

**Welcome visitors:** Please complete the white VISITOR card in the pew for first-time visitors and drop it in the offering plate. You will receive an information packet as a one-time mailing.

**Everyone:** Help us in our ministry to you; complete a blue slip *each week* you worship with us.

**Hearing devices:** for guests and visitors to use in the sanctuary are available from the ushers.

*As you enter, begin to worship quietly.*

*Please silence your phone.*

FOR REFLECTION: “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock” (Psalm 27:4–5).

PRELUDE:

*Fuga III*

–Zeuner (1795-1857)

*Russian Hymn*

–Thayer (1838-1889)

*Improvisation on the Italian Hymn*

–Dunham (1853-1929)

(See note about today’s music on page 4)

TIDINGS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. York

CALL TO WORSHIP: \* **Psalm 1, Hymnal Page 785 (Responsive)**

SILENT PRAYER/INVOCATION

(8:00) Rev. Irvine, (11:00) Dr. Light

**HYMN 295 \***

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

CONFESSION OF SIN \* **Psalm 32, Hymnal Pages 795–6 (Responsive)**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE: \* Psalm 51:9–12

CONFESSION OF FAITH: \* ***The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q/A 79–82, Hymnal Page 875 (Responsive)***

SONG OF PRAISE: \* *Not What My Hands Have Done* Hymn 461, Stanzas 1 & 2

**Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul; not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole. Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God; not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.**

**Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin; thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within. Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee, can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.**

INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: *Battle Hymn of the Republic* –Old Camp Meeting Air  
Nevin Jackson – Banjo

**HYMN 460 \*** *Amazing Grace!*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 73 (Pew Bible Page 485)

SERMON: **Making the Right Comparisons** Dr. York  
#2 in a Three-Part Series: *Psalms That Speak to Our Hearts*

**HYMN 600 \*** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE \*

POSTLUDE: *Postlude in A* –Webb (1803-1887)

\*Worshippers, please stand if physically able.

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**Greetings**

**Greeters** at 8 AM are Verna Swartz & Angie Stikeleather and Sue & Bob Peters. Greeters at 11 AM are Doris & Steve Nolt and Anita & Harry Wagner.

**Sanctuary flowers** are presented by friends in loving memory of Ron Waltman; and in honor of the 70th wedding anniversary of Kenneth and Dorothy Seldomridge by Kim and Sharon Seldomridge.

**Please note:** Children's worship is not held during the summer months, now through August 28. We see this as a time to give our dedicated volunteers a break, as well as to encourage our families to worship together. Please be understanding and supportive of young families as they seek to "parent in the pews."

**Volunteer to greet at 11 AM!** Call Harry Wagner (823.0535) or, tell us on your blue slip. This is a loving service to newcomers and members alike. Please consider trying it all or part of one month.

**Child of the Covenant**

The rosebud announces our newest Child of the Covenant **Kevin Kofi Mante**, son of Cynthia A. and Michael Mante.

Provide a meal at [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com). Log on: Mante, password: 9436.

**Nursery coordinator** Rachel Waldo facilitates meals for families after the birth of a baby. Additionally, we now publish in our bulletin links to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), along with the birth announcement for children of the covenant (members' children). Anyone can go to this link to provide a meal for a new family. This is a great opportunity for our congregation to provide support at this busy time in the life of our new parents. If you need help to sign up, contact email or 304.8227).

## **No Sunday Evening Service Today**

On this holiday weekend, we desire for our staff and volunteers to spend the evening with their families. Sunday 6:30 PM Worship Service resumes next week, July 10.

### **Today's Music**

**About today's music:** Prelude and postlude pieces were composed by American organists. Zeuner served Park Street Church and St. Paul's Church, Boston. Thayer served in several churches in Boston and later at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. Dunham served in several Boston churches and was an instructor of organ at the New England Conservatory. Webb served in Old South Church, Boston and also collaborated with Lowell Mason, especially in founding the Academy of Music.

Offertory piece is a William Steffe tune (1856) from the Camp Meeting era of our country with a text written in 1861 by Julia Ward Howe. She expressed her confidence in God's power as she witnessed the growing conflict (Civil War) between two sections of her beloved country.

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### **★ Remember to Pray for Our Country**

**On this 4th of July holiday weekend,** thank God for our Constitution and the freedoms it provides. Pray for the Supreme Court, President and our leaders in Congress.

