

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, March 7 & 21 at 1:00
Peninsula Hall

Somehow, we think that as time passes living alone will get easier. It really doesn't. You accept it because you have to, but there are still those days and especially those nights. Our group of friends is experiencing the same life they never imagined they would have to face and just being together seems to help. We meet twice a month all year & all

are welcome. We go out for lunch together & will probably wait until after Easter because Wednesdays are so busy during Lent at Westminster. Mark your calendar for April 18 at 1:00 & we will pick a location together. If you have lost someone you love, come and join us. Should you have any questions call Kitty French (308-3800) or Marianne Sabatka (236-8534).

Men of Westminster will have our monthly Men's Breakfast at 7am Friday March 9th in Fellowship Hall. Bring \$5, your books and your BIBLE. Jeff will continue the lesson on Revelation.

Great food, fellowship and COFFEE!

See you then...bring a friend!

contact Rodney Bookhardt with questions...
386-847-7841 or rkbook@cfl.rr.com

Lunch Bunch will be Thursday March 15th. at noon at Peach Valley Café at Dunlawton & Nova (next to TGI Fridays). Everyone is invited to this time of food and fellowship – no other agenda! Also, it's a great time to try restaurants you haven't visited before. 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

Tobias Caskey

We've had two meetings in this new season of the glorification of Christ and all he is in us and through us. We have some new additions that we are working out to add to outreach to help our community and to spread God's peace to our Neighbors. Please stay tuned for an update in the next issue.

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 Do you realize just how many people in this area are in need: how many are looking for jobs; how many are living on their Social Security and it isn't nearly enough; how many are raising their grandchildren? Think about this and give food donations generously to the HUM box in the hall just outside the Fellowship Hall. It is needed and greatly appreciated by many.

Friends of Francis

Tobias Caskey

At Solutions we are adding another house to our ministry which will bring the count of beds to one hundred and eighty to further help men and their families rebuild their lives. We are always taking donations of clothes, bikes and necessities of life that you can bring by the office or if you have any questions about monetary donation you can contact the office or me at (386) 804 7140

Thank you for all your donations and support you have given to Friends of Francis.

Worship

March Sermons

- 3/4 Actions of Jesus That Trouble Us
Holy Communion
- 3/11 Words of Jesus That Bless Us
- 3/18 Sir, We Would See Jesus
- 3/25 King for a Day
Palm Sunday
Children and Youth Processional

Flowers

- 3/4 Jack & Carol Beall
Joe & Betty Brooks
 - 3/11 Pat Phizacklea
OPEN
 - 3/18 Margaret Schneider
 - 3/25 Landon & Mariah Edwards
- Port Orange Florist is now making the flower arrangements for our worship services. We welcome them to our “family.”
- 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

Sharon Kruger

March is the month “Spring” starts to bloom, warmer days, outdoor activities and family time.

Let us reflect on “simplicity” by listening to a song, reading a good book, or spending time with the Lord and family.
Hymn of the Month: “This Is My Father's World”

Congregational Life

On February 14th, we started our weekly Lenten prayer services. Aside from the fact that the services help keep us focused during this season of Lent, they are also a wonderful opportunity to support the youth of the church, as this year's confirmation class leads each week's service and helps in the kitchen. A free-will offering is taken each week for this summer's mission trip. Continuing each Wednesday through

March 21st, join us for a prayer service at 5:30, followed by a pot-luck dinner at 6 p.m. Bring a favorite main dish, salad or dessert to share, and enjoy food and fellowship with your WBTS family as we prepare for Easter.

On March 25th, please join us during fellowship hour for our annual Palm Sunday bake sale, this year to support the youth mission trip this summer. Donations of baked goods and money will be welcomed! And on April 1st, there will be an Easter potluck brunch between services. Bring your favorite breakfast item (or whatever goodies the Easter Bunny brings you) as we celebrate Easter together. Remember, the brunch is between services, so there will be no fellowship hour following the 11:00 service.

Are you looking for ways to serve? Do you want to meet new friends and become more involved in the church? We always have room for you on the Congregational Life committee! We do so much more than hosting fellowship hour! Please consider joining us for a meeting at 10:00 a.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Garden Room, or approach anyone in the kitchen one week in between services or following the 11:00 service. We'd be thrilled to have you join us, and we can always use helping hands and a willing heart.

Now for our usual closing note: please consider hosting fellowship hour! Check the notebook in Fellowship Hall ... you'll see that there are plenty of opportunities to host in the coming weeks. Just pick a week, and we'll help you with whatever you may need. Thanks in advance for your help providing a fellowship opportunity that so many look forward to, week in and week out.

Administration

APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) has begun doing interviews. Although we cannot comment on any of the candidates, please know that we are prayerfully considering each of them as we strive to find the best person for our Associate Pastor. We know that you are curious and wondering why it is taking so long. This is a very long process. Even when we find the person we would like to have join us there are many committee meetings and presbytery meetings, both on our end and the end of the person coming. It will probably be summer at the earliest! When Jeff accepted the call to WBTS many years ago we had to keep it a secret for 3 months! Cara had to keep her new call secret for many weeks, also. So don't lose faith – we're getting there!

