



# WESTMINSTER

JULY 2016 NEWSLETTER



This year our six week Sunday series, July 10th to Aug 14th, will compare and contrast two short Christian books. 8:30 - 9:45AM in the Case Library:

*What's the Least I Can Believe and Still be a Christian: A Guide to What Matters Most* by Rev Martin Thielan. This 156 page paperback emphasizes good beliefs Jesus and God.

*Long Live Salvations by Works: A Humanist Manifesto* by Rev Harry Cook. This 157 page paperback emphasizes good works and humanism. We will read 20-30 pages from each book each Sunday and then discuss our findings with each other and volunteer facilitators (to be determined). Reading the books, while encouraged, is not mandatory. And each session will provide standalone material so, while encouraged, it is not necessary to attend all six sessions. There is a sign up sheet in the Gallery Room so we can determine how many books to order. This series has been organized by Debbie Katz, John McClive and Jerry Kelly. Session 1, July 10: John McClive Session 2, July 17: Debbie Katz, Session 3, July 24: David Weeks Session 4, July 31: John Montague, Session 5, Aug. 7: Mark Aquino Session 6, Aug. 14: Jerry Kelly



## Westminster Day at Chautauqua! Wednesday, August 3

*This year Westminster is excited to join with the Buffalo Unitarian Universalist and Trinity Episcopal churches for a Three Church Venture with all three of our pastors at Chautauqua!*

**Half Day Gate Pass: \$16. All-day Gate Pass: \$40. Carpooling from WPC parking lot leaving promptly at:  
Full Day Trip leaves at 7:00AM Half Day Trip leaves at 10:30AM**

**All are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. We will meet at 12:30PM for a three-church picnic! A sign up sheet is in the Gallery Room. You must sign up if you intend on carpooling.**



*Those choosing the half day trip will hear: The Rev. William Barber II*, who is national Chair of the NAACP's Legislative Political Action Committee and president of the NAACP's North Carolina state chapter, the largest in the South. The Rev. Barber is the founder of Moral Mondays in North Carolina which is fighting

back against a raft of Republican changes to election laws, including reducing the number of early voting days, ending same-day voter registration, and requiring ID at the polls. Rev Barber has been incarcerated three times. Duke University professor Timothy Tyson named Barber "the most important progressive political leader in this state in generations. **2:00pm Hall of Philosophy**



*Those choosing the full day trip will also hear: The Rev John Philip Newell*: Poet, peacemaker, minister and scholar who is visiting from the Church of Scotland. Rev Newell is internationally acclaimed for his work in the field of Celtic spirituality. Newell teaches that "the sound of God resonates in every creature. If we are to listen for God, it is not away from creation, it is not away

from the depths of our being. It is rather in the very heart of our being that we need to turn our attention. For then we will hear that the deepest sound within us which is the deepest sound within everything that has being. Everything arises from this sacred sound." A prolific writer, Rev Newell has authored 19 books which include his celebrated work, *Listening to the Heartbeat of God*. **9:15am The Amphitheater**

Any questions, contact Jerry Kelly 839-9533 (daytime) or gerald@geraldkelly.com.

# The View from the Porch



Dear Friends,

The view from the porch today, here in Ridgefield, CT is bright and sunny, looking down a tree lined street at our son and daughter-in-law's home. Tomorrow we will celebrate the first birthday of our first (and only) grandchild, Eliza. Her mother is baking a cake this morning and the plan tomorrow is for a backyard party with both sets of grandparents and both uncles. One of Eliza's presents will be a swimming pool that will be put out in the morning so that the water can warm up.

All of this, of course, brings back memories of childhood and summer. We are, on this eve of the summer solstice, on the verge of the glory this fair season in Western New York. I hope you are making plans to engage the natural world around us. Emerson said about his own 'backyard' in Concord, MA "within these plantations a decorum and sanctity reign, a perennial festival is dressed, we see not how we should tire of it in a thousand years. Here, we return to reason and faith. Nothing can befall us that nature cannot repair. Mean egotism vanishes. In the tranquil landscape and distant horizon we behold creation as beautiful as our own nature."

