

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.

Glory's Stories

Sundays are a very busy day for me: I have early service, Sunday school, late service, and youth group. It's back-to-back action! But Sundays are also my favorite day. Worship centers me. Teaching gives me energy. When I have time to stop by fellowship hour, I try to sit and have conversation with different people. Sundays are full of life and I get to do my favorite parts of ministry! I hope you all get energy from Sundays too. If you're not in a Sunday school class, there are plenty to choose from! I invite you to come and visit one. You just might learn something new! For those who haven't been to church in a while and have the means to come, we'd love to have you present with us. If you're unable to come, let Jeff or I know if you'd like a visit and if you'd like the bulletin and the sermon mailed out to you. If you're coming to church every Sunday and know of someone who is wanting a ride to church or looking for a church to visit, offer to bring them along on Sundays. I know we're all busy and work can

wear us out, but I believe if we empty ourselves before God in worship on Sunday, we leave space for the Holy Spirit to fill us up!

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 3 at 1:00 at The Shores (3174 S. Atlantic Av.)

October 17 at 1:00 Peninsula Hall

We are truly a group of caring friends who understand each other completely because we are experiencing all the same emotions. If you have lost a loved one & find that you need someone to talk to, come & join us. We try to go out to lunch several times a year so we are meeting at The Shores on the third. You will enjoy the food & easy conversation & get to know everyone. Should you have any questions call Kitty French (308-3800) or Marianne Sabatka (236-8534).

Men of Westminster Join us for our Monthly Breakfast at 7am Friday October 12th in Fellowship Hall. It's only \$5 for all you can eat, plus OJ and coffee. Great food, friends and fellowship! Jeff will continue our study of Revelation... see you then...bring a friend! Contact Rodney Bookhardt with any questions. Rkbook@cfl.rr.com or 386-847-7871

Lunch Bunch is going to Lost Lagoon n Wings and Grill. 2004 N. Dixie Freeway NSB NORTH OF AIRPORT at noon on Thursday,

October 18. Please contact Jari Arbogast at 386-761-2283 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

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 At Pantry we get to know people who come in for their bag of food every 30 days. What I mean when I say we get to "know them" I mean whether their health has deteriorated or improved – whether their living arrangements have improved or gotten worse. These "friends" trust us to help them with their food needs each month – even help them take the bags to their cars if necessary (if they are fortunate enough to have a car). Some of these friends even remark that they always come to the pantry on the same day of the week to visit with the same volunteers on duty that day because they are greeted with a smile. We share their sadness and their victories and have even prayed with them (and always for them). NOW I ASK YOU to remember these friends in your prayers and with your donations of food and personal necessities. We think these "friends" are special.

Marianne Sabatka

Christmas Bazaar

December 2nd, we will be having our second annual Christmas Bazaar in between services and after the second service. If you don't know about the Christmas Bazaar we will have our different ministries showing their wares and what they do. You will have the ability to purchase donations to these

ministries as presents for your loved ones during this Christmas time of gace and praise.

Solutions By-The-Sea

The congregation responded with great enthusiasm for our outreach to provide toiletries for men coming to live at Solutions By The Sea. The Stewart and Ewen families saw a need during GED classes and brought the idea to the committee several months ago. We have distributed around 75 bags to men who did not have basic hygiene supplies. We will continue to have a box in the narthex for members, so you can pick up an empty bag with the list of needed items. You can bring back the filled bag to either the box in the narthex or to Kristin in the office. Thanks for your generosity and continuing support for this much needed outreach.

Thanks to Lee and Barbara Stewart and Bob Ewen, there is a student who is now prepared to take the math portion of the GED. Your teaching and relationship building has been invaluable to our first student on the road to obtaining her GED.

Friends of Francis

We are always accepting clothes, bicycles, bedding, towels and other donations for those in need in our area. Just bring them to the office and Kristin will point you in the right direction.

Christmas is right around the corner. Get ready for the Gifting Tags that go to benefit children and families of need as well as challenged adults. If you have any questions please call Tobias 386-804-7140.

