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HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS AT WESTMINSTER

- Sunday, March 25th, Palm Sunday, 10 am - Service at 10 am
- Monday, March 26th, Dinner (6:30) and a Movie (6:45) - The Passion of the Christ.
- Tuesday, March 27th, The Living Last Supper, 6:45 pm, Church of the Nativity, Fair Haven.
- Wednesday, March 28th, Seder Meal, 6:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday, March 29th, Service 7:30pm. Prayer Vigil, 9 pm-midnight.
- Good Friday, March 30th, Service, noon.
- Holy Saturday, March 31st, Mission Event, Serve breakfast at St. Mark's, Keansburg.
- Easter Sunday, April 1st, Service 10 am.

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CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

CROSSROADS CAFÉ COFFEE HOUSE



WPC's Contemporary Christian Music Coffeehouse features popular local performers and serves as a showcase for praise music newcomers from around New Jersey. This third edition of the Café will feature Nancy Scharff and Brave (Joshua 1:9) and other praise music performers from around New Jersey from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Harlan Hall on the Westminster Presbyterian Church Campus at 94 Tindall Road in Middletown. Holy Grounds coffee and light refreshments will be available. Doors open at 7:00 and music starts at 7:30. Free admission and plenty of parking.

TAIZÉ SERVICE

Wednesday, March 7th, 7:00 pm.



Come and rest your mind, body, and soul in our candlelit Sanctuary at our monthly Taizé service at 7:00 pm.

A time of prayer for the world will precede at service at 6:45 pm.

2018 LENTEN SERMON SERIES

“HEAVEN”

Featuring the Great Modern Preachers

SUNDAYS IN LENT, 3 pm

Is heaven real? Is there a place called heaven? There are many popular myths about heaven and where it is that create misunderstanding.

We will hear a powerful teaching on heaven from three great preachers of our time - Rev. Tim Keller, the founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Manhattan;

the Rev. Alistair Begg, Senior Pastor of Cleveland's Parkside Church and the powerful and relevant voice behind the Truth for Life Christian Radio ministry; and the Rev. Billy Graham, the most influential preacher of the 20th century who created a beautiful video on Heaven as his last will and testament to Christians.

Please join us every Sunday afternoon in Lent at 3 pm to gain insight and knowledge about one of Christianity's most important doctrines.

SCHEDULE OF SERMONS

THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH

(Refreshments and discussion in Harlan Hall following the Sermons)



Sunday, March 4th – Rev. Billy Graham – Heaven (video, Harlan Hall)

Sunday, March 11th – Rev. Alistair Begg – The Day of the Lord (Harlan Hall)

Sunday, March 18th – Rev. Tim Keller, The Longing for Home (Sanctuary)

MISSION NEWS - LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

Family Promise - WPC will be providing dinner for the homeless families that will be sheltered at Christ Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 3. We will be making salad, meatloaf, potatoes, another vegetable and brownies. Please prayerfully consider us joining us in this "almsgiving" opportunity during the Lenten Season. We will be gathering at 3:00 p.m. in the kitchen in Harlan Hall.

St. Mark's Soup Kitchen - Another similar opportunity will be available on Saturday, March 31. WPC will be cooking breakfast for the needy at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Keansburg. We will be making our usual breakfast of baked French toast, scrambled eggs, potatoes, and sausage. Again, please prayerfully considering joining us at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mark's.

One Great Hour of Sharing - The first PC(USA) special offering for 2018 will be received on March 25. In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge - to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. The moneys donated to this program are used for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (such as the recent hurricanes), the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People Program. Watch for details in upcoming bulletin inserts.



Daylight Savings time starts on Sunday, March 11 at 2 am. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Wednesdays in Lent, 7:30 pm

A video series with a spiritual message is being prepared for Wednesday evenings in Lent. Westminster members and friends will have 2 opportunities in Lent - Sunday afternoons at 3 pm and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm - to learn about and benefit from each series. Please set aside time this Lent to work on your spiritual life.

TOWNHALL MEETING RECAP

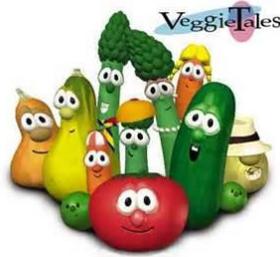
The Westminster Security Committee convened a townhall meeting after church on Sunday, March 4th to inform the congregation about certain steps that are being taken by Session to better secure our church campus from the increasing national trend of violence against congregations.

