



# Westwind

Westminster Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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## Calling All Elders

If you've ever watched an elder ordained at Westminster, you've witnessed a remarkable phenomenon. It occurs right after the ordination vows. The person being ordained kneels, facing the cross, and then the pastor invites all ordained persons to come forward and participate in the laying on of hands.

**Nearly the entire congregation gets up and comes forward!**

A crowd of elders surrounds the kneeling person. Each person in that crowd once knelt and promised to serve this congregation "with energy, intelligence, imagination and love." That moment when the pews empty and the elders stand reveals the depth of commitment and wisdom of WPC's leadership. If someone could measure their combined knowledge and spiritual insight, the sum would be huge!

Session (our current elders) would like to convene a quarterly gathering of all our elders. We will call it the *College of Elders*. The purpose of these gatherings is to share upcoming plans, answer questions, and hear from the combined leadership of our elders.

Our first gathering is August 8, 6 PM, in the West Center. Dinner will be provided, and elder spouses are also invited. Please RSVP on Sunday's Connect Card, or by calling Susan Henley at 706-235-8561. If you have questions you would like us to address, feel free to email Pastor Greg Lund at [glundwpc@bellsouth.net](mailto:glundwpc@bellsouth.net) or Sarah Whitley the Clerk of Session at [SWhitley711@comcast.net](mailto:SWhitley711@comcast.net).

Thank you for your leadership, and we look forward to seeing you at College of Elders.

*Greg*

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## Session Highlights



*The Session met on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7PM in the Conference Room. (A complete copy of the Session minutes can be found on the Session bulletin board in the Office Wing.) Below are a few highlights from the meeting.*

At the beginning of each Session meeting, the Session spends some time discussing missional issues or other concerns that are in the forefront of the life of the church. At the July meeting, the discussion centered around a vision focusing on the various elements of the music program. In addition, Dr. Lund discussed briefly the formation of a team to lead us in the Pneumatrix process which is to begin in September.

**Budget and Stewardship** – The Budget and Stewardship committee moved to form the establishment of The College of Elders. The motion was unanimously approved. This group would be a regular gathering of all ordained Elders for the purpose of keeping everyone updated on church issues and enlisting their support for the ongoing mission of the church.

**Christian Education** – Anita Errickson reported that the youth trip to Charleston went well. While there, the youth engaged in several mission projects. Gail Wilkes and Richard Merritt are to be commended for serving as chaperones. VBS went well with about 25-30 children participating.

**Fellowship** – Adrienne Askew – Pizza and a movie night was well received with about 25 people attending. The next Red Cross blood drive will be August 1, 2018. The Fox Theatre tour will be August 11, 2018. 34 people plan to attend.

**Membership** – The next Membership meeting will be Monday evening, July 16, 2018 at 6PM. The committee is still looking for a welcome gift for visitors. Marilyn is organizing cookies and juice for the Welcome Center.

**Mission** – It was reported that the William Davies Homeless Shelter, Inc. has purchased a building to house homeless women. The building is being renovated which will provide many opportunities for service projects. The idea for WPC to sponsor a neighborhood block party is being discussed. September 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> were suggested as possible dates.

**Personnel** – The search for an accompanist is underway.

**Property** – Sue Tarpley reported that the May workday was spent dealing with flooding from the playground. The drain was stopped up with mud and had to be cleaned out before anything could be done. The committee continues to pursue the insurance claim on the roof. The Security and Emergency Plan was shared with the group and a request was made for feedback.

**Worship** – Supply pastors during Dr. Lund's vacation worked out well. Ushers are being trained to implement some of the new building security measures.

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**SALT & PEPPER  
SOCIETY  
August 11, 2018**



Road trip!!! We have 34 reservations secured, the bus is on hold, our driver Stephen Williams is ready and waiting. We will meet on **Saturday, August 11, at 8:45AM in the West Center parking lot, load up and head to the Fabulous Fox Theatre in Atlanta for our 11AM tour.** We will have lunch – Dutch treat - before heading home.

Note: S & P will be back in the West Center for our regularly scheduled luncheon on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let Gloria Eberhart know if you are willing to arrange our program for that (or any other) day.

