

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 current issues of the Spire can be found in the narthex. Our phone number is 386-767-8342; Fax 386-767-8341. The church office is open 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Sundays

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

Fellowship Opportunities

Here are some of our fellowship or mission opportunities. Check the Spire Calendar for days and times.

Fellowship Hour - most Sundays following the 11:00 service. Those interested in hosting, helping, or funding a fellowship hour should call Leanne Coleman at 386-492-4282. You may also sign up on the podium in fellowship hall.

Caring Friends of Westminster

Wednesday, December 6, 1:00 in the Chapel
Wednesday, December 20, 1:00, Peninsula Hall

What used to be the most wonderful time of the year becomes the most difficult when a loved one is no longer here to celebrate with you. Instead of looking forward you want it to be over. Memories help & hurt. Join us in the Chapel at 1:00 on Wednesday, December 6 for our annual Blue Christmas & you will

have an opportunity to remember your loved one along with friends who share these same feelings. All are welcome. Should you have any questions call Kitty French (308-3800) or Marianne Sabatka (236-8534).

Men of Westminster Join us for our Breakfast and Fellowship on Friday, Dec 8th. We will continue our study of the book of Revelation with Jeff. Bring \$5 for a book if you don't have one already. Meet at 7 am in the Fellowship hall. Plenty of good food, coffee and orange juice. all you can eat for only a \$5 contribution to support the Thornwell Home, Friends of Francis and WBTS Youth Mission Trips. Contact Rodney Bookhardt for more info at (386) 847-7871 or rkbook@cfl.rr.com"

Lunch Bunch will not meet in December. Watch for information on our January lunch. Everyone is invited to this time of food and fellowship – no other agenda! Contact Jari Arbogast at 761-2283 or arbofish@att.net if you'd like to join us.

Bridge Group meets every Monday at 10 am in the Room A in Peninsula Hall. Contact Bill & Vera Becker for information. 386-304-7283

Outreach

We thank you for your continual support as always to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our outreach across the world – from our missionary support to our ministries across Daytona and the state.

Halifax Urban Ministries

(HUM) If you would like to help with serving food at the Bridge of Hope (HUM) on the second Thursday of the month, from 9 am to 1 pm, please let us know. Thank you for supporting HUM. For more information,



contact Patti Ford or Ginny Whitney and we will add you to the "call" list.

The HUM Food Pantry Thank you for the generosity you have shown for the Halifax Urban Ministries Food Pantry in Port Orange. You really "came through" with the canned soup and peanut butter that we needed. Remember that we always need canned goods and boxed goods. Just be sure that the dates have not expired. Boxed goods cannot be open. As always, paper goods are appreciated i.e. toilet tissue. So many in need for everything we can supply.

Friends of Francis

Tobias Caskey

We would like to thank you for all the donations and all the support that have been and continually is given by all of you to support the mission of Friends of Francis in our community. So many people have been helped by you throughout the years, between the men at Solutions by the Sea, the gifting tree that has been a part of WBTS for almost ten years, and all the other community donations that go to help so many in the Volusia County area. We are always accepting clothes, bicycles, bedding, computers, and monetary donations. Donations may be brought and left at the office behind the paper cutter. If you have any questions you can contact me at 386=804-7140 or all the church office at 386-767-8342.

Outreach Christmas Market

Anne Nussle

On December 3, the Outreach Division will be hosting a Christmas Market. Our goal is to put more meaning into the celebration of the Advent season while providing an alternative to the commercialization of the holiday shopping experience.

Worship

December Sermons

- 12/3 Watch
First Sunday of Advent/Communion
12/10 Prepare
12/17 Witness
12/24 Celebrate!
12/31 Purify

Flowers

- 12/3 Lida Robinson
OPEN
12/10 Marianne Sabatka
Roger Rowen
Carolyn Goergen
12/17 Stu Stewart
Louise Lauthain
12/24 Audrey & Bob Beegle
Raquel & Robert Aldo
12/31 Doris & John Kennedy

If you have taken flowers home and have the empty white vases we'd like them back. The florist is running low on them. You may leave them in the kitchen. Thanks!

