
WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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MISSION STATEMENT

“The Mission of the Westminster Church of the Brethren is to be a Christ-centered community that seeks to strengthen relationships and to be of service to God, to each other and to our neighbors.”

GUEST INFORMATION

This congregation welcomes all who are seeking and who desire to live out a faith in Jesus Christ. This is a place to learn, a place to grow, a place to serve and a place to love. We strive together to be a loving and supportive fellowship.

If you are a guest today, please sign our attendance books found in the pews and include your address, telephone number, and email so we can share our hospitality with you. We are glad you have come and hope you will want to join us again next week or in whatever activities and ministries you are interested.

Persons interested in committing their lives to the way of Jesus Christ and become members of this congregation are invited to an **“INQUIRER’S CLASS SERIES”**. Talk with a Pastor if you are interested. At the conclusion, persons ready to make a commitment can do so in one of three ways:

BELIEVER’S BAPTISM

TRANSFER OF CHURCH LETTER

RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

Please call the church office if you are interested in the classes.

LAST WEEK’S PARTICIPATION

9:30 AM Sunday School Attendance Sunday 2/28/10:	38
Combined Worship Attendance Sunday 2/28/10:	114
Saturday Loaves and Fishes on 2/27/10 hosted by: Westminster Presbyterian Church	76

Offering Sunday 2/28/10: \$ 7,160.00

Needed each week: \$ 5,772.28

EARLY WORSHIP
Message With a Beat!

March 7, 2010

8:25 AM

WELCOME to a time of Joyous Worship!

Please share your name, address, and email on the attendance pad in the pews. Share your tithes and offerings in the plates at the doors as you leave. Pick up a bulletin and make sure you check the rest of the church news. There are activity bags for children preschool thru 5th grade. They are at both entrances to the sanctuary.

“...and your father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”
Matthew 6:18b

SONG: “This Is The Day”

WELCOME

INVOCATION PRAYER

SONG: “Lord, I Lift Your Name On High”

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER SONG: “Lord, Listen To Your Children

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANNOINTING & REACTIVATION SERVICE FOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

SCRIPTURE AND MESSAGE

Matthew 6:16-18

“The Christian And Fasting”

CLOSING SONG: “Surrender”

CLOSING WORDS

Please join us in the Library for a time of fellowship after worship, and before Sunday School. Then, join us in a class of your choosing.

Preacher: Pastor Erv

Greeters: Lewis & Diana Latane

Music Coordinator: Shelley Ensor

Hospitality: Norma Jean Swam

Musicians: Scott Hodgdon, guitar, Don Rowe, trumpet & flugle horn; Shelley Ensor, keyboard

Vocalists: Liz Haff, Twyla Rowe, Don Rowe, Larry Brumfield, John Rinehart, Lisa Pirone,

Louise Scalzi, Barbara Render

Worship Leader: Pastor Twyla

Sound: Jack Tevis, Gary Saville, Bob Mapes

Video Operator: Brady Winter

Nursery: Melissa Shaffer

WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

March 7, 2010

10:45 AM

Our service is broadcast on WTTR 1470 on the first Sunday of each month.

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Matthew 6:18b

GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME (Please take a moment to sign the red attendance folder.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRELUDE “In God, Our Faithful God” arr. Held

*CALL TO WORSHIP 662

*HYMN “I Stand Amazed In the Presence”
528

*INVOCATION (in unison) 673

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SENIOR CHOIR “God Our Creator, Source And Sustainer” Luttrell/Hayes

CHILDREN’S TIME

ANNOINTING & REACTIVATION SERVICE FOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

*HYMN “Come, Ye Disconsolate” 497

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus”

DOXOLOGY “Grant Us, Lord, The Grace Of Giving” 388

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:16-18

SERMON “The Christian And Fasting”

*HYMN

“Lead Me, Lord”

538

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Preacher: Pastor Erv

Minister of Christian Nurture: Twyla D. Rowe

Worship Leader: Pastor Twyla

Organist: Ann Young

Children's Time: Liz Haff

Senior Choir Director: Barbara Groff

Greeters:

Chorister: Jim Young

Head Usher: Richard Hubble

Pianist: Betsy Yount

Sound: Don Rowe, Gary Saville

Nursery: Phyllis

Dull

Hearing Assistance Devices are available from an Usher.

There are Activity Bags for children who are in preschool through 5th grade available for use during the worship. They can be found at both entrances to the sanctuary. Please do not take a bag unless you will be staying for the whole service. There is also a Nursery available for infants and children who do not turn 3 before September 1. Ask an Usher.

Congratulations to Jonathan and Heather Hurst on the birth of their daughter, Laura Kaye Brynn Hurst. Laura weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. and everyone is doing well!

Please remember our members who are homebound or in retirement communities: Jo Overholtzer, Peggy Rickle, Dorothy Wampler, Peggy Wampler, Anna Warner, Kay Hollinger, Charlie & Marilee Sackett, Virginia Whitehead, Helen Duckworth, Mildred Davis, Eleanor Rowe, Dorothy LeFevre and Bimmy Little.

Listening Time will take place today at 9:15 AM and 12 Noon, both with Gary Moore. If you have any concerns or compliments about our church, please meet with Gary in the fellowship hall.

Dinner Club will also take place today after late worship. If you would like to join other members for a meal and fellowship, please meet Sym Izard in the library.

A volunteer is needed for Koinonia on March 21. A sign-up sheet is provided on the bulletin board. Please consider doing this service.

