

The Word From

WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN February 2024

The Season of Lent..



Lent is often known as a time of giving something up in order to make room in our lives for spiritual pursuits. Rather than just “giving up” in Lent, the scriptures ask us to consider all that Jesus is “up to” and all that he asks us to be up to in his name. Instead of bemoaning what we can’t do, or used to do, this Lent we will celebrate the small things that we can do right now to respond to God’s call in our place, for our time.

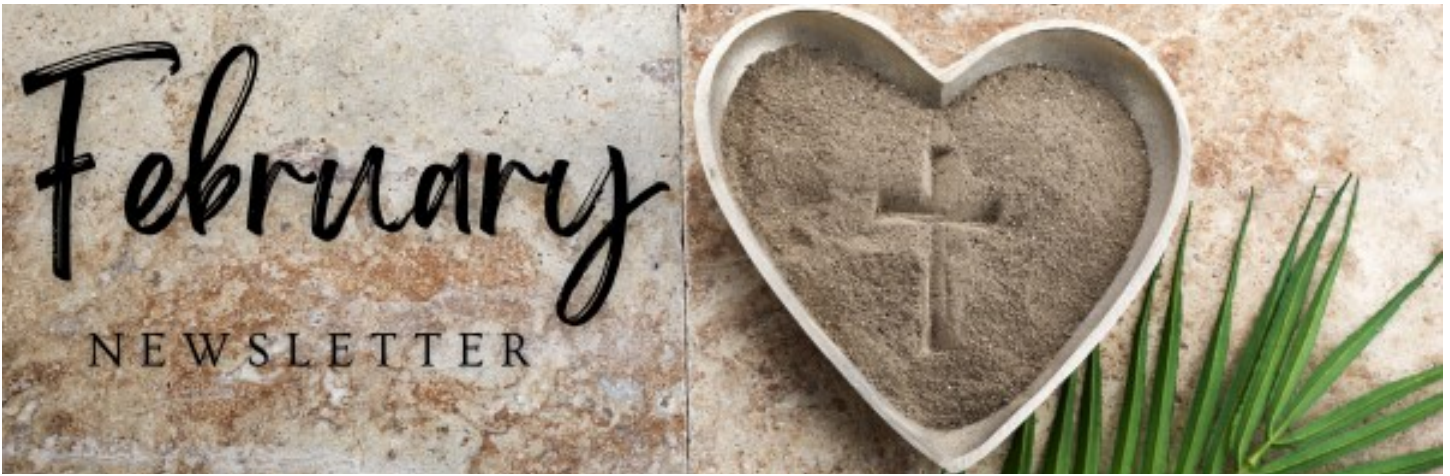


In concert with our Lenten theme, we’ll be

concentrating some of our attention

on *LIFTING UP families* through a special mission challenge. Beginning on February 14th and concluding with our Mission Auction on April 13, we’ll be *Reaching In to Reach Out* in an effort to raise \$40,000 to benefit our Affordable Housing Initiative and our youth and intergenerational trips focused on “Healing God’s World”. We hope you’ll be a part of getting up to something good.





Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Friday, 2nd: **Family Movie Night– UP | 5:30pm**

Sunday, 11th: **SOUPer Bowl of Caring | Directly after both services**

Wednesday, 14th: **Pancake Dinner & Ash Wednesday Service | 5:30pm/6:30pm**

Thursday, 15th: **ReJOYce Luncheon ft. guest speaker Alison Huber | 12:00pm**

Thursday, 15th: **Soul Collage: Making Time to Listen | 6:00pm**

Sunday, 18th: **Joining Sunday | Directly after both services**

Sunday, 18th: **Lenten Cello Recitals ft. Cellist Owen Chang | 3:00pm**

Wednesday 21st- March 20th: **Midweek Lenten Communion Services | 12:00pm**

For more events & details, visit our website westpreschurch.org

Winter Weather Closing??

Closings will be posted
on the website
westpreschurch.org



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



We are looking for Office Volunteers!
Morning and afternoon shifts available.
Once a week, once a month, every now
and again...it all helps!

Contact Melanie Wilkerson for details.
336-299-3785 x110
melanie.wilkerson@westpreschurch.org





Our New
Director of Communications

Welcome, Gina Ringle!

We are delighted to have Gina join the Westminster Staff as our new Director of Communications!

Gina, an Indiana native has been living in Greensboro with her husband for 15 years. With her Golden Retriever, Dublin, by her side she enjoys kayaking, traveling, weekend beach trips and going to concerts. A lifelong animal lover, Gina's furry family also includes 2 rescue cats and even a rescued Guinea Pig.

We are excited to see where Gina's background in Graphic Design, Digital Marketing, and Social Media Management takes us.