Then the old sage says something remarkable, he says the power to produce this delight does not reside in nature, but in humans, and in the harmony of both. It's as if he lifted those words from Genesis and the seven days of creation. There is a deep interconnection between all living things. A harmony we're intended to seek and to experience with our partners and families, fellow human beings, all the earth's creatures, the very earth itself.

If you're thinking this has shades of Buddhism or Native American spirituality, you are right. So often the great religions arrive at the same truths through different paths. What they're saying is that we are best when we are at one with one another, with creation and with God. The Jews call this "shalom."

There is much in our world that works against the harmony of shalom. The mission and purpose of the people of God, of Westminster, of you and me, is to strive for and reflect that harmony with creation in our living. To reveal the glory of God's intention for human life in our actions, despite all the rhetoric, events and forces that counsel fragmentation and fortressing is the best policy for safety and protection. I don't know how that can happen without taking time to engage the world around us – the beauty of nature, our responsibility to be wise stewards of the earth – and to play in its bounty.

Happy summer,

*Tom*

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty

## Preaching Schedule

**One Service at 10AM in the Holmes Chapel**

*The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty will preach unless otherwise indicated*

**July 3**

*Front Row Seat to New Life*  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**July 10**

Senior High Maine Mission Group  
will lead worship

**July 17**

*Holy Unexpectedions!*  
Luke 10:25-37

**July 24**

Lay Preacher: TBA

**July 31**

*What Makes A Life?*  
Luke 12:13-21

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## One Service Sunday

**Worship This Summer!**  
**July 3 through September 4**  
**10:00am in the Holmes Chapel**

Join us this summer for an intimate Worship service. The doors of the Chapel will be open allowing a wonderful view of the Kratz Garden. What a great way to start a summer Sunday morning! (Fall hours resume on Welcome Back Sunday, September 11)



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 a.m. worship service on the following date: **September 18**. 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@wpcbuffalo.org or 830-8596), Karen Keaton (khkeaton@verizon.net) or any staff member.

From the Christian Educator, Debbie Katz

## Cultivating the Practice of Reading Scripture



Each year I look forward to summertime to catch up on all the books I've put aside; the novels I didn't have time to read and all the recommended books that require more attention than I have during the program year of Sunday School, Confirmation and Adult Education classes. However, reading scripture is not a seasonal practice for me. Reading scripture is a spiritual practice where the more I read, the better reader of scripture I

become. Joel B. Green, Professor at Fuller Seminary, argues that the practice of reading scripture is not about learning how to mold the biblical message to contemporary lives and modern needs. Rather, reading the Bible shapes how we understand our lives and identify our greatest needs. In his article in *Presbyterian Outlook's* latest issue, Green offers the following six suggestions on how to cultivate the discipline of reading scripture.

**(1) Reading Scripture is not enough.** Theological and ecclesial formation informs and are informed by reading Scripture. Communities that put Scripture into practice through seeking the Holy Spirit, confessing sins and forgiving each other, praying for the sick, and offering good news to others find themselves being prepared to read scripture.

**(2) Read and read again.** It is easy to turn time with Scripture into a game of "Twenty Questions": how to have a happy relationship, learn financial faithfulness, or whatever. A sharp line can be drawn between utilitarian approaches that treat the Bible as a how-to manual or a database for addressing my questions, and the formation of Scripture-shaped minds that understand God and God's creation through Scripture-shaped lenses. The latter requires patient, deliberate reading—reading, as it were, for no good reason but for the sake of having our dispositions and reflexes shaped by Scripture.

**(3) Read slowly.** Those of us who find ourselves moving back and forth between blogs, email, texts, news outlets, and social networks on our smartphones and tablets need different rules of engagement for reading Scripture. This practice concerns not how fast I can get through today's reading, but how slowly, combining prayer, reading, and contemplation. To crib Jesus' words, "Let these words sink into your ears" (Luke 9:44, NRSV).

**(4) Involve yourself.** If the last century or more has imagined education as the process of stepping back to observe, assess, and attain knowledge, then this practice calls for different habits. This learning is self-involving, a means by which we hear God's address. Why do we resist this text but embrace that one? What does it mean that we are included in the community of God's people addressed by this text?

