

Celebrating
the True Gifts
of the Season

Westminster
Presbyterian Church
Christmas 2009

Glory to the
Newborn King!

The Beginning and Persistence of Christmas



Fred Craddock says Christmas already started when God told Joseph he wanted him to follow through with his intention to wed Mary. He told Joseph that he had chosen him to help care for her and then help raise the baby she was about to deliver.

Joseph doesn't make much of a splash, he's usually standing off to the side or behind. His appearance is brief. But this tradition of Christmas starting when Joseph discerned then proceeded to do 'the right thing' acknowledges his important, ordinary, every day role teaching, raising, caring for and counseling the child into boyhood then youth and adulthood.

When you have somebody like that it's already Christmas and Christmas will last as long as God can find, in every community, even one person who says, 'I will do what is right.'

What is right is to read the scripture and to read the human condition in the light of the biblical story – in the light of God's love and grace and kindness.

As long as there is at least one person like that in any community, it will be Christmas. The big question, the only question really is whether you and I will be that one.

Blessings to you and yours this Christmas. May we strive beyond this season and into the new year to keep the joy and sanity and groundedness of Christmas that started with simple deeds of an ordinary man.

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

A Note from the Business Office

Nancy Berger, Business Administrator

As we enter this season of giving, some of you may choose to gift stock to WPC to be applied to your pledge. As always, we are happy to accommodate this method of payment and wanted to remind you of some information that will help facilitate the processing of this type transaction. You need to know that our investment account is with UBS, DTC number 0221 and account number FF4458923. Please make sure that your name is forwarded from your broker/agent along with notification of the stock – you would be surprised at the number of times we've received a gift of stock and don't know who the generous donor was! Also, please include the Stewardship year you would like the gift applied to (if it is a Capital Campaign payment please note it). Note that there may be a change in the value of your stock gift from the date you provide instructions to your broker and the date that the stock is actually transferred to our account. As in the past, we use the value on the date of transfer as the gift amount.

Regarding Stewardship gifts in the form of cash and checks – please note on your check/envelope the Stewardship year you wish to be credited (or Capital Campaign) – things can get a little confusing this time of year and this information will help avoid posting to the wrong giving year.

As a reminder, the Business Office will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon on Christmas Eve and closed from noon on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 until Tuesday, January 5 at 8:30 a.m. when we reopen after the holidays. Note: this closing schedule is for the offices only – Sunday's December 27 and January 3 worship services and church activities will follow the usual Sunday schedule. All contributions received during this period will be posted to your 2009 giving records.

Again, thank you so much for your continued generosity to the life and work of this wonderful church. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to call.

Christmas Eve Services

Family Service: 5:15p.m.
Christmas Eve Prelude: 10p.m.
Lessons & Carols: 10:45p.m.

Preaching Schedule

Sunday Worship

8:45AM in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and 11AM in the Sanctuary

December

December 6 – Advent II

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Luke 3:1-6 Sermon: *On Your Mark*

December 13 - Advent III

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Luke 3:7-18 Sermon: *Get Set*

December 20 – Advent IV Children's Christmas Pageant

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Luke 1:39-45 Sermon: *Go*

December 27 - 1st Sunday After Christmas
Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

Family Service: 5:15p.m.
Christmas Eve Prelude: 10p.m.
Lessons & Carols: 10:45p.m.

January

January 3–2nd Sunday after Christmas

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
John 1:1-18 Sermon *If God is for us*

January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Sermon: *On the Tiptoe of Expectation*
Installation of Officers

January 17

Dr. Fred Cooley preaching

January 24

Doug Kirkpatrick preaching

January 31

The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Luke 4:21-30
Sermon: *Shaking the Foundations*

Westminster together we grow • our church • our faith • our community

What a wonderful celebration of our lives together!
Dedication Sunday was a joyful day on which we rejoiced and gave thanks for the blessings we have been given;
our need to give to one another and our Church.

With almost 200 people attending, we grew in community and in faith. In the coming few weeks we will be communicating regarding *Together We Grow, our church, our faith, our community*. What an exciting time for Westminster!

Thanks goes to all those that made Dedication Sunday a true celebration!

Paula Elsinghorst - Chair and Saxon Graham - Co-Chair

The Stewardship Committee & Stewardship Education Committee

Hosts of Neighborhood Gatherings- Sandy Laub, Rebecca & John Montague, Carrie & Tom Warszawski, Lucinda & David Hohn, Betsy Biggar, Betsy & Jock Mitchell, Debby & Chris LaMendola and Jane & John Perry.

Service and Music - Richard Herr and Adult Choir, John Horn & Children's Choir, accompanied by Gretchen Nichols, W.S. Mayo & Handbell Choir, accompanied by Ellie Seib, Cindy Mayo and Ellie Seib for her dedication and support.

Debbie Katz & Youth that participated in Service- Jack Alford, Annie Dimock, Hannah Elsinghorst, Hanna Ito, Nathan Kowalski, Henry Sanders, Peter Schultz, Lily Zenger

Brunch Chairs: Julie Zenger & Linda Renzoni

The Family Life Committee - Set up and decoration of the Parish Hall & clean-up: Marge Keller, Joan Osborne, Nancy Trimble & Ethel Ward

The Green Committee - Clearing & Dishwashing: Chet Dann, Delight Dann, Janet Kowalski & Robin Paget. Clean-up: Jillian Horan, Nathan Kowalski, Robert Barends, James Rusk

Deacons: Akiko Baggs, Sherrie Bernat, Bob Bojdak, Alexei Carstensen, Nick Dipenza, Pauline Goldstein, Doug Harwood, Ray Herman, Fran Holmes, Jack Jacobs, Jock Mitchell, John Perry, Carrie Warszawski

All Elders for their support of Dedication Sunday and calling to members.

Staff Members (who gave of their own time)- Becca Ballard, Nancy Berger, Margaret Craig, Shelly Horan, Debbie Izatt, Lenore Neiler, Rick Sacco, Rebecca Severson

Thank you to the following leaders of our committee- Lucinda Hohn, Chuck Kreiner, Betsy Mitchell, Bonnie Morton, Bonnie Smith

Thank you to Carmen's Kitchen for donating a portion of our delicious meal and

Thanks to Catering by Karen, Karen Goodman, for donating the amazing chocolate fountain.

