

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Worship Times**

Sunday

8:00 a.m. traditional service in the Chapel

9:00 a.m. contemporary service in the Family Life Center

11:00 a.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

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Westminster  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*The Voice of Westminster*

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**December Events**

Wednesday, December 1st - Logos Toy Give-Away in the Family Life Center

Sunday, December 12th - **The Christmas Program** in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m., followed by dessert and wassail in the Family Life Center

Friday, December 24th - **Christmas Eve** - The Church Office will close at 12:00 Noon.  
Birthday Party for Jesus at 4:00 p.m.  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at 5:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 26th - **One Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**  
There will be no 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. services or Sunday School.

Monday, December 27th - **Church Office Closed**

**Merry Christmas!**

From the Westminster Office Staff

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PASTORAL PREFACE

It snuck up on us. We've had such a beautiful, sunny, warm autumn here in Iowa that I can scarcely believe that the First Sunday of Advent is November 28 and Christmas Eve is twenty-six days later on Friday, December 24.

Advent is a season of joy and preparation. The Sundays of Advent and lectionary scripture readings prepare us for joyous birth and incarnation. God chose to come into the world in the human/divine form of Jesus Christ. God's Word says, "And he shall save his people from their sins." And what a humble beginning it was for the Son of God. He was born in a barn in Bethlehem. There was no room in the Inn. Jesus' baby bed was a feeding trough for sheep and cattle. His mattress was sticky, prickly hay. The room where Jesus was born was smelly and drafty. Parents Mary and Joseph had to wrap their baby, Jesus, in thick blankets to keep him warm in the chill of the night air.

Is there a lesson here? Hmm, God incarnate. . . God chose to invade the earth with his presence and to impact human history. God chose a human, Jesus, in which to become real and reconcile the world to the Almighty. God continues to choose humans in the form of the faith community, the church and Body of Christ, in which to reveal his love for all creation. There is some humor and a lot of reality in the notion that God continues to choose flawed human beings like you and me in the barnyard of the church to reveal his divine love.

Martin B. Copenhaver puts it this way:

"[Barbara Brown] Taylor testifies that her most frequent encounters with God are in the natural world. Given the demands of being in community with people, this should not be surprising. . . On a number of occasions I have hiked in the interior reaches of the Grand Canyon. To me it is a holy place. . . It is not hard to feel close to God there, not only because of what is present, but also due to what is largely absent – the demands of living in community. The buttes don't quarrel with each other . . .

But to me, the affirmation that God can be found outside the church has never seemed like much of a claim. The true wonder is that God can be found *inside* the church, among quirky, flawed, and broken people who may have little in common and yet are bound to one another. What an unlikely setting in which to encounter God! But the Christian God seems to like to surprise us by showing up in the most unpromising places, like a man from Nazareth and in a motley gathering of people known as church."

-pp.231-232, *This Odd and Wondrous Calling*, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

Christmas is coming. Christ is coming. Want to find God? See you in church!

Faithfully ,  
*Interim Pastor Don*



WESTMINSTER CANCELLATION POLICY

If Sunday services are cancelled due to inclement weather, we will make every attempt to contact the following television stations: KCRG (Channel 9), KGAN (Channel 2) and KWWL (Channel 7). There may also be a message on the Church's voicemail, so you can call to double-check.

Wednesday night children and youth activities will be cancelled if the Cedar Rapids Public Schools have been cancelled or dismissed early due to bad weather. Please contact the Church Office if you aren't sure.

