

ABOUT WESTMINSTER

The WBTS web site (www.wbts.org) includes factual information plus the current issue of the Spire. Sermons can be heard or read online, from podcasts, or on iTunes. More information including the calendar can be found on the website. Copies of sermons and other items of interest can be found in the narthex. To be added to the Spire mailing list, call the office at (386) 767-8342.

Sundays

There are two services each Sunday, one at 8:45, and the other at 11:00, with fellowship hour at 12:00. The library opens at 9:00, and Sunday School classes are at 9:45. More information about Sunday School can be found in the Christian Education section of the Spire.

Flowers

- 5/6 Marianne Sabatka
Judy & Dave Haggett
5/13 Linda & John Thurmond
5/20 Alexis & Tony Fortune
Mildred Caldwell
5/27 Midge & Bill Henderson
Roxanne Fromm & Ed Petrick

We have openings for flowers during the summer months. Please contact Roxanne Fromm at 767-5837 if you'd like to provide the flowers for a service.



Cara's Corner

I'd like to take the space this month and talk about the Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser for the youth which was a huge success! A number of you who couldn't make the dinner itself gave anyway and some who made the dinner, tipped us. Thanks to all of your generous support and donations we raised nearly a thousand dollars with this event. Wow!

There are a few people I want to thank specifically. First of all Mark Bartell. Without his generous nature, enthusiasm and willingness to throw himself into this event, the dinner could never have happened. Thank you so much.

Our hardworking kitchen support was invaluable. I want to say thank you to Tom Corlett and Janet Lindfors. They washed dishes, prepped food and took care of the kitchen that night without complaint.

Finally I want to thank all the youth who worked so hard serving and seating and cleaning and pouring and drying dishes. You all chipped in without complaint and it made the night a great experience. Thank you!

Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowship Hour - most Sundays following the 11:00 service. Those interested in hosting, helping, or funding a fellowship hour should call Ginny Kent at 760-2344.

Below are some groups that meet at the church. Check the Spire Calendar for days and times. Also check the Westminster Institute brochure for other fellowship and learning opportunities.

Caring Friends of Westminster We are a very informal group of friends who have lost a

loved one and get together to help each other cope with our loss. We will meet at 1:00 in the Peninsula House on May 2nd and May 16th. Our group will continue to meet the first and third Wednesday through the summer. If you know someone who has suffered a loss and needs some friends who care, tell them about our group. All are welcome. If you have any questions call Kitty French (308-3800) or Marianne Sabatka (236-8534).

Women's Study and Prayer Circles meet the first Tuesday of each month. Please check with Naomi Riddle (763-1924). Also see her article elsewhere in this issue.

Men of Westminster Like to get up early? Don't sit around and bother your wife!! Join the Men of Westminster as we meet for breakfast Friday the 11th of May. Settle in at 7am for the food, fun and fellowship. The food is only \$5 and the coffee is free! Special Chef of the Month is Rodney Bookhardt (and helpers). Our contributions support the Duval and Thornwell Homes. Hope to see you there! Contact Rodney Bookhardt (386-663-7068) for more information.

Lunch Bunch meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. On May 17th at noon we will meet at Flip Flops in New Smyrna Beach. If you haven't signed up contact Flo DePrato (322-9755) or Alicca Powell (761-6554). Come and join us.

Bridge meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in the Garden Room. We welcome new members. Contact Vera and Bill Becker at 304-7283 for more information.

Outreach

Halifax Urban Ministries (HUM) Every second Thursday of each month a group of volunteers from our church prepare and serve the lunch meal for homeless people at the HUM center in Holly Hill. If you would like to be part of this energetic group call Herman and Barbara Page at 386-426-0512. We work from 9 am to 1 pm.

Port Orange HUM Pantry A couple of weeks ago some donations from Westminster By-The-Sea Presbyterian Church were delivered to the pantry. In a bag was a rotting cucumber which had dripped on several items in another bag. These items had to be thrown out along with the cucumber. Also in this same cart were several cereal boxes that had already been opened, and therefore had to be thrown out. Along with all of this was a plastic tablecloth and children's beach toys. It appears that someone was emptying out their cupboards. The Port Orange pantry only distributes food. I do not like to sound like a broken record - but please do not donate fresh foods or bread; only donate food items in cans or boxes. Any boxes or cans that have an expired date on them have to be thrown away. The food pantry appreciates all the support of WBTS. You are very generous and many people are helped by your generosity. (Marianne Sabatka)

From the Center

Presbyterian Counseling Center

Dear Friends,

Your generosity is magnificent! The PCC Luncheon on April 19 at The Palmetto Club was wonderful.

- We had nearly 175 in attendance.

- Donations and pledges were received from nearly 100 (93) people,
- Total amount received (so far!) was just under \$20,000 (\$19,1677).
- Costs were just over \$2,000 (\$2,300).
- So our total income from the Luncheon was nearly \$17,000 (\$16,862).



Nearly all of this is giving *in addition* to pledges made in previous years.

There truly is a need in this community for a place which recognizes the power of God in people's lives to bring healing. In the last several weeks, several of my new clients have been deep believers who tell of interactions with other counselors recommended by their insurance or EAP programs. When the client has mentioned their faith, they have been told things like, "Well, we won't be talking about *that* here." And their eyes fill with tears of joy and relief as they tell of discovering they are coming to a place where God is understood and their belief is welcomed.

I wish you could see their tears of gratitude.