Every attempt was made to acknowledge every volunteer, if I have overlooked your name please know that your contribution is ever so appreciated!

Men's Retreat

Friday, January 29 & Saturday, January 30, 2010
at Byrncliff Resort.

Additional information and a sign up sheet is available on the Information Table in the Holmes Room. Or call the church office for additional details

Sign up ASAP-space is limited!



In the rush of the season, we need to take time to celebrate and give thanks for our many blessings. And, to celebrate some of the true gifts and the spirit of Christmas...

The Gift of Encouragement - Our ENERGY program provides education, nurture and a hot meal to children in need from the West Side of Buffalo. Won't you please consider volunteering as a cook, mentor or tutor?

The Gift of Hope: Through our Habitat Build and WEDI Mentoring program, we share our knowledge, experience and understanding to help build a better community. By volunteering, you can offer a true Christmas gift: Hope.

The Gift of Hospitality: Reach out to family, friends and neighbors this season and beyond. Consider hosting a Neighborhood Gathering for your Westminster family.

The Gift of Faith: Strengthen your faith and pass it along to the next generation. Lead by example by encouraging your family and friends to attend worship and adult learning with you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Westminster



Shop the
West Side
For the Holidays!!

Here is the perfect opportunity to keep your holiday shopping dollars really local and also support the mission efforts (WEDI) of our church: shop the local small businesses on the West Side. Below is a reminder of the small stores available and what you can expect to find in each of them. Some have provided specials just for Westminsterites. Coupons will soon be available on our website, in your weekly eNews and in the Holmes Room. Here are a few, but not all of the stores you might explore on your West Side shopping junket:

Tango's Pet Store, 246 Massachusetts Avenue, 886-0965 - How about a cute toy for your grandson's pooch or a bag of yummy kitty treats. They also have small live animals, (hamsters and parakeets).

Carmen's Kitchen, 1043 West Avenue, 882-7777- Maybe you would like to serve something different at your next holiday party. Just call Carmen for some appetizer ideas and she will deliver them.

Between Yesterday and Tomorrow, 88 Grant Street, 882-4068 - Take some time to browse and Rosalie may have just the right thing for that stocking stuffer.

Frontier Discount Liquor, 121 Grant Street, 883-6277 - A small neighborhood store and friendly service for all your holiday beverage needs

Guercio's Italian Market - 250 Grant Street, 882-7935 - Tons of fresh produce, specialty international foods and super sandwiches



Thank you for
your continued
support
of the ENERGY
After-School
Tutoring Program

Our tutor recruiting call is being answered! We have two new Buffalo Seminary exchange students joining us to tutor. We welcome back some high school tutors : Dillon Shea, Nathan Kowalski, and Phil Duggan. A big thank you to Janet Kowalski for her help. The kids love having all of you back! Our tutors and students recently had some close encounters with nature in the form of composting worms! The students wrote journal entries about their observations. Did you know worms aren't gross? The ENERGY Program is requesting donations of the following items. Our target date for these donations is Sunday, December 13th. (The last date that we will be meeting this year is December 16th.)

- Girls and boys socks (size small – large)
- Girls underwear (size 6-14)
- Boys underwear (sizes 8-14)
- Long underwear for boys and girls will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Rebecca Severson at 884-9437, extension 322 for more information.

The 2nd Annual
WEDI
winter fest

Join us for an Evening of
Music, Refreshments & fun!

An event to support WEDI*

Friday, February 5, 2010
in Parish Hall

6:30pm: Doors Open

7:00pm: Music

Tickets: \$15 • Cash Wine Bar
5 Gift Baskets

Reservations limited! RSVP by January 30th.
Donations of Gift Baskets, Raffle Items and
Hors d'oeuvres/Desserts needed

*Westminster Economic Development Initiative is a mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church to improve the quality of life for residents of the West Side.

Sponsored by Family Life

Yes, I/we would like to attend
WEDI WINTERFEST:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ Tickets @ \$15 \$_____

Please accept this additional donation \$_____

I/we are unable to attend but would like to support
WEDI with a donation of \$_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and send with this form to 724 Delaware Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209 or place in the WEDI mailbox at Westminster.

Sunday School Update

Celebrating what is most meaningful this season

Submitted by Debbie Katz, Christian Educator

I think it was the beginning of October when I walked through a department store and unexpectedly found a display of Christmas ornaments and decorations. I hadn't even bought my Halloween candy yet. Merchants begin earlier each year, as the Christmas season is so crucial to their business. That's the reality of our consumer economy. For us, we have another reality where Christmas is a time to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, and how that transforms our lives. To step aside from the commercialism of Christmas we need to make some deliberate choices. Here are some suggestions to help you in this process:

-Have a family meeting to discuss Christmas expectations: What do we really want? Who is going to do what? What is really the most meaningful of all the family celebrations?

-Celebrate Advent: Light candles on an Advent wreath, or read a daily devotion together or simply buy an Advent calendar and share a daily chocolate. Do what works best for your family.

-Dream of ways to make a green Christmas: Try decorating outside trees with things birds and squirrels enjoy, popcorn and cranberry strings, pinecones covered in peanut butter/corn meal mixture.

-Make dough ornaments: Use 4 cups of flour, 1 cup salt, and 1½ cup water. Mix ingredients together and roll out with a rolling pine. Use a knife, cookie cutter or container lids to make shapes. Press an ornament hook or loop of string into dough for hanging. Bake 150 degrees until shapes are hard. Paint ornaments or color with markers.

-There are 12 days of Christmas not one day: Take time to look through photos of past Christmases. Choose one photo and share a favorite story.

-Take the Westminster Christmas Spirit Challenge. Between December 25th and January 3rd, Epiphany families are challenged to take pictures that capture the "Spirit of Christmas." This challenge is broad. A picture can be a photo, a painting or a drawing, a brief story or essay. Bring in your *Spirit of Christmas* picture to share at our First Sunday on January 3rd and for display at the Social Sunday after worship that morning.

