

The Westwind

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Even though summer is thought of as a time to slow the pace that doesn't seem to be the case around Westminster.

It is our turn to host the Tri-Church Vacation Bible School. You'll find exact dates, etc. elsewhere in the *Westwind*. Your Christian Education Committee has been working on this project for several months. Representatives from Elmwood and Grace are also part of the team. All of us need to pitch-in to make VBS a success. I'm sure we'll be hearing specific requests from the committee members but how about stepping forward and letting them know you are ready to help? They'll be elated!

On July 29 we will be hosting what I believe is a first for Westminster, a reunion celebration. The idea came out of your Outreach and Evangelism Committee and has been whole-heartedly endorsed by your session. It's a time to invite former members and friends of Westminster to join together for a day of celebration. It will be a great time to renew old acquaintances, or for newer members, to meet the people behind the names in some of the stories you've heard. BE SURE to set aside July 29th for this special event. As with VBS, volunteers will be needed to get things ready and to serve as hosts and hostesses during the event. Invitations are being sent out to current members and friends and to those from the past for whom addresses are available. Here's another way you can help. If you think of someone who may not be on a list, check with the church office to find out. If they're not, give Elaine any information you have on them, and then go one-step further and contact them yourself.

I want to highlight one other event for which more

information is available elsewhere in the *Westwind*. That's the drive for coloring books and either used or inexpensive new watches to be Romania for the orphans under the care of NOROC. This is an easy to accomplish way we at Westminster can serve Christ's children.

Oh, about the slower pace...I hope you get an opportunity to do just that, but don't forget to worship...either here or on the road. We may think of taking a break for the summer. but thankfully God doesn't.

Christ's Shalom,



Jim

Dates and Events to Remember!

Mark Your Calendars!

The next Church Potluck Luncheon will be held after worship at Buffalo Gap on Father's Day, June 17th. The *Donation of the Month* for the Presbyterian Food Pantry will be any men's products...soaps, razors, shampoo, deodorant, aftershave, etc.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission!

There will be a
SPIRITUAL RENEWAL GATHERING
held at

FIRST CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
in Abilene, Texas, 325-677-3501,
on **June 28**, 2007,
from **6:30pm** - 8:30pm.

YOU
are **invited** to this
Cursillo ULTREYA!

The hosts will be **Jo and Bill Spencer..**

Bring a covered dish to share. Bring a **friend!**

Enjoy the fellowship, food, music, praise, singing,
inspiration, prayer, renewal, and lots of fun!

All are welcome at Ultreyas, whether or **not** they have been to
Cursillo, or even are Presbyterians.



Presbyterian Women News

There will be no meetings during June, July and August. The new study will begin in September.

Notice about Westwind

+++June 18 th— next due date! +++

If you have anything you wish to be included in the *Westwind*, please send the items by e-mail to the church office **as soon as possible**: office@wpcabilene.org or put them in the *Westwind* box. Thanks!

June Birthdays

- 2 - Rick Winckler
Charlotte Smith
Myles & Ryan Smith
Evelyn Sullivan
- 5 - Mary M.
- 7 - Travis Porter
- 9 - Nedra Black
- 10 - Lauren Johnson
- 15 - Cary Headstream
- 20 - Ashley Peaton
- 21 - Cameron Smith
- 25 - Scott Serrault
- 28 - Brenda Merrill

June Anniversaries

- 2 - Alden & Catherine Cathey
Rick & Debra Winckler
- 13 - Pete & JoAnn Peterson
- 19 - Larry & Nedra Black

We will be sending invitations to the Reunion. If you are concerned that we'll miss someone, please send their mailing address to:

JoAnn Peterson
6 Turnberry Cr.
Abilene, TX 79606

Missions/Stewardship/ Thanks to You

Budget Financial Summary 3/31/07

Budget Monthly: \$11,037.16	Budget to Date: \$33,111.48
Collected: \$11,927.15	Actual Giving: \$36,613.15
Difference \$889.99	Difference \$3,501.67

Budget Financial Summary 4/30/07

Budget Monthly: \$11,037.16	Budget to Date: \$44,148.64
Collected: \$10,031.48	Actual Giving: \$46,644.63
Difference (\$1,005.68)	Difference \$2,495.99

PANTRY NEEDS FOR June

Jelly, canned meat (Spam-type, tuna, chicken, etc.), bath soap, and money—Thanks!
Your help is very much appreciated!

Please REMEMBER that the FIRST Sunday of every MONTH is PANTRY DAY. Come to worship and bring with you, FOOD (non-perishable items) and/or MONEY (cash or checks) for the PANTRY. The hungry people of Abilene will THANK YOU!!!

From the Session ~ ~ ~ NEWS from May 20th

Westminster has acquired much needed new tablecloths. The older cloths will be donated to a worthy organization.

