



The story I remember most from my days as a psychology major is that of Kitty Genovese. Kitty was a young woman living in New York City in the early 1960's who was attacked and stabbed outside her apartment building. According to a New York Times article published after the event, thirty-eight of her neighbors witnessed at least part of the attack, yet not a single person came to her aid, called the police or alerted the authorities in any way. One neighbor was quoted as saying "I didn't want to get involved." This horrible incident became the basis for the psychological term "diffusion of responsibility" where individuals in a large group become passive to events they would normally actively respond to.

While it is unlikely that any of us will ever be faced with such a dire circumstance, we are all guilty of social apathy. How often do we find ourselves presented with an opportunity that we simply allow to pass by? The examples of helping our fellow man are obvious, but what of quieter, more subtle opportunities to serve? So many small things happen on a daily basis, we simply take for granted the efforts needed to accomplish them, from washing the dishes after a church dinner to delivering food for Meals on Wheels.

In the coming months, we at Westminster Church are going to embark on a discipleship campaign, in an effort to determine areas of need both inside and outside of the church and then reach out to the congregation for our times and talents. Some of the needs will be great, some will be small, but just as no one raindrop thinks it caused the flood, the cumulative effect will serve to improve our church, our community and our faith.

*Trey DuBose*

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Sunday, March 8, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**THE PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

It is the aim of this church to present a religion as considerate of persons as the teaching of Jesus, as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets, as responsive to truth as science, as beautiful as art, as intimate as the home, and as indispensable as the air we breathe. For the achievement of this goal we bid you welcome, and invite your attendance, your prayers, your gifts, and your service.

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE – “God Leads Us Along”..... arr. Harlan

\*\* CHORAL INTROIT – “O God, Why Are You Silent?”..... Haugen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The earth and all it contains belong to the Lord,

**People: The world and those who live in it.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\* HYMN – No. 150..... MADRID

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and useless when we could be useful. Have mercy on us, O God. Forgive us and free us from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI (*Hymnal*, No. 579)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP, COMMON CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

\*\* CALL TO PRAYER - “Ubi Caritas” ..... Bell

*Where charity and love are found, God is there.*

MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

SOLO (9:00 a.m.) – “A Time for Everything”.....Hayes

**Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church after the solo.**

\*\* HYMN – No. 361..... FOUNDATION

“How Firm a Foundation”

\*\* **Children first grade and younger leave for Children’s Church during the last stanza.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Judges 7:2-8a (Page 224)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Mark 6:1-6 (Page 40).....*Jamie Inman*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Ludwig Weaver

“Just To Make It Interesting”

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

- \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles’ Creed  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SERVICE OF GIVING

Anthem (9:00 a.m.) - “Take Our Lives” .....Shippey  
(11:15 a.m.) – “And the Father Will Dance” .....Hayes

- \* Doxology (*Hymnal*, No. 592)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

- \* Prayer of Dedication

- \*\* ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (11:15 a.m.)

*Presentation of Candidates*

*For ordination and installation*

<i>Ben Alexander</i>	<i>Chris Beard</i>	<i>Howard Boyd</i>
<i>Amanda Sanders</i>	<i>Paul Schultz</i>	<i>Courtenay Williams</i>

*For installation*

<i>Gayle Blouin</i>	<i>Dorothy Dowe</i>	<i>Joe Frasher</i>
<i>Amy Grace</i>	<i>Jennifer Keir</i>	<i>Tim Reed</i>

*The Questions*

*Prayer by Pastor*

*Prayer by Elders (unison)*

**God our Father: You have chosen me. Now give me strength, wisdom and love to work for the Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Prayer by congregation and Pastor*

**God of Grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.**

- \* HYMN – No. 415.....ORA LABORA  
“Come, Labor On”

- \* BENEDICTION

- \*\* CHORAL RESPONSE – “Go Out in Peace”..... Davis

- \* POSTLUDE – “Sing Praises” .....Thompson

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- \* *All who are able may stand.* \*\*11:15 a.m. service only

<b>HEAD USHERS:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jim Wilkerson
	11:15 a.m.	Charles Edmondson
<b>SPONSOR:</b>		Gaye Sprague
<b>GREETERS:</b>	9:00 a.m.	Jim Young, Charles Little
		Trey Morrow
	11:15 a.m.	Susan Stall, Anne Holleman
		Joan Herlong
<b>LITURGIST:</b>		Dave Carlson

*Visitors and members are invited to the Entrance Pavilion following the 11:15 a.m. worship service for coffee and fellowship, and to welcome our new elders.*

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

## TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

## CHURCH NOTES

The leaders for Children's Church this **Sunday, March 8:**

9:00 a.m. *Chas & Susan Key*

11:15 a.m. *Todd & Andrea Lantz*

Musicians leading in worship this Sunday are:

### 9:00 a.m.

*Nancy Smith*, pianist

Chancel Choir

*Tina Phillips*, accompanist

*Jim Wilkins*, tenor

### 11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

## In Memoriam

*Williams Cochrane Jones*

12/16/1928 – 2/27/2009

"He that hears my word,  
and believes in him that  
sent me has eternal life."

