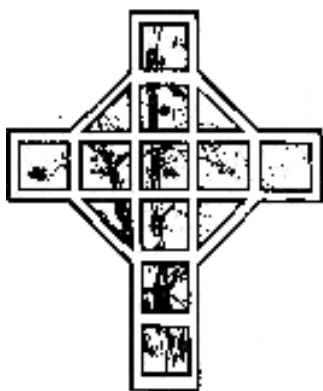


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# *The Triangle*

*December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009*

## *Candles & Carols*

*This Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm*

Join us this Sunday for our traditional Candles & Carols event. We will share in an evening of special music, singing Christmas carols and a yummy finger-foods buffet. Candles & Carols will be orchestrated by Katrina Wyman and our very own Youth Group. Child care begins at 4:45pm. The one-hour program begins at 5:00pm in the sanctuary, followed by a finger-food buffet in the narthex.

For "finger-food" items to share, if your last name begins with:

- A-G** bring sweets – things small and yummy
- H-O** bring cheeses, meats, crackers, etc
- P-Z** bring fresh fruits and/or vegetables with dips.

Beverages will be provided.



## PASTORS' CORNER

*The Rev. Dr. David R. Kegley*

By taking a life a criminal removes the earthly future of another human being. The sixth commandment of our Decalogue is in character with the rest of our scriptures. It doesn't shy away from dealing with the real world in a real way. We are given amazing freedom in life, such that our power to do good is staggering as is our power to do evil. In case we are tempted to dismiss the command not to kill, because we are not likely to ever consider such a violent act, our Book of Confessions addresses the sixth commandment by exploring lesser problems that non-the-less relate to taking life away from the world.

In the Westminster Larger Catechism we are asked about the duties required of the sixth commandment. It states that we are to “*preserve the life of ourselves and others...*” and that we are to avoid all things “*...which tend to the unjust taking away the life of any; by just defense thereof against violence; patient bearing of the hand of God, quietness of mind, cheerfulness of spirit, a sober use of meat, drink, physic [medications], sleep, labor, and recreation; by charitable thoughts, love, compassion, meekness... readiness to be reconciled...*” As if not comprehensive enough a second paragraph addresses the sins forbidden in the Six Commandment. After much of what you might imagine is stated, and some which you might not imagine (it notes “all excessive passions” including an excess of “recreation” as a sin forbidden), it closes the paragraph by saying: “and whatsoever else tends to the destruction of the life of any.” (Westminster Larger Catechism, questions 135 and 136 and their answers)

I'm considering all this in light of the recent killing of four police officers in Lakewood. It comes on the heels of another officer slaying just weeks ago in Seattle. Healing will take a long time after such off-the-scale violence. The wound may never heal in some families who lost loved ones. We should pause and reconsider the contributions we make to society by how we live our own lives and how our congregation conducts itself within the larger community. In short, we should take care of ourselves; our mental, physical, emotional well-being. Life should be honored among us. We should assure that our dealings with one another and with the community are of the peaceful kind and that we are open to reconcile when we fall short of that ideal.

No, we can't stop people crazy for violence. We can't exactly put a lid on society's behavior. However, our PCUSA's Book of Order lists the church's six great ends, two of which are: “the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.” We have a stake in those actions. To be responsive to deadly violence, perhaps each of us can faithfully answer and act on this question: “What can I do to share life, promote life, and build up life in this world?”

*Peace, David*

# Calendar for This Week and Next

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00am Deacons workshop

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm (no Youth Group)

12:30pm Homebound Communion

5:00pm Candles & Carols

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00pm Bell Choir

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

10:00am Horizon Bible Study

6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether

7:00pm Craft Group (library)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

7:00pm Department meetings

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

7:00pm Chancel Choir

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

11:00am Book Group @ Traditions

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00am Sunday School program rehearsal

1:00pm Hanging of the Greens

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00am Worship

10:00am Sunday School program

11:15am Worship

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

12 noon Triangle articles due

1:00pm Grief Support Group (lib)

4:30pm Stephen Ministries

7:00pm Bell Choir

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

9:30am Elizabeth Circle

11:00am Mary-Martha Circle

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:30am Naomi Circle

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

6:00pm Session (S. Crouch home)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

1:00pm Dorcas Circle

6:00pm Praise Team

7:00pm Chancel Choir



## FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

**Advent Craft Sunday** - another successful year for Advent Craft Sunday has happened. The halls of the CE wing were buzzing with excitement as children, youth and adults scurried around to make crafts. Thank you to Connie Robinson (beaded star key ring), Cathy Gilmore and Phyllis Ryan (the ever popular cookie decorating), Sara Bryan, Greg Burkhart and Youth (wreath making), Carol Sanborn and Nancy Dahlen (styrofoam glitter balls), Debbie Kovacs and Marty Braun (candy cane ornament), Carol & Stu Vannerson (nativity). What a fun day!

**Next Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>** we will use the Sunday School hour for rehearsal of this year's Christmas program. Everyone needs to be here. I need help with costumes, stage, sound system, power point. We will practice on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am until 11:00am and the performance will be Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary at 10:00am.



**Sunday School dates to remember:** December 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be no Sunday School. We will resume Sunday School at 9:45am on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Cheryl Kinnamon*

## BOOK GROUP TIME CHANGE FOR DECEMBER

Westminster's Book Group will meet as usual on Friday, December 11, but we will meet at 11:30am at Traditions Cafe in downtown Olympia. We will have lunch and our book review on *WHAT ON EARTH HAVE I DONE*, by Robert Fulghum (of *Everything I Ever Learned I Learned in Kindergarten* fame). Join us for lunch and laughter and a lively discussion. If you have questions or need directions, contact Suzanne Fell at 459-2404 or [ssfell@comcast.net](mailto:ssfell@comcast.net).

