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# Westminster Chimes

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## *Notes from Your Temporary Shepherd*

I want to say thank you to all those who have welcomed and supported me thus far in my ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church. It is a joy to lead worship and to see all your smiling faces in the congregation. I have been pleased to observe how you, as a community of faith, offer friendly greetings to one another on Sunday mornings and how you also pay special attention to those who are visiting with us. One of the little things that we can do that sends a positive message is to welcome warmly all who take time out of their Sunday mornings to join us as we worship and praise the Lord's name. If you have not been at worship recently, we as the body of Christ miss you; your presence would enhance our common life together.

I have enjoyed having a chance to meet a number of the church's shut-in members and look forward to being able to visit with more of them over the next month. If you know of anyone who is especially in need of a visit, whether they are in the hospital or at home, please give me a call in the church office and let me know. I will be glad to see them!

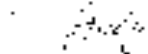
Several people have been asking me what I would name my monthly newsletter article. I have to admit that it has been tough for me to come up with a name! I got the idea "Notes from Your Temporary Shepherd" from Temporary Shepherds, which is the name of a book by Roger Nicholson that I read for my interim pastor training. Nicholson calls interim pastors "Temporary Shepherds" because we, as interims, have the opportunity to minister at a church for a limited time in between the ministry of installed pastors, while we also have the holy privilege to be a shepherd: to provide pastoral care and to help our congregations discern where Jesus, who is our true shepherd, is leading us.

One purpose of the Interim Process is to help identify steps and action plans that can be taken to move a church forward into a positive future. In the interim contract that I signed, which was approved by the session, two of the stated goals for my Interim Ministry are to: "Help the congregation examine their past history and to enable the congregation through a goal setting process thereby developing a vision for the future."

All of you, as the members of this congregation, are valuable resources as we examine our past and develop our vision for the future. Why are all of you so valuable? Because you know this place's stories and the things about this church that have given it life and vitality. You are able to tell about the experiences you have had at Westminster that have helped you grow closer to Christ. You also have hopes and dreams for what Westminster can become in the future. I invite you to share those joys and hopes with me: I appreciate how your stories will give me a better picture of who and what this congregation is. Equally as important, I also invite you to share your vision of what God is calling Westminster Presbyterian Church to become with members of the session, who as your elected leaders have the responsibility for praying and working together to discern what Christ is calling us to do.

I have asked the session to have a conversation with me about which of the priorities listed in my job description that I will focus on in my time as interim pastor. During the summer months, I hope our conversation will move to what goals we will have for this congregation and how we hope to achieve those goals. Over the summer months, I look forward to giving you an update on what the session has decided and the ways you will have an opportunity to contribute to this process.

Peace in Christ,



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# A Word From Our Pastor

## Sermon Series for June 2009

### Jonah: The Reluctant Prophet

#### Experiences God's Grace



Jonah is one of my favorite books of the Bible. Jonah is more than just a story about a big fish! Compared to most books of the Bible, it is very short (only four chapters), but it has tremendous meaning for how we live as Christians today. I think many of us can relate to Jonah. God interrupts his life when things seem to be going just fine for him. By

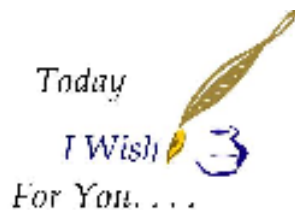
sending Jonah where he does not wish to go, God teaches Jonah about his calling, expressing his honest pain, repentance, and grace.

**June 7-Jonah Ch. 1:** Jonah resists God's plan for his life. We discover that following God's will is difficult. Some of the time, we ignore God's plans for us; other times life's many obstacles can get in our way.

**June 14-Jonah Ch. 2:** Jonah expresses pain and lament in the midst of his desperate plight. We discover that expressing our sorrow is healthy and necessary to the life of faith. Jonah eventually leans on his only true hope, God.

**June 21-Jonah Ch. 3:** Much to Jonah's surprise, God's Spirit can lead people to repentance and enable them to make dramatic changes to their lives. We discover that God can give us the determination to repent.

