



# Westminister times

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## Special Interests:

- Sunday, January 14  
During worship  
Ordination & Installation of new officers
- Souper Bowl Sunday  
offering of Cans of soup  
and Crackers. Month of  
February 4.
- Sunday, February 4  
Souper Bowl Sunday  
Congregation dinner,  
bring a crockpot of soup,  
crackers, or dessert,  
drinks and bowls will be  
provided.

LOUISVILLE — It's been a week since wildfires broke out in southern California and the fires are still raging out of control. There are currently six separate wildfires burning. The Thomas fire, which started in Ventura County, is the worst of the six and is now the fifth-largest wildfire in California history, according to fire officials. Approximately 50,000 additional acres burned on Sunday in the area. Low humidity, accompanied by the Santa Ana winds are making matters worse.

"There are a wide range of problems. There's still the issue of making sure everyone is safe, especially those in the evacuation zones," said Katie Wiebe, executive director of the Institute for Congregational Trauma and Growth, in the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. "It has impacted six churches and we have members and staff that are in evacuation zones or affected by smoke and ash."

Wiebe says some church members have lost homes and there is a high need for counselors to help with insurance issues and assessing needs.

"The urgency has expanded. The area is familiar with fires but nothing to this extent, so it has been overwhelming for people" she said. "First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara has been keeping its preschool open because some of the children's parents are first responders or are actively involved in supporting relief efforts such as counseling centers or the Red Cross."

More than 5,500 firefighters from California and surrounding states have been battling the blazes. Emergency officials report as many as 230,000 acres have burned and more than 800 structures have been destroyed or damaged by the fast-spreading

flames. At last count, authorities say at least 200,000 residents have been forced to evacuate.

Jeff Holland pastors the Ojai Presbyterian Church located in the middle of the Thomas fire area.

"We were in a mandatory evacuation zone until Saturday evening and then were allowed to return. We held services on Sunday," he said. "For the most part, the congregation has fared well. We have a large youth group and many of their families are not involved in church. Some of them lost their homes so we have started a fund to help."

Holland says the air quality has been "horrific" and the people have been stressed.

"We had about half of our normal attendance on Sunday. A lot of families are still evacuated or haven't come back yet because of air quality, but the feel of the services was good," he said. "People really wanted to come together and see how they could respond as a faith community. The former county fire chief is a member of our congregation and he briefed us on what was going on and everyone was appreciative."

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in constant contact with the three impacted presbyteries; San Fernando, Pacific and Santa Barbara, providing initial grants for emergency needs.

"We've talked about deployment in our initial conference calls and it is still on the table, but not at this time," said Jim Kirk, PDA's associate for national disaster response. "Things are still

folding and our being there would just add one more car to the road and one more hotelroom taken out of inventory."

Kirk says PDA is prepared to deploy a National Response Team if needed to consult with the presbyteries including assessment, emotional and spiritual care support.

Wiebe says church leaders are tired, but still working to reach and meet the needs of their congregations.

"Pastors are holding up as well as can be expected. There's a lot of comradery and genuine spirit of helpfulness," she said. "Some pastors are in an evacuation zone and so they're trying to keep in touch with everyone in the midst of assessing needs."

Holland says prayers are still needed for everyone involved.

"The fire went from just 50 acres to 10,000 acres in one night," he said. "My wife works at a hospital and the flames reached the parking lot. She described it as an Armageddon-type scene because the 60 mile-an-hour winds were pushing the flames into town."

Those interested in making contributions to assist those impacted by the wildfires can click here.

