



As we say goodbye to the 31 days of January, we greet 29 days of February. Leap Year! We have an extra day this month so consider yourself blessed to experience an extra day of Lent in 2016. Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10. As we move through this very important season of self-reflection, I highlight several opportunities for you to grow closer to our Lord.

- 1+1+1 is a Lenten challenge provided by our Christian Education Committee. Will you commit one hour each week to Worship, Study and Service? Resources will be available to you to guide you as you respond to this challenge.

- Ash Wednesday Worship service at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, the sermon will be "*Bring Your Whole Self*" text is Mark 9:30-37
- Weekly Wednesday Vesper Services in the chapel with traditional communion celebrated. The meditations will center on the theme *Sensing the Gospel*. The service begins at 5:45 pm and ends at 6:10 pm. Will occur on Feb. 17 and 24. March 2, 9, 16 and 23.
- Weekly Wednesday Lenten Noon gatherings featuring beautiful musical presentations from 12:10 pm to 12:30 pm in our Sanctuary with a simple soup lunch to follow in our Social hall. Same dates as those listed above.
- Lenten devotional *Be Holy* will be available in the welcome center at the Ash Wednesday service. The devotional is written by Presbyterian Pastor Brian Coulter with artwork featured by artist Bess Reynold.

I pray this especially Holy season will be a meaningful one for you and I'm so thankful to experience it with you, Pastor Tricia

### Pastor Tricia's Installation

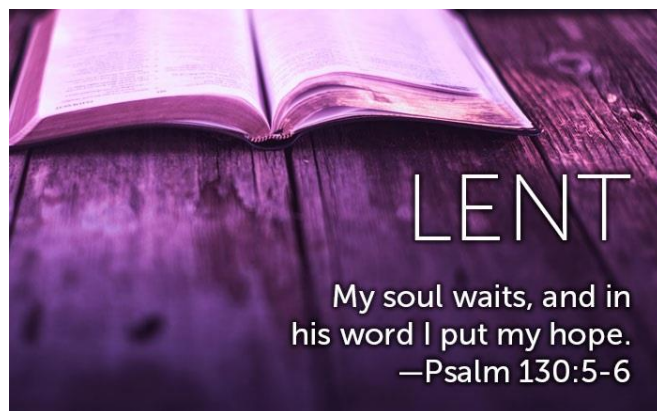
You are invited to attend this service of Worship on Sunday, March 6 at 3 pm in the sanctuary. Dr. Bill Wilson, director of the center for Healthy Churches and Pastor Tricia's professor will return to bring the sermon and several others will take part in the service. The sanctuary choir and Meisteringers will offer musical gifts as well. A reception will follow in the Shared Life Center.



## WORSHIP

### Sermon Series

The Westminster community of faith will learn much about the gospel of Mark in the first quarter of 2016!



February 7	Restart: I Can See Clearly Now	Mark 8:27-9:8
February 14	Waiting for the Holy: Surrender Now	Mark 10:17-31
February 21	Waiting for the Holy: Do You Want to Be Well?	Mark 10:32-52
February 28	Waiting for the Holy: The Pain of Transformation	Mark 12:1-12

# Share A Verse

The Christian Education Team has asked the congregation to encourage each other by sharing a Bible verse that has helped us in our spiritual journey. Each month in the newsletter we'll share the verses for the month. Many thanks to all who have submitted a verse!

## February 7 - 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NRSV)

*No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.*

Steve Grimm

## February 14 - James 1:6 (NRSV)

*But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind;*

Brenda Northey

## February 21 - Hebrews 13:8 (NRSV)

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Larry Skeries

## February 28 - Micah 6:8

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God*

Linda Smith

## Music Ministry

Greetings Westminster Presbyterian Church! If you would like to become involved with Music at Westminster, please call the office and ask for Neil Forsythe, or email me at [neil@wpcw.org](mailto:neil@wpcw.org). Thank you!

