



Welcome Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn!

The Session is pleased to introduce you to our new Parish Associate, the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn. Jimmy has been the pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Beatrice for the past 31 years. He grew up in Broken Bow and is a graduate of Hastings College. He received his Master's and Doctorate from Louisville Seminary.

His first call was in a suburban church in Louisville before returning to Nebraska in 1985. His doctoral work was in the area of adult education, and he has a passion for teaching. He is the longest serving pastor in Homestead Presbytery, and was recently awarded the Robert Giles Award for outstanding ministry.

Westminster established the Parish Associate position over 10 years ago with the Rev. Ellen Davis. Rev. Shelbourn will be calling on members of the congregation in coordination with the Deacons, Member Care and Dr. McDonald.

Rev. Shelbourn will be engaging in additional pastoral tasks, including teaching, preaching and building community within the congregation. The role of the Parish Associate is to assist the senior pastor in various tasks of ministry within the church. Dr. Shelbourn is enthusiastic about helping in whatever capacities will enhance the mission and ministries of Westminster. His first goal is to reach out to those who are homebound, and will begin these calls in early October.

Jimmy is married to Carol, and they moved to Lincoln in September. They have five children and eight grandchildren. Their son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Susan Mulvaney and their four boys, are members of Westminster.

Jimmy loves Scottish history. He has traveled to Scotland a number of times – one of his favorite places is the Isle of Skye. He plays the bagpipes, and will be sharing that gift this Reformation Sunday, October 30th. It is of note, this day marks the 499th year since the beginning of the Reformation. He will be preaching on October 9th. You are encouraged to join him in celebrating the light of Christ on that morning.

Welcome Jimmy and Carol!

Warmly,

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

Jesus Christ: the Light of the World – Westminster: A Light in the City

Join us as we continue this sermon series that will help us see how Christ's light helps us to perceive the world through eyes of hope. We will look at how we can let Christ's light shine more brightly in our lives and in the city where we live.

- October 2nd **Light of the World: *World Communion Sunday*** On World Communion Sunday, worship with our increasingly global congregation, and imagine a world shaped by a new civility. Celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians across the globe.
- October 9th ***Our new Parish Associate, the Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn*** will be preaching.
- October 16th **The Light of Love:** The central light of Christ is love. Consider anew love in action.
- October 24th **A Light in the City:** John's vision of the kingdom of heaven has God as the source of all light. Come walk in the light of God's grace, on this powerful Reformation Day.

Sunday Adult Education Special Presentation U.S. State Department Officials - October 30th

Westminster has been given a rare opportunity to dialogue with the U. S. State Department about geopolitical forces that are contributing to the current conflict in the Middle East, the war with ISIL, and the unrest in Syria and Iraq. Paul Watzlavick and Joseph Pennington will be in Lincoln speaking at a conference on the Middle East and have agreed to present to our Adult Education class. These State Department officials will provide insights that **you will not want to miss!**

November Series: Human Trafficking The Crisis, the Victims and the Solutions

Human trafficking, also known as modern-day slavery, generates over \$32 billion per year in revenue. Currently, there are over 20 million individuals enslaved, 26 % of whom are children. Many are sexually exploited. Human trafficking is a growing problem. More than 14 thousand new victims are brought into the United States every year. Join us in November as the Adult Education Ministry sponsors a 9:00 am lecture series on human trafficking. Our topics and speakers include:

- Sunday, November 6th **"Human Trafficking: An Overview of the Crisis"**
By: Sriyani Tidball, UNL Professor of Journalism
- Sunday, November 13th **"Human Trafficking: The Victims"**
By: Maddie Walker, Women's Center for Advancement
(*This organization works directly with survivors of trafficking.*)
- Sunday, November 20th **"Waging War on Human Trafficking in Nebraska"**
By: Doug Peterson, Attorney General, State of Nebraska



is coming to Westminster!!

Westminster Presbyterian Church is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Starting in November, 2016, contributions may be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly or monthly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 or 12 checks a year. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer will be available from the church office starting in November.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Sign up now! The Westminster Mission and Outreach Committee is promoting a Neighbors Helping Neighbors Day again this fall. We will meet at the church on Saturday, October 8th at 8:00 am for coffee and fellowship. Each project work team will depart at 8:30am to their worksite and will work until 11:00 am or 12:00 pm depending on the project. For those of you who are not available that Saturday, an opportunity to support Friendship Home Sunday, October 9th in the afternoon will be offered as well. For more information on projects and to sign up, call or email Jennifer Smith at 402-525-6560. ***Whatever you do to the least one of these, I tell you in truth that you do unto me. Matthew 25:31.***

Elders for the Earth

"A Retreat in the Spirit of Chautauqua"

When: October 3-6th

Where: Mahoney State park

A multi-day interdisciplinary gathering including fellowship, lectures, music, the arts, being in nature and even some fun in the midst of the climate crisis. Local elders are coming together to learn and share their collective wisdom. To sign up or for more information visit www.Elders4theEarth.com.