If you prefer to mail a check (please write DR000165 on the memo line), you may send it to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700

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# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## TREASURERS REPORT

### DECEMBER 2017

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#### DECEMBER TOTALS

AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$ 7,330.75
PLEDGES RECEIVED	3,820.00
ANGERER TRUST (PRO-RATED)	1,370.38
OTHER INCOME TO GENERAL FUND	5,525.81
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 10,716.19
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,113.10
MONTHLY INCOME/LOSS	(\$ 1,396.91)

#### YEAR TO DATE TOTALS

AMOUNT PLEDGED (19 PLEDGES)	\$ 76,240.00
PLEDGES RECEIVED	74,479.75
ANGERER TRUST	19,374.17
OTHER INCOME TO GENERAL FUND	27,284.67
TOTAL INCOME TO GENERAL FUND	\$121,138.59
BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$130,928.72
TOTAL EXPENSES (ACTUAL)	\$124,222.20
YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME/LOSS	(\$ 3,083.61)

GENERAL FUND BALANCE \$ 5,629.93

(The above numbers do not include income and expenses of the Repair Account, the Compassion Fund, or the Grants from the Smock Foundation, the Presbytery & K of C)

BALANCE OF PRESBYTERY	\$ 3,194.38
BALANCE OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS GRANT	0.00
BALANCE OF SMOCK MEMBER GRANT	\$ 3,782.08
BALANCE OF SMOCK ACCESS GRANT	\$ 12,235.77
BALANCE OF K OF C GRANT	\$ 2,764.37
TOTAL BALANCE OF GRANTS	\$ 21,976.60

VALUE OF WESTMINSTER FOUNDATION	\$218,610.23 (12/31/17)
BALANCE OF REPAIR ACCOUNT	\$ 10,586.07
BALANCE OF COMPASSION FUND	32.28

PLEDGED FOR 2018 (16 PLEDGES)	\$ 63,540.00
2018 BUDGET	\$131,986.37

Jim Norton, Co-Treasurer



# Educational Opportunities:

## Sunday School for our Kids

Every Sunday!!!!, Marylou Hanson and her assistant Kenzie Davis will be teaching our kid's a Sunday school lesson. At 9:30AM Jesus Big Word's

Jan. 21- Audio Visual

Jan. 28 -Drama/  
Storytelling



## February Classes:

**Feb. 4 Science  
Workshop**

**Feb. 11 -Art**

**Feb 18 - Games & Puzzles**

**Feb 25—Music**

**(From Matthews Gospel,  
the children will learn  
about Jesus teaching from  
the sermon on the Mount)**

Adult Sunday school:

We are studying Roman's. Come with your minds and hearts open to learning something new.

All are welcome to join the conversations.

Facilitator Elder Harry Hanson

## Worship Commission News



Elder of the Month	
January	Steve Norris
February	Joyce Kim-Rohrer

Thank you to all who helped decorate and undecorate the sanctuary for advent and

**Christmas.**

It was so beautiful and the food and fellowship was great!

Month	Ushers	Greeters	Liturgists
January			
February			Joyce Kim-Rohrer



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Stewardship Commitment for 2018

Grateful for God's love in Jesus Christ, I/We make the following commitment to Support the mission of the church through our congregation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per ( ) Week ( ) Month ( ) Whole Year  
 (This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.)

### Stewardship Commitment for 2018

(Keep this portion as a record of your commitment to Westminster P.C)

My/Our commitment is:  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per ( ) Week  
 ( ) Month  
 ( ) Whole Year

(This commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.)





Jubilee Christmas  
2018  
Great time had by all.  
13 families at WPC  
and First Christian  
Church.

Many Thanks to all  
who volunteered to  
help that night and  
to Mike McKittrick &

Ellen McKittrick for  
all the hard work of  
setting up and organ-  
ization that makes  
this such a great suc-  
cess.



Many thanks to the  
McKittrick's for the  
meal, to Mary Lou  
Gotwald for the  
serving and for all  
who helped cleanup.

