



Westminster
Presbyterian Church

— worship well —



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From the Pastor's Study A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward **The Coffee Maker**

Always the person to buy the latest technology two or three years after it "comes out," I finally told my wife Maggie that if she wanted to get me something a little out of the ordinary for my birthday this year she could buy me/us a Keurig, the coffee maker that brews one cup at a time. She bought me the Keurig; I liked it very much; so I decided to take the coffee maker that I had been using for over ten years at home to the Haverkamp kitchen at the church where our staff makes coffee during the work week. The coffee maker I brought from home had an automatic "Off" switch which the coffee maker that had been at church did not; and as the most prolific maker of coffee among the staff, I have been known to overlook turning off the coffee maker at the end of the day, only to discover the next day (or so) that the coffee was still warm, through rather heavy in taste, and, by the grace of God, the church building not burned down.

A week after I brought my old coffee maker into Haverkamp, it stopped brewing.

Without even asking, Jim Buchanan, our in-house "Mr. Fixit," took it apart, looked at it, called me in, shook his head sadly (as a physician does when he or she has bad news), and said: "There is nothing more I can do."

But that night, I got an email from Jim, saying he had gone back into the Haverkamp kitchen, taken the coffee maker apart one more time, and gotten it to brew. He attached a page from the manual showing me how to clean the coffee maker, which, given that the blinking light on the coffee maker which read "Clean" had been blinking for probably nine of the ten years I had owned it, it needed. So, I followed the instructions in the manual, and after two cleanings with 100% vinegar, not only is the coffee now hot and pure, but also the "Clean" light is no longer blinking, and the church building is even safer.

This resurrection of the coffee maker occurred the week of Easter.

Obviously, I lack the patience to try to fix something, clean something, or even read the manual which might enable me to do one or the other. But I admire people who do have such patience. To watch someone open a small appliance, shake his head, go home, mull it over, go back and try again, shows a patience that often pays off. We get better coffee. We get longer lives for our coffee makers. Perhaps we get even a hint of resurrection at Easter that we might miss if we don't have the patience to wait, to look for it, to allow it to come on its time, rather than ours. Patience. Patience. Some have come to belief through patience. The coffee is better as well.

-Larry



We welcome to the Westminster nursery:

- **Sophie Jean Chambers**, daughter of Dana & Larry Chambers. Sophie is the little sister of Owen, Clara, and Eleanor, granddaughter of Robin Benson.
- **James Thomas Meyer**, son of Lindsey Hagan and K.J. Meyer.

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of:

- **Alice C. Daniels**, who died April 4
- **Ann Elizabeth Frutchey**, who died April 6



Westminster Roadsters (Boomers and Beyond)

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Please register for events with Nancy or with the church office.

Monday, May 21: "Cézanne Portraits" at the National Gallery of Art.

Catch the new Cézanne exhibit before it leaves for London and Paris! This is the first exhibition devoted to the famed post-impressionist's portraits. Some of these works have never been exhibited in the United States. After the exhibit, we will eat lunch at one of the gallery cafés. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:45 am. We'll return about 1:30 or 2:00 pm. Cost \$2 for bus plus lunch.

Thursday, May 31: "The Nance" at Little Theatre of Alexandria.

It's the 1930s New York, a time when it was easy to "play gay" but dangerous to be gay. This comedy will take you into the wild world of burlesque and musical vaudeville parodies, and tell the backstage story of Chauncey Miles "The Nance" and his fellow performers. Show starts at 8:00 PM; arrive between 7:30-7:45 to receive your ticket.

Monday, June 18: "Wings of Fancy" Butterfly & Caterpillar Exhibit at Brookside Gardens.

Come be surrounded by hundreds of brilliant live butterflies from North America, Costa Rica, Africa, and Asia soaring among colorful flowers looking for nectar and others of their kind. Learn about their amazing metamorphosis, the important role butterflies play in healthy ecosystems, and how to ensure these beautiful insects thrive in our own gardens. Meet in the church parking lot at 9 am. Cost \$13 for bus and entrance ticket.

