

THE WORD FROM



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

APRIL 2024



Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

(Mark 12:30-31)

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT

The Good Neighbor Project, sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Church and in conjunction with a local property management company,

seeks to develop a lasting project to support low-income individuals in their efforts to obtain or retain safe, affordable housing. This project is currently a pilot project with a plan to share our experiences with other faith-based organizations, enabling them to establish their own Good Neighbor Project. We firmly believe we are better when we are all together.

GOAL: *To increase access to permanent housing for children and their families by working with local partners to create and maintain affordable housing and by supporting families through meaningful relationships and financial assistance.*

Current Good Neighbor Project: *We are providing a team from our church to walk alongside a refugee mother and son and address any needs or issues that come up as well as provide a small monthly supplement to ease the pressure a bit and help the family get caught up and even ahead. The Good Neighbor Project is not specifically devoted to refugee families, but to any local family with children.*

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

- **4/1– 4/4:** Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Prep Week | Alamance Pres. Church
- **4/5-4/12:** Online bidding for select items opens for the Mission Auction
- **4/6:** Outrageous Outreach (4th and 5th graders) | 8:15-11:30am | Peacehaven Farm
- **4/7:** Greensboro Urban Ministry Serving Breakfast | 6-8am | Weaver House
- **4/7:** GSO YoCo (Youth Collective) Open Mini Golf Tournament (6th-12th graders) | 5:30 -7:30pm | The PARtee Shack
- **4/13:** WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH’S MISSION AUCTION | FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:30PM
- **4/18:** ReJOYce Luncheon “Reelin’ for Research” | 12pm | Fellowship Hall
- **4/20:** Giving Garden Helping Hands | 9:00am-10:00am | WPC Parking Lot
- **4/20:** Out of the Garden Fresh Mobile Market | 9:45–11:45am | Peck Elementary
- **4/21:** Pizza in the Park | 12:15-2pm | Cascade Park
- **4/28:** Outrageous Outreach End of Year Celebration (4th and 5th graders) | 4:00 – 5:30 Fellowship Hall
- **4/28:** “God With Us” Joint Choir Concert with Christ United Methodist Church | Sanctuary | 3:00-4:00pm

ReJOYce Luncheon
April 18th
12pm-1:30pm
Sign up by April 12th

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WESTMINSTER AT WORK..

ABOUT OUR FIRST “GOOD NEIGHBOR PROJECT” FAMILY:

Shamsa is a Somali woman and single mother to 14-year-old Mohamed. Shamsa fled from Somalia to Kenya 20 years ago due to war. Mohamed was born in Kenya and mother and son lived there until he was 5 years old, at which time they moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In April 2023, after 8 years in Malaysia,

they were resettled by IOM (International Organization for Migration) to Greensboro. They have no relatives in the US and Shamsa sadly lost touch with her entire family after fleeing to Kenya and doesn't know if any are still living. She hopes to search for family via social media and reconnect.

Shamsa and Mohamed lived in a 2-bedroom apartment in a less-than-safe location for a single mother and child. Shamsa works as a housekeeper at a local hotel. She cleans approximately 29 hotel rooms each day. With a rotating shift she must frequently work weekends, leaving Mohamed home alone. She would take 2 buses each way from her home to her work involving transferring and long wait times at the downtown Depot. This entire commute could take up to 2 hours depending on the day of the week.

Shamsa is intelligent, hard working and never complains. She is eager to build a life here for herself and Mohamed. Mohamed is a very bright, outgoing young man who speaks excellent English and interprets for his mother when needed. He is currently in the 9th grade and finishing up in the Newcomers School. His dream is to have the opportunity to attend Grimsley High School to obtain the education he longs for. He hopes to become a lawyer and earn enough money to support his mother one day.

A team from Westminster helped relocate Shamsa and Mohamed to a safer living situation where there is better opportunity to be in community with others, less crime, and better access to transportation. The team also supports them by offering encouragement and advice as they make the huge adjustment to living in the United States.



WESTMINSTER MASTERS WEEKEND MISSION AUCTION IS COMING

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
5:30-8:00 pm

Money raised supports our efforts to lift up local families who need safe affordable housing and to support mission trips for youth and adults.

