

MeetUp at Westminster! Connect • Share • Have Fun!



SHAKESPEARE

In Delaware Park

Wednesday, August 15, 7:30 PM

Let's *MeetUp* at Shakespeare in the Park! Bring a picnic, beverages, a blanket and chairs to Delaware Park on **Wednesday, August 15** between 6:00-6:30 PM. The performance of *Much Ado About Nothing* starts at 7:30 PM. Look for a Westminster Rainbow flag to find our group. Feel free to invite friends to enjoy this comedy.

SlowRoll in July: What a Wonderful *MeetUp* Afternoon!

A dozen or so members of Westminster enjoyed a Westminster version of Slow Roll Bike Ride Sunday.

The event was sponsored by the Membership Committee that organizes the monthly "Meet Up" gatherings.

It was a lovely way to spend an afternoon with perfect weather and great views of the lake. The group met at the Outer Harbor and took a leisurely ride along the waterfront with a quick trip on the Bike ferry to Canalside. There, John Montague gave a brief history of the Erie Canal and Buffalo's new revitalized waterfront.

Elaine Mattar, a long-time church member, said the trip was wonderful. "I like to ride my bike and this was a great opportunity to bike with people from the church. It was a nice experience."

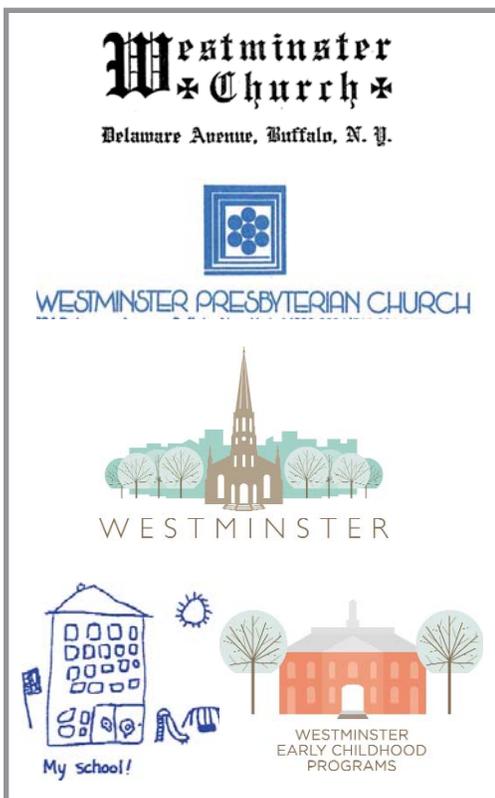


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Westminster's Evolving "Brand" Through the Years

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you with some exciting news. A small committee of staff and church members has been working this summer with Block Club, a leading local marketing firm, to "rebrand" Westminster. The notion and use of branding is ancient. Soon after the Emperor Constantine became a Christian, he began using Christian symbols (especially the cross) to represent the state and to convey to the world that his empire was now a Christian Empire. During the middle ages when the Holy Roman Empire was formed, the cross replaced the original symbol of the state, the image of Caesar at the pinnacle of the victory arch or gateway to the city. Westminster has followed this tradition for many years by using special symbols and fonts on its publications—from worship bulletins to stationery.



During the first half of the 20th century we used an elegant, bold, "Old English" font for the name of the church, which, by the way, did not include "Presbyterian." This "branding" was embellished with two small, ornate Greek crosses and conveyed the formal, elegant, urban church that we were during the ministries of Dr. Holmes and Dr. Butzer.

By the mid-1970s, shortly after morning coats and spats were no longer worn by male Deacon ushers, the leaders of the church made dramatic changes to Westminster's official font and symbol. The lettering changed from Old English to a 70s avant-garde script with a labyrinth like box and seven circles at the center. It seems quite dated now, but was then an accurate means of conveying a progressive, dynamic congregation during the ministry of the Rev. Tom Stewart. By this time, the school was over two decades old and began using its own logo and tagline.

When I arrived in 1998, it was clearly time to design a new logo. The result, which we are all familiar with, pictures the Delaware Ave. steeple façade, surrounded by trees and greenspace cleverly shaped as the city skyline. The font for this logo was updated to a light, modern script. This "brand," along with the school's matching logo with the façade of the Butzer Building's Carriage House, has served us well. This look was attractive at the turn of the century and gave reassuring warmth and stability during the years following 9/11, the assassination of Dr. Slepian, and the 2008 fiscal crisis.