Monday, July 16: Lunch & Learn.

Participants in this year's church mission trips to Haiti will tell us about their experiences and work in this beautiful country not so far from our own, but very different indeed. Learn about our friends in mission in Haiti, and the joys and challenges which they face. See the beautiful landscape and friendly people which our youth and adults will encounter in Haiti. 12:00 noon in the Haverkamp Room. \$10 for lunch.



Flying Solo Singles Ministry (50's and above)

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Saturday, April 21: Outing to the Phillips Collection

Come visit the special exhibition on "Ten Americans after Paul Klee" at the Phillips Collection. This exhibit explores the work of the Swiss-born German artist Paul Klee and the influence his art had on American Abstract Expressionism. Bonus visit to the historic Gillett Mansion, just one block from the Phillips. Tickets at the door are \$12 (\$10 for over 62). Meet at church at 9:30 am to carpool.

Tuesday, April 24: Monthly Potluck

7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor.

Join us for our monthly service project of making sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program then share potluck dinner together. Please bring a simple dish for supper.

Monday, April 30: Book Group: "The Year of Living Biblically" by A.J. Jacobs

This is a fun read about the author's attempt to live as closely to Biblical laws and customs as possible for one full year...in the middle of New York City! On the one hand, his account is funny and sometimes irreverent, but on the other hand, we witness the author's spiritual journey as he seeks to understand the relevance of faith in our modern world. His experiences during the year help us see the Bible with new eyes! 7:00 pm at the home of Cindy Smith.

Friday May 4: Breakfast at Stomping Ground

As a fun follow-up to Matt Viser's roundtable presentation on all things coffee, let's get together for breakfast and try some Swings coffee at Stomping Ground in Del Ray. Stomping Ground is also known for its delicious buttermilk biscuits! 2309 Mt. Vernon Ave, 9:00-10:30 am.

Monday, May 14: Monthly Dine-Out

Enjoy dining outside on the "Front Porch" (2006 Mt. Vernon Ave, Del Ray). Choose from the bar menu or from the Evening Star menu while enjoying a warm spring evening outdoors. Meet at church at 7:00 pm to carpool or meet at the Front Porch at 7:15 pm.

Planning ahead:

Sunday May 27: Flying Solo hosts Lemonade on the Lawn after worship.

Saturday June 16: We embark on a progressive "Drinks, Dinner & Dessert" – stay tuned for details!

Annual Fall Retreat – October 5-7, 2018 (Columbus Day Weekend)

Patrick Hunnicutt is looking forward to joining us on our fall retreat at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House on a bluff overlooking the Potomac River in Southern Maryland. Watch for more information coming soon... and mark your calendars now!

The Outsiders Group

Open to all fitness levels and ages, this group meets monthly in the fall and spring to explore the outdoors, fellowship with one another, and develop a deeper relationship with God through nature.

Saturday, May 19, 8:00 to 5:00pm | Exploring, Hiking, and Walking at Harper's Ferry, WVA

Select from walking around Harper's Ferry, walking on the C&O canal, or hiking to the Overlook. Pack a lunch or sample local fare at one of the restaurants. Plan to bring water. Bring sunscreen, hat, and bug spray as appropriate. Meet at the church to leave on the bus by 8am. Entrance fee is \$5.00 per person without a National Parks pass. RSVP required to Kera Winburn at outsiders@wpc-alex.org.