**(5) Read together.** Inasmuch as scriptural texts have their origins and purpose deeply rooted in the community of God's people, we ought to find ways to read in community. By this I refer to the importance of study groups where our assumptions and views are tested, but even more I mean to counter the temptation to imagine that Scripture is simply for me and about me, or that I am tasked with determining its significance apart from the larger church, historically and globally.

**(6) Refuse to distinguish between reading the Bible for a class or sermon and reading the Bible for Christian formation.** We come to Scripture for different reasons at different times, but it would be a mistake to imagine that preparing an exegesis paper or sermon required qualitatively different protocols. Should we leave our theological and ecclesial locations behind when doing exegesis? Should work with Scripture in sermon preparation bypass the reservoir of my regular reading practices? Should the crises that arise as I encounter God's voice in Scripture not shape my reading of these texts with and for others?

## Lunchtime Bible Study

We meet the third Thursday of each month. Join us each month as we look at Paul's advice to the church in Corinth and consider what we have in common with Paul and his community of believers. Come as your schedule permits. For more information, please contact: Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education at [dkatz@westminster-bflo.org](mailto:dkatz@westminster-bflo.org) or (716) 884-9437, ext. 329. Coffee and tea provided.

## Adult Bible Class

9:45AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Adult Bible Study will resume in September. 9:45AM - 10:45AM in the first room on the balcony on the 3rd floor.

Our class welcomes adults who are interested in exploring the Christian story, by studying the scripture and applying those lessons learned to our present lives. Come as your schedule permits. This class uses *Feasting on the Word* curriculum which explores the Bible passages used in worship.

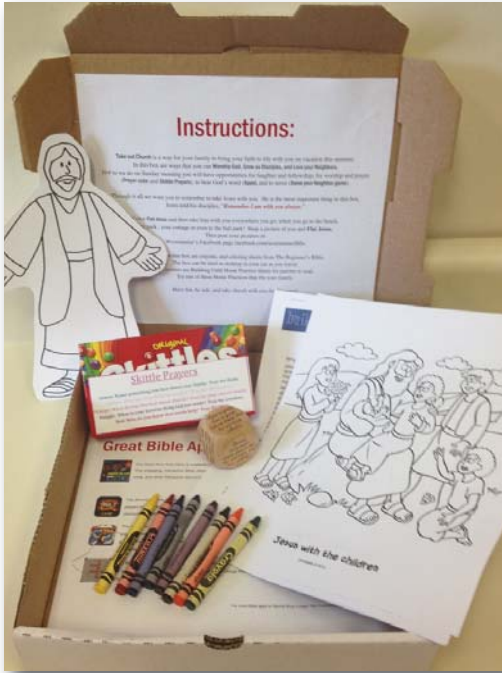


## A Program for Older Adults Passages

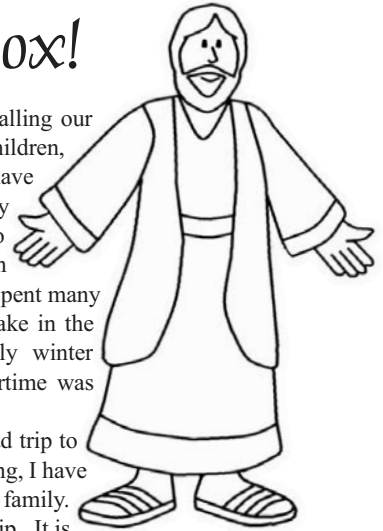
Passages will resume their programming on the first Tuesday of October. Look for the new program year schedule in the September Newsletter! Thank you for supporting this wonderful educational and entertaining program!



# Jesus in the *Takeout* Church Box!



I remember a friend of my mother's teasing us by calling our family "winter Christians." I am the oldest of five children, and as an adult I can understand how difficult it must have been for my mother getting everyone dressed and ready for church Sundays during the fall, winter and spring. So once summer arrived, my Mom needed her own vacation from Sunday mornings. Thanks to my grandfather we spent many summer weekends and vacations at his cottage on a lake in the Laurentians north of Montreal. We weren't exactly winter Christians; however our church attendance in summertime was low.