We now find ourselves at a new juncture of ministry and mission. Our school benefits from new, dynamic leadership; our music ministry has surpassed all previous benchmarks of success; we are about to embark on a major capital campaign that will update and equip the building and campus for ministry in the 21st century;

we are reaching across Main St. and forming several partnerships in mission (including our sister church relationship with First Shiloh Baptist Church and Pastor Jonathan Staples on Pine St.) that will bring restoration and hope to several neighborhoods.

These opportunities and collaborations would not have been possible even five years ago. Therefore, we believe that a new logo and tagline will help us convey this important, emerging chapter in Westminster's long and distinguished history. An important aspect of the new brand will be to continue building bridges across the backyard between the church and school, joining these two communities under one banner—Westminster. The new logo and tagline will represent both the church and school and will go a long way to conveying that we are separate and distinct and yet share together the history, value, and resources of Westminster.

Our new logo and tagline will be revealed in the September newsletter and in a video presentation that will be available online. Along with the new logo and tagline, many church resources will be updated to more accurately describe and explain in detail who we are as a congregation and school. Such a complex organization cannot be boiled down completely into a simple logo and tagline. Rather, the logo and tagline are designed to please the eye, excite the mind, and satisfy the soul of those who see it for the first time or many times over. Logos not only look nice; they enable the church to tell the world who it is, what it is called to do, and to invite others to join in the journey towards justice.

I look forward to sharing our new "look" and hearing what you think!

Enjoy these last few weeks of summer,

Tom

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

Expressing
Generosity
through our Gifts

Sawrie Becker,
 Director of Development

Did you know that Presbyterians can support their churches and favorite ministries with a gift from their IRA (if they meet the qualifications)

• Qualified charitable distributions from Individual Retirement Accounts may offer tax advantages.

• Donors must be 70.5 or older to qualify.

At the close of 2015, lawmakers approved the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act. A provision of this law made Qualified Charitable Distributions from individual retirement accounts permanent. This is good news for Presbyterians who want to support their favorite missions and congregations, and receive tax benefits for doing so.

A charitable distribution meets the qualifications if it meets all of the following criteria:

- Donor must be 70½ or older at the time the distribution is made.
- The distribution must be made from an individual retirement account (IRA) or Roth IRA.
- The distribution must be made directly to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions (certain exclusions apply).
- Donors are limited to \$100,000 annually.
- The charity receiving the gift must provide donor proper substantiation of the gift. (The Presbyterian Foundation provides such substantiation.) Donors may find there are many benefits to giving from an IRA
- The donation can satisfy required minimum distribution in the year the qualified charitable donation is made.
- The donation amount is not included in the donor's adjusted gross income, helping to potentially avoid increased taxes on social security income, higher Medicare premiums, and the loss of deductions/exemptions.
- Giving in this way provides donors that use the standard deduction a tax break for the contribution.

(Source: www.PresbyterianFoundation.org)

If you would like to learn more about giving from a retirement account or any other kind of donation to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315 Email: sbecker@buffalo.org

Westminster's Outreach
 - Supporting our Community -

Presbyterian Mission – Special Offerings

Thank you for the following support to Special Offerings: On July 02, 2018, we received \$957.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Your congregation's gift, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need.

-Bryce Wiebe, Director, Special Offerings, PCUSA

WEDI - Westminster Economic Development Initiative

I want to thank you so much for Westminster Presbyterian Church's generous contribution of \$12, 5000 to WEDI. WEDI survives and thrives on such contributions. The contribution will strengthen WEDI's programs that empower economically disadvantaged people in Buffalo through education and business.

