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CONGREGATION NEWS & EVENTS

Are you up to making a resolution?

Green@Heart invites you to consider eating meatless on Mondays as a possible resolution for 2018 and at least an experiment for January. Remember when “The Beef State” was the by-line on our license plates? Why would “Beef State-ers” turn our backs on delicious meat one day each week? Actually there are some remarkably good personal and community-wide reasons why Green@Heart is making such a suggestion. Nutritionally, Americans tend to eat too much meat, especially beef. Again, it’s a beloved go-to entree served many delicious ways, but there are down sides. Watch for Westminster members’ proven meatless recipes during the month. Try it. It’s a way to show love to God’s good gift of creation.

For your health:

- Reduce Heart Disease and Stroke • Limit Cancer Risk • Fight Diabetes • Curb Obesity • Live Longer
- Improve The Nutritional Quality of Your Diet

For your wallet: • Curb Healthcare Spending • Cut Weekly Budget

For the Environment:

- Minimize Water Usage, Approximately 1,850 gallons of water are needed to produce a single pound of beef. Approximately 39 gallons of water are needed to produce a pound of vegetables
- Reduce Greenhouse Gases • Reduce Fuel Dependence



EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES

More information to come

**Spaghetti Feed and Cake Auction
Youth Fundraiser for Lohmen trip
February 11, 2018**

View Cakes and place your bids between 8:30 am and noon. Spaghetti Feed after 10:30 worship. Winners announced at noon. Buy your tickets ahead from youth at a table in the Garden Room.

Presbyterians in the Park June 23, 2018

Introducing Give Via Text Message

Many people want to give but forget, or don’t have cash or checks on-hand. Text giving lets you give donations at anytime by making a fast, easy donation right from your cell phone.





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Life Groups Committee

Short-term small groups will organize to study and pray together during Lent. The participants will read and discuss a book by Marjorie Thompson entitled “Forgiveness: a Lenten Study.” The six-sessions are designed specifically for small groups. These will meet at various times during each week, depending on the schedule of the participants. Dr. Thompson is a Presbyterian minister and author of a best-seller – *Soul Feast: an Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*. Join one of these groups for the season of Lent —Feb. 17- Mar 31.

WESTMINSTER YOUTH are going to LOHMEN GERMANY this SUMMER!

Interested youth should contact Jaime Hemmerling at jhemmerling@neb.rr.com before Sunday, Jan 7.

All youth (and their parents) interested in the Lohmen trip this summer are meeting at 11:45 am on Jan. 7.

Pick-Up Choir

Sunday, January 7

All are invited to join a pick-up choir for 10:30am worship. This is a great opportunity to try choir for the first time, or to participate in choir without having to worry about an additional weekly rehearsal. We will meet at 9:30 am in the sanctuary to learn an easy anthem for worship that day.

Come, and bring a friend!



FOUNDATION BIRTHDAYS

The following contributed to the Foundation in honor of their December Birthday:

Dave Arunski, Carol Bishop, Clifford Bomberger, Jane Grabenstein-Chandler, Marijane Hancock, John Janovy, Jr., Scott Nelson, Teri Nelson, Jean Patoka, Linda Petersen and Megan Woita.

Children's Ministry

Westminster Presbyterian Church

FAITH VILLAGE 9:00 and 10:45—Search for John the Baptist on the Computer. Spice up your snacks with BUGS in Creative Cookery, or learn tricks with water in Science, or be a STAR on stage in the Drama workshop! These are a few possible ways your Kindergarten – 5th Graders will learn about Jesus' Baptism in Faith Village this month.

We thank Faith Villagers for their offerings through Christmas. Over \$65 was contributed towards a Bag of Moringa Seeds (Moringa trees provide so much!) and 3 Hygiene Kits in response disaster needs. Thanks to parents for encouraging regular giving!

KINDERGARTEN OF EDEN | 9 & 10:45 am. Preschoolers ages 3 and 4, and PreK leap into God's love & snuggle with the flock of sheep for Bible story time.

MY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS... SUNDAY SCHOOL!! Make a decision TODAY to bring your children to Sunday school each week. As parents we can model the spiritual discipline of learning, giving and worshipping each week. This routine will help our children grow in their spiritual lives and form a firm spiritual foundation for them as they mature.