Your Foundation Dollars at Work

In March, the Westminster Foundation Board approved use of Foundation funds as follows:

- From the **Retreat Reserve Fund**, for leader and staff costs and scholarship aid for the Men's Retreat (February 2-4) and the Women's Retreat (March 16-18).
- From **Barbara Watts' family foundation** for search expenses for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (to be elected April 15).
- From **Ron Chidlow memorial gifts**, for the Youth Ministry Fund.
- From **John Davies memorial gifts**, for the Klingensmith Scholarship Fund.
- From **Jeanne Heinlein memorial gifts**, for the Mission Activities Fund.
- From **Ruth Hill memorial gifts**, for the Seniors Ministry Fund.
- From **Howard Kitzmiller memorial gifts**, for the Capital Improvement Fund and Unrestricted Emergency Benevolences.
- From **Undesignated Memorials**, for Worship Accessories.

These and other designated funds in the Westminster Foundation support all Church program and mission areas, making a big difference every day in the Church's life and mission.



Children and Families

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Whole Family, A Banquet with Simon | Sunday, May 6 | 9:45 AM in Creation Station

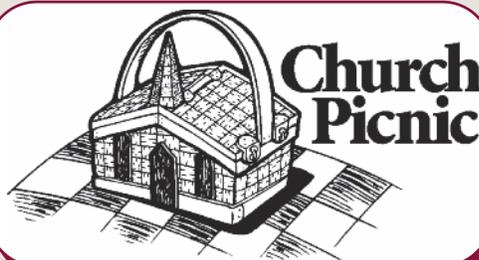
Come be a part of our final whole family for the year! The children will be integral to teaching parents and grandparents all about the story of the Banquet with Simon.

Information Session for Parents of Rising Kindergartners | Sunday, May 20 | 9:45 AM in Room 303/305

Learn about all the exciting programs for your rising kindergarten child! We will inform you about Creation Station (Sunday School); Children and Worship (what the children do when they leave after the children's sermon) and children's choir.

Music & More Week | Mornings, June 25-29 | The Lost Boy

M&M Week is our summer musical day camp experience for children who are currently enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. Led by Molly Roden and Patty Chamberlain, this is a special week filled with singing, drama, storytelling, arts and crafts, snacks, recreation, games, and more! Many volunteers and parents also teach and assist. Information and registration form at wpc-alex.org/families.



"Save the Date"

Summer Kick-Off Picnic!!
Sunday, June 3, 2018

Celebrate the start of summer with our annual All-Church Picnic! Enjoy picnic lunch after worship, fellowship with church friends, and fun activities for the kids.

Youth Matters

wpc-alex.org/youth

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Rise Against Hunger

On **Sunday May 6th from 4:00pm-6:00pm** you are invited to a meal packaging event for Rise Against Hunger in Fellowship Hall. Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now) is an organization driven by a vision of a world without hunger. Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. When we come together on May 6th, the goal will be to package 10,000 meals. This event is fun, high energy and great for all generations. The youth of Westminster hope that you will join them on May 6th. RSVP at this link

<https://shn.secure.force.com/events/homepage?id=701f1000002r0JmAAI> or contact Whitney(wfautleroy@wpc-alex.org).



End of the Year Youth Party

Sunday May 20th from 4:30pm-6:00pm is our End of the Year Youth Party. Youth families should bring a side or dessert. We will have subs, sandwiches and games. Come join as we celebrate the end of the youth program year.

WPC Youth

Summer Book Read

Read with Whitney this summer. All youth and parents are invited to join Whitney in reading *Far from The Tree* by Robin Benway. Her curiosity of what the youth were reading these days made her pick up this book. The book won the National Book Award. Let Whitney know if you plan on joining in the summer reading and an evening potluck with a book discussion will be planned.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

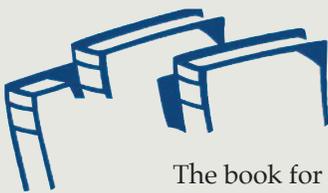
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Janet Harris, Moderator and Alison Griffin, Vice Moderator | PW@wpc-alex.org

Women's Circles:

Please note: Our new daytime Lydia Circle will be meeting on Monday April 30 at 8:30 am (in Johnson Parlor) instead of meeting in May. Watch for May meeting details for our other circles in the weekly Update or visit the Presbyterian Women's page on the church website: www.wpc-alex.org/presbywomen. Circles meet monthly for Bible study, friendship, and mission support. This spring we are finishing up our study of the Letter to the Hebrews.