Here is my prayer during these seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, "*May our faith be like that of the shepherds as we seek and find Jesus in our lives in our homes, congregation and our community.*"

The Christmas Story



Sunday, December 20th

The Sunday School youth and children will tell the Christmas story during the 11am worship service. If you would like to help with costumes, please speak to Sarah Williams 759-6679 or Debbie Katz, 884-9437, ext.129.

Reminder: Confirmands, Sponsors & Parents.

Mark your calendars
now for the
Confirmand/Sponsor
lunch, Sunday, January
31st. from noon to 1:30
pm in Parish Hall.

Wreath & Poinsettia Sale

order pickup is
Thursday, Dec. 3rd
starting at noon in the
Oak Room.



Westminster Neighborhood Gatherings

September's Welcome Back Sunday, followed by the initial series of Neighborhood Gatherings, was a great boost to the Neighborhood project at Westminster. Just about all Neighborhoods have a Leader, or an interim Deacon Leader, and the names are listed below. The interim Leaders (marked with an *) would love to have a co-leader join them. If this type of fun and flexible role interests you, contact Carrie Warszawski at 208 3337, or any Deacon.

Each Leader will be encouraged to host or facilitate a Neighborhood gathering by Spring of 2010. The main purpose of these next round of gatherings will be for geographical fellowship to help increase the feeling of community. Keep an eye out for communication from your Neighborhood Leader. If you like, the WPC office can help you discern which is your Neighborhood, and who else belongs to it.

See you around the Neighborhood!

NEIGHBORHOOD/LEADER

Amherst 14226 (e)-Janet Kowalski
Amherst 14226 (w)-Laura Houghtaling
Buffalo 14209 (n) Jerry Kelly
Buffalo 14209 (s)-Carole DiRienzo *
Buffalo 14216 (n +14207)-Sherrie Bernat & Karen Keaton *
Buffalo 14216 (s)-Jeanne Decillis & Betsy Biggar
Buffalo 14222 (n)-Audrey Sanders
Buffalo 14222 (s) -Allen Hayes
Buffalo (East)-Julie Zenger *
Buffalo (West)-Elaine Pyne
Kenmore (14217 & 223)-Pauline Goldstein *
Niagara River Towns-Debby LaMendola
North East Towns-Carrie Warszawski & Sarah Williams
South Towns (e)-Zandy Barrett
South Towns (w)-Joan Osborne
Williamsville 14221 (n)-Lesley Kearney *
Williamsville 14221 (s)- Bonnie Morton

Prayer Collage and the Soul's Invitation:

A Creative and Playful Way to Listen to Your Soul.
Saturday, January 30, 2010
9:30-3:30 in Parish Hall
With Rev. Judith Bryan and Wende Birch

Selecting from images clipped from magazines, you arrange the images intuitively, as guided by the Spirit. Those who have experienced find it to be surprising and moving, satisfying and useful. Artistic ability is not required! \$30 Includes a delicious lunch and materials. Please bring your own scissors. Registration will begin in January! For more information, contact Judith at 832-8580 or revjbbryan@yahoo.com



Westminster's Youth Ministry

Youth Schedule for December & January

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| December 6th - 12-2PM Advent Bowling (Middlers and Senior Highs) | December 27, January 3 - No Youth Events or Dialog Diner |
| December 9th - Middlers Serve at WPC Christmas Dinner | January 10 - 5:30-7:30PM Middler/Senior Highs/Parent Forum |
| December 13th - 9:30AM Senior Highs Pageant Practice, 12-1:30PM Senior Highs Lunch in Allentown | January 17 - No Youth Events or Dialog Diner |
| December 20th - 11AM Christmas Pageant | January 24 - 12PM-2PM Middler/Senior Highs Ice Skating at Rotary Rink |
| December 24th - 9:30-10:30PM College Reunion Party (Senior Highs & Alums Welcome!) | January 30-31 - Middler Snow Tubing/Lock-in |
| | January 31 - 10:30AM Senior Highs Church Visit & Lunch at Carmen's Kitchen |

The Concerned Citizens Following the Dream Committee cordially asks you to the
Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Gospel Celebration
 Sunday, January 17, 5:45 pm
 Kleinhans Music Hall

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Bessie Patterson at (716) 715-5455 or 855-1569



God's Green Earth
 A Message from The Green Committee
Green your Christmas!

It's not easy being 'green' during the holidays, with all the shopping, yummy food, and travel. However, with a bit of thoughtful consideration, we can all do our part to Care for Creation during this blessed season. Consider your purchases carefully. LED holiday lights use about 90% less energy than conventional lights. Trees purchased from sustainable tree farms will preserve our forests and can be recycled after the holidays. You can purchase wrapping paper made from recycled paper, use the comics section, a new dish-towel or scarf to wrap gifts. If you replace electronics, watch for county-sponsored recycling days to properly dispose of old computers, TVs and cell phones. Christmas cards are an endearing tradition, but perhaps some of your greetings can be sent electronically to save paper and postage. Food is a large component of the holiday season. Consider an organic turkey for Christmas dinner, and buy local products whenever possible. Edible gifts are always appreciated. Another gift idea is to create a special memory with tickets to a concert, play or sporting event; or, you can enjoy a special dinner or vacation with family or friends. For a meaningful shared experience, family members might consider serving in a soup kitchen or donating blood together. Making a contribution to a favorite organization in someone's name is a very touching gift. Going for a walk, or other winter outing such as snowshoeing or skiing is a wonderful way to savor our beautiful world.

VISIT THE ANGEL TREE

Stop by the Angel Tree in the Holmes Room to find an angel's request for several community agencies and special friends of Westminster. Some "angels" are for children, some for their parents. Wrapped gifts with their angel tag may be placed under the Angel Tree anytime until Wednesday, Dec 9. If you can help deliver Angel Tree gifts, please contact Ardrey Manning at 310-5395.

WPC Knitting Group

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 15. The knitting group meets on various Tuesdays throughout the year from 7PM to 9PM. Due to schedule changes, please contact Fran Holmes at 885 8449 or by email at mfranholmes@verizon.net to find the exact date of the January meeting. The knitting group works on their individual projects as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Beginners welcome!