FAITH BUILDING BLOCKS in January and February

God Makes a Promise to You! 2nd Graders, along with a parent, are invited to experience the Bible story of a faithful man named Noah as they have never done before! Join us for an interactive adventure reminding us that God loves all creation, and that faithful people make choices that honor God. Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm. **The Lord's Prayer:** A Faith Building Block experience for 5th Graders and a parent, Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm. Contact Barbara at 402-475-6702 if you would like to participate in either of these events.

DRAMA CAMP RETURNS!

Monday — Friday, MARCH 12-16 from 9 am – 3 pm | Performance: Saturday, March 17 at 3 pm

Missoula Children's Theater will return to coach children for the production of *The Little Mermaid* during spring break. Children will enjoy education on theater topics like characterization, music, staging, movement and more! Early Registration rate available through Jan 7, is \$160/ child. After Jan 7, rate is \$185. Register at www.westminsterlincoln.org.

SAVE THE DATES — more information to come

Family Fun Night | Friday, February 16

Missoula Children's Theater Drama Camp — "The Little Mermaid"

March 12-17 | Performance: Saturday, March 17 at 3 pm

Vacation Bible School — "River Rampage" | June 18-22

Creative Arts Camp | July 23-27, 2018



Westminster on Wednesdays

Every week, we serve a home-cooked meal followed by adult education, WOWXL, and music!

WOW JANUARY DINNER MENU

\$4/Children, \$6/Adults, \$17 Max/Family

JAN 3 No WOW scheduled tonight

JAN 17 Soup, Toasted Cheese & Baked Potato

JAN 31 Hamburger & Tater Tots

Served in Cole Hall | 5:45– 6:30 PM
All dinners include salad, fruit & dessert

JAN 10 Baked Chicken & Broccoli Casserole

JAN 24 Mac & Cheese

WOWXL—6:30 PM | Youth Café

Youth in grades 6-8 meet weekly during the school year for engaging activities and to grow in faith together.

MUSIC REHEARSALS

6:20 pm Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary

6:30 pm Alleluia! Amen! Grades K-5 | Room 210

6:30 pm Cherub Choir Pre-K | Room 210 — East

7:30 pm Westminster Choir | Sanctuary

Children's Choirs

Our children's choirs meet for singing, games and activities Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm in Room 210. Our Cherub Choir is for 3 to 5 year old's, and our Alleluia! Amen! Choir is designed for K-5th graders .

WOW Parenting Life Group: Resumes on Jan 10

Parlor | 6:30 PM

Parenting. Fellowship. Support. Prayer. Growing your child's faith. And fun! Adults share and discuss while children are nurtured in supervised care. Parents of infants and young children through age 5. Bring the family for WOW dinner and Preschool grade 5 children are welcome to sing with the choir.

If interested, contact:
Babra@westminsterlincoln.org
or call 402-475-6702.

ADULT EDUCATION ON WEDNESDAYS | Lounge | 6:30 PM

Join us at WOW as we explore the Letters of Paul. These letters are some of the earliest existing Christian documents. They provide insight into the beliefs and controversies of early Christianity and are considered among the fundamental texts for both Christian theology and ethics. Led by Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn, this overview of Paul's Letters will be educational, informative and, no doubt, entertaining!

January 10: 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Galatians, and an Introduction to the Letters to Corinth

January 17: 1 and 2 Corinthians

January 24: Philemon, Philippians, and an Introduction to the Letter to Rome

January 31: Romans

February 7: Ephesians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Timothy, and Titus



Sunday Adult Education Community Conversations

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Westminster Sunday Morning Bible Class

Join us any Sunday in January | 9AM | Parlor

“Faith is how we live life, no matter what it brings.” With those words, Westminster Bible Class will launch into a study of passages from the Book of Daniel that remind us that our faith is grounded in ours is a living faith in God.

January: “Faith is how we live life, no matter what it brings.”

Coffee and donut holes are waiting along with a friendly, spirit-filled group of Westminster friends.

JANUARY 7: A Sincere Faith | Daniel 1 | led by Ellen Davis.

JANUARY 14: A Bold Faith | Daniel 3 | led by Ellen Davis.

JANUARY 21: A Prayer for an Obedient Faith | Daniel 9:1-19 | led by Ellen Davis.

JANUARY 28: A Strong Faith | Daniel 10, 11 | led by Ellen Davis.

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles

Presbyterian Women of Westminster Circles engage in monthly Bible study, mission, prayer & nurturing of one another. PW Circles follow the expectations and goals of the National Presbyterian Women's Association (PW/Presbyterian Church USA). Women of all ages are welcome.

Circle 3: January 10 at 10 AM. **Hostess:** Suzann Johnson, **Leader:** Linda Miller.