Book Groups meet on the fourth Monday of the month to discuss interesting and thought-provoking book selections.

The book for May/June discussion is "*The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*" by Lisa See. It is a mother-daughter historical novel about growing tea in China and Chinese adoption into America. Because of Memorial Day and the staff retreat, exact meeting dates for 11 am morning and 7:30 pm evening meetings will be discussed with book groups. Discussions will be led by Clara Beth Van de Water.

Pillow Ministry meets the first Wednesday of the month to make pillows and stuffed animals for heart patients and children at Alexandria Hospital.

Shanghai Card Group gathers on the third Monday of the month for some friendly competition and fellowship.

Westminster Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Sunday May 6 at 12:15 pm
Haverkamp Room

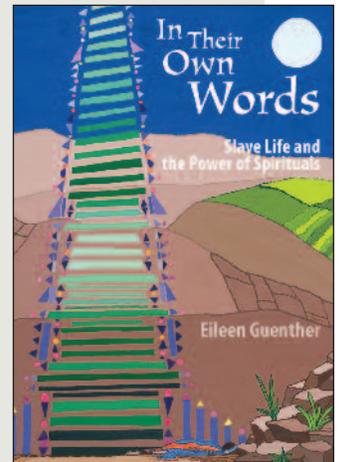
"BYOB"

Bring your own bag-lunch. Cheese, crackers, and fruit will be served.

Eileen Guenther will be discussing *Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals*

with a special emphasis on the role of women in everyday life during slavery.

Join us to learn about the importance of singing and religion in the daily lives of the enslaved.



Dr. Guenther is an organist, church musician, and Professor of Church Music at Wesley Theological Seminary and has shared her knowledge and music with Westminster on several occasions.

Connecting with Presbyterian Women on the regional and national levels:

Presbyterian Women / National Capital Presbytery Spring Gathering

Saturday April 28 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Warner Memorial PC, Kensington MD

Theme: Building Bridges of Understanding: A Journey to Indonesia through the Lens of 3 PW Global Exchange Participants.

Learn about our mission partnerships in this beautiful country. Worship with song and dance, Communion using Indonesian elements. WELCOME ALL!

The gathering will also include the annual business meeting of PW-NCP: Presentation and adoption of 2018 budget; Nominations and election of Coordinating Team members including our own Elizabeth Martineau and Adrienne Griffin. Elizabeth will be our new Co-Vice Moderator for Programs; Adrienne will serve as Search Committee Member-at-Large to help us search for the next generation of Presbyterian Women. Thanks to these sisters who are stepping up to new leadership positions and to Beth Richardson who continues as our Treasurer. We are so proud of our talent pool from WPC sisters!

To register or arrange carpools, email Janet Harris at PW@wpc-alex.org or Nancy Hall Berens at NHallBerens@wpc-alex.org.

Find more info at: www.presbyterianwomenncp.org/2018%20SPRING%20GATHERING%20flyer.final3.pdf.

Synod Summer Gathering: June 8-10 at Massanetta Springs

(<https://www.pwmidatlanticsynod.net/>)

Meet women from all around the mid-Atlantic region, and get a sneak peek at next year's Bible Study, "God's Promise: I Am With You."

Church-wide Gathering: August 2-5 in Louisville, Kentucky

(https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/build-community/churchwide-gathering/)

Meet sisters in Christ from around the country and the world at the triennial meeting of Presbyterian Women.

