

# Westminster News

8200 Devonshire Drive, Dallas, Texas, 75209 - August 2010



## NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES

August is our month to restock the North Dallas Shared Ministries. There is always a need, but there is a special need this year because of the economy, so many out of work. Please fill a bag with nonperishable items and put on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

### Food Shelf



## Sunday, August 22nd!

- 9:30A.M.** - Meet in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and to find out about ALL of the ministries of WPC and how you can participate and serve.
- 11:00A.M.** - Worship, with 2nd and 3rd graders receiving their Bibles
- NOON** - Congregational Celebration  
Lunch provided! All are welcome!
- THEME:** "Building Up the Body of Christ"

Come hear about existing and new ministries and find out where you are being called to serve and participate and invite others, as we lift each other up this year in this community of Christ that we know as Westminster Presbyterian Church.



## Taste of the Alumni

On August 6 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary, Olmar Vanegas and six other talented music graduates from Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts will serenade Dallas with their voices and instruments. Come savor the flavor, as they perform opera and Broadway's greatest hits. Sway with the jazz band, and salsa with Latin band D'LE. The night will benefit these seven graduates in continuing their studies at prestigious music universities and conservatories. **No charge but donations would be greatly appreciated.** Reception to follow. For more information on Omar & the other Booker T. graduates see *Taste...* page 5.



## The SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



will meet to distribute funds for college students. If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please contact the church office for an application. If you would like to contribute to the Scholarship Fund, donations can be turned in to the accounting office.



**QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS** are on the table next to the name tags. Please help yourself. If you do not find yours or have a question, please contact Diane Spicer - 214-351-3251 or ([dianes@wpcd.org](mailto:dianes@wpcd.org)). Thank you.



## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

I'm alive and well and still complicating Jack's life day to day. Please know how very much I love getting your cards, calls and especially your prayers. "Ya'll" are my support and I consider myself truly blessed. Don't be surprised any Sunday now to see me arriving at worship service displaying some new outlandish hat. Can't wait to see you all. Best wishes, Clemi Thompson



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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT...September 8

When summer break ends and school begins, WPC will again become a beehive of activity for those who participate in Wednesday night Bible study, choir (for all ages!) and other activities. And, at the center of it all, the Wednesday Night Dinners; a multi-generational coming together for food and fellowship, a time of ministering to each other.

Alas, Margaret the Caterer has moved on and our searches have failed to identify a thrifty alternative. But there is a feeling shared by many of our members that the dinners should continue! Making that happen is a challenge and we need your help. Alternatives include getting the food from a local restaurant and using volunteers to assist in serving it or having a team of volunteers prepare the meals; charging a set fee or requesting a donation from those who partake; having PB&J for the young ones who don't want what is being served; and the list goes on.

A survey from surveymonkey.com will arrive on your computer (or you can pick one up from Emily) asking questions that will help us determine if there is sufficient support for the dinners and the best way to proceed. In the meantime, put your thinking caps on. If you agree that the Wednesday night dinners are a valuable part of our ministry and want to do something to help, contact Lisa Howeth or Nikki Smith. And, please, complete the survey.

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*Westminster Presbyterian Church*  
Proudly Presents



Wednesday, October 20  
7:00p.m.  
Stewart Fellowship Hall

Invite your friends and neighbors  
to this really fun music event!

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### SR HIGH MO-RANCH REFLECTIONS



I had another amazing year at Mo-Ranch! Our WPC youth group bonded a TON while also making LOTS of new friends! I loved the labyrinth because I had a nice conversation with God there. I can't wait for Mo next year!.....**Alex Ziehm**

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Mo Ranch is always an awesome experience for me! The WPC youth grew even closer than ever which was fantastic. I really enjoyed closing the fun filled days with a beautiful evening under the clear night sky - especially when we saw a shooting star. I wish we could have stayed longer! Go Mo!.....**Becca Schwarz**

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Mo stands for Magical Opportunity. God's people come to Mo and you can feel it. No summer is complete without a trip to Mo.