The subject of security was first addressed by the Session after the Presbytery of Monmouth offered a workshop on hardening church security among its congregations. The Presbytery encouraged Monmouth Presbytery congregations to take action. Our session sent 2 representatives, Lenita Gullman and Monica Kallop to the workshop.

After our representatives briefed the Session, the Session asked the Middletown Police Department conduct a thorough security review of our church campus buildings. Further, we authorized Westminster member, David D'Arcy, a Holmdel police officer and security consultant, to also do a review of our security policy and practices. Both reviews have shown that many steps will need to be taken to secure our campus. Certain minor steps have already been taken.

Shortly after the review, the Session formed a Security Committee consisting of the following members: David D'Arcy, Sue Adams, Peg Fahey, Bob Vogt, Jim Davis, John Pillarella, Stacy McGann, Chris Harris, and Pastor Joe. The committee, under the leadership of Sue Adams, is meeting regularly and discussing concrete and practical steps to make our campus safer. We are also in the process of applying for NJ grant monies to help offset the cost of security equipment upgrades (cameras, secure doors and doorframes) and other items.

Please feel free to offer any suggestions or insights that you might have to any member of the committee. We need and welcome your suggestions because we are all in this together.

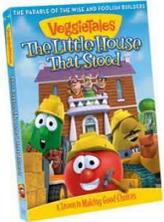


BUDS AND BLOOMS Winter 2018

VEGGIETALES PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Friday, March 16

5:00-7:00 p.m. in Harlan Hall



Programs includes supper, Veggietales video, games and crafts

Suggested donation of \$3.00 per event or contribution of Juiceboxes or Snacks

If you would like to help at one or more of the events, please contact Amy Weston at 732-233-5705, by email at a.weston00@gmail.com or thru the church office if you have any questions



reens & Tweens

If you are a Middle schooler or high schooler, please join us Sunday January 21 from 1-3 pm in Harlan Hall for the next Greens & Tweens event.



Dorothy Gale: Somewhere over the rainbow way up high there's a land that I've heard of once in a lullaby.

Dorothy Gale: Toto, I don't think we are in Kansas anymore.

Dorothy Gale: Lions? **The Scarecrow:** And Tigers?

The Tin Woodsman: And bears. **Dorothy Gale:** Oh my!

The Wicked Witch of the West: I'll get you, my pretty, and your little dog too!

Glinda the Good Witch: You have no power here! Begone, before somebody drops a house on you, too!

Dorothy Gale: There's no place like home.

Widely considered to be one of the greatest films in cinema history is the 1939 American musical fantasy film otherwise known as the Wizard of Oz. Notable for its use of technicolor, fantasy storytelling, musical score, and memorable characters, it has become an icon of American popular culture.

As we follow the Yellow Brick Road can we find Christ in Cinema? Greens and Tweens please join us in Harlan Hall Sunday January 21st from 1-4 as we take a closer look at the stories they tell and see if we find the face of Jesus looking back.

Together we explore the deeper meanings of these films; their plots and their twists; the characters and their choices; and see how we can relate them to the gospel of salvation and ultimately our Christian walk. We also play Foosball and have pizza. Hope to see you then.

DEACON FOOD PANTRY Items for March

Easter Food Baskets will be given out on Sunday, March 25 at 11:30 after church. We will need Ham's Donated beside our Deacon Food Pantry list. The list will be hanging on the doors to the entrances of the Church and Harlan Hall. The Deacons will be assembling the food baskets on Thursday, March 22 from 6:00 till 8:00. When you do your shopping please remember your Church Deacons. We can do more because of all your help.

Ham, applesauce: jelly, cold cereal, stuffing, flavor pasta/rice sides, gravy, mayo, pancake mix, maple syrup, mashed potato, corn, tuna, and jello.

He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. John 21:16 KJV



How to Access Our Food Pantry

The food pantry in Harlan Hall is kept stocked through the generosity of and for the benefit of Westminster members and the community at large. Should an emergency arise and a member or someone from the community needs food, call either Lori at the church office or Pastor Joe at 732.671.2585 (your call will be kept in complete confidence). They will notify the Moderator of the Deacons, Pam Wayde, and she will put together the parcels. The groceries may be picked up immediately in some cases or as early the next day by arrangement with either Pastor Joe or Pam Wayde.