Be sure to stop by or send an email to say hello! Gina.ringle@westpreschurch.org

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

UP

February 2nd @ 5:30pm

The poster features a dark blue background with a white banner at the top containing the text 'FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT'. Below the banner, the word 'UP' is written in large, white, stylized letters. To the right, there is a circular illustration of a small brown house with a chimney, floating in the air and held up by a large cluster of colorful balloons (red, yellow, blue, green, purple) against a backdrop of white clouds. The date and time 'February 2nd @ 5:30pm' are written in white at the bottom left of the poster.

Westminster Serves @ Weaver House

On first Sundays,
Westminster members prepare and serve breakfast at Greensboro Urban Ministry's Weaver House shelter between 6am-8am.

For more details about Weaver House and other service opportunities contact:
Scott Neely at (scott.neely@westpreschurch.org).

The poster has an orange background. On the right side, there is an illustration of a breakfast plate with a fried egg, a sausage patty, a biscuit, and a small bowl of fruit. The text is in blue and black fonts.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 11

Preorder Online

The poster has a dark purple background. In the center is an illustration of a brown bowl filled with soup, topped with vegetables and cheese, with a white football lacing pattern on the front. The text 'SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY' is arched over the bowl, and 'FEBRUARY 11' is arched below it. At the bottom, it says 'Preorder Online'.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Pancake Dinner

FEBRUARY 14

Sign Up Now!

Pancake Dinner @ 5:30
Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30

The poster has a purple background. At the bottom, there are illustrations of two stacks of pancakes with butter melting on top. The text is in white and yellow fonts. On the right side, there is a faint white silhouette of a cross.

REFLECTING ON A JOYFUL JANUARY



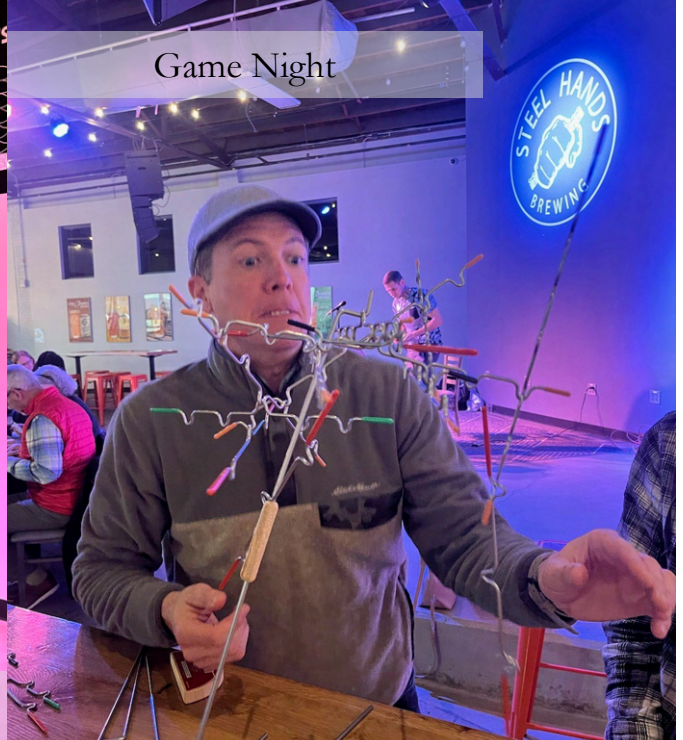
Fresh Mobile Market



Youth Confirmation Retreat



Music Bingo at Steel Hands Brewing



Game Night



New Elder Instillation



Westminster Walking Group

Adult Ministry Offerings



Lent In the Living Room

Please join us small group Lenten studies using the book Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence, by Diana Butler Bass, as a resource. Gatherings will begin the week of February 18 and continue through Lent.

You may sign up to participate in various ways (host, facilitator, participant). Hosts/Co-hosts may invite others to join, and we can also assist in creating groups. We can also create options to meet at the church, in coffee shops (or similar), and via Zoom for those who are homebound or live out of the area. Go to westpreschurch.org/events to sign up, or call the church office.

Adult Faith Formation Offerings

The Gathering: Parents of Children and Younger Youth

Sundays, 10am | Room 103 – The Gathering will be having sermon-based discussions on the sermon series, “What Are You Up To?” as a “Lent in the Living Room” group during the Faith Formation Hour.

Sunday Conversations

Sundays, 10am | Chapel

Sunday Conversations will be discussing the sermon series, “What Are You Up To?”

Cornerstone Class

Sundays, 10am | Room 203

The Cornerstone Class will begin a study of John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton, beginning Sunday, Feb 4, at 10am in Room 203. As the Apostle John explores the meaning of Jesus’ ministry, Rev. Hamilton invites us to ponder how Jesus’ words speak to our own lives.

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

Sundays, 10am | Library

For the Lenten season, the PEEPS class will focus on Adam Hamilton’s 24 Hours that Changed the World. This study guides the reader through the last twenty-four hours of Jesus’ life.