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Mo has always been an outstanding place. I feel closer to God. It's a place I never want to leave, because of all the friends I have made. I'm really grateful for all the great work Laurel has put into this group. I feel so much closer to the home group that I don't call it a home group any more, I call them my family. Mo-Ranch is the best place to be, and I love my second mom Laurel!.....**Keith Masando**

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This year at Mo was very special to me. It was a completely life changing experience. Plus my small group was the best small group I have ever had! Go Small Group 13!!!! I love y'all!!!!.....**Love, Michele Reece**

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Like always Mo was a phenomenal experience, and I feel so blessed to have been able to go. As a youth group we bonded more than we have ever bonded before, we grew as a church and as a people immensely. Meeting new people at Mo is amazing. The times I spent with new friends was great. I grew closer to God and learned much about his plan and path for us all.....**Becca Ziehm**

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Margaret Lake
- 3 Walker Royall
- 4 Carol Powers
- 7 Warren Perrine
- 10 Sibley Welch
- 14 Lucien McArter
- 14 Judy McDaniel
- 14 Ben Florjancic
- 14 Sam Florjancic
- 16 Glen Lake
- 17 Chris Harper
- 19 Ajay Torres
- 19 Tom Fearson
- 19 Corey Gaunt
- 20 Will Pryor
- 24 Andrew Stanley
- 24 Matt Sisk
- 26 John Hunter
- 27 Lori Blackman
- 28 Rick Florjancic
- 29 Larry Smith
- 30 Lynda Norwood
- 30 Arabella Craddock

**\* HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!! \***



## HANGING OF THE GREENS . . .

Thank you to Westminster's anonymous angels . . . the Hanging of the Greens fund thus far totals: \$300. We're still looking for that Star in the East, but we are getting there. For those with questions please contact Margaret Lake (214.358.0414). Christmas is coming . . .

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## YOUTH RETURN TO JR. HIGH JUBILEE

This year's theme at the Mo Ranch Jr High Jubilee was "A.R.K. Acts of Random Kindness". It was based on Matthew 25:40 "Just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." It was an incredibly positive experience for all!

One of the highlights this year was the **Stop Hunger Now** mission project. **Stop Hunger Now** (<http://www.stophungernow.org>), is an international relief organization that ships prepackaged meals all over the world when disaster hits. This is the first time the organization has come to Texas and the first time junior high kids participated. It was a powerful eye opening experience witnessing the organized chaos as 200 kids worked together to package 20,000 meals in 1 hour and 20 minutes! The following week, 300 junior high kids made 30,000 more meals!

Check out the reflections below from our youth, sponsors and worship leader. But first... **Mark Your Calendar For:**

**Mo Ranch Junior High Jubilee 2011**  
**July 3 - 7 or July 10 - 14**

## REFLECTIONS

My first year at Junior High Jubilee was a life changing experience. I made so many new friends and learned more about being a Presbyterian. I am really looking forward to coming back to Mo Ranch next year!.....**Lauren Kemble**

Junior High Jubilee was great this year. From the Mo slide to the rapids to the mission project. I loved it all. It was great to meet new friends and feeding 20,000 people. I love MO!.....**Hannah Schwarz**

Mo was amazing again this year. I wish it was longer because I didn't want to leave. My new friends helped me grow and experience my faith. I can't wait to go to the senior high Mo next year!.....**Clayton Howeth**

An incredible week witnessing 200 junior high youth grow in their faith as they experienced the love of God in worship, energizers, vespers, small groups, home group, mission, ropes, river time and more! It was wonderful getting to know our youth better. They are awesome and a blessing to our church family. I encourage you to consider being a sponsor. It really is a life changing experience! Visit with Lisa Reece if you are interested .....**Judy Ziehm, Sponsor**

It was fun to work with the leadership, adults and college age, from churches and institutions throughout the Synod. I continue to be encouraged by the connectedness of the church. For example, Hannah's small group leader was baptized by me. I was impressed with the small group leaders who clearly had the interests of the youth in mind as they led their groups. They, along with the sponsors, interacted with other campers in a positive and affirming way.....**Karl Schwarz, Conference Worship Leader**

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# ONE THOUSAND AND COUNTING

**August marks a milestone for the KnitWits** (more formally known as the Westminster Presbyterian Knitters). The 1000th item will be donated to charity!

