

FAMILY PROMISE IS COMING...

IN A WEEK!

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.

You may come in the building at times during the week and find regular activities moved to new locations. We will keep the families' rooms intact while they are away from the building so it feels as safe as possible. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding, and thank you in advance for your hospitality. Contact your coordinators for more information: Ruth Simonson sgsimonson@aol.com, Jean Pitts jean1150@comcast.net, or Karen Bates karenkrbates@comcast.net.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 - Built for a Purpose

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

This Week in Westminster History

FEB. 14, 1949: Session approved Girl Scout Troop No. 63 could meet in the basement room on Monday mornings.

FEB. 13, 1950: Session made a contribution to the Lord's Day Alliance to combat Sunday movies in West Chester.

FEB. 13, 1966: Ordination Service for Robert P. Boell, son of Westminster's 5th Pastor, was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

FEB. 11, 2013: Session welcomed Gerry McShane as our new Church Administrator.



ACADEMY CLASSES

This Morning: Present Witness: The Confession of 1967 in 2017, 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel, led by Alex Wimberly, Final Session this morning. **"Prophetic, Pious, and Popular: Connecting Our Reconciliation with God to Our Ministry of Reconciliation,"** What do you think of when you think "evangelical?" Are we "evangelical?" What makes us distinctive as a church?

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?



February 19 (Chapel) : "John Calvin and the Reformation in France: Our Forgotten French Cousins" **John Hurt** (*Westminster Member*) will present the origins of Calvinism, its stronghold in Geneva,

Switzerland, its rapid spread in France, and its eventual decline. John Hurt is a member at Westminster. He taught European history at the University of Delaware for 45 years, 1969-2014, specializing in early modern French history and military history. He recently edited and published, in collaboration with Steven Sidebotham, "Odyssey of a Bombardier: the POW Log of Richard M. Mason," University of Delaware Press, 2013

February 26 (Chapel) "Turn Mourning into Dancing!: *A Congregational Response to Domestic Violence"* Led by **May Van and Rev. Jane DeFord** Abuse is contrary to God's will and tears at the very fabric of human dignity and the covenant we have with God to care for one another, especially those who are most vulnerable. Followers of Jesus Christ are called to be agents of healing by sharing our faith perspective in collaboration with our community allies in ending domestic violence. In this class we will look at issues of domestic violence in the light of Biblical perspectives on human dignity and violence. We will learn about the mission of the local Domestic Violence Center and practical things we can do to end domestic violence.

March 3-5, Walk the Labyrinth. March 3 is World Day of Prayer, March 4 we invite parents and children on a pilgrimage when parents and children may walk together, and March 6 the Labyrinth will be available throughout the entire day for those wishing to walk as a Lenten spiritual practice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **NINE BANNERS** reminding us of our theological heritage (which normally hang in the Heckert Center at the opposite end of our facility) will remain displayed in the sanctuary during the month of February. They represent the creeds, confessions, and catechisms in our denomination's "Book of Confessions" – from the Apostle's and Nicene Creeds produced in the first few centuries of Christianity, all the way to the Brief Statement of Faith written by Presbyterians in the United States in 1983.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS ARE FORMING- Lent begins Wednesday, March 1st. Why not consider participating in a Lenten Study as a spiritual practice for Lent? Sign-ups for Lenten Small Groups will be held in the Heckert Center Fellowship area Sunday mornings *Feb. 12, 19, and 26.* This year's Lenten Study options are:

- "Sabbath as Resistance: Saying NO to the Culture of NOW", by Walter Brueggeman
- "Final Words from the Cross", by Adam Hamilton
- "Jesus Is The Question", by Martin B. Copenhaver

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets Tuesday, February 14, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Our Valentine's Day Program this week is designed for you and your special valentine. Wayne Zimmerman has selected two Laurel & Hardy silent movies accompanied by live organ music. Both movies are really enjoyable and hilarious. Laughter is guaranteed !!! If that is not enough Dave Goodale will have hot popcorn ready to go before the movie starts. Men and women are all welcome to come to share the love and laughter.

WPW BIBLE STUDY continues in February. Who is Jesus? According to Hebrews. Background: Book of Hebrews (1-6, 12-13). Key Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2. Teacher: Bob Boell.
Monday, February 13 9:30 a.m. Room 407
Tuesday, February 14 9:30 a.m. Maris Grove
Contact Jane Roberts 610-701-4309 rjmeroberts@aol.com for questions or concerns.

If ever there was a time for **STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINEES** to say "Aha!" Sunday afternoon's module, *Process vs. Results in Caregiving* is it! The key understanding that a SM does not have to "fix" whatever the Care Receiver is facing is a sigh of relief. **GOD is the Caregiver; the SM is the caregiver.** This concept runs counter to a results-oriented society. Please continue to hold these 6 Trainees and their Leaders in prayer.

SCOUT SUNDAY is Sunday February 19th. If you are a Cub Scout, Brownie, Girl Guide, Boy Scout or part of Venture Crew, anywhere, please show your Scout Spirit by wearing your uniform to church. Troop 93 will help with ushering. If you have an interest in Scouting, please come and talk with us. Thank you WPC for being our Scout Home!

LUNCH BUNCH is going to Pica's Restaurant on West Chester Pike on Thursday, Feb. 23 at noon. For reservations contact Carol Olver by Tuesday, Feb. 21.

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.

You're Invited-Ed Brandt's PROMOTION CEREMONY.