As always, the final decision is in your hands. If you are uncertain or uncomfortable with the weather, please don't venture out.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS  
FOR DECEMBER 2010

8:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

December 5 J.P. & Becky Ranck  
December 12 Darwin Bursch & Maggie York  
December 19 Jack & Nancy Haney

9:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

December 5 Sheridan Sealy  
December 12  
December 19 Brad Lock & Katie Carfizzi

11:00 a.m. Head Usher

Scott Olson

11:00 a.m. Greeters

December 5 Jennifer & Britt Edwards  
December 12 Berta Mullin & Signe Munson  
December 19 Joanne Koza & Laura Lebuhn Koontz  
December 26 Gingie Hunstad & Ted Kahler

11:00 a.m. Ushers

December 5 Emily Sweet, Terry Tiede, Lemi Tilahun, Bob & Joan Zirbel  
December 12 Claudia Warfel, Dale Weiske, Lorraine Worsfold, Mike & Nancy Walker  
December 19 David Basler, Luman Colton, Bruce Crawford, Ed & Ardyce Brunsting  
December 26 Chuck & Mary Jo Crull, Dee Davis, Herb & Carm Hammerberg

Offering Stewards

December 5 Tim Stolba & Rich Ripley  
December 6 Martha Griffith  
December 12 Mike Zimmermann & Debbie Richardson  
December 13 David Basler  
December 19 David Basler & Tom Read  
December 20 Connie Hayes  
December 26 David Marner & Butch Hataway  
December 28 David Marner

Nursery Volunteers

9:00 a.m.

December 5 Macy Ripley  
December 12 Wreعه Marner  
December 19 Jessie Alff

10:00 a.m.

December 5 Nick Shanklin  
December 12 Shelly Teberg  
December 19 Nikita Thies

11:00 a.m.

December 5 Jenna Teberg  
December 12 Paula Maddy  
December 19 Lauren Zimmermann  
December 26 TBA

Handicap Host / Flower Delivery

December 5  
December 12  
December 19  
December 26

Coffee Hosts

December 5 Bruce Crawford & Berta Mullin  
December 12 Bryan & Nancy Hawkins  
December 19 Sandra Yarrington & Fran Hanzel Johnson  
December 26 Herb & Carm Hammerberg

9:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Pat Thies, Tim Stolba, David & Linda Cosgrove

11:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Butch Hataway, Jim Sankey, Tom Read, Debbie Richardson, Eileen Naber, Mike Zimmermann, Tony Huebsch, Tim & Sue Winegarden

SCHEDULED TO SERVE AND CAN'T MAKE IT?

If you are scheduled to serve on a Sunday and cannot serve on your scheduled day, please find a replacement or someone to switch with you. Please let the Church Office know of any changes by Thursday of each week to ensure that it is printed correctly in the bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call the Church Office at 366-7185 or email Christina at westmin@crwpc.org. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

## JOTTINGS FROM PASTOR JIM

It's that time of the year again! The trees are out. Twinkle lights sparkle in the moonlight. Rudolph and Frosty and good-old Charlie Brown have made their annual return. And, once again the mailbox has begun filling up with Christmas cheers from far and wide.

I love it when those first Christmas cards show up in the mail. It's always nice to hear from family and old friends that you might not see very often, and to catch up on their lives. I used to think of those cards as a waste of money...and a waste of time. But the older I get, the more I realize how important it is to keep in touch and what a blessing it can be for someone else when we take the time to let them know we care. "Hallmark moments" truly are special! They remind us how blessed we really are.

In the comic strip *For Better or For Worse*, the mother picks up a pile of Christmas cards left by the mailman. Her daughter, Elizabeth, asks, "Are those all Christmas cards mom?" "Yes," mom responds. "Are they all from friends?" Elizabeth continues. "Mostly," her mom answers. "And they're all ours?" Elizabeth says. "Yes," her mother replies, "they're all ours." "Wow," Elizabeth concludes, "Are we ever rich!"

To know that we are loved...thought of...cared about... is one of life's greatest blessings. And we are rich in the knowledge that we are loved. This season of the year, perhaps more than any other, reminds us of how loved we are. We're loved by family and friends, to be sure, but more importantly, we are loved by God. We're loved by a God who never forgets us or forsakes us...a God who always keeps his promises. God loves us so much that he chose to become one of us – to live and die as one of us – so that one day we might be able to live with him forever. We may not be rich in material things, but we're rich in the things that money can't buy. Celebrate your blessings in this Christmas season, and take the opportunity to pass the richness of your blessing on to someone else. You won't be sorry you took the time or made the effort!

