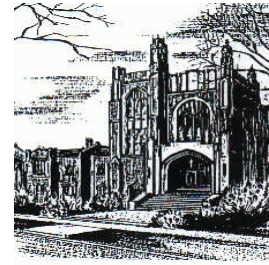


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From The Pastor's Desk



Time to Get Away

I groan every time I hear about more snow in the forecast. I have a neighbor that has been gone for many days and I have removed the snow from their extra wide two car driveway. If I have time, I will use the snow blower and help some other neighbors. The exercise is good for me and I know the gift keeps our neighborhood happier and healthier. But I am tired of the snow. Last night I used a broom and pushed the snow away, thinking that it would not snow anymore. Two hours later, when the dog wanted out, I saw more snow! (Enough God, I blame God for lots of stuff and God tolerates me.) I even had a dream about slipping on the ice.

I am not alone in wanting the snow to be gone soon (and it is only January 24). Several of our members have gone south for one week, 10 days, two weeks, 5 weeks and some have moved south for the entire winter. I understand their actions and I appreciate their new found energy after returning. God uses a change in our environment to energize us. This kind of change is good and we are blessed to have an opportunity to change. God has created us to rest and we are wise to find a good balance. For some very good reasons, many do not go south in the winter and we find a way to thrive in the winter. Some people actually enjoy the snow. In my younger days I would go cross country skiing, it would still be good for me to do today. Maybe the change we need to do to is something we enjoyed in the past. Maybe there is a hobby you could pickup and enjoy it again. I enjoy genealogy, but I have not pursued it in years.

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We are so blessed with activities, abilities, and talents that there are a plethora of opportunities for us. Westminster offers opportunities to serve together that makes a difference in the lives of others. We also provide growth opportunities through education. In February, I will be offering a current events class at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall. We will also be offering at least one small group activity at different locations. I will be offering a discussion Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the parlor on "Embracing an Adult Faith" snacks will be provided. We also have a gym for your use that has a weight lifting machine, spinning bikes and a Nordic Track. Hopefully some of these new activities will give you a break from the snow and renew your spirit.

Steve

LOGOS News

Our LOGOS crew had a great month in January. We started the month off with a LOGOS Staff Dinner and meeting. This gave us the chance to talk about the past several months and look ahead to the rest of our 10/11 LOGOS year. We were ready for our children to return the following week on the 12th. In addition to Bible study, Recreation, and Worship Skills, the children enjoyed the weekly themes of Silly Science Night, Polar Expedition, and Super Bowl. In February we start off with a Mystery Dinner, then have fun with our Circus Night, Luau, and Beautiful Baby Night. Thank you to our many dedicated volunteers. It's a blessing to watch you build relationships with our children and help to lead them to the most important relationship of all!



Sunday Morning News

Following the Children's Message all children in sixth grade and under are invited to B.I.G. Time. This is a special worship service especially for them. In January we have been learning about being BFF's (best friends forever) and how Jesus can be our BFF! We learning about Mary and Martha, Jonathan and David, and Jesus and Peter. In February we will be focusing on our Belief's and learn the Apostle' Creed. After our Children's Church the children go to the Fellowship Hall for a quick snack then go to Sunday School and then Music. **We hope you will join us!**



Beginning each Sunday in February at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Reverend Hill will be leading a discussion on current events. Every week we will have a different topic based on news events from the previous week. All are welcome and free to speak or listen. But everyone will be respected and loved when their ideas are different from another child of God.



Fellowship Events

Everyone...all ages... is invited to join us for a **Roller Skating Party** on Sunday, February 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We have reserved George's Skate Center (formerly Skateland) at 3750 Greenswitch Road in Decatur. The cost will be \$3.00 per skater. The price includes rental of regular roller skates. Inline skates will cost an additional \$2 per skater. Non skaters are free. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

Mark your calendars ... Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be March 8th and our weekly Lenten Soup Suppers will start on **Tuesday, March 15.**



WPC Dining Group - will meet at Guadalajara on Saturday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, please call Sandy Coryell at 423-7084. Join us for good food, fun, and fellowship!

Save this date! ... the WPC Dining Group will also meet on Saturday, March 12th at the Beach House. Call Sandy for more information and reservations 423-7084.

Celebrating Birthdays in February ...

1	Len Walter	12	Randall Reyman
4	Wade Davis	15	Lisa Miller
4	Joanne Leonard	18	Melissa Livasy
5	Justin Eichenauer	19	Russell McCann
5	Benie Kalala	20	John Spencer
8	Steve Hengst	22	Jan Walter
9	Kim McSherry	23	Ellie Allen
9	Deborah Miller	24	Jeff Fasick
10	Andy Thompson	26	Steve Grohne
11	Jenana Gentry	27	Matthew Thompson
12	Rachel Besser		



Cheer Guild Meeting



February 24, 2011 ~ Church Parlor ~ 1:00 p.m.

Program: "To Save Your Faded Pictures"

Speaker: Donna Rutherford

Hostess Committee: Florence Leckrone, Audrey Sanner, Jean Jones



February Mission Committee Projects ...