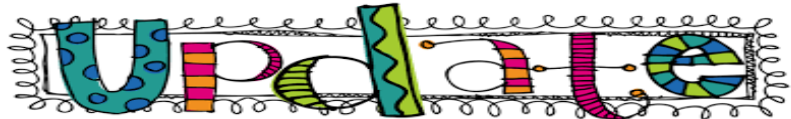
January  
7  
Lasagna  
Dinner



## Inside Story Headline

### Sound Booth Schedule:

January	7	14	21	28	
	Trish G	Kenzie	Trish G	Harry	
February	4	11	18	25	
	Harry	Kenzie	Harry	Kenzie	



### Prayer List Updates

In an effort to keep our prayer list as current as possible, it has been decided that a name will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. After three weeks, if no updates are provided, the name will be removed. If you desire for a prayer request to remain on the list, please contact Pastor Cheryl and let her know that the name needs to remain on the list. Thank You!

Address Changes:



## Prayer Concerns

Those in Need of Healing  
Travel Mercy, prayer for  
all Refugees, homeless,  
hungry. All who are having  
procedures, for all who are  
grieving, Susan Smith  
(Cancer) Julianne Myers  
(Chemo), Sharon's Sister In  
Law, Dana Jones (cancer),  
Jean Hoffman, Tim  
(chemo), Diane Tendoh,  
Fey Tendoh, 'Jang Tendoh,  
Karel Tendoh, Julianna  
Fue, James Price dad (liver  
cancer), Barb Ferguson

(Cancer), Ed Martin (Cancer),  
Cousin with brain tumor, broth-  
er w/cancer. Dan Land (cancer),  
Sue Pinnell (fall), Kalyn  
(Kathleen Harris' Granddaugh-  
ter) Safe Travel for our travel-  
ers, Jeremy Pageant, Emily  
Chriswell, Judy Cook, great  
joy: Maggie McKittrick mar-  
riage to Matt Haynie. Aniston  
McGiffen, Jane Norton  
(Chemo), Those waiting for  
surgery.



Our Military  
Blake Chambers  
Jordon Andry  
Lt Col. Galen Kane



Donna Fitzpatrick  
Bob Eskridge  
Linda Holman  
James Hamersley

2018



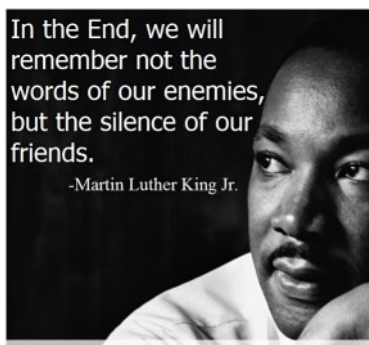
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5	6
<b>7 9 Choir—Pitch in Dinner</b> 9 Adult Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Dinner	8	9	10 6:30PM Session Deacons meeting	11	12	13
14 9 Adult Class 10:00 Coffee time 10:30 Worship 3:30 MLK service @ AME Church.	15 	16	17	18	19	20 Feed my Sheep
21 9 Adult Class 9:30 Children SS 10:00 Coffee time	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Adult Class 9:30 Children SS 10:00 Coffee time 10:30 Worship	29	30	31			
						

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S**

13-Eric Doades  
18-Marylou Gotwald  
18-Dan Land  
23-Mark Doades  
23-Willard McGavie  
26-Julie Blubaum  
30-Lois Stevens

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARY'S**

8-Phill & Linda Smith  
25-Brandt & Kristen Petty

**ELDER OF THE MONTH****Steve Norris****USHERS:****GREETERS:****LITURGIST**

## THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Lead the people to Jesus so they can hear His teachings.



Bring your favorite Soup in a crock pot,

Desserts and crackers

Drinks and Bowls will be provided.

Come share the fun!



A special offering will be taken up at worship and all offerings will go to Feed My Sheep,

Give generously God Loves a generous giver!

## February 4 Souper Bowl Dinner

Have you met the new church members:



Karl Phipps—Karen's new husband, joined the church at the end of December. Here to the right.

