

## **ABOUT WESTMINSTER**

The WBTS web site ([www.wbts.org](http://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.

### **Food for Thought**

Jeff Sumner

This month I want to share some words that come to us from the 16<sup>th</sup> century reformers. I'm selecting things they say about prayer: Of course, we start with Martin Luther: "Prayer is conversation of the believing heart with God. It is as necessary for the life of the soul as breathing is for that of the body. As children of God we must live in communion with Him, and we cannot be Christian without prayer.... Our prayers should be addressed to God alone....We should pray because we constantly need God's mercy in temporal and spiritual things.; because we owe God our thanks for his many benefits; because God has commanded us to pray; because God has promised to hear us." (All his claims are supported by Scripture)

*Part III, Chapter XXIII, Luther's Small Catechism.*

Now John Calvin:

"There are two parts of prayer: petition and thanksgiving. By means of petition we place before God the desires of our heart, asking from his goodness. First those things which are alone in the service of his glory, then also those things which are profitable for our use. By means of thanksgiving we recognize and confess with praise his benefits to us, attributing to his goodness whatever good gifts we have received. Both kinds of prayer are comprehended in these verses of David when he writes (Psalm 50:15) in the person of God: 'Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.'

### **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, October 4 & 18

at 1:00 in Peninsula Hall

Getting through a hurricane without that person that always looked out for you is a lonely experience. Your husband took care of all the preparations. Your wife always made sure there was plenty to eat & drink. Being on your own is totally new & something you never expected or wanted. We could never make it without family & friends. Our group of Caring Friends is experiencing all of these same feelings. We gather together twice a month all year. If you have lost someone you love & need some good friends, come & join us. You do not need to be a member of Westminster. All are welcome. Should you

have any questions call Kitty French (308-3800) or Marianne Sabatka (236-8534).

**Men of Westminster** will meet for our breakfast and fellowship on Friday, October 13th. We will begin 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 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.

*Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. Genesis 1:29*

Contact Rodney Bookhardt for more info at 386 847 7871 or [rkbook@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rkbook@cfl.rr.com)

**Lunch Bunch** will be on Thursday, October 19 at noon at Houligan's on Dunlawton. Everyone is invited to this time of food and fellowship – no other agenda! Contact Jari Arbogast at 761-2283 or [arbofish@att.net](mailto: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**

Crop Walk, a yearly event for Westminster and the churches in the area, is not being met with the same enthusiasm as it has in the past in our community. The event this season will be held in the spring and information will be available at a later date. The support of our missionaries, as well as missionary service in the Presbyterian Church, has been a time honored practice. We would like to thank you for and all you do to help in this support along with all the support given by you to the Outreach division of WBTS in service to our Lord and Savior in the action of the Christ. As our prayers are with everyone in

this time of worldly distress, we thank you for all your help and donations to Westminster to help carry out the Outreach of Westminster to the Daytona Beach area as well as across the nation and the world.

### **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** in Port Orange is BUSY. A lot of new people are signing up for food. We are in desperate need of canned soup. And as always, paper products such as toilet tissue are needed. All food is appreciated, canned or boxed. Please help.

### **Friends of Francis/Solutions By-The-Sea Mission of Hope and Faith**

Tobias Caskey

Our prayers are with you as you weather the storm and any damage incurred from Irma and the rest of hurricane season. We thank you for all your donations to the mission of Friends of Francis in service to help those in need, coming back from incarceration, addiction, and other trials of life. We are always accepting clothes, bicycles, bedding, pillows, and kitchen items to benefit our mission to the service of SBTS and others in need. As always you can leave your donations in the office aside the "guillotine" and for other donations that are bigger, such as couches or other furniture, my cell # is (386) 804-7140. Thank you for all you do in in our mission of service to our Lord and Savior.

### **Outreach Christmas Market**

On November 12 and 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. We will be inviting several non-profit ministries that will provide shopping opportunities that allow the congregation to reach out to our less fortunate neighbors – locally, nationally, and abroad. Displays and goods for purchase will be set up for your shopping pleasure. More information to come as we get confirmations from participating organizations. We hope to see you there!

Anne Nussle

### **Worship**

#### **October Sermons**

##### **The Five Solas**

- 10/1 Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone  
World Communion
- 10/8 Sola Fide: Faith Alone
- 10/15 Sola Gratia: Grace Alone
- 10/22 Sola Christus: Christ Alone
- 10/29 Soli Deo Gloria: To the Glory of God Alone (Reformation Sunday)

#### **Flowers**

- 10/1 Barbara Reid  
Shirley Scible
- 10/8 OPEN
- 10/15 Marianne Sabatka  
one OPEN
- 10/22 Stu Stewart  
one OPEN
- 10/29 Jeff & Mary Ann Sumner

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**

The choir is back in full force with several new members and many "old" members returning from their summers away. We look forward to presenting special music during our month-long celebration of the Reformation!