**June 28-Jonah Ch. 4:** God is merciful to and bestows grace upon the people of Nineveh. Rather than seeing it as good news, Jonah sulks because God is not fair. We discover that it is better for God to be gracious rather than fair!



Today...I wish you a day of ordinary miracles---  
A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself.  
An unexpected phone call from an old friend.  
Green stoplights on your way to work or shop.  
I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in...  
The fastest line at the grocery store.  
A good sing along song on the radio.

Your keys right where you look.

I wish you a day of happiness and perfection--- little bite-size pieces of perfection that give you the funny feeling that the Lord is smiling on you, holding you so gently because you are someone special and rare.

*I wish You a day of Peace, Happiness and Joy.*

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#### The Staff

Interim Pastor ..... Jody Moore  
Choir Director ..... Betty Fuller  
Handbell/Chimes Director ..... Marilyn Reese  
Organist ..... Mary Warner  
Mothers' Morning Out Director ..... Dani Bailey  
Administrative Secretary ..... Cynthia Catoe  
Custodian ..... Dwight Wilkins

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#### The Session

Moderator: Rev. Jody Moore  
Clerk: Justine Piper

#### Class of 2009

Emily Bradshaw  
Carl Edwards

#### Class of 2010

Rose Creech  
Rudy Bartholomew

#### Class of 2011

Justine Piper  
Joe Morgan

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#### The Diaconate

Moderator:  
Secretary:

#### Class of 2009

Jimi Felton

#### Class of 2010

Pat Howell

#### Class of 2011

Betty Ray  
Rob Speer

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*Our mission is to lead people into a loving and growing relationship with Jesus Christ, and to strengthen His church.*

Sunday Church School: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.



## BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Jean Livesay .....	1
Makayla Carson.....	3
Betty Smith .....	14
Brian Futrell.....	18
Dink Puryear .....	20
Ruby Lee Dean.....	21
Jonathan Lanford .....	22
Elsie Bowling .....	23
Justine Piper .....	28



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## Congregational Care

What a joy it was as our new interim pastor, Reverend Jody Moore, began his journey to meet and visit with our fifteen homebound members. Rev. Moore has met and visited with a number of our homebound members either in their homes or at worship. He has just returned from an ten day trip to Scotland and will get to see and visit the other five very soon. We have two members, Edith Yopp and Margaret Lambeth, who have been at Rex Hospital for several days. We lost one of our homebound members Margaret Swartz on May 13-we will miss her and her witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ. Leighton Elliott, 89, and a long term member died on April 12, 2009 ; living in Southern Pines near his one daughter for the past seventeen years. He had not been sick and died peacefully in his sleep. Emmie Aull traveled to Sullivan's Island, SC for the wedding of her granddaughter Vinson Simpson to Matthew Ellerby on Sunday May 17, 2009. What a beautiful wedding as Grandmother Emmie Aull watched her granddaughter Vinson, walk down the aisle wearing grandmother's sixty eight year old wedding dress. They are going to send the church a picture. Please let us hear from you especially when you are sick so we can minister to your needs. If you don't call the church office at 828-0507 or Justine & Jimmy Piper at 833-7790, we have no way of knowing when you need us.

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## Stewardship

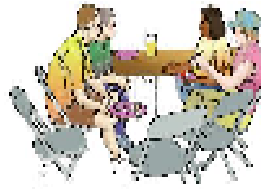
### Westminster Financials

The year to date figures as of March 30 are:

#### General Fund for 2009

Receipts  
**\$30,066.03**

Expenditures  
**\$41,956.36**



## Fellowship Dinner

**Thursday night, May 21**, we had a nice fellowship supper with a special meatloaf and sauce cooked by one of our newest visitors, Dick Wyatt. Pat Howell put the finishing touches of macaroni and cheese, string beans, carrots, tossed salad and strawberry cake. Thank you Pat and Dick for the hard work and preparing the meal, especially you, Pat for doing all the cleaning up by yourself. We forgot you.