-Ben Bissell, Executive Director, WEDI

Preaching Schedule

Summer Worship:

One Service Sunday at 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel

August 5: Jerry Kelly, Lay Preacher

"The Story of Religious Freedom We Never Knew"
 Matthew 5:14; Matthew 7:12

August 12: Cameron Airhart, Lay Preacher

"It's Your Kind What Causes Unrest"
 Psalms 130; John 6: 35, 41-51

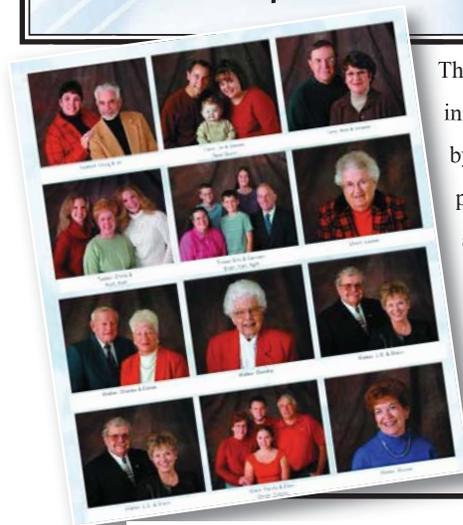
August 19: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

"Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs for Our Time"
 Ephesians 5:15-20

August 26: The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

'Wise as a Serpent, Gentle as a Dove'
 Ephesians 6:10-20

Pictorial
Membership Directory
 coming on Rally Day,
 September 9!



Thanks to all who participated in having your picture taken by our volunteer photographer, Jen Callaghan. All agreed, Jen made the experience fun and enjoyable and we are excited to share the completed directory on Rally Day, Sunday, September 9!

MEET & MINGLE
 LIGHT

Join us for Meet & Mingle "Light" during July & August where you can still enjoy fellowship with lemonade and cookies! Volunteers are needed to provide cookies and host during this time. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 ext. 315, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org to volunteer.



Submitted by Peter McNally

You may have noticed or heard about a construction project underway in the church basement. Thanks to a matching grant proposal by WEDI (Westminster Economic Development Initiative) and the church, Westminster has moved forward to develop a plan of renovation for the ENERGY mission program which is housed in our church basement.

This program for after-school tutoring and meals has been a long-time, successful component of our church. At present, the main room of ENERGY,

at the west end of the building, has been "guttled." Those old orange carpeted structures are gone.

We hope to have the project completed by mid-August and will include:

- Resurface the large ENERGY room with a wood-like vinyl tile.
- Add new tables and chairs
- Add bookcases
- Repairs to the walls and ceilings
- Improve lighting
- Update kitchen area
- Resurface the flooring throughout the hall, storeroom, kitchen and administrator's office
- All walls and ceilings will be repainted.

In the end, we plan to have a beautifully up-dated learning area for the children. More information to come as the project moves forward. Feel free to take a peek at the progress made from now until completion. Be sure to check the electronic message board for visual updates as well!



ENERGY Room



Basement



Planned Giving Legacy Corner

What part of church life means the most to you? Is there a ministry or program that has made a difference in your life, or a family member's life? A gift to the church in your Will can keep that vital aspect of our community growing so it can bless others in the future. You can give different kinds of gifts to the church in your Will. You can give a dollar amount, or real estate, stocks, business interests, artwork, and copyrights or royalties. Making a gift or bequest is as simple as including the following statement:

*I give to Westminster Presbyterian Society, Inc., Buffalo, New York,
_____ percent of my residuary estate.*

OR

*I give to Westminster Presbyterian Society, Inc., Buffalo, New York,
the sum of _____.*

Please stop by the information table in the Gallery Room to pick up information about including a bequest to Westminster and other planned giving opportunities. You may also contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315 Email: sbecker@buffalo.org

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John Heer
Jack Jacobs
Ellen Kennedy
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Leslie Deich
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Victoria Gamer
Carol Greetham
Tom Greetham
Jane Morris
Isaiah New
Roberta Nickelsen

August Calendar

Wednesday, August 1

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Case Library Mtg.
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, August 2

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

Friday, August 3

5:00 PM Yorkfield Youth Group visit
 5:00 PM Solomon Family Gathering
 6:00 PM Andrew Solomon Memorial Service
 7:00 PM Solomon Reception

Sunday, August 5

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 10:00 AM Worship/Communion
 11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light

Monday, August 6

4:30 PM Membership Comm.
 6:30 PM PNC Mtg.

Tuesday, August 7

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 7:00 PM ATG Board Mtg.

Wednesday, August 8

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, August 9

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 8:00 AM Ministry of Generosity

Sunday, August 12

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light

Tuesday, August 14

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.
 10:00 AM Middler Mission Camp
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

Wednesday, August 15

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, August 16

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.

Sunday, August 19

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light

Tuesday, August 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds
 5:00 PM Personnel Mtg.
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, August 22

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Session Mtg.
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, August 23

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 12:00 PM AGO Mtg.