SOMETHING NEW!!

ONLINE AUCTION
BEGINS April 5 and ENDS April 13
Ends @ 7:00 pm SHARP on April 13!

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Train Tour of SCOTLAND

\$100 PER TICKET TO BE ENTERED TO WIN

ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT MISSION AUCTION ON APRIL 13

Raffle tickets sold during the week in the church office and on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to volunteer to help before, during, or after the event, we'd love to have you! Sign up here

BBQ Dinner @ 5:30 pm
Silent Auction Opens @ 6:00 pm
Live Auction @ 7:15 pm

TICKETS:

\$25 Adults / \$10 Child under age 10
(Ticket includes BBQ dinner)

How to purchase tickets:

You can purchase tickets in-person in the church office or on **Sunday, April 7 in Fellowship Hall.**

To pay **online**, scan the QR Code below.

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- **Free nursery** for 3 years and under from 5:30-8:00pm in Room 113
- **Childcare** 4 years to 5th grade in Rm 100 for \$10.00 per child from 6:00-8:00 pm. Time allows children to eat with their parents before dropping them off. There will be snacks, games, & a movie.

AUCTION ITEMS SNEAK PEEK!

Signed Memorabilia VACATION HOMES Atlanta Braves Tickets TANGER CENTER PERFORMANCES Pottery GAME NIGHT FOR 20 Adults Shrimp Boil for 8 VARIOUS BAKED GOODS Round of Golf for 4 @ Starmount Country Club THEMED GIFT BASKETS Original Paintings HISTORIC MAGNOLIA HOUSE Soup of the month for year AND MUCH MORE!

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Adult Faith Formation Offerings

The Gathering: Parents of Children and Younger Youth

Sundays, 10am | Room 103 – these parents of children and younger youth meet weekly to encourage & support one another in faith and life during the Faith Formation Hour.

Sunday Conversations

Sundays, 10am | Chapel

Join our Sunday Conversations class as they focus on Kate Bowlers' short videos, *While It Was Yet Dark* (Join Life Together Apart) through Memorial Day.

Cornerstone Class

Sundays, 10am | Room 203

Cornerstone class will continue studying the Gospel of John using *Journey Through the Bible: John*, through June 9. Facilitators are: Wilson Davis, Jim Gale and Craig Siler. Contact Wilson Davis (336-370-6568) for more information.

PEEPS (Parents Exploring and Engaging in Practical Faith & Service)

Sundays, 10am | Library

For the Spring season, the PEEPS class will begin Philip Yancey's *Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?*

Gateway Class

Sundays, 9am | Via Zoom

This class is continuing with the *Feasting on the Word* lectionary study from Presbyterian Publishing House

What's Going On



At Westminster?

2024 TRANSITION TEAM

For Information
and Updates

Visit: westpreschurch.org/transition-team-information

PICKLEBALL IS BACK!

WPC PARKING LOT

PICKLEBALL

Wednesdays

5:30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



UPCOMING CHILDREN'S & YOUTH EVENTS

www.westpreschurch.org/children or www.westpreschurch.org/youth

CHILDREN

4/6	8:15-11:30am	Outrageous Outreach: Peacehaven Farm
4/7	10-10:50am	Faith Formation
4/14	10-10:50am	Faith Formation
4/21	10-10:50am	Faith Formation
4/28	10-10:50am	Faith Formation
4/28	4:00-5:30	Outrageous Outreach: End of Year Party

YOUTH

4/7	6-8:00am	Outreach @ Weaver House
4/7	5:30-7:30pm	YOCO Collective MiniGolf Tournament @ PARtee Shack
4/14	5:30-7:30	WYFi Youth Fellowship
4/21	5:30-7:30	WYFi Youth Fellowship
4/28	5:30-7:30	WYFi Youth Fellowship

