

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, May 2 at 12:30

Peach Valley Café (corner of Dunlawton & Nova Rd.)

Wednesday, May 16 at 1:00 Peninsula Hall

If you have lost a loved one & need some understanding friends, come & join our group. We meet twice a month all year over cookies, coffee & easy conversation. We are all experiencing a life we never expected & are able to help each other. We will be

meeting for lunch on May 2 & this would be a perfect time to get acquainted. Should you have any questions or if you would like to join us, call Kitty French (308-3800) or Marianne Sabatka (236-8534).

Men of Westminster Join us for our monthly breakfast on Friday May 11th. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7am. After breakfast Jeff will lead his study of the book of Revelation. Great Food, Fellowship and Fun. Always the second Friday each month, and still only \$5. Bring a Friend! Contact Rodney Bookhardt for more info.

386-847-7871 or rkbook@cfl.rr.com

Lunch Bunch will be Thursday May 17th. At noon at Rossi's Side Street Cafe 910 Village Trail. One block south of Dunlawton off of Nova.

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

We are accepting monetary donations for uniforms for Longstreet Elementary. Also, if you would like to volunteer at the elementary schools we spoke of last month, helping teachers working with children please contact Edith Moser :386-383-7567

Anne Nussle: 615-330-6735

Jeanne Keiper: 386-761-4779 or

Tina Buck: 386-290-9456

If you would like to be a part of helping men and families at Solutions by the Sea learning either fundamental skills such as reading, writing, computer skills, or the GED (General

Equivalency Diploma) please contact Jeanne Kieper, Edith Moser, or Tobias Caskey. Thank you for your continued support in the outreach of Westminster by the Sea Presbyterian Church.
Tobias Caskey: (386) 804 7140

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, as always, is busy. The donations from WBTS are welcome and always needed. You might think about more in the personal items category. Items such as shampoo, conditioners, shaving cream, razors for both men and women, combs, deodorant and soap. These are things that HUM does not supply but are much needed. Toilet tissue and female items are also needed. We take for granted being able to go into the store and buying these things but people without enough to live on will put off buying these things in order to pay the necessary bills (i.e. electricity, water). Think about these items also when you are shopping and the need of the people who have to come to the Food Pantry for food. (Marianne Sabatka)

Friends of Francis Mission of Hope & Faith

Tobias Caskey
Thank you for your continued support of Friends of Francis. We are always accepting donations of clothes (men’s and women’s) bicycles, and other household amenities that go to help the community. If you have any

questions, please contact the office or you can contact me.

Office: (386) 767-8342

Tobias Caskey: (386) 804 7140

Council on Aging

We receive a quarterly newsletter the COA that is filled with useful information. This month the topics are: "Help Your Health Team Help You." "Important Contact Numbers in Volusia/Flagler Counties" "Vacationing with Your Loved One with Early-Stage Dementia." In addition, they provide activities like art, cards, games, computer classes, dances, exercises, and more! Visit their website at www.coavolusia.org, or stop by the office to read the paper copy of their newsletter.

Worship

May Sermons

- 5/6 Love, Love, Love
- 5/13 Eavesdropping on Jesus
Graduation Recognition
- 5/20 Receive the Spirit of Truth
Pentecost
Christian Education Sunday
- 5/27 “Whom Shall I Send?” asks God

Flowers

- 5/6 Marianne Sabatka
Lloyd & Mary Ann Griffiths
- 5/13 Lynn Pardee-Manton
- 5/20 Anonymous
Brig Gen, USAF, (Ret.) & Mrs. W.T. Stewart
- 5/27 Open

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

May folklore and fun

A dry May and a leaking June make the farmer whistle a merry tune.

A snowstorm in May is worth a wagonload of hay.

Among the changing months, May stands confessed.

The sweetest and the fairest colors dressed!

James Thomson, Scottish Poet (1700-1748)

May's birth flower is the Lily of the Valley

Bible Scripture: Song of Solomon 2:1

I am the Rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys (NIV)

Hymn of the Month:

Lo, How a Rose E'er blooming

Congregational Life

Does anyone else feel like this year is flying by? It's hard to believe that it's already MAY. And it's been almost 2 months since our Lenten prayer services and potluck dinners. Yes, 2 months! And that makes it even more unbelievable that we still have unclaimed dishes, pots and pans from those potluck dinners. If you may have left something behind, please check the kitchen in Fellowship Hall. Anything remaining unclaimed will be sold in the upcoming Circle of Treasures sale sponsored by our Presbyterian Women's Circle.

Each week, as you fix a plate during fellowship hour, you may wonder exactly what happens to the money you drop in the blue basket. Most recently, using that "basket money," we were able to purchase two new commercial-sized coffee pots for Fellowship

Hall. Our old set had outlived its useful life, so if you're noticing hotter, better-tasting coffee, it's all thanks to those new pots. We appreciate your donations, and thank you for your continued generosity.

