



Let's
Celebrate!

Join us
to Celebrate our
Twenty Year Journey
with Tom

Sunday, March 4
in Parish Hall following the
10:30 AM worship service

Join with us to share a meal and celebrate
our 20 year anniversary with Tom.

During the past two decades, with his
leadership, we have deepened our roots and
strengthened our impact on the community,
while maintaining a vibrant worship and
music program.

Gathering our church family to
commemorate our ministry, music and
mission together is an appropriate way to
mark this festive occasion.

Please bring a dish to share and place in the
upstairs kitchen prior to the service. After
worship, join us for a time of fellowship,
reflection and fun.

Call Jamie at 884-9437 to RSVP.

Holy Week

at Westminster

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 25

Worship at 8:15 AM and 10:30 AM

The Westminster Choirs sing this festival service for
Palm Sunday that begins with the royal entrance
and leads into the passion texts.

Choral Evensong for Palm Sunday

March 25

4:00 PM in the Sanctuary,

3:30PM Organ Recital

The Westminster Choirs will sing Benjamin Britten's
Rejoice in the Lamb

Maundy Thursday

March 29

6:00 PM in the Holmes Chapel

The Westminster Choirs sings this solemn service for
the Last Supper.

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

March 30

Noon in the Sanctuary

Organist Garrett Martin improvises on the Stations
of the Cross, alternating with poems and readings
about this most solemn day.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 30

7:39 PM (sundown)

in the Sanctuary

The Westminster Choirs sing during this solemn
Good Friday service.

Easter Sunday

April 1

**Worship at 8:15AM and
10:30AM in the Sanctuary**

10:15 AM: Concert-Prelude by

The Buffalo Brass Octet

10:30 AM: Festival Worship With Brass, Choirs,
and Organ in the Sanctuary

Twenty Years Together



Dear Friends,

The culmination of Lent, Holy Week and the celebration of our twenty years of ministry together make this month of March one I will long remember! Plus, the coming of Spring and signs of new life in Great Mother Nature (Wendell Berry's term) point to our future together of more ministry, service, and fellowship.

Twenty years, two decades, a "score" of years – it's a nice, handsome, substantive number. As I look back over our time together I am grateful for all the ways I have been blessed –

by your willingness to try almost anything once;

by your generosity and the support of this great congregation with the vast talent God has given to us and with your time and treasure;

by your rolling up your sleeves in tough times to figure out a way forward and the invariably wise decisions of our leadership;

by our dedicated staff –gifted and hard working – and who have always been friends in ministry;

by your passion for a stronger, better Buffalo and Western New York and wanting to be part of making that vision happen especially where many are overlooked or forgotten.

There's more – your reaching out to me and my family when we were navigating through the shoals of life, your prayers and friendship when our family and extended family needed you.

The Presbyterian understanding of the 'call to ministry' is that a particular congregation calls a particular pastor because the Holy Spirit helps each to identify the other and come together in covenant of ministry. It was no accident that Carol and I moved our family to Buffalo twenty years ago and it's no accident that this score of years together has been so richly blessed!

With affection, gratitude and love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom".

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

Preaching Schedule

8:15 AM in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper offered on the first Sunday of each month.

March 4 – Lent III

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Glimpses of the Kingdom
John 2:13-22

March 11 – Lent IV

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Not to Judge but to Save
John 3:14-21

March 18 – Lent V

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Come My Way, My Truth, My Life
John 12:20-33

Holy Week

March 25 – Palm/Passion Sunday

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Flowers to Strew Thy Way
Mark 11:1-11

March 29 – Maundy Thursday

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Love Bade Me Welcome
John 13:1-7, 31b-35

March 30 – Good Friday

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
How to Count What Thee Befell
John 19:38-42

April 1 – Easter

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Sing His Praise Without Delays
John 20:1-18

George Herbert, the 16th century Anglican priest and poet wrote some of the most enduring and beautiful verse in English. Our choir will sing some of his poetry set by Ralph Vaughn Williams to "Mystical Songs" during Lent and Holy Week. The Biblical reading for the day and the message of Herbert's verse will serve as the texts for the sermons March 18 through April 1 Easter Sunday.

A Program for Older Adults Passages



Throughout our lives we experience periods of stability and times of transition. So it comes as no surprise the later part of our life is also marked by various passages. Beginning with retirement, adults progress through various changes in their lives and circumstances. On the first Tuesday of each month at Westminster, there's a gathering for adults who have reached these stages.