Presbyterian Counseling Center



Please see the flyer elsewhere in the Spire for information on the Center's annual fundraising concert and celebration of Dr. Fred Robbins, one of the co-founders of PCC.

Worship

October Sermons

- 10/7 Jesus' Place in the Cosmos
World Communion Sunday
- 10/14 Approaching Grace with Boldness
- 10/21 In the Steps of a Priest
- 10/28 Getting Consecrated

Flowers

- 10/7 OPEN
- 10/14 Marianne Sabatka
OPEN
- 10/21 Stu Stewart
OPEN
- 10/28 Ted & Marian Stedman
OPEN

Port Orange Florist is now making the flower arrangements for our worship services.

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.

From the Choir Room

Sharon Kruger

We would like to welcome back our choir director, Norton Christeson, after a summer of recovering from illness!

Why we sing 🎵

Did you know that singing daily for at least ten minutes reduces stress, clears sinuses, improves posture, and helps you live longer? Music makes everything better! It can relieve pain, reduces stress, makes you work harder, and helps you relax. Music is one of life's most beautiful gifts. One of the best ways to capture the benefits of music is through singing. It allows you to truly feel the song with your mind, body, and soul. Research has shown singing can improve your health,

increase happiness and even extend your life! Anyone who has ever been in choir can attest to this. When the magical sound of several people singing together is created, there is an unexplained unity between those singing. Singing also requires deep concentration on breathing, which works major muscle groups in the upper body and is great for both lung and cardiovascular health. Song is a form of regular, controlled breathing, since breathing out occurs on the song phrases and inhaling takes place between these. It gives you pretty much the same effect as yoga breathing. It helps you relax, and there are indications that it does provide a heart benefit. Therefore, one could make the argument that singing is better for you than doing yoga! Research has also proven that singing produces lower levels of cortisol, reducing stress while improving our immune systems. Lastly, a joint study from Harvard and Yale Universities in 2008 found singing increases life expectancy. If you want to feel less stressed, become happier, and live longer: Start singing!

Hymn of the Month: O God Our Help of Ages Past

Keep a song in your heart!

Congregational Life

The Congregational Life Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Garden Room. Join us ... we'll happily welcome you! Congregational Life is about so much more than fellowship hour, and we can always use helping hands. Consider whether this worthwhile ministry might be a good fit for you. And if you can't make it to a meeting, we'd be thrilled to have extra help setting up before fellowship hour, or cleaning up afterwards. Many hands make light work! Please consider hosting fellowship hour one week, either alone or as part of a group. Without willing hosts, there can be no fellowship hour. You can make it as simple or as complex as you wish – and if you prefer

not to plan or shop or serve, financial contributions are always appreciated! Check the notebook in Fellowship Hall for available weeks, or call Leanne Coleman at 386-492-4282. There are plenty of opportunities to host this wonderful weekly gathering for your WBTS family this fall. Thank you in advance for your hospitality.

Speaking of hospitality, we'd like to take a moment to recognize and thank those who have hosted or contributed monetarily to the costs of fellowship hour in the third quarter of 2018:

July 1 – Welcome Reception for Glory & Andy Cumbow, with contributions from Anne Johnson, John & Marcia Carlson, Nancy Force, and Betty Kestler (table decorations by Madelyn Beers)

July 15 – Post-VBS Celebrations with contributions from VBS Volunteers

July 29 – Congregational Life Committee

August 5 – Barbara Wagner / Bill, Jacque, Mia, Nicholas & Andrew Wagner / Doug, Leanne & Caylee Coleman / Pauline Rothwell

August 19– Linda Dierstein

September 2– Ruthann Ralph

September 9–Christian Education Committee

September 16 – Anonymous Donors

September 23^r– Kirby and Evelyn Rogers

September 30 – John and Linda Thurmond

Administration

Stewardship Emphasis

Letting Christ's Light Shine!

Shaping hearts; Changing Lives

This fall, we will continue to emphasize two themes that describe our mission and ministry. When you give, you are letting Christ's light shine! When you give, you are shaping hearts, and changing lives. Our Dedication Sunday will be November 11th at both services.