*If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear them from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV pew Bible page 364)

**We have Westminster Church members** far from us on active duty in military service. They would love to hear from you and covet your prayers. Write or send a gift. An address list is available at the military bulletin board in the hallway outside the offices. Please, take one and pray for them. If you are posted on the board, or you have children or grandchildren currently on the board, please verify the accuracy of the information displayed. Contact Pam Iannacone (610.876.8293 or [bobi30@comcast.net](mailto:bobi30@comcast.net)) if you desire a display on the board. She needs your picture, name, military branch and rank.

**Pray for Chaplain Ministries,** Mission to North America (MNA), Atlanta, GA. Chaplains along with soldiers, Marines, airmen and sailors are in harm's way. Remember their families back home. Many of these men go on multiple deployments during their years of service.

**Chaplain Seung-II (call him S.I.),** with MNA Chaplain Ministries, is grateful for our partnership in prayer. He and his unit are stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC, 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment. His family moved in June from TN to Fayetteville, NC. Please commit to pray regularly for S.I., his wife and three young daughters. Pray for the soldiers' families and friends.

## New Look on Our Website

**Our new website** was launched June 3. Please check it out at [www.westpca.com](http://www.westpca.com) and give us some feedback. We wish to hear from you on how you find the appearance and ease of navigation.

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## This Week's Calendar

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### **Sunday, July 3, No Evening Service on this holiday weekend**

- 8:00 AM **Worship** (Dr. York), nursery in Rooms 109, 110, 111
- 9:30 AM Connections Class for visitors and others meets in Room 116 (front hallway)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery in Rooms 109, 111
- 10:30 AM Beverage Fellowship in the gathering space until 10:50 AM
- 11:00 AM **Worship** (Dr. York), nursery Rooms 109, 110, 111, 121

### **Monday, July 4, Church office is closed.**

### **Tuesday, July 5**

- 7:00 PM Membership Care Committee meets in Room 116
- 7:00 PM Youth Christian Education Committee meets in Room 117

### **Wednesday, July 6**

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study meets in Room 103 (Keith Greer, 978.369.8535)
- 6:15 PM **The Church at Prayer** meets in Room 103 until 6:45 PM *All are welcomed!*
- 6:30 PM Youth Group (completed Grades 6–12) meets in the field behind the church (gym end)
- 7:00 PM **Summer Series** in Room 148, nursery (infants to aged 3) in Room 111
- 7:00 PM Children's Program for children aged 4–completed Grade 5 meets in Room 119

### **Thursday, July 7**

- 1:00 PM Junior high Bible study meets in Rooms LL11 (girls) and LL13 (boys) until 3 PM
- 2:00 PM Senior high Bible study meets in Room 117 until 3 PM
- 6:30 PM Soule Home Fellowship 10 meets at Carwile home (799.3431)
- 7:00 PM Adult Christian Education meets in Room 101
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball in the activity area (Jim Lux, 581.8884)

### **Saturday, July 9**

- 6:00 PM Home Fellowship 7 meets at Koenig home (664.7650)

### **Sunday, July 10**

- 8:00 AM **Worship** (Rev. Walker), nursery in Rooms 109, 110, 111
- 9:30 AM Connections Class for visitors and others meets in Room 116 (front hallway)
- 9:30 AM Sunday School classes for all ages, nursery in Rooms 109, 111
- 10:30 AM Beverage Fellowship in the gathering space until 10:50 AM
- 11:00 AM **Worship** (Rev. Walker), nursery Rooms 109, 110, 111, 121
- 6:30 PM **Worship** (Dr. Light), nursery Room 111

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## Ministry to Children

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### *Olympion Vacation Bible School*

**Olympion Volunteers to the Starting Block!** Head Coach Rader and staff have teamed up to lead an exciting, action-packed week as athletes ages 5 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade completed train to run with Joshua, pursuing wholehearted obedience to God. Five classroom teachers are still needed! Support staff are also needed for a wide variety of VBS needs especially classroom assistants, skits, recreation, security, and more. Questions? Ready to run? Contact Mary Jo Rader: email or 569-2151. Please tell us of your interest to help on your blue slip or fill out a volunteer card at the registration counter. Volunteers are encouraged to join the team before the VBS all-staff meeting July 11.

**VBS All-Staff Meeting** is Monday, July 11, 7 PM. Please be sure to sign on before the meeting.

**Get your summer schedule in shape!** Athletes can register **today** in the gathering space or online at [www.westpca.com](http://www.westpca.com) for Olympion VBS July 25-28, 9 AM–noon, an exciting VBS inspiring children to follow in Joshua’s footsteps to join God’s team and run the race of faith! Volunteers, please register your infants through 4 year-olds for childcare. Don’t forget to invite friends and neighbors to join God’s team! “Invite-a-friend” cards and registration forms are available at the registration counter.