### **Congregational Life**

A church hosted its weekly fellowship hour, which was attended by the entire congregation. The pastor placed a basket full of apples on one end of the table with a sign saying "Please take only one ... God is watching!" At the other end of the table, there was a plate piled high with chocolate chip cookies. One of the children placed a sign next to the plate saying "Take all you want ... God is watching the apples!" We know you'd love apples and chocolate chip cookies and all other sorts of delicious treats at our weekly fellowship hour, but we can't offer anything without hosts! Please consider choosing a Sunday this fall to host fellowship hour for your church family. The sign-up notebook is located on the lectern in Fellowship Hall. Although Congregational Life was supposed to meet September 7<sup>th</sup>, Hurricane Irma had other plans for us. Our first meeting this fall will be Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the Garden Room. All are welcome to join us for this most rewarding ministry!

### **Administration**

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has had its first meeting and we are working on our MIF (Ministry Information Form) so that we can advertise for our open

position. We are describing our church and writing down what we are looking for in our new person. We are a little behind because we had to cancel a meeting during Irma but we will be having regular meetings until we go “live” with our information. Then the interview process will begin. The Chair of the committee is Patti Ford; the Vice-Chair, Pete Zahn. Mary Ann Sumner is serving as clerk (secretary).

### **Stewardship**

Our theme for this year is *Help Christ's Light Shine!* During our worship services in the coming weeks, you'll be hearing from our elders to give you an idea about how Christ's Light Shines:

October 1- Through our Administration

October 8- Through our Christian Education

October 15- Through our Congregational Life

October 22- Through our Operations

October 29- Through our Outreach

November 5- Through our Worship

On November 6, we will mail pledge cards & talent sheets to you.

On November 12, we will have Stewardship Dedication Sunday by bringing our pledge cards and talent sheets (or any Sunday after that if you can't be here on 11/12).

We believe that this information will help you make your prayerful decision about the financial support you might pledge to Westminster for 2018.

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

### **Presbyterian Women**

Marianne Sabatka

WBTS Women's Circles are back in session. The Friendship Circle and the Trinity Circle will be on Tuesday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Togetherness Circle will meet on Saturday, October 28, in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. (Call Anne Johnson for more information about this circle). All women of WBTS are welcome to join our circles. We start a new series on Women of the Bible this year. Those who did not get their books at our last meeting, the books will be available to the October meeting. The price is \$11.00 and the book covers two years lessons. Our speaker at our gathering (Doug Coleman) was very information and brought up a lot of questions and information about home maintenance.



### **SAVE THESE DATES**

November 19 and 20 – WBTS Women's Annual Jewelry Sale. Donate your jewelry that you no longer want and buy some new jewelry at our sale. Contact Karen Keeney for more information.

December 9 – WBTS Women's Christmas Dinner/Dance. Remember how much fun we had at our last Christmas Dinner/Dance in December 2015? Well, we have more in store for you. Tickets will go on sale in October.

### **Travel With Us**

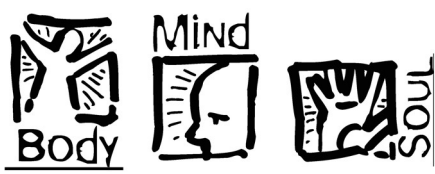
#### **2018 Church Cruise**

We'll be sailing on the Celebrity Reflection from January 29 – February 9. Our stops include Puerto Limon, Costa Rica; Colon, Panama; Cartagena, Colombia (overnight); Georgetown, Grand Cayman; and Cozumel. For information contact Lori or Jack Rhodes at 386-222-2222. We already have 40 people signed up to go and the bus holds 50.

### **Holy Land/Passion Play Trip Meeting**

(Rev. Sumner)

Two chances to meet and set our departure dates are being offered to members and friends of the congregation! The first will be at 10 am on Sunday, October 15 and the second will be at 12:00 on Sunday October 22. Come and get information and cast your vote for the time to go that suits you best!



**Topic:** Making Delicious Recipes at Home

**Speakers:** Mark Bartell, Executive Chef

**When:** Wednesday, October 11 at 9:30

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

Chef Bartell will feature a cooking demonstration and handout recipes for attendees to take home. All are welcome.

**CHAIR YOGA** with Caron & Jack Krier ☑

Time: Thursdays 10:00 – 11:00 am

Where: Peninsula Hall

Cost: \$30 for each 4 week session or \$10

Drop in Class

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

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 16, 30 & December 7, 14

**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.

Come to ONE class or ALL:

October 5

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)



The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are with the family of Shirley Kistner, who died on September 5.



Thank you church!

I received phone calls, emails, personal face to face wishes and a laying on of hands by my pastor. All wishes and especially the prayers were and are very welcomed and appreciated. The procedure “kypoplasty” was successful and after years of lower back issues I am pain free. Praise God! I had an amazing medical team from my personal doctor to the crew at Halifax France Tower. I am blessed.

Ann Cummins

**Kruger Wedding** Sharon (Roberts) and Don Kruger had to postpone their wedding that came right in the middle of Hurricane Irma. They were married in a very small ceremony in our chapel but they’d still like to celebrate with the wedding they had originally planned. So you are invited to attend the “big” wedding on Saturday, November 4 at 3:00 pm in our sanctuary!