Please contact Kristin in the church office (767-8342) if you'd like to provide the flowers for a service. She may call you to see if you would like to give flowers on the Sunday you gave them last year. Arrangements are \$26.00 each. We will also have a poster in Fellowship Hall where you may write your name for a particular Sunday (a loved one's birthday, a remembrance, etc.)

From the Choir Room

Madeline Day

There is a lot of music to offer this month and our choir members are very much involved. Here are some events:

Sunday, Dec. 3 - "Christmas with Bel Canto Singers:" Central Baptist Church, Daytona Beach; 3:30 pm. \$15

Thursday, Dec. 7 - Daytona State College: "A Christmas Carol, The Musical;" News-Journal Center; 7:30 pm. \$8

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 - Daytona State College: "A Christmas Carol, The Musical" and "Dickensian Dinner;" News-Journal Center; 6:00 pm dinner, 7:30 pm show. \$45

Saturday, Dec. 9 - Daytona State College: "A Christmas Carol, The Musical;" News-Journal Center; 2:30 pm. \$8

Sunday, Dec. 10 - "Reflections and Carols: A Christmas Concert:" WTBS; 4:00 pm.

Sunday, Dec. 24 - Candlelight

Service: WTBS; 7:00 pm.

If you need your annual infusion of "Messiah," Norton will be a soloist in a full-length performance by the Treasure Coast Chorale at First Baptist Church, 2206 16th Ave. in Vero Beach at 7:00 pm on December 17 and 18. There is no charge but there will be a free-will offering. As it's a two-hour drive you might want to car-pool!

We wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Stay tuned...

Congregational Life

As we enter this wonderful Christmas season, we find ourselves especially thankful for all the good things in our lives – including our church and church family! What better way to express that appreciation than to host fellowship hour? Please consider choosing a Sunday this winter, and the members of the Congregational Life committee will make it easy for you! Can't cook? Pre-made finger foods and sweet treats are terrific options. Don't like to shop? That's okay – we'll take your monetary contribution and do the shopping for you. It doesn't matter what's served as long as you're with friends. It's such a rewarding experience that we guarantee you'll want to host fellowship hour more often!

Also, it's important that we remember those members of our church family who can't join us on Sundays. If you have the time and the inclination, please take a moment to pick up a list of shut-ins from the table in Fellowship

Hall, write a Christmas card for some (or all) of these special members, and return the card(s) to the gift bags in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, December 17th. Bags will be delivered to the recipients by the Congregational Life committee the week before Christmas.

Wishing our WBTS family the blessings of good health, the love of friends and family, and the grace and mercy of our Lord, at Christmas and always!

Administration

APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) is busy working on our search. All of our paperwork was approved in November and we have begun to receive applications. Although we cannot comment on any of these candidates, please know that we are prayerfully considering each of them as we strive to find the best person for our Associate Pastor. We will begin interviewing soon.

Giving to Westminster

Gifts are gratefully received and carefully used to the Glory of God. Gifts may be given in cash, by check, by credit card (Through our website www.wbts.org, or Westminster Mobile App) by stock gifts (call the Church Treasurer for details) or by bequest in your will. Consider the way(s) you will support the congregation!

Gifts for 2017 can be received through Friday, December 29th BEFORE 1 p.m.

Financial Secretary Assistant Financial Secretary Janet Lindfors has office hours should you need to discuss issues regarding your statements. She will be in Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Travel With Us

Holy Land/Passion Play Trips

We have two pilgrimages planned. Our first will begin July 9, 2019 – a Holy Land trip. We cannot register for this yet and Educational Opportunities is still finalizing their trips for next year and they haven't printed the 2019 brochures yet. We'll let you know as soon as they are available.

Our other trip leaves July 6, 2020 and is called Alpine Wonders. We CAN and should register for this one ASAP. The highlight of this trip is the Oberammergau Passion Play. You may go on the trip without going to the play if you desire. All the information will be in our brochure that you may pick up at church. You may also go to their website at www.eo.travelwithus.com to see the itinerary. **THE \$125 DISCOUNT** for the July 6, 2020 Alpine Wonders/Oberammergau Passion Play trip has been extended until December 31, 2017! Register by calling 1-800-247-0017.