And speaking of fellowship hour, we are grateful to those who have hosted in the past, and ask everyone to consider hosting fellowship hour one week. It's even more fun when groups are involved, as everyone can contribute a little something and it makes the workload much easier. Check the notebook in Fellowship Hall, or call Leanne Coleman at 386-492-4282. There are plenty of hosting opportunities in the coming weeks – especially in June, July and August, when we have only one service on Sundays!

The Congregational Life Committee meets in the Garden Room at 10:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Are you looking for ways to serve? Do you want to meet new friends and become more involved in the church? The more the merrier on the Congregational Life committee! Please join us ... we're always looking for helping hands and willing hearts.

Administration

APNC

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) presented our candidate, Glory Cumbow, to a congregational vote on April 22. She was unanimously accepted as our next Associate Pastor! The committee thanks all of you for your patience during this long process – we feel it was worth the wait to get such a wonderful person to minister to and with us. There are still hoops to jump through, mostly at the Presbytery's end, but we're almost there! Glory will be ordained in her home church in Tennessee and we will hold an installation service for her once she and Andy arrive. She graduates from Columbia Theological Seminary in May and we expect them to be here sometime in mid to late June. On Thursday, June 7, she will be

coming down to be accepted at a Presbytery meeting that is from 2:00-6:00 at Grace Covenant Church in Orlando. Unfortunately, Jeff, Mary Ann, and Patti (her three main contacts here) will be out of town. Also, being a workday, some of the committee members may not be able to attend. We want to have a good showing for support so please consider going to cheer her on. We'll give more specifics as we get them. We prepared a brochure about Glory that you may pick up at church if you didn't get in at the meeting or in the Town Crier. Just a little bit longer and NO MORE SECRETS!!!

A note from your Friendly Financial Secretary (Janet Lindfors):



I've noticed a lot of people lately putting additional dollar amounts on their donation envelopes without indicating where they want these additional funds to go. If you would like them to go to something other than Current Expenses please note that on your envelope. Example: \$50 Pledge \$10 Building Fund. If not noted, it will go towards the church's Current Expenses. I strive to make sure everyone's Financial Statements are correct and I thank you for your help with this. Please call me at the church, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday 9:00am-1:00pm, if you have any questions.

Presbyterian Women



Our May 1st meeting is our last meeting for the 2017-2018 year. We will celebrate with a covered dish luncheon. Our Guest Speaker is Heidi Kueber, a Registered Nurse and the Clinical Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse Coordinator for Amedisys Hospice of South Carolina. Heidi's topic is "Hospice Care - Compassion at the Bedside". A lot of very helpful information can be gleaned from her speech and all of our ladies will enjoy her presentation.

New officers for next year will be installed. Marcia Carlson is recognized for her service as our outgoing Historian, and Karen Keeney has taken this office. Marianne Sabatka is also recognized for her service as our outgoing Co-Moderator and Barbara Stewart will serve for the 2018-2019 year as Co-Moderator with Barbara Wagner.

Our Circle of Treasures Sale will be May 5-6. As previously stated, the proceeds of the sale will be used to support our Presbyterian Women's mission work through donations to such charities as Domestic Abuse, Volusia/Flagler Hospice, Long Street School, Hope Place, among others.

Our next meeting will be the first Tuesday of September, September 4th, at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We invite all women to join us, whether or not you are a member of Westminster-by-the-Sea. We will continue the study of "Twelve More Women of the Bible". Our September meeting and gathering will again be a covered dish luncheon with a guest speaker as we kickoff the new year.

We welcome all and hope to see you there. HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

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.

Our other trip leaves July 6, 2020 and is called Alpine Wonders. 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! 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.

CHAIR YOGA with Caron & Jack Krier

Time: Every Thursday in May

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)

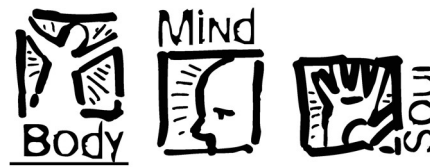
To register: 386-767-8342 (Kristin Downer, Church Secretary) Questions? Contact the Criers at 386-333-9069 (home) or 352-350-0072 (cell)



Thank You Cruise Holidays

Each year when we book our church cruise through Cruise Holidays of Daytona, owner Lori Rhoades sends us a thank you check. This year we

received a check for \$2,234.43. What a help that will be!



Topic: Skin Screening

Speaker: Dr. John Long

When: Sunday, May 20 beginning at noon

Where: Meet in Fellowship Hall

Sign up in Fellowship Hall now. You will be examined in the order you sign up.

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