Sunday Flowers

Purchase Sunday flowers in honor or in memory of family or friends. Sign up on the "Flower Calendar" in the Oak Room, or call Marilyn Bassett at 634-4211 to choose a date. This will allow everyone the opportunity to secure a date which works best for them. Marilyn will still be in charge of ordering the flowers and the florist will bill you directly.

Alcohol Consultation Services

Westminster's unique alcohol education and referral service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair 839-3357; Dave Carstensen 884-5403, Ken Carter 833-9287, Fred Cooley 835-8575, Janet Metcalfe 632-4370, Ellen Smith 882-2064, Jim Wieland 523-0217.



A Program for Older Adults
Passages

Tuesday, December 1st: Join us for a special program of Advent and Christmas music. Lunch is served at 12:30 in the Oak Room and our program begins in the Case Library at 1 pm. Please sign up on the Information Table in the Oak Room
Save the Date: Tuesday, January 5th: We welcome back Cornelia Dopkins, her topic this year is "Octogenerian Travelers."

Adult Learning at Westminster

Adult Bible Study

Sunday, 9:35AM -10:45AM
Parish Hall balcony

December 6-20: *The Thoughtful Christian's Advent Through the Eyes of Those who Waited*

This study by Carol Wehrheim introduces and re-introduces participants to several biblical characters found in the lectionary readings for Advent. First, the prophets in the book of Isaiah present us with the idea of waiting and preparing for the Messiah-our work for Advent. Next we meet John the Baptist who announces the coming of the Messiah. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the main subject of sessions three and four. Finally, we learn from Elizabeth about how to accept a blessing so long in coming that it is no longer expected.

January Hiatus: *Because of the travels to Israel and to the Gulf Coast, the Adult Bible Committee has decided to encourage all Adult Bible class members to attend either Case Library Conversations or Spiritual Life classes.*

Spiritual Life Series

Sunday, 9:35 -10:45AM in the Heritage Room

Advent Series: Dec. 6, 13, & 20
Prepare Yourself for the Purpose of Christmas

Do you feel that Christmas has become little more than a source of emotional and financial stress? Have you lost the "reason for the season?" Be with us as we prepare ourselves for understanding and receiving the Christmas gift from God.

Dec. 6: *Christmas is a time for Salvation.* God sent Jesus to save us from our past, present and our future. God's salvation is freedom, purpose and life. So what do we get out of God's gift?

Dec. 13: *Christmas is a time for Reconciliation.* God's gift offers us restoration of peace with God, with others and within our hearts. Where do we start to ask for reconciliation?

Dec. 20: *Unwrapping your Christmas gift from God.* A gift that is priceless, that will last forever and that we can use every day for the rest of our lives. How can we use God's gift in Buffalo?

Buffalo Zen Dharma Community: January 10. Ray Ball is the coordinator of the Buffalo Zen Dharma Community, which has been meeting at Westminster for 11 years on Tuesday nights. Come learn about his long

association with our church and what exactly they are about. This group of lay practitioners is associated with the Mountain & Rivers Order, a Western Zen Buddhist ancestral lineage, maintaining a 2,500 year old religious tradition.

Yoga Tradition at the Himalayan Institute Jan. 17: While not a religion, yoga offers a spiritual approach to life. We are pleased to welcome Rolf Sovik, Psy.D. who is the president of the Himalayan International Institute. He and his wife, Mary Gail, are the co-directors of the Institute's branch in Buffalo, which this year celebrates its 30th anniversary in its home at the corner of Delaware and Barker. Rolf will speak about the role of meditation in yoga practice and teach us some breathing exercises that can help in calming tense nerves and awakening a sense of self-control.

Exploring The Power of Now-Jan. 24 & 31
Led by Robert Rutland. Eckhart Tolle, author of *The Power of Now*, In the book, Mr. Tolle reflects upon the transformative power of eternal present, and how it can dissolve the pain we create when we isolate ourselves within a mind-based ego, lost in past and future. When we "are" together, we can consider some of the teachings offered in this book.

Case Library Conversation Series

Sunday, 9:35AM -10:45AM

Please join the Spiritual Life group in the Heritage Room for the Advent Series on Dec. 6, 13, & 20

Travelogue Series: Jan. 10, 17, 24 & 31
Organizers: Corinne Stuart & Louise McClive
Westminsterites will present slide shows and share with us their travel experiences in this 4-week series.

January 10: Bob Poczik has traveled extensively abroad to India, China, Thailand, Japan and Peru. His presentation is "All About China" Mr. Poczik worked for N.Y.S. Education Department and later at an educational research group based in NYC.

January 17: The Perry's and the McClives will present their slides of Venice, Lucca and Florence

January 24: Necia and Duncan Black will talk share with you their trip to Iceland

January 31: Bruce and Kate Dierenfield will share their trip to Peru with you.

Newsletter Assembly Volunteers Needed!

The next date is Wednesday, **February 24 at 9:30am.** Join us for fun and fellowship as we prepare Westminster's newsletter for mailing. Call Loretta at 884-9437, ext. 103 if you can help!

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

MUSIC AND THE ARTS
2009 - 2010

BUFFALO GAY MEN'S CHORUS
JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT!
DECEMBER 13, 5PM IN THE SANCTUARY

ERIE SAXOPHONE QUARTET
JANUARY 31, 5PM IN THE CHAPEL

MASTERWORKS
MARCH 14, 11AM IN THE SANCTUARY

THE IDES OF MARCH IN VOCAL MUSIC
MARCH 21, 3PM CONCERT
IN THE HOLMES CHAPEL
WITH DR. HOLLY BEWLEY, SOPRANO
AND VOCAL STUDENTS FROM THE
BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE MUSIC DEPARTMENT.
RECEPTION FOLLOWS

