

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Saturday, February 4, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Spellman Hall

Interested in learning more about Westminster or in becoming a member of Westminster? This class is for you! All are welcome. There's no obligation to join.

The goals of the class are to:

1. Increase awareness and understanding of:
 - The basics of Christian faith and practice
 - The Presbyterian Church (USA)
 - Westminster Presbyterian Church
2. Provide experiences of:
 - Christian community as a place of support and encouragement
 - Reflection and conversation on God's relationship with us
3. Provide opportunities for:
 - Deepening our commitment to Jesus Christ
 - Making friends through the class
 - Discovering ways to connect with ministries of WPC

The registration deadline is Thursday, February 2. Register online or call the church office at 610-399-3377 to request a registration form.

FAMILY PROMISE

**We Need Volunteers!
Our Week is Coming**

Through Family Promise of Southern Chester County, congregations in southern Chester County are collaborating to get a few homeless families at a time back on their feet. Families spend their days at a Resource Center in Toughkenamon, and their evenings/nights at churches. **We are hosting Family Promise guests again for the week of February 19.** Parents and children will have hot food and safe sleep in our building beginning Sunday afternoon, February 19, and ending the next Sunday morning, February 26.

We need volunteers for a variety of hospitality roles during the week, especially those willing to sleep overnight (9pm – 6am duty with a separate sleeping room). If you would like to help us out with supplies for the coming host week, we would appreciate gift cards for Giant, Costco, Wegmans, and Pizza Peddler delivered to the office during the week or next Sunday at our Family Promise information table. Contact your coordinators for more information: Ruth Simonson sgsimonson@aol.com, Jean Pitts jean1150@comcast.net, or Karen Bates karenkrbates@comcast.net.

ACADEMY CLASSES

Present Witness: The Confession of 1967 in 2017, 9:45



a.m., January 29, February 5 & 12 in Spellman Hall, led by Alex Wimberly, Presbyterian pastor and Ph.D. candidate - Princeton Theological Seminary. How do we let our relationship with God inform our responsibility to the world? This class will discuss how the Presbyterian Church uses its privilege and position in mid-century America to become more prophetic in a divided society.

Session One: "Seeking Reconciliation: How the Presbyterian Establishment in Eisenhower's America became Prophets in Johnson's Great Society." What does it mean to be Presbyterian in America? What did it mean to your parents/grandparents? We will consider the differences of 1950s Presbyterians as custodians of American culture vs. 1960s prophetic church. How we evolved from a church with confessions, to a "confessing church" – seeking "reconciliation." We will look at Presbyterian leadership in the civil rights movement with a focus on the Summer of Crisis - 1963.

Session Two: "Irreconcilable Differences? The Confession of 1967 and the Things that Divide Presbyterians," February 5, Spellman Hall. What have been the great controversies in the PC(USA) over the last several decades? Session Two will consider:

1. *Race as a dividing line:* since the failed union of 1954; fears of miscegenation.
2. *Cold War nationalism as a dividing line:* anti-communist norm; fears of conformity with culture.
3. *Scripture as a dividing line:* the embrace of neo-orthodoxy ... The Word vs. words of the Bible.

(The 1972 Angela Davis affair was a breaking point for the denomination that touched all three dividing lines.)

Session Three: "Prophetic, Pious, and Popular: Connecting Our Reconciliation with God to Our Ministry of Reconciliation," February 12. What do you think of when you think "evangelical?" Are we "evangelical?" What makes us distinctive as a church? Session Three will look at:

1. *Concerns about C67 at the time written:* race, nationalism, scripture
2. *Concerns about C67 just after it was written:* lack of piety, misguided faith, evangelism
3. *Concerns about C67 today:* What holds us together? Are we different than secular progressives?

CHILDREN'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH



"In Remembrance of Me..."
Prepare your family for Lent!
Interactive Communion Workshop for Children & Families
Grade 2 - Grade 5
February 11, 2017 8:45 - 11:30AM
in Spellman Hall
RSVP to Sue Spotts
sspotts@westminsterpc.org or
610.399.3377 ext 106

VBS SAVE THE DATE

Kids Connect
Vacation Bible School Week
June 19-23, 2017
9:00am - 12:00pm
Join the Planning Team &
Volunteer to Connect With God & Kids!
Maker Fun Factory!
Created by God - Made for a Purpose

Type this link in your browser and get excited!!