Since the first meeting on February 8, 2008, approximately thirty women have knitted or crocheted Prayer Shawls, baby blankets, baby caps, baby tops and/or scarves that have been given to Parkland's nursery, Westminster members and friends who have faced illness, a Presbyterian hospice as well as Meals on Wheels recipients. More than a dozen Prayer Shawls and baby blankets were included on the recent Mission Trip to Port Arthur.



To celebrate this exciting occasion, two of Westminster's best cooks, Betty Allen and Cleta Glenn, are hosting the after church fellowship on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Along with the delicious goodies, several knitted/crocheted items will be displayed.

The KnitWits welcome everyone who is interested in participating. No prior knitting or crochet knowledge is required. As long as one enjoys laughing and talking we provide the yarn, needles, patterns and assistance to begin the journey. We meet every Tuesday (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter weeks) in the Parlor from 12:30p.m. to 2:30p.m. – though it's come and go.

**Knitwits include:** Betty Allen, Juliann Barkley, Anne Bergstrom, Dixie Coleman, Emily Crump, Jean Doty, Mary Elizabeth Earhart, Cleta Glenn, Rafat Govahi, Marilyn Grey, Juanita Juarez, Margaret Lake, Carolyn Martin, Bette McCormick, Patsy McDonald, Theresa Puckett, Donna Reast, Louise Smith, Nikki Smith, Diane Spicer, Chris Stanley, Anne Stewart, Vicki Stewart, La Taylor, Margaret Young as well as several anonymous knitters. Lisa Reece and Marjorie Cummins are the two newest KnitWits. Jane Priest is the KnitWit mascot, who joins us when she's able. Our beloved Toledo Bailey was one of the original members. We feel her loss every meeting. The group also appreciates all who have donated yarn – it takes hundreds of skeins.

Plan to join with the KnitWits on August 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate.



**Join the Choir!**  
**Rehearsals resume**  
**Wednesday, August 4**  
**7:15pm**



## Getting to Know....Lisa Reece

**Place of birth & childhood:** Coleman, Texas (A little town about 50 miles south of Abilene)

**Birthday:** June 15th

**Family Information:** Mom, Dad, 3 brothers (No sisters – how sad!)

**Favorite Restaurants:** Celebration, Rockfish

**Favorite Foods:** Seafood! (especially shellfish of any kind)

**Favorite Music / Artists:** Contemporary Christian Music (Chris Tomlin, Casting Crowns, etc.)

**Favorite Places to Shop:** Fredricksburg. Oh, and any mall, of course.

**Hobbies / Interests / I Collect:** Reading, Watching Movies, Shopping, Knitting, Scrapbooking  
What I like to do in my "free" time: Read, Watch Movies, Shop, Knit, Scrapbook

**Something I'd like to learn to do:** Play the guitar and knit cute caps

**Something funny / unusual from my childhood:** My Mom says that my older brother put a garden snake in my shirt when I was little. I don't remember it, but I AM really scared of snakes. Go figure!

**Education:**

Elementary School in Coleman, Texas  
Humble High School (north of Houston)

Texas Tech – Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education

PCUSA Christian Educator Certification

Trained Stephen Ministry Leader

Ordained Elder in the PCUSA

**Years at Westminster:** 2 months – YEA!





## SUBSTITUTES NEEDED ASAP

After 27 years of delivering Meals on Wheels once a month, Merry and Norman Ross are "retiring" to Grace Presbyterian Village. Can YOU deliver Meals on Wheels on the third Tuesdays of every month? Merry and Norman have loved doing this, the recipients are

deeply appreciative and it takes less than two hours. Please, if you are willing to help, call Margaret Lake 214-358-0414. Additionally, a new route has been created with food pick ups at the Meals on Wheels office. Margaret Lake has taken Wednesdays of the first week of every month.