**Lovejoy Potluck, July 29**

Rev. Carey Ingram and Lovejoy Baptist Church have invited Westminster to a potluck meal on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM at Lovejoy Baptist Church, located at 436 Branham Avenue in Rome. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy food, friendship and music. Rev. Greg Lund will bring the message.

**SESSION FAMILY PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 2018**

During the month of August, the Elders will be praying for the following individuals and their families: Joe & Martha Holder, Liz Holder, Sue Howel, Jim & Bobbie Ivison, Jim Jackson, Marshall Jenkins, Laurie Johnson, Ted & Deborah Johnston, Evelyn Jones, Nancy Jones, and Sam & Jennifer Jones.

**Budget and Stewardship Committee Update**

Thanks to all of our wonderful members who are so faithful in their financial giving to Westminster. Our June Operating Fund results are as follows:

**June 2018 Financial Operations**

	<u>Current Month</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	30,579	32,560	185,591	201,969
Expenses	34,032	37,842	190,497	203,088

Hello Families!

We look forward to beginning our Wednesday night activities again on **August 15<sup>th</sup>**. We start with family night supper at 5:30PM, followed by evening activities. K-5 kids go upstairs in the education building. We hope you've had a chance to see our refurbished classroom! It's our special place to sing, hear Bible stories, learn Bible verses, and share about how God helps us in our everyday lives. Younger children (nursery through preschool) are cared for in the preschool room downstairs (near the Fellowship Hall).

As always, we love to see you on Sunday mornings, too! Sunday school starts at 9:45AM every week. Babies are welcomed by loving caregivers in the nursery, while preschoolers play and learn Bible stories in the preschool room. (Both rooms are located near the Fellowship Hall on the first floor of the Education Building.) The K-5 classroom is located on the second floor, and begins with a worshipful "Opening Time" followed by kid-friendly Bible lessons using our favorite curriculum: *The Gospel Project*.

See you at Westminster!

Blessings,  
Kirsti

## Youth News

August is always a new beginning and period of transition after the days of summer. As I write this, we have one final trip before resuming our bi-weekly meetings, which is a day at the lake. Our youth leadership is helping to work on a long-term curriculum that will split the group up into small groups. This will allow for different parts of the Bible to be covered so that we both can cover most of scripture throughout the seven years of youth, as well as not having any repeated lessons that tend to occur in one large group. We are planning a lock-in during August, and are going to test-drive the enhanced way of doing youth throughout the month. In addition, we are working at a slow but steady pace to increase the youth worship experience. This includes teaching the guitar to some, leading worship to another, and helping the youth to use their creativity to express their unique style of love and adoration for God in various other ways. I look forward to reporting the results of our ongoing transition in the next *Westwind*. Until then, keep us bathed in prayer, feel free to stop by or volunteer, and share in our hope to see great things this year!

In His love,  
*Joseph Cleveland*

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**WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**



It's hard to believe that we are already beginning a new school year. The 2018-2019 school year will be Westminster's thirteenth year providing loving care in a licensed preschool program. I tried to do the math to figure out how many families have been through our program, but since math isn't my strong suit, we will just say that hundreds of families have been a part of Westminster's ministry.

This year will begin at near capacity, with approximately 130 children coming through our doors every day. We will continue our commitment to provide loving, professional care to the children of WCA.

Our school is currently working toward the Quality Rated program, which is a program that helps to guide preschools and daycares to a tiered quality rating and improvement system. All licensed child care programs in Georgia will be Quality Rated by 2020, so we are getting started with the process. Hopefully by the end of December, we will be ready to submit our portfolio for approval.

We are facing a very busy fall season, so keep WCA and the families we serve in your prayers.

Heather Davis  
Westminster Christian Academy

**New Member Class**

A new member class will be held on Monday, July 30th at 7PM in the Pastor's Study. Whether you are interested in membership or simply want to learn more about our church and beliefs, join us! Call 706-235-8561 to RSVP or sign up on the Connect Card.

**Family Night Catered Suppers begin on August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Family Night Suppers and Wednesday evening activities will resume on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office by Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, to confirm your attendance for supper or sign up on the Connect Card. The cost is still \$5 per person, children 12 and under are \$3, with \$15 maximum per family. We will have a permanent list again, so please call the church office and make sure your name is on the list.