This summer whether you're at your cottage, on a road trip to visit relatives or the sights, or whether you're just relaxing, I have Westminster's Takeout Church Box for you and your family. This is not a magical box you open to experience worship. It is however a box filled with items to help your family to pray, hear God's Word through Bible apps and ideas to serve your neighbor. In the Takeout Church box you'll find a Skittles' prayer, a prayer cube of graces, an information sheet of Bible app games and a Traveling Jesus. There is also a set of Home Practice sheets for parents to look over and try out the simple spiritual practices that would best fit their family.

Jesus told his disciples to "Remember I am with you always." This Traveling Jesus is a concrete reminder to young children that Jesus is indeed with us always. So color your Jesus and take him with you on your summer adventures. Snap of selfie of you and Jesus whether you're at the beach, the ball park or in your own backyard. Post your pics on Westminster's Facebook

page at facebook.com/westminsterBflo. This way we can keep in touch during our summer travels. I know that the youth group will be taking their Traveling Jesus to Hartford, Maine. Let's see all the places we visit.

The Takeout Church boxes are available on the table in the Gallery Room. I'll also have extra Traveling Jesus available for older folks who would like one, but don't need the box. Included in the box are coloring sheets for younger children that come from the stories and illustrations in The Beginner's Bible. I'll also have extra coloring sheets on the table in the Gallery Room for families who need more. - Debbie Katz, Christian Educator

*Join us on Rally Day, September 11th and see the photos of you and Flat Jesus on display in the church!*

## Westminster's Youth Ministry

**June 27 to July 3:**  
Maine Mission Trip  
**Sunday, July 10:**  
10AM - Youth led worship  
at Westminster  
**August 8-14:**  
Maine group in Buffalo

**Wednesday, August 10:**  
6- 8pm - Westminster pic-  
nic honoring the Maine  
youth group - All  
Congregation Members  
and Friends are Welcome!

**August 15-August 18:**  
Middler Mission Camp.  
Contact Mark Aquino,  
askmark@roadrunner.com  
or Debbie Katz dkatz@  
westminste.bflo.org with  
questions or to enroll.

## Calling all 6th-8th Graders and their Parents!

**Please save the dates of Monday, August 15th -  
Thursday, August 18th for the Middler Work Camp.**

Contact Debbie Katz or Mark Aquino for details.  
We look forward to a week of faith, mission,  
fellowship and fun!!

**SAVE  
THE DATE!  
Wednesday,  
August 10**

**Westminster is hosting  
a picnic honoring  
the Maine youth group  
in Parish Hall from  
6- 8PM.  
All Congregation  
Members and Friends  
are Welcome!**



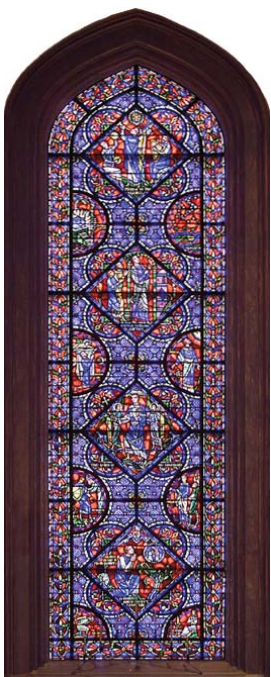
## We are pleased to introduce Cindy Lynn-Garbe, the new Director of Westminster Early Childhood Programs!



Cindy comes to us with a rich background in Early Childhood Education. She began her career teaching pre-school and kindergarten in Rochester, NY. From there, Cindy turned her attention to research with particular emphasis on studies concerning childhood obesity and nutrition. While pursuing her doctorate at the University at Buffalo, Cindy spent time as an adjunct instructor for undergraduate and graduate Learning and Instruction courses. Additionally, she spent five years as a Master Teacher and then Program Administrator at the Early Childhood Research Center at UB. In her role at the ECRC, Cindy successfully maintained NAEYC accreditation for the Center, supervised teaching staff, and worked collaboratively with a diverse family population. Cindy also worked as a Senior Child Researcher in the Fisher-Price Play Lab for nine years, spending time planning and conducting product development sessions with infant, toddler, pre-school and elementary aged children.

Through time spent getting to know Cindy one thing is abundantly clear, she has a deep love for working with children. We feel that Cindy's philosophy is a strong match for WECP; she holds a high regard for these important early years in a child's life and we know this will inspire her work each day.

