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Congregational Meeting
January 8th.

Session Retreat January 28

Circle 2 now meets at
4:30PM.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Today, as I consider the end of one year and the beginning of the next, I am struck by the fact that the God of the ages is Lord of this year. He was surely with us in the past months and He will continue to lead us in those to come. The scriptures reflect the experience of many generations of God's people who have experienced God's presence. The scriptures affirm God as the Creator of all that exists and that He dwells among us until all His purposes are fulfilled. God continues to create and shape the world and all that live therein. Change, particularly rapid change, can be frightening. It often means that our only hope is to change as well. Consider the words of Psalm 96: 1-3 that reflect the people of God in ancient Israel as they come to worship in the dawn of a new day:

NRSV PSALM 96:1-3

- 1 O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples."

The Psalmist who composed Psalm 96 understood the **first task** of the people of God to be **worship**. They came to the temple to give praise to the Almighty and to declare his marvelous acts. New and creative songs were welcomed.

In 2012 the faith of Christians will be challenged as never before. We live in times of enormous change. As we face the challenges that are before us, let us commit ourselves to regular worship, embracing the strengths of our religious tradition and remaining open to new possibilities. Let us continue to pray for one another. Let us share the burdens of our neighbors. In all that we do and say let us express our gratitude to God for bringing us together as a congregation to share the wonderful news of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. With joy and gladness let us follow where the Lord leads us in 2012!

May God bless,
David McDonald
Minister

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 8, 2012

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for January 8th for the purpose of presentation of the 2012 budget and changes in the Pastor's terms of call will be presented for action by the congregation.

This meeting will serve as the annual meeting of the congregation. .



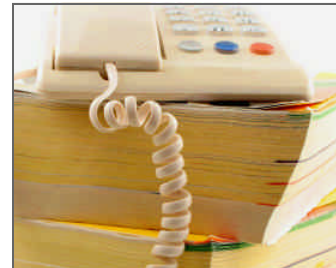


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TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

It is time for the next church Telephone directory to come out. If you have any changes Please send them in by January 15. Thanks!



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the February newsletter is coming up quickly. Please send in your announcements, notes, calendar items, and meeting dates or changes to the

church office so that they can be included in the newsletter.

Deadline: January 22.

NEW ELDERS INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

On January 8, 2012 during morning worship we will install and ordain our new Session members. Below please find a complete list of the members of Session and their class year:

Class of 2012: Karen Burton
Peggy Currie
Norm Miller

Class of 2013: JoAnn Anderton
Vance T. Moore, Jr.
Carolyn Smith

Class of 2014: Joe Dixon
Carolyn Evans
Vivian Gurganus