<https://youtu.be/5fjMyDcJcgk>

ENDOWMENT FUND
2017 GRANT DEADLINES –
FEBRUARY 6, MAY 5,
AUGUST 4 AND NOVEMBER 3

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

This Week in Westminster History

JAN. 26, 1945: Installation Service for Rev. Robert B. Boell as Westminster's 5th minister.

FEB. 2, 1945: Approval given for the Sunday School to use the basement room for playing of games on Friday evenings.

FEB. 2, 2011: Vacation Bible School registration is made available online.



THIS MORNING: Come celebrate our heritage between services in the Gospel and Arts/Coffee Area. Taste some **irn-bru (Scottish soda) and enjoy Walkers Scottish shortbread cookies.** Read a timeline about the first 25 years of Westminster. Consult with an experienced genealogist about researching your family history, and "pin" your country (countries) of origin on a world map.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Join other women as we focus on the Beatitudes to reshape our attitudes in Christ. During the retreat, we will discover what Jesus taught His disciples about mercy, peacemaking, honesty, love, faith, and other essentials of healthy relationships. Join us on March 24th – 26th for a weekend spent adjusting and strengthening our "BE" Attitudes in Christ. Register online. For additional information, brochures are available at the Information Desk or the church office.

The **NEW FLOWER DONOR CALENDAR** for 2017 has been posted on the bulletin board across from the church parlor. Annual donors are already listed and should contact the Flower Coordinator, Marge Muehlberger, if the date is incorrect or anyone has been omitted. There will be a choice of donating one or two arrangements. If a donor supplies one arrangement, a second donor will have the option of providing an additional arrangement. Please sign up indicating your choice, and you will be contacted by Marge prior to your chosen Sunday. If you would like a particular date and it is already filled, contact Marge to see what can be arranged. We appreciate your donation of flowers which will enhance our Sanctuary and worship experience each Sunday. Please contact Marge at mmuehlberger@comcast.net.

The **BOOK GROUP** will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the library on February 6th. Marion Stevenson will lead the discussion about the book, *The American Way of Poverty*. All are welcome. For more info, contact Ivy Jost.

WPC VETERANS GROUP continues their study on “*Restrepo*” this morning led by Bud Bruton and Autumn Vernon in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. Photographer Tim Hetherington and journalist Sebastian Junger allow the realities of war to speak for themselves in this unnarrated documentary about a U.S. platoon in Afghanistan. Bud and Autumn both suggest purchasing the book “*War*” by Sebastian Junger.

STEPHEN MINISTRY caregiving is distinctively Christian in character and thus warrants an intense 2-week emphasis on using the “tools of the faith” in caring for another. The book *Christian Caregiving – a Way of Life* provides the substance of the next 2 training sessions. The Stephen Leaders ask you to continue holding the 6 Trainees in your prayers!

Everyone Welcome! Jennifer Walker, a local attorney, will present an educational, informative and empowering class concerning *who takes over when something happens to both Mom and Dad* on **Monday, January 30, 2017 at 9:15-10:15 in room 406. THE 12:45-1:45 CLASS IS CANCELLED.** You will leave the presentation with a Standby Guardianship Designation – free of charge. If interested in attending, email preschool@westminsterpc.org. Childcare available.

SAFE HARBOR - Volunteers needed to prepare and serve dinner or pack and deliver lunches. Opportunities available monthly. Contact Angela Emrich at ang.emrich@gmail.com to volunteer or for additional information.

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets Tuesday, January 31, from 9:45-11:00 a.m. Our speaker this week is Mike Tysowsky from Serving at the Crossroads. His presentation is entitled: *Update on the Activities & Expansion of the Manos Amigas Clinic in Honduras*. Come learn how a single clinic facility is serving as a providential blessing to countless underserved people in Honduras. Open to all!

A DIVORCE RECOVERY AND SUPPORT GROUP will begin on Wednesday, February 1st, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This 8-week program will support individuals who are newly separated, divorcing, or divorced for some time. Classes will cover a range of topics, including grief, forgiveness, and communication. Please contact Pastor Ann Hatfield at ahatfield@westminsterpc.org for additional information.