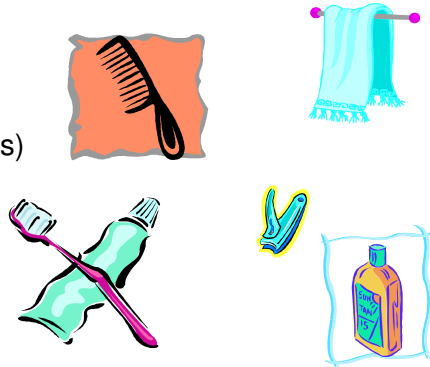
We need your help!

The Mission Committee is planning some projects for February 2011 to help the DOVE Domestic Violence Center. On February 13, 2011- The Mission Committee has purchased fleece fabric to be made into 8 blankets - 4 for children and 4 for adults. We will be assembling the blankets in the Fellowship Hall during fellowship hour. Please stop by and help us put them together.

Also, during the month of February, we will be collecting the following articles for health care packets for those who use the domestic violence center:

Each packet needs:

- Hand towel
- Wash cloth
- Bar soap
- Tooth brush (adult and/or child's)
- Tooth Paste
- Deodorant
- Kleenex (travel size)
- Comb
- Nail clippers or nail file
- Hand lotion (small bottle)



We are asking the congregation to please donate articles to help assemble at least 30 packets. You may donate articles for a complete bag (*put them in a gallon plastic bag*) or several of the same articles. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Heath (428-7863).

Volunteers Needed ... Meals-on Wheels

Westminster volunteers are needed to help deliver meals-on-wheels on Tuesday, February 22nd, Wednesday February 23rd, and Friday February 25th as we are helping with delivering the meals. If you would like to help or would like more information, please contact Nancy Minks at 429-0228.



"Like to See Westminster Grow?"

Join Reverend Hill as we journey together to Quincy Presbyterian Church Friday, February 11, and Saturday, February 12th. Find new ways to engage our culture, engage our community and engage the Gospel story in our own lives so we can share our faith stories. For more details, please contact Reverend Hill at 428-6603 or wpcrev@sbcglobal.net.

Special Thanks ...

Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so very much for your generous financial support of the MAX Program this past year! We have managed to help 1,236 people in whose homes were 1,384 children. We gave out \$52,677.89. We hope you can be as generous in 2011. Reverend Stacey Brohard will be the new MAX coordinator as I am now retired. It's been a pleasure to have served you since 2004!

Sincerely,

Reverend John Biedler

Attendance for January 2011



January 2	89
January 9	89
January 16	93
January 23	90
January 30	85

Average Sunday Attendance for January 89

Financial Report for December 2010

December Revenue		
Actual Receipts Received	\$34,649.24	Total Expenses December
Endowment Money Received	0	Income Minus Expenses
Interest Received	0	\$ -495.46
Trust Money Received	0	
Total Receipts	\$34,649.24	



Per Capita Apportionment for 2011



For the year 2011 Westminster is assessed \$37.91 per member by the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. Per Capita is defined as "A means providing for all members to share in the cost involved to conduct and administer the ecclesiastical, judicial, and legislative functions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)." The \$37.91 apportionment is divided as follows \$6.50 supports the General Assembly, \$3.81 supports the Synod of Lincoln Trails and the remaining \$27.60 supports the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois. **You may help your church's budget by making additional contribution to cover your family's apportionment.**

Helping Hands for February ...

Cyndy Smith	422-7836
Nancy Eichenauer	429-6402
Lynne Winick	422-2017
Carole Hill	865-2051



A Big "THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!" to all the volunteers who helped with the set-up, decorating, food preparation, assembling and collating the report, and clean-up for the Annual Meeting. **Your time and help were very much appreciated!**

Church Women United Meeting

Monday, February 14, 2011

9:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church
1320 Arbor Road
Decatur, Illinois



♪ Upcoming Event at Westminster ... Mark your Calendars! ♪



In Concert

Chicago Children's Choir

Sunday, March 27, 2010 ~ 4:00 p.m.

The Choir currently serves more than 2,800 children, ages 8-18 through choirs in 45 schools, after-school programs in 8 Chicago neighborhoods and the internationally acclaimed Concert Choir. Under Artistic Director Josephine Lee, the Choir has undertaken many highly successful national and international tours, received a Chicago/Midwest Emmy Award for the 2008 documentary Songs on the Road to Freedom, and has been featured in nationally broadcast television and radio performances, most recently on NBC's Today show and the 2007 PBS series From the Top: Live from Carnegie Hall. In 1956 during the Civil Rights Movement, the late Christopher Moore founded the multiracial, multicultural Chicago Children's Choir at Hyde Park's First Unitarian Church. He believed that youth from diverse backgrounds could better understand each other—and themselves—by learning to make beautiful music together. Today's Choir is fully independent and serves all of Chicago from its home in the Chicago Cultural Center. Christopher Moore's vision of a choir combining high artistic standards with a social purpose continues to define the Choir's mission.

A N N O U N C E M E N T

from the Minister of Visitation ...

The Reverend Ronn Allin continues to enjoy visiting with members and friends of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Gwen Wilson (429-1806) is the scheduler and great helper to Ronn. She will welcome calls to schedule visits with Ronn, the visitor.