This month, on Tuesday, March 6, lunch at 12:30 PM, join us for our program at 1:15 PM about the Richard Olmsted Complex. One of Buffalo's National Historic Landmarks, the 145 year old Richardson Olmsted Campus has found new life after years of neglect. The twin towers at the north end of Richmond Avenue now beckon visitors from around the world. They may tour buildings designed by Henry Hobson Richardson, walk the grounds originated by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, and learn about a once state-of-the-art mental health sanctuary envisioned by Dr. Thomas Story Kirkbride.

Our speaker, Corey Fabian Borenstein, will describe the metamorphosis of the Campus since 2006; the new Hotel Henry that occupies part of the restored buildings; and take us on a virtual tour of one of Buffalo's architectural gems!

Centering Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 8:30 AM
in the Meditation Room

Centering prayer is a spiritual discipline. Resting in silence with God is the goal of centering prayer. For people who would like to try centering prayer, consider joining our group each Tuesday.

For people who believe they don't have enough time, try downloading meditation phone applications. Two programs I recommend are:
- Headspace at headspace.com
- Stop/Breathe/Think at stopbreathethink.com

These computer and cell phone apps are strictly meditation-oriented. What Headspace and Stop/Breathe/Rest offers people is reminders and the ability slowly build up the time they spend in silence. They begin with one minute of silence and calm. One minute is great starting place.

Sunday Morning Adult Education

Adult Bible Study

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - first classroom on Parish Hall Balcony

Join our continuing conversation as we explore the Sunday scripture passages. This discussion moves from what the biblical passage means to what this passage might mean in our lives. Our class is led by Debbie Katz and other class members. Our curriculum is Feasting on the Word. Please come to these classes as your schedule permits.

Case Library Conversations

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM in the Case Library

March 4

Life 3.0: Protirement, NOT Retirement

Learn how to develop your ideal Retirement Lifestyle Plan BEFORE you retire.

From a Coal Miner to a Secretary of Home Land Security, hear the advice of 100 retirees on how to make the most of your new life.

Presenter: Ellis Katsof, Author & Protirement Expert

March 11

The Spirituality of Decluttering

Our speaker is Jennifer Ford Berry, professional organizer

March 18

Getting Your House in Order!

Your Wishes: Legacy Affairs-Part I

Bill Harrington, long time member of Westminster and attorney with Brown & Kelly will discuss estate planning issues such as property ownership, wills, trusts, intestacy (dying without a will), and beneficiary designations. Information about the estate tax (or its demise for most of us) and elementary income tax issues involved in estate planning as well as issues involved in disability including use of Powers of Attorney, and the difficulty in planning to pay for nursing care (which will be discussed more in depth on March 25) will also be shared.

March 25

Getting Your House in Order!

Your Wishes: Legal Directives-Part II

Chris Greene, long time member of Westminster and partner at Barclay Damon who practices health care law, along with his colleague, David Luzon who practices Trusts & Estates will discuss selected issues in elder law, including advanced directives, Medicaid planning, long term care insurance and recent developments in long term care.

Spiritual Life

Sundays, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM in the Heritage Room

March 4

My Story by Barbara Nelson

In the tradition of My Stories given at last year's Lenten Series, Barbara will give a short presentation about herself which will be followed by questions and discussion.

Barbara has been a member of our church for about a year. She is a new Elder in the WPC session. She comes to Buffalo from Hawaii, where among other things, she was an English teacher. While there she taught Barak Obama for two years.

March 11 and 18

Talking About Grief

Karen Rumsey, presenter

Karen, a counselor at Catholic Charities, returns to Spiritual Life to lead us in a conversation about responses to the various phases of grief and how to support a grieving friend. Grief is a natural response to loss, the emotional suffering you feel when something or someone you love is taken away. While there is no specific formula for how to grieve, there are healthy ways to cope that, in time, can ease your sadness and help you move on with your life.

The Power of Generosity

Sawrie Becker, Director of Development



A special acknowledgement to Madeline & Margaret Bace, two members of the 2018 Confirmation Class for answering the call of the 2018 "Faith Works" Giving Campaign and making their pledge. In doing so they are living up to the promises they will make before the congregation on Confirmation Sunday on March 18th. On that day they will promise by word and deed to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church. Thank you Madeline & Margaret for setting such a wonderful example for all of us to keep our promises to serve God and our church.

