

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL AVAILABLE TODAY: Over the past month, staff and members of the congregation have gathered to reflect on our Scripture readings for Lent, and have produced a devotional meant to accompany us through the season. A hard copy will be available at a table in the gathering place after each service this morning, or you may sign-up at the table for an electronic version of the devotional to be delivered to your email inbox each morning. Hard copies are limited in number.

WEDNESDAY EVENING VESPERS: Regardless of whether you're participating in one of our Wednesday evening faith formation offerings this Lent, you are invited to gather for a brief evening prayer each Wednesday, February 21 through March 21 at 7:00p in the chapel.

BAPTISM SEMINAR AND BAPTISM: In order to prepare families for the joyful sacrament of baptism, Westminster gives a baptismal seminar led by Chandler Stokes and Nancy Greidanus. Dates for the next seminar is March 11, and the date for baptism will be Sunday, March 18. If you are desiring to have your child baptized, please contact Nancy at nancyg@wpcgr.org or 717-5541 to register.

FISH BOXES (BANKS): Church School children have received their fish boxes and a page of ideas of how to observe Lent. The money collected goes to provide food and comfort for people all over the world as part of the *One Great Hour of Sharing Program*. Bring your filled fish boxes to place in the baskets during the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 25. Anyone else who would like a fish box, there will be extras on the Children's check-in tables. They are for everyone!

LIFE OUT OF DEATH: FAITH FORMATION DURING LENT: Time. Space. Energy. Mortality. Our lives have limits that situate us somewhere on the border between the meaningful and the arbitrary. They can make our actions and contributions feel small, but they also give us a real shot at making something significant, something lasting. During Lent, our adult faith formation ministries will provide a series of offerings on Sundays and Wednesday evenings exploring the life-giving and life-taking character of these limits through the diverse lenses of racial injustice, advanced care planning, personality types, scripture, funeral preparations, and pastoral care. See today's insert for more details.

PASTOR ON VACATION: Rev. David Baak will be on extended vacation with minimal access to email until mid-April. When he returns, he will be working Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. As a reminder, Dave is reducing his hours and narrowing his focus to only administration. As necessary, please contact Kathy Cisler at 717-5533, or kathrync@wpcgr.org and she will forward your message to the appropriate staff person.

LECTIO DIVINA DURING LENT: Consider exploring the ancient prayer practice of Lectio Divina ("divine reading") during Lent this year – a participatory, active practice that "listens with the heart" to Scripture readings and uses the images and insights that arise to enter into conversation with God. Join Larry Slager, Amy Dunham Strand, and other members of Spiritual Life and Learning in the Food Pantry during education hour, 9:40-10:40a, every Sunday during Lent (Feb. 18-April 1). See today's insert for details.

PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY: In addition to the need for **canned soup** during the month of **February**, the pantry is always in need of **plastic bags**. Drop them off in the basket near the chapel. Please remember the pantry when you do your weekly shopping, **all month**. Monetary gifts are always welcome, too!


FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU: We have just received word that D&W will be sending us our third \$1,000 benefit check from the *SpartanNash Direct Your Dollars* program receipt collection. Thank you so much for your help in this continuing project. Save your **complete** SpartanNash sales receipts, and turn them in to the Pantry, or in the box near the Chapel.

ELISABETH CIRCLE: Elisabeth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, February 20** at 1:00p in the parlor, to discuss Chapter 6 of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Bring your lunch at noon and enjoy additional fellowship time together. Questions contact Lois Waldecker at 784-0900. Visitors always welcome.

SUNDAY WORSHIP FLOWERS: There are many dates available throughout the year to donate flowers in memory of, in celebration for, or to honor someone or to just beautify the sanctuary on Sunday. Please contact Becky Wells in the office at beckyw@wpcgr.org or 717-5532 to select your date. The cost is \$38.00 per arrangement.

— THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER —

SUN. FEB 18	8:15 am Child Care..... Nursery
	8:30 am WorshipSanctuary
	9:30 am Musical Rehearsal for "The Sailor's Bible"Rm. 309
	9:40 am Elementary Workshops & 1/5th Grd Choir3rd Fl. Rms.
	9:40 am Dwell..... Youth Off/Space
	9:40 am RJAG: Cle Jackson, NAACP President Chapel
	9:40 am Pre-K/Kndg Educ./Cantus Choir..... Little Steps Room
	9:40 am HS Church SchoolJeremy's Office
	9:40 am Adult Faith Formation: <i>Lectio Divina</i> Food Pantry
	11:00 am WorshipSanctuary
	12:00 pm Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour Gathering Place
	12:15 pm Guests' Conversation with Rev. StokesParlor
	12:15 pm Winds RehearsalChoir Room
	4:00 pm MS Youth..... Various Rms.
	4:00 pm Kirk SingersChoir Room
	5:00 pm HS Youth..... Various Rms.
	6:00 pm Chapel SingersChoir Room
	7:00 pm WPC Fiction Book Group Library
MON. FEB 19	9:00 am EaRN/Westminster Works..... Conference Rm
	11:30 am WCDC Board Meeting.....Parlor
	1:00 pm Ann Rinck Quilt Circle..... Multi Purpose Room
	5:30 pm Worldwide Ministries.....Parlor
	7:00 pm Spiritual Life & Learning.....Formation Suite
TUES. FEB 20	7:00 am Men's Prayer BreakfastParlor
	10:30 am Food Pantry.....Food Pantry
	12:00 pm Elisabeth Circle.....Parlor
	4:00 pm Stewardship Committee Conference Rm
	7:00 pm FASD Parent GroupFormation Suite
	7:00 pm FASD Support Group Youth Off/Space
WED. FEB 21	6:30 am MS/HS Prayer BreakfastWolfgang's
	6:00 pm AFF: <i>Dying to the False Self: Enneagram for Leaders</i>Parlor
	6:00 pm AFF: <i>Life Out of Death Book Study</i> Conference Rm
	6:30 pm West Michigan Gay Men's Chorus.....Choir Room
	7:00 pm Evening Vespers Chapel
THURS. FEB 22	6:30 am MS/HS Prayer Breakfast Red Hot Inn
	10:30 am Food Pantry.....Food Pantry
	12:00 pm Racial Justice Action Group Conference Rm
	4:00 pm Personnel Committee..... Library
	7:30 pm Sanctuary ChoirChoir Room
SAT. FEB 24	10:00 am Sat. Morning Book Group Biggby Coffee
SUN. FEB 25	8:15 am Child Care..... Nursery
	8:30 am Worship with WindsSanctuary
	9:30 am Musical Rehearsal for "The Sailor's Bible"Rm. 309
	9:40 am Adult Faith Formation: <i>The Good Funeral</i> Chapel
	9:40 am Elementary Workshops & 1/5th Grd Choir3rd Fl. Rms.
	9:40 am Pre-K/Kndg/Cantus Choir Little Steps Room
	9:40 am Dwell..... Youth Off/Space
	9:40 am RJAG: <i>The Cross and the Lynching Tree Book Study</i> ..Conf Rm
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	12:00 pm Fellowship Time/Coffee Hour Gathering Place
	12:15 pm Guests' Conversation with Rev. StokesParlor
	12:15 pm Emerging Westminster Chapel Chat Chapel
	4:00 pm MS Youth..... Various Rms.
	5:00 pm HS Youth..... Various Rms.



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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Family Futures as a Survey Data Assistant. You'll record parents' survey responses about their child's development into a computer spreadsheet and then file the paperwork. The free Ages and Stages questionnaire empowers parents to use playtime to track their children's development from birth through age five. Bonus: Family Futures is family-friendly! Lactation room and playroom for children is offered for volunteers if needed. Contact Heather at heatherc@wpcgr.org or 717-5536.