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Newsletter for January 23 - 29, 2012

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Church Calendar

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

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

5:45 p.m. All-Church "Getting Connected" [Dinner](#)

6:00 p.m. JustFaith

6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group

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

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare Couples Bible Study Group](#)(Ages 50+)

A Place at the Table

Macaroni and cheese. It's a fairly simple dish and you can serve it with almost anything. For me, though, it's also a reminder of the 1970's. Right along with bellbottoms and disco music, mac-n-cheese was a staple at my house. I didn't know it at the time, but mom made it on a regular basis partly because it was inexpensive. To me, it tasted like the best thing in the world.

During the latter part of this skateboard-loving decade, I began cooking dinner one night a week. My favorite dish to prepare? (Cue the theme music to Match Game '75.) You got it - macaroni and cheese - but with a twist. Throw a can of tuna into your prepared mac-n-cheese and now you have a casserole! (The 1970's just got a lot more upscale, didn't they?)

But beyond the food and however much money we did or didn't have, my mom always made nightly dinners a family event. While we sat around our small, round dining room table each night, my brother and I would make each other laugh, my dad would talk in silly cartoon voices, and my mom made certain we all had (and knew) our place at the family table. It's where we shared the events of the day with each other and talked about what we had planned for tomorrow.

Our church family is very similar. It takes effort to get to know someone else. We can say, "Hi," to thirty folks after a worship service, but to really get to know each other takes time and intention. What it doesn't have to be is forced or awkward. A small group of eight to ten people is a wonderful, stress-free way to ease into new and deepened relationships. And, sharing a meal with another person often helps create a bond different than any other.

Westminster's [Dine with Nine](#) program is a great, structured way to become better acquainted with someone you may already know or to get to know those you've never met. Each Dine with Nine group decides when and where to meet. Some groups meet at a member's home and everyone brings a dish. (Remember, mac-n-cheese is incredibly versatile!) Other groups may meet at a local restaurant. Where you meet isn't nearly as important as the fact that you do.

Come and be a part of Westminster family dinner time. There's a place for you at the table.

Signups for the next round of Dine with Nine will begin January 25. Watch

the Harbinger and newsletter for more information.

Kevin Lancaster

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

Thursday, January 26

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

5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meal

6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Leaders

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

Friday, January 27-

Sunday, January 29

Adult Choir Festival by the Sea

Sunday, January 29

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. [Middle School Group](#)

6:00 p.m. [Senior Highs](#)

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

Congregational News

Baptism

Eleanor Jean Helmly, daughter of Randy and Prentice Helmly, was received into our fellowship on January 15, 2012.

Births

Olivia Ashley Myers was born to Denny and Kelli Myers on January 10, 2012.

Sympathy

Westminster Presbyterian extends sincere sympathy to the family of WPC member Jim Moseley (01/01/12).

Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 5, youth around the country will be collecting canned food and money to donate to local food banks. Our youth will be collecting these before and after both worship services. We hope you will join us in feeding the hungry here in Greenville.



Name Change

"Elder Care" is now "[Friends Helping Friends](#)." The program will continue to be sponsored by our Senior Adult Ministry but will be more inclusive. Our purpose remains the same - a ministry of "doing." However, it will now be a ministry to those of our church family, regardless of age, who need help with things that, because of personal limitations, they are no longer able to do. For more information, contact [Dave Sems](#).

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network

It's SMART to donate your old car to GAIHN and maximize your tax benefits. Donated vehicles are given to guest families, which helps the families immediately. We currently have a guest family in dire need of a car in order to get to and from work each day. Donors may get a higher tax deduction (closer to Fair Market Value) this way. Call 271-3424 or email TonyMcDade@cs.com for details. Westminster's next host week with families in the GAIHN program is March 4-11.



Senior High Mission Trip

Senior Highs and eighth graders are invited to participate in the Dominican Republic mission trip June 21-28. The cost is \$1,000. Scholarships are available. You must [sign up](#) by March 4. For more information, there will be a meeting immediately following the 11:15 worship service on Sunday, February 5. If you have questions prior to the meeting, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

Library Resource

[*The Flint Heart: A Fairy Story*](#) by Katherine Paterson (J_FIC Paterson)

Renowned Presbyterian educator and award-winning author Katherine Paterson and her husband, John, freely retell this 1910 fantasy for contemporary readers. An ambitious Stone Age man demands a talisman that will harden his heart, allowing him to take control of his tribe. Against his better judgment, the tribe's magic man creates the Flint Heart, but the cruelty of it causes the destruction of the tribe. Thousands of years later, can Charles and his sister, Unity, find a way to rescue humans, fairies, and animals from the dark influence of the Flint Heart? A great read-aloud tale for children and adults alike.



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