Sunday, August 26

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light
 11:15 AM New Member Reunion

Tuesday, August 28

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.
 5:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, August 29

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Case Library Mtg.
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, August 30

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

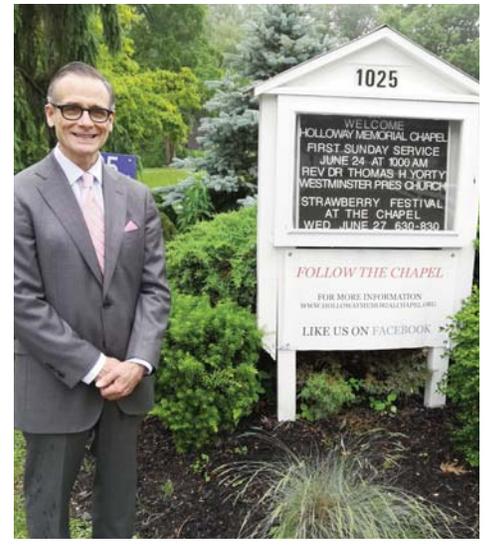


Order Sunday Flowers

If you would like to purchase Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, there is a monthly sign up in the "Sunday Flower Book" in the Gallery Room. You may also contact Sue Adams at 883-7597 or hugwalker1@gmail.com

Congratulations, Tom on your 20th year at Holloway Memorial Chapel!

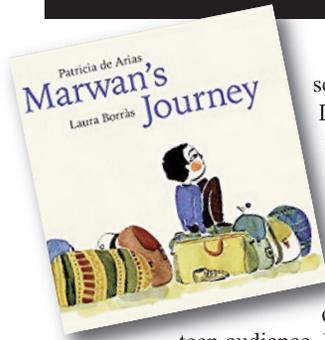
The Holloway Memorial Chapel in Point Abino, Ontario was established in 1894. The mission of Holloway Memorial Chapel is to bring together an inter-denominational worship community through praise, proclamation, music, teaching and sharing. Services are held at 10:00 AM throughout the summer months with inspirational guest speakers from across the area invited to lead the service. The Rev. Thomas H. Yorty has been invited every summer since he came to Westminster in 1998. This year, Rev. Yorty was invited to lead the worship for the opening service of the 2018 summer season. Several Westminster members enjoyed a thoughtful message and warm fellowship on the Chapel lawn.



WOW BOOK DISCUSSION: On Monday, September 10, we will meet at Laura Houghtaling's house at 19 Bondcroft Drive, Buffalo to choose our WOW books. Bring one or two books you've read and recommend for discussion. We publish the entire WOW book reading list, and choose 3 or 4 books to read, then discuss together during the year.

WESTMINSTER KNITTING GROUP: The next meeting date is Tuesday, August 14, 7PM to 9PM. The group meets on various Tuesdays throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome! Contact Fran Holmes at mfranholmes@verizon.net for more information and dates.

Children's Book on Immigrants



I'd like to write about a recent segment I heard on NPR radio by Deborah Amos. Amos recently reported on a new trend in children's literature to put young, resilient refugees stories front and center. More than a dozen books are due out this fall from picture books for toddlers to complex novels for the teen audience. Vicky Smith, children's editor at Kirkus Reviews writes, "It is a real desire on the part of authors, illustrators and publishers to respond to the refugee crisis in ways that are proactive and helpful."

The latest popular title, *Marwan's Journey* by Patricia DeAmias and Laura Borrás was just published last May. The text is lyrical and beautiful without being heavy handed as it tells the story through words and pictures of a young boy's perilous journey.

In *A Land of Permanent Goodbyes*, journalist Atia Abawi writes about a Syrian family that escapes their ISIS-controlled town for Istanbul, and then a dangerous sea journey on a crowded boat to Greece. Suzanne De Rizzo's picture book, *My Beautiful Birds*, follows Sami a Syrian boy who leaves behind his beloved trained pigeons when his family fees to a refugee camp in Jordan; he finds comfort in caring for wild birds in the camp.

Alan Gratz's *Refugee*, a surprise best-seller in 2017, is often credited with starting this trend. His novel weaves together the stories of three children: a Jewish boy whose family tried to escape Nazi Germany on the St. Louis ship in the 1940's; a Cuban girl who flees Havana on a raft in 1994 and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy who escapes war-torn Aleppo on a journey to Europe with his family. Gratz uses these stories to put what's happening in our present day in some sort of historical context. He writes, "We keep making the same mistakes...generation after generation, we keep turning people away at the doorstep who need help."