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# MUSIC MATTERS

It may seem hard to believe, but the last few weeks have consisted of picking music for Advent and Christmas! It really does feel like Christmas in July! However, when the choir resumes on August 1st, we will begin looking at music for Lessons and Carols in addition to our upcoming anthems.

As the choir is away for July, I hope you are enjoying the special music by soloists and small ensembles. We really are fortunate to have such wonderful talent at Westminster willing to lead us in worship!

I wish you a wonderful end to the summer and look forward to starting year two in August.

*Stefanie*



## Presbyterian Women

The gathering this year is centered around the theme: "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come!" based on Isaiah 60:1" Presbyterian Women have been shining its light for 30 years (and for generations before that in our predecessor groups. At the gathering, we will celebrate our history, reflect on how we are living our PW's mission and plan for a rich

and exciting future.

### **PW Gift Cards**

Barbara Elliott and Anita Errickson will be attending PW's Churchwide Gathering Aug 2-5 in Louisville, KY. As a mission project, gift cards from Walmart, Target, CVS and Walgreens are being collected for 3 impoverished agencies in Kentucky. If you would like to help, please give your card to Barbara or Anita by Tuesday, July 31.

### **PW Mission**

During July and August we will be making Days for Girls Kits- the sustainable menstrual kits for girls in impoverished countries. Join us to purchase fabric, cut fabric or sew. See Barbara Elliott for details. Don't sew? We will also need Girls panties size 10, 12, and 14 and durable

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## Mission News

The longtime dream of having a homeless shelter for single women and women with children will be coming true by the end of the year. Bill Davies and Rev. Devon Smyth who directs the William Davies Shelter for men are busy working on renovating the former Trammel home at 2003 North Broad Ave. Furnishings and funds will be needed to complete this large space for 8 single women and 4 women with children so WPC has the opportunity to help with this much needed project.

**SCRIP CARDS.** Our next date to order Scrip cards will be Sunday, **August 5<sup>th</sup>**. Pick up a blank order form on the chest in the Narthex. Fill it out, include a check made payable to WPC, earmarked "Scrips" and put it in Susan Henley's mailbox. The cards will be in by Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember, the proceeds go to help our Youth with transportation.

**KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS.** Don't forget that we are still receiving some money each quarter from Kroger which will also go toward the transportation fund for our Youth. If you shop at Kroger and have a Kroger Shopper's Card, please go on-line and register your card at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), click on "I am a customer and I want to enroll in Community Rewards," put in your email address, set up a password, and list Westminster as your community organization. It is that simple. Then each time you shop at Kroger and use your Shopper's card, you not only save money at Kroger but you will still earn your fuel points AND help our Youth with transportation costs. It is a WIN-WIN situation for everyone!

**BACKPACK BUDDIES.** We still need packers and delivery persons, so if you can continue your job or if you would like to join as a packer or delivery person, please let Sarah Whitley know - (706) 331-8003. Donations of food and dollars will be needed and welcomed. In addition, we need someone who can help with the monthly trip to RAM to get supplies for the month. This entails some lifting and sorting when you get back to the church. It is helpful to have 2 persons doing this job. We also need someone who will serve as a "captain" to be available every other Wednesday to help the packers and make sure everything they need has been set out.



Please let Sarah Whitley know if you can help with any of this and again, **THANK YOU ALL** for helping feed almost 1800 meals this past school year.



**Worship Material for  
the August Sermon Series:**

- Aug. 5**    **“Body Building”**  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35
- Aug. 12**   **“God’s Best in Our Worst”**  
1 Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- Aug. 19**   **“Wisdom’s Welcome”**  
Proverbs 9:1-6  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58
- Aug. 26**   **“Armed for Battle”**  
Psalm 34:15-22  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**Do you enjoy greeting people  
with a smile? The  
Membership Committee is  
looking for volunteers to  
welcome and greet new  
worshippers at our guest table  
in the narthex as they enter the  
sanctuary each Sunday. If this  
sounds like a job for you then  
please contact Joni Nelson.**

**Attention Committee  
Chairpersons!**

Please have your 2019 budget proposals to Susan Henley by Monday, September 10th. If you have questions, please see Susan.