Cindy officially began her role as Director on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to welcome her to our school and church family!



## Thank you Docents!

### *A BIG Westminster Thank You!*

Grateful thanks to the enthusiastic Stained Glass Window Docents who conducted sanctuary tours on Sunday June 12 during the Allentown Art Festival. Approximately 100 visitors enjoyed the "art" that Westminster offers, including our majestic stained glass windows, spacious sanctuary space, and stitched red cushions in the Chancel that match our favorite window pictures. Volunteer docents include George Gates, John and Louise McClive, Rebecca Montague and Janet Kowalski.

**WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Office: 884-9437 • Office Fax: 884-3450  
WECP: 884-9438 • WECP Fax: 886-7641  
www.wpcbuffalo.org

To email a staff person use the person's first initial and last name @wpcbuffalo.org In the event of an emergency, Rev. Yorty can be reached at 830-8596 Staff members phone extensions are listed below for your convenience.

### **Westminster Presbyterian Church**

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, ext. 313

The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, 716-697-0919

Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Director of Music Ministries, ext. 318

Debbie Katz, Director of Christian Education, ext. 329

Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator, ext. 311

Lenore Neiler, Communications Coordinator, ext 302

Patricia Kelly, Director of Finances ext. 305

Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, ext. 315

Matt Marco, Assistant to the Pastor & to the Music Director, ext. 306

Jamie Adamezyk, Administrative Assistant, ext. 326

Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar, ext. 357

### **Westminster Early Childhood Programs**

Cindy-Lynn Garbe, Director, ext. 328

Todd Bothwell, Director of Admissions & Operations ext. 330

Jessica Mitrovits, Development Associate, ext. 332

Ebony Mallory, Administrative Assistant, ext. 300

### **Facilities**

Aaron Vivian, Facilities Supervisor, ext. 319, 716-504-7308

Jeff Kaczmarek, Maintenance, ext. 319, 716-345-8013

Carlos Ortiz, Maintenance, 716-208-4070

### **Elders**

Robert Bojdak, Clerk of Session

#### **Class of 2016**

Maureen Boyd  
Bill Gray  
Mark Hall  
Allan Hayes  
Jack Jacobs  
Ellen Kennedy  
Chris LaMendola  
Kathy Vitagliano

#### **Class of 2017**

Fran Holmes  
Karen Keaton  
Sandy Laub  
Ardrey Manning  
Elizabeth Stewart  
Adam Utley  
Tom Warszawski  
Jim Weiland

#### **Class of 2018**

Mark Aquino  
Melissa Balbach  
Sawrie Becker  
Bob Bojdak  
Jen Callaghan  
Edwin Johnston  
Jeff Renzoni  
Mimi Steadman

### **Deacons**

#### **Class of 2016**

Cameron Airhart  
Shea Akers  
Janet Kifner-Armatt  
Frank Coheley  
Darrell Davis  
Warren Emblidge  
Florence  
Kilambo Kalumbu  
Rebecca  
Read-Lukan  
Earl McColgin

#### **Class of 2017**

Kate Dierenfield  
Doug Fabian  
Carol Huber  
Joan Kuznia  
Callan Izatt  
Mike Reynolds  
Nancy Stevens  
Roy Stewart

#### **Class of 2018**

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

Jewish - Presbyterian  
Geo-Political Trip to Israel  
and the West Bank  
January 8 - 19, 2017



Congregation Shir Shalom  
North Presbyterian Church  
Temple Beth Zion  
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Land Package will Include:

- 9 nights; Herods hotel, 2 Scots St. Andrew's in Galilee, 4 Dan Boutique hotel Jerusalem, 1 Intercontinental hotel, Bethlehem
- Daily Israeli buffet breakfast
- Daily dinners
- VIP airport assistance upon arrival and departure
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 9 full days sightseeing deluxe bus
- Tour educator-guide from arrival to departure
- Bethlehem guide
- Entrance fees to all visited sites as per itinerary;
- Airport and hotels porters
- Meeting and assistance throughout trip

Total Cost, which includes round-trip airfare from Toronto to Tel Aviv is \$3596/person