## Worship With us Sundays at:

9:00 am for Traditional Worship and 11:15 am for Contemporary Worship

## Special music for our services this month:

Feb. 7	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir, Church Mice Worship Team
Feb. 10	7:00 pm	Sanctuary Ash Wednesday	Chancel Choir
Feb. 14	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
Feb. 21	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team, Messenger Choir
Feb. 28	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Meisteringers, Westminster Chimes Worship Team



Each Wednesday during lent we will present a concert in the sanctuary followed by a soup lunch down in the social hall. The concerts will feature organ music, instrumental music and vocal talent. We encourage you to invite a friend or a neighbor to join you! The concerts will begin at 12:10 pm, and we will adjourn for lunch at 12:30 pm. Please come and join us for some great music, great food and great fellowship! Our first Lenten recital will be on Wednesday, February 17 and will feature Dr. Mariko Morita on the organ. Donations are encouraged to help offset the costs of the lunches.

The schedule of musical talent is listed below:

February 17	Dr. Mariko Morita, Organ
February 24	TBD
March 2	TBD
March 9	Amelina Regina Christi, Organ & Piano
March 16	"Spill Your Beans", violin, cello, flute & saxophone quartet
March 23	Randall Harlow, Organ

## Chancel Guild Update

Many thanks to all the members of the Chancel Guild (Vicki Grimes, Kim Porter, Steven Eilers, Ryan Malecek, Mary Lou Snyder, Linda Harris, Susie Heaton and Jo Broadston) and others (Scott Cose, Ann Northey, Susan Larsen, Bill Snyder, Alisa Engelhardt and youth helpers - Brayden Anderson, Madison Chidester, Caleb and Katelyn DeKoster, Steven and Kristina Jordan) for their help in decorating the church for Advent. Special thanks to the team who regularly puts up the large wreath in the front of the sanctuary and outside (Max Lamb, Jordan Estep, Bruce Jacobs, Scott Cose, Rick Gorman and others). If you have suggestions or would like to join the chancel guild, please contact Geof Grimes, chair.

The beautiful new paraments that were used this Advent season were mostly funded by memorials to Dorothy Winter, as directed by Doc Winter. Ryan Malecek was responsible for finding the artist who created these. Many of you may have noticed they were blue, which indeed is the liturgical color for Advent. Geof Grimes, Chair



## FORMATION

### Wes Pres Youth

Here is our calendar of events for the month of February.

#### Wed., February 10

The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 pm. As soon as the junior high group is over at 6:30, the youth (both junior and senior highs) will gather in the game room and then go to the sanctuary at 6:50 and sit as a group for this service. Once the service is over, the junior highs may go home with their parents and the senior highs will have our regular meeting. I encourage parents to join us for this meaningful service as we begin our season of Lent.



#### Friday, February 12 - 6:00 pm

Junior high dance: Parents, we can always use your help as a chaperon for this wonderful outreach ministry. Give us a try and see how much it makes a difference in our middle school students lives!



#### Friday, February 19 - 20

Will be our annual all night ski trip to Sundown Mtn. in Dubuque, IA. We take a 55 passenger charter bus for this trip so no chaperon driving is involved.

The cost is as follows:

- Lift pass only...\$25.00 (use your own equipment) Lift pass, ski / snowboard rental \$42.00
- Helmet \$5.00
- The cost for the bus is \$40.00, so total cost for skiing and bus is \$87.00.
- If you choose not to ski, then your cost is for the bus only which is \$40.00.

### Graduating Seniors

Please be watching your mail for your graduation packet. There will be forms that will be time sensitive that will need to be returned completed along with 15 pictures of yourself from birth to present. Also, please include a graduation photo. The sooner you get your photos in to me, I will get them scanned and return them to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the church.

### **Fusion - Sunday, February 28**

Fusion will meet at the church immediately following second service at 12:30 for a light lunch. We will meet upstairs in the senior high room. Please bring a snack to share. Also, RSVP to Scott Cose at 234-5501 or [scottc@wpcw.org](mailto:scottc@wpcw.org).

### **Summer Trips**

I will be making final arrangements for the summer trips for both the junior high Great Escape trip and the senior high trip to Montreat. If you have not made your down payment or shared with Scott that you will be attending, please do so at your earliest convenience.