## In Memoriam

*Robert T. "Country" Harrison*

7/3/1922 – 3/1/2009

"I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith."

## LENTEN STUDY

*The Trinity: Did the Author of the Shack Get It Right or Get It Wrong?*

On **Wednesdays, March 11, 18 and 25** a Lenten Study will be offered by *Jean Weaver* in **Room 209**. The class will run from **6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** with dinner available at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Using the beautiful but complex concept of the Trinity — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — the class will ponder how to better understand this central Christian idea and ask if the book, *The Shack*, helps or hinders our understanding of God. Nursery and childcare through fifth grade will be available. Please call the church office (232-2424) to sign up or register online at the church website ([www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org)). *Please be sure to make dinner reservations by Monday, March 9 at noon.*

## NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our childcare program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and toddlers during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

*Remember to turn your clocks  
forward one hour this  
Saturday, March 7.*

## MR. ROGERS GOES TO CHURCH

On **Sunday, March 15**, the youth of our church led by Mr. Rogers and Lady Aberlin are going to take us to the Neighborhood of Make Believe to visit King Friday, Queen Sara Saturday, "X" the Owl, Mr. McFeely, and so many more as we explore part of Paul's letter to the Church in Rome. The Jr. Highs will lead the 9:00 a.m. worship service and the Sr. Highs will lead the 11:15 a.m. worship service. We invite you to join us.

## TNT

TNT will meet on **Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sr. High lounge. Please remember that there will *not* be a church dinner on Tuesday, but sitters will be provided. We will be discussing the movie, *I Am Legend*. If you have any questions about the TNT group, please contact Lisa Bryant at 220-6629.

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SENIOR HIGHS

The snow was fun, but it cost us a week of preparation time for Youth Sunday. If you are going to participate in this year's Youth Sunday on **March 15**, we need you to be there this Sunday, **March 8**. We will see you at **6:00 p.m.** for dinner. Don't forget our Lock-In on **Friday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m.** and the walkthrough on Saturday, **March 14 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

## JUNIOR HIGHS

The snow caught us at a bad time. It is real important if you are going to participate in Youth Sunday that you join us this **Sunday, March 8**, at **5:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, but we are also hoping that you can join us on **Saturday, March 14**, at **12:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall to make up for lost time. We will be finished by 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Phillips at 232-2424 or 380-5269.

## CHRISTCARE GATHERINGS

ChristCare Small Groups continue to welcome visitors and new members. Please RSVP to the Group Leader. For more information, go to [www.wpc-online.org](http://www.wpc-online.org) and click on *Congregational Life* and then *Adult Groups*.

This week's groups are:

- **Bible Study: Monday, March 9, 6:30 p.m. in Room 213, John Macrae, jmacrae126@aol.com, 268-6569.**
- **Parenting Group: Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. in Room 213, Ben Rigby, btrigby@juno.com, 239-0435.**

## THEOLOGY READING GROUP

The Theology Reading Group will meet on **Monday, March 9**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. We invite you to join us for a discussion of the book, March, by Geraldine Brooks. The discussion leader is *Sue Inman*.

## CREATION STEWARDSHIP

The regular meeting of the Creation Stewardship group has been changed to the second Sunday of the month. The next meeting will be this **Sunday, March 8, at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 213.

## SUNDAY CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer will meet from 6:00-6:50 p.m. this **Sunday, March 8**, in Room 213. No prior experience is necessary and newcomers are welcome to begin at anytime. The **Friday Prayer Group** will not be meeting in March. If you have any questions, contact Associate Pastor Dave Carlson at 232-2424, ext. 115, [dcarlson@wpc-online.org](mailto:dcarlson@wpc-online.org).

## WRITING OUR STORIES:

### A Five-Week Class in Memoir (March 12, 19, 26, April 2, & 9)

Have you been intending for *way too long* to write special memories of people, places, and events in your life, but just haven't given the time to it? Beginning **Thursday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 211**, all those interested in putting pen to paper are asked to come together for a time of writing and lunch. The class, led by Sue Inman, will run between 11:30 and 1:30. Come with a notebook and pen and be ready to have some fun in a supportive workshop environment. Call the church office (232-2424) to sign up for the class and also to reserve a lunch (\$5.50) by Tuesday prior to the class on Thursday.