LET THE BELLS RESOUND!
THE WESTMINSTER HANDBELL CHOIR
MARCH 28, 4PM IN THE SANCTUARY

- MAYFEST -
BUFFALO NIAGARA YOUTH CHORUS INVITATIONAL
FESTIVAL CONCERT
MAY 1, 4PM IN THE SANCTUARY

GREATER BUFFALO YOUTH ORCHESTRA
MAY 9, 4PM SANCTUARY

ART EXHIBIT:
WESTMINSTER MEMBERS AKIKO BAGGS,
MARGARET MARTIN, PETER McNALLY, JOCK
MITCHELL, AND JOHN MONTAGUE
WILL EXHIBIT THEIR WORK
OPENING RECEPTION MAY 16, 5-7PM IN THE
PARISH HALL
FEATURING OILS, WATER COLORS AND ACRYLICS

HARMONIA
MAY 23 AT 3PM IN THE SANCTUARY

HORIZON BIBLE STUDY

Joshua: A Journey of Faith
2nd Thursday of the month .12:00 pm in the
Case Library

Everyone who is interested is invited to join this brown bag Bible study group. Coffee and tea are provided.

December 10: A Leader is Called

(Joshua 1:2-18; 24:1-15) In this lesson we will explore how God established Joshua as leader. God's call to leadership also includes the strength and courage to follow this call.

January 14: Entry into the Land (Joshua 3-5) We will explore four traditions and acts in the story of Israel's entry into the land of Canaan to help us reflect on their importance to Israelites later in their history, as well as their importance to us in our faith journey.



BUILDING AND GROUNDS UPDATE

The Building and Grounds Committee is busy working with our architect Matt Meier (HHL Architects) in developing an alternative West Entrance concept, which is integrated with the Sexton House structure.

The west wall of the Sexton House will be a glass wall with the new entrance. The Sexton House interior will be transformed with staircases going upstairs to the Parish Hall and downstairs to the Youth Room, a receptionist area, and the 1st floor kitchen area will be transformed into an open area with a small kitchenette.

With church members and staff input on various design concepts and how the Sexton House lower kitchen area should be used, HHL is developing design details so that preliminary cost estimates can be obtained. After a Building and Grounds committee review of the West Entrance design details and projected project costs, the building permit process with City Hall will be started. The committee will keep you updated as the project continues to take shape.

As a reminder, Session will only approve the release of the West Entrance construction Request For Proposal to receive bids once New Beginnings Campaign pledges have been received and deposited in the bank to cover all projected construction costs.

SAVE THE DATE!!

A church-wide extravaganza!

Friday, May 21, 2010 2PM - 7PM

Saturday, May 22, 2010 9AM - 5PM

Start gathering your attic items now for the

Whale of a Sale



Artworks, Children's
Clothes, Toys, Books,
Games, Kitchen Items,
Tablecloths, Napkins, Small
Furniture, Tools, Men's
Belts, Neckties, Cuff links,
Women's Purses, Belts,
Jewelry, Scarves, Books,
Handcrafted Items

Meet Our Newest Members

In October we accepted an exceptional and enthusiastic group of new members into our Westminster community. Please help us to welcome each of them into the life and work of Westminster:

Maureen Boyd and her two sons, Liam (15) and Griffin (12) Saiaa, come to us from Ithaca, NY. Recent residents of the Elmwood Village, Maureen is a professor in the Graduate School of Education at UB while Liam and Griffin are students at City Honors School. Maureen is originally from Northern Ireland and the trio spends time there each summer.

Robert Barends and James Rusk, both avid readers and admirers of music, live in the Parkside community. Robert is an internet and e-mail communications professional at Roswell Park Alliance Foundation. James is a psychotherapist with Women and Children's Hospital. Both are active members of our much-loved choir.

Tobias (Toby) and Autumn Corcoran live in Amherst with their 11 month-old daughter, Aria. Toby is a dentist with Women and Children's Hospital, and Autumn is a teacher in the Orchard Park school district. They are very close to family and enjoy spending time with Toby's relatives in upstate, as well as Autumn's who are local. Charlotte (Sunny) Davis a life-long Buffalo resident, returns to Westminster after a bit of a hiatus. A member during Dr. Butzer's time, Sunny was involved in mission and fellowship as a young wife and mother. Now, children grown, she's looking forward to becoming active again.

Laura Lombardo Yusick was born and raised in Western New York. After graduating from Nichols School in 1996, she attended Boston College. After college, Laura moved to Washington D.C. and worked as a paralegal for the Recording Industry Association of America. In 2002, she returned to Buffalo to attend UB Law School. Upon graduation, she returned to Nichols and now serves as the Director of Admissions. Laura lives with her husband, Matthew, daughter, Ella, and dog, Howard in Snyder.

Chris and Jacquie Tiftickjian are continuing a family connection as members of our congregation. Chris, a former WECP student, helps maintain the family business managing the Tiftickjian Carpet location in Amherst with his brother. Jacquie is delighted to be home raising their 8 month-old daughter, Ava.

Join Westminster

We invite you and your family to join our community of faith at Westminster. Westminster is a church that is active in our community and welcomes all God's people. Following is some important information concerning the membership process:

Dinner with the Pastor You are invited to attend an evening of dinner and conversation with Rev. Tom Yorty plus others who are considering membership. Learn about our rich history and share your hopes for finding a church family that's right for you. The next dinner will be on January 26, 2010.

Inquirer Class An introduction to worship, service, and education opportunities at Westminster. Meet staff members and tour the church and school. Explore Presbyterian history and theology, and consider your own faith journey. A light lunch will be served, with child-care available upon request. The next class will be on February 7, 2010.

New Members Received Upon your decision to join, you will be received by the church Session at 9:30 AM and welcomed by the congregation at the 11:00 AM worship service and at the reception following. New members will be received on February 21, 2010.

If you or someone you know is interested in exploring membership opportunities please contact Debbie Izatt, Membership Coordinator at 884-9437, ext. 309 for more information.