**Montreat:** June 11 - 19

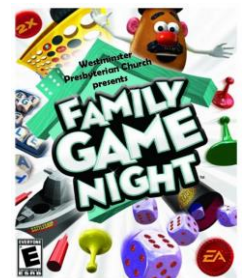
**Great Escape:** July 11 - 16

Peace,  
Scott Cose

### **Wes Pres Kids**

Mark your calendars! We will be holding a **Family Game Night Saturday, February 27**, beginning at 6:00 pm. Come join us inside our cozy church to beat the winter chill. Bring your family and your favorite game to share. There will be Papa Murphy's pizza and other refreshments available for your enjoyment. The nursery will be open for any that are too young to enjoy sitting and playing the games.

We are asking for each family that attends to donate \$10 towards the cost of the food.



### **Look for the sign up sheet in the Welcome Center.**

Be on the lookout for **Lenten booklets** to help your children prepare for and count down the days until Easter gets here. The booklets will be handed out in church on **February 7**, and will also be available on Wednesday nights, during Discovery Night programming.

**February 10** is Ash Wednesday. We will still be serving a meal from 5:00-6:00, followed by Discovery Night programming. However, **programming will only go from 6:00-6:45**, in order for the children to attend the 7:00 Ash Wednesday service with their families. Please make a note of this in your calendars.



It's time to start thinking about registering for Camp Wyoming. It is important for you to register for camp as early as possible in order to ensure your child's spot for the summer. **The Early Bird Deadline is March 31.** After that date camp **prices increase by \$25**. You can register your child online through the website at [www.campwyoming.net](http://www.campwyoming.net) or by asking Alisa for a brochure and completing the registration form in the brochure.

Camp Wyoming has a voluntary three-tiered pricing program for its summer camp experiences. This pricing program gives you the ability to choose one of three tiers that is most appropriate for you. For more information on the pricing program and to learn about each of the three tiers, ask Alisa for a brochure and check out page 5.

Still unsure if you want to go to Camp Wyoming? Attend their **May Madness Event on Saturday, May 28**, where you will get a chance to tour the facilities, participate in some camp activities, and meet the staff.

### **Bulletin Board of the Month**

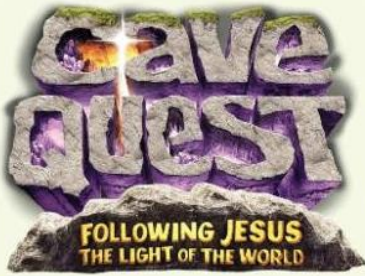
This bulletin board is located on the first floor, in one of the Preschool and Kindergarten rooms. This board is most often enjoyed on Wednesday nights, when the Kindergarten's have their Discovery Night lesson and craft in this room.



It was super easy to put together. The owls are made out of brown

lunch bags, stuffed with newspaper. Then I simply added a face, wings, and feet to complete them. The tree is made out of torn pieces of paper, to give it a rough, natural look. Be sure to walk down the hall the next time you are on the first floor, and check it out.

Alisa Engelhardt



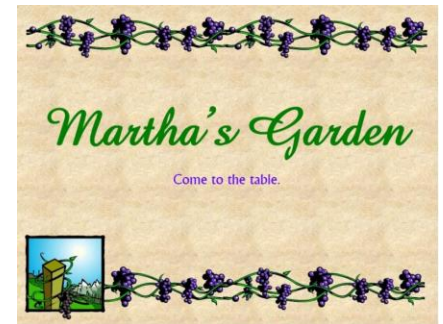
**Save the Date!**  
**VB\$ will be June 20-24, 2016**

Join us for an over-the-top underground adventure! Kids will explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love through incredible Bible-learning experiences they see, hear, touch, and even taste! We'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life.

## Discovery Night Meal Pre-Payment Plan

"A New Way to Pay!"

In an effort to simplify your life, we are offering you an opportunity to pre-pay for you or you and your family's meal on Wednesday nights. Cost is \$45 per person in your family per semester of Discovery Night. The second semester will run from January 6, 2016-April 20, 2016. This is based on \$3.00 per meal. Our chefs strive to always have plenty of food, and healthy options. Know this new plan is *not required*, just an option if you prefer to pre-pay, you can pay weekly if you prefer. See Alisa for complete details.