Nichole Evans/Murphy and her children have been attending church, she brings with her, Brianna, Britney, Bianca, and Brandy. They are all wonderful kids and love coming to our church. (Seen to the left)



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. People in the pews may be asking questions. Why do Presbyterians participate in Ash Wednesday? Isn't it a Roman Catholic rite? What is the purpose of Lent in the Reformed tradition? Are we supposed to give up something for Lent? Congregations, increasingly called to welcome seekers and new Christians, are aware of the importance of defining the language of faith and

interpreting the traditions of the community. A basic guide to Lenten practices may be helpful.

**Lent:** The season of Lent leads up to the most holy of Christian days, Easter Sunday. The forty days of Lent begin Ash Wednesday and end at dusk the Saturday before Easter, not counting the Sundays in between. The Sundays during Lent, like every Sunday, are considered weekly celebrations of the resurrection. Many

denominations encourage disciples to renew and strengthen their faith during Lent. Plans are made for community-wide Lenten preparation through the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible study, fasting, and service.



This preparation is a historical model from the early church. New believers were mentored in the Christian faith weeks before Easter, preparing for their baptisms at the Great Easter Vigil. The idea of giving

something up for Lent came out of this tradition, when fasting—abstaining from food as an act of discipline in solidarity with others in the community—was used to raise one's spiritual consciousness and empty oneself before God. Fasting or giving up something for Lent can be a good way to explore a deeper expression of faith, if not adopted as a show of piety, martyrdom, or moral righteousness. Presbyterians may find it mean-



2018

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2  Groundhog Day	3
4 9 Choir -Pitch in Dinner 9 Adult Class 10:30 Worship 11:30 Dinner	5	6	7 6:30PM Deacons	8	9	10
11 9 Adult Class 9:30 Children SS 10:00 Coffee time 10:30 Worship -communion	12	13	14  ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 Service	15	16	17
18 9 Adult Class 9:30 Children SS 10:00 Coffee time	19  President's Day	20	21 6:30 Worship 7:10 Session	22	23	24
25 9:00 Adult Class 9:30 Children SS 10:00 Coffee time 10:30 Worship	26	27	28			

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

2-TIM PETTY  
9-JAMIE PETTY  
15-THELMA PLUMMER  
19-MARYLOU HANSON  
21-DIANNE LAND  
20-ALICE CHILMAN  
24-ROSSINE FODDRILL  
25- MICHAEL MCADAM

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY'S

4-MARK & BONNIE JONES  
10-WADE & SUSAN LEIGHTY  
12-DAVE & ANDREA KEY  
15-DARRELL & JOYCE HIGH-SMITH



## ELDER OF THE MONTH

Steve Norris

USHERS:

GREETERS:

LITURGIST



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ingful to give something up for Lent, but it is not required. Some disciples may find a more valuable spiritual exercise in taking something on during Lent—a more Christ-like attitude toward others, a humble spirit at work, or a feeling of gratitude in the midst of scarcity. Whatever spiritual disciplines and preparations are embraced during Lent, they can help us prepare for or renew our baptisms as part of the resurrection celebration at Easter.

### Ash Wednesday

Reclaimed by Reformed churches in the last few decades, Ash Wednesday is the entry point for Lenten preparation. It is a service rich in ritual and symbolism. Palms waved at the previous year's Palm Sunday service are saved and burned to create ashes for the next Ash Wednes-

day. Participants on Ash Wednesday come forward for a minister or elder to mark their foreheads with the sign of the cross in ashes, saying the words, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return," from Genesis 3:19. With these words, disciples are reminded of their mortality and, when combined with the sign of the cross, they are also reminded of the hope of the resurrection.

Christians do not receive the sign of the cross to attract attention or to be noticed by others; they receive the sign of the cross to focus on who they are as human beings, bound in death and life to Christ. Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent provide time to explore the mystery at the heart of the gospel that being a Christian means a new life through Christ.

## Need a Ride to Church?



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Deacon or the  
Church office at  
**812-254-4443** and  
we will be glad to  
make sure you get