Circle 4: January 2 at 7 PM. **Hostess:** Linda Burchard, **Leader:** Kathy Anderson.

Circle 5: January 9 at 10 AM in the Lounge. **Leader:** Pat Hackley.

Circle 6: January 23 at 7 PM in the Library. **Leader:** Jane Hines.



Lunch Bunch— Tuesday, January 2 | 11:30 AM

We are meeting at Famous Dave's, 2750 Pine Lake Road. Come for fellowship & good food. All are welcome. Questions? Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883.

History Buffs — Saturday, January 13 | 9 AM | Lounge

Jim McKee will present *"The political and physical move of the Nebraska Capital from Omaha to Lincoln"*. With remodeling of the lounge we may be located in a different location. All are welcome.

World on a Plate — Friday, January 19 | 6:30 PM

If you enjoy cooking, fellowship over a good meal, and learning about current missionary work, World on a Plate is for you! Members explore international cuisine and PCUSA missions monthly at Westminster or in members' home. More to come about this month's meeting, watch for it in the Vine.

Prairie Readers— Wednesday, January 17 | 1 PM | Parlor

Topic: "Getting to Know Guido" A discussion of Donna Leon's books about Guido Benetti, a police detective in Venice. Facilitator Martha Van Sickle. **February's book selection is:** *"The Bones of Paradise"* by Jonis Agee.

Ladies Night Out— Monday, January 15 | 5-7 PM | Hacienda Real 3130 Pine Lake Rd

Invite your friends for an evening of fun & getting to know Westminster Presbyterian Church ladies over food and drinks. All ladies are welcome to join. Please RSVP Robyn Uebele at robynu2@hotmail.com
Non-Westminster members welcome!

Sausage, Eggs & Scripture— Saturday, January 20 | 8 AM | Scooter's 2901 S 84th Street

How about a New Year's resolution to consume more sausage? And Scripture?! Men of Westminster are invited to a breakfast Bible study on the third Saturday of each month. We meet in the private dining room of Scooter's, just south of 84th and Van Dorn. January would be a great time for first-timers as we begin a new study in the Gospel of Mark. Dr. Shelbourn leads the study which concludes promptly at 9 a.m. For more info, call him at 402-475-6702.

Faith & Cancer— Tuesday, January 16 | 7 PM

No matter where you are in your journey, this group is where cancer survivors can come together for fellowship, prayer and study. This Life Group meets every third Tuesday of the month from 7-8 pm in the Parlor. Contact : Bruce Sheffield

Turning Pages Book Club— for female inmates at the County Jail, recently finished their winter meeting.

Are you called to join this ministry? Would like to join Turning Pages book club for just one hour to determine if this is a good fit for you? Please call the church office. The next 4 week cycle begins in February. These comments were shared by the women at the final meeting of 2017:

"This experience has opened my eyes. I can see now how we can disagree about a book and not have conflict, that's okay. My life had said disagreement means someone gets hurt, not anymore." "The Westminster volunteers mean the world to us. It gives me a feeling of dignity that people from the outside come in here to visit." "Do unto the least of these... that's what the Bible says. That's what you guys do. When I get out, I too want to help others." "I would tell people thinking about volunteering, 'just do it'! I enjoy book club time so we can focus on things other than what's going on in our lives both inside and outside of jail." "For most of us, we were lost and made bad choices. You've given me hope that I can trust people again."



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Here Come the Suns!

Celebrate creation and clean energy with
Our Place in the Sun

Sign Up

A \$10 entry fee entitles you, your family, or your group to stop in the Garden Room and pick up a plain 16-inch sun-shaped door hanger. Suns will be available starting in January and while supplies last and will be due back by March.

Create

Take your sun home and put your imagination to work in creating and naming a unique piece of art. Paint? Papier mâché? Glitter? Decoupage? Calligraphy? Collage?

View

The sun creations will be unveiled to the community at a gala opening early in April, followed by an exhibition at Westminster for the remainder of the month.

PROCEEDS

All proceeds will be applied to the purchase of one or more LES solar panels, giving Westminster a small break in our electric bill and establishing **Our Place in the Sun**. This investment in clean energy is one way that Westminster lives out our commitment, as an Earth Care Congregation, to practice respect and good stewardship of all creation.



LET YOUR INNER ARTIST PLAY!!!!

Purchase:

Our Place in the Sun will wrap up with a luncheon and spirited auction—your chance to bid on a sun for your own front door.