

**WANT/ NEED INFO?  
 (...OR MAYBE JUST CURIOUS?)**

- Been coming to worship for a while, or perhaps thinking about joining this church?
- Wonder what makes Presbyterians different than Baptists or Methodists or Lutherans or Catholics (or anybody else)?
- Unsure of what opportunities and programs there are for your family, for your children, or for yourself?
- Don't know what's involved in becoming a member of the church, or what's expected if you do?



Then you should come to the  
**“Inquirer’s Class” beginning Sunday,  
 May 4<sup>th</sup>**

We really should call it *“The class for those who want to join the church, or are thinking about joining, or just have some questions they’d like answered,”* but that’s too hard to say. It is for those who are ready to join this congregation – but it is also for those who simply want more information. The class will meet for three Sundays (the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>) during the Sunday school hour.

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INQUIRER’S CLASS – May. 4/11/18, 2007

Sign us up! We plan to attend.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*Messenger*

*April 27, 2008*



*(Please see the pew insert for information about this service and congregation!)*

**This Week in the Life of Our Church**

<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am Confirmation Field Trip	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>
	9:15 am Sunday school		9:30 am Lydia Circle
	10:30 am Worship		12:00 pm Just for Today
	6:00 pm Girl Scouts		7:00 pm Scrapbooking and Beyond
<b>Monday</b>			7:00 pm Cub Scouts
	7:30 pm Barnabus		7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee Mtg.
	7:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>			6:30 am Men’s Study
	7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal		6:30 pm Girl Scouts
	7:30 pm Joint Board Mtg.	<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	-----		7:30 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast
			6:00 pm Progressive Dinner

**Church office hours are 9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday -Friday.**

To contact the church office:

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[fpc.assist@verizon.net](mailto:fpc.assist@verizon.net)

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Or visit us on the web:

[www.fpcwestminstermd.org](http://www.fpcwestminstermd.org)

**NEW:** Check out our church calendar online. Simply go to the church website and follow the calendar link. Enter the password “happyday” to view all events.



## *Our Prayer family*

If you would like this information emailed to you, please click on the link below or send a request to [fpc.debbie@verizon.net](mailto:fpc.debbie@verizon.net)

### ***Recent Prayer Concerns:***

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### ***Birthdays and Anniversaries:***

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## ***Announcements***

### **Diabetes Fundraiser**

The V. family would like to invite you to participate with them in the Annual Juvenile Diabetes "Walk for the Cure" Fundraiser (**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**) by donating to **Adam's Team**. You can send their family a tax-deductible contribution in any amount, made payable to JDRF (3727 Turkeyfoot Road, 21158). Or, you can easily contribute online. Please click on the link for more information about donating or joining them for the walk:  
<http://walk.jdrf.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=extranet.personalpage&confirmID=86885239>

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

The Men's Breakfast fellowship will be meeting on **Saturday, May 3, 2008 at 7:30 am** at our usual haunt, The Bistro at Carroll Lutheran Village. Come and partake from good food (and cheap!), priceless fellowship, and an interesting talk by Tom W. If you'll be attending, give Mark McC or Tom J a buzz. Hope to see you there!

### **Clean-Up and Donate to The Shepherd's Staff!**

The Shepherd's Staff welcomes your donations for its outdoor Flea Market on May 31. Donations may be dropped off at 30 Carroll St, Westminster on May 27 & 28 10am-4pm or May 29 10am-7pm. For information call 410-857-5944. *Shop at our parking lot filled with treasures at bargain prices on **May 31 from 9am-3pm*** (rain date June 7<sup>th</sup>).

### **Scrapbooking and Beyond**

Grab your unfinished projects and come to Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the **first Thursday of each month** for fun and fellowship as you knit, quilt, paint and work on crafts and scrapbooking activities.

### **Circle of Joy**

The Circle of Joy will meet **Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm**, at the home of Sue A. We will be studying Chapters 11 & 12 in the Study Guide. Please call Sue for directions to her home.

### **Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon**

All women of the church are invited to the Presbyterian Women's annual Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, May 10 at noon** in Fellowship Hall. "You Are My Sunshine" is the theme this year, and we will explore the many ways God shines down his love on us. Invite your daughters, mothers, aunts, cousins and special friends to join us. Please bring a dish to share. There will be a sign up sheet on the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in the hallway.

Christian Education Director to lead and oversee the Christian Education program. Average weekly commitment of 10-16 hours. This is a paid position. Place resumes in Marc A's mail box. Thanks.

### **Per Capita**

The amount of the **Per Capita for 2008 is \$30 for each confirmed member** (*not per family*) of the church. Our church will be assessed \$10,980 based on our membership of 366 for 2006. The church must pay the full amount regardless. Currently, we have received \$4,110. Please try to pay your Per Capita as soon as possible. As in the past, we thank you for your continued support of the missions of this congregation and the Presbyterian Church.

### **Mission Trip**

The *Hurricane Katrina* relief mission trip to Mississippi is drawing near. This is an incredible way to influence a depressed area, both physically and spiritually. Currently we have 7 people heading down to work at *Camp Pearlinton*. For those interested in what the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* has been doing for the 2005 Hurricane, this website describes the influence we have in the Gulf region:

<http://www.pcusa.org/katrina/volunteer/index-villages.htm>

Support: Judging from our effort last year, our team spent about \$5,200. With that money, we had a significant impact on the house we worked on. I am hoping to take a similar amount this time. We would need to raise about \$3,500 more. Many businesses have left the area, leaving behind a struggling economy. The money we take with us also helps build the local economy by purchasing materials at the local depots and hardware stores.

***If you are interested in working at the camp, either in construction or food preparation, during the week of May 4<sup>th</sup> please call Georg C.***

### **Carroll County Food Sunday**

“I never thought I’d be coming here.” We hear some version of this statement with almost every new client, and we try to assure him or her that Food Sunday exists for situations just like theirs. How many steps away from needing help are you? What would it take? A lost job? A debilitating illness? A divorce? A severe car accident? A house fire? Life offers no promises, and security is often an illusion. This is our time to be helping others, but it may not always be so. When you put food in the food bin, you may be helping someone more like yourself than you know. Thank you for being there in their time of need.

**\*\*\*A special note: Through March and April, the Feinstein Foundation will match all food and monetary donations with a cash donation. One pound of food equals a \$1.00 donation.**