There are only 30 spots available at this very low rate

Please send your deposit of \$250 by  
September 1st to lock in your place to:  
Congregation Shir Shalom  
4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, NY 14221  
Please make checks out to:  
SY. Travel Israel

# Interfaith Congregational Picnic



*A covenant between Presbyterians and Jews in pursuit of a more just world: Israel, Palestine, Divestment, and Longing for Peace. An opportunity for discussion and fellowship.*

- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Temple Beth Zion
- North Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Shir Shalom

A Picnic Dinner will follow:

- All ages are welcome
- Activities for children
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and refreshments provided
- Bring casseroles, desserts to share
- Donations of paper towels/bathroom tissue, toothpaste, etc. for the Town Square Food Pantry is appreciated.

The picnic will be held in the backyard of Congregation Shir Shalom, 4660 Sheridan Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221

**RSVP! Call Congregation  
Shir Shalom at  
716-633-8877**



# Summer ENERGY is Back!

-Carol Greetham, ENERGY Coordinator



Summer ENERGY is back! We're looking forward to four great weeks - helping our students from refugee families prevent summer learning loss and introducing them to new sights and experiences in Western New York. Consider volunteering. Come one, two, three or all four days. Come one, two, three or all four weeks. Drivers are needed for Friday Field

Trips (You must be over 20 years old to drive on field trips). The more days you can participate, the more everyone will gain. The minimum commitment is 3-4 days. That's one day a week for four weeks, or Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for one week. If your schedule is indefinite, that's okay. Just let me know. [carol@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:carol@wedibuffalo.org)

*"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to volunteer with ENERGY for the past 2 years. Working with the kids has been a life changing experience and the basis of my senior thesis. I recently received a community service award at Nichols Award Day and it came with money that I can donate to the charity of my choice. I have decided to give it to ENERGY. I hope to stay in touch and visit soon."*

- Maya Koven, Nichols Senior and ENERGY Volunteer

## Summer ENERGY!

**WHERE:** Westminister Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo

**WHEN:** 10 a.m -12:00 noon

Thursday, July 14: Volunteer Orientation at 10am Tuesday, July 19: First Day of Summer ENERGY

Friday, August 12: Last Day of Summer ENERGY. Summer ENERGY does not meet on Mondays.

**WHAT:**

10:00 -10:15 Morning Meeting 10:15- 11:45 Literacy Centers:

- Reading • Writing • Word Work - includes games, word ladders, sight words, sentence building, board games etc. Incorporated in the centers will also be a read aloud which aligns with the theme and field trip for the week.

11:45-12:00 Outdoor Play (Parish Hall in case of rain)

**FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS:**

- Urban Farm (tbd) • Times Beach Nature Preserve and Wilkerson Point • Buffalo Niagara Heritage Museum • Buffalo Zoo

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Come one, two, three or all four days. Come one, two, three or all four weeks. Drivers are needed for Friday Field Trips. Children will be picked up at their West Side homes. Please indicate your availability by emailing [carol@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:carol@wedibuffalo.org).

**Training session: July 16 or July 17 10:00 a.m. Please indicate your preference.**

**VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Help lead centers • Read books with children • Encourage children with their reading. • Supervise activities



## Summer at the West Side Bazaar!!

Come on over for a delicious lunch and do some shopping! Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11AM-7PM, Friday, 11Am-8PM, Saturday 10AM- 8PM. Sunday & Monday, Closed. Plenty of FREE PARKING!



### Economic Development

WEDI offers assistance and mentoring to people who want to start their own businesses on the West Side. 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 life-long dreams. Contact Ben Bissell, 315-857-5407.

### Alcohol Consultation Services

Westminister's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral Services 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, Elizabeth Stewart 585-217-7878, Jim Wieland 523-021.

# July Calendar

## Saturday, July 2

1:00 PM Bozer Interment

## Sunday, July 3 - Name Tag Sunday

Derek On Duty

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship/Communion

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

10:00 PM Maine Trip Returns

## Monday, July 4 - WPC Closed

## Tuesday, July 5

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, July 6

8:00 AM Planned Giving Mtg.

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline

1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, July 7

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:30 AM Passages Planning Mtg.