Sign up for Tour PP20; Date 070620; Host ID 53110. For right now, register that you are going through New York. Our connecting flights from Orlando (or other cities) are not yet available.

CHAIR YOGA with Caron & Jack Krier
Time: Thursday, December 7 & 14, 10:00 – 11:00 am

Where: Peninsula Hall

Cost: \$10 Drop in Class

(Cash or checks made out to Caron Krier
Please bring payment to the 1st session)

MAT/FLOOR class - All levels

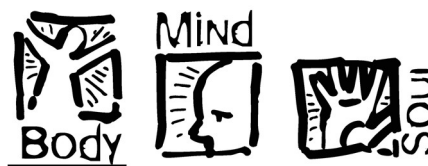
Practice YOGA poses with gentle stretching, breathing techniques, meditation and relaxation. Increase flexibility, strengthen muscles, reduce stress. Increase circulation and concentration.

December 7

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per class

Peninsula Hall To register: 386-767-8342
(Kristin Downer, Church Secretary)
Questions? Contact the Criers at 386-333-9069 (home) or 352-350-0072 (cell)



Topic: Dealing with Holiday Issues

Speakers: Lisa Benitez, Clinical Director of the Presbyterian Counseling Center

When: Wednesday, December 20 at 9:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Ms. Benitez will cover topics from stress to depression, counseling options, and family interactions. She welcomes questions from the audience.

This informative one hour session is open to everyone. Refreshments will be served



We again express our gratitude for the gracious hospitality of Westminster By-the-Sea Presbyterian Church. In honor of Gayellen Hogeboom Wagner and in recognition of her 20 years of able and Spirit-empowered bible study leadership. We wish to designate this offering to the educational function of Westminster.

With deepest thanks,
The weekly bible study group



The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are with the family and friends of Madelyn Ammon

who died in November. She and the Pflaumer family were long time members of WBTS.

Getting to Know You



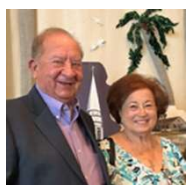
Ui Ho & Sungwha Park have lived in the Daytona area just over a year after moving here from Georgia. They were both born in Korea. He is a retired surgeon at the VA Hospital and was in the US Army. He enjoys listening to classical music and collecting classical records. Sungwha was a high school teacher, a delegate at Louisville KY Presbyterian annual conference, and translated religious books into Korean. She also enjoys reading and writing. They both enjoy running together. They joined by certificate of transfer.



Patti Himes has lived in the Daytona area full time for ten years and was born in Pennsylvania. She has two grown children and four grandsons. She joined by certificate of transfer.



Margaret Schneider moved from Lake Mary to Daytona in 2004. She worked in human resources and was a business owner before her retirement. He has four grown children and joined by certificate of transfer.



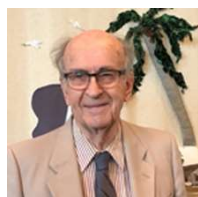
Albert Jr. & Raquel Aldo have lived in Daytona for 19 years. Both are retired and enjoy spending time traveling. They have one

adult son, David, who is also joining. They joined on reaffirmation of faith.



David Aldo moved to the Daytona area in 2006. He currently works for Herbalife International. He spends his free time on sports, being outdoors, reading, and movies. He joined on reaffirmation of faith.

Barbara Abel has lived in Daytona for 10 years after moving here from Virginia. She enjoys walking and golfing in her free time. She has two grown children in Arizona and Virginia. She joined on reaffirmation of faith.



Jan Dykstra is originally from the Netherlands but has been in the Daytona area for many years. He has six grown children and is retired from Merck & Co. Pharmaceuticals. He joined by certificate of transfer.

Christmas Dinner/Dance

Saturday, December 9

6:00 pm

Peninsula Hall

Sponsored by Presbyterian Women

Tickets are \$10.00 per person

See Marianne Sabatka if you'd like

to come!