Hastings College Sunday

Westminster will bring this enthusiastic, rich-sounding choir from Hastings College to share their voices with us. On November 20th during the 10:30am worship service, Westminster is privileged to welcome them! Look for more information in next months Messenger.

The Nebraska Brass Concert

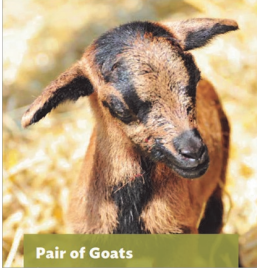
Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00pm

"All American Brass"

The Nebraska Brass has blessed Westminster Christmas and Easter with their festive music. They will kick off their concert series featuring music by American composers. The group has performed in over 60 different communities around the state of Nebraska since 1987. Tickets: Adult - \$15, Senior - \$12, Children & Students - Free.

Children & Families Ministry

Faith Village (K-5th Grade) October's focus is on **Acceptance**, based on Acts 10 and 1 Corinthians. Each week, the children will explore the theme through workshops on Art, Science and Storytelling. They will learn God's Love is for everyone and all of us are created in God's image. As God's people, we should love and learn from one another. The Bible Memory Verse is Acts 10:34: "Now I am certain that God treats all people alike."



Faith Villagers begin each morning with songs and an offering. The children have chosen **an offering project**. The gift of a pair of baby goats for a family. Goats are a source of milk, cheese, butter, and yogurt. They offer nutrition to those who need it most. The goal is to reach \$178 by Christmas! Parents are encouraged to help their children make this a regular part of their Sunday morning spiritual practice.

Children's Musical "You Are the Light of the World" Sunday, October 23rd 10:30am Worship Service

Alleluia! Amen! and Cherub Choir will share songs and story of the Creation of the light, Jesus as the light of the world and how we are called to be the light of the world! Children age 3 through Grade 5 are still welcome to join! For more information contact Masako at 402-475-6702.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Starts Wednesday, October 26th

Children 3 years old through 5th Grade are welcome to join. For more information contact Masako at 402-475-6702.

Youth Activity—Pokeman Go

When: Sunday, October 2nd from 1:30-3:30pm

Who: 6th-8th Graders

Where: Antelope Park—Band Shelter

Bring a friend! Contact Barbara for more information at 402-475-6702.

Faith Building Blocks for 3rd Grade Children: "Learning to Use My Bible"

Parents are invited to come to an interactive class with their child on Wednesday, October 12th from 6:30-7:30pm. All children who participate will receive a Bible during the worship service on Sunday, October 16th.

Volunteers Substitutes for Nursery

Westminster is in need of volunteer substitutes for nursery staff on occasional WOW evenings and Sunday mornings. Please consider volunteering your time and love to our littlest ones! If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Barbara Hipple at 402-475-6702.

October Youth Activity

When: Sunday, October 30th

What: All Youth Trunk or Treat & Roca Scary Farm

Westminster on Wednesday (WOW)

Join us weekly for great food, education, music and more!
Dinner is served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Cole Hall.
\$4/children, \$6/adults, \$17 max per family.

WOWXL (6:30 Youth Cafe) Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

Living in the Light: Rediscovering the Gospel of John (6:30-7:30)

Join us as Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald leads us through the Gospel of John. This gospel is one of the most intriguing books of the Bible. It is filled with symbols, miracles, passion and post-resurrection appearances. All are welcome, Starbucks will be brewing and treats will be available. For those of you who are parents, childcare is provided.

Music Rehearsals

(6:20) Westminster Carillon (Adult Handbell Choir, Sanctuary)
(6:30) Cherub Choir (age 3-Kindergarten, Room 210E)
(6:30) Alleluia! Amen! Choir (Grade 1-5, Room 210)
(7:30) Westminster Choir (Adult Choir, Sanctuary)

WOW Dinners

October 5th:

Hamburger Green Bean Tater Tot
Casserole & Rice Krispie Bars

October 12th:

Pancakes with Sausage and Fruit

October 19th:

Toasted Cheese with Tomato Soup

October 26th: Halloween Meal

Steamed Brains, Worms with Blood
Sauce, Sliced Iris, Beet Truffles and
Spooky Fingers

Foundation Birthdays September 2016

Debbie Benesch
Jeanne Cuda
Leigh Davis – In Memory
Glenna Haller
John Hoppe, Jr.
Sandi Larson
Rob Otte
Stanley Rediger
Franny Seward
Michael Swyers
Foster Woodruff

Fern Bieck
Lynn Davis
Joyce Douglas
Jane Hines
Al Landfield
Marilyn Maude
Bob Rediger
Ramona Riley
Sandy Sostad
Marge Wilnes

*Thank you for your support of the
Westminster Foundation. Happy Birthday!*

All in the Family

Baptisms: Noel Benjamin, son of Lorie and Ben Heinisch on August 21st, and Ivy Sue, daughter of Kim and Joe Kubick on September 4th.

Bereavement: Comfort for Sheri and Bob Michaud on the lost of her mother Elaine Welch, on September 14th.

