

The Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Winter 2017



Mark, *A Lenten Journey for Everyone*

Friends,
We are entering an incredibly important season as a church. This year is WPC's 50th year of ministry! There's been plenty to celebrate, and plenty of challenges. God has used this community in mighty ways. This church has been through a lot together, and one thing has remained constant over the years, God has been faithful. Throughout 2018, there will be plenty of opportunity to share stories and to dream about what the future holds.



This month, we'll also begin the season of Lent. On February 14 (Ash Wednesday) we will begin a church-wide journey toward the Cross of Christ and, eventually, to the empty tomb. As we move toward the celebration of Easter, it's important we spend time reflecting on who Jesus was, and is, and what it means to follow Him. It's a journey full of questions and struggles. It's one that is both personal and corporate. And, ultimately, it's a journey about God's faithfulness and desire to be in relationship with us.

There are three ways we're journeying together:

In Worship — From Ash Wednesday to our services during Holy Week, we will be focusing on Mark's Gospel

Reading N.T. Wright's *Lent For Everyone: Mark, Year B* — Together, we're invited to read a daily devotional that focuses on the lectionary readings through the season.

Digging Deeper Questions — I will prepare weekly questions for reflection. These questions will revolve around sermons and *Lent for Everyone*, and are designed to be used in small groups/Bible studies, in conversation among families at home, or for personal reflection.

As we journey through Lent, and as we celebrate our 50th year, I'd invite you to spend some time in intentional reflection. And, may we remember God's faithfulness in it all.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dave



Special Worship Service, Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday, The Journey Begins

Ash Wednesday reminds us of two important truths. First it reminds us of our humanity — the fragility of life and of our own brokenness. And, it also reminds us that God’s deepest desire is to take us as we are and make us whole — grace.

As ashes are placed on our foreheads, we’re reminded, “from dust you have come and to dust you will return.”

Receiving grace starts with recognizing our need. Ash Wednesday is about that recognition. Begin the Lenten Journey with us, February 14 at 7 pm.

INVITATION TO AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION

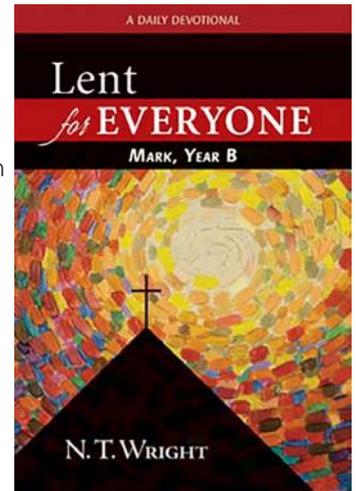
Coffee Conversations

Each Sunday, as Pastor Dave continues his sermon series on our Core Values and begins his Lenten series, many of us find ourselves wanting to delve deeper into the texts and talk about how to apply that wisdom to our everyday life.

Grab a cup of coffee on the Courtyard, enjoy some fellowship with friends, then head to the WPC Library at 11am for a follow-up discussion. Classes have a variety of leaders from our Adult Christian Formation committee. You are invited!

Lent for Everyone

We have ordered copies of the book recommended by Pastor Dave for our Lenten devotional, N.T. Wright’s *Lent For Everyone, Mark, Year B*. Copies are available in the church office during the week or on the Courtyard on Sundays. A donation of \$10/book will be appreciated.



Reading the Christmas Story



Plan on These Dates

Sunday Worship Services

- 9:30 Traditional Service
- 11:15 Contemporary Service

For Children on Sundays

- 9:30 & 11:15 am
Children age 3 through 8th grade begin in worship with their families and are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Message.
Childcare is available for children from birth to 3 years from 9:30 to 12:30 each Sunday morning.

Adult Christian Formation

Coffee Conversations
Sundays, 11:00 am, Fellowship Center

Weekly Bible Studies:

- ❖ **Monday Bible Study**, Mondays, 1 pm, WPC Library, contact Aubrey Grey
- ❖ **Wednesday Study**, 2:30 pm, WPC Library, contact Jim Mulick
- ❖ **Women on Wednesday**, Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, Library, contact Sue Minihan

Student Ministries

Junior High Ministry, Grades 6-8

Contact Matt Pardee
Matt@wpcwestlake.org
JYF (Middle School Youth Group), Tuesdays, 6 – 7:30 pm, Youth Center
Girls4God, (Jr. High girls), Sundays, 4:30 pm, Youth Lounge. Contact Lisa Rush:
Lisarush3@gmail.com

Senior High Ministry, Grades 9-12

Contact John (JR) Robertson
JR@wpcwestlake.org
SYF (High School Youth Group): Sundays, 6:00 pm, Youth Center
CNA (Christians Non-Anonymous Midweek Bible Study) Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, off site

Chancel Choir

Thursdays, 7:30 pm
Everyone is invited!

Weekly Wednesday Koffee Klatch

For adults 50+, Oakside Room, 9:30 am, conversation & sermon text preview

Weekly Community Outreach

❖ WPC Winter Shelter, Wednesdays in the Community Outreach Center: overnight shelter (December–March), year-round dinner, showers, health care

❖ **Westminster Free Clinic**: Wednesdays, 5-10 pm, United Methodist Church, TO, contact Cindy Vinson

Upcoming Events

Kids Fellowship Club

Tuesdays, 4:30 – 6 pm, through February 13

Book Study and Potluck Supper

All Church, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Fellowship Center

Bookworms

February 8, 2 pm

Adult Christian Formation Series:

Sundays, 11 am, Fellowship Center
Coffee Conversations

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 13, 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 7 pm

Pathfinders

February 17, Saturday, 9 to 10:30 am,
WPC Library

Evolution and Faith: Must We Choose?

