Lent begins with our Ash Wednesday on March 2, at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Our theme this year for Lent is walking.

An online devotional titled *Making the Road: Walking through Lent* will go out via our email blasts. We’ll also have printed copies available for pick up on Sundays.

Each Sunday in Lent will have a walking theme with a brief reflection on the theme by church members and friends during each Sunday service. Here’s the schedule:

March 6—Walking through Lent  
March 13—Walking in the Wilderness  
March 20—Walking in Prayer  
March 27—Walking with Others  
April 3—Walking in Hope  
April 10—Walking through Holy Week

Indeed, as our Lenten devotional says, “Walker, there is no road, the road is made by walking.” The past two years of worldwide pandemic, social unrest and now war in Ukraine has left us all disoriented and feeling a bit lost. The road forward is the road we must forge with courage and determination. The Christian season of Lent reminds us that we do not walk that road alone. We journey together. And we know that Jesus walks with us.

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March Scripture Readings & Sermon Titles

March 6
1st Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Lent! Here it is again
Rev. Rola Al Ashkar preaching

March 13
2nd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 27