

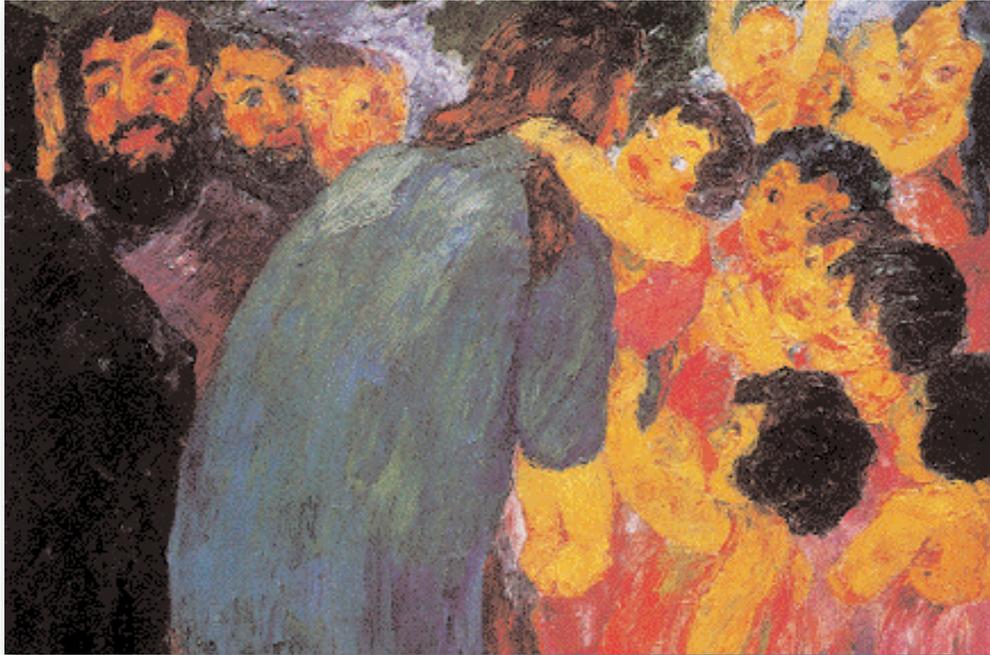


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Buffalo, New York

Gratitude in Every Season

We continue to show our gratitude to God by sharing the blessings bestowed on us.

September 6, 2015 - 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel
15th Sunday after Pentecost



Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin.
She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

-Mark 7:26

Welcome to this place of Christian worship

Do not wait for someone else to begin worship. Pray silently for yourself, for those about you, for the poor and the oppressed, for those unable to be present, and for those who will shortly lead our common worship. Latecomers may enter the Chapel during the singing of the first hymn or during the Response to the Assurance. Ushers are available for assistance. Please turn off all cell phones.

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years old from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECP building.

Welcome and Announcements

Adam Utley

Order of Worship

Chiming of the Trinity

The sounding of the chimes, invoking Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, is an invitation to prepare for worship through a time of silent reflection. Please be respectful of those who are praying.

Opening Voluntary

Cello Concerto in G minor, Op. 49
II. Largo, molto espressivo

Dmitri Kabelevsky† (1904-1987)

Drew Cone, cello

Call to Worship

The people stand and remain standing for the hymn.

Hymn, No. 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Call to Confession

Cantor:

Be with us now, O Lord, qui - et us, cen - ter us, hear us.

Congregation:

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. When we call, an - swer us.

O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Come and lis - ten to us.

Prayer of Confession

God of favor, we have not been true to you.
You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have dishonored them.
You plead the cause of the afflicted, but we crush them.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have favored the rich and despised the poor.
We have dismissed the needy with empty words.
Softener our hearts and make straight our ways.
Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you. Amen.

Time for silent prayer

Kyrie

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



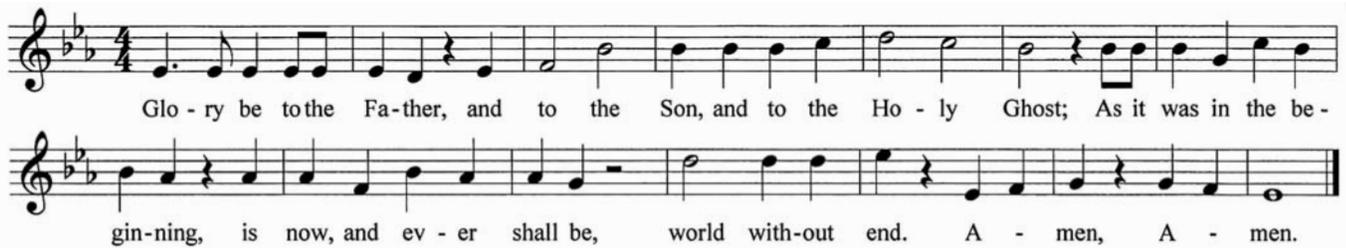
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of Pardon

Response

The people stand to sing.

GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be -
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and share the peace of Christ. It is appropriate to say, "The peace of Christ be with you", and to respond, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity (Col. 1:20-21).

What's more, in the midst of divisions we symbolize our unity through handshakes and hugs (Eph. 2:14-21).

Likewise, when we regularly pass the peace we practice God's call to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 146; Mark 7:24-37

Sermon

Walking the Walk

Hymn, No. 311

We Meet You, O Christ
The people stand to sing.

NORMANDY

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

The Deacons receive the gifts, a portion of the blessings God has given us, which we return unto God.

Pastorale, Op. 20, No. 1

Joseph Callaerts^{††} (1838-1901)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

It is the practice of this congregation to welcome all baptized persons, including those children whose parents have given their permission, to join in receiving the elements. Unfermented grape juice is used.

Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise,
God of majesty and splendor...

Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with all the choirs of angels,
and sing the glory of your name:

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984

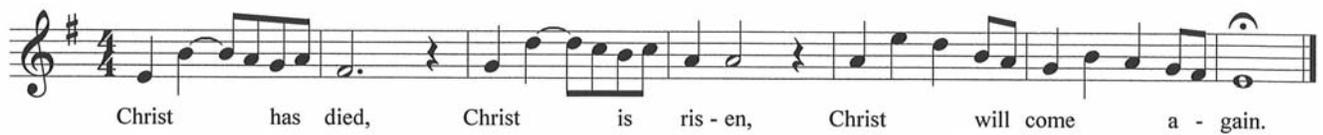
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty...

Great is the mystery of faith:

The people sing.

John Weaver, 1984



Prayers of Intercession are offered...

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

We will distribute the elements of communion today by intinction – simply take the bread and dip it in the cup. It is appropriate to say “Amen” or “Thanks be to God” when receiving the bread and the cup as they are gifts of God for the people of God. On each tray there are wafers of gluten-free bread in a separate dish. Please take the center aisle to one of the communion stations, receive the elements, and return to your seat by a side aisle

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you, O God, for the gifts you give us:
for the bread of our being loved,
for the wine of our joy,
for our life together as people
ready to do the work of love and justice.
And now we pray that,
having been refreshed at this table,
we may be bread and wine for each other
and for the world. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn, No. 538

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
The people stand to sing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata

John Weaver†††(b. 1937)

Worship Leaders

Lay Preacher: Adam Utley

Reader: Elaine Mattar

Communion Celebrant: The Reverend Beth Hennessy

Organist: Garrett Martin

Musician: Drew Cone, cello

Elder Serving Today

Gretchen Brand

Deacons Serving Today

Zandy Barrett, Patty Charlier, Kate Dierenfield, Carol Huber, Kathleen Kelly, Mike Reynolds, Roy Stewart

Chancel Flowers

The flowers at the Lord's Table are given by the staff of Westminster Presbyterian Church in thankful celebration of our congregation.

To purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the Kiosk in the Gallery Room. You may also call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.

The banners in the Holmes Chapel were designed by and are on loan from Mary Mohlke the Artist-in-Residence at North Presbyterian Church.

Notes on Today's Music

†**Dmitry Borisovich Kabalevsky** was a Russian composer. He helped to set up the Union of Soviet Composers in Moscow and remained one of its leading figures. He was a prolific composer of piano music and chamber music; many of his piano works have been performed by Vladimir Horowitz. He is probably best known in the West for the *Comedians' Galop* from *The Comedians Suite, Op. 26*, and his third piano concerto.

††**Joseph Callaerts** was a Belgian organist, carillonneur, composer, and music teacher. He was an important member of the Belgian school of organ playing. Callaerts was born in 1838 in Antwerp, and spent nearly all of his life in that city. He started learning music when he was a boy, singing in Antwerp's choir of the Cathedral of Our Lady. As a young man, he studied the organ with Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens at the Brussels Royal Conservatoire, and he won the first prize in organ at that institution in 1856.