Grace and Peace!  
*Jim Langley*

## CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

For almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering has been an important tradition in the Presbyterian Church. It is one of three special offerings taken by Westminster throughout the year and 50% of the offering goes to assist retired and active church workers and their spouses and families who need additional assistance due to health or disability problems. The remaining 50% supports Presbyterian-related racial ethnic education through the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly. This year we will collect the offering during worship on December 12th and 19th.

## ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!

It's nearing the end of 2010 and the Annual Report will soon be compiled for the Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 30th. If you are a moderator of a committee you have already received or will soon be receiving an email or phone call asking you to send in your committee report. If you have any questions or would like to see last year's Annual Report, please call the Church Office at 366-7185. Reports will be due by Wednesday, December 19th.

## AGING SERVICES WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY

Aging Services is publishing an heirloom collection of personal stories and remembrances of life in Linn County. If you'd like to share, please contact Anneliese Tisdale at 365-8507 to be included in this publication. Deadline is December 31st!

## LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

DECEMBER - PORK & BEANS AND PEARS, LOTION  
JANUARY - CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, PEACHES, SHAMPOO

CANNED & BOXED FOOD; NO JARS PLEASE. STANDARD SIZE CANS,  
AS MOST OF OUR GUESTS WALK TO THE PANTRY.  
TOILET PAPER & PERSONAL PRODUCTS ALWAYS NEEDED.



"When did I see you hungry?"

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE=STEWARDSHIP

As we get into the Christmas season, please remember to practice stewardship with your parties, gift-giving, and decorating.

If you give goodies on a plate, why not buy a cute decorative one from a consignment shop or other store instead of buying plastic, non-recyclable ones? I have found very few recyclable plastic plates anywhere, and they just end up in the landfill for generations. Paper plates are preferable to plastic, but reusable is always best. Same goes for parties—if you can't wash dishes, paper is always best, and never styrofoam!

While wrapping paper is pretty, it is very wasteful, unless you do as we did when I was young, which was to reuse it year after year, ironed, of course. And you don't have to use a ton of scotch tape on each gift, do you? Gift bags are wonderful, and I have finally trained my sister to not put stickers on the bags but on the strings, so that the bags look like new year after year. We always have a grab at the end to make sure we get enough bags back after giving gifts! Or, as I have suggested before, use the Sunday comics, seasonal fabrics, or decorate brown paper bags with craft items, etc. that can be pulled off, and the bag recycled. The presentation of a gift is nice, but the thought of the gift is the most important! As we learned last year, throwing spent light strings in the garbage is toxic. Home Depot recently had a turn-in program for your old lights for new LED sets, and currently you can take any old or damaged Christmas lights to Lowe's in-store recycling center until 24 Dec. I have not been impressed with LED lights in the past, but now I have seen that there is a difference between "warm" and "cool" LEDs, so when my lights burn out, I will feel more comfortable buying some that look like the original ones.

Since the price of our garbage sacks put out at the church has increased to \$1.50 per bag, I figure that by filling the 3 curbies weekly, we are saving about \$9-12 per week by recycling. And of course, that doesn't count the help we are giving to our planet!

Have a green Christmas!  
*Marilyn Lodge*

## ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS.... COMMUNITY!

Are you looking for a group where you can share your deepest needs, where you can be open about the challenges you are facing...the joys and sorrows that come with life? If so, check out Westminster's LIFE Groups small group ministry program. LIFE is an acronym for Living In Faith Everyday, which is what these groups help us do. Westminster has LIFE Groups that meet in a variety of locations at a variety of times. Some meet weekly, some meet every other week. Each group has its own focus—from book discussions, to Bible studies, to women's and men's groups. To learn more about joining a LIFE Group, please contact Kay Basler at 550-2614 or email her as [ksbangel@mchsi.com](mailto:ksbangel@mchsi.com). Or, you can also contact Pastor Jim for more information by emailing him at [jlangle@crwpc.org](mailto:jlangle@crwpc.org) or by calling the Church

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER OFFERINGS

### December 5th, 12th, & 19th

Leslie Wright will continue an "Advent Study" as we take time to be aware that in the midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present. (Taken from *A Pilgrim's Almanac* by Edward Hays.)