C.A.N. activities will take place this Wednesday, March 10. Please call the church office to reserve your meal. The menu for this week is macaroni 'n cheese, green beans, applesauce, salad, fruit and dessert. Coffee, tea and milk are served each week. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 for anyone over 12, \$2.00 for children ages 6 to 12, and children under 5 eat for free.

The Discernment (Visioning) Team encourages all of you to join them by praying at 8:00 PM every evening for the work of the team, for the congregation and for guidance as we continue our journey of discernment and renewal. Pray with an open and listening spirit. Resist the temptation to tell God what you think should happen.

Also, pray over and listen for God as you read **the scripture for the week which is 1 Corinthians 13.**

Our Lenten devotionals, "Thirsting For God" are in the library and the narthex. This is a wonderful way for prayer during the Lenten season. Please take one.

We are in urgent need of money counters after the second service each week. There have been members who have dropped out. If you can help to count one month, several weeks or one week, please contact Ralph Dull. There are always two money counters each week, and we will train you. Thank you!

It's time to start collecting non-perishable, individually wrapped food items for our college students who live away from home. We will be collecting items in the library from March 7 through March 21. If you want to contribute money for the purchase of items, you can give your donation to Pastor Twyla. We will be collecting for 12 students. Let's send a little piece of Westminster COB love to our college students!

Are you aware there is a Deacon's Fund? Monies collected from Love Feasts are set aside to provide for the special needs of our church members. While the church cannot answer all needs, you are encouraged to inform Pastor Erv if you think we

can be of some assistance. Your request will be considered.

Based on donations we currently have, Loaves and Fishes now needs tuna, canned fruit, chicken cup o' soup, spaghettios and beef o' roni. Please leave your donations

in the library in the properly marked container.

The Meat Canning Project this year was originally scheduled from Monday, April 5 through Thursday, April 8 at the Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, PA.

Because of the Haiti disaster, four additional days have been added (April 12-15), and the canning goal is now 90,000 lbs. of chicken. Three of our members will be going to Ephrata on Thursday, April 15 to help. Please get donations in as soon as possible, so the money can be used to purchase the chickens. For more information, please talk with Ralph Dull.

Each year our district has a Disaster Response Auction to raise funds for support of Brethren working to relieve the pain and destruction caused by natural and human-created disasters. The support, both financial and physical, of all of us is needed for these efforts. One means of financial support is a listing in the Disaster Auction Booklet. The established levels of support are \$10.00 for donor, \$25.00 for supporter, \$35.00 for sustainer and more than \$35.00 for sustainer plus. A form to be used to indicate your level of support will appear in the church bulletin today. Please turn your form in, together with your contribution, either using the offering plate or directly to the church office **no later than tomorrow, March 8.**

Homemade cookies are needed on March 21 for the Lenten service reception here at Westminster COB. Please help by donating your cookies for this occasion.

We need jar lids and rings (both sizes) by next Sunday, March 14, for the soup that we are making and selling for the Haiti cause. We have PLENTY of jars!

The Annual Disaster Response Benefit Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 13, at the Union Bridge Church of the Brethren starting at 6:30 PM. The price is \$25.00 per person part of which will be donated to Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response work. These annual dinners always provide very good food as well as the opportunity for fellowship with Brethren from many congregations. This year, the entertainment will be provided by the Gudgeon Family, a singing group from Chambersburg, PA. To attend, please contact John Loudermilk, P.O. Box 565, New Windsor, MD 21776. You may also call him at 410-635-6342. Your check should be made out to Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction, and **the deadline to reach John is March 11.**

Attention Campers: Per John Graybeal, it was NOT possible to secure campsites for May 21/22 at Jellystone Park near Williamsport, MD. At this time, no other plans have been made for May.

The Green Project Team invites you to a planning session on March 9, at 7:00 PM. We will be meeting with people from other congregations who are interested in climate care and making plans for Earth Day. Please plan to join us!

Our membership drive for the Fahrney-Keedy Home Auxiliary is being held during March. The Fahrney-Keedy Home and Village is a Christian continuing care retirement community located in Boonsboro, MD. It is a non-profit facility affiliated with the Mid-Atlantic District of the COB. Membership dues for the auxiliary are \$2.00 per person per year. Please renew or start your membership by putting \$2.00 in a "Special Offering" envelope **on or before March 28**. Be sure to write "Fahrney-Keedy Home" and your name on the envelope.

Here's a way to save on your energy bill! **Please notice that this announcement changes every week with new tips to help you!** Soon, you'll be able to Google your real-time electricity consumption online. This web tool can help you track your appliances' energy use through a "smart meter" attached to your circuit breaker. Research has shown that when people are aware of how much energy they use, they can cut their consumption by 15%. The downside? Since this service is online, others may be aware of your energy consumption too.

Brethren Voices for the month of March takes viewers to Hiroshima, Japan and a visit to the World Friendship Center. Brethren Volunteer Service workers have provided service as host for the peace center for many years. "Brethren Voices" Program Host, Brent Carlson, interviews the current Brethren Volunteer Service workers who have served as Co-Directors of the peace program. Interviews will also be included with A-bomb survivors and a tour of Peace Park.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday 5:00 PM – C.A.N. Activities
Thursday 4:00 PM – Westminster Ringers
Saturday 7:00 AM – F.A.B.B.
11:00-1:00 PM - Organ rehearsal
12:00 Noon-1:00 PM - Loaves and Fishes

Next Sunday: 6:45 PM – Lenten Service @ Sam’s Creek COB

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, March 20 - 8:00 AM-1:00 PM–Hospitality & Outreach Workshop

Sunday, March 21 - 6:45 PM – Lenten Service @ Westminster COB

PLEASE RECYCLE