December/January Calendar

Tuesday, December 1

7:15AM Wake Up Group
8AM Centering Prayer Group
8AM Tree Fluffing
8:30AM Stew. Ed. Comm. Mtg.
12:30PM Passages: Luncheon
1PM Passages program
4:30PM ENERGY
6PM WOW Christmas Dinner
6:30PM Youth Advisory Comm. Mtg.
7PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, December 2

9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12PM Bulletin Deadline
1:30PM Program Staff Mtg.
4:30PM ENERGY
5:30PM Deacon Mtg.
5:30PM Pathways To Peace
5:30PM Session Mtg.
6:30PM Case Library Comm. Mtg.
6:30PM Session/Deacon Dinner
7:30PM Joint Session/Deacon Mtg.
8PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, December 3

7:15AM Wake Up Group
10AM WECP Office Mtg.
12PM Poinsettia/Wreath pickup
5:30PM Stewardship Comm. Mtg.
5:45PM WECP Holiday Party
6PM Handbells
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 4

5:30PM TGIF Contemplative Prayer
8PM WPC Choir/Satum Club

Saturday, December 5

10AM WECP Holiday Enrichment
4PM Hospice Tree Light/WPC Choir

Sunday, December 6-Advent II

Name Tag Sunday
8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
8:45AM Worship With Communion
9:15AM Family Life Christmas Dinner Ticket Sales
9AM ENERGY Craft Sale
9:30AM Dialog Diner
9:35AM Adult Bible Study
9:35AM Case Conversation Series
9:35AM SL Sunday Morning Offering
9:45AM Children's Choir
9:45AM Confirmation Class
11AM First Sunday-Sunday School

11AM Worship w/ Communion
12PM Healing Service
12PM Social Sunday
12:30PM Advent Bowling

Monday, December 7-WPC Closed

8AM Christmas Tree Delivery

Tuesday, December 8

7:15AM Wake Up Group
8AM Centering Prayer Group
8AM Christmas Tree Set Up
8AM Volunteer Decorating
8:30AM Leadership Team Mtg.
4:30PM ENERGY
5PM Bldg & Grounds Comm. Mtg.
6PM Westminster Presents Rehearsal
6:15PM Family Life Comm. Mtg.
6:30PM Adult Bible study

7PM Knitting Group
7PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.
7PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, December 9

8:30AM Leadership Team Mtg.
9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12PM Bulletin Deadline
1:30PM Program Staff Mtg.

4:30PM ENERGY
5PM Buildings and Grounds Mtg.
5PM Family Life Christmas Dinner
5:30PM Pathways To Peace
5:30PM Spiritual Life Comm. Mtg.

8PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, December 10

7:15AM Wake Up Group
10AM WECP Office Mtg.
12PM Horizons Bible Study
6PM Handbells
6PM WPC Choir at the Buffalo Club

7:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 11

8AM Poinsettia Delivery
5:30PM Spectrum Transgender Mtg.
5:30PM TGIF Contemplative Prayer

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent
8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
8:45AM Worship With Communion
9:30AM Dialog Diner
9:35AM Adult Bible Study
9:35AM Case Conversation Series
9:35AM SL Sunday Morning Offering
9:45AM Children's Choir

9:45AM Confirmation Class
11AM Worship
11AM Baptism-Kemp
11:15AM Sun. School Pageant practice

12PM SH Lunch in Allentown
1PM Gay Men's Chorus-rehearsal
5PM WP Gay Men's Chorus

Monday, Dec. 14-WPC Closed

Tuesday, December 15

7:15AM Wake Up Group
8AM Budget/ Finance Comm. Mtg.
8AM Centering Prayer Group
4:30PM ENERGY
5PM WMA Comm. Mtg.
7PM Green Committee
7PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, December 16

8AM WEDI Board Mtg.
9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12PM Bulletin Deadline
12PM Yankee Swap
4:30PM ENERGY
5:30PM Pathways To Peace
5:30PM Stewardship Comm. Mtg.
8PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, December 17

7:15AM Wake Up Group
10AM WECP Office Calendar Mtg.
6PM Handbells

7:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 18

5:30PM TGIF Contemplative Prayer

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
8:45AM Worship With Communion
9:30AM Dialog Diner
9:35AM Adult Bible Study
9:35AM Case Conversation Series
9:35AM SL Sunday Morning Offering
11AM Worship
11:15AM Sun. School Xmas Pageant

2:30PM PFlag

Monday, Dec. 21-WPC Closed

Tuesday, December 22

7:15AM Wake Up Group
8AM Centering Prayer Group
4:30PM ENERGY
5:30PM Personnel Comm. Mtg.
6PM WPC Choir at the Buffalo club
7PM Knitting Group

7PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, December 23

9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
12PM Bulletin Deadline
12PM WECP Staff Holiday Fun
1:30PM Program Staff Mtg.
4:30PM ENERGY
5:30PM Pathways To Peace
7PM Choir Rehearsal
8PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, Dec. 24-Christmas Eve

WECP Closed
WPC Office Closed at Noon
5:15PM Family Service
8:30PM Choir Rehearsal
9:30PM College Reunion Party
10PM Christmas Eve Prelude
10:45PM Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 25

WPC Closed Christmas Break
WECP Closed

Saturday, December 26

WPC Closed Christmas Break
WECP Closed

Sunday, December 27

8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
8:45AM Worship With Communion
11AM Worship