Linda Sue Park's *A Long Walk to Water* tells the story of an 11-year-old Sudanese girl in 2008 who has to walk miles each day for water, and one of the "lost boys" on a trek to a refugee camp in 1985.

There are books about Hmong refugees, Nigerians and an English child sent to Canada for safety during World War II. Because educators consider these new books too politically hot for the classroom, I recommend you search out and buy these books for your children. If your children are young enough for picture books, read them together. If your children are older, read these books too and then listen to your child's reaction. When we read these stories of refugees, both we and our children can better understand the situations refugees can face. These stories illuminate the refugee experience across the world and throughout history and help break down harmful stereotypes.

Milestones

• Hayden Gibson, son of Alexa and Christopher Gibson. was baptized on July 29. *If you know of anyone who has reached a current important milestone, please contact Debbie Katz at dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org.*



PRAYING BEFORE MEALS

Sunday School Update, Debbie Katz, Christian Educator

Faith is formed through embedded practices... specific, deliberate religious activities that are firmly intertwined with the daily habits of family routines.

– Robert Wuthnow, *Growing Up Religious*

Jesus was onto something when he said, "Do this in remembrance of me" while breaking bread with his closest friends. Companion literally means "with bread." So much of human bonding happens around the meal table. Studies show that children in households that eat together four or more nights per week are less likely to encounter social difficulties like school expulsions or drug use. The more a family talks about their lives and shares the journey, the better supported they feel to face life's inevitable challenges.

When we intentionally invite God into meal times, we remind our children – and ourselves – how God is intimately involved in all of our lives. Furthermore, we demonstrate how to connect with God regularly and sincerely.

How to Do It

1. *Make it normal.* As a start, an adult may speak the prayer, and then over time invite others to add a prayer. Later, other household members may take turns leading. Like anything, this will take time, but with repeated practice, it will become more comfortable.

2. *Give thanks.* Expressing gratitude to God, day in and day out, is the surest way to remind ourselves that we are infinitely loved and unfathomably blessed.

3. *Pray for others.* Praying for God to heal or protect someone specific helps the family hold that person in mind and feel that they are helping them too.

4. *Pray for strength and guidance.* Praying that we use our gifts to help others, every day, reminds us that we are to do good in the world.

5. *Ways to pray.* Praying out loud, especially from the heart, helps your children learn and reminds you that prayer doesn't have to be perfect to be worthy of God. On the other hand, traditional prayers offer a chance for connection. You can sing the doxology together or even a Christmas carol verse as your prayer.

Prayer Cubes are helpful tools if your family isn't ready to prayer out aloud together. We have both the mealtime and the bedtime prayer cubes available on the information table in the Gallery Room. If your children didn't receive a grace



prayer cube or the bedtime prayer cube in their Sunday School class, pick up one of each of these cubes. Rolling prayer cubes either at mealtimes or at bedtime, will give you either a grace or a bedtime prayer. As you and your children get more comfortable praying together, you can move away from the prayer cubes to your own graces and nighttime prayers.

Children's Summer Worship



On the first Sunday of July we switched to our summer hours and moved into the Holmes Chapel for worship. Children's activity bulletins are available, and childcare for children 5 years old and younger are available during July and August in the WECP building from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

New parent loan program now available for PC(USA) members

This program assists parents with student loans and pastors with loan repayments. Applications are now being accepted for the new parent loan program through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Administered through Financial Aid for Service, offers a 6 percent interest rate—a full percentage point lower than U.S. Department of Education parent PLUS loans. The deadline to apply for the PC(USA) parent loan is Sept. 1. There are no penalties for pre-payment or overpayment on the 10-year loans, which range from \$2,500–\$10,000. Information and an application can be found at pcusa.org/parentloan.

Racial Justice Corner

The Racial Justice Committee invites you to join a tour of Bailey Green on Monday, August 6, from 1:00-2:30 PM. This is the neighborhood project developed and supported by Westminster member John Somers and his company, Harmac, Inc. We have made Bailey Green a major focus of our racial justice mission, and this tour will be an opportunity to learn more about it and see first hand some of the changes already taking place in the neighborhood. We will meet at Harmac which is located on Bailey Avenue at Genesee Street. If you are interested, please e-mail jadamczyk@westminster-bflo.org or call the church at 884-9437, ext. 326.

