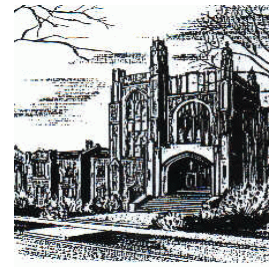


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From The Pastor's Desk



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Thriving in 2011

A friend shared with me a "Universal Cycles of Change" chart. It works with an individual or a group. Remember when your children were small and you literally spoon fed them? Imagine if you tried to spoon feed your teenager! People change and groups change as they mature. You can see the changes in the West End of Decatur too, people that spent decades in their homes are selling to young families. Individuals and companies are learning that you can borrow only so much money before you pay a higher rate for the money and then you will reach a point when no one will loan you money.

Barbara Walters was interviewing multi-billionaire Bill Gates several years ago and asked him, "Now that you're the richest man in the world and you can have anything you desire, what more could you possibly want?" "To never stop changing. Whatever I do today, will be considered history tomorrow. I have to make sure that I never stop creating and that I am always changing."

Who is the creator and continues to create? God is the answer. It is no mistake that the Hebrew word for the creating Spirit of God is "Ruah" or "Wind". The wind keeps moving over the earth. The Holy Spirit continues to reshape Christ's Church. In 2010 we formed a Strategic Planning Team to creatively and prayerfully discern where God is leading us. We are implementing their insights and guidance now. It would be a mistake to think God is finished with us. The God of creation will continue to mold and shape us into His faithful Church every year. Bill Gates was right, life and meaning are found in creating and changing, as God leads us. Where will God lead us next? I don't know, but I do know God is still speaking, we are still listening; God is still creating and we are still being re-created.

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Celebrating Birthdays in January ...

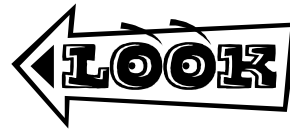


1	Jane Gray	21	Barbara Phillips
3	Richard Gray	21	Grace Smith-Phillips
8	Norma Stewart	22	Dennis Minks
9	Bruce Leonard	22	Laura Shaw
10	Bailey Foster	22	Helen Woare
11	Bill Clevenger	24	Nan Rickelman
11	Ray Livasy	25	Susan Gant-Reynolds
12	Christine Fasick	26	Jason Hillyer
12	Abby Martin	26	Mark Livasy
14	Bob Farrington	26	Chip Martin
16	Renee Heath	28	Lynn Davis
17	Barbara Byrkit	28	Kathy Farrington
17	Shirley Lowman	28	Jo Ann Luttrell
17	Virginia Snell	29	Barbara Yatsko
17	Walter Walker	30	Tim Toney
18	Bea Fisher	31	Bradley Day
		31	Diana Rinchiuso

Steve

Please Note !!!

New Worship Time Starting . . . Sunday, January 16, 2011
Worship will be at 10:00 a.m.



December was another busy month for our LOGOS crew. We started out with a Pajama Party then enjoyed an evening of Christmas Around the World. Bradley Day arranged for some students to join us for dinner. We had a guest from New Zealand, a guest from Taiwan, and a guest from China. Thank your Bradley!! In addition to lots of play practice we ended the month with our annual Christmas Caroling.

In January we will have a Silly Science Night, Polar Expedition, and Super Bowl. Thank you to our wonderful LOGOS volunteers who prepare Bible lessons, Music, Recreation, and Dinner!



Address Update: Pauline Boatman
1525 Oxford Lane
Naperville, IL 60565-1511

Pauline would really enjoy hearing from her friends at Westminster!

Cheer Guild

When: Thursday, January 27, 2011

Program: Lunch with the Chef

Place: Richland Community College

Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$10.00

Hostesses: Nancy Eichenauer & Bea Fisher



†† Congregational Life ††

Baptism:

Thenda Thompson was baptized on Sunday, December 19, 2010 by Reverend Stephen R. Hill at the 9:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary.

Wedding Congratulations:

David Thomas Hicks and Courtney Nicole Watson were married on December 4, 2010, by the Reverend Ronald T. Allin.

“Welcome” New Members: The following people joined our Westminster congregation on Sunday, December 12th: Adam Benson, SuEllen Benson and Phillip Cruikshank. Thenda Thompson joined on December 19th. We welcome and pray God’s blessings on these new members of our congregation.

Special Thanks ... I want to thank everyone who sent cards, called, brought food, and prayed for my recovery from my total knee surgery. What a caring, loving church family we have!

Thank You, Rae Nell Spencer

Attendance for December 2010

December 5	134	Christmas Eve: 149
December 12	112	
December 19	119	
December 26	59	

Average Sunday Attendance for December 106

Financial Report for November

November Revenue

Actual Receipts Received	\$20,370.02	Total Expenses November	\$56,402.43
Endowment Money Received	0	Income Minus Expenses	-\$36,032.41
Interest Received	0		
Trust Money Received	0		
Total Receipts	\$20,370.02		

PW Event for January

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

1:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

Beautiful
Hands



5 Point Prayer

New Year ... New You!
Come and Be Pampered!

Attitude

Stress Free

Nutrition
(Chocolate??)

Reservations helpful - not essential!

Annual Meeting



Sunday, January 30, 2011

Fellowship Hall

Menu:

Egg Casserole
Biscuits & Gravy
Danish & Bagels
Fruit
Juice, Coffee, Tea

Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Worship Service and the Annual Meeting.

Following breakfast children ages 3 through sixth grade will be going to the Pratt Chapel for Children's Church.

Child care for nursery ages will also be provided.

Please plan to join your Westminster family for this time of worship and fellowship as we look ahead to the year 2011.

