

Vision Quest 2023

What is Vision Quest 2023?? We hope that by now you heard **Bill Wilson, from the Center for Healthy Churches preach on January 7** and/or have read some of the morning vision devotionals over the last two weeks. Our Vision team met this week and chose "Vision Quest 2023" as the name for this time of spiritual listening and discernment the congregation is entering into.

Our first Congregational Discernment Event takes place next **Sunday, January 28**, as outlined below—

Session One	8:30
Session Two:	9:30
Session Three	11:10

What is happening at these sessions?? Using the tools of Appreciative Inquiry, Bill will help us to take stock of where we are as a congregation and build towards an outline of where we could go as a congregation in the next 3-5 years. Appreciative Inquiry is a process that instead of looking at what needs improvement, asks first "What is right about us and how do we build upon it?" We will be looking for the "Core Positives" (and there are many) of Westminster.

We plan to conduct the 3 sessions mentioned above in Spellman Hall in informal group conversations around tables. During this session, you will learn more about the Appreciative Inquiry process and Bill Wilson will facilitate an exercise designed to help us understand ourselves and begin to define our way forward or vision. He will be asking several questions throughout the session—

- **When did you come to Westminster?**
- **Why did you come to Westminster?**
- **Why did you stay at Westminster?**
- **When did Westminster become the Body of Christ for you?**

Together we will work to develop the Core Positives of this great congregation and begin to discern how we build upon them as we go through the next several months of listening and discussion at subsequent sessions. We expect this to be a friendly, uplifting event and **encourage everyone to attend**. It is helpful if you register for one of the sessions but is in no way required—we want your participation, contribution and attendance, as we move forward in our faith journey!!

We hope to see ALL of you on January 28th!

Your Vision Quest 2023 Team

WPC'S WEEKLY UPDATE

As you may or may not know, Westminster sends an electronic weekly update with information about all our events, trips, activities, outreach opportunities, etc. We are currently also sending out daily devotionals from the Vision Quest 2023 Team as you just read in our weekly column.

If you have not been getting this email and would like to, please jot down your name and email address on any type of paper (even scratch paper), leave it in the church office, and we will make sure you get signed up as soon as possible!! We encourage everyone to be involved in this visioning process.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Saturday, January 27

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Spellman Hall
Registration deadline is this Thursday

Interested in learning more about Westminster or in becoming a member of Westminster? This class is for you! All welcome. 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, January 25**. Register online or call the church office at 610-399-3377 to request a registration form. To register online, visit our website at www.westminsterpc.org, hover over "About Us" on the gray bar across the top and then click on "Membership" which will appear on the gold bar below. When you get to the membership page scroll down to the bottom and click on "registration form." Fill out the registration form and hit "submit." If you have any questions, contact Jennie Clark at jclark@westminsterpc.org.

LEARN ABOUT FAMILY PROMISE – INFORMATION AND CLEARANCE SESSION

Come and hear the Director of the local affiliate of Family Promise describing the work they do with homeless families in our area. Some of our own volunteers will also talk about helping with host duties here at Westminster. *Westminster is hosting Family Promise guests again for the week of February 18*. Come and get your questions answered at 11:00 a.m. on February 4 in Spellman Jr. Stay for help obtaining your child protection clearance! See you then!

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Help Support DAWN'S PLACE in January. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Westminster's Anti-Human Trafficking Advocacy Working Group will be collecting household items for Dawn's Place. Dawn's Place supports women affected by commercial sexual exploitation and its abuse by providing services to women, raising awareness and generating prevention. Bring items to church during the month of January and place in the marked bins located near the entrances. Here is a list of items or types of items being collected:

Large trash bags - 30 Gallons	Toilet paper	Kleenex
Bathroom cleaner spray	Paper towels	Napkins
Swiffer Wet Jet refill	Furniture polish	Dryer sheets
Dish washing detergent	Disinfecting wipes	Hand soap
Ziplock bags – 1 gallon	Laundry detergent	Glass cleaner

Thank you for supporting survivors of human trafficking and helping raise awareness.