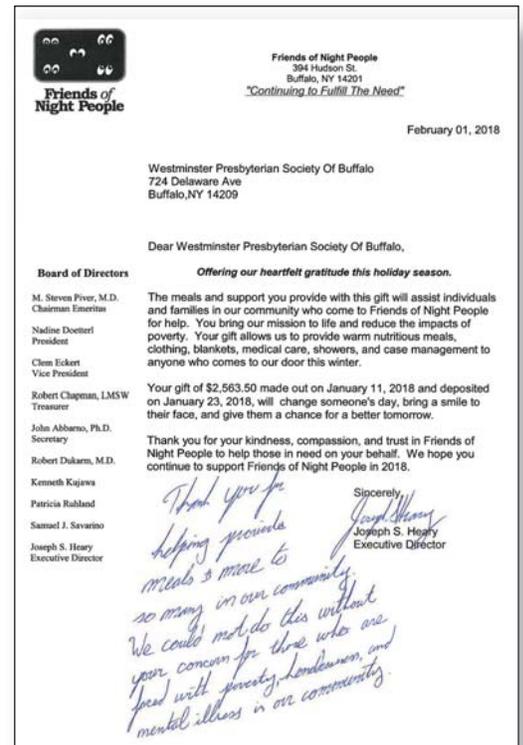
If you would like to learn more about special gift opportunities to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315; Email: sbecker@buffalo.org



Pledges received as of 02/28/18

Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	Dollars to Goal
277	\$552,593	\$47,407

Our goal this year is \$600,000. As you prayerfully consider your pledge, please remember that if everyone who pledged last year would, on average, increase their pledge by \$260.00 or \$5.00 per week, we could successfully accomplish our goal. Thank you for being a contributing member of this church as your pledge – in any amount makes us a stronger congregation. If you would like to learn more about special gift opportunities to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315 Email: sbecker@buffalo.org



Legacy Corner Planned Giving



Did you know that the 1854 Legacy Circle of Westminster Presbyterian Church was created by the Session in 2000 in recognition of the forty North Street area residents who founded Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our visionary founders, led by Jesse Ketchum, a businessman and civic leader who donated the land upon which the church now stands, discerned God's leading and established a ministry to our

community of which we are the present-day heirs. The 1854 Legacy Circle of Westminster Presbyterian Church recognizes our predecessors' vision and generosity and provides a way to honor those who choose to benefit Westminster through their estate planning. You are invited to participate in this cherished tradition of planned giving to our church by including Westminster in your own estate planning. When you do, you will discover the joy and satisfaction of making a lasting gift to the mission of Westminster and you will take your place among an honored circle of stewards of

our ministry and service to this community. There are ways to leave your legacy to Westminster such as: Bequests in your will; Life Insurance; Gift Annuities; Charitable Trusts and Real Estate. Please stop by the information table in the Gallery Room to pick up information about planned giving opportunities. You may also contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315 Email: sbecker@buffalo.org or Tom Yorty, Pastor at 884-9437, ext. 313, Email: tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org

MEET & MINGLE

Our “Meet & Mingle” fellowship opportunity, which immediately follows the 10:30 AM worship service continues to thrive! Please continue to join us in the Holmes Room to greet members and friends and welcome new faces as we nurture our church community. Sponsors, shoppers, and hosts are needed for Meet & Mingle in March. Meet & Mingle is a great way to celebrate a special person or occasion. For more information and to sign up to help, please contact Debby LaMendola at debby.lamendola@icloud.com.

Some highlights of our “Meet & Mingle” fellowship

Celebrating Donald Kitungano in achieving his United States Citizenship!



Foyer Dinner Groups are a new and fun way for WPC members and friends to gather together on an informal basis to enjoy one another’s company, strengthen bonds of our WPC community, meet new members, and get to know each other.

- There is no agenda or formal plan - just casual fellowship, shared over a meal. The groups will be made up of a mixture of people of all ages, a cross section of our diverse WPC congregation.
 - Foyer Dinner Groups provide the opportunity for friendships to develop among people who might not have any other opportunity to meet and get to know each other.
 - Each group will include between six and ten people who will meet every six to eight weeks in the home of one of the members of the group.
 - Generally, the host will provide the main course while the other group members fill in the rest of the meal with items such as appetizer, bread, wine, salad, vegetable, or dessert. At each gathering the plan and host for the next event can be determined. Dinner, lunch, brunch, a picnic: the choice is up to each group.
 - Some groups may elect to study and discuss a book. Some will want to keep the time together purely social. The choice of available options is limited only by the imagination of the group.
- Does joining a Foyer Dinner Groups sound interesting to you? Would you like to learn more? Please stop by the Foyer Dinner Groups table in the Holmes Room for more information or sign-up between the morning services or during Meet and Mingle.

