Newsletter for May 10 - 16, 2010

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This Week at Westminster

Monday, May 10

7:45 a.m. [ChristCare](#) Simplifying Life Group

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

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

7:00 p.m. [Theology Reading Group](#)

9:30 p.m. Men's Softball Game

Tuesday, May 11

8:45 a.m. Circle 6

11:00 a.m. Circle 5

6:00 p.m. [ChristCare](#) Spirituality Group

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

6:45 p.m. Circle 3

Wednesday, May 12

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:00 p.m. [Junior Choristers](#)

3:00 p.m. [Senior Choristers](#)

5:30 p.m. Dinner

Church Music Sunday

Be a part of the singing congregation of Westminster during both worship services on Sunday, May 16, as voice and instruments together lead in worship. This year's service includes meditations by writer Susan Palo Cherwien that weave together our worship through music, a hymn text from Heritage Lecturer Thomas Troeger, a brand new piece by composer Glenn Rudolph, "singing handbells," and sounds from the waters of the earth and from the stars in the heavens. Join with over 100 voices of the Westminster choirs as we sing praise to our God.

"When we sing holy songs, we take the Word into ourselves and once again give it breath. We breathe together. We become con-spirators: together-breathers. When we sing holy songs God's Word breathes in us and again has flesh and presence in the world. And we, shaped by word, formed by music, are joined to the ancient story of God's loving acts in the world." Susan Palo Cherwien



The children's choirs, along with the youth and adult choirs will lead in worship on May 16.

Theology Reading Group

[The Theology Reading Group](#) will meet on Monday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Sue Inman will lead a discussion of the first ten chapters of the book *Eternal Life: A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell* by Bishop Shelby Spong. All are welcome.

- 6:15 p.m. [ChristCare Parenting Group](#)
- 6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group
- 6:30 p.m. [Senior Highs](#)
- 7:00 p.m. [Sanctuary Choir](#)

Thursday, May 13

- 7:00 p.m. College Students - Drive Game

Saturday, May 15

- 10:00 a.m. [Gittings Ministry](#)

Sunday, May 16

- 8:30 a.m. Finance Committee
- 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. Stated Session
- 12:15 p.m. [Church-Wide Picnic](#)
- 5:00 p.m. [Senior High DR Mission Trip Pre-Trip Cookout](#)

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels (MOW) started at Westminster in 1968 and still needs our support today. They have many open routes as well as needs for substitute drivers, plus other opportunities such as meal packaging, office greeter, distributing pet feed, along with courier service and mailings. Open meal delivery routes are posted on their [website](#). A one-time orientation class is offered each month with the next class being on Tuesday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m. Your involvement can provide the human touch that means so much to a homebound person. For more information contact [Jan Dewar](#) at 235-6565.



Youth Groups and College Students

All Youth

Regular Sunday night programs will resume in August. Watch for a brochure detailing the fun summer activities that we have planned. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

Senior Highs

Senior High Interest Groups will continue through May. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

There will be a pre-trip cookout for all those going to the Dominican Republic this summer. The cookout will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, at the home of Russell and Susan Stall (17 Riverside Drive). Also, if you have not called the church office with your passport information, please do so ASAP!

College Students

It is great to have many of you returning home for the summer! This Thursday, May 13, let's go to the Drive game at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, call, text, or email [Steve Phillips](#) (232-2424 work, 380-5269 cell).

Vacation Bible School

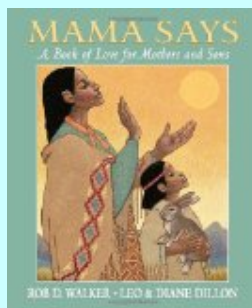
Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. This year's dates are June 21-24, and the theme is *Baobab Blast - God's Great Get Together*. If you would like to volunteer to help during the week, please contact [Janet Schultz](#) or [Stephanie Morgan](#). For questions about VBS, contact [Elizabeth Clark](#). Registration will begin at the end of May.

Library Resource

[Mama Says: A Book of Love for Mothers and Sons](#) by Rob D. Walker.

This poetic compilation of sayings from 12 countries focuses on what unites humankind by highlighting mothers' teachings about helping those in need, working hard, standing for what one believes in, and wonder at the natural world. This book includes vivid multicultural images by renowned artists Leo and Diane Dillon.

See [link](#) to Union-PSCE's [Children's Literature blog](#), with "Faith Talk" questions and suggestions for using this book with children and parents.



Newsletter Deadline

If you have an announcement for the Monday, May 17 newsletter, submissions are due in to [Wendy Waldrop](#) on or before Tuesday, May 11.

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