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A NOTE FROM REV. DR. PAUL J. KIRBAS

As we move into the month of February, we are at the doorway into the season of Lent. Lent is the liturgical season in which we join the journey of Jesus as he makes his way toward his life's mission, to demonstrate the extent of God's love by his willingness to endure the cross. It is not a physical journey that we take. Rather, it is a spiritual one.

Here at Westminster, we will truly make this journey a spiritual experience. As we gather for worship each Sunday in Lent, we will explore the theme of the Holy Spirit, as we consider the metaphors that the Bible uses to explain the Spirit and the way that the Spirit intervenes in our world and our lives. We will consider what it means to say that the Holy Spirit is the Wind of Heaven, the Breath of God. We will see how the Spirit is presented in the mysterious word of the "Paraclete", used only by Jesus himself. We will witness the Spirit presented as the intercessor, the fire, the dove, and the inhabitant of our bodies. In each of these Biblical metaphors, we will gain a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, and will seek to sense the Holy Spirit at work in our church and our lives.

It is an important time to seek the presence and direction of the Spirit. Our nation is in turmoil, and our church is in a time of change. More than ever, it is important for us to seek the Spirit's guidance as we navigate the days ahead.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26. To celebrate the night before, we will bring back our popular Shrove Tuesday dinner party at the North Campus on Tuesday, February 25. On Ash Wednesday, we will offer the imposition of ashes at both campuses at noon, and will offer our Ash Wednesday worship service at the Central Campus in the evening. You can read more about these offerings in this newsletter.

Who is the Holy Spirit? That is the question we will seek to answer this Lenten season. We hope that you will join us as we journey through Lent.

In God's Love,

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Kirbas
Pastor/Head of Staff

UPDATED / ROAD CLOSURE

I-235 Closure on Sunday, February 2nd

Interstate 235 will be closed to through traffic at the Interstate 44 interchange. Northbound and southbound lanes on I-235 will be closed between N 50th Street and N 63rd Street. Please be advised when driving to church on February 2nd.

Brunch, Learn, & Serve Women's Event

February 22, 2020

With Jan Peery



Janet L. Peery serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the YWCA Oklahoma City, where she has provided leadership for the past twenty years. Jan is a founding member of the Oklahoma Women's Coalition and currently serves on the advisory boards for OCU Meinders School of Business, OK Conference of Churches, the OK Commission on the Status of Women and the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Active in legislative efforts, she earned Governor Appointments to the OK State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the OK Criminal Justice Reform Task Force and an appointment to the OK Justice Reform Implementation Oversight Commission.

Event Details:

8:30 AM Registration, 9AM Brunch, 9:30 AM Speaker, 10 AM Mission Project, 11:30 AM Close.

\$25.00 event ticket - The gift of your time and treasure will benefit the YWCA as we assemble care kits for use at hospitals and shelters for assault and rape victims to provide dignity through a gift of clothing and hygiene items. We hope to pack and provide approximately 400-500 kits.

Free Child Care with advance signup. \$25 ticket price, paid at door or in advance.

Westminster Presbyterian Church ♦ 4400 North Shartel Avenue, Oklahoma



SHROVE TUESDAY
MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION

with Cajun Dinner & Jazz Music

February 25th

Westminster North / 6:30 PM

**Adults - \$12 / Children (age 2-10) - \$5
Family Max \$30**

**Sign-up online or in the Garden Court!
*limited seating***



**ASH WEDNESDAY
OFFERINGS**

Wednesday, February 26th

Imposition of Ashes

12 noon
Central Campus
Chapel

Imposition of Ashes

12 noon
North Campus

**Ash Wednesday Worship
& Imposition of Ashes**

7 PM
Central Campus
Sanctuary

**BOY SCOUT
Pancake Breakfast**

February 23

Scouts will serve breakfast from
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
(donations accepted)



CONGREGATIONAL OFFERINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 2nd

Dinner & Worship / 5 PM / North Campus

Come join us for a shortened worship service with food after!

February 5th

Support For Infant Loss / North Campus

SIL is a support group for mothers who have experienced infant loss. We meet twice monthly at Westminster's North Campus from 6 - 8 PM.