## CONNECTIONS

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will have their monthly gathering on **Sunday, March 15**, after the 11:15 service at Flat Rock Grille. Please contact Mary Ann Cox at [maryacraig@juno.com](mailto:maryacraig@juno.com) or 963-2335 by *March 14*.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLES

*Tuesday, March 10*

- **Circle #5:** *Clara Lawson*, chair, will meet at 10:00 a.m. in Room 211. Project: Camp Opportunity. Bible Study: Devotional by *Jennifer Keir*.
- **Circle #6:** *Gretchen Reed*, chair, will meet at 8:45 a.m. at the home of Susan Reed, 235-3687.
- **Circle #3:** *Barbara Wallace*, chair, will meet at 6:45 p.m. at the home of *Gwyn Anderson* with *Sally Timmerman* as Helping Hostess.

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**THE SESSION**  
**The Class of 2009**

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 8 - 14, 2009

**SUNDAY**

8:15 a.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
9:00 a.m.	Worship Service Creation Stewardship
10:00 a.m.	Church School
11:15 a.m.	Worship Service
1:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop
3:30 p.m.	Tiger Cubs
5:00 p.m.	Sixers and Jr. High Group Meeting
	Sr. High Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner Education Committee Meeting
	Centering Prayer Group
6:30 p.m.	Sixers and Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
	Sr. High Group Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Alcohol Anon.

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

8:45 a.m.	PW Circle #6
10:00 a.m.	PW Circle #5
12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon
5:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
6:00 p.m.	TNT
6:30 p.m.	PW Circle #3
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts

**WEDNESDAY**

11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m.	"It's Elementary!" Tweens
3:30 p.m.	Cherub Choir
4:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. Choristers
5:30 p.m.	Wednesday Dinner
6:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study
	ChristCare: Parenting Group
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY**

10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
11:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts Writing Class
3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
4:15 p.m.	Daisy Troop
8:00 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous

**FRIDAY**

8:00 p.m.	Sr. High Lock-In
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**SATURDAY**

10:00 a.m.	Weekday School Carnival
	Sr. High Walkthrough
12:00 p.m.	Jr. High Walkthrough

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

During the season of Lent, join us in our rotational style of adult Sunday School. Come for a time of reflection, conversation, faith sharing and fellowship. Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The following classes will be offered from **March 8 – April 5**.

1. **Dancing Girls, Loose Ladies and Women of the Cloth – The Women in Jesus' Life.** While the New Testament consistently portrays Jesus as single and in close company with twelve male followers, there were numerous women in his earthly life. This lecture style class will explore some of the notable women — those most active and influential, provocative and controversial — and how their relationship with Jesus affected them and Jesus. Should we strive to be more like these women or less like them?  
**Teacher:** *Jean Weaver* **Room:** 209
2. **The Death and Resurrection of Jesus.** Marcus Borg, a New Testament and early Christianity scholar, shares his understanding of the death and resurrection of Jesus in this video-based class. Using the videos and discussion questions, the class will ponder how the death and resurrection of Jesus changed the world and how they continue to challenge, change and transform us as people of faith.  
**Teacher and Discussion Leader:** *Russ Madray* **Room:** 213
3. **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
4. **The Faith Forum Class** will use the book The Best American Spiritual Writing 2008 [Philip Zaleski (editor), Jimmy Carter (Introduction)] as the basis for class discussions. The book is an assembly of penetratingly thoughtful pieces that range from memoir to diatribe to travel essay to reflection on the Holocaust. Authors included are Wendell Berry, Pico Iyer, Maxine Kumin, Robert Pinsky, Oliver Sacks, and John Updike. All are welcomed to drop in and participate in our contemplative discussions.  
**Co-coordinator:** *Henry Chaskelis* **Room:** 212

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## CHURCH BASKETBALL CHURCH DINNER

**March 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

Come celebrate the church basketball season on March 11. Join us to watch a fantastic slide show program of our Westminster teams! Coaches, if you have not submitted any pictures of your team please contact *Wes Bryant* (477-0006) as soon as possible. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The menu for adults and children will be hamburgers, fries, fruit, and salad. 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 (232-2424) or emailing [michelle@wpc-online.org](mailto:michelle@wpc-online.org). Website sign-up is also available by visiting [wpc-online.org](http://wpc-online.org). *Sign-ups for dinner end on Monday, March 9.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Nursery (ages 3 and under) \_\_\_\_\_