Sundays, 7 pm, begin February 25

Meeting of the Session

Wednesday, February 28, 7 pm

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, March 4 at 10:30 am, Sanctuary

Palm Sunday, March 25

One service, 10 am, followed by all-church lunch

Maundy Thursday Community Meal

March 29, 6 pm

Maundy Thursday Service

March 29, 7:30 pm

Good Friday Meditation Time

March 30, 12 noon – 7:30 pm
WPC Prayer Garden

Good Friday Service

March 30, 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

April 1
Services at 8, 9:30 and 11:15 am
Egg hunt following each service

Communion

February 4, March 4, April 8

Looking Ahead to Palm Sunday

The Winter 2018 Senior High Confirmation Class will be received into membership on Palm Sunday, March 25. There will be one worship service at 10 am on that day followed by an all-church luncheon.

Do you have an hour a month to volunteer?

We are looking for people to be part of teams that update the materials in the pew racks. Be part of a rotation so that you only volunteer one hour per month. Great company, easy work! Contact Kathy Josselyn in the church office, ext. 110.

Bos Scholarship News

Please note: Scholarship application deadline is April 15 for both Seminary and Teacher Preparation Students.

Scholarship Recipients for 2017-2018

The Dr. Robert C. Bos Scholarship is awarded to qualified seminary students who plan to enter the pastoral ministry. This scholarship was created to honor Dr. Robert Bos, founding pastor of WPC.

The 2017-2018 recipients of the Bos Seminary Scholarship are former WPC Director of Student Ministries James Puleo, and longtime WPC member Jeff Spiegel. James is currently enrolled at Fuller Theological Seminary where he is completing his Masters of Divinity, and Jeff is currently enrolled at Western Seminary where he is pursuing a Masters of Art in Biblical and Theological Studies.

The Carole H. Bos Teacher Education Scholarship is designated for full-time college students who plan to become classroom teachers. This scholarship honors Carole Bos, retired middle school teacher and mentor.

The Carole H. Bos Scholarship recipients for the 2017-2018 school year are Madison Douglas, Heather Ferkranus, and Shawna O'Shea. All three of these recipients have close ties to WPC and are planning to pursue careers in teaching. Madison and Heather are both sophomores at Whitworth University, and Shawna will be graduating from California State University Channel Islands in May.

How to apply for a Bos Scholarship

Applications may be downloaded from the wpcwestlake.org homepage under "Mission/Scholarships" tab. Completed applications are due in the church office by April 15th for the 2018-2019 academic year. Recipients are selected based upon academic excellence and financial need. WPC congregation members and their children are also given preference.

Donation Opportunities

The Bos Scholarships are funded through donations by our members, friends of WPC, and often through memorial contributions. The Bos Scholarships are available for gifting throughout the year, and also at the Alternative Christmas Market. What a great gift idea! Investing in someone's educational future!! Donations may be given to Terry Monahan in the church office. We thank you for your support of these scholarships.

Committee Members

The members of the Bos Scholarship Committee are: John Teobaldi and Pat Smith, co-chairs; John Bradley, Lory Foitle, Judy Hightower, Cathy Howell, Kip Orloff, and Kathy Spielman. Bob and Carole Bos also sit on our committee as ex-officio members. Please contact any of our committee members if you have questions about the scholarships.

Peace Child India Update

A lot is happening in India thanks to help from everyone who has supported Peace Child. With the funds from the Alternative Christmas Market, as well as another small donation, the ceramics project has been funded for the year. We are now trying to organize a tailoring component. Hopefully, these are the beginning of a full-scale program at the boys' home (a bit on a misnomer, as girls are also involved).

I would like to plan a trip to India that would include any of you who might be interested. If you would like a hands-on experience working with Indian children, just contact me at smcennan@gmail.com. In the meantime, on behalf of the Indian children, thank you all for your generosity.

from Stacey McEnnan

Evolution and Faith: Must We Choose?

A FOUR-PART CLASS ON SCIENCE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

A few topics have generated as much confusion and controversy as the issue of evolution, creationism, and the origin and diversification of life on Earth. Where is the line between science and faith? What is taught in our public schools, and why? What is the role of the church in this discussion?

The Adult Christian Formation Committee is pleased to invite you to a timely series of discussions on science, particularly evolutionary biology, and how it interacts with the Christian faith. Our speaker is WPC's Dr. Jody Martin, an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Associate Vice President for Research at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Classes will be on Sunday evenings, February 25, March 4, March 11, and March 18, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Center. All ages are welcome, but the class material will be presented at a high school to adult level. The class is free and open to the public. A suggested donation of \$10 per class is greatly appreciated (SYF students exempted!). Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Come join in the discussion!

Note from a WPC family:

Darv and I wish to thank our WPC family for all of your prayers, meals, and most of all love. The Lord, WPC and family carried us through this difficult time. We definitely felt all the love and God's guidance. Blessings to all of you, Cathy & Darv Howell



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 5:30 PM

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The whole church family is invited to a family friendly celebration of "Fat Tuesday" or, if we say it in French, Mardi Gras, hosted by the Kids Fellowship Club.

Fat Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras or Shrove Tuesday, is a French custom celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday. It is best remembered today with making pancakes. The custom arose through the need to use up food items that were forbidden during Lent.

Pancakes were, and still are, believed to represent good luck in many areas of the world as they contain items associated with prosperity and longevity.

Made from batter and fried in fat, the ingredients symbolize four points of significance at this time of year:

- Eggs ~ Creation
- Flour ~ The staff of life
- Salt ~ Wholesomeness
- Milk ~ Purity

You are all invited! Dinner will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Cost: \$8/person.

Please sign up on the Courtyard or RSVP to Children's & Family Ministries: ext. 139 or Valerie@wpcwestlake.org.



JYF Christmas Party



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To submit late photos call Kathy Dahms.