We look forward to putting you into a new group of friends!
Organized by the Membership Committee.

**Thank you
for wearing your
NameTag!**

Being a welcoming church is part of our mission and purpose here at Westminster. When you arrive at church, all members and visitors are encouraged to locate a nametag in the beautiful new nametag display cabinet, in the Holmes Room. Wear your nametag while you are at church so that we may all personally greet one another and then place your nametag in a basket as you leave.



The Choir School at Westminster

Our Choristers...

...learn more than just music, they learn confidence, time management, leadership, and collaboration.

...receive significant individual attention in a stimulating, challenging, and fun environment.

...enjoy field trips, choir parties, and tours that foster bonding and strong friendships.

Westminster's music program is one of the most highly respected in Western New York. Choristers use the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) curriculum, and learn from professional musicians at no expense to parents. The wide range of ages encourages teamwork—the older children gain experience mentoring the younger children.

Children of any religious affiliation (or no affiliation) are welcomed at any time; no prior training or experience is required. A small stipend, based on leadership and performance, is paid to each chorister, underscoring the seriousness of the commitment to the choir.

For additional information, contact: Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music gmartin@wpcbuffalo.org; 716.884.9437, ext. 318.



Wednesdays
@Westminster
Midday Music & Musings
Each Wednesday @ noon

Wednesdays @ Westminster: Music - Poetry - Performance. Each Wednesday, local Buffalo artists perform a 30 minute presentation. Free, donations benefit the Westminster Friends of Music.

March 7: Christina Shrewsbury, Organ

March 14: Stephen Edge, Bass Baritone



**Experience a
Taizé Service**
Friday, March 16, 5:30 PM
in the Holmes Chapel

Westminster will offer a Taizé service of music, prayer and contemplation on the third Friday of each month. For more information call 884-9437.

WESTMINSTER *Presents*

Voices of Spirit

Saturday, March 10, 7:30 PM

Under the direction of Caron Daley, the *Voices of Spirit* are the preeminent auditioned choir at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, and have sung with the Pittsburgh Symphony and at Pittsburgh Steelers football games. Don't miss them in this rare Western New York appearance!

Choral Evensong for Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25, 4:00 PM

To begin the holiest week of the liturgical year, the Westminster Choirs offer this special service of evensong featuring Britten's Festival Cantata, *Rejoice in the Lamb*.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29, 6:00 PM in the Holmes Chapel.

The Senior Choristers of the Westminster Choir School offer this service recognizing the last supper of Jesus and his Disciples.

Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 30, 12:00 PM

Westminster's Organist and Choirmaster, Garrett F. Martin, offers brief musical improvisations on each station of the cross, alternating with readings of poetry by Paul Claudel.

Tenebrae, Service of Shadows

Friday, March 30, 7:39 PM

Beginning at the moment of sundown, this solemn service offers readings and meditations on Jesus' death and the commencement of three days' mourning. Service of the Resurrection on Easter

Sunday, April 1, 10:30 AM

The Westminster choirs and Buffalo Brass Octet offer this joyous service celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Visiting Choirs in March

Lycoming Choir-Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 PM



Duquesne Choir-Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 PM



MeetUp

Discovering Ayurveda Saturday March 3 10:30-Noon

Carol Timmerman-Yorty, a Certified Yoga Teacher and Ayurveda Yoga Specialist, will introduce us to the ancient holistic healing science of Ayurveda a system to harmonize the body, mind, and soul. Through this interactive talk, you will learn your "dosha," the rhythm of the day, seasons, and life, along with ways to help bring your daily routine into balance. Following, there will be plenty of time to ask questions, enjoy winter to spring transition foods that may surprise you. This event is limited to 25 people who are able to go up and down stairs and there is a cost of \$5.00 to cover food.



There is a sign-up sheet in the Holmes Room or you may email Carol Greetham carolgreetham@gmail.com to sign up. For more details including the address of the event, call 884-9437.

February "Meet-Up" at the Maritime Center was fun and informative!