Whoops, we forgot to do the main event Thursday night of recognizing the Members **May** birthdays. Everyone forgot to tell Jody (his first fellowship supper with us) including the birthday honorees. So in this June, 2009 Chimes, where 220 are being mailed, we say Happy Birthday and God Bless you:

Diane Rice	Rose Creech
Polly Goodwin	Morris Hayes
Debra Cain	Joe Morgan
Verna Howell	Celeste Mingis

Following the good meal, Jody gave a presentation on his ten day trip to Scotland with eleven other pastors. It was very interesting and enjoyable. Thank you , Jody.

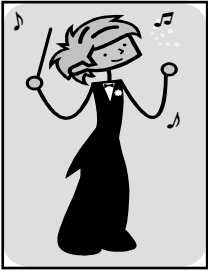
## We Say Farewell

Margaret Maynard Swartz, member of Westminster since November 13, 1949, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 and now has joined the Communion of Saints. She was born January 22, 1916. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin C. Swartz and is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and Henry Holcomb and Carolyn and Ricky Mitchell, grandchildren Eva Margaret Powell, Bill Powell, Tiffany Holcomb, Brandi Holcomb, Jordan Mitchell and Vann Ellen Mitchell; 3 great-grandchildren also survive. The funeral was held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on May 16, 2009, at 2:00 PM. Burial followed at Montlawn Memorial Park.



## Music Ministry

Attention all Secret Shower Singers and Toe Tappers!



If you have thought about singing in the Chancel Choir and could not make a weekly commitment during the year, the summer season may be the perfect time to join.

During June, July and August, the choir will rehearse just once a month—the **Second Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm** in the choir room. Come and sing and have a great time! There are no auditions and your robe is ready!!

2009 Summer Choir Rehearsals are:

Wed. June 10th

Wed. July 8th

Wed. Aug. 12th

## Service & Missions

### Mother's Morning Out

WHAT AN EXCITING TIME FOR US AT MMO!



Thanks to the time and efforts of Joe Morgan, Carl Edwards and others, our children have a beautiful playground to spend time on this Summer! Many thanks to them for all of their hard work.

Parents: Please mark your calendars. Graduation day for our 4-year old class will be held Monday, June 1 at 12:00.

Thursday, June 4 will be our last day of the school year. Please make sure that all outstanding tuition is paid in full.

Summer Session begins June 22. Be sure to send your child in proper Summer School attire. Children must wear closed-toe shoes and socks to school. Please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school.

*Dani*

## Bell Ministry

*The Joy Ringers* come to the close of their fourth year of ringing. Thank you to the many people of Westminster who support and encourage us: Ministers Conway, Keith, and Jody; Choir Director Betty; Organist Mary; Secretary Cynthia; and you, the

congregation of Westminster who uplift us with your kind words of praise. It is a blessing to ring to the glory of our Lord. We look forward to ringing again in the Fall. Won't you consider joining us? We meet once a week for 1 hour and ring in worship once month. You don't have to know how to read music and we will teach you to ring the bells and chimes. It is easy, just ask a ringer (Polly Goodwin, Dink Puryear, Mary Odom, Helen Bartholomew, Elsie Bowling, and Betty Ray)! Or call Marilyn Reese at 919-846-6406. We'll be back with BELLS (and chimes) on in the Fall. Wishing everyone a summer of love, laughter, and the Lord.