**MVPs—Most Valuable Pray-ers!** Our goal is to have VBS covered in prayer from 8:30 AM–12:15 PM on each of the four days of VBS (July 25–28). Sign up at the registration counter or on the church website, [www.westpca.com](http://www.westpca.com), for one or more 15-minute timeslots.

**VBS snack items needed:** Due to severe peanut allergies, please donate only the specific items requested. Bring items clearly marked “VBS” to the kitchen and place them on the center stainless steel islands. Thank you for supporting in this way!

- ~Original and vanilla Oreo cookies
- ~Nabisco original chocolate chip cookies
- ~Pringle chips
- ~Snack Factory Pretzel Chips (original & everything flavors)
- ~Giant brand Traditional Blend Snack Mix or General Mills Chex Mix
- ~Fruit Snacks/Gummies
- ~Nabisco Graham Crackers/Giant
- ~Pepperidge Farms Goldfish (original, cheese, extra cheddar, pretzel, pizza and parmesan)
- ~Nabisco Wheat Thins
- ~Tom Sturgis and Utz pretzels

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## Missions and Outreach

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### **English As a Second Language Class Needs You!**

**ESL weekly classes** mean so much to our refugee community and others. These adult students from foreign shores look to us to help them assimilate into the English-speaking culture. Preparation for ESL classes in the fall begins NOW. Urgently needed are teachers, team teachers and classroom helpers. Classes are held Tuesdays, 7–9 PM. Please say you will volunteer on your blue slip or contact ESL coordinator Dan Bleecker ([eslwestpca@gmail.com](mailto:eslwestpca@gmail.com) or call Dan at 405.7250) with any questions.

### **Short-Term Mission**

**If you plan a short-term mission trip**, we want to pray for you. Please contact Jen Barrall (email) or sign your blue slip with departure and return dates, destination, and mission objective.

July 9–18: Tucker York and Becky Irvine lead Ivy Espenshade, Miguel Guzman, Sarah Hanle, Jim and Barb Ressler, Elwyn Shea, Penn Tomassetti, Willow Williams and TJ York in London for Serge's London Evangelism and Prayer (LEAP) week.

### **CLC Booklink Collection**

**Bring your used Bibles**, reference books, commentaries, biographies and all other Christian books to the CLC box in the church library. Books are sent to CLC bookstores overseas and to hospitals, seminaries and prison libraries where distribution is welcomed. In most areas, no Christian publishing house in the native language exists. However, English is used and materials are eagerly received. CLC is not able to use any electronic media. Please contact Penn Tomassetti (385.8458 or email) with any questions.

## Happy 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Westminster Church!

Although we would be regarded as a mere “adolescent” church, we have seen much growth in ministry in our community and far reaching work around the world. From 200 souls that attended our first worship service at Lancaster Bible School (now College) on Sunday, July 7, 1968, we now count 1212 members as of June 30. Our average morning attendance at the mid-year point is 1157.

*The following is excerpted from a 2003 publication by William A. Mehler Jr. Bill produced a comprehensive history of Westminster Presbyterian Church. ‘A Good Work Begun’ is available to every new member class.*

SEEK FIRST THE LORD...

Reformation. Renewal. Revival. These have been God’s methods of leading his people, from the days of the children of Israel...through the creation of the Early Church...through the insights of Augustine...through the Protestant Reformation...through the 18<sup>th</sup> century’s Great Awakening.

And these were the visions of the small group of men and women who formed Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1968.

Concerned that the proclamation of Scripture’s eternal truths was increasingly being neglected in favor of a worldly, man-centered gospel, they stepped out in faith—confident that God would bless a new congregation that would seek his will for their lives and for others who were similarly persuaded. And, small as they were, they hoped that God would use them in the reformation of Christ’s church everywhere.

After the United Presbyterian Church’s adoption of the *Confession of 1967*, various members of Lancaster’s Memorial Presbyterian Church began discussing their frustrations with their denomination’s increasing emphasis on humanism and decreasing emphasis on God’s plan of salvation.

Fourteen men met at a home near East Petersburg to turn their concerns into action by forming a new church. As their chairman later said, they were led to believe they could “participate with God in establishing a fellowship of His people who would spontaneously reflect the effects of His redemptive healing with all its exhilaration and freedom.” From its beginning, Westminster Church’s leaders placed primary emphasis on worship, prayer, education, missions, evangelism and Christian fellowship.

Five acres of land was purchased for \$30,000 and the new building opened December 1970 at a cost of \$275,000. Some members committed their own assets as collateral for the church’s loan. By 1978 Sunday School classes, looking for more space, were crowding into the pastor’s study, the library and even the kitchen and sanctuary. An eight room addition was completed in 1979. One more major building expansion was dedicated in February 1992.

