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May 7

Both services will be in
the Sanctuary

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From the Pastor's Study A Message From Rev. Patrick Hunnicutt **So, How Was Your Sabbatical?**

Here are brief responses to the most oft-asked questions I have enjoyed upon my return.

1. How was it?

Even though I mostly stayed put, the 3-month break from my normal rhythms was like hitting the open road with the windows down, the air fresh with possibility. The hardest part was going from being so immersed in the life and lives of our community to being so disconnected, though I enjoyed seeing several of you around town, and many of you popped up in odd (though in no way disturbing) dreams.

2. What did you do? Where did you go?

Here are some of the highlights:

- A 4-day silent retreat (4 days) with the Richmond Hill community in Richmond - a time soaked in prayer and contemplation;
- Fun trips, including a vacation to the Dominican Republic, visits with friends and family, and a sojourn to the holy land (that is, Duke!);
- About a month of weekly tango lessons/ date nights with Sally - the best part was the dinner beforehand. The actual dancing was not pretty, though often laughter-inducing;
- Reading and writing - To complete my certificate in Shalem's multi-year spiritual direction program, I wrote my final paper, a reflection on my life and ministry in light of the Trinity, the mutuality of care, and the sacred heart of Jesus.
- Physical renewal - I attended to my physical health with a lot of swimming, core strength/exercise classes, biking, hiking, walking and a renewed attentiveness to my diet.
- Week-long CREDO Conference (early March in Henryville, IN) - Sponsored by the PCUSA, this pastor renewal conference was the perfect way to transition into my return.
- Enjoying the small gifts that are huge - extra time after school with my daughters, a few more meals cooked inelegantly by my hands, longer walks with my dog, Krimpet.

3. Do you feel refreshed?

It is wonderful to be back, to see the life-giving connection between work and rest, being and doing. Sabbatical was not about acquiring some new gift or insight, but reconnecting with that which I have known and needed to see and experience again with fresh eyes - my sense of who I am, in body, and in spirit, beloved in God's love and grace and delightfully called to serve as a pastor in Christ's church. I am abundantly grateful to be with you at Westminster. Many, many thanks to all who supported this time, away, especially Larry, Casey and all the staff and officers who bore extra responsibility in my absence, and the Personnel Committee and Session for granting this time away. May you too find your rest, and live into your work as those delightfully called to be the body of Christ!

Patrick Hunnicutt



We welcome to the Westminster nursery:

- **Catherine Kent**, daughter of Laura & Drew Kent, little sister of Ben.
- **George Stebe**, son of John & Katherine Stebe.

We rejoice in the marriage of:

- **Rebecca Hess and Thomas Jarvis** on March 18 in the Westminster Sanctuary
- **Emily Walters and Matt Baker** on March 25 in the Westminster Sanctuary

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of:

- Former Westminster Interim Pastor **Roger Shoup**, who died on March 11
- **Barbara H. Neisser**, who died on March 17
- **Margaret Jean "Margie" Carpenter**, who died on April 11
- **Gloria Horning**, who died on April 14
- **Lee S. Salsbery**, who died on April 15

Congregational Life

Cheer on the Westminster Softball Team!

Games are played at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Avenue in Alexandria.



April
Thursday 4/27 at 9:00 PM

May
Thursday 5/4 at 6:30 PM
Thursday 5/11 at 6:30 PM
Thursday 5/18 at 7:45 PM
Monday 5/22 at 6:30 PM

June
Monday 6/5 at 7:45 PM
Thursday 6/15 at 7:45 PM
Thursday 6/22 at 6:30 PM
Monday 6/26 at TBD (Playoffs)
Thursday 6/29 at TBD (Playoffs)

Outsiders Events

Sign up with Kera Winburn at outsiders@wpc-alex.org
Walk at Meadowlark Botanic Gardens | **Saturday, May 20**
8-10 AM | Meet at the Visitor's Center for a morning walk! Cost is \$5/person. RSVP requested.

Summer Kick-Off Picnic!

Sunday, June 4
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.





