



# Westminster News

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## **MR. & MRS. EDGAR PAUL**

### **Their Gift at Work in India**

Many Westminster members remember Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Paul. The Pauls were long-time, faithful members of Westminster. First, Mrs. Paul passed away and then about two years later Mr. Paul died. After Mr. Paul's death, his will was probated with the help of Ed Smith. The assets, including proceeds from the sale of the Paul's home, are held in Westminster's Designated/Special Funds. The Pauls were natives of India. In his will, Mr. Paul asked that the assets in his estate be used to help the poor in India. The Westminster Session appointed a committee to make a recommendation to the Session on how the funds from the estate, held by Westminster, are to be distributed in compliance with Mr. Paul's request.

The Session approved the recommended plan to distribute the funds from the Estate to four different programs. The funds held by Westminster are to be disbursed over four years at 25% per year. Each of the approved supported programs would receive 25% of each year's disbursement, assuming each program continues to fulfill their core purpose of helping the poor in India. In December of 2016 the first installment of the funds was distributed to the programs.

Now here we are in December, 2017, about a year later. In 2017 each of the programs supported with funds from the Estate expressed their thanks and three of the four provided reports of how the funds they received were utilized. Below is a brief summary of communication received from each of the supported programs.

## **Ewart Women's Christian College**

*Support through scholarships for 25-35 students, the majority of whom are from the marginalized segments of Indian society.*

Ewart Women's Christian College, located in the city of Chennai, caters to the education of young Dalit (formerly thought of as "untouchable") women. These women face terrific challenges concerning gender and class. The curriculum of Ewarts not only provides a scholastic environment but also one that encourages self-esteem, confidence and opportunity.

## **Emmanuel Hospital Association**

*Support of mental health in rural Uttar Pradesh, the most populous state in India.*

Emmanuel Hospital Association has about 40 community health and development projects throughout villages of North India. They address poverty, water & sanitation, mental health, reproductive health and child-trafficking.

## **Sacred Hands of Hope Indian Ministries**

*Support Sacred Hands of Hope's programs in India.*

Sacred Hands of Hope provides shelter, medical and health care, education and clothing for two orphanages serving more than 30 children in the states of Orissa and Punjab, and one orphanage in the city Bombay that cares for 22 children infected by HIV/AIDS.

## **India – Joining Hands Program**

*Support for program activities of the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands partner (Chethana Network) in South India.*

Chethana is a network of grass root organizations in South India working against hunger, poverty and the rights of marginalized outcast groups.

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### NEW MEMBER & NEWLY BAPTIZED RECOGNITION

During worship on January 14 we will honor and celebrate new members and the newly baptized. Join us for a reception in Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Joining our church family over the past year were: Don Choi, Jody Clarke, Trevor Ede, Polly & Will Frazier, Barbara Gibbons, Chris Hollas, Brittani & Drew Lassiter, Margarita Outley, David Spears and Kelly Stoutz. Newly baptized include Cece Barber, Gray Barber, Kelly Stoutz, George Wilbur. Thanks be to God.




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### WPW BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Class will continue on Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 am. Gloria Fearson is leading the study on the Minor Prophets, this month Habakkuk and Haggai. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a catered lunch following the study.

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### KNITTING GROUP

Join the *Knitwits* on Tuesday, January 9 & 23 at 12:30 pm in the Parlor to make baby caps for Parkland hospital newborns, prayer shawls and lap blankets for hospice patients, and shawls for Meals on Wheels recipients.

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### BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB

Book Club will resume on January 23<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Parlor. We will gather at 10:30 am to visit and snack and begin the book discussion at 11:00 am. This month we are reading *The Pillars of the Earth*, by Ken Follett. "A towering tale...a ripping read.... There's murder, arson, treachery, torture, love and lust."



**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!**

The office will be closed  
Monday, January 1.

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### GIFT BOXES FOR THE HOMELESS – Thank You

Thank you to everybody who participated in the Stewpot Holiday Gift Box program this past Christmas. **The Westminster community put together 176 gift wrapped shoe boxes filled with necessity items!** The boxes were delivered to the Stewpot before Christmas. Our friends at the Stewpot received almost 2000 gift boxes to those experiencing homelessness.







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### **SERVE AT THE BRIDGE - Saturday, January 6**

The dining room at The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center is called the Second Chance Café. Westminster has a standing commitment to provide 8 volunteers to serve breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30 AM on the first Saturday of each month. Our next service day is Saturday, January 6. If you would be interested in serving with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at The Bridge, please call or e-mail Mike Stanley (817-724-7430, [mike@colbystanley.com](mailto:mike@colbystanley.com)).