## CHURCH NEEDS REFRIGERATOR

The refrigerator in the kitchen off the Large Parlor recently broke to the point of no repair. The church is looking for a refrigerator to replace it. If you or someone you know has a refrigerator they would like to donate, please call the Church Office at 366-7185. Thank you!



## CHURCH CHATTER FOR CHILDREN

### Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal

On Saturday, December 11th, starting at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon, all cast members & crew are to report to the Sanctuary for our final Dress Rehearsal of the Christmas Program. Please come prepared to run the show a couple of times through. Parents, we will finish at the latest by 4:30 p.m. Thank you!

### Christmas Program, Sunday, December 12th, 4:00 p.m.

Every church has its traditions, and some are more stringent than others. "The Christmas Pageant" takes a satirical look at the Christmas Program for Second Presbyterian Church. The play follows the happenings of one season, when Alvina, the inflexible and uncompromising director, is forced by the Christian Education Committee to add more roles into the play. As a result, Alvina steps down as director and sets the stage in hopes that the young mothers on the Christian Education Committee fall flat on their faces. This does not happen, per se, and the play ends with a sublime realization for Alvina of the meaning of Christmas and that even though all is never perfect, the true perfection lies in the story of an infant in a lowly manger and the compromise of a God who loves all humankind. Come along for the heartfelt story of one church's trials as they present their annual Christmas Pageant. Please join us after the production for wassail, soup & dessert in the Family Life Center, sponsored by the Mariners.

### Birthday Party for Jesus

*"Happy birthday to You! Happy birthday to You! Happy birthday, dear, Jesus! Happy birthday to You!"* What better way to spend Christmas Eve than celebrating the birth of our Lord together as a family. Come to our "Birthday Party for Jesus" at 4:00 p.m., December 24th, in the Family Life Center. There will be crafts, cake, and so much more! Afterward, join us for our first candlelight worship service at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We hope you'll plan to be a part of this special evening!

### Last Day of Village & Logos for 2010

The last day of Village Sunday School for 2010 will be on December 19th. Classes will resume in the New Year on January 9th. The last night for Logos will be on December 15th and will resume on January 5th. Happy Holidays!

### Thank you!

Thank you to all those who helped make both the Family Advent Celebration and the Toy Give-Away a success this year! It could not have happened without each individual's dedication. A special thank you to Wendy Marner, who organized and sanitized all the toys. Thanks Wendy for all you do!

### SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will close at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 24th and will remain closed on Monday, December 27th. Happy Holidays!



## BE PREPARED... THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING! A HEALTH MINISTRIES ARTICLE BY SANDY SHOEMAKER

They come around every year. If you have recently lost a loved one, the holidays can be a lonely time of year. So plan ahead so that you don't get caught in the down in the dumps or lonely feeling.

For thanksgiving you can invite friends and neighbors to your place for dinner and everybody that comes brings a dish from potatoes to pies, or have a moving dinner so there's not so much work for any one person this takes some more time and adds to the fun.

For the Christmas shopping season, volunteer at a gift wrapping table at a store or in the mall, this will keep you busy and you might even get to see some friends that you have lost touch with, or make new ones.

For Christmas Eve, gather with family and or friends for an afternoon of cards and maybe a soup diner then over to Westminster for one of the beautiful Christmas Eve services.

Christmas Day, plan a gathering of your friends that do not have family close by, remember that they will be alone, too. Either do this with a meal in mind or have everyone that attends bring their favorite Christmas treat.