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Adult Education on Sundays

Humor and the Bible

October 2 & 9

God created the heavens and the earth. He also created joy and laughter. Humor permeates the Bible if we know where and how to look for it. Join us as Mike Dempsey explores humor and the Bible. Be prepared. This could be fun!

Paul and the Early Church

October 16 & 23

Paul, or Saul as he was first called, began by persecuting Christians. However, after a blinding experience on the road to Damascus, Paul was commissioned by the risen Christ to spread the good news to the Gentiles. Eventually, Paul would become one of the greatest apostles of the early Christian church. Come and learn

Westminster Bible Class

The Bible Class meets Sunday mornings at 9am in the Parlor. In October, the focus will be on the book of Hebrews as it identifies for us who Jesus is as the “imprint of God” who builds the house of God through his work as the great high priest, a priesthood that is forever even as he leads his people on as the “pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

Unit 2 (The Sovereignty of Jesus)

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	LEADER
October 2nd	Hebrews 1:1-9	The Imprint of God	Steve Carveth
October 9th	Hebrews 3:1-6; Matthew 7:24-29	Builder of the House	Greg Hershberger
October 16th	Hebrews 4:14-5:10	The Great High Priest	Bud Tenney
October 23rd	Hebrews 7:1-3, 19-28	The High Priest Forever	Greg Hershberger
October 30th	Hebrews 12:1-13	Pioneer and Perfecter of Our Faith	Bill North

St Nick Important Dates

Sign Up: Sunday, October 30th, Sunday, November 6, 13 and 20th

Over the past 30+ years, Westminster has provided gifts for more than 10,000 people in 181 small communities across the state. Let's keep this meaningful tradition going. Look for the table in the Garden Room for more information or to sign up.

“C” is for Christmas

Sunday, November 27th from 5-7pm

This First Sunday of Advent, we join for friendship and fellowship with Children's Crafts, Chili, and Carol Singing. Sign up now to share your special chili and compete for the covered silver - ladle award! To sign up or for more information contact the church at 402-475-6702.

Upcoming Events & small groups



Westminster

For more information
or a list of current
Small Groups, contact
Geoff Cline at
geoffcline@mac.com.

History Buffs

When: Saturday, October 15th at 9:00am

Where: Westminster Lounge

Topic: Escaping Nuremberg: How Hitler's Henchman Fled Justice

Presenter: Gerald Steinacher PhD. - UNL History Professor

Dr. Steinacher grew up in the western area of Austria. He has spent many years in research on the Holocaust and written three books. Do not miss this excellent speaker.

Ladies Night Out (LNO)

This Small Group is for all ladies to chat over a cocktail and appetizers once a month from 5-7 pm. Contact Robyn Uebele (robynu2@hotmail.com) with questions or for RSVPs.

Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, October 4th at 11:30 am

Location: Fireworks (5750 S 86th Dr)

Come for fellowship and good food. All are welcome. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883 with any questions.

Prairie Readers

When: Wednesday, October 19th

Book: *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell*

Author: Nadia Hashimi

Discussion Leader: Diana Wild

Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation and fellowship.

Westminster Club

When: Tuesday, October 18th at 11:30am

Location: Cole Hall

Topic: Scottish History

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

We hope you plan to attend.

World on a Plate

This Small Group focuses on mission around the world! Members bring a dish that represents the country they will learn about each month and everyone gathers to discuss the missions going on in that country. Contact Kathy Rohwedder to join (kathroh@yahoo.com).

Presbyterian Women (P.W.)

Presbyterian Women's Circles are the small groups based on study, friendship, and action. All Westminster women are invited to visit any of the following circles.

Circle 3

Wednesday, Oct 5th at 10:00 am
Glenna Haller (817-757-2885)
2416 NW 45th St (24)

Circle 4

Monday, Oct 3rd at 7:00 pm
June Blatt (402-489-3055)
3727 Chapin Circle (06)

Circle 5

Tuesday, Oct 11th at 10:00 am
Westminster Lounge
Pat Hackley (402-423-2909)

Circle 6

Tuesday, Oct 25th at 7:00 pm
Westminster Library
Jane Hines (402-488-8302)

Green@Heart

Westminster has a group of "earth angels" called Green@Heart that is quite proud of what our church has done to qualify to be a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation. This is an open and flexible group and we would love to add members. For more information or to get connected with this group contact Tom Pappas at tpappas@windstream.net.



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Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30th from 3 - 5 PM



Play games! Tour the Lincoln City Libraries Bookmobile, a fire truck, and police cruiser! Treats galore! Wear a costume and decorate your car trunk with a fun theme. Sign up in Garden Room or call the church office 402-475-6702. Vehicles need to arrive by 2:00pm to find a spot and put finishing touches on your decorations. Plan to pass out candy to between 400-500 people. Last year was a HUGE success and we plan to, once more, make this one of Westminster's biggest community events! Please consider donating bags of candy, packaged snacks, pencils, or any small hand-outs for the kids. Look for collection buckets at the top of the steps by the East entrance. Contact Stacy Graham (402-416-1158) or Amy Fricke (402-278-2446) with questions.