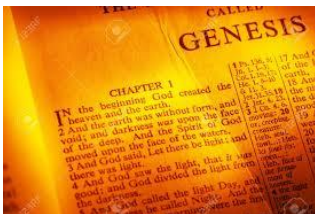
As always, if paying for meals is a financial challenge for your family, please let Pastor Tricia, Scott Cose, or Alisa Engelhardt know, so we can help you work out a special arrangement to better suit your needs.



## Adult Sunday School Opportunity:

Sunday School for all ages meets at 10:10 am!

Our winter classes conclude on March 6.



### Genesis:

Lay Leader Erin Maiden from Sons of Jacob synagogue is leading a study on the ancient riches of the first book of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Interim parish associate John Butler co-leads with Erin. This class meets in the Chapel.

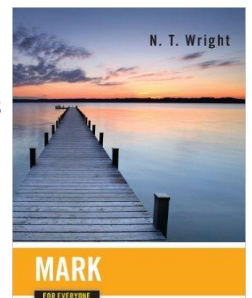
### Mark for Everyone:

This class explores this life giving gospel. The course outline will coordinate with the sermons for this 9 week period.

Course books are available for \$10.00.

This class is facilitated by Pastor Tricia and Deacon Troyce Vich.

This class meets in Room 216.



## Weekday Adult Opportunities

### Mondays

**Bible Study for Women: Please Note** - the group will not be meeting February 8 - April 4; resumes on April 11. Rev. Cathy Young leads a weekly, in-depth Bible study for women from 9:00 to 10 am on Mondays in the Shared Life Center. All women of Westminster and the wider Cedar Valley are invited to attend the study. The group will work its way through the four New Testament gospels, beginning with Matthew. Women are asked

to bring their favorite Bible. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **Where:** Shared Life Center. **Facilitator:** Rev Cathy Young

**Bible Study for Men:** Join us on Monday's at 9:00 am in Room 216. Benefits galore are available: sharing insights, relishing in God's grace, watching fellow men grow in knowledge and also in spiritual strength. You are not required to bring any biblical knowledge with you other than an ability and desire to meet "brothers in Christ." Currently First Peter challenges the group. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **Where:** Room 216. **Facilitator:** John Butler.

**Sweet Hour of Prayer:** Join with us in the Chapel to review prayer joys and concerns of our extended church family. All are welcome. **When:** Mondays at 1:30 pm. **Where:** Chapel.

### **Wednesdays@Westminster for Adult learning and support**

**Band of Brothers:** A weekly time to gather as men, study God's word, deepen our faith and support one another.

**When:** Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. **Where:** Adult Library.

**Facilitators:** Bruce Jacobs and Kendal Crawford

### **WOW - Women of Westminster**

This group is designed to be an oasis in your mid-week. We'll share in a devotion together, learn about women of faith who have gone before us and support one another. We are using the book: *Devotions for the Overwhelmed* by Melody Carlson.

**When:** Wednesdays at 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. **Where:** 3rd Floor 5th Gr. Classroom. **Facilitators:** Kerri Powell and Pastor Tricia

### **Centering Prayer**

Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am in the Chapel and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm.

## **Church Bookies**

Calling all women! You are welcome to join us on Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 pm in the Adult Library. Co-Leaders - Cindy Harmon and Sandy Lewis. **February book:** *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. We will meet on Sunday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. **March book:** *The Light Between Oceans* by ML Stedman and we will be meeting on March 20.



## **RESOURCES**

### **Finance Report**

The Westminster Session had originally approved a budget for 2015 of \$828,760, which was based on the actuals from 2014. Unfortunately, pledges ended down approximately \$55,000 from 2014. Staff and committees did an excellent job of minimizing expenses, when it became apparent that we would not meet the approved budget. The budget reserve allowed us to maintain our budget with the absence of an installed head of staff. December was a strong month for giving. The Scrip program provided \$6000 to help support the budget. These things allowed Westminster to end 2015 with a balanced budget. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

The newly revised budget is below. Each year, there is a faith portion to our budget as we estimate non-pledged receipts for the year. The non-pledged receipts for 2016 were based closely to non-pledged receipts for 2015, which were \$111,339. The overall budget will have an increase of approximately \$10,000 over last year. This is due to helping fund an associate pastor for part of the year. The Shirey fund will also provide \$20,000 to support the salary of an installed associate pastor.