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 our community 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 **March 11, 2018** or if you have any questions, please contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 Ext. 315, Tom Yorty Ext. 313, tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org anytime about membership at Westminster.

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Class of 2018

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Melissa Balbach
Sawrie Becker
Bob Boj dak
Jen Callaghan
Edwin Johnston
Jeff Renzoni
Mimi Steadman

Class of 2019

Laurel Braun
Bill Gray
John Heer
Jack Jacobs
Ellen Kennedy
Chris LaMendola
Peter McNally
Ellie Seib
Rebecca Montague

Class of 2020

Cameron Airhart
M. Frances Holmes
Barbara Nelson
Rebecca Montague
Leslie Deich
Elizabeth Stewart
Roger Seifert
Joe Speth

Deacons

Class of 2018

Russell Braun
Patty Charlier
Kathleen Kelly
Kirsten Kifner-Kennedy
Johnpatrick Marr
Jennifer Russell
Josephine Stevens
Ronald Sutz

Class of 2019

Shea Akers
Cameron Airhart
Mary Dimock
Teddie Granville
Janet Kifner-Arnatt
Florence Kilambo
Kalumbo
Donald Kitangano
Rebecca Read-Lukan

Class of 2020

Ellen Bean
Kate Dierenfield
Victoria Garner
Carol Greetham
Tom Greetham
Jane Morris
Isaiah New
Robert Nickelsen

March Calendar

Thursday, March 1

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 3

8:00 AM BGMC Rehearsal
1:00 PM Hillary Rehearsal
7:00 PM WECP Art Gala

Sunday, March 4

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choristers
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:00 AM Spiritual Life
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Confirmation Class
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Sunday School/Youth Service/First Sunday
10:30 AM Worship/Communion
11:30 AM Tom's 20th Anniversary Celebration
3:00 PM Virginia Paul Piano Recital

Monday, March 5

11:00 AM Organ Reserved

Tuesday, March 6

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
12:00 PM Passages Lunch
12:45 PM Passages Program
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner & Program
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, March 7

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
11:00 AM Danforth Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM Wednesdays@WPC
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
6:00 PM Case Library Mtg.
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, March 8

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal

6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 10

9:00 AM Confirmation Retreat
7:30 PM Duquesne Univ. Concert

Sunday, March 11

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Spiritual Life
9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Confirmation Class
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Weaver Baptism & Duquesne Choir
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:30 AM Weaver Reception
11:30 AM Dream Group 2
12:30 PM Inquirer's Class

Tuesday, March 13

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
5:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner & Program
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

Wednesday, March 14

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM Wednesdays@WPC
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
7:30 PM Lycoming Choir Concert
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, March 15

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.
12:15 PM WOW Bible Study
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
5:30 PM Taize Service

Saturday, March 17

7:00 PM Celebrating Our Love

Sunday, March 18

8:00 AM Senior Choristers
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care

8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion
9:00 AM Adult Bible Class
9:00 AM Spiritual Life
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:15 AM Confirmands w/Session
9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
10:30 AM Worship-/Confirmation
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:30 AM Lilly Grant Discussion

Tuesday, March 20

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
5:00 PM Congregational Life Mtg.
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
6:00 PM Lenten Dinner & Program

Wednesday, March 21

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
12:00 PM Wednesdays@WPC
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
6:00 PM Evensong
6:00 PM Session Mtg.
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, March 22

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 23

10:00 AM Water Color Painting Class

Sunday, March 25

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:00 AM Senior Choristers
8:15 AM Worship W/ Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Series
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:00 AM Palm Sunday Breakfast
9:00 AM Deacons Mtg.
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
2:30 PM Evensong Rehearsal
4:00 PM Palm Sunday Evensong

Monday, March 26

4:30 PM Membership Mtg.

5:00 PM CMH Board Mtg.

Tuesday, March 27

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
8:30 AM Centering Prayer
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
5:30 PM Personnel Mtg.
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, March 28

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, March 29

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY Program
4:30 PM Choir School Rehearsal
6:00 PM Handbells
6:00 PM Maundy Thursday
7:30 PM Easter Rehearsal

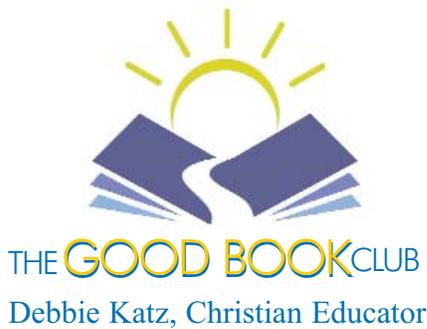
Friday, March 30

8:00 AM Improvisations Rehearsal
12:00 PM Improvisations on the Stations of the Cross
7:39 PM Tenebrae Service

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 hugwalk-er1@gmail.com



Join the Good Book Club!