Last spring, one congregation member decided to give \$5.00 more per week, and about 6 others followed suit! Perhaps you can give that much more, or perhaps \$50 more in your

monthly offering? Your regular giving undergirds the personnel, the facilities, and the ministries that are so appreciated!

In addition to your regular gift, you'll have a chance to give through line item giving. Just add the number below that describes where you'd like your additional gift to be used.

I'd like my extra gifts:

1. to support our fellowship hours
2. to support our youth programs
3. to help keep our church beautiful
4. to support our music programs
5. to support our mission work
6. to help us help people locally
7. to support Vacation Bible School

There is no need to wait for the new pledge card or next year's giving. If you feel moved to write extra checks now, or put cash in an offering envelope, simply put one of the above numbers on your envelope and we will take care of your extra gift promptly.

When the new pledge card is mailed to you this month, the lines will say:

Regular Giving _____ This amount pays salaries and keeps us running

Extra Giving _____ Indicate one of the numbers from the list above

Building Fund _____ Indicate your gift toward paying off Peninsula Hall _____

Westminster By-The-Sea is as strong as we make it and as strong as God chooses to bless each of us. Will you commit to something extra in the coming year?



Library News

Linda Jacobs

Beginning this month we will highlight one of our authors in this column, as well as provide general news.

This month, we will be talking about one of our Fiction authors, Janette Oke. *Mrs. Oke* (pronounced 'oak') pioneered inspirational fiction and is the leading author in the category today. This category of fiction,

according to the website The Book Genre Dictionary, “contain[s] stories of people who overcome adversity or reach new levels of understanding that inspire and encourage the reader to do the same.” Christian fiction in general is part of this genre. We have 39 of Janette’s books. Two of her titles are children’s books, and the rest are in our adult fiction section.

Janette is a Canadian author, the daughter of Canadian pioneers, and has (according to one of her websites) “kept the pioneering spirit of courage, resourcefulness, integrity, faith, and romance alive” in her works. She is married to the president of a Bible college, and has 4 children. Her books are often set in the pioneer era and centered on female protagonists who use their sense and awareness of faith to overcome their dilemmas. Her first novel, Love Comes Softly, was published by Bethany House in 1979. It has sold over a million copies. As of September 2016, she has written more than 75 others. At this time, she is 83 years old, but you should note that she was over 40 when she began to write! The titles we have are in different series. Her first series is *Love Comes Softly*, 8 titles written from 1979-1989. We have all in this series except the second book. Her second is *Seasons of the Heart*, and we have all 4 titles. Her third, *Canadian West*, has 6 titles, and we have all of them. Her fourth, *Women of the West*, all written in the 90’s, has 12 titles, and we have them all. We have 3 of her *Prairie Legacy* series, but only one of her *Acadia* titles. She also wrote books outside of her series, and we have several. I will be happy to guide you to the different titles of the series, as you need them. If you own any of Janette’s titles and would like to donate them to the library, contact Linda at the email below, and she will talk with you. At this time, we are looking for the title: Love’s Enduring Promise, written in 1980, to complete our collection of her first series.

HOURS. We want to mention again that the library is open between the services on Sundays. If you need to check out a book and the librarian isn’t there, please put your name and the bar code number (the zeroes at the front of the number aren’t necessary) on the sign-out sheet, which will be on the table. You don’t need to put the title of the book, just the number. That will ensure your privacy. The librarian is also available in the library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from about 10-3 pm. If you wish to send Linda the Librarian an email about any suggested titles or books you want to see, please do, at JacobsL221@yahoo.com. She can have books held for you in the church office for pick-up outside of regular hours.

Our grand opening was great! We checked out lots of books. Please stop by and help us keep the collection moving.