**WPC Grass Cutting  
Schedule for August**

*If you can help cut the grass,  
weed-eat, use a grass blower, etc.,  
please contact Sue Tarpley.*

- July 30-Aug. 04    Bill & Jane Byars  
                          Dan Sweitzer  
                          Joel Turner  
                          Van Crumley
- Aug. 13-Aug. 18    Frank & Pam Bibb  
                          Dave Henley
- Aug. 27-Sept. 01   Stephen & Beth Williams  
                          Brandon Williams



**LOCK-UP SCHEDULE  
FOR AUGUST  
Frank Bibb**

**THE WESTWIND DEADLINE**  
for the *September Westwind* will be  
**Noon** on Friday, August 17, 2018.  
Please send your articles to  
**shenleywpc@bellsouth.net.**

**Usher Schedule**

*(contact John Hendrickson at 706-512-0950)*

- Aug. 5 Steve Cox, Rick & Sandra Gosnold, and Dave Henley
- Aug. 12 Craig & Kim Duhamel, Michael Elliott, and John Hendrickson
- Aug. 19 Pam & Frank Bibb and Lynn & Cathy Busby
- Aug. 26 Vicki Lee, Raymond Murray, Tom Sipp, and Stephen Williams

**Flower Schedule**

*(contact Susan Henley at 706-235-8561)*

- Aug. 5 Paul & Shari Culotta
- Aug. 12 Sue Howel
- Aug. 19 Bill & Jane Byars
- Aug. 26 Brad & Connie Barris

**Nursery**

*(contact Jennifer Jones at 706-853-9611)*

- Aug. 5 Jennifer Jones/Laurie Johnson
- Aug. 12 Laurie Johnson/Sandra Gosnold
- Aug. 19 Laurie Johnson/Kathy Smith
- Aug. 26 Jennifer Jones/Linda Sipp

**Acolytes**

*(contact Susan Henley at 706-235-8561)*

- Aug. 5 Grady Davis
- Aug. 12 Cailey Askew
- Aug. 19 Amiah Gattenby
- Aug. 26 Victoria Merritt

**Leaders**

- Carolyn Richardson
- Pam Bibb
- Rickey Dorman
- Kristi Elkins

**Readers**

*(contact Susan Henley at 706-235-8561)*

- Aug. 5 Paul Culotta
- Aug. 12 Dave Henley
- Aug. 19 Adrienne Askew
- Aug. 26 Kirsti Lund

**Liturgists**

*(contact Sarah Whitley at 706-331-8003)*

- Aug. 5 Charlotte Martin
- Aug. 12 Al Davis
- Aug. 19 Barbara Elliott
- Aug. 26 Craig Duhamel

**Office Volunteers**

*(contact Susan Henley at 706-235-8561)*

- Connie Barris, Elizabeth Busby, Joanne Campbell, Shirley Castor, Rickey Dorman, Gloria Eberhart, Janette Edwards, Jean Fricks, Mary Gooch, Marilyn Hendrickson, Bobbie Ivison, Jim Ivison, Ted Johnston, Katharine Lovvorn, Richard Merritt, Ann Peery, Carolyn Richardson, Joel Turner, Johnny Whitley, Sarah Whitley, and Gail Wilkes.

***William Davies Homeless Shelter***

Volunteers for August 5:  
*Jim & Kathy Smith*

Volunteers for August 19:  
*Raymond & Laura Murray*

We still need volunteers for  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>

If you can help with either of these dates,  
please sign up on the Mission  
bulletin board in the Commons hallway.

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\* **FLOWERS ARE NEEDED** \*  
\* in the Sanctuary \*  
\* for \*  
\* **September 16<sup>th</sup>** \*  
\* Please sign up on the Flower Chart \*  
\* in the Commons' hallway if you are \*  
\* willing to provide flowers. Thanks! \*  
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**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Our next blood drive will be  
on Wednesday, **August 1<sup>st</sup>** at  
3PM in Westminster Hall.



**The staff of Westminister Presbyterian Church**

Dr. Greg Lund ..... Pastor  
Dr. Stefanie Cash ..... Choir Director  
Joseph Cleveland ..... Youth Director  
Kirsti Lund ..... Children's Ministry Director  
Susan Henley ..... Office Administrator/Treasurer  
Heather Davis ..... Dir. of Westminister Christian Academy  
Sunny Krauss ..... Custodian  
John & Marissa Johnson ..... Caterers

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