Westminster pays the Presbytery a Per-Capita fee for each of its members. The 2016 fee per member is \$31.47. It would greatly help our budget if everyone would pay this amount per confirmed member in your household. Thank you to those who chose to contribute in 2015. This enabled us to pay \$7,000 of the \$21,000 due to the Presbytery for 2015.

The Scrip cards are a wonderful program. It is a great way to raise money for the church with spending that members are going to do anyway. For example, I purchase my fuel, milk, bread, and other essentials from Kwik Star weekly. I purchase a Kwik Star gift card from church for \$100 and use that to make my purchases. The church gets a check for 4%, which is \$4. If I bought \$100 gift cards a week for the year, the

church would get \$208 for the normal spending that I am doing. It doesn't cost me anything. This program provided the church \$6,000 in 2015. Each company that participates in this program offers different percentages and they range from 2 - 15%.

The Finance committee plans to continue providing a monthly in-depth insight into the financials in The Messenger. The committee always welcomes feedback. If there are questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of the members of the committee, Financial Secretary, Becky Dietz or Pastor Tricia. Those are the highlights from the 2015 year end financials. Again, thank you to the congregation for your giving. Please continue prayers for a generous and blessed 2016.

	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>2016 Revised Budget</b>
Non-pledged Receipts	\$ 131,269.00	\$ 111,339.00	\$ 111,800.00
Loose Offering	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,210.00	\$ 6,500.00
Pledges	\$ 667,758.00	\$ 633,923.00	\$ 622,000.00
Per Capita	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 7,014.00	\$ 7,000.00
Interest	\$ 200.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 200.00
Special Offering	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 880.00	\$ 1,000.00
Other Income	\$ 11,533.00	\$ 11,453.00	\$ 11,500.00
Endowment			\$ 20,000.00
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 828,760.00</b>	<b>\$ 770,885.00</b>	<b>\$ 780,000.00</b>
Administration	\$ 48,100.00	\$ 40,853.00	\$ 44,000.00
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 90,070.00	\$ 90,250.00	\$ 94,000.00
Christian Education	\$ 26,300.00	\$ 17,740.00	\$ 21,800.00
Personnel	\$ 471,990.00	\$ 439,907.00	\$ 493,000.00
Mission Outreach	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 76,671.00	\$ 78,000.00
Music & Worship	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 12,595.00	\$ 15,000.00
Stewardship	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 557.00	\$ 1,500.00
Hospitality	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 2,500.00
Deacons	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,403.00	\$ 2,500.00
Membership & Outreach	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,700.00
Budget Reserve	\$ 57,500.00	\$ 63,652.00	\$ -
Per Capita	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,982.00	\$ 22,000.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 828,760.00</b>	<b>\$ 770,885.00</b>	<b>\$ 780,000.00</b>



## MISSION

### Free Community Breakfast - Saturday, February 6

You are invited to attend! Please let people of the community know about this gathering each month. Invite them to join us for a time of devotion and a wonderful home cooked breakfast. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am.

### Sunday Supper Report

I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Sunday Supper on January 17. The 3:00 - 5:30 shift includes helping the chef prep and cook dinner, setting up tables, rolling silverware, preparing bags for guests to take leftovers and serving dinner. It was a joy to meet the volunteers from the other Presbyterian churches in the area. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Our guests began to arrive around 4 for coffee and fellowship before the meal service began at 5. Volunteers from the 5:30 - 7:00 shift arrived early to eat. At 5:30, they took over service while we joined our guests to eat our dinner. It was a moving experience to hear their stories. I encourage you to volunteer for a Sunday soon!



Kerri Powell

Volunteer coordinator Angie Andrews is always looking for helpers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact her at [angieandrews33@yahoo.com](mailto:angieandrews33@yahoo.com) or 319-290-3120.

### Weather Alerts/Cancellations from Westminster

If you did not take advantage of this message opportunity last winter, please consider signing up to receive a text message when there are cancellations due to weather for Westminster activities. Simply send a New Text Message to the phone number 28748. In the message, type the word WESTMINSTER and you will be signed up. One cell number per family please. Standard text messaging rates may apply. Reply STOP to quit receiving updates at any time.



