

Westminster News

8200 Devonshire Drive, Dallas, 75209 * 214-351-3251 * February 2012 * www.wpcd.org



EVANGELISM AS MY STORY

meets Tuesdays at 7:00PM in Room 102

"People Observing us ought to be able to discern the elements of Jesus' way in our ways. If they cannot find authentic signals of the historical Jesus through the life of his people, then as far as we are concerned they have the full right to question our legitimacy." Hirsch & Frost, *ReJesus*.

The Evangelism class will be studying the "Engage" booklet developed by the Evangelism department of the General Assembly - PCUSA. Princeton Abaroa will facilitate this class which will begin February 7, 2012 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm. We are not sure how long it will last at this time.

In order to give all who are considering signing up for this important class, here are some excerpts from the "Engage" material:

"Evangelism is good news. The good news is not about introducing a program, gaining more members, or increasing budgets. Evangelism is good news of God's healing and saving love in Jesus Christ. Evangelism is a lifestyle in which a follower of Jesus Christ both shares faith and serves others in need. Even though evangelism is about bringing this good news into our communities, evangelism has become bad news to many of our churches. This resource is designed to help churches recover the good news we have to offer one another and the people in our communities"



WELCOME NEW SESSION MEMBERS

Mark Armstrong
Cleta Glenn
Stephanie Spillane
Judy Ziehm



The YOUTH of Westminster

invite you to join with us in helping to alleviate hunger in the Dallas area through Souper Bowl of Caring **Sunday, February 5, 2012.**

More than 20 years ago the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. The prayer was:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. The donations we collect will be given to North Dallas Shared Ministries (NDSM), 2875 Merrell Road, Dallas, TX. NDSM has no source to purchase the following items at a reduced cost and therefore depend entirely on your donations to enhance the pantry selection:

peanut butter, ramen noodles, salt, coffee, tea, breakfast cereal - Canned items: tuna, salmon, carrots, black-eyed peas, squash, sweet potatoes, potatoes, pears, pineapple, mixed fruit

You can help us fight hunger in the Dallas area by bringing food items to church on **Sunday, February 5.** You can also write a check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church with "Souper Bowl of Caring" in the memo line. The youth will be standing with pots to collect your donations in the sanctuary before and after worship.

Thank you! The Youth of Westminster Presbyterian Church



NEW MEMBERS

Emily & Bo
Conrad
daughter Lucy
January 2012



NEW BORN

Francene Lian
N. Esquejo
December 27, 2011
Parents: Francis & Lilian





- 4 Tom Gaunt
- 4 Ty Gomez
- 4 Lee Van Shaw
- 5 Katherine Adams
- 5 Michelle Holley
- 8 Claire Ampil
- 9 John Colocousis
- 14 Gil Smith
- 14 Oma Church
- 16 Jackson Glenn
- 17 John Henry Hollas
- 18 Curt Kennedy
- 19 Wynne Miller
- 20 Bill Vilbig
- 23 Myra Wyckoff
- 29 Cheryl Bradford

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!



Glenn Bud Lake
December 31, 2011



FROM THE GARDEN

Spring planting has started. It's time to plant onion slips, asparagus roots and seed potatoes. It is also time to clean and till plots for March and April seed planting.



CRIS' CORNER

Our Christian Value this month is LOVE (caring, joyfulness, friendship, contentment and inclusiveness). Through modeling and affirmation, children are encouraged to develop these values. With Valentine's Day coming, look for opportunities to do random acts of kindness. Kindergarten will be celebrating their 100th day in school on Feb. 22nd with unique collections of "100 item" objects. Stop by to see their creativity. The Art Program is preparing for our annual "Artists in Residence" series. If you would like to share your talents and gifts with our art classes, please contact the school to schedule a day that is convenient for you.

Dad's Night will be celebrated Feb. 9th with activities and dinner for our wonderful dads. We look forward to honoring our dads on this night. We are processing for Registration for the 2012 - 2013 school year. Currently we have 250+ names on our wait list for families who are interested in having their children attend our accredited school. That speaks very highly of our community reputation. After February 3, placement for the school opens to church members and siblings and then wait list families. Camp Westminster summer program will be forthcoming in March before spring break so check for dates to be posted on the web site. Be sure our spring carnival date is on your calendar – Saturday, March 31.

Cristine L. Watson, MS - Director



WPW BROWN BAG BOOK CLUB



On Tuesday, February 28 the WPW Book Club will be discussing "Maggie's Journey" by Lena Nelson Dooley. Lina lives in Hurst, Texas and is a member of American Christian Fiction Writers. This novel is a story of Maggie and her journey to find out who she really is and more important what truly matters most in life: The variety of possible answers is one of the reasons we find book discussions such a rewarding activity. Join us in the Church Parlor at 11:00AM for this lively discussion. Bring a sack lunch and stay for our next crochet class by Diane Spicer. A Tuesday filled with learning, laughing and sharing.



Westminster Presbyterian Church

MEN'S BREAKFAST

On behalf of the Men's Leadership Team of our Church, I would like to extend an invitation to the men of WPC to join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship in Stewart Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, February 4 at 8:00AM.** Our time together would not be more than an hour and half (including meal), so it will be a great start to your day, while respecting your need to go about your duties. See you there!

-Princeton Abaraoha



COMING TO WESTMINSTER
Sunday, March 4, 2012
The Rev. Dr. Theodore J. Wardlaw

President and Professor of Homilectics at
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Dr. Wardlaw previously served the Setauket Presbyterian Church in Setauket, Long Island, New York; Grand Avenue Presbyterian Church, Sherman, Texas; and Germantown Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tennessee.

A consummate Presbyterian, Wardlaw has served the larger church with distinction. In 2001, Wardlaw was moderator of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta as well as a commissioner to the 213th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) where he chaired the committee on church polity. Wardlaw is a member of the Pastors Working Group of the Louisville Institute. He has twice been editor-at-large of the Presbyterian Outlook and served on the board of directors for the Journal of Reformed Liturgy and Music.

President Wardlaw maintains close ties with several Presbyterian seminaries. He has served on the Union / P.S.C.E. Board of Trustees and on its alumni/ae Board of Directors, chairing their 1996 alumni/ae giving campaign. Wardlaw has been an adjunct professor of preaching at both Union / P.S.C.E. and Columbia Theological Seminary and was a member of the board of visitors for Johnson C. Smith Seminary.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

8200 Devonshire Drive ~ Dallas, Texas 75209
A Not-For-Profit Organization

Church Office - 214-351-3251
Preschool Office - 214-350-6155
Karl Schwarz - karls@wpcd.org
Lisa Reece - Lisar@wpcd.org
Emily Crump - emilyc@wpcd.org
Diane Spicer - dianes@wpcd.org

- February 4 - Men's Breakfast
Serving Breakfast at The Bridge
- February 5 - The Lord's Supper
Souper Bowl of Caring
- February 6 - Mission Committee Meeting
- February 7 - Evangelism Classes Begin
- February 9 - WPPK Dad's Night
- February 13 - Administration, Church Life, Preschool
& Worship Committee Meetings
- February 14 - WPW Bible Study
- February 18 - Project Linus, Feeding the Hungry
- February 19 - Austin Street Sandwiches
- February 20 - Stated Session
- February 22 - Ash Wednesday, Newsletter Info Due
- February 25 - Church Work Day
- February 28 - WPW Book Club

**Every Tuesday at 12:30PM - *Knitting Group in the Parlor*

**Every Friday at 5:30PM - *Friday Evening in the Chapel*