Monday, December 28

WPC Closed Christmas Break
WECP Closed

Tuesday, December 29

WPC Closed Christmas Break
WECP Closed
4:30PM No ENERGY program

7PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, December 30

WPC Closed Christmas Break
WECP Closed
Christmas Break- No ENERGY

Thursday, December 31

WPC Closed Christmas Break
WECP Closed

Friday, January 1

WPC Closed Christmas Break
WECP Closed

Saturday, January 2

WPC Closed Christmas Break

Sunday, January 3

Name Tag Sunday
8:30AM Heavenly Grounds

December/January Calendar

8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
 8:45AM Worship With Communion
 9:35AM Adult Bible Study
 9:35AM Case Conversation Series
 9:45AM Confirmation Class
 11AM First Sun. -Sun. School Wkshp
 11AM Worship
 12PM Healing Service
Monday, January 4
 WECF AM& All Day Prgrms Return
 WPC Closed
Tuesday, January 5
 7:15AM Wake Up Group
 8AM Centering Prayer Group
 8:30AM Stew. Ed. Comm. Mtg.
 12:30PM Passages Luncheon
 1PM Passages programs
 4:30PM ENERGY
 6:30PM Youth Advisory Comm. Mtg.
 7PM Zen Dharma
 Wednesday, January 6
 9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
 12PM Bulletin Deadline
 1PM Newsletter Deadline-February
 1:30PM Program Staff Mtg.
 4:30PM ENERGY
 5PM Bldg & Grounds Comm. Mtg.
 5:30PM Pathways To Peace
 6PM Membership Comm. Mtg.
 8PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 7
 7:15AM Wake Up Group
 10AM WECF Office Mtg.
 5:30PM Stewardship Comm. Mtg.
 6PM Handbells
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 8
 5:30PM Spectrum Transgender Mtg.
 5:30PM TGIF Contemplative Prayer
Saturday, January 9
 9AM New Officer Training
Sunday, January 10
 8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
 8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
 8:45AM Worship With Communion
 9:30AM Dialog Diner
 9:35AM Adult Bible Study
 9:35AM Case Conversation Series
 9:35AM SL Sunday Morning Offering
 9:45AM Confirmation Class
 11AM Ordination/Installation-New Officers
 11AM Worship

11:15AM Sunday School
 9:30PM Middler/SH Parent Forum
Monday, January 11-WPC Closed
Tuesday, January 12
 7:15AM Wake Up Group
 8AM Centering Prayer Group
 10AM WECF Rm Coordinators Mtg.
 4:30PM ENERGY
 6:15PM Family Life Comm. Mtg.
 6:30PM Adult Bible study
 7PM Knitting Group
 7PM WECF Parent Board Mtg.
 7PM Zen Dharma
Wednesday, January 13
 9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
 12PM Bulletin Deadline
 1:30PM Program Staff Mtg.
 4:30PM ENERGY
 5:30PM Pathways To Peace
 5:30PM Spiritual Life Comm. Mtg.
 8PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 14
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 7:15AM Wake Up Group
 10AM WECF Office Mtg.
 12PM Horizons Bible Study
 5:45PM WECF Teaching Staff Mtg.
 6PM Handbells
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 15
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 5:30PM TGIF Contemplative Prayer
 Saturday, January 16
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
Sunday, January 17
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
 8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
 8:45AM Worship With Communion
 9:35AM Adult Bible Study
 9:35AM Case Conversation Series
 9:35AM SL Sunday Morning Offering
 9:45AM Confirmation Class
 11AM Worship
 11:15AM Sunday School
 2:30PM PFlag
Monday, January 18
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 6AM Martin Luther King Day
 6AM WECF Closed
 7AM WPC Closed
Tuesday, January 19
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel

7:15AM Wake Up Group
 8AM Budget/ Finance Comm. Mtg.
 8AM Centering Prayer Group
 4:30PM ENERGY
 5PM WMA Comm. Mtg.
 7PM Green Committee
 7PM Zen Dharma
Wednesday, January 20
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 8AM WEDI Board Mtg.
 9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
 12PM Bulletin Deadline
 1:30PM Program Staff Mtg.
 4:30PM ENERGY
 5PM WM&A Comm. Mtg.
 5:30PM Pathways To Peace
 8PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 21
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 7:15AM Wake Up Group
 10AM WECF Office Mtg.
 6PM Handbells
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 22
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 5:30PM TGIF Contemplative Prayer
 7PM Friday Night at the Movies
Saturday, January 23
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 10AM WECF Parents Morning
Sunday, January 24
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
 8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
 8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
 8:45AM Worship With Communion
 9:30AM Dialog Diner
 9:35AM Adult Bible Study
 9:35AM Case Conversation Series
 9:35AM SL Sunday Morning Offering
 9:45AM Confirmation Class
 11AM Worship
 11:15AM Sunday School
 12PM Middler/SH Ice-skating
 12:15PM Racial Justice Comm. Mtg.
Monday, January 25-WPC Closed
 WPC/TBZ Trip to Israel
Tuesday, January 26
 7:15AM Wake Up Group
 8AM Centering Prayer Group
 4:30PM ENERGY
 5:30PM Personnel Comm. Mtg.
 6PM Dinner With The Pastor
 7PM Knitting Group

7PM Zen Dharma
Wednesday, January 27
 9:30AM Newsletter Mailing
 9:30AM Worship Planning Mtg.
 12PM Bulletin Deadline
 12PM WECF Directors as Leaders Networking
 1:30PM Program Staff Mtg.
 4:30PM ENERGY
 5:30PM Pathways To Peace
 6PM Session Mtg.
 8PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 28
 7:15AM Wake Up Group
 12PM WECF Hot Chocolate/ Smore
 6PM Handbells
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 29
 8AM Mens Retreat/Bymcliff Resort
 5:30PM TGIF Contemplative Prayer
Saturday, January 30
 9:30AM WOW Prayer Collage
 10AM WECF Parents Morning
 12PM Middler Snow tubing/Lock-in
Sunday, January 31
 8:30AM Heavenly Grounds
 8:30AM Infant & Toddler Care
 8:45AM Worship With Communion
 9:30AM Dialog Diner
 9:35AM Adult Bible Study
 9:35AM Case Conversation Series
 9:35AM SL Sunday Morning Offering
 9:45AM Confirmation Class
 10:30AM SH Trip/Carmen's Kitchen
 11AM Worship
 11:15AM Sunday School
 12PM Confirmand/Sponsor Luncheon
 5PM WP-Erie Saxophone Quartet

Save the Date for
 Friday Night
 at the Movies!
 January 22 at 7Pm
 in the Case Library.
 Plenty of Popcorn
 & Pop!
 Film will be
 announced.

So just what IS a Sensory Table?

Submitted by Priscilla Maddock, Co-Director, WECP

Back in the "olden days" of early childhood education, we called them water tables. A plastic, rectangular tub fits into a wooden frame with legs and wheels so that it is the right height for young children to stand and play. Teachers would put 3 to 4 inches of water in the tub, add a selection of water toys, such as plastic fish, boats, or materials like strainers, scoops and pitchers - and children could explore and experiment with water play. Teachers still DO use water in the tables sometimes, but along the way and through the years, the name changed to sensory tables - and the ideas and concepts became limitless!