CHILDREN'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH



"In Remembrance of Me..."
Prepare your family for Lent!
Interactive Communion Workshop for
Children & Families
Grade 2 - Grade 5
February 3, 2018 8:45 - 11:30AM
in Spellman Hall
RSVP to Sue Spotts
sspotts@westminsterpc.org or
610.399.3377 ext 106

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MORNING THE LANDING invites you to one of two information sessions being held in Spellman Jr. to learn more about this weekly ministry program for teens. **The first session will be 9:20-9:45 a.m. and the second session 10:45-11:10 a.m.** By learning more about what *The Landing* has to offer, we are hoping you can help in getting the word out. While it is a year-round program, interested youth may start at any time. Please contact Rich Birkenmaier at richbirk@mail.com with any questions.

TUESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets Tuesday, January 23, in Spellman Hall from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Our speaker this week is Westminster member, Craig Garner, whose topic this week is entitled **"Keeping a Journal to Exercise Your Mind"**. He will provide vignettes from his journal ranging from what happened to the signers of the Declaration of Independence to the creative inspirations behind the Wyeths' most famous paintings to memorable photographs of Eagles, both real and human. All men & women are welcome to attend.

The **WOMEN'S WEEKLY WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** will be starting a new Winter/Spring session on January 24 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:15 in the choir room. Join us as we read the Lenten Study choice, The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey. We will be expanding this study and will go from January 17 until April 11. We are asking attendees to purchase their own books and Participant's Guides - contact Kathy Smedley for info.

Join the LUNCH BUNCH on Thursday, January 25, at Longhorn Steakhouse in Exton on Main Street. We meet at 12:00 noon. Reservations by Wednesday, January 24. Contact Carol Olver at or Ruth Kershaw.

WPC VETERANS GROUP. On Sunday, February 4 at 9:45 a.m. in Room 413. Over Christmas, Ed Brandt visited soldiers and chaplains in Iraq and Kuwait. Ed will share his experience of celebrating Christmas in Erbil and what it was like meeting soldiers and contractors who are serving in severe and not so severe circumstances. We will discuss the role of a chaplain in a combat environment and the types of religious support offered.

The **NEW FLOWER DONOR CALENDAR FOR 2018** has been posted on the bulletin board across from the church parlor. There is a choice of donating one or two arrangements at the cost of \$50 each. Sign up indicating your choice, and you will be contacted by the flower coordinator prior to your chosen Sunday. Contact Marge Muehlberger at mmuehlberger@comcast.net with any questions.

AN EVENING WITH PHILIP YANCEY – SAVE the DATE – March 17, 2018 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. meet the award winning author of our Lenten Study –**The Jesus I Never Knew**. Sign-ups for our Lenten Study Groups and registration for the evening event begin TODAY. See insert for more info.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the Women’s Retreat at Sandy Cove Retreat Center in North East, MD the weekend of April 27-29. Join other women as we explore what connects us and draws us closer to God. Using Joyce Rupp’s book *The Cup of Our Life*, we will explore how the cup is a rich symbol of life, with its fullness and emptiness, brokenness and flaws, and all of its many blessings. Brochures available at the Information Center and the church office to register.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the First Annual Men’s Retreat at Sandy Cove Retreat Center in North East, MD. Join men of all ages April 13-15, 2018 for a weekend spent exploring and deepening your understanding of what it means to live in Christ. Led by Rev. Lewis Galloway of Indianapolis, the retreat examines how men are called to live out their lives personally, as members of the Church, in family and personal relationships, and in work and retirement. Brochures are available at the Information Center and the church office to register.

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP: Members and friends of Westminster will head to Washington, DC for the week of July 15th – July 19th for our annual Intergenerational Mission Trip. 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 a family or as an individual. For additional info, contact Ann Hatfield at ahatfield@westminsterpc.org.

ESTADO 29 MEXICO MISSION TRIP, July 21-28. Come take part in our International Covenant Partnership with the Estado 29 Home for Children near Ensenada, Mexico. The focus of this trip is relationship building. Participants will enjoy taking part in the daily life of the community, fellowship and shared projects. Space is limited. For more info contact Jon Frost at jfrost@westminsterpc.org.

**FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS –
JANUARY –
SOUP, ESPECIALLY CHUNKY SOUPS**

THE THRIFT SHOP is always looking for volunteers. We have a great mission and we have great fellowship while serving the community. If you would like to join us we would love to have you. Karen Koepke can answer any questions you may have, the shop telephone number is 610-692-9298 and our email is thriftshop@westminsterpc.org. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

HOMEMADE SOUP FOR BROAD STREET continues throughout January and February. Our next soup delivery to Broad Street is February 13. Bring in soup that day or leave soup in a gallon bag in the church kitchen freezer. For more info or questions, contact Dana Loundas at danaloundas@aol.com.

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 2017

General Fund – mission and church operations

Year To Date	Actual	Budget	% vs Budget
Tithes & other revenue	\$2,150,901	\$2,204,539	-2%
Expense	\$2,158,444	\$2,204,539	-2%

We want to sincerely thank you for keeping your General Fund pledges up to date; this month revenues have fallen short of what we expected and budgeted. 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 \$ 433,679

Continued contributions to the Capital Fund are more than welcome and will be used to pay down principal to further reduce our mortgage debt. Donations can be made online or by check, payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church with Capital Fund written on the memo line of the check.

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

Calendar for week of January 21, 2018

Sunday, January 21	
8:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
9:45 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-8 th Grade – Live streaming
9:45 A.M.	The Landing Informational Session (Spellman Jr.)
9:45 A.M.	Academy Class (Chapel)
9:45 A.M.	Parent Focus Groups (407-408, 413)
11:10 A.M.	Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-5 th Grade
5:30 P.M.	Parent Focus Groups (Spellman Jr.)
5:30 P.M.	Youth Fellowship (Spellman Hall)
Monday, January 22	
9:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open for donations until 4:00PM
9:00 A.M.	Fitness Class (Spellman Hall)
9:30 A.M.	Mom’s Bible Study (407-408)
1:00 P.M.	Thrift Shop open for sales until 4:00PM
7:00 P.M.	Stephen Ministry (offsite)
Tuesday, January 23	
9:30 A.M.	Tuesday Morning Fellowship Grp (Spellman Hall)
9:30 A.M.	Magic Needles (413)
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 4:00 PM
7:00 P.M.	Endowment Board (Library)
Wednesday, January 24	
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 4 PM
4:30 P.M.	Kids JAM (Spellman Hall)
4:30 P.M.	Contemplative Intergenerational Group (Library)
6:00 P.M.	Handbell Rehearsal (213)
7:00 P.M.	A Gathering of Men (413)
7:00 P.M.	Women’s Evening Weekly Bible Study (406)
7:00 P.M.	Worship Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday, January 25	
	Thrift Shop closed
9:00 A.M.	Fitness Class (Spellman Hall)
6:30 P.M.	Troop 93 Court of Honor (Spellman Hall)
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)
7:00 P.M.	Celebrate Recovery (414-415)
7:00 P.M.	The Landing (407-408)
Friday, January 26	
7:30 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study (Parlor)
10:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 4 PM
Saturday, January 27	
7:30 A.M.	Men’s Fellowship Group
9:00 A.M.	Thrift Shop open until 1 PM
9:00 A.M.	New Members Class (Spellman Hall)
9:30 A.M.	Premarital Workshop (414-415)
Sunday, January 28	
8:30 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
8:30 A.M.	Congregational Event in Spellman Hall
9:45 A.M.	Traditional Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-8 th Grade – Live streaming
9:45 A.M.	Congregational Event in Spellman Hall
10:30 A.M.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir room)
11:00 A.M.	Baptism Class (Chapel)
11:10 A.M.	Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary / Sunday School Preschool-5 th Grade
11:10 A.M.	Congregational Event in Spellman Hall
5:30 P.M.	Youth Fellowship (Spellman Hall)
Attendance: 1/14/18: 911	
Offering Figures for 1/14/18:	
General Fund:	\$23,439.88
Capital Fund:	\$ 65.00
Per Capita	\$ 1,444.00
Initial	\$ 436.00

NEWS AND EVENTS

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