Presbyterian Women
TICKETS ON SALE: Tickets for our Presbyterian Women's Retreat to be held at our Church on **Saturday, November 10** are available after each Church Service from now until October 28 (or until sold out). Our own Rosie Perry has lined up an exciting guest speaker, Mary Kay Wagner, a Retired Associate Pastor, retreat speaker, spiritual director, author and more. The tickets are \$20 and include breakfast and lunch as well as craft materials. The Retreat is open to the community and is being advertised in all the Churches in our area. **HURRY TO GET YOUR TICKET. The number of attendees is limited.**



Our September 4th meeting was a huge success and attendance at our monthly meetings continues to grow. Pastor Glory Cumbow was our Guest of Honor and gave a very inspiring talk to our women. Leanne Wagner, Esq. (Coleman) was our Guest

Speaker and her talk on Estate Planning was well received.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2nd (always the first Tuesday of the month) at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Tickets for the Retreat will be available for sale. We continue to study "Twelve More Women of the Bible" and at our October meeting, we will study Priscilla. Do you remember her? Come and learn more about this ordinary woman that God used in an extraordinary way. It has been long debated by theologians -- could she have been the author of Hebrews?

Let's continue to be Disciples by bringing a neighbor or friend as a guest. We welcome everyone to our Presbyterian Women's monthly meetings. Please mark your calendars for the first Tuesday of every month - 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are anxious to welcome you into our fold. You needn't be a member of WBTS to join us. We look forward to continued growth in our membership.

Togetherness Circle meets on the 4th Saturday of the month (October 27th) in the Garden Room. Questions about this Saturday Circle? Contact Anne Johnson at 386-341-5707.

Barbara Wagner - Moderator (386) 756-5500

Travel With Us

Holy Land/Passion Play Trips

We have two pilgrimages planned. Our first will begin July 9, 2019 – a Holy Land trip.

Our other trip leaves July 6, 2020 and is called Alpine Wonders. You may go on the trip without going to the Oberammergau Passion Play if you desire. The information for both trips are in brochures 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 planned for February 23-March 2 on the brand new Norwegian Bliss! 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. Contact Lori Rhoads at Cruise Holidays of Daytona to find out if there are current promotions.



Topic: In the Kitchen with Chef Mark

Speaker: Mark Bartell

When: Wednesday, October 17 at 9:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy watching and learning from Mark as he creates some wonderful, healthy recipes before the holidays! All are welcome

We are including the program schedule for 2018-2019. We have chosen each program with your body, mind, and soul in consideration. We invite you to join us, to learn more through our excellent topics and great speakers! Please keep these dates on or near your calendar to remind you! If you have questions call Marianne Sabatka (386-236-8534 or Helen Chandler (386-295-7802)

CHAIR YOGA with Caron & Jack Krier

When: October 4, 11, & 25 (no 10/18) from 10:00 – 11:00 am

Where: Peninsula Hall

Cost: \$40.00 per 4-week session or \$10

Drop in Class

(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 Hazel Dauksis, who died September 7. Her service will be at Lohman Funeral Home on Dunlawton at 3:30 on October 6.

The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are also with the family and friends of Betty Vasbinder who died in Maryland on September 2. A service at our church is planned for later.

Christmas Card/Note Cards

Christmas cards and note cards with beautiful scenes at Westminster are available again this year: \$10 for 15 cards and the proceeds go to the Building Fund. Pick them up during Fellowship Hour beginning in October.



Beverlee Griffin recently retired and is enjoying her free time. She was a manufacturing rep for 9 lighting companies. She is trying to decide what the next chapter of her life holds. She is married to Frank and they live in Ponce Inlet.



John Cormack likes to travel, read, and volunteer. He is retired from the Navy and from Civil Service in the Federal Aviation Service. John has joined the choir so look for him in the choir loft each week. He is married to Kathleen and they live in the Shores.



Jim & Deborah Freeland joined us as affiliate members. They are members of First Presbyterian Church in Corning, Iowa. They reside in New Smyrna Beach for a portion of the year. Jim is a retired lawyer and Deborah is a retired from teaching and real estate. They have two adult children, John and James, who reside in St. Augustine.



Donna Cady is a retired teacher. She moved to the Daytona area in 1977. She enjoys walking, yoga, reading, and knitting in her free time. She joined by reaffirmation of faith.

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