February 7th

Kids Night Out / Central Campus

Hello Parents, need a date night or a dinner out with some of your church friends? We have a Kids Night Out coming up for children ages 6 mo. - 10 yrs.! Heather Slement is planning Valentines activities with pizza and fruit served for dinner at a cost of \$20 per child, \$10 for additional siblings. Email Heather to sign up soon because space is limited. RSVP to heather@wpcokc.org.

February 9th

Compline Worship / 5 PM / North Campus

During our Compline Worship, we give God the weight of our day and pray for God to watch us through the night.

February 13th

BUNCO / 6 PM / North Campus

Ladies, come and join us for some light-hearted competition and fun! 6 - 7:30 PM

February 16th

Taize Worship / 5 PM / North Campus

A monastic style prayer, song, and meditation service

February 19th

Support For Infant Loss/ 6 - 8 PM / North Campus

February 22nd

Women's Event / Brunch, Learn, & Serve / Central Campus

See page two for information

February 23rd

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast / 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM / Central Campus

See opposite page for information.

Camp Night / 5 PM / North Campus

Camp Night with worship, a live band, and camp games/activities!

Knit 'n Purl / February 24th / Central Campus

The next Knit 'n Purl is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28th, at 10 AM.

February 25th

Shrove Tuesday & Mardi Gras Celebration / North Campus

See opposite page for information.

February 26th

Ash Wednesday Offerings / Central & North Campuses

See opposite page for information.

March 1st

Dinner & Worship / 5 PM / North Campus

March 4th

Grief Seminar / 6 PM / Central Campus

The Grief Seminar will once again be offered by Bob Willis. The seminar will be offered each Wednesday evening at 6pm beginning March 4th and will end on Wednesday April 8th.

Tuesday Morning Men's Group

The Tuesday Morning Men's Breakfast/Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM.

WPC CARES

Members in Need of Care. In order to care for our members who are hospitalized, home bound, or simply needing prayer, please notify the church by e-mail at wpccares@wpcokc.org or by phone at 524-2224 ext. 222. Doing so helps our ministers and care team members know whom to visit. Without your help, our ability to know who is in the hospital or in need is limited.

Deacon of the Week

Feb 2	Dick Marshall	640-0575
Feb 9	Kim Mitchell	972-679-9260
Feb 16	Angela Powell	200-3159
Feb 23	Linda Sheffield	517-7075

Membership

Please send membership announcements (birth, marriage, death of relative) and changes (address, email, phone) to Sherri Graim, sgraim@wpcokc.org, 524-2224 ext 239.

If You Are Interested

In scheduling a baptism or wedding, or need to notify the church of a death in order to coordinate a funeral or memorial service, please contact Lori Jirousek, Executive Assistant at 524-2224 ext. 228 or ljirousek@wpcokc.org.

Worship Flowers

Flowers in the Central Campus Chapel and Sanctuary may be purchased to honor a loved one or special occasion. The dedications will be mentioned in the bulletin. Please sign up in the book at the reception desk or online at: www.wpcokc.org. Cost is \$60 per vase and there are 2 vases each week.

WPC FOUNDATION

Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation has several designated funds that support different ministries and programs of our church. Is the Foundation already in your estate plan? If you have already included the WPC Foundation in your estate plans, but have not previously notified us, please let us know. We would like to properly thank you for your support. Please contact the Business Office or any of the Foundation Trustees: Paige Bass, Sally Bentley, Cliff Hudson, Hank Johnson, Steve Rasmussen, Robin McAlister, Brett Robinson, Chris Stephens, Alison Taylor, Phil Truss, and Richard Zahn.

2019 COMMUNION DATES*

February 23	Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
April 5	Palm Sunday
April 9	Maundy Thursday
May 31	Pentecost Sunday
September 13	Homecoming Sunday
October 4	World Communion Sunday
November 1	All Saints' Sunday
December 24	5pm North Campus Worship



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church
FOUNDATION

February is “Focus on Foundation” month, when the Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation highlights its activities and mission during each week’s Moment for Mission.