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### **AUSTIN STREET CENTER – December 16**

On Saturday evening, December 16, over 60 children, youth and adults from the Westminster Community and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church prepared and served the hot evening meal to almost 400 clients at the Austin Street Center. The volunteers also performed Christmas Carols, made up Christmas cards for the clients and also made sandwiches. Thanks to all of you for your donations, food items and your time on a Saturday evening to serve others.

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### **THANK YOU! Sudie Williams Coat Drive Success**

From Cecelia McDermott of Sudie Williams Elementary School – *“To all of the generous community members who contributed to the Sudie Williams Coat Drive. THANK YOU! On December 4<sup>th</sup> we delivered over 130 coats to the school and personally fit 100 students in their new coats just in time for cold weather. The children were literally jumping up and down as they waited to get their coats! Many were surprised that they got to keep them! Their smiles and excitement were a real gift. It was a special day for all. SPECIAL THANKS to Westminster Presbyterian Church, our coat partners for the last 2 years. They have helped us to take the coat drive to the next level. We couldn’t do it without them.”*

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### **HOMELESS COUNT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY**

On Thursday, January 25, the Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance will conduct its annual Homeless Count. A requirement under federal law, the count helps our community identify and understand the extent of homelessness, changing trends in Dallas, and the measure of our success in ending homelessness. In order to conduct a full and accurate count of the unsheltered homeless, MDHA needs 1500 volunteers, registered as teams of 3-5 persons. The event requires a 4-6 hour commitment, beginning at 7 pm. If you are interested in participating in a counting team from WPC, please contact Nicole Bates ([nicoleb@wpcd.org](mailto:nicoleb@wpcd.org)) by January 8. For more information about what’s expected of teams, check out [www.mdhadallas.org/2018-homeless-count/](http://www.mdhadallas.org/2018-homeless-count/).

Through its various missions, WPC is committed to caring for the homeless. Let’s help end homelessness, too.

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### **PASTORAL CARE**

WPC wants to be available to members and their loved ones during hospitalizations and other times of need. Please notify the church office by calling 214-351-3251. If an emergency arises during non-business hours, the WPC voicemail will tell you how to be in touch with the pastor.



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## CRIS' CORNER

January brings us back to school after a wonderful Christmas break to quickly move into preparations for the 2018 - 2019 school year and our continued focus on our reaccreditation with NAEYC – the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This is our 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive reaccreditation journey! Church members do have priority enrollment in the school, which offers classes Toddler - Kindergarten. As our wait list continues to expand, we feel so privileged to be a school that is so highly regarded and sought after within the community and within the field of early childhood education. The school has accomplished much to be proud of and know the church shares in the joy.

This month our Christian Education includes Imagination, Curiosity, Effort, Optimism, Enthusiasm (be positive, dream, give 100%, enjoy your strengths, work with cheerfulness and eagerness).

Thank you again to our wonderful Parents Club who provided a wonderful Christmas luncheon for all the staff. What a great send off for Christmas!! We enjoy time where we can just “break bread” and lift up each other. This year we honored Mrs. Suzanne England (5 years), Mrs. Becky Ogden (5 years), Mrs. Kristin Ingram (10 years) and Mrs. Whitney Rowland (10 years). All 4 of these dedicated women initially came to Westminster as a family; enrolling their children for the exemplary educational program and then returned to us when they were ready to step back into the early childhood profession! We look forward to recognizing and celebrating the dedication and contribution each one has contributed to Westminster on Sunday, Jan. 28 in worship and after church fellowship with a lite lunch.

I hope you enjoyed some of the Christmas Children’s literature shared in the December newsletter. Our Christmas Giving Exchange with KB Polk School was a meaningful child-to-child personal giving to those in our community. Over 100 children received a personally selected gift and the early childhood staff received over \$1200 in Target and Wal-Mart gift cards to support their classroom needs, which often run through their personal expenses!!

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January 1 - Church Offices Closed  
January 6 - Serving Breakfast at The Bridge  
January 7 - The Lord's Supper  
Mission Committee Meeting  
January 8 - CE & Church Life and  
B & G Committees  
January 9 - WPW Bible Study, Knitting Group  
Preschool Committee Meeting  
January 14 - New Member & Newly Baptized  
Recognition  
January 15 - Church Offices Closed  
January 22 - Stated Session Meeting  
Newsletter Information Due  
January 23 - Brown Bag Book Club, Knitting Group  
January 28 - WPPK Staff Recognition

\*\*Mabuhay Fellowship - 2nd & 4th Sundays at 12:15 pm, Chapel

JANUARY



Whatever is: true  
just  
noble  
pure  
lovely  
pleasing  
admirable  
excellent  
praiseworthy

...think about these things.



Philippians 4:8