**Registration for VBS is
NOW OPEN!**

Hometown Nazareth
Where Jesus was a Kid

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 17TH-21ST | 9AM-12PM

RISING KINDERGARTENERS THROUGH COMPLETED 5TH GRADERS

- **To register your child(ren) please visit:** <https://www.westpreschurch.org/children>
- **Looking to volunteer?** Contact Lucy- lucy.jefferies@westpreschurch.org or Sally- sally.zeillmann@westpreschurch.org



Missions & Outreach:

April 1- 4: Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Prep Week @ Alamance Pres. Church

Habitat Greensboro is once again hosting their Playhouse Project Fundraiser event to raise money for habitat homes and provide playhouses for children living in Habitat built homes. For the past 2 years, WPC has hosted the Prep week to prepare all the materials (wood cutting, priming, etc.) needed for the playhouse build day at the Habitat ReStore. This year we are sharing the love and Alamance Presbyterian Church will be hosting the prep week. If you are free anytime during that week, sign up by going to westpreschurch.org/serve. It's a fantastic time of fellowship working alongside folks from other churches. Because of our Mission Auction in April, WPC plans to sponsor and build a playhouse in October.

Sunday, April 7: Greensboro Urban Ministry Weaver House Breakfast

Greensboro Urban Ministry Weaver House provides a place to sleep for up to 100 adult men and women. The shelter welcomes all who are in need of housing. No one in real need is turned away unless space is not available. WPC will serve breakfast to Weaver House guests, as well as takeout meals, from 6-8 am on Sunday April 7 (always the 1st Sunday of the month). Contact Scott Neely if you'd like to join the crew!

April 5 - 12: Online bidding for select items opens for the Mission Auction

To build up excitement leading up to the Mission Auction on Saturday, April 13, there will be a fun online auction the entire week before the big event with select BIG TICKET items. Go to westpreschurch.org/missionauction for information and the link.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13: WPC MISSION AUCTION

This is a BIG deal, friends! All are welcome to join in on the fun, fellowship, and friendly bidding on all kinds of items from vacation homes, original artwork, signed memorabilia, handmade desserts, kids crafted items, and so much more. The added bonus is a BBQ dinner! The event runs from 5:30 - 8:00 pm with dinner starting at 5:30 pm, a silent auction starting at 6:00 pm, and a special LIVE auction at 7:15 pm. Tickets for the event are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. This includes the BBQ dinner and bidding opportunities. Purchase tickets by going to: westpreschurch.org/missionauction.

Saturday, April 20: Out of the Garden Fresh Mobile Market @ Peck Elementary

Out of the Garden Project's Fresh Mobile Market program is a mobile food pantry service available currently at 20+ locations in Guilford County. Every 3rd Saturday of the month, WPC provides volunteers at Peck Elementary school from **9:45-11:45 am**. We'd love to have you join us! For more information and to sign up, go to westpreschurch.org/serve

For more information about these mission engagement opportunities, contact Scott Neely, Director of Mission & Community Connections, at scott.neely@westpreschurch.org



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Ways to Give



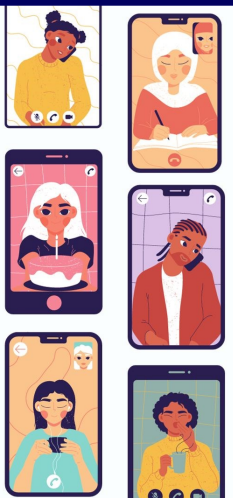
Your generosity fuels all we do in ministry.

Thank you for your gifts of service, time and money.

- Give a one-time gift securely online or set up regular automatic giving through your Realm Account.
- Don't have a Realm account? Please reach out to lynn.hemm@westpreschurch.org for help with your login.
- Give in-person as you worship with us or drop by the church office.
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What's New At Westminster?



Did you know that Westminster Presbyterian is a Stephen Ministry congregation? This means that we have a team of members trained to offer confidential support for those grieving, experiencing a health concern, a divorce, or any type of loss or crisis. You do not need to be a member to receive this support.

Last month we welcomed 4 newly commissioned Stephen Ministers into our Congregational Care Team. Congratulations to Laura Hochstein, Melissa Creech, Liz Pearson, and Denise Joines.

If you are in need of support, please fill out the congregational care connect form at: <https://www.westpreschurch.org/care>