Starting in 1850, Callaerts served as the organist at the Jesuit College in Antwerp. In 1855 he became the organist at Antwerp Cathedral and in 1863 he became carillonneur of the city of Antwerp. From 1867 on, he taught organ and harmony at the Royal Conservatoire of Antwerp, which had its name changed to the Royal Flemish Conservatoire in 1898. He also gave expert advice in the building of several organs. Callaerts's compositions include an opera called *Le Retour imprévu*, a symphony, a piano concerto, an organ concerto, a violin and orchestra concertpiece, chamber music, choral music, songs, and many works for solo organ and solo piano.

†††**John Weaver** (born in 1937), is known as one of the America's finest concert organists. From 1970-2005, Weaver served as Director of Music at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. He was Head of the Organ Department at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia from 1972 to 2003 and Chair of the Organ Department at The Juilliard School from 1987 to 2004. He also contributed extensively to *The Presbyterian Hymnal (USA)* we use in worship each week.

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Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend a meeting in the Case Library immediately following our worship service on any of the following dates: October 18, December 13. Thomas Yorty, Pastor of the congregation will tell the story of our church as well as the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Yorty (tyorty@wpcbfalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

Albert Schweitzer and the Reverence for Life: A Man for the 21st Century

A Multi-Media Presentation
September 15, 2015
Buffalo & Erie County Library
Noon - 1:00PM
Free and Open to the Public

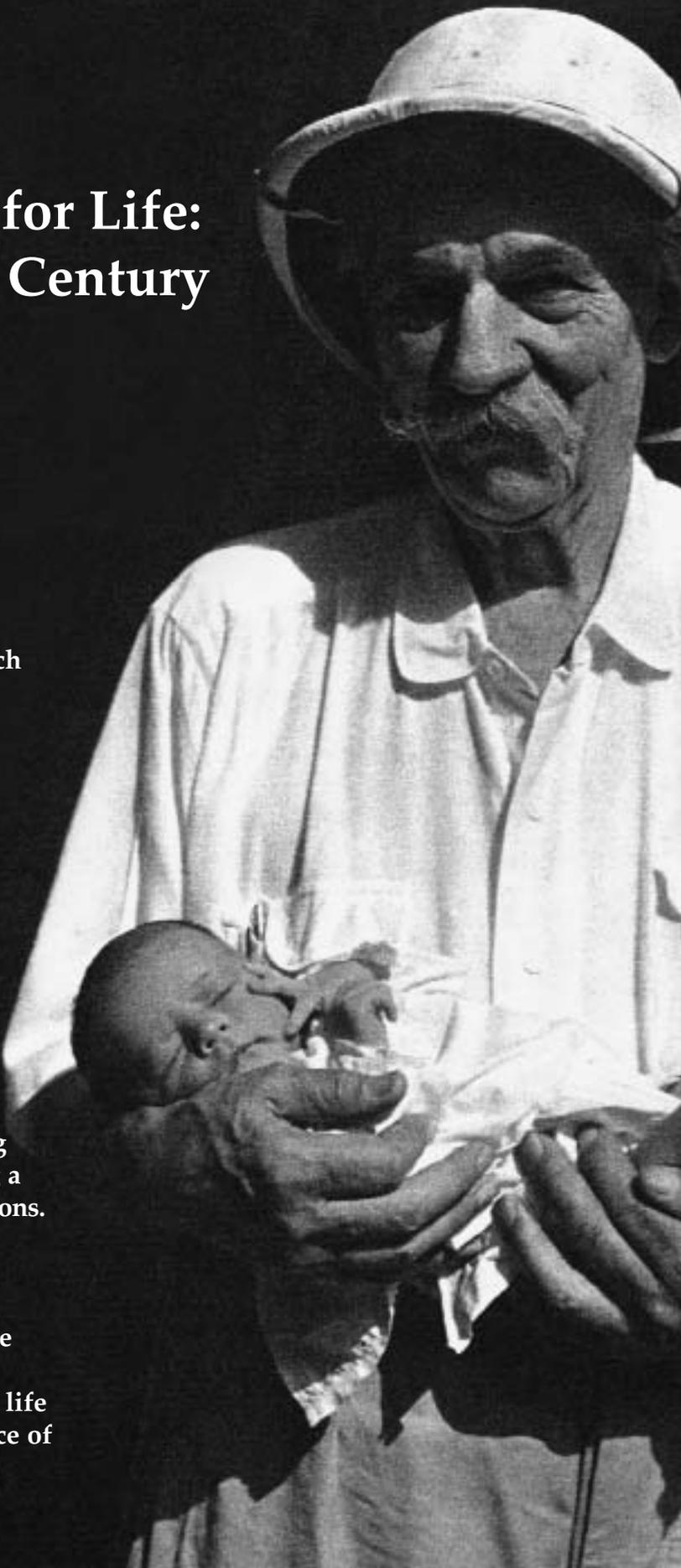
Presented by:
The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Dr. David Hohn
C.E.O. Emeritus, Roswell Park
Cancer Institute