The WPC Foundation manages designated funds that exist solely for the benefit of the church and its facilities and ministries. It seeks to honor the past, sustain the present, and nurture the future with six funds, each with a unique focus. Designated funds include the Good Steward Fund, G. Raymond Campbell Fund, Mission Fund, Carillon Fund, Education Fund, and Youth Fund. In addition, the Foundation last year established the Birthday Club to celebrate meaningful birthdays through a Foundation donation, to provide WPC staff with a Great Idea Grant for ministry-related projects.

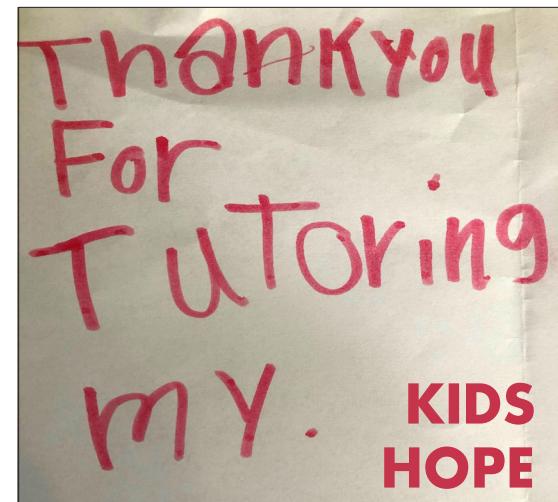
The WPC Foundation was officially incorporated in 2001 to support the ongoing mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Under the direction of an independent board of trustees, the Foundation is responsible for raising, receiving, investing and managing gifts of money and other financial assets for the specific benefit of the church, its facilities, and ministries. All Foundation funds are kept separate from the church's budget and are professionally managed through its own investment accounts. Your gift to the WPC Foundation will be invested in the fund of your choice and used to fulfill that fund's specific purpose. Please consider designating the Westminster Presbyterian Church Foundation for memorials, in your estate planning, and for other charitable gifts.

On behalf of WPC Foundation trustees Paige Bass, Sally Bentley, Hank Johnson, Robin McAlister, Steve Rasmussen, Brett Robinson, Chris Stephens, Phil Truss, Jim Waldo and Richard Zahn, we look forward to seeing you this month during Moment for Mission.



S.P.A.R.K. is in immediate need of two Wednesday tutors from 3:30 - 5 PM and a cook every other Tuesday from 4 - 6 PM. We also need volunteers to substitute as a tutor or cook as well as teach a class in an area of interest. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marcie Ellis at 524-2204 ext. 236 or e-mail SPARK@wpcokc.org. **At the current time, we are in need of individually wrapped granola bars, pretzels, crackers, and fruit snacks. You may leave your donation at the Information Desk. Thank you!**

Marcie Ellis, S.P.A.R.K. Program Director
Westminster Presbyterian Church
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SOMEONE WHO...
BELIEVES IN THEM
IS FAITHFUL
KNOWS THEIR NAME
IS THERE ONLY FOR THEM

Kids Hope is a mentoring program that serves the students at Monroe Elementary School. At-risk children are in desperate need of a caring adult to make them feel special, increase self esteem and their confidence, among other things. We mentor during the school day (9 AM - 3 PM) for 45-60 minutes one day a week. We match every mentor with only one child and that child is your only focus during the time spent at the school. Our mentor positions are filled by church members and we can never have enough volunteers! There is an enormous need among the students at Monroe to have someone come once a week and work only with them.

There are no requirements to mentor. The most abundant resource we all have here at Westminster is our capacity to share our love person to person with no agenda. We all can fulfill that. Everything else needed to become a mentor is done in an online training course and with our program leaders.

Please prayerfully consider joining us and help change a child's life. In doing so yours will be changed too!

Interested? Call/text:
Karen Frederickson 405-818-7408 or
Craig Stanley 405-820-4720

GRIEF SEMINAR

The Grief Seminar will once again be offered by Bob Willis.
The seminar will be offered each Wednesday evening at 6 PM beginning March 4th and will end on Wednesday April 8th.

FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

The following Westminster members are celebrating their birthdays this month.
Please remember them in your prayers, that they may experience God's grace in the coming year.

February 1st

Robert Easton
Douglass Howard
Robert Howard
Lisa Richardson
Nancy Tucker
Bruce Young

February 2nd

Warren Gardner
Gates Oliver
Daniel Patino
Amber Pentz

February 3rd

Nicole Barr
Amy Edwards
Judy Ferguson
Harlan Hubbard
Peter Schmidt
Bobbie Tracy
Ron White
Kenneth Whittington

February 4th

Jerry Brindley
Charlotte Cheek
Christopher Geurin
Lauren London
Robert Looney Jr.
Marianne Sharpe

February 5th

Dallas Gwin

February 6th

Jennie Andrews
Cynthia Brindley
Ben Harris
Dick Hefton
Larry Monard

February 7th

Sarah Bolding
Stephen Brown
Aimee Harlow
Casey Harness
Suzie Hatcher
Barney Law
John Swinford

February 8th

Kate Abernathy
Georgia L. Cassmeyer
Belinda Cathey
Susan Hager
Mollie McCurdy
Gene Plumley

February 9th

Bruce Daniels
William Harlow
Van Hicks
Suzie Symcox

February 10th

Lolly Anderson
Wade Brawley
Renda Brumbeloe
Debbie Clark
Cale Coulter
Chris Hunter
Jean Lucas
Matthew Plumley
Gaynelle Seager
Gary Young

February 11th

Cheryl Degner

February 12th

Megan Brisch
Susan Drake
Carla Ellis
Roger Johnson
Janet Roberson
Paultet Robertson

February 13th

Hannah Story
Melissa Veneklasen
Betty Wiseman

February 14th

Katie Altshuler
Paul Blauser
Carole Drake
Will Gumerson
Thomas Lynn
Sally Townley
Brooke Townsend
Patricia Tubb

February 15th

Kelly Brewer
Kim Doty
John Greer
Judy Hamra
Mel Murphree

February 16th

Charlotte Brooks
David Frick
David Hardin
Robert Maier

February 17th

Lauren Garabelli
Larry Herzl
Alma Lusk
Buddy Medbery
Laura Robertson

February 18th

Christie Allen
Lauren Coffey
Stephen Young

February 19th

Brook Arbeitman
Martha Jo Marsh
Jenny Perry
Claire Richardson
Steve Tkach

February 20th

Barbara Jett
Paul Porter

February 21st

Blake Burkhart
Ron Fisher
Mark McGuffee
Shannon Rundell
Christa Towns
Sean Turpen
Renate Wiggin

February 22nd

Marilyn Barragree
Sally Burpee
Ed Jezek
Lesa Laster
Jim Schnabel

February 23rd

Mallory Bennetts
Scott Delaney
Carole Jo Evans
Jack Heatly

February 24th

Madeleine Cunningham
Ally Robertson
Karen Smith
Lee Symcox

February 25th

Jonathan Almon
Julie Lewis
Joshua Linholm
Brad Richardson

February 26th

Keith Clark
Monty Delluomo
Patrick Evans
Austin Lochmann

February 27th

Cath Davis
Ross Howard
David Talbot

February 28th

Glen Dahl
Barbara Hill
Jane Mott
Mary Stanley
Bob Thorpe
Leslie Young

February 29th

Herb Graves

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Sunday Schedule

- 8:15 AM - Chapel Worship
- 8:45 AM - Christian Education
- 10 AM - Sanctuary Worship

Central Campus Office Hours
Monday - Friday 8 AM - 5 PM
Online www.wpcokc.org

North Campus

14501 N Rockwell Ave, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma 73142
(405) 509-9368
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Sunday Schedule

- 5 PM - Worship

Service Broadcast

Sundays -
• 5 AM on KOKH (*check local listings*)
• 11 AM on KOCO (*check local listings*)
• online via our LiveStream at:
<http://www.wpcokc.com/live-streaming>

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We have an amazing archive of past
worship sermons and pastor classes
online. If you would like to access these
videos, please visit www.wpcokc.org/videos1

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ministry leader...***

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