### Westminster Picture Directory

Photo directories are available at the church office Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. To cover the costs of the paper, printing and supplies, there is a \$5.00 charge per copy.

### Westminster Scrip Cards

Christmas may be over, but don't forget that we still have Scrip cards available at WPC to make your shopping life much easier!

Scrip cards are pre-loaded cards that you can buy here at church to use while shopping and to give or send as gift cards. If you are shopping in stores or online, we have a card that matches your needs. We carry Old Navy, Tanger Outlet Mall, Walmart, Target, Cabela's, Younkers and more. Just take them shopping with you! Mail your gift for the price of a stamp!

Looking to give the gift of fun and food? We have cards from most of the major restaurants in the Cedar Valley and across the country. We have many cards for \$10 from Hardees, Wendy's, Subway, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Hut and more, which are perfect for gifts for the mailman, teacher, co-worker and the kid who mows your lawn or shovels your snow.

Scrip cards are perfect for the day-to-day shopping too! Pick up cards to buy all of the stuff you need from great places like Fareway, Kwik Star and Casey's, Menards, Lowes and Home Depot where you'll be buying your decorations and lights, groceries, gifts for mission giving and gas to go to Grandma's house. You can write one check and have all of the cards you need at one time, *it's that easy!*

The truly awesome part (drumroll please) is that a financial portion of every card's value goes back to



Westminster! Anywhere from 2% all the way up to 15% of each card benefits the church. Buy a \$100 card from Old Navy and the church gets \$14.00 and you get all of the \$100 to spend!

Grab your checkbooks and look for the Scrip table between services this Sunday. We have a list of all the cards and their percentages and we can special order cards for you. Support the church and get your shopping done the easy way with Scrip cards.

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## 3rd Annual Snowshoe Outing

The Deacons invite you once again to come enjoy winter and get some healthy exercise in a new way by joining the Westminster family snowshoeing event at Hartman Reserve on Sunday, February 21 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Snowshoes will be available to rent at \$5/pair. There are children and adult shoes available and a naturalist will help with some basic instruction. The Buckle's building will be our gathering place for refreshments and warm-up time if needed. Sign up at the church beginning on Sunday, February 7. Call Deacon Lois Sinram at 233-8049 or Pastor Tricia at 234-5501 with any questions.



## Medical Equipment Lending Program

The Deacons have adopted a Medical Equipment Lending Program. A few of each item listed below would be held in a closet to be loaned on a short term basis to Westminster members. Should you have any items that we can use, please contact the church office at 234-5501. Thank you!

<input type="checkbox"/> Wheel Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Walker	<input type="checkbox"/> Bed Rails	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower Chair
<input type="checkbox"/> Cane	<input type="checkbox"/> Crutches	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathtub Grab Bar	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

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**Session Minutes for January 26, 2016** Click [HERE](#) to view.

## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women Executive Board meets on Wednesday, February 3 at 10:30am. Priscilla Circle and Sarah Circle meet on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 10:00 in the Adult Library. Lesson 9, A Call to Apostleship in the Twenty-First Century. Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-13:13

## PIECEMAKERS meets each Thursday 9:00-12:00.

We make quilts, lap robes, children's clothing for mission. Fellowship is the main by-product. We need seamstresses who can sew children's clothing. We have material, patterns, sewing machines. We need YOU. We welcome new members, regardless of their sewing ability or age.

## Friendship Club

Friendship Club meets on Thursday, February 4 at 6:00 pm. The program will be "Barbara Gregersen and Granny G". Barbara is a certified ventriloquist. Hosts are Jean Gardner and Mary Ann Riensche. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

## In Sympathy

Please remember

- Bill Shubert and his family on the passing of his wife Louise.
- Margaret Harp and her family on the passing of her brother, Jim Schmitt.

## Westminster Church Calendar

To view all the events happening at Westminster, click on [www.wpcw.org](http://www.wpcw.org) and view the calendar.

## Adult Library

Thank you to those who have donated books for our adult library through the years. At this time, we feel we have a very good variety of reading selections and ask that you please NOT drop off books any longer to the church library. Our shelves are full and have no room for more. Thank you!

Do you need a good book to read for relaxation or inspiration? We have a wide variety in our adult library. Check the table in the hallway or in the library.

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