Flying Solo (Singles) Ministry

www.wpc-alex.org/singles

Nancy Hall Berens, Director | nhallberens@wpc-alex.org

Sunday, April 30 | Roundtable Lunch and Discussion

12:15 PM in the Haverkamp Room

“Sing to the Lord a New Song: A Look at the New Presbyterian Hymnal”

Come listen and sing as Westminster members Pete Vanden Bosch, Molly Roden, and Melynda Wilcox introduce us to the new Presbyterian Hymnal. Pete will present background on Presbyterian hymnals through the history of the church, and, in particular, on the development of the denomination’s newest hymnal “Glory to God.” Molly and Melynda will then lead us in singing some of the hymns that have been added to this latest collection to help us become familiar with some new tunes and new words... all to the Glory of God! A light lunch will be provided. No RSVP.

Monday, May 8 | Monthly Dine-Out

Travel to Greece with us at **Vaso’s Kitchen** in north Old Town! Enjoy delicious Greek cuisine at this neighborhood favorite. Meet at church at 7 PM to carpool or meet at the restaurant at 7:15.

Thursday, May 18: Supper and Softball

Join Flying Solo in the cheering section as we watch Westminster’s Softball Team play another church in the Alexandria Church Softball League. Our team has been league champions for two years in a row. Go Team!!

6:00 PM – Carpool from church

6:15 PM – Enjoy supper at Pork Barrel BBQ, 2312 Mt. Vernon Ave in Del Ray

7:45 PM – Cheer on our team at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Ave

Rain plan: Supper at Pork Barrel followed by frozen treats at Dairy Godmother!

Tuesday, May 23 | Monthly Potluck | 7 PM in the Johnson Parlor

Help out at our monthly service project by making sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program then stay for a simple potluck supper. Please bring a dish to share.

Monday, April 17 | Book Group

It’s time to start reading our next book, *Aquinas for Armchair Theologians* by Timothy M. Renick. This book has been described as clear, concise and witty with an accessible text and fun illustrations. Learn all about this important early Christian thinker and his views on a wide variety of subjects from God and angels to sex, war and politics! Discussion at 7 PM in the Johnson Parlor.

Sunday, May 28 | Lemonade and Lunch

Flying Solo hosts Lemonade on the Lawn for the congregation on the first official Sunday of summer, then will go out to Lunch at Junction Bakery & Bistro in Del Ray (1508 Mt. Vernon Ave). Join us for a time of service and fellowship. Worship at 10:00 AM; Lemonade at 11:00 AM; Lunch at 12:00 PM.

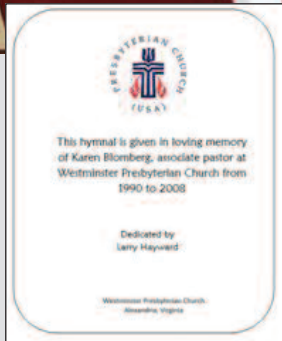
Monday, July 31 | Book Group

Time to start our next book! During the next two summers we will read and discuss “*Friedman’s Fables*” by Rabbi Edwin H. Friedman. This year we will read the first half of the fables (p. 1-94) and then do the rest next summer. Rabbi Friedman uses his unique insights and humor to create fables which help us better understand ourselves and others. Learn how new ideas and imagination can help us overcome barriers in ourselves and in our relationships.

Save the Date!

Flying Solo’s annual Fall Retreat will be on Columbus Day weekend, October 6–8, 2017, at Hallowood Retreat Center with Patrick Hunnicutt as our leader! Nestled at the foot of Sugarloaf Mountain in rural Maryland, Hallowood offers an ideal location to get away with church friends for a weekend of reflection, discussion, worship, and fellowship.

New Hymnal Dedication



As we announced in October, Westminster is adopting the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. The hymnals are here, and we will begin using them in worship on Sunday, June 11! We are now offering you the opportunity to donate a hymnal with a special dedication. Each hymnal is \$20, and dedications can be made in honor or in memory of a person or group. If you would like to donate, there will be tables set up during fellowship after both services starting on April 30. Payment can be made by cash (*exact change only*) or check made out to WPC with "hymnal donation" in the memo line. For more information, contact Rob Winn at worship@wpc-alex.org.