Garrett F. Martin
Organist and Director of Music,
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) holder of doctorates in medicine, music, and theology, won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in the African mission hospital he founded and operated for over forty years and also for addressing the threat of nuclear war by organizing a global movement against nuclear weapons.

The presentations will be in a "Charlie Rose" format — with each presenter speaking from his own area of expertise about Schweitzer's diverse gifts and genius. Photographs from Schweitzer's life and recordings of his organ performance of J.S. Bach's works for organ will be included in a multi-media format.



Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today.

As a More Light church, we invite all persons of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community to membership and full participation in worship, leadership, service opportunities and all ministries of Westminster.

We light our peace candle remembering those relatives of Westminster members and all who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our prayers for peace include our neighborhoods, workplaces, schools & families.

Bibles are available at the Sanctuary entrances.

Wireless Receivers for hearing assistance are available in the Church Conference Room.

If you need assistance, please ask any Deacon.

MISSION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The ENERGY Program - creates a caring environment where refugee and immigrant students, grades 1-6 from Buffalo's West Side gain social and cultural awareness and self-confidence through improving their English language skills. Contact Carol Greetham at 507-8216 or carol@wedibuffalo.org for more information, to donate or to volunteer.

The West Side Bazaar: Take friends and family over to 25 Grant Street for a delicious lunch and do some shopping! Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 11AM – 8PM, Friday 11AM-8PM, Saturday 10AM- 8PM. Sunday & Monday: Closed. Bazaar Bucks on sale now. Plenty of FREE PARKING!

Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.

Westminster Member - Life Changes? If you are recovering from an illness/surgery or are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Please contact Jamie at 884-9437, ext. 326 or email jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT WESTMINSTER

Childcare is available for children under the age of 5 years old from 9:30AM to 11:30AM in the WECP building. Childcare providers will meet with parents and children at the entrance to the Westminster Early Childhood Programs (WECP) school building. Weather permitting, the children will be able to play in the playground.

Sunday School at WPC this Fall

- 3–5 year olds: Mrs. Debby & Mr. Chris LaMendola are our beloved preschool teachers. The three through five year class meets in the Early Childhood building. The children and their teachers walk to the building together and in cold weather, the children need their coats.
- 1st - 5th graders: Each month their class rotates through our three Rotation Workshops: *Creation Station*, *Hollywood* and *Apostles Playhouse*
- 6th & 7th graders meet with their teacher, Marta Butzer, each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 8th grader Confirmation Class meets 9:45-10:45AM in Parish Hall balcony
- Our Senior Highs (9th through 12th graders) meet each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialog Diner.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

NOMINATIONS WANTED! All members are invited to submit names of

candidates for openings on the Board of Deacons and the Session. New Deacons and Elders are needed to facilitate the many wonderful ministries of Westminster. Forms are available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. Place your suggestion form in the offering plate or in the Nominating Committee mailbox in the Business Office.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR SCHOOL

Starting again in September!

The Senior Choristers, ages 12-18, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Senior Choristers produce a high volume of quality choral repertoire each week for use in worship and concert.

The Junior Choristers, ages 7-11, rehearse simultaneously with the Senior Choristers each Wednesday, September through May, 5:30-6:30PM in the Holmes Chapel, with the assistance of Ms. Hillary Hunt. The Junior Choristers further their ability to read music and various languages while shaping the voice into a beautiful treble instrument.

The Apprentice Choristers, ages 4-6 years old, rehearse each Wednesday, September through May, 4:30-5:15PM in the Holmes Chapel. The Apprentice Choristers are taught fundamental music and choral skills, with the assistance of Dr. Val Cooley.

