

**Adult Education  
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.**

**Today: December 1**

**Christianity in America (FH-A)**

Dr. Ken Moore will continue leading discussion on Christianity in America through December. Join us to learn about the personalities and movements that have shaped Christianity in the United States. This week's topic will focus on "African Americans."

**Faith Foundations (Lounge)**

Join Pastor Jen as she continues to lead this new series built around the basics of Christian theology: church, the Bible, Jesus and many other topics. The class is designed for adults in their 30s and 40s.

**Westminster Bible Class (Parlor)**

Gather with others for a study session from The Present Word. "Mary's Song of Praise," (Luke 1:46-56) led by Rev. Ellen Davis.

**Exodus on Mondays - (11:00 a.m. - Lounge)**

The Exodus group will meet this Monday for a special study on "The Birth of the Messiah," looking at recent scholarship on the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke. Led by Dr. Ken Moore.

**Men's Tuesday Fellowship (7: 00 a.m. - Parlor)**

All men are invited to meet for breakfast, fellowship and education! This week's presentation "How Wise are We?" will be led by Dr. Steve Carveth.

**\*\*\*If you would like to see this Sunday's worship again, it will be televised on digital Channel 71.13 at 12:30 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Saturday. Listen to the current week's sermon on KFOR (1240 AM) Sundays at 10 a.m.**

**Serving Today:**

**Ushers:** Amy Clare, Geoff Cline, Deb Eastman, Dan Hoffman, Mike Rasmussen, Peggy Rasmussen, Chip Smith, Marilyn Smith, Diana Wild

**Greeters:** Scott Nelson and Liz Uebele

**Hosts:** Mary Orth and Lyle & Beth Hamilton

**Acolytes:** Trevor Yorges and Brielle Anderson

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

**December 8, 2013**

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Director of Fine Arts	Boyd Bacon, x 111
Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts	Dr. Masako Nakamura, x 111
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**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, Dec. 24**

- 3:00 p.m.** Family Service
- 5:00 p.m.** Family Service
- 7:00 p.m.** Contemporary Service
- 9:00 p.m.** Traditional Service

**If you are ready to take the next step on your spiritual journey, consider joining Westminster as a member.** Our "Journeying Together" class will be Wednesday, Dec. 18, with new members joining Dec. 22. If interested, contact Marge Tomlinson at 402-475-6702.

## Save the Date

### Upcoming Events at Westminster

For a full list of Westminster activities visit our website [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org).

#### Children's Christmas Pageant, December 15

Hear the Christmas story and carols from around the world at our Children's Christmas pageant, December 15 at 10:30 a.m. worship. *Please note there will be no Faith Village or Kindergarten of Eden this day* – Please enjoy the musical together with your family!

#### St. Nick Gift Wrapping Party, December 17

Thanks to everyone who signed up to be a St. Nick! You can still give the gift of Christmas cheer this season through gifts of money or time. Our Gift Wrapping Party will be Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your friends and a pair of scissors and wear comfy clothes! Treats provided.

#### Neighborhood Caroling, December 20

Westminster Youth invite congregation members to join them for caroling on December 20. The group will meet at Westminster at 6:00 p.m. and spread Christmas cheer throughout the Sheridan neighborhood with plans to return by 7:00 p.m. All ages and talents welcome!

#### Youth Lock-In, December 20

Westminster will host a Youth Lock-In on December 20 at 7:30 p.m. **sharp**. Youth are welcome to invite friends, and the church will provide pizza and games (ugly sweater contest, dodgeball tournament, etc.). Cost is \$10 in advance; \$15 day of. If you're interested in being an adult chaperone, contact Rachel at 402-475-6702.

## Advent Reminders

### Pageant Rehearsal Dates

Dress rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Pageant will be Wednesday, December 11, from 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. and Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

### Hat and Mitten Tree

This month, children are encouraged to bring new hats, gloves, scarves and mittens to decorate the small tree in the east stairwell, which will later be donated to children in need of warm winter clothes. Please make your contribution by December 18.

### Donations needed for Westminster Food Pantry

In this Advent season and throughout the year, please remember the spirit of giving and help us feed the hungry in our community. We are especially in need of canned fruits and vegetables, as well as boxes with lids for packing.

### Bring a Friend and Share the Joy

Bring a non-member friend to our Women's Retreat on January 11 and receive a \$5 discount on your registration fee. Women of all ages and faiths are welcome! Registration forms are available in the Garden Room and online.

## Small Groups

### History Buffs, December 14

History Buffs will meet on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m. for a presentation on the life of John Calvin. Join us in the Lounge as we learn about the man who gave us the institutes of the Presbyterian Church! Presentation led by Dr. Ken Moore.

## WOW!

### "Put more Spirit in your week!"

Join us weekly for Westminster on Wednesdays, where you will find great meals, education, music and more!

There will be a special preview of our Children's Christmas Pageant at this week's WOW dinner! Join us at 6:20 p.m. to hear a couple of the songs our children will share with the congregation on December 15.

### Advent in Art 6:30 p.m. - Lounge

Pastor Jen will continue leading Advent in Art, a three-week journey through the Nativity Story from the eyes and paintbrushes of Master artists. From the angel's visit to Christ's birth in the manger, the group will hear and see the Christmas story anew!

### WOW XL 6:30 p.m. - Youth Room

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join us each week during the school year for a faith lesson and some XL-sized portions of fun.

### Knit N Sit 6:30 p.m. - Library

Come join the group to work on crafts, find inspiration, or simply sit, chat and enjoy fellowship.

### Narrative Grieving 6:30 p.m. - Parlor

During this small group, members are invited to read, write and share narratives about their grieving. Led by Jody Kellas.

*Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall. This week's menu: Spaghetti casserole and garlic bread, salad, fruit and desert. \$3/children, \$5/adults; \$15 max/family*