Long-Range Strategic Planning in 1996 examined the “graying of America,” the crises in both the “mainline” and evangelical denominations and the increased need for carrying the gospel worldwide. A clear-cut mission statement was adopted. See that mission statement weekly on the back page of your worship bulletin.

As weekly worship attendance reached an average of 900, the Lord allowed for the purchase of 10 more additional adjoining acres; and in 2006, we began using greatly expanded facilities for worship and education—this after having planted four new congregations in Lancaster County.

As has been true in each expansion, the congregation learned the importance of not heedlessly racing ahead on its own, but prayerfully waiting for God’s leading and in his time. Now, with our fifth daughter congregation, we move forward believing that God’s “good work” through Westminster Presbyterian Church has only just begun.

Another praise to God is that in December 2015 our mortgage was satisfied. We are debt free to pursue God’s future ministry plans for us. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

**CHARTER MEMBERS  
PRESENTLY ON THE ROLL OF  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LANCASTER, PA**

Black, Harry A.  
Black, Mary Alice  
Bracken, Arthur C. (Dick)  
Bracken, Marianne Z.  
Campbell, Betty A.  
DeVerter Sr., Benjamin L.  
DeVerter, Marie E.  
DeVerter, Richard W.  
Dommel, James C.  
Flury Jr., Calvin K. (Jerry)  
Frankenfield, Nancy J.  
Henkel, Mary Ann

Huber, Nancy L.  
King Jr., Paul O.  
King, Mary J.  
Kraft, John L.  
Loose, Anson E.  
Loose, Jackie H.  
Martin, Lewis C.  
Martin, Anna M. (Ann)  
Owen, John L.  
Shank, Rodney L.  
Siddons, David E.  
Sterling II, Ned E.

**By September 22, 1968**, 143 members had been examined and approved. The first Lord’s Supper was observed October 6. The congregation voted to join the Philadelphia Presbytery, Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod (RPCES) and to create three boards: Session, Deacons and Deaconesses. Bylaws were approved and an organist was hired.



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## Wednesday Summer Nights Series

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### Wednesdays, 7–8 PM Reformation Room (148)

Nursery for infants–aged 3 in Room 111.

**Children’s activities** and Bible lessons for ages 4–completed Grade 5 held in Room 119.

**Youth groups** (completed Grades 6–12) meet in LL9 under the direction of Rev. Christopher Walker, assistant Melissa White, along with summer youth interns Serena Jones and Travis Jones and the volunteer staff. Please visit [www.westpca.com](http://www.westpca.com), for details.

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### July 6: Discovery of the Lost Fortress of Ai (Joshua 7–8)

**Dr. Bryant Wood**

Westminster member, Dr. Bryant Wood, is the research director of Associates for Biblical Research. He is a contributing editor of their quarterly archaeology magazine *Bible and Spade*, which is explicitly committed to the use of archaeology to demonstrate the historical veracity of the Old and New Testaments. Dr. Wood presents his findings that support biblical dating of the destruction of Jericho and excavations at Khirbet el-Maqatir—the likely location of the lost fortress of Ai.

### July 13: Transgender: Responding From a Biblical Perspective

**Tim Geiger, Harvest USA  
Executive Director**

Issues of gender and transgender have lately saturated the media. But what does it all mean? More importantly, what does it all mean from a biblical perspective? Harvest USA executive director Tim Geiger will explain God’s good purposes in creating us in his image, male and female. He will walk us through a biblical response to those who self-identify as transgender, or who support others who do.

### July 20: Physician Assisted Suicide

**Dr. Karl Benizio  
Lighthouse Network**

The Westminster Presbyterian Church Sanctity of Life Ministry presents Dr. Karl Benizio, Christian psychiatrist and founder and director of Lighthouse Network. Dr. Benizio has helped thousands of individuals discover freedom from addictions and emotional stress. In addition, he has worked with people around the world to enhance their personal growth, conflict resolutions, and decision-making skills. He will present current issues regarding physician assisted suicide and how those who view life as sacred and God-breathed can respond.

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### Parents Night Out

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30–8:15 PM, youth group provides free babysitting for children aged infant to completed Grade 5. Watch for an advanced registration email. Contact Melissa White (email).

### The Church at Prayer

**Open to all, The Church at Prayer** continues Wednesdays, 6:15–6:45 PM in Room 126, led by volunteers throughout the summer months.

### Wednesdays in the Fall

**Wednesday Fellowship Nights** with meals, kids clubs, and adult studies resume September 14. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to be with us in the fall.