## DECEMBER MEETING FOR DORCAS CIRCLE

The Dorcas Circle will be meeting at the home of Joan Schlect on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. We will be discussing Lesson #3 in Horizons Bible Study JOSHUA. We will also be having our annual jolly White Elephant Christmas Exchange. RSVP to Joan at 456-4674. New members welcome.

*Suzanne Fell*, for WPC Book Group and Dorcas Circle

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm



Everyone is invited to come to the church Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm to help decorate our sanctuary and entry way for the Christmas season. Cookies, hot cider and holiday music will be provided. Gloves, heavy snips and holly-type greenery will be helpful. Call Marj at 956-1185 if you have any questions.

*Marj Marion*, for Worship & Music

### MUSIC NOTES . . .



**The Olympia Choral Society**, under the direction of Westminster's Terry Shaw will present their 12th Annual Christmas Benefit Concert, "*The Holly and the Holy*" on Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 13 at 2:30pm. Admission is FREE and donations will be accepted to benefit the Capital Kids Connection- a local charity helping foster children in Thurston County. There is no reserved seating, so you are advised to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the performance time. WPC members Mary Petzold, Glen and Coleen Yeary, Ghery Pettit, Brooke Wickham, Kathleen McLean, Jim Long and Sarah Bryan are all members of OCS.

**Westminster's Chancel Choir** will be singing a very special piece of music for Christmas Eve this year - Vivaldi's beloved *Gloria*. More information will be coming in the next Triangle about this piece and how it fits into Christmas Eve. Translation will be provided in the bulletin. The Gloria will be coupled with Pastor David's sermon to bring the message of Christmas.

**Using a mic and want to be heard?** Listen up! Can you hear me? If you are making an announcement, if you are a lay leader or if do anything that requires using a microphone...listen up!! You must hold the microphone up to your mouth or you won't be heard. The mic should be held about 2-4 inches from your mouth and held so that you are speaking down the length of the mic. This means that the mic should be more parallel with the floor and NOT perpendicular with the floor. The mics are designed to have sound travel into them, not over the top. So, please hold your mics correctly so that you can be heard. Thanks.

*Terry Shaw*, WPC Director of Music Ministries

## DID YOU KNOW?

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS AN ENDOWMENT FUND. A portion of the earnings from the fund may be spent each year to support the mission and ministry of the congregation, but not to support the annual operating budget. The principal, as it may grow over time, will provide long-term income to fund various mission projects. Donations to the fund may be given through your will, a memorial gift, a gift in honor of a specific celebration or for any other reason (including year-end tax planning!) and may be made in cash, securities or other property. Please consider making a permanent gift to the church to benefit not only current needs but future generations. If you have questions or would like to make a gift, please contact the church office, a stewardship and finance committee member, or an endowment trustee.

Respectfully Submitted, Endowment Trustees:

*Kimberly Ellwanger, Linda Greenly and Jay Williams*

## MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Ring Those Bells for the Salvation Army!** Westminster's days for ringing bells are December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lacey Fred Meyer (entrance near electronics). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex at church or you may give me a call. The shifts are two hours between 10:00am and 8:00pm. Thanks!



*Debra Haynie, 943-9456*

**Holiday Giving Tree** Westminster has adopted four families for the holidays as part of the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family Program. Tags are on the Angel tree in the narthex for you to select with specific items noted to provide for these families. Please return the unwrapped gift(s) by Sunday, December 13. Including gift wrap and ribbon will be helpful to the families. We are also asking for grocery store gift cards for the families. Please speak with Susan Engels if you would prefer to donate money for a tag or gift card, instead of shopping for the gift.



*Susan Engels, 357-5712*

**Thanks from Operation Christmas Child** Many thanks to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child! A total of 75 filled shoeboxes were donated. They will be delivered to needy children all around the world. Your generosity will bring joy to 75 children.



*Jennifer Crooks, Operation Christmas Child Coordinator*

## 2010 STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING CLASS STARTING



The next Stephen Ministry Training class is planned to start Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The 50 hours of training cover topics such as listening, feelings, dealing with depression, ministering to those experiencing grief, prayer and several others. **If you would like to consider taking this training, you need to respond now**, by picking up an application form, filling it out and returning it back to me or the church office as soon as possible. This is necessary so that we can start reviewing each application, conduct interviews and have a firm count of the number of people who are committed to attend before December 20<sup>th</sup>, which is the deadline. This is not like a normal Sunday school education class that you can just go and attend. It will require a six-month commitment on your part, and we don't ask that lightly. In return, for members of our congregation, the training material costs are covered through our Stephen Ministry budget. I encourage you to contact me, Joan Schlect, Pastor David, or Pastor Christine even if you just want to talk or ask questions about the training program. I or one of your Stephen Leaders will be at a table in the narthex for the next three Sundays.

Stephen Ministry is like most ministries of the church in that one person can make a big difference. Stephen Ministry training is NOT just for people who might sense a call on their lives to become Stephen Ministers. After having been a part of Stephen Ministry myself for the past 12 years, I am convinced that it is excellent training for all of us. It can help you to communicate better with relatives, neighbors, even with your spouse. At the very least it will help you to understand more fully your relationship with God, and just maybe God's call upon your life. Trust God for what it will bring to your life.

*Dick Petermann, 956-3438, for Stephen Ministry*

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

We are beginning a list of people interested in the next new member class. The class is scheduled for Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and will meet from 9:30am until about 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to participate in the class, please note that on your friendship card in worship or you may call the church office.

# CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES



Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:30pm, 8:00pm and 11:00pm

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

November 22 – 228 (78 at 9:00am)

November 29 – 234 (76 at 9:00am)



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