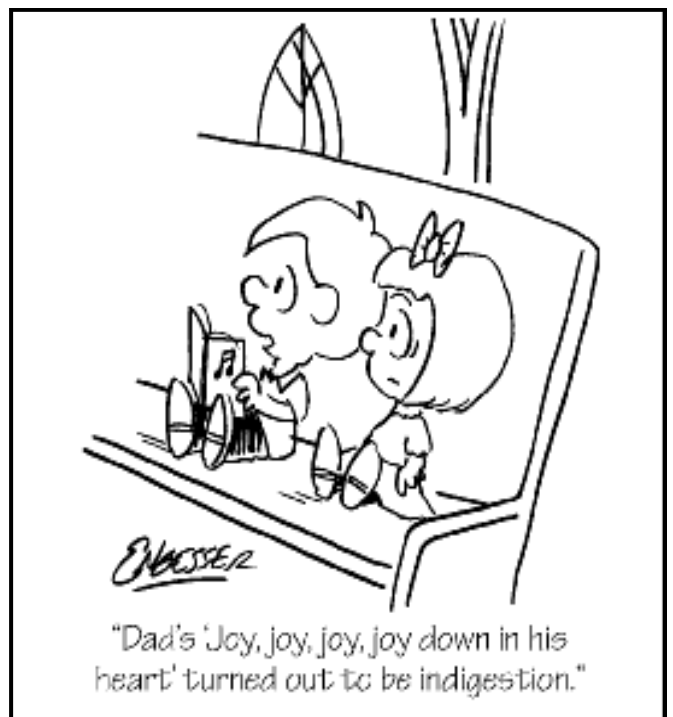
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From a church newsletter in Peoria, Illinois:

Altar vases today in honor of Dan & Jo's 62nd wedding anniversary.

Dan & Jo would like to thank everyone for the support they have been shown during this difficult time.

We're not sure whether to congratulate them or send our condolences!



# June 2009

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 9:30am - 1:30pm MMO	2 9:30am - 1:30pm MMO  7:00pm - 9:00pm Girl Scout Day Camp Training	3 9:30am - 1:30pm MMO	4 MMO last day of school	5 10:00am Christian Teaching from the Bible using multimedia sources: All welcome  8:00pm AA Meeting	6 9:00am Girl Scouts
7 9:30am Church School 11:00am Worship  8:00pm AA Meeting	8 MMO Spring Break	9 MMO Spring Break  8:00pm AA/Alanon Mtg.	10 MMO Spring Break 10:30am Alanon  7:30pm Chancel Choir	11 MMO Spring Break  3:00pm Dance Practice (Women 55+)	12 10:00am Christian Teaching from the Bible using multimedia sources: All welcome  8:00pm AA Meeting	13
14 9:30 am Church School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Worship Committee Meeting  8:00pm AA Meeting	15 MMO Spring Break	16 MMO Spring Break 10:00am Circle #1  5:00pm Chimes deadline 8:00pm AA/Alanon Mtg.	17 MMO Spring Break 10:30am Alanon	18 MMO Spring Break  3:00pm Dance Practice (Women 55+) 6:30 pm Fellowship Dinner	19 10:00am Christian Teaching from the Bible using multimedia sources: All welcome  8:00pm AA Meeting	20 9:00 am Girl Scouts set up camp
21 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 9:30am Church School 11:00am Worship  6:30 pm Session Meeting 8:00pm AA Meeting	22 Girl Scout Day Camp 9:30am - 1:30pm MMO Summer session begins	23 Girl Scout Day Camp 9:30am - 1:30pm MMO  8:00pm AA/Alanon Mtg.	24 Girl Scout Day Camp 9:30am-1:30pm MMO 10:30am Alanon	25 Girl Scout Day Camp 9:30am-1:30pm MMO 3:00pm Dance Practice (Women 55+)	26 Girl Scout Day Camp 10:00am Christian Teaching from the Bible using multimedia sources: All welcome  8:00pm AA Meeting	27 Girl Scout cleanup after Day Camp
28 9:30am Church School <b>Pennies for Hunger</b> <b>received</b> 11:00am Worship Installation/Ordination of new officers  8:00pm AA Meeting	29 MMO Summer session begins 9:30am - 1:30pm	30 9:30am - 1:30pm MMO  8:00pm AA/Alanon Mtg.	27 9:30am-1:30pm MMO	28 9:30AM -1:30PM MMO  3:00pm Dance Practice (Women 55+)	29 10:00am Christian Teaching from the Bible using multimedia sources: All welcome  8:00pm AA Meeting	30



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