Men of Westminster

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Men's Breakfast

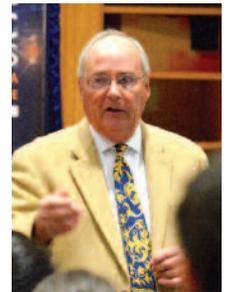
Friday, May 11, 7-8:30
AM in Fellowship Hall
*The Causes of the Civil
War with Dr. Jim R.
McClellan*



Meet
for
Breakfast

RSVP to Dudley Schadeberg at mow@wpc-alex.org

What caused the Civil War? Why did it occur and why did it happen at that particular time in history? Was it the moral and religious outrage about the institution of slavery; the assertion of and conflict over State's Rights; the economic competition between the industrialized Northeast and the agricultural South; or the clash of cultures – the urbanized Northeast and the plantation-centered South? The first lesson of history is that it is frequently more complicated than one may think.



Jim McClellan will explore the various threads that came together in mid-19th Century America which resulted in the massive military and societal conflict known as the Civil War. He will present a number of thought-provoking reasons as to why the Civil War took place.

Dr. Jim R. McClellan has been a history professor at Northern Virginia Community College, and has taught American History and government since 1975. He is currently the Dean of the Liberal Arts division at the Alexandria campus of NVCC, a position he has held there since 2009. He received his BA degree and his Master of Arts degree in history and government from the University of Texas, Arlington, TX. Jim holds a Master of Philosophy degree from George Washington University, and he received his Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the author of seven books, and has published numerous essays and articles in scholarly publications, magazines, and newspapers.

Adult Faith Formation

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“Towards Fuller Faith & Service:



One of the greatest challenges of the church is balancing our faith and our service. This year we’ve offered speakers

who have talked about deepening faith and about taking faith out into the world in service. Both are part of our call as Christians and are often intertwined.

Julie Wadler spoke at Adult Education on April 8 & 15th about how to open up our conversations about racism. “When we don’t talk to our children or pretend there is no racism, we are not telling ourselves the truth,” Julie said. To allow things to change we have to have conversations about our experiences and our feelings about race. “Start a conversation that allows one to see diversity, to see who we invite into our homes, to see who is in our communities and what cultural references we use.” Julie encouraged us to be curious enough to ask questions; to relinquish privilege and add color to our conversations. “It’s easy to feed into a stereotype by saying you’re color blind and that race doesn’t matter to you, but talking with one another about race can identify where you may be belittling.” Check out the Adult Education Tab on the church website to listen to Julie’s two classes.

And, you don’t want to miss what’s planned next on Sunday mornings! Whether you are a first time attendee, or a regular, these final springtime classes won’t disappoint.



Sunday April 22 & 29: WPC hosts a new teacher from Georgetown University, **Karen Stohr, Assoc. Professor of Philosophy.** “Can contempt and mockery ever be justified as a way of expressing political disagreement?” Dr. Stohr will look, with us, on what the boundaries of civility might be when it comes to difficult conversations. “What does it mean to have faith in our fellow human beings?” Dr. Stohr will lead us in thinking about how to transform political discourse. Hear about how you might change public discourse. How might you turn dark into bright hope? As a Senior Research Scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Karen’s primary research area is ethics, with a focus on Aristotelian virtue and Kantian ethics. With a graduate degree in Philosophy from UNC Chapel Hill, she published a book on manners in 2012. She’s published many articles in academic journals, in the New York Times, Houston Chronicle, and St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Courses she’s taught include bioethics, ethical theory, and ethics. A timely topic for our call to service.

Sundays May 6, 13, 20: Elder & WPC teacher, Kathy Harkness, leader of WPC Tuesday morning Faith Group, adjunct Professor NOVA in early childhood & wellness program, will be teaching a three Sunday Series on: “*Let Each of You Lead the Life...in Which God Called You* (1 Corinthians 7:17): *A Class on Call, Discernment & Community.*” This not-to-be-missed final class series closes our year-long study of “Towards Fuller Faith & Service. Consider how you might be called to serve. “As Christians we often struggle with ways to listen for God’s call and to act where our faith leads us.” Kathy will lead us to consider the challenges of being called. “How might you act in faithful, attentive ways?” This discussion-based class can help us help each other to hear God’s voice and help us to discover how we can act in faithful and attentive ways to when, where and how God calls us. “What is Call?” and “How do we know when God is calling us into service?” Learn ways to use your call to support one another and in your varied communities.