WEDI Economic Development

WEDI offers assistance and mentoring to people who want to start their own businesses on the West Side of Buffalo. We have helped a commercial cleaning service, a tailor shop, a laundromat, a used bookshop, a bakery, and others. You do not have to be an expert to be a mentor. You just need to have an interest in business and in being a friend and advocate to assist people in realizing their lifelong dreams. Please contact Ben Bissell, 315-857-5407.



Alcohol and Drug Education Referral Service

Alcohol abuse affects many millions of Americans. Alcoholism and drug addiction are chronic progressive diseases, fatal if untreated. But they can be successfully treated.

WPC'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; Jane Morris 571-481-1839; Ellen Smith 882-2064; Elizabeth Stewart 585-217-7878, and Jim Wieland 523-0217.



Become
a part
of our **life**

We welcome you to join our community of faith at Westminster; a church that is active in our community and welcomes all God's people. Anyone who would like to learn more about Westminster, and the many ministries we support is invited to attend an Inquirers Class held in the Case Library immediately following our 10:30 AM worship service. During the class, our Pastor, Thomas Yorty, will tell the story of our church, as well as highlight 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. To reserve your spot for **Sunday, September 23**, or if you have any questions, please contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 Ext. 315 anytime about membership at Westminster. or Tom Yorty Ext. 313, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org

Lunch & Shop at WSB!

Lunch and Shop! This is a great opportunity to take friends and family for a delicious lunch and do some shopping all in one bright, welcoming and warm venue!

Tuesday-Thursday: 11-7:00 PM

Friday - Saturday: 10 AM-9PM

LOTS OF FREE PARKING!



25 Grant Street, Buffalo, 464-6389

RALLY DAY 2018 Sunday, September 9!

- 8:15 AM: Worship in the Holmes Chapel
- 10:30 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM: Join us on the front lawn for a special Meet & Mingle.

Rally Day marks the start of the church's program year - our choir returns, and Sunday School resumes. Join us at fellowship events to meet new friends and re-connect with old ones. Plus, you can pick-up your new Pictorial Membership Directory!

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WESTMINSTER *Presents*

September through December, 2018 Events

Visit wpcbuffalo.org/westminster-presents for the 2019 Season Events.

Rally Day | September 9 at 10:30 AM

The Westminster Choirs and Brass Quintet celebrate the beginning of the church's program year.

Western New York Chamber Orchestra | September 21 at 7:30 PM

Garrett Martin performs a world premiere organ concerto by WNYCO Artistic Director, Glen Cortese.

Choral Evensong/Blessing of the Animals | September 30 at 4:00 PM

The Westminster Choirs lead this service of sung scripture and prayer. All creatures are welcome.

Wednesdays @ Westminster | October 17 at 12:00 PM

Westminster's own, Hillary Hunt, will sing cherished jazz standards with a fall flavor.

The Phantom of the Opera | October 26 at 7:30 PM

In this annual holiday tradition, Garrett Martin provides an improvised score to the 1924 silent movie.

Compline | October 28 at 4:00 PM

The Westminster Schola leads this candlelit service of renaissance music and sung scripture.

Requiem for the Homeless | November 2 at 7:30 PM

The Westminster Choirs dedicate the Duruflé *Requiem* to Buffalo's deceased homeless.

Wednesdays @ Westminster | November 21 at 12:00 PM

Local poets share classic poetry of Robert Frost to get you in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

Taizé | November 25 at 4:00 PM

Singers and instrumentalists guide worshippers in this meditative service of song and prayer.

Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus | December 1 at 7:30 PM

The BGMC presents this holiday program in remembrance of World AIDS Day.

Messiah Sunday | December 9 at 10:30 AM

The Westminster Choirs sing popular selections from Handel's *Messiah* in morning worship.

Wednesdays @ Westminster | December 19 at 12:00 PM

Local actors perform scenes from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Christmas at Westminster | December 21 at 7:30 PM

The Westminster Choirs and Brass present festive music of the season in this new holiday tradition.

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols | December 24 at 10:00 PM

Westminster shares its annual service of music and scripture telling the birth of Christ.