Jane and Ed Brandt cordially invite members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church to a Promotion Ceremony hosted by Major General Carol Timmons, The Adjutant General of Delaware, to promote CH (COL) Kenneth "Ed" Brandt to Brigadier General on Friday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m. at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 500 McKennans Church Road, Wilmington, DE with a reception to follow. Please RSVP to Pastor Ed at ebbrandt@westminsterpc.org by February 27.

LIVING WATERS HONDURAS TRIP.

We are planning our next water purification system installation in Honduras, to take place the week of July 9-15 (pending session approval). We are looking for participants who can help with the actual installation process, working alongside members of the community to which we are traveling. We are also looking for participants who will help educate community leaders about the system and water hygiene, who will then educate others. If you are interested in this project, contact Pastor Jon at jfrost@westminsterpc.org

THE LANDING FOR TEENAGERS.

At this time, we are seeking adults who are interested in exploring the possibility of leadership in a recovery program for teenagers called The Landing. The Landing is a 52-week program that helps teenagers who are struggling to live their lives in a healthy God-honoring way. If you have a heart for youth and recovery and would like to know more, contact Pastor Jennie Clark or Gail Tanzola-Seymour at tanzolaseymour@verizon.net.

BRIDGE OF HOPE.

In the past, Westminster has partnered with Bridge of Hope, a local organization that assists single mothers and their children in transitioning from situations of homelessness to permanent housing. We would like to rekindle our partnership with Bridge of Hope. Mentoring teams from our congregation will be trained to offer supportive friendships, walking with families as they move towards financial stability and emotional wholeness. In doing so, we help to restore hope and create brighter futures one family at a time. To learn more and/or find out how you can become part of a mentoring team, please contact Ann Hatfield. Thank you!

The WESTMINSTER ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD is pleased to offer a special brunch on Sunday, March 12, 2017



beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Spellman Hall. Mark Gadson, Westminster member and a highly respected charitable gift planning professional will present, "Feel-Good Charitable Giving Strategies: Personalized Ways To Give" as well as answer your specific questions. We have limited space,

so to help us in planning this event please RSVP no later than Wednesday March 1st. To make your reservation, please call the office at 610-399-3377. Ext. 100 or email Barb Drain at bdrain@westminsterpc.org.

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP. Members and friends of Westminster will head to Washington, DC, July 16- July 20. Participants will learn about hunger, homelessness, and poverty issues, while serving in the city and worshipping together. This trip is for children who have completed 4th grade, and for youth and adults of all ages. You may register as an individual or family. For additional information, contact Ann Hatfield with any questions at ahatfield@westminsterpc.org.

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 THRIFT SHOP will let you know as soon as we have secured a new location. We are confident that we will be continuing our mission. We are accepting clothing, jewelry, housewares, and Easter donations at this time. If you have any questions about donations, please call Karen Koepke at 610-692-9298. Your support of the shop is greatly appreciated.

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

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January 2017

General Fund – mission and church operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget
Tithes & other revenue	\$ 230,272	\$ 186,912	23%
Expense	\$ 167,348	\$ 180,885	-7%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date; as you can see that we begin the year ahead of our revenue budget and we were able to have a positive surplus due to reduced expenses. 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.

Capital Fund – Debt Reduction

Balance remaining on the mortgage	\$ 526,263
Balance remaining on outstanding 2014-2016 Capital Fund pledges	\$ 20,604

We are only \$20k short of our total pledges, and we prayerfully encourage those with outstanding pledges to fulfill them. Any contributions to the Capital Fund 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: 2/5/2017: 892			
Offering Figures for 2/5/17:			
	General Fund:	\$ 25,391.53	
	Capital Fund:	\$ 3,000.00	
	Souper Bowl	\$ 1,610.30	
Initial:		\$ 90.00	YTD Initial: \$ 1,897.00
Per Capita:	\$1,542.00	YTD Per Capita: \$ 16,075.70	representing 472 members

Calendar for week of February 12, 2017

<u>Sunday, February 12</u>	
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 (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)
5:30 P.M.	Youth Fellowship (Spellman Hall)
<u>Monday, February 13</u>	
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)
9:30 A.M.	Monday Morning Circle (407-408)
7:00 P.M.	Session (Spellman Jr.)
7:00 P.M.	Stephen Ministry (413)
<u>Tuesday, February 14</u>	
9:30 A.M.	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Spellman Hall)
9:30 A.M.	Tuesday Morning Circle (offsite)
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3:00 PM
<u>Wednesday, February 15</u>	
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)
6:00 P.M.	Handbell Rehearsal (213)
6:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Dinner (407-408)
6:30 P.M.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)
7:00 P.M.	Troop 93 Board of Review (Library)
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)
7:00 P.M.	Divorce Recovery (414-415)
<u>Thursday, February 16</u>	
	Thrift Shop closed
9:00 A.M.	Fitness Class (Spellman Hall)
9:30 A.M.	Interiors Committee (Library)
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.	Troop 93 Committee Meeting (Spellman Jr.)
7:00 P.M.	Celebrate Recovery (Chapel)
7:00 P.M.	High School Food for Thought (offsite)
<u>Friday, February 17</u>	
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 3 PM
<u>Saturday, February 18</u>	
9:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until noon
<u>Sunday, February 19</u>	
8:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
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FEBRUARY -CEREAL**

NEWS AND EVENTS

February 12, 2017



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