The Session accepted the resignation of Jeff Armstrong from the Session, as the Armstrongs are moving to Mesquite in the near future. Appreciation was extended to Jeff for his time served on the Session.

The Session also accepted the resignation of Mark Smith as grounds keeper and custodian, with appreciation for his dedication to Westminster. Mark has done an excellent job of maintenance of the building and the grounds.

Westminster will continue to include A PRAYER FOR WESTMINSTER in the Worship Services through July, as we continue to seek God's will for our future. Session members will offer the prayers.

Bonnie Walters will be attending a conference for church musicians at Baylor this summer. This item was previously approved in the budget.

Plans are underway for our Westminster Reunion on July 29. Details will be announced soon.

Martha King
Clerk of Session

SPECIAL GIFTS DONATIONS

May 2007

In memory of Allie Lee Strickland,
Larry Unrah,
and Dorothy May Singer.
by
Larry & Nedra Black

Cooper High School Class of 2007

Former members of Westminster, Cambria Danee Paschal and Brittany Tyler Hoover graduated from Cooper High School on May 27th.

Brittany, daughter of John and Lisa Hoover, plans to attend Texas Tech in the fall to study Journalism.

Their announcements are on the Shepherd's Board in the Narthex.

Tri-Church VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

At **Westminster**, this summer,
Sunday, July 15th - Thursday July 19th

Pre-Kindergarten through 5th Grade

We NEED:

small Pringle potato chip cans;

VOLUNTEERS;

Anything **WESTERN** —
 boots, saddles, ropes, hats, etc.

&

CHILDREN!

Please **BRING**
 your children,
 your grandchildren,
 your friends' and neighbors' children
 and grandchildren;
 and any other children.

If you have any **questions**, please ask:

Jewell Halford

or

Mary Cooke.

**If YOU are a Presbyterian,
 YOU will have a
 great time
 at Palo Duro
 PRESBYTERIAN
 Cursillo!**

Aluminum Cans

Please save your aluminum cans for Jim Sullivan. Money raised will go to benefit the Encampment. You may drop them off at the church office at any time.

Mission with Children in Romania

A few months back Mary Ferris talked about the NOROC Program. This is a program that was started by Dr. Fred White and his wife to help support the orphan children of Romania. After her talk, several from Westminster asked how you could help. She identified several items and said we have a chance to get involved with two of them. The following is her request.

First, for all of the orphans, very young children to the older teens, Mary said, "Please help us get some watches. They don't have to be new; they don't have to be pretty; they just need to work." We all know from personal experience that a watch can make us feel important, grown up, in control, responsible, and in charge.

Most of us have "that drawer" where we toss discarded watches, watches that are too small for us, etc. You can clean out that drawer and help the orphans at the same time. Also, should you want to purchase one or more watches, many grocery and discount stores have some very inexpensive watches. If you purchase, please keep it simple and inexpensive. Bring whatever you can find, spare, or purchase to the church starting this Sunday and drop them into the box in the lobby. A group of people will be going to Romania in June who will take the watches for distribution.

Second, Mary asked for coloring books. Again, they can be new or partially used. If partially used, please cut out the used pictures. They can be religious or not, but must not have a violent theme. Drop them in the box in the lobby for coloring books and watches and they, too, will get to Mary and the orphans in Romania.

Deadline will be Sunday, June 10th. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference.

APPLICATION FORMS for
 Palo Duro **Presbyterian CURSILLO #20** (PDPC #20),
October 25 -28, 2007,
 and **Cursillo INFORMATION HANDOUTS,**
 are available in the **Narthex**, or from the **Church Office.**
A Short Course in Christianity

Westminster Prayer List for June 2007

Each week we will be praying specifically for several of our WPC families. We invite you to join us as we ask God's blessings upon our sisters and brothers in Christ.

May 27th - June 2nd: Gary & Nancy Shanafelt; Pam Veltkamp; and Larry & Nedra Black.

June 3rd - 9th: Jeff & Leona Armstrong and Kyle; and Bobbie Core.

June 10th - 16th: Burl & Pat Hambrick; and Gordon & Valerie Obert.

June 17th - 23rd: Betsy Peaton and Ashley, Shelby and Maggie; and Pete & JoAnn Peterson.

June 24th - 30th: Joseph T. & Francoise M., Mary, Josiane, Desire, Green and Victoria; and John Headstream.

Summer Camp at Buffalo Gap Encampment:

Servant Leadership Camp (Grade 9, 10, or 11 completed) -- June 3-6, 2007

Mini-Camp (Grade 1, 2, or 3 completed) -- June 6-9, 2007

Elementary Camp (Grade 4 or 5 completed) -- June 10-15, 2007

Middle School Camp (Grade 6, 7, or 8 completed) -- June 17-22, 2007



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