

JUNIOR HIGHS & SIXERS

This **Sunday, April 26**, we will go roller skating at The Skate Place (2310 River Rd. in Piedmont) with the children from Camp Opportunity from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Please be dropped off and picked up there. If you are in the choir, a bus will bring you back to the church for practice. The cost is \$4.

If you are going to Awanita, we will be leaving the church parking lot at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1**. Bring money for dinner on the way up. Also bring a sleeping bag and pillow, old clothes (for the mud pit), towels, and any personal items you might need. We will return in time for worship on Sunday, May 3, so bring clothes for worship. We will *not* be meeting for youth group the night of May 3, but there will still be choir rehearsal. If you have any questions, please call Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SENIOR HIGHS

How many little fish can you fit into a small metal container? This **Sunday, April 26**, we will not get the answer to this question, but we will learn how many Sr. Highs can fit into small places as we play Sardines and other games. Join us at **6:00 p.m.** for dinner followed by a night of games. If you have any question, please call Steve Phillips 232-2424 or 380-5269.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next dates for the Adopt-a-Highway program are: **May 9** (9:00 a.m.) and **August 15**. Mark your calendars for this great cause. For more information, contact Scott Kilgore (430-0583) or Madeline Freeman (271-4219).

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP

Centering Prayer will meet in Room 213 on **Friday, May 1**, from 12:00-12:50 p.m. and **Sunday, May 3**, from 6:00-6:50 p.m. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to begin at anytime. If you have any questions, contact *Associate Pastor Dave Carlson* at 232-2424, ext. 115, dcarlson@wpc-online.org.

THE FLOCK

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday April 29th**. Jamie and Suzanne Moon will be leading our study. Dinner is served at **6pm** in the Fellowship Hall followed by our study at **6:30pm** in the Sr. High Lounge. If you are coming to dinner, please don't forget to sign up by noon on **Monday April 27th**. Childcare is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

On **April 26** and **May 3** at **10:00 a.m.**, we will offer a special Sunday School class for our Juniors and Seniors in high school. This Sunday School class will be led by three Clemson professors who are members of our church: *Kelley Barnhardt, John Smith and Seal Wilson*, along with *Ben Alexander* and at least two campus ministers from Furman, Wofford and Converse. The idea is to talk with you about what you might expect heading off to college and how you can best be prepared. Make plans to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

SEEDS OF PROMISE

On **Thursday, May 7**, Westminster will host a dinner (6:30 p.m.) and night of music (7:00 p.m.) to benefit the Boys Home of the South and the Pleasant Valley Community Center. Headlining the evening will be the Greenville Chamber Singers, and mass Youth Choir including Westminster's Jr. and Sr. High Choirs, and the Celebrations Singers of Berea First Baptist Church. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by contacting *Ruth Collins* at dcreme@charter.net or 288-2916.

MEMORIAL HYMNALS

We have purchased new hymnals for the expanded sanctuary. If you would like to dedicate one or more in memory or honor of someone, please fill out this slip and return it to the church office. A bookplate is placed in each hymnal. Cost of the hymnals is \$20.00 each.

Donor _____

In Memory of _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 26 - May 2, 2009

SUNDAY

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| 8:45 a.m. | New Member Class |
| 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 10:00 a.m. | Church School |
| 11:15 a.m. | Worship Service |
| 12:15 p.m. | After Worship Reception |
| 12:30 p.m. | ChristCare Spirituality Group Meeting |
| 3:30 p.m. | Tiger Cubs |
| 5:00 p.m. | Sixers and Jr. High Group Meeting |
| 6:00 p.m. | Sr. High Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:30 p.m. | Youth Dinner |
| | Sr. High Group Meeting |
| | Jr. High & Sixers Choir Rehearsal |
| 8:00 p.m. | Alcohol Anon. |

MONDAY

Weekday School Closed

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| 9:00 a.m. | Moms In Touch |
| 5:30 p.m. | Men's Recreational Basketball |
| 5:40 p.m. | Westminster Bells |
| 6:15 p.m. | NAMI |
| 6:30 p.m. | ChristCare Bible Study Group Meeting |
| 7:30 p.m. | Rose Society |
| 8:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anon. |