Remember that if you make plans ahead of time, you won't be alone and lonely and you can make the holidays special with new traditions.

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

The carols, the candles, the joy of being surrounded by family and friends, the anticipation of each child's face...they are all an important part of Christmas. We hope you will join us for either (or both!) of our Candlelight Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24th, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Pastor Don will be preaching at the 5:30 p.m. service and we will have beautiful, special music and a time with the children of the church. At the 11:00 p.m. service, Pastor Jim will be preaching and the Chancel Choir will provide several beautiful anthems. We hope you will celebrate the joy of the season with us on Christmas Eve this year!

### LIFE GROUP LEADERS WANTED!!!

Do you have a passion for spiritual growth? Are you kind and compassionate? Would you be willing to give up a couple of hours each week to help other members of the Westminster family grow in their faith, while growing in faith yourself? If so, please let Pastor Jim (jlangle@crwpc.org) or Kay Basler (ksbangel@mchsi.com) know! We are always looking for new leaders for our LIFE Groups. Training will be offered, so sign up today!

### CAMP WYOMING WINTERTAINMENT

One of Camp Wyoming's most popular events! Wintertainment is a great chance to reunite with friends from the summer and make new ones in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Come out and enjoy Winter Olympics, Morning Worship, Tubing, Bible Studies, Camp Jam, Campfires, Broomball, and so much more! Renew summer friendships at the 2010 Wintertainment on December 28th through the 30th for 3rd through 12th graders! Register online at [www.campwyoming.net](http://www.campwyoming.net). For pricing information, please see the website or call the Church Office. Hope to see you all there!!

# Grace Notes



## SPECIAL MUSIC FOR DECEMBER

Each of Westminster's worship services this month will feature the music of the Christmas season. Marilyn Lodge will be at the keyboards in the Chapel providing music for the 8:00 a.m. services, and Jason Wright and the Praise Band will lead the congregation at the 9:00 a.m. "FUEL" services. Westminster's Chancel Choir will be conducted by Julie Read, and will sing at our 11:00 a.m. traditional services. The Minster Bells will also ring for us this month. Special events and times are listed below. Come and enjoy the music of these groups this Advent season as you prepare for the birth of our Lord!

- December 12 -- 11:00 a.m. – Minster Bells
- December 24 -- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:  
5:30 p.m. – Special Music  
11:00 p.m. – Chancel Choir
- December 26 -- 11:00 a.m. - ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE – Special Music

## WESTMINSTER'S CHOIRMASTER

Our church and our entire community are extremely saddened by the sudden passing of our wonderful friend and colleague, Rich Hoffman. He gave so much of himself to our choir and our church through music for the glory of God. Yet, even as we seek comfort for our loss, we know that he is resting safely in the arms of our God in heaven. Our hope is to carry on with the finest music for worship and praise, glorifying our God, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Julie Read, Rich's most trusted assistant, will be leading the choir for an interim period. Please offer her your prayers, blessings and support as she steps into some rather large shoes.

~ Julia Titus, Director of Music Ministries

## THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET

The 13th Annual Community-Wide Alternative Gift Market will be on Saturday, December 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Gage Hall on the Coe College Campus. The Alternative Gift Market is a great place for "alternative" shopping, especially when searching for a gift for someone who has everything! If you can't make it on December 4th, come to the Mini Market at Westminster on Sunday, December 5th or 12th, located outside of the Atrium. You can even purchase "alternative" gifts for our own Loaves & Fishes and Kids' Closet! Don't miss out!

## FINANCE CORNER

What a great month October was for General Contributions! The total was \$45,114. Hopefully, November and December will be repeats of October.

General Contributions thru October 31, 2010	
Amount Budgeted	\$458,070
Amount Received	417,113
Deficit	\$ -40,957

In order to stay in budget for 2011, it was necessary to combine the two positions of custodian and maintenance. The job description also had to be combined.

