

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Sunday School

We look forward to seeing you back at Sunday School on January 8 at 9:00am. 6-7th graders will meet in Faith Village; Confirmation Youth [8-9th grade] meet in the Youth Room - orange room; Senior High Youth [10-12th grade] meet in the Youth Lounge - blue room. Join everyone in the Youth Cafe for treats and catch up on your winter break starting at 8:45am.

Youth Group

12 Disciples Leadership Group [well, really we have 15 youth leaders in this elite group] will meet on January 15th for lunch, following 10:30am worship. Youth group will meet on Sunday, January 22, from 6:30-8:00pm for an evening lead by the Disciples. Come on January 22nd to let your voice be heard in planning activities for 2012. February events are scheduled for February 5 and 26th.

Youth Ski Trip [Monday, January 16]

Join us for a one day ski festival at Mt Crescent Ski Area in Iowa. Friends who don't attend WPC are welcome. This trip is for 6-12th graders - no professional skiing experience is needed. Register by turning in a \$50 deposit, WPC Medical Release/Information Form and Mount Crescent Release of Liability form to Tiffany by January 8th. Adults & youth must complete all paperwork to be registered. Additional payment can be made the day of trip - once we have all reservations, we will know the exact cost.

Save these Dates!

March 12-16, 2012	Drama Camp
June 18-22, 2012	Vacation Bible School
July 16-20, 2012	Creative Arts Camp

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Hospitalized: Pat Beams - Bryan LGH-W

USHERS: Cori Amend, Lyle Hamilton, Cathy Hershberger, Greg Hershberger, Sharon Johnson, Eric Wachter, Ashley Vorhies,

DEACONS: Mary Peach, Larry Peach, Kathy Moore, Jon Johnson, Ashley Lammers, Beth Carveth, Steve Carveth

GREETERS: Allysa Diehl and Matt Bergmeyer

HOSTS: Gwen Hlave/Lyle and Beth Hamilton

ACOLYTES: Mitchell Tunnison/Betsy Zander

CHURCH SACRAMENTS The next communion will be February 5, 2012. Baptism will be February 12, 2012.



10:30 Worship - Televised on cable Channel 13, Thursday at 12:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

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Director of Fine Arts	Boyd Bacon, x 111
Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts	Dr. Masako Nakamura, x 111
Associate for Community Life and Growth	Tiffany Mullison, x 104
Director of Children's Ministries	Betsy Guyer, x 107
Preschool Director	Suzanne Schneider, x 103
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*"I am the vine,
you are the branches...."*

January 1, 2012

Visit After Worship

You are invited to a time of hospitality and fellowship after 10:30 a.m. worship..

New Members Classes

Dates for future *Journeying Together* classes are February 5, 12, 19; April 15, 22, 29. Potential membership has perks – the first class always includes a fabulous home cooked meal and chance to explore all Westminster has to offer. Talk to Tiffany or Marge if you want to participate in a future *Journeying Together* series.

Adult Education

Civic Visions & Civil Discourse

A recent Journal Star editorial began by observing that “our national discourse has devolved to an abysmal level.” This is but one voice in a nationwide chorus of concern troubled by this decline. What are its consequences? What can be done if? We in the church have a role to play.

These issues will be explored in January and February in our annual Community Conversations featuring:

- Mayor Chris Beutler - January 8
- Governor Dave Heineman - January 15
- Dr. James Calvin Davis - January 28-29
- State Senator Kathy Campbell - February 5

All will be asked to address the impact of “abysmal” public discourse on fulfilling the responsibilities and maximizing the opportunities of their office.

Keynoting the series will be a weekend featuring Dr. James Calvin Davis, Professor of Religion at Middlebury College, a Presbyterian minister, and author of *In Defense of Civility*. He is convinced that the church can and should “participate—perhaps even lead—in the rejuvenation of healthier public conversation.” Toward that end, he will lead an all day seminar on Saturday, January 28th, and will teach and preach the next day.

Copies of this book are available for \$5.00.

CHURCH EVENTS

**No Youth Handbells or Children’s Choirs on January 4.
Westminster Choir and Carillon resume their
rehearsals on January 11.**

WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY
*Join your friends at WOW in 2012
for Dinner, Fellowship and More!*
5:45 -6:30 pm in Cole Hall

*January 4 - Chicken sandwich, French fries, salad & dessert \$3
children, ages 3-12 yrs; \$4 adults; \$14 max/family*

**Join us following WOW dinner for a family movie - complete
with popcorn in the theater!**

WEDNESDAY EVENING CIVILITY

On Wednesday evenings from January 4 to February 8, at 6:30 pm in the Lounge, let's get together to read and discuss *In Defense of Civility*, by James Calvin Davis. Davis writes, "I believe that religion can participate-perhaps even lead-in the rejuvenation of healthier public conversation." He develops this conviction historically, theologically, and philosophically exploring what counts as moral values and what it means to hold them "in order to uncover the shared concerns that lie beneath some of our most intractable differences". He hopes to illuminate "a better way for Americans to engage in conversation about the issues that most perplex us." He writes not for the specialist, but rather "for the general reader, the lay person who finds him or herself dissatisfied with the current state of political discourse." He reminds us of the virtue of civility, provides a model of moral discourse, and then applies it to issues like abortion, stem cell research, same sex marriage, euthanasia, war, poverty, and the environment. Davis is Associate Professor of Religion at Middlebury College and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Books are available through our Adult Ed ministry for \$5.00. Bob Snell will moderate these one hour discussions immediately following our WOW dinner.

KNIT N SIT

Drop in at the church library 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays to learn to knit, work on craft projects, find inspiration for creative expression, and enjoy fellowship! Everyone welcome.

#9 OF 10 REASONS TO *Relax, Renew, Rejoice*

It's a brand new year – the perfect time for getting centered and choosing new directions. Get 2012 off to an inspiring start by joining over 50 other women at *Soul Connections*, Westminster's retreat for all women, Saturday, January 14, 8:30 to 4:00. Only \$10 for paid reservations made by January 8. Register today in the Garden Room.

MEN'S TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join. Come to the Parlor each Tuesday morning for food and fellowship at 6:35 a.m.. At 7:00 a.m., Roger Ghormley will present “5th Annual Version of Getting to Know You”.

2011 Paid to Date	2011 Total Pledged Amount	% of Pledges Paid to Date
*\$717,625	\$761,000	94.30%
2010 at this time		
*\$665,298	\$682,159	97.52%

*Does not include all of year end pledge income.