Seasonal choices for sensory opportunities are popular: leaves in the Fall - to feel the differences between soft and dry leaves, to identify types and colors of leaves, to crunch and crumble dry leaves. Classes may also add sticks, acorns, chestnuts, gourds and pumpkins to their Fall tables. In the winter, teachers will fill a sensory table with freshly fallen snow, have children put on their mittens, and they can discover the properties of snow while staying warm and cozy indoors! Children sometimes freeze small plastic animals and people in water in ice cube trays and then see and feel how they "skate" in the table and how they melt. In the Spring, our "brave" teachers have been known to bring in worms from a bait shop, add dirt to the sensory table, and allow children to observe and carefully handle the worms. Children may also plant seeds or small plants in cups of dirt in the table.

There are materials that offer great opportunities for dumping, pouring, scooping and filling - and that just feel very satisfying to play with. Rice, beans, oatmeal, and pasta all have interesting sounds and textures to them, and children develop the small muscles of their fingers and hands as they play. Teachers might put a thin layer of flour in the table and let children "draw" and "write" in the flour - perhaps practicing drawing circles or writing the letters of their names. This Fall one four year old class had Indian corn cobs in their sensory table, and they carefully used their fingers and tweezers to pick out the kernels of corn.

Even the tables themselves have evolved in the past ten years. There are smaller, shorter tables so that toddlers and two year olds can play comfortably at them. Some tables have clear tubs so that children can lay down underneath and see things from a different angle. Other tables have levels so the water or other material can be shallow or deep for a variety of play.

Sensory tables provide a comfortable, contained area for diverse materials and versatile play. We've come a long way from simple water play . . . who knows what the next ten years might bring!



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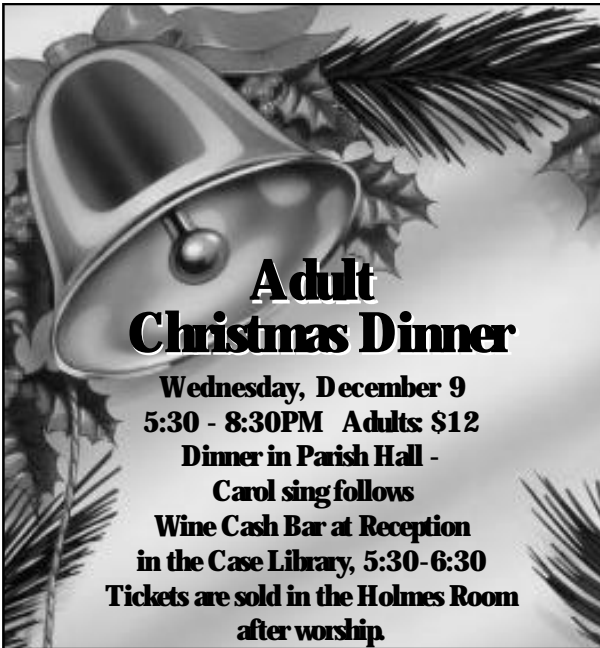
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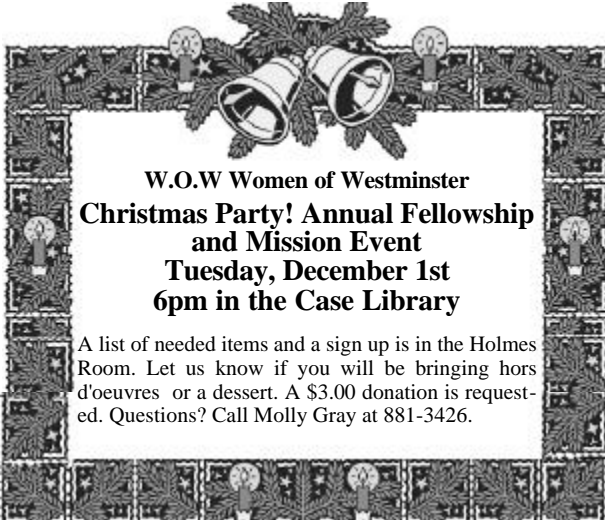
**Adult
Christmas Dinner**
Wednesday, December 9
5:30 - 8:30PM Adults \$12
Dinner in Parish Hall -
Carol sing follows
Wine Cash Bar at Reception
in the Case Library, 5:30-6:30
Tickets are sold in the Holmes Room
after worship.



**GIVE THE GIFT OF MUSIC
THIS CHRISTMAS**
"THE CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS EVE"
This delightful CD, a collection of Christmas Carols from many lands, featuring the Westminster Choir, Handbell Choir and orchestra, is perfect for young and old alike. The CD's are \$10 each and are on sale before and after worship each Sunday.

**Get into the Christmas Spirit with
your Westminster friends!**

Join us for Christmas in the Southtowns on Saturday, December 19th hosted by our Southtowns Neighborhood. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm with an Open House at the home of Andy and Debbie Izatt, followed by an old fashioned village-wide caroling event at East Aurora's 37th Annual Carolcade in front of Vidler's 5&10. RSVP: Debbie Izatt (652-8699) or Zandy Barrett (652-9316) for information and directions



W.O.W Women of Westminster
**Christmas Party! Annual Fellowship
and Mission Event**
Tuesday, December 1st
6pm in the Case Library

A list of needed items and a sign up is in the Holmes Room. Let us know if you will be bringing hors d'oeuvres or a dessert. A \$3.00 donation is requested. Questions? Call Molly Gray at 881-3426.

**Women of Westminster: Join us to help
Habitat for Humanity in Buffalo**

**Upcoming build dates - (times to be determined):
Tuesday, December 15, Thursday, January 28,
Tuesday, February 16**



Come for one hour or stay for a whole shift. No experience necessary. Habitat experts will help you! We also need volunteers to supply refreshments. Sign up in the Holmes Room or call Betsy Mitchell at 868-9008 or email betsmitchell@aol.com. **Coming in May 2010 An entire house will be built by Habitat Women Build**