THE THRIFT SHOP's lease will not be renewed in June. We are looking for another location in the borough; however we are requesting you only donate spring and summer clothing, jewelry and housewares until our new location is found. Valentine and Easter decorations are being accepted. If you have any question about donations, contact Karen Koepke at 610-692-9298. Keep the Thrift Shop Mission in your prayers that we can find an affordable site so we can continue our mission.

FINANCIAL

Donate from your smart phone! Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's Quick Response code reader!



Scan the QR code with your Smart phone to give online.

December 2016 General Fund – mission and church operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget
Tithes & other revenue	\$2,028,674	\$2,051,300	-1%
Expense	\$2,025,472	\$2,051,300	-1%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date; as you can see that while we finished the year behind our revenue budget, we were able to have a positive surplus due to reduced expenses. We collected 97.7% of our pledged revenue in 2016. As we look forward to 2017, we encourage you to keep up consistent giving so that we can achieve 100% of our pledged support. Please consider electronic giving. Setting up your giving is simple through the “Give Now” button on the online pledging and giving page on the church website, or pick up an authorization form in the church office.

January 2014-December 2016 (3 year campaign ending in December 2016) Capital Fund-Land Acquisition and Habitat Houses locally and internationally

Campaign Pledges and Other Revenue received	\$1,470,198
Principal payments paid to date	\$1,289,572
Balance remaining on commercial loan	\$ 654,679
Balance remaining on Pledges	\$ 23,453

As we conclude the 3 year capital campaign at December 31, we want to thank everyone who has contributed over the years. We are only \$23,000 short of our total pledges, and we prayerfully encourage those with outstanding pledges to fulfill them. Any contributions to the Capital Fund in the future will be a direct payment on principal to further reduce our mortgage debt.

Thank you for your commitment to the mission and ministry of WPC

Attendance: 1/22/2017: 764	
Offering Figures for 1/22/17:	General Fund: \$ 15,439.87
Initial: \$ 95.00	Capital Fund: \$ 100.00
	YTD Initial: \$ 1,682.00
Per Capita: \$2,948.00	YTD Per Capita: \$ 10,441.70
	representing 307 members

Calendar for week of January 29, 2017

Sunday, January 29	
8:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
9:45 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-12 th Grade
9:45 A.M.	Academy Class (Spellman Hall)
9:45 A.M.	Veterans Group (Chapel)
11:10 A.M.	Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-5 th Grade
11:10 A.M.	Baptism Class (Chapel)
Noon	Morning worship on radio WCHE 1520 AM
1:00 P.M.	Stephen Ministry Training Class (405)
5:30 P.M.	Youth Fellowship (Spellman Hall)
Monday, January 30	
9:00 A.M.	Fitness Class (Spellman Hall)
9:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop workday until 3PM (donations accepted)
9:30 A.M.	Mom's Bible Study (414-415)
6:30 P.M.	Preschool Board Meeting (406)
Tuesday, January 31	
10:00 A.M.	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (offsite)
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3:00 PM
Wednesday, February 1	
9:10 A.M.	Prayer and Communion Service (Chapel)
9:30 A.M.	Women's Weekly Bible Study (Choir Room)
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 PM
4:30 P.M.	Afternoon Small Group Bible Study (Library)
4:30 P.M.	Kids JAM rehearsal (Spellman Hall)
6:00 P.M.	Handbell Rehearsal (213)
7:00 P.M.	Covenant Bible Study (407-408)
7:00 P.M.	Women's Evening Bible Study (406)
7:00 P.M.	Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, February 2	
	Thrift Shop closed
9:00 A.M.	Fitness Class (Spellman Hall)
7:00 P.M.	Men's Bible Study (parlor)
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:00 P.M.	Troop 93 (Spellman Hall)
7:00 P.M.	Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)
Friday, February 3	
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 PM
Saturday, February 4	
9:00 A.M.	New Members' Class (Spellman Hall)
9:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until noon
Sunday, February 5	
8:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
9:45 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-12 th Grade
9:45 A.M.	Academy Class (Spellman Hall)
9:45 A.M.	Veterans Group (Chapel)
10:30 A.M.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
11:10 A.M.	Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-5 th Grade
Noon	Morning worship on radio WCHE 1520 AM
1:00 P.M.	Stephen Ministry Training Class (405)
2:30 P.M.	Installation Service of Jennie Clark (Sanctuary)
5:00 P.M.	Taizé Worship (Chapel)
5:30 P.M.	Youth Fellowship (Spellman Hall)

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NEWS AND EVENTS

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