

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### **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 Youth Group 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 - BryanLGH-W

Bereavements: Claire Hoppe on 1/2/12

USHERS: Dave Anderson, Kathy Anderson, Theresa Burrage, Dan Hoffman, Susan Horne, Steve Larson, Todd Peterson, Carolyn Schainost, Shalla Young

DEACONS: Bryan Willnerd, Grace Willnerd, Shelley Kuzma, Mark Davis, Vicki Davis, Sandi Larson, Jaraka Berringer

GREETERS: Allysa Diehl and Dorrie Gage

HOSTS: Rex and Wilma Messersmith/Bob and Jean Carol Murphy

ACOLYTES: Morgan Hagel and 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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Pastor	Reverend Dr. Andrew L. McDonald, x 110
Interim Associate Pastor	Reverend Robert Snell, x 116
Parish Associate	Reverend Ellen Davis, x 117
Business Administrator	Cheryl Rennick, x 105
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
Administrative Secretary	Marge Tomlinson, x 102
Custodians/Maintenance	Richard Gruenemeyer, Lyudmila Fomina, Tracy Hugelman, Mehmedalija Plicanic



*"I am the vine,  
you are the branches...."*

*January 8, 2012*

### **Visit After Worship**

You are invited to a time of hospitality and fellowship in the Garden Room following 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? 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 - Today
- 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 28<sup>th</sup>, and will teach and preach the next day.

Copies of this book are available for \$5.00.

### Upcoming Seminars in February

Beginning February 12, a series that prepares us for deeper reflection on (and better conversation about) life’s final quarter will be offered. Many of us have journeyed along-side of loved ones as they approached the last years of their life. This series will feature discussions led by experts as well as ask broader questions about death and the legacies that death make possible. Speakers include Dr. Todd Sauer, Medical Director, UNMC’s Hospice and Palliative Care Services Center, Attorney Reg

Kuhn, Ty Steinkuhler and Tony Skrdlant, Mutual of Omaha, Matt and Lee Nyberg, Home Care Assistance and Rev. Dr. Andrew McDon...

### Letter From Birmingham

What is the role of the church in the rejuvenation of healthier public conversation” than to read and discuss Martin Luther King, Jr.’s *Letter from Birmingham City Jail*?? What better model could there be for that leadership than this classic not only in moral discourse but also in American Literature? Bob Snell will lead our Sunday morning discussions on February 12 & 19, in the Lounge. Copies of the letter/essay will be available in the Garden Room and at the reception desk.

### Westminster Bible Class

Join us in the Parlor for *The Present Word* using Genesis. Today: “Joseph Finds Favor” based on Genesis 41:37-45, 50-52. Ernie Hines, leader.

### Crossroads

Young adults are invited to join the Crossroads class in the Library each Sunday at 9:00 am. Questions? Contact Sarah Baltensperger (402-421-1608) or Maggie Stuckey (402-730-3823).

## CHURCH EVENTS

### WESTMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY

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

*January 11: Chili & cinnamon rolls, salad & dessert  
\$3 children, ages 3-12 yrs; \$4 adults; \$14 max/family*

### WEDNESDAY EVENING CIVILITY

On Wednesday evenings, 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." 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.

### Any One For Volleyball - Can You Dig It?

Small Groups Ministry is starting an adult co-ed volleyball experience in February. Come join us in the gym on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The “first serve” will be on February 1.

Renew old high school skills, meet new people, stretch those muscles! Bring your knee pads, tennis or gym shoes/socks (no black soled shoes, please).

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

Over 60 women (and counting) will be taking time for themselves at *Soul Connections*, Westminster’s retreat for all women, this Saturday, January 14, 8:30 to 4:00. Register at the door for \$12 or in the Garden Room today for \$10. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to pause and connect with God, with your Westminster sisters, and with your own soul.

### 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., Don Tilley will present “13 Myths of Nebraska”.