Participation in the programs is not limited to Westminster members; all are welcome to join. For more information, please contact Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music garrettmartin@wpcbuffalo.org 884.9437 ext. 318

BECOME A PART OF OUR LIFE

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WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

September 25, 7:30PM *A Concert of Organ Duets*

Nathan Lively (Chicago) and Garrett Martin thrill audiences with music written for four hands and four feet on the historic Aeolian-Skinner organ at Westminster in the Sanctuary. Donations will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

NEW! *Fridays at Westminster - Lunchtime Concert*

Come for the music - stay for the "food truck!" A 30 minute concert featuring local buffalo artists play in our historic Sanctuary, from Noon until 12:30PM. A local food truck will be at Westminster for lunch! Begins on September 18th and runs until the 13th of May. Donations will benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

CAMP DUFFIELD RETREAT

Save the date: October 23rd - October 25th is the Camp Duffield Retreat. This annual event is open to 6th - 12th graders and is a gathering of youth from all over WNY to gather, talk about current issues, worship, play and connect in faith and fellowship. For details, contact Mark Aquino, askmark@roadrunner.com.



RallyDay
2015



WELCOME!

Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

- Mark 9:37

Join us on September 13 as we welcome in the new Program year!

- Worship at 8:45am in the Holmes Chapel
- Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall at 9:45am
- Worship at 11am in the Sanctuary
- Sunday School begins!
- Blessing of Backpacks during Time with Children

Our program year is off to an exciting start! Our two worship services resume, our education programs are scheduled for the new year along with more fellowship events, and glorious music programming. Time to get re-connected with friends and make new ones.

- Volunteer to help on a fellowship event
- Join a committee
- Choose one month to teach a Sunday School Workshop Rotation Class.
- Try the Adult Choir or the Choir School for children
- Become a ENERGY Volunteer

This year at Westminster, we will be offering opportunities for families with children to reflect together on their hopes and dreams. We will seek to do so remembering Whom it is who calls us together as couples, families and a congregation.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Summer Worship Time: 10:00AM in the Holmes Chapel

Fall Worship Times (beginning on September 13, Rally Day) 8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel and 11AM in the Sanctuary

Travels with Jesus

In Mark's signature, succinct way, we travel with Jesus and his followers through Galilee witnessing formative, impactful encounters: Jesus talks about the narrow way of discipleship, the importance of trust in our relationship with God, and how we determine who is with and who is against us. These are excellent readings for the start of the new season. They clarify who we are called to be and what we are called to do as God's people. We'll be talking this fall about both the unique summons of the Gospel and its vision for healing and wholeness.

September 13 - Rally Day! Fall Worship Schedule Begins

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Preaching for a Decision; Mark 8:27-38

September 20 - Annual Meeting

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Our Children; Mark 9:30-37

September 27 - Margaret Craig and Monique Brannon Recognition

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

Where to Draw the Line? Mark 9:38-50

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Sunday, September 6-Name Tag Sunday

Maintenance-Carlos

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship/Communion

11:00 AM Cookies & Punch

Monday, September 7

WPC and WECP Closed

Tuesday, September 8

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

4:00 PM ENERGY Training

4:30 PM Buildings/Grounds Mtg.

5:30 PM Congregational Life/Membership

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 AM Generosity 2016 Comm.

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:15 PM CMH Board Mtg.

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

4:00 PM ENERGY Training

4:30 PM WPC Choir School

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, September 10

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

8:30 AM Centering Prayer

4:00 PM ENERGY Training

5:30 PM Gay Bingo Board Mtg.

6:00 PM Handbells

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 12

11:00 AM Blakeslee Memorial Service

6:00 PM Gay Bingo

Sunday, September 13-Rally Day!

6:30 AM Maintenance-Reinaldo

8:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

8:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:45 AM Worship/Communion

9:30 AM Dialogue Diner

9:30 AM Pancake Breakfast

9:30 AM Heavenly Grounds

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM Worship

11:10 AM Sunday School

WESTMINSTER'S
Heavenly Grounds Cafe

FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & CONVERSATION

The Heavenly Grounds Cafe is in need of donations of baked goods/cookies (store bought or homemade) for Sunday mornings. 4 Dozen pieces are needed and we will need 1 volunteer for each service to bring their donation by 9:30 am. Please sign up in the Cafe on Sundays or weekdays on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

Pancake Breakfast!
Rally Day, September 13

Plan to join us for a new Westminster tradition - The Famous Rally Day Pancake Breakfast on September 13, from 9:45-10:45AM. Come for a fun and delicious event while catching up with old friends... and maybe making some new ones!

Calling all Men!!

If you'd like to volunteer to help prepare breakfast please contact Austin Sanders at asanders@wpcbuffalo.org

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