In addition, we now have a separate Sunday security person, Rick Titus.  
*Marilynn Shoger*

## Member Updates

	Address	Telephone	Email
<b>New Members</b>			
Ayub Kibui Mburu	924 38th St SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403	319-491-6085	
<b>Changes and Corrections</b>			
Faustine & Salanye Banner Ashley & Ella	510 15th St SE Cedar Rapids, IA 52403	319-265-0573	
Luman & Sharon Colton			lscolton@mchsi.com
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Anne Groom		319-799-3842	
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Jerry Hewitt		319-551-8997	
Johnine Howe		319-390-0456	
Tim Ironside		319-265-3776	
Don & Pat McKee	111 Cottage Grove Ave SE #302 Cedar Rapids, IA 52403		
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Jeremy & Laurie Mead	4621 Blossom View Ct NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52411		
Todd Pearson	2015 A Ave Marion, IA 52302	319-377-1703	
Richard Shoemaker			Richard.a.shoemaker@gmail.com
Sandy Shoemaker			Sandy.l.shoemaker@gmail.com

# Thank You

A big "thank you" to Truman Johnson and Chuck Crull for doing some plumbing work around the church. Many toilets were fixed as well as other miscellaneous projects completed.

Thank you to Jim Sankey, Dave Leeper, and Doug Wagner for repairing our alley basement windows with caulk and paint. This job was much appreciated!

Many thanks to Jacob Alff for helping with miscellaneous jobs around the church, including repairs and set ups.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Westminster Friends,

THANK YOU for your outpouring of love, encouragement, and friendship. One never knows when life will give you a lemon, a little twist of humility. The aneurysm I experienced was such a twist! But you helped me turn that lemon into lemonade.

The Middle School Sunday School class has sent me cards as well as many members of the Congregation. I, indeed, have been blessed. When Darald, Tyson and I chose the word "Believe" to be put on our family Christmas card, little did I know how significant that word would become to me. Just as a child believes that his parent will be there for him if needed, so too do I believe that God is there for me. To believe is to have faith. My faith has grown. May your faith ("belief") continue to grow!

Friends in Christ,  
Barb Schultz

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Don Harlan	19 Barb Moss
2 Sarah Coleman	19 David Jiruska
2 Chase Philpott	19 Claire Bemus
3 Peter Wright	20 Barb Coppock
4 Joanne Koza	20 Valeta Whitehead
4 Molly Engels	21 Mabel Woito
5 Minni Strickler	21 Jim Langley
5 Donald Zvacek	22 Evan Hataway
5 Darlene Elbert	22 Ted Paulson
5 Greg Dengler	22 Jim Wright
6 Dawn Schuettpelz	22 Jim Loomis
7 Doug Horton	23 Brenda Miller
8 Marcus Coleman	24 Joanne Peterson
8 Audrey Fashimpaur	24 Maggie Lampe
8 Ky Greeno	25 Michael Wright
9 Chris Keeran	25 Brenda Warner
10 Ibsa Tilahun	25 Grant Dolmage
10 Shane McCrane	26 Frank Fowler
11 Trent Marner	26 Mark Moss
11 Elizabeth Sankey	27 Chuck Davis
12 Bryant Conkling	27 Karen Humbert
13 Leslie Crozier	27 Joan Snow
13 Robert Richardson	27 Ryan Oliver
14 Jerry Hewitt	28 Scott Olson
14 Velma Kintzel	28 Kenneth Lee
14 Gloria Ruzicka	28 Elise Fashimpaur
14 Jake Wilding	29 Ed Bock
14 Susan Bowersox	29 Carol Ferguson
16 Steve Peterson	29 Blaine Neubauer
16 Dale Davisson	29 John Conkling
16 Todd Shields	30 Darcy Caraway
16 Terry Shaffer	30 Matt Ironside
17 CharLes Klouda	30 Charlene McCrane
17 Janis Kiley	31 Jennica Foley
17 Feyisa Tilahun	31 Emily Snow
18 Jordan Ripley	31 Olivia Lee
18 Isaac Langley	
19 Grace Gravelie	



### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, December 5th - 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**Communion**  
 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Pastor Don Houdeshell  
 "Rejoice!"  
 Text: Isaiah 12.2-6; Luke 3:7-18  
 9:00 a.m. - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"  
 Text: John 1.1-9, 19-23

**Sunday, December 12th - 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Pastor Don Houdeshell  
 "Discern"  
 Text: John 1:6-9, 19-28  
 9:00 a.m. - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "Blue Christmas"  
 Text: Isaiah 40.1-11

**Sunday, December 19th - 4th Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. - Pastor Don Houdeshell  
 "Receive"  
 Text: Luke 1:26-38  
 9:00 a.m. - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "Mary, Did You Know?"  
 Text: Luke 1.26-38

**Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve**  
 5:30 p.m. - Pastor Don Houdeshell  
 "Imagine"  
 Text: Isaiah 9:2-7  
 11:00 p.m. - Pastor Jim Langley  
 "I Believe in Christmas"

**Sunday, December 26th**  
 One Service at 10:00 a.m. -  
 Pastor Jim Langley  
 "Joy to the World!"  
 Text: Luke 2.8-20

#### PW CIRCLE NEWS

**Martha/Ruth Circle** will meet on Wednesday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m. at the Village Inn.

**Naomi/Esther Circle** will meet on Friday, December 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at Eileen Naber's house at 151 Ashcombe SE. Please join us for our Christmas brunch.

#### E-NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by email instead of a hard copy by mail, please contact Christina in the Church Office at 366-7185 or [westmin@crwpc.org](mailto:westmin@crwpc.org).

# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 am Men's Breakfast  WNA <b>Christmas Toy Give-Away</b>	2	3 9:30 am Women at the Well	4   12:00 - 4:00 pm Student Ministries Bell Ringing
5 <b>Communion</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> SMA 11:00 am Baptism of Reese Duffy 2:00 pm Emmaus Turkey Bowl	6   5:00 pm Reorganization Taskforce Meeting	7 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting  5:45 pm Deacons	8 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:15 am CR Child's Theatre WNA Logos in FLC  <b>Session Email</b>	9   9:00 am Kindred Spirits	10 9:30 am Women at the Well	11
12 <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>  SMA  4:00 pm Christmas Program in Sanct.	13 9:30 am SAM Meeting  11:00 am PEO Meeting  6:30 pm Shawl Ministry	14 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	15 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha/Ruth  WNA	16	17 9:30 am Women at the Well 9:30 am Naomi/Esther	18
19 <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>  SMA  6:30 pm Emmaus Christmas Party	20   5:00 pm Finance Meeting	21 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting  6:30 pm Session Meeting	22   1:00 pm Shawl Ministry WNA - No Logos, EA	23   <b>Proof Newsletter</b>	24 9:30 am Women at the Well <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Church Office Closes at Noon!</b> 4:00 pm Jesus' Bday Party 5:30 pm Worship Service 11:00 pm Worship Service	25   <b>Christmas Day</b>
26   One Service at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary No Sunday School No Chancel Choir No Emmaus	27   <b>Church Office Closed</b>	28   <b>Print Newsletter</b>	29   WNA - No Logos, EA  <b>Mail Newsletter</b>	30	31 9:30 am Women at the Well	

**SMA—Sunday Morning Activities**  
 8:00 am: Worship in the Atrium  
 8:30 am: Breakfast  
 9:00 am: Worship in the FLC  
 10:00 am: New Member Class  
 10:00 am: Sunday School  
 11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary

**WNA - Wednesday Night Activities**  
 4:00 pm: Logos  
 6:30 pm: Middle School EnterActive  
 6:30 pm: Minster Bells  
 7:30 pm: Chancel Choir

**Music Schedules**  
 Sun. 12/12 - Minster Bells @ 11:00am