We will read passages from the Bible, the Good Book. We have invited the congregations at First Buffalo, Lafayette, and University churches to join our daily readings. The daily passages are outlined in a booklet and are posted on our website. During these days of Lent, we take on this Lenten practice. We read individually or with our families in our homes, knowing our congregations are doing the same. The purpose is to read the gospel with open hearts to grow in faith as we encounter these sacred stories. There is no test. For some, this encounter with these stories will be for the first time, and for others, we read these stories again with new eyes.

This Lenten invitation is for everyone

Families, youth, and children are welcome! At the February 11 lunch we will have Bibles to borrow or you can check out newer translations. Some children's story Bibles are available for younger children to use. Any questions call Debbie Katz 884-9437, ext. 329 or dkatz@wpcbuffalo.org.



Sunday School at Westminster

Children are a vital part of the life and worship at Westminster.

- Our preschool class meets in the WECP building. After *Time with the Children*, children 3-5 year olds leave with their teachers, "Miss Debby," "Mr. Chris" LaMendola and Mrs. Janet and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers together in the Holmes Room.
- 1st-2nd grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers in the first classroom before the Parish Hall balcony.
- 3rd, 4th-5th grade class meet with their teachers, Mr. Isaiah and Mrs. Rebecca in the first classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 6th-7th grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers, Debbie Izatt and Carol Timmerman-Yorty, in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They met one-on-one with their mentor until January, after which they meet each Sunday from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Our Senior Highs, 9th-12th graders, meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible

Reading Bible stories with your children can become a special time when you and your child move from clock or chronos time, and move into opportune or kairos time. If you can put aside the minutes required in telling a story, you can move into a space that's God's time. Now, I'm not suggesting that sitting down and reading any Bible storybook will get you and your child into that space. However, a new story Bible, *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*, will help you get there.

The editors set out to create a children's story Bible that's an invitation to its readers to wrestle with the bible stories and their meanings. Each story invites the reader to ask questions, and think about how that story has meaning in their life today. So each story begins with a question, and ends with three questions. The editors began from the understanding that the Bible is less a book of answers but rather a book of stories that speak to our lives. The Bible then is not a book our children outgrow, instead the stories in the Bible speak to each of us at each stage of journey through life. *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible* contains stories that have been chosen from several reasons. Some of the stories are familiar, and available in Sunday School classes. Some of the biblical stories were selected because they are appropriate for a particular time in the life of children. Other stories were chosen simply because we all can use help in learning how to live together as peacemakers, learning how to live with our neighbors, and learning to love as Jesus did.

The stories in this storybook reflect current thinking and writing in contemporary biblical scholarship, so you might notice a new interpretation of familiar stories. As you read these stories with your children, you will hear issues that are timeless, and ones our children are facing today.

Finally, pause with your child and discuss the artwork. Six different artists illustrated the stories in this storybook. It is the hope of the editors that the art will help children see and hear the stories in new ways. As with the questions, the illustrations invite the readers to wonder and reflect.

This story Bible is designed for children from ages 5 to 8 years old. If you have any trouble finding *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible*, please contact me. I know this book is available on amazon.com.

Holy Week IN A BOX



Pick up your Holy Week Box on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. In these boxes, you find paper palms, coins, marker, a pipe cleaner, and a piece of cloth along with the stories to read during Holy Week. We begin with Palm Sunday and journey with Jesus and the disciples through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the stillness of Saturday to the Empty Tomb on Easter. Use your box, with the simple objects as you read through the stories of Holy Week. Both families and adults can use the boxes and their contents to ponder and tell these stories.



Go Fish!

Come catch a One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Bank, bring it home and return it at the Palm Sunday Breakfast.

Children will receive their Fish Banks along with a Sharing Calendar. The Sharing Calendars give us concrete ways we can help. Families decide on the unit of giving, whether it's a penny, nickel, dime or quarter. It is remarkable what our gifts can do. This Lent place the Sharing Calendar on your fridge or someplace close to your fish bank and use these daily reminders to challenge your hearts. Return the filled Fish Bank to worship on Palm Sunday, March 25.



LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY: WOW Lunchtime Bible Study is meeting the third Thursday of each month, in the Case Library. Join us each month and together we will explore some of the Bible's 800 references to water. Come as your schedule permits. For more information, please contact: Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at dkatz@westminster-bflo.org or (716) 884-9437, ext. 329. Coffee and tea provided.

WOW BOOK DISCUSSION: On Monday, May 7 we will talk about *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. Mark your calendars now, and start reading. We'll meet for our book discussions at 7 PM in the Case Library.

WESTMINSTER KNITTING GROUP: The group will meet on Tuesdays, April 11 and 25 from 7 PM to 9 PM. The group 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: mfranholmes@verizon.net for information and dates.

A GREAT turnout and LOTS of FUN!
WOW Women's Winter Retreat!



First row from left to right: Margaret Korman, Debby LaMendola, Jane Harrington, Mary Jane Hayes, Gail Donaldson
2nd row from left to right: Joan Osborne, Sawrie Becker, Rebecca Montague, Mary Callaghan, Jen Callaghan, Virginia Paul, Molly Gray
Back row from left to right: Debbie Katz, Roberta Nickelsen, Ethel Ward, Chris Curtis, Laurel Braun, Carol Greetham, Charlotte Werner, Betsy Greno, Leslie Deich, Marcia Buhl, Mary Dimock, Carol Rogers, Jeannette Ludwig, Karen Ziegler, Dot Brown



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 25
9:00 AM in the
Holmes & Oak Rooms

The Sunday School invites everyone to begin Holy Week with a Palm Sunday breakfast. Come and join the fellowship as we prepare palm crosses for worship. Please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. This is a time for us to remember, tell and pass on the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Please join us and bring a friend!



Easter Reception

Sunday, April 1
following the
10:30 AM service

Join us for a time of fellowship at a reception in the Case Library. This is an opportunity to gather with members, friends, and guests. Donations of finger foods are needed such as vegetables and hummus/ dip, fruit, cheese and crackers or baked goods. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery Room. Thank you in advance for sharing in this Westminster Family occasion.

Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee

Winter months are FUN at ENERGY!



During the month of February ENERGY students participated in our annual Reading Challenge. Each student recorded how many minutes they read each week, with our collective goal being 10,000 minutes! Students selected prizes for reading the most minutes out of everyone in their reading group. In addition to doing lots and lots of reading, we got to play outside in the snow, and complete our annual watercolor self-portraits.

This month, students will visit the Theatre of Youth to see *Junie B. Jones is not a Crook!*

Interested in checking out what goes on at ENERGY? Stop by to visit between 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening when Buffalo Public Schools are in session

Thank you for generously giving the ENERGY program a home. If you are interested in getting involved with the ENERGY Program, please contact the Program Coordinator at 507-8216 or awojciechowski@wedibuffalo.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: 11-7pm
Friday - Saturday: 10am-9pm
LOTS OF FREE PARKING!

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Alcohol and Drug Education Referral Service

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

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.

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Easter Lily Memorials

A Gift of beauty and remembrance.

The mental image we all carry of Easter morning at Westminster is highlighted by the lilies which grace the front of the Sanctuary. These beautiful flowers have a double significance on this special occasion. They represent a memorial to those special people who are gone from our lives but not from our hearts. They also bring the beauty and joy of the Resurrection to members who are sick or shut-in or who have suffered a loss in recent months. The flowers are delivered by volunteers to nursing home residents and other shut-ins. We invite you to remember your own family and friends by sending a contribution to the church. By listing those persons you wish to have remembered, your memorial will be shared with the rest of the congregation through the Easter bulletin. If your intent is simply to brighten the day of someone who is unable to be at the Easter service, you can send a contribution without memorial designation. To cover the cost of these plants, we warmly welcome any amount you wish to contribute. Please fill out the bottom section of this form and return it, along with your gift, payable to: **Westminster Presbyterian Church, ATTENTION: EASTER LILY MEMORIALS, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209, NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 25!**

Please print clearly and check one of the following:

Please accept the enclosed contribution, with the following people to be remembered through my memorial gift:

Please accept the enclosed contribution, but without designation for memorial purposes.

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not specify someone to be listed, your contribution will be considered undesignated.