## Sunday, July 10

8:30 AM Case Library Conversations

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

## Tuesday, July 12

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

5:30 PM Worship, Music & Arts

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, July 13

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

10:00 AM McTaggart Memorial Service

11:00 AM McTaggart Reception

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, July 14

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

8:00 AM Generosity Mtg.

## Saturday, July 16

10:00 AM Youth Mission Trip Kirkwood, MO

## Sunday, July 17

8:30 AM Case Library Conversations

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

## Tuesday, July 19

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

10:00 AM Garden Group

12:00 PM Triennium Youth Conference

5:15 PM Invested Funds

6:00 PM Mission Outreach Mtg.

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

7:00 PM Knitting Group

## Wednesday, July 20

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, July 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

12:15 PM WOW Bible Study

## Friday, July 22

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

## Sunday, July 24

9:30 AM Infant /Toddler Care

9:35 AM Case Library Conversations

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

## Tuesday, July 26

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

10:00 AM Garden Group

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

5:30 PM Personnel Comm. Mtg.

6:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, July 27

9:30 AM Worship Planning Mtg.

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

12:00 PM Enews Info. Deadline

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline

1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:00 PM Session Mtg. Offsite

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, July 28

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

7:30 AM Budget & Finance Mtg.

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

## Friday, July 29

10:00 AM ENERGY Program

## Sunday, July 31

8:30 AM Case Library Conversations

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care

10:00 AM Worship

11:00 AM Punch and Cookies

11:00 AM Case Library Comm. Mtg.



## Childcare this Summer

### July & August

On the first Sunday of July we switch to our summer hours and move into the Holmes Chapel for worship. Children's activity bulletins will be available each Sunday in July and August. Childcare for children 5 years old and younger will be available during July and August in the WECP building from 9:30AM to 11:30AM.

## Westminster Knitting Group

Our next meeting is

Tuesday, July 19.

The group meets on various Tuesdays throughout the year from 7PM to 9PM.

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 more information and dates.



## ORDER SUNDAY FLOWERS

Purchase Sunday flowers in honor /memory of family or friends. Sign up on the "Flower Calendar" on the kiosk in the Gallery Room or call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date.





Please take a moment to update your contact and family information for the Westminster membership files. By keeping our church records up to date, we can ensure that your family is informed about what is happening here at Westminster; design effective & interesting programming and provide timely pastoral care.

(Mr/ Mrs/Ms.) Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) Please circle a preferred contact number if any: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

(Mr. Mrs. Ms.) Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like your name(s) to appear in our directory and on church mailings?

\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Children living at home (Please indicate names and ages-use Additional Information area below if necessary)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Adult children living at home: (Use Additional Information area below if necessary)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Westminster ? Y\_\_ N\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Westminster ? Y\_\_ N\_\_

Adult Children **not** living at home:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Westminster ? Y\_\_ N\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member of Westminster ? Y\_\_ N\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_

Do they still receive mail at the above address? Y\_\_ N\_\_

Additional Information, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thanks for your help in keeping our church family connected! Questions and/or to request a membership information form, please contact: Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 Ext 315, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org Please return to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

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# Thank you George Gates!



As you may have heard, George Gates has passed the BATon to David Carstensen as the organizer of our annual June Buffalo Bison baseball picnic and outing. For many years, George presided at the table in the Holmes Room selling tickets, then saw to it that the grill master was supplied with hot dogs and that the buffet was spread with covered dishes of hearty summer fare. I am pleased to report that this year – George’s last as our leader – after presenting George with his own New Era Bison baseball cap, words of appreciation and a cake, we all went off to see the Bisons pull out an exciting win over the Syracuse triple A team.

George grew up in central Connecticut; he was a Brooklyn Dodger fan in a geographical region of his home state in which you could be a legitimate fan of either the Yankees, Dodgers, Giants or Red Sox. George and a classmate were the lone Dodger fans in his high school. So he learned to weather the trash talk and privilege imposed by the other teams’ fans by arguing logically and statistically for the superiority of his team.

George has an encyclopedic knowledge of the game. But more importantly he has a deep love for the sport. He will be our Bison Picnic and Game organizer emeritus and still in attendance as Dave Carstensen – another great baseball fan – takes the reins of this Westminster tradition.

Thank you George! We’re grateful for your devotion to a great American sport and to us!