Men of Westminster

www.wpc-alex.org/menofw

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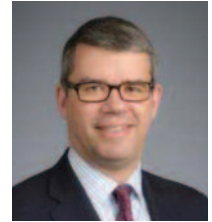


Men's Breakfast

Friday, May 12, 7-8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Future of Network Neutrality Rules Under the New Administration with David Hoover

Meet for Breakfast In a 2-1 decision last summer, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Federal Communications Commission's 2015 Open Internet Order, which reclassified broadband internet access service as a telecommunications service, subject to common carrier regulations. The FCC also imposed three "bright-line" rules for internet traffic: no blocking, no throttling, and no paid prioritization. Several months into the new Administration, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai has begun discussing his net neutrality plan with industry representatives. David will deliver a presentation on how the Open Internet Order rules may change and the implications for both internet Service Providers and consumers.



Mr. Hoover is Vice President of Legislative Affairs at NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association. He oversees federal legislative strategy on behalf of the association's 850 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. David has nearly 20 years of experience working in Washington, conducting research and analyzing federal policies, as well as building relationships with Members of Congress, federal agencies, and public interest groups in support of advocacy efforts.

Prior to joining NTCA, Hoover was Director of Government Affairs at CTIA—The Wireless Association, where he lobbied on a variety of issues including spectrum, taxes, telehealth, and universal service. He also served as policy director for the trade group. Previously, David was Director of Research at the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA). Earlier in his career, he covered the telecom and media industries as an analyst with the Precursor Group, Legg Mason, and the Schwab Washington Research Group.

David Hoover earned a Master of Arts in Telecommunications from Michigan State University's College of Communications Arts & Sciences and a Bachelor of Science from Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism. David and his wife Elizabeth are members of Westminster and reside in Alexandria.



On March 26, we commissioned Charlotte Carey, Michaela McCormack, and Helena Shaw as Deacon Youth Ambassadors. Each of them is partnering with a Deacon—Meredith Taylor, Nancy Todd, and Anne Ledyard—whom they will join in their Sunday duties. We appreciate their service!



THANK YOU!

Thank you Larry, Eileen and a deacon for your visits during my recent hospitalization for a total knee replacement. I am also grateful for the loan of useful home health equipment from the church.

-Sandy Calhoun



Some smiling faces on Easter morning!



Children and Family Ministry

www.wpc-alex.org/families

Patty Chamberlain, Director of Children's Ministry |

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Molly Roden, Interim Director of Children's Music | mroden@wpc-alex.org

Information Session for Parents of Rising Kindergartners | Sunday, May 21 | 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: *Malice in the Palace* | Mornings, June 26–30

All children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to join us in our wonderful and unique week-long music camp experience! Children deepen their relationships with God and one another as they prepare a musical. This year, we'll be performing *Malice in the Palace*, a musical that tells the story of Esther. Join us for a week of art, music, worship, and games. Schedule and registration at <http://wpc-alex.org/mm-week-2017/>

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

www.wpc-alex.org/presbywomen

Nancy Hall Berens | nhallberens@wpc-alex.org

Moderator, Bea Hurt and Vice Moderator, Janet Harris | PW@wpc-alex.org

Connecting with women here at Westminster

Pillow Ministry | Wednesday, May 3 | 9:30 AM in Haverkamp Room
Sew and/or stuff animals and pillows to give to children and heart patients at Alexandria Hospital.

Shanghai | Monday, May 15 | 7:15 – 9 PM in Haverkamp Room
Shanghai has moved to third Mondays! Any woman who loves playing cards, friendly competition, and fellowship is invited to attend.



Book Groups led by Clara Beth Van de Water | 11 AM and 7:30 PM in Johnson Parlor

Monday, May 22 | *Priceless: How I Went*

Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures

by Robert K. Wittman. The founder of the FBI's Art

Crime Team tells stories of recovering priceless art and antiquities.