And, I want to take time to thank Kristen Bishop, Chair, WPC Adult Ed., and the committee for all they do to help plan and host the many classes we offer here at the church. We’re only as strong as the participation itself, so come learn and grow “towards fuller faith & service!”

WPC in Mission

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Furniture For Families – Giving our hands, heft, and heart *By Louise Anderson, Local Missions*

There's usually one drop off at a totally empty apartment, with children. It breaks my heart, every time.

As a member of ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically), Westminster is assigned a weekend to support its furniture program, which picks up and delivers donated furniture to needy families in the City every weekend of the year, rain or shine.

Please consider joining Westminster's delivery team on Saturday, **May 19th, 2018**. We will meet ALIVE's two truck drivers at 8 a.m. in the back parking lot of First Christian Church, 2723 King St. (next to Woodbine Nursing Home). Some volunteers may ride in the trucks; others in your own cars. Muscles are useful for this task, but we welcome volunteers of all capabilities! There are often lamps and cushions to carry. Also, we are now handing out bags of food to recipients, so should you not wish to help lift a bed or a chair, you can deliver food. Also, particularly if you have a strapping teen who needs volunteer hours, consider joining the "Extra Volunteer List," which fills in during the year. No commitment – only as able.

Whether in Old Town, the West End, or in between, these clients live close to my home, and yours. Walking into a totally empty apartment is wrenching, especially if there are children. Poverty is complicated, but this is one small way to help: a bed, a lamp, a dining room table, a bag of groceries. Delivering home.

Every time I volunteer, I'm grateful for the regular reminder that, while folks may escape their circumstances, the need lives on, right here. Join me in sharing your hands, heft, and heart. The need is urgent.

People In Need Packets

By Anne Ledyard

Packets for People in Need will be distributed Sunday, **May 6th** after both services. Please come by and pick up a few to have in your car or briefcase. We have packets specifically for Alexandria, Arlington, D.C., and other local areas. Need more information? Contact LocalMission@wpc-alex.org.

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Member Involvement News



HE IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN INDEED! What a glorious Easter service we celebrated this year. I hope everyone in the overflow crowd who attended was as inspired as I was. Now we must remember that Easter is not the culmination of Christ's work on earth, but the beginning. Just so, we members of Westminster cannot sit back and bask in the glory of a fantastic Easter season. There is much to be done.

Coming up next Saturday, April 28, is the Annual Rebuilding Together Alexandria project. There is still time to sign-up (you can even sign-up at the last minute). Watch the bulletin for details.

Among the seasonal activities looking for volunteers are the Westminster softball team and the annual church picnic. Contact the Congregational Life Committee to volunteer for these activities.

The Sunday School is always looking for volunteers to help with the children. Members young and old are needed for this essential activity.

The Worship Committee is looking for a few volunteers. Someone is needed once or twice a month to sit in the church office between the 8:30 and 11:00 am services to answer phones and direct visitors. Volunteers are also needed to straighten up the sanctuary and chapel after services. The duties include checking to see that the pew pads are collected put back in place and have fresh pages for those who wish to sign. Volunteers will also straighten up the pews by putting hymn books and bibles back in the racks and picking up trash left in the pews.

Soon summer will be coming. We need to keep in mind that while we may be going on vacations, the work of the church never stops (though it may slow down a bit). Please remember to volunteer for the on-going activities such as ushering, and serving meals through Carpenter's Shelter, Bag Lunch, and Meals on Wheels.

Yours in Christ,
Art Sauer
Member Involvement Coordinator