Gateway Class

Sundays, 9am | In person and via Zoom

This class is following the lectionary scripture passages from “*Feasting on the Word.*” Facilitated by Mary Eagle, Dave Lumpkin and John Robinson.

Quiet Spaces for Lent (Lectio Divina)

Mondays during Lent, 12pm | Zoom

Please join us as we gather via Zoom at noon each Monday during Lent for a time of reading and reflecting on scripture. Lectio is about (1) Reading and listening to the day’s scripture more slowly with intention; (2) Praying about what you have heard and read; (3) Meditating about words or phrases that caught your attentions; and (4) Considering what God’s scripture might be asking of you. (*Zoom link available on the website*)

upcoming children's & youth events

*Faith Formation for all ages meets Sunday mornings @10am.

Westminster Youth Fellowship inc. meets **most Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm.

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

FEBRUARY CHILDREN

2nd	5:30	Family Movie Night
4th	10-10:50	Faith Formation
11th	9:45- 10:15	Outrageous Outreach (SOUPer Bowl of Caring)
	10-10:50	Faith Formation
	11:45-12:15	Outrageous Outreach
14th	4:00-6:30	Outrageous Outreach (Pancake Dinner Preparation)
18th	10:00-10:50	Faith Formation
25th	10:00-10:50	Faith Formation

FEBRUARY YOUTH

2nd	6:00am	Day Ski Trip
4th	10:00-10:50	Faith Formation
4th	5:30-7:30	Youth Collective at First Presbyterian Church
10th	10:00-12:00	Make Soup for SOUPer Bowl
11th	10:00-10:50	Faith Formation
18th	10:00-10:50	Faith Formation
	5:30-7:30	WYFi (Westminster Youth Fellowship inc)
25th	Both Worship Services	Confirmands Confirmed
	10:00-10:50	Faith Formation
	5:30-7:30	WYFi (Westminster Youth Fellowship inc)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

ReJOYce Luncheon



TRIAD HONOR
FLIGHT

February 15, 2024
12:00-1:30 pm

With guest speaker
Alison Huber
Triad Honor Flight Executive Director



Westminster Walking Group

Meeting again— February 24, 8-10am @ Lewis

Recreation Center

MISSION ENGAGEMENT:

Hygiene Items Collection

In partnership with Sanctuary House, Westminster will be collecting hygiene products throughout the month of February for our neighbors in need. Please drop off the listed items in the wooden bins outside of Fellowship Hall.

sanctuary house & WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN
Hygiene Items Collection

Toothbrushes - Toothpaste - Body Wash/Soap - Combs -
 Chapstick - Dental Floss - Deodorant - Face Wipes -
 Lotion - Razors - Shampoo - Shaving Cream

Month of February
 Drop items off in the wooden bins outside Fellowship Hall



OUT OF THE GARDEN PROJECT
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OUT OF THE GARDEN PROJECT WAREHOUSE

Each Friday from 3:00-5:00 pm
300 NC-68, Greensboro, NC 27409

Westminster volunteers work alongside Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church in the Out of the Garden Project warehouse each Friday from 3pm-5pm to help prepare for their weekend Fresh Mobile Markets. Use the QR code to sign up.



FRESH MOBILE MARKET

Saturday, February 17 from
9:45 - 11:30 am

Peck Elementary School

Out of the Garden Project's Fresh Mobile Markets program is a mobile food pantry service available currently at 20+ locations in Guilford County every month.

Westminster provides volunteers on the 3rd Saturday morning of each month located at **Peck Elementary, 1601 W. Florida St.** Around 10 people are required each month, and the minimum age is 13. Ages 13 - 16 must be with a parent or responsible adult. OOTGP Fresh Mobile Markets take place at high need GCS schools and Guilford County food deserts. WPC's sponsored site serves 90+ families, and each family receives between 50 - 70 pounds of food. Each Fresh Mobile Market provides 60+ pounds of fresh produce, meat, and bread per qualifying family. Scan the QR code to sign up or visit westpreschurch.org/serve





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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.
- Set up automatic payments direct from your bank.



ONLINE	REALM APP	MAIL	CALL
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Coming in..

2024 MARCH

March Services

- March 3rd- *“Tearing Down and Raising Up”* (3rd Lent)
- March 10th- *“Lighting Up the World”* (4th Lent)
- March 17th- *“Lifting Up All People”* (5th Lent)
- March 24th- *“Sit Up and Notice”* (Palm Sunday)
- March 28th- *“Getting Up to Serve”* (Maundy Thursday)
- March 29th- *“Jesus Gave Up His Spirit”* (Good Friday)
- March 31st- *“Looking Up”* (Easter Sunday)



**GET
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STAY
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WITH REALM**

**IF YOU NEED HELP,
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For the most up-to-date information

Westpreschurch.org/events