With my thanks,

Dr. Lex Baer

May Sermons

May 6 The Gospel Goes Forth

May 13 Peter Preaches "No Partiality"

May 20 Richard Hills preaching

May 27 What Happened That Windy Day

Presbyterian Women

Naomi Riddle, President

People harvest only what they plant. Galatians 6:7

From **The Greenhouse of the Heart** by Max Lucado:

"Think for a moment of your heart as a greenhouse... And your heart, like a greenhouse, has to be managed.

Consider for a moment that your thoughts are like seeds. Some thoughts become flowers. Others become weeds. Sow seeds of hope and enjoy optimism. Sow seeds of doubt and expect insecurity....

Ever wonder why some people have the Teflon capacity to resist negativism and remain patient, optimistic, and forgiving? Could it be that they have diligently sown seeds of goodness and are enjoying the harvest?"

Our spring luncheon will be Tuesday, May 8th @ 10:30. Remember to sign-up in the fellowship hall so you can enjoy our lunch with Guest Speaker, Mary Teasley.

Go now and plant some flowers over the summer and I'll be back again next fall with our new study of "Dispatches to God's Household: The General Epistles." You had a small taste of how wonderful this study will be if you were able to hear Pastor Jeff's sermon on April 15th.

I hope to see you at the Spring Luncheon!

God Bless

Notary

Kim Adams would like to remind everyone that she is a notary if you have need of her services. She is in the nursery on Sundays or you can call her at 257-3265 to find out when she'll be at the church.





Library hours: Sunday: 9 -
10:45 AM
Wednesday: 9 - 11 AM

MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS ARE SPECIAL!

Fiction:

**"SMALL-TOWN MOMS: Two Stories of
Mother's Day Blessings"** by Janet Troustad
& Debra Clapton

"LEARNING" by Karen Kingsbury -
Bailey Flanigan Series

"SHINING FORTH" by Anne Marie
Rodgers - From the "Miracle of Marble
Cove Series"

**"GOING TO THE CHAPEL: Tales from
Grace Chapel Inn"** by Rebecca Kelly

"THE REEF" by Nora Roberts - A marine
archeologist takes us treasure hunting to the
depths of the Caribbean and the heights of
suspense.

Non-Fiction:

**"A MONTH OF MEDITATIONS FOR
MOTHERS"**

**"SOMETIMES GOD HAS A KID'S
FACE"** by Sister Marie Rose McGeady -
This small book is an incredible story of
street kids and their survival. Close to
unbelievable but true.

"BECOMING A WOMAN OF PRAYER"
by Cynthia Heald

"IN PURSUIT OF PEACE" by Joyce
Meyer

**"PROVERBS FOR LIFE FOR
WOMEN"**

**"TEA TIME WITH GOD - Heartwarming
Insights To Refresh Your Spirit"**

Mysteries:

**"THE HIDDEN LOUISA MAY
ALCOTT"** Two-Volumes-in-One - A

Collection of her Unknown Thrillers. Ed. by
Madeleine Stern

"BEAUTY FROM THE ASHES" by
Eugenia Price

Audio-Visual:

DVD: **"THE LEGEND OF ZORRO"**
with Antonio Banderas & Catherina Zeta-
Jones - Widescreen Special Edition.

CD: **"HEART IN MOTION"** - Amy Grant

Contributors: Dan & Irene Eddy, Carol
Underwood, Marianne Sabatka & Betty
Vasbinder

ENJOY!!!

Our New Palm Tree

Jeff Sumner

Some of you will recall that about 6 years ago our magnificent palm tree that was in the front of the church suddenly died. We suspect it was from errant weed control sprayed at the base by our lawn pest control company we had at the time, but it could not be proven and they took no responsibility in the matter. We changed companies but got no compensation. We have since had loving gifts given to our landscape fund and as we added the other beautiful garden areas in the front, the Session decided to purchase a new tree from RJ Landscaping. It was put in the ground in April. A vertical board is attached to it for 45 days while it takes root and settles in. The company will come back to inspect the tree and remove it then.

Now again we will have gained our great photo angle for weddings and other occasions with a Florida palm tree in the picture again! Just stand on the new driveway in front of the chapel and look toward the beautiful steeple. Now you'll have a palm in the viewfinder again!



Fellowship Hall Cabinet

Have you seen the new cabinet in Fellowship Hall? The “kitchen crew” wanted some space to store tablecloths etc. as they are now storing them above the refrigerator and use a step ladder to get them down. And Jeff wanted the wide table gone as people bumped into it when they came through the door. So the operations team did some design work and measuring and with the help of a great cabinet company that little project was born. Plenty of room for all our needs, yet not in the way of the doorway. The Cabinet Company actually gave them the cherry wood doors as an incentive to not make it plain old white melamine. They were new doors that they didn’t use on another project. See how the Lord works, he wants his Church to look nice.

Planned Gifts

On March 25, Committee member Lloyd Griffiths addressed the congregation about planned gifts. These gifts are ways to support your church during your lifetime, as well as ways to leave a meaningful legacy upon your death and resurrection! Some tools available to the committee can return significant interest rates during your lifetime as well. In addition, we have an attorney who make a simple will for you at no charge if you leave some portion to Westminster By-The Sea. Please speak with Planned Gifts Committee Convener Rev. Richard Hills to know more at 679-5214. If you would like a Declaration of Intent form to fill out please call the church office at 767-8342.

Body, Mind, and Soul

Date: Wednesday, May 9, 2012
 Time: 9:30 AM
 Topic: **Crime Prevention**
 (Including Identity Theft)
 Speaker: Mark Rutledge
 Crime Prevention Task Force of
 Florida



Our former secretary, Cora Fletcher, is moving north to be closer to family (especially her great-grandson!). Her new address is Carmel Terrace, Apt. 122, 933 Central St., Framingham, MA 01701.