

WESTMINSTER WORD



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NEW BEGINNINGS

Our New Beginnings program was launched formally last month when Bill Lawser and Dave Moore visited Westminster for an assessment of our congregation, and to lead us in an appreciative inquiry during a congregational meeting. During the appreciative inquiry they posed a series of thought provoking questions about our church experiences and impressions. They also explained the concept of the congregational life cycle and the different stages of its composition. We were asked to pinpoint locations on a church life cycle drawing to approximate where we were in that cycle. If you haven't seen the drawing yet it's in the fellowship hall. There were also conversations that involved our clerk of session, New Beginnings chair, treasurer, and pastor that transpired earlier in day. Information and data about our congregation was emailed prior to their arrival, and Jeff Samuel provided a community tour. Bill and Dave also conducted a facilities inspection as part of their review. In a few weeks we'll receive our report.

Phase 2 of New Beginnings will involve leadership training. This will involve instruction on change and small group leadership but will concentrate on understanding our report and the small group process. The small group leaders will then facilitate discussions in our home meetings over the course of 6 gatherings. We'll discuss topics related to the mission of Westminster and what we believe God is calling us to do. These small group meetings will constitute phase 3 of our New Beginnings process. In phase 4, each group will report their conclusions and recommendations and we'll continue the process through the New Beginnings committee, session, and a congregational meeting.

I want to especially thank Bette Lewis, Joe Nicholson, and Dawn Akers for their work in researching, advocating, and organizing our New Beginnings effort. They have been exemplary in their thoughtfulness and dedication. Although some were unable to attend, I also want to thank those who participated in the appreciative inquiry. We exceeded the suggested participation level for our congregation. Finally, I want to encourage involvement in the small group meetings that await us, and continued prayerfulness in the days ahead. Know that wherever this path leads, we will not be alone during our journey or alone at our destination when we arrive.

Grace and Peace be with you.

Robert

Presbyterian Home for Children ~ Christmas Cards

It's that time of the year again!

Time to order your Christmas cards from Presbyterian Home for Children. In honor of their 10th year of selling Christmas cards, PHC will be offering a mixed package with favorites from years past. The deadline to order these will be **August 15, 2014**. Look on the bulletin board outside the office for the images for the cards. Order blanks are available in the Narthex.

[PHC 2014 Christmas Cards](#)

Order online: www.phfc.org

PRAYERS FOR OUR WESTMINSTER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Our prayers are with those in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home-bound:

Nancy Chambless— New address:

John Knox Manor—Room 124

Ruth Boyd—Waterford

Louise Candler—Waterford

Annesse Sankey—Country Cottage

At home: Robert George, Libby Berta,

Our prayers are with those who are ill:

Ann Baxter, recovering from broken leg.

Bette Lewis, recovering from surgery.

Pat Hitchcock, recovering from broken arm.

Annee Caspari, recovering from broken hand.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Westminster Presbyterian Women will begin their 2014-2015 Study Year in September. The Bible Study this year is Reconciling Paul—A Contemporary Study of 2 Corinthians by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Both groups will meet for their first session Tuesday, September 9 in the church parlor. The morning group will meet at 10 AM and the evening group will meet at 5:30 PM.

The new study books are available now in the church office. The cost is \$10. Please sign the sheet when you take a book.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4—Margie Turney
- 4—Tommy Goggans
- 5—Marc Mulcahy
- 5—Rachel Sims
- 9—Tom Baker
- 11—Rosemary Broadway
- 13—Libba Erb
- 18—Bob Ely
- 21—Shelia Mulcahy
- 30—Mary Anzulovic
- 31—Jean Marie Powell



ANNIVERSARIES

- 17—Libba & Emory Erb
- 24—Doris Jean & Willie Peak
- 27—Betsey & Butch Runyan
- 29—Susan & Jeff Samuel
- 31—Susan & Scott Mayes

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SHARE JESUS CHRIST**



WESTMINSTER CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 13

7 PM Westminster Choir Rehearsal
MHSDA Mid-wee meeting

Friday, August 15

10 AM MHSDA Food Drive

Saturday, August 16

All Day—Montgomery Hispanic SDA Group

Sunday, August 17

9 AM—Sunday School

10:25 AM—WORSHIP SERVICE

11:45 AM—Outreach Ministry

Wednesday, August 20

7 PM—Westminster Choir Rehearsal
MHSDA Mid-week meeting

Saturday, August 23

All Day—Montgomery Hispanic SDA Group

THIS & THAT

AMBASSADORS

Aug 10—Bob Akers

Aug 17—Jeff Samuel

Aug 24—Bob Akers

Aug 31—Chris Johnson

Sep 7—Aubrey Neeley

Current Session Members

Freida Baker

Rosemary Broadway

John Hughes

Bette Lewis

Scott Mayes

Joe Nicholson

Willie Peak

Jeff Samuel

Rachel Sims

Gerry Yeoman