A Letter

Dear Fellow Church Members:

This year I decided to give \$5 more to our church every week. We have 700+ members.

If EVERY MEMBER gave an additional \$5 a week (less than a cup of fancy coffee) WBTS would receive an EXTRA \$180,000+ in the collection plates in just a year's time.

What a huge difference \$5 can make! I urge every person in our church to increase his or her tithing by just \$5 a week in 2018.

Then our caring leadership can devote more time thinking about our community, and less time thinking about budget issues.

Lovingly submitted,

A Grateful Parishioner

Presbyterian Women

Our March meeting of Trinity and Friendship Circles will be on March 6th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We continue to study Women of the Bible and Puah and Shiphrah will be our March lesson. Curious



? Hebrew midwives. Come learn more about them. Togetherness Circle will meet on Saturday, March 24th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Garden Room. Please join us for a visit or to join one of our circles. You are always welcome.

Our Circle of Treasures Sale will take place on Saturday, May 5th, from 8 a.m. until noon, and again on Sunday, May 6th, after the 11 o'clock service. Please gather up your treasures to donate for sale at this event. We are looking for any treasures (glassware, art objects, like-new small appliances, trinkets, etc.) that you can part with for this sale. We will not be selling clothing, shoes or purses. Please look around your home, in drawers, cabinets, closets, and you may see lots of items that you used to love but no longer use, want or need. We will lovingly receive these items for our sale. They can be brought to Room 11 during office hours on any Sunday and we will hold them until the sale date which is - again - (put it on your calendar) May 5th.

Many thanks for all of your support in this and past events.

Marianne Sabatka and Barbara Wagner - Co-Moderators

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 can begin registering this month! The brochures should arrive the first week of January.

Our other trip leaves July 6, 2020 and is called Alpine Wonders. We CAN and should register for this one ASAP: tickets go fast. 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 is in our brochure that you may pick up at church. You may also go the website at www.eo.travelwithus.com to see

the itinerary. 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.

2019 CHURCH CRUISE is now planned for February 23-March 2 on the brand new Norwegian Bliss! Only \$100 deposit per person through March 1, and it is fully refundable until October 14! Two free perks included with this sale! Eastern Caribbean itinerary including Tortola, V.I., St. Thomas V.I with optional trip to St. John's V.I. and Nassau. Two sea days! Don't be disappointed if you might consider going. Put your deposit in to Cruise Holidays of Daytona through March 1. Flyers are available at church or can be emailed to you.

CHAIR YOGA with Caron & Jack Krier

Time: Every Thursday in March

10:00 – 11:00 am

Where: Peninsula Hall

Cost: \$40.00 per 4 week session or \$10 Drop in Class

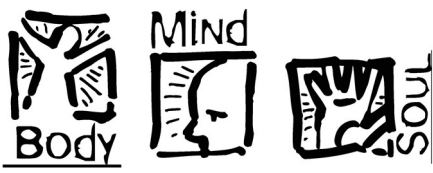
MAT YOGA is held the first Thursday of each month at noon.

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

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 and friends of Wilma Hoy who died February 12. She was 99 years old!



Topic: Caring for Your Eyes

Speaker: Dr. Nashita Patel

When: Wednesday, March 21 at 9:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Dr. Patel will speak about care of the eyes, abnormalities, and diseases. Please come join us for this very informative session for all ages.



Sunday, March 25 during Fellowship Hour.

Come and bring baked goods and BUY baked goods! Proceeds will help

fund the Youth Mission Trip to Raleigh, NC, this summer Contact Karen Keeney at 386-214-8373 if you are able to help.

Directories

Thanks to all of you who took the time to correct your information on our address list. We now have copies for you to pick up in Fellowship Hall or the office. Please just take one copy. We'll probably do a new picture directory once we have our Associate Pastor in place so we can include him or her.

"Like" us on Facebook

The church has a Facebook page (search Westminster By-The-Sea and look for the one that has our We Are Family banner on it). We post daily Scriptures, pictures, and advertise our events on the page. It's another way of knowing what's happening at WBTS besides

announcements, bulletins, the Spire, the Town Crier, and word of mouth!



Concert Series

Pipe Organ Concert

Boyd Jones

all-conference organist
March 4 at 3:30 p.m.

a free will offering will be taken

Outside Groups Meeting at WBTS

Sunday

Arabic Evangelical Ministries

6:00 pm in the Chapel

Monday

Ecumenical Bible Study

6:00 in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday

Gamblers Anonymous

7:30 pm in the Garden Room

Thursday

Embroidery Guild

First Thursday at 10:00 am (Sept - May)
in Fellowship Hall

Al-Anon Gentle Journey

12:00 pm in Room 12A

Gamblers Anonymous

7:30 pm in the Garden Room

AA Men's Group

8:00 pm in Room 12A

Saturday

Al-Anon

10:00 am in Room 12A