

The Westminster Messenger

September 2013

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Come celebrate the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian heritage at Westminster's annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan worship service on Sunday, September 8. You'll be greeted with "a hundred thousand welcomes" or, in Gaelic, "Cead Mille Failte!" Arrive at 9:45 a.m., to enjoy pipers from the award winning Capital Region Celtic Pipe Band as they sound the call to worship. A colorful parade of tartan banners, symbolizing the families entering into the House of the Lord to worship and praise, will commence at 10:00 a.m. The Reverend John Stuart of Erin Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN will be our distinguished guest preacher.

Volunteers are sought to help with the Kirkin'. Anyone who would like to carry a tartan banner should contact David and Sarah Hershey at 462-4727. Those willing to bake shortbread (recipe provided if desired) or help with the reception are kindly asked to contact Valerie Shanley at 674-5332 •



Sunday September 8th Kirkin' o' the Tartan

"DISCOVERING THE OLD TESTAMENT"... is a journey we're going to begin at Westminster Church on Thursday evenings, 5:30-6:45 pm, beginning September 12 uncovering misconceptions, exploring new materials, and maybe discovering new clues to old questions. We'll spend seven Thursdays in the fall semester, Sept. 12- Oct. 24 and eight Thursdays in the winter semester, Jan. 9 - Feb. 27. Led by Rev. Paul Randall, Parish Associate at the church, the course will be based on a Kerygma resource book "Discovering the Bible: A New Generation." (cost: \$30). Participants are expected to read assigned materials each week in advance.

If you'd like to join this quest, pick up a resource book at the church office, 436-8544. For more questions or information contact Paul Randall at 518-374-6310 or e-mail randallpaul@gmail.com •



THE HYMNALS ARE COMING! THE HYMNALS ARE COMING!

Publication of *Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal*, is proceeding on schedule, and the new books are expected to arrive at Westminster by mid-September. Several special events are being planned to dedicate and introduce this new hymnal after its arrival here. Hymnals make excellent memorial gifts, and donations are still being accepted. The price is \$15 per copy, and every donated book can be inscribed with your choice of dedication. Please use the special envelope in the pews or contact the church for further information ●

by: Alfred Fedak

CHOIR SEASON TO START SEPTEMBER 5

The start of the new program year means the beginning of another season of singing and ringing at Westminster Church. Our fine Westminster Choir will resume its weekly schedule of Thursday night rehearsals at 7:30 PM on September 5. As always, new members are welcome: anyone considering joining the choir is encouraged to contact Al or Sue Fedak before the first rehearsal ●

by: Rev Frances W. Rosenau

CRIB ROOM NEWS

Have you seen a lot of babies and toddlers around Westminster? What a blessing it is to watch them hold their heads up, begin to crawl and even walk.

Lynne McKee and Shirley Diven provide a safe and welcoming environment for children up to age 5. We have books for reading, crayons for budding artists, carpet squares for counting and learning to hop. Some children look so forward to coming to crib room, that they don't want to leave when their parents pick them up.

Beginning on September 8th, we will be asking parents for a cell phone number when you drop off your children. We will only use this if your child needs you in crib room.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us as we shepherd these young disciples through their first days in church ●

by: Sue Schell

STEWARDSHIP 2014

Called to be faithful . . . "It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." I Corinthians 4:1-2

It is important to remember Paul, a steward of the mysteries of God, and others who have set an example of faithfulness in the past. Please join us on Stewardship Sunday, November 10, 2013 when we will celebrate our ability to be faithful stewards and honor God's invitation to bless those who are eager for the good news of Jesus Christ ●

This September's Events:

1 SUNDAY

9:30 am FOCUS Worship
at First Presbyterian Church

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7:00 pm Christian Life & Learning

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7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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7:00 pm First Friday

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9:00 am Dance Workshop

8 SUNDAY

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School

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6:00 pm Session

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5:30 pm Fall Adult Study
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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Editorial Deadline
for October Newsletter

15 SUNDAY

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
7:00 pm Youth Group

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7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

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5:30 pm Fall Adult Study
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

22 SUNDAY

10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Church School
1:00 pm-4:00 pm Schuyler Inn Party

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5:30 pm Fall Adult Study
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

29 SUNDAY

10 am Worship
11:15 am Church School

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Discovering the Old Testament,
Kerygma Course
October 3, 10, 17, and 24

Worship and Second Hours:

SEPTEMBER 1 FOCUS Worship
Service at First Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 8 Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Guest preacher:

Rev. John Stuart

2nd Hour: Storytelling by the Rev. Stuart and Kirkin' Reception

SEPTEMBER 15 Church School Sunday

Genesis 18:16-33 *God Teaches Abraham* Pastor James Reisner

2nd Hour: CRTC: Equipping, Connecting, Inspiring

SEPTEMBER 22 Mission Sunday

Psalms 85:8-13 *Whom Do We Serve?* Pastor Frances W. Rosenau

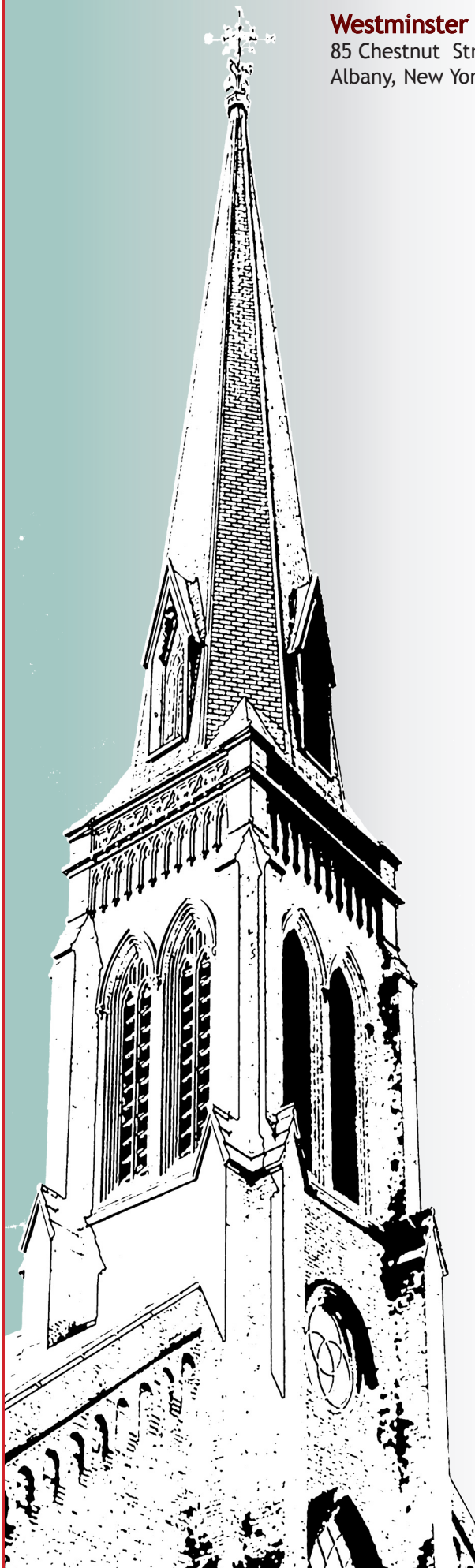
2nd Hour: Ghana Mission Trip, 2013 led by trip participants

SEPTEMBER 29 Introduction of "Glory to God:" the New Hymnbook
Psalm 29 *Glory* Pastor James Reisner

2nd Hour: "Glory to God" led by Al Fedak and Jim Reisner

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