Spring Gathering | Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 PM in the Haverkamp Room

Join us for a panel discussion with representatives from Alexandria City Public Schools, Child & Family Network Centers, and Blessings in a Backpack Program. Learn how hunger affects student performance in school and what we can do to alleviate childhood hunger right here in our own city. "Entry Fee": please bring an item to donate to the Blessings in a Backpack Program (single-serve food items). Details online.

Opportunity for outreach to others

We are collecting the annual Presbyterian Women's "Birthday Offering" in Circles this spring. The offering will support three projects this year: Navajo Water Project in New Mexico, Family Justice Center in South Carolina, and First Hand Aid in Cuba. Deadline to contribute is June 1.

Connecting with Presbyterian Women (PW) on the presbytery and synod level

Summer Gathering of PW of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic | June 15-18
www.pwsynodmidatlantic.org

Spend one, two or three days in workshops and worship in the beautiful setting of Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA. Workshop topics range from Bible study to racism, human trafficking, intergenerational dialogue, and children in crisis, to yoga, quilting, and so much more! This is a wonderful time to refresh, grow in faith, connect with other women, and to get a sneak peek at the new Bible Study for next year. Scholarship assistance is available to help you attend. FYI - One of our members is looking for a roommate. Contact Nancy Hall Berens to find out more!



We're so happy to have four pastors! We give thanks for a new pastor (welcome, Whitney!) and the return of another (welcome back, Patrick!). We also give thanks for Larry and Casey, who have shepherded us through the past few months.

Membership Directory & Calendar Information

WPC members: did you know that you have online access to our church directory and calendar? You can access the directory and calendar two ways:

1. Visit wpc-alex.org and click on LOGIN in the top menu
2. Download the ChurchLife App (iOS or Android):

<http://www.acstechnologies.com/church-life-app>

If you've never signed in before, you do need to visit through a web browser first and complete the "Need a Login" process. Questions? Contact Jessica Thurnes.

The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is looking for a few good members to serve as Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and on the Nominating Committee of our church. We seek men and women of strong faith and conviction, joyful hearts, initiative, spiritual maturity, loving concern for others, and who are willing to take an active, informed leadership role in the life of our church. Members can recommend other members (or themselves) by filling out the form at wpc-alex.org/boards or contacting Bill Keeth, Chair of the Nominating Committee, at nominating@wpc-alex.org. Submit your suggestions by May 26.

Westminster Roadsters (Boomers and Beyond)



www.wpc-alex.org/roadsters
Patty Chamberlain, Director |
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Register for events with Jessica Thurnes
jthurnes@wpc-alex.org

Monday, May 15: We will venture to the **Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America**. We will take a guided tour of the Monastery and then walk around the gardens. Lunch will be after. Cost \$2 plus lunch. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 AM.

Thursday, June 1: LTA's Red, White and Tuna. LTA returns to the third smallest town in Texas to celebrate Red, White, and Tuna! Welcome to Tuna, where the Lion's Club is too liberal, Patsy Cline never dies, and the residents never stop listening to OKKK, the local radio station. In this hilarious third installment of LTA's 2009 production of Greater Tuna, two actors again create the memorable population of Tuna, including a few hippies who have returned to their roots for their high school reunion. Show starts at 8:00 PM; arrive between 7:30–7:45 to receive your ticket.

Monday, June 19: Lunch at Northside 10. Join us for lunch at one of Alexandria's newest restaurants. Cost: \$2 plus lunch. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:15 AM. (*Note this is a change from the previous Chronicle.*)

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Focus on Missions

For more information, contact Associate Pastor Patrick Hunnicutt at phunnicutt@wpc-alex.org.



StepALIVE Walkathon | Sunday, May 7, 2-5 PM

Help finance quality preschool education for low-income working families. Take a 5k or 5-mile walk through Old Town, followed by a picnic and music. Register and see more details at www.alive-inc.org.

ALIVE! Furniture Program | Saturday, May 20

Once a year, Westminster provides a team to pick up donated furniture items from Alexandria residents and deliver these items to families in need. Timeframe is 8AM – lunchtime. Sign up with Lou Anderson at lastsat@wpc-alex.org.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteers needed to drive and deliver meals on May 16. Time commitment approx. one and a half hours. Contact localmission@wpc-alex.org to sign up!