TUESDAY

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| 12:00 p.m. | Al-Anon |
| 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts |

WEDNESDAY

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| 11:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| 3:00 p.m. | "It's Elementary!" |
| | Tweens |
| 4:30 p.m. | Jr. & Sr. Choristers |
| 5:30 p.m. | Wednesday Dinner |
| 6:00 p.m. | The Flock |
| 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |

THURSDAY

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| 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 3:00 p.m. | Daisy Troop |
| 8:00 p.m. | Narcotics Anonymous |

FRIDAY

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| 12:00 p.m. | Centering Prayer |
| 6:00 p.m. | Sixers & Jr. Highs to Awanita (thru Sunday) |



On Easter Sunday all of us at Westminster stood together and said with the absolute confidence of 2,000 years of affirmation that "Jesus Christ is risen indeed!"

I've been trying to imagine, though, the storms of panic and hope and overwhelming confusion that must have swept over the disciples and family of Jesus in these days after they discovered the empty tomb. Did they understand what Resurrection meant? Did Christ's followers – who had so frequently struggled to understand His message and mission when He walked among them – have any real sense of what had just happened to their Lord?

On the road to Emmaus two of the disciples spoke of Christ in the past tense as though all their hope had been destroyed: "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel" (Luke 24:19).

In several of the Gospel stories Jesus reappears to His followers after the Resurrection but they do not recognize him at all until he eventually reveals Himself to them. John 20:9 makes it explicit: "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead."

How could they – how could *anyone* – even begin to understand the miracle that was developing around them? Having witnessed the horrific violence of crucifixion, how could they grasp the living physical presence of Jesus in their midst days later? How could they *not* doubt their senses and even their sanity?

And yet...they made it through this unimaginably chaotic time. Together they accepted and embarked on the mission that led to persecution and death for so many; together they made sense of the chain of events leading to the miracles of Easter and the days beyond.

They coped with a reality that few of us could handle, and together they grew into the confidence that flows down to us today: "Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Richard L. Alexander

WESTMINSTER CHURCH PICNIC

May 17, 2009, following the 11:15 service

Join your Westminster friends and family for the annual church picnic! Lunch will be served after the 11:15 worship service. The barbeque meal will be catered by Charlie's Barbeque. The menu will be pulled pork bbq, smoked turkey, baked beans, chips and hot dogs for the children. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 3-11. Nursery will be available for children under three. Sign up today by calling the church office at 232-2424 or by emailing michelle@wpc-online.org. Website sign-up is also available by visiting wpc-online.org. *Sign-ups for the picnic end Sunday, May 10.*

Name: _____

Adults \$6.50 _____ Children (3-11) \$3.00 _____

Nursery # in Crib: _____ # in Crawler _____ # in Toddler _____

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GENERATIONS BANQUET

May 3, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.

A tea honoring "Generations of Brides" and this year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner will be announced. Please call the church office to make reservations. A nursery will be provided. All women of the church are invited.

PW SCHOLARSHIP

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2. **Leap Over a Wall.**
Based on a book by Eugene Peterson, the Nautilus class will examine the life of King David from the Old Testament. Exploring David's story, fraught with struggles, shortcomings and joys, the discussion will focus on how the divine is often hidden within the ordinary, and how God's purposes are often worked out in the ordinariness of our human lives. **Leader: Judith Chandler-Huse Room: 210**
3. **Talking With Your Young Child**
During this class parents will learn skills for building trust and opening conversations through exercises, example stories, and approaches to try at home in their role as teachers and shapers of faith. Topics will include communication, handling your emotions, respect, success and failure, and sexuality. **Teacher: Barbara Stoop Room: 211**
4. **Renewal**
Members of the Creation Stewardship group will lead discussions based on Renewal, a documentary on what people of faith are doing and thinking in response to the challenge of environmental degradation. The religious-environmental movement is potentially the key to dealing with this threat to God's Creation. Topics will include mountain top removal, climate change, eco-justice, and environmental education in the Jewish/Christian tradition. **Leaders: Bill Holt, David Rutledge Room: 212**
5. **"my wpc"**
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