If you have questions, please ask one of our members who volunteers for this worthwhile program: Oma Church, Marjorie Rozell, Donna Reast, Barbara Tenery and Dan Craddock. More drivers are needed. Please consider helping.

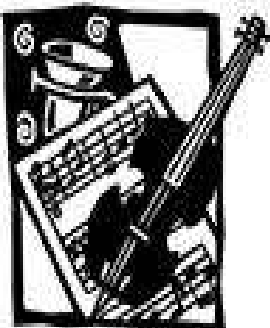


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## Taste of the Alumni

August 6, 2010 - 7:30pm - Sanctuary

**Olmar Vanegas** has been Westminster's baritone soloist for this summer, and has participated as a music instructor for this summer's Vacation Bible School. He was a student of Westminster's choir director, Duilio Dobrin, when he attended Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. On August 6, 2010 at 7:30 pm, Olmar Vanegas will be performing with 6 other graduates from Booker T. Washington who are attending other prestigious music conservatories and university programs: coloratura soprano Agostina Migoni from the Cleveland Institute of Music, mezzo soprano Jaqueline Rodriguez from Southern Methodist University, lyric soprano Oneyda Padierna from the University of North Texas, mezzo soprano Nicole Ayala from the University of North Texas, lyric baritone Joseph Gutierrez from the University of North Texas, and pianist Alcee Chriss from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Featured artists include full lyric soprano Nicole MacPherson, graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, bass-baritone Cameron Young from Louisiana State University, pianist Faith Tiambeng from The University of Texas at Austin, Latin Band D'LE, jass emcee Anijah Moore from the Berklee College of Music, and pianist Duilio Dobrin from Yale University.



## AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 2 - 7:00PM Mission Committee
- August 3 - WPW Council Meeting
- August 6 - Taste of the Alumni
- August 8 - Communion Sunday
- August 9 - 6:00PM Worship Committee
- 7:00 - Christian Ed. Committee
- 7:00PM - Administration Committee
- 7:00PM - Church Life Committee
- August 16 - 7:00PM - Stated Session
- August 22 - Rally Day
- August 27 - Newsletter Information Due



## ELP - HELP WANTED

The **English Learning Project** will be starting its fifth year at Westminster in September.

We offer five levels of instruction. Most of the teachers we had last year will be returning. However, we do need one more teacher. We would love to have you join our group.

The Basic and Level 1 classes are taught by teachers who are bilingual. Those teachers are Susie Spellman and Dorothy Baker. Gordon Fox will teach level 3 again. Fluency in Spanish is not needed.

When the students reach Levels 2 through 4, they know enough English that they don't need a bilingual teacher. In fact, level 4 is the Conversation Class. These students have a large vocabulary and just are polishing their English skills. We have one instructor already, Margaret Lake, who helped with this class last year. This year we are hoping to have two or three people take turns teaching this class. That way the students are exposed to different accents, different styles of speaking. The instructor for this class simply facilitates the conversation.

We meet in Fellowship Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings, 9:00am to 11:00am. We follow the DISD school schedule; so when DISD is out for holiday, so are we.

Registration will be the second week of September. If you can help with registration, or would like to be a substitute teacher and help occasionally, please call me. Louise Smith - 214-358-1361.



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August 4 - Mission Committee  
August 6 - Taste of the Alumni  
August 7 - Serving Breakfast at The Bridge  
August 8 - Communion Sunday  
August 12 - Administration, Church Life, CE  
& Worship Committee Meetings  
August 11 - Prayer Group  
August 16 - Stated Session Meeting  
August 20 - Newsletter Information Due  
August 22 - Rally Day  
August 25 - Prayer Group

\*\*Every Tuesday at 12:30 - *Knitting Group in the Parlor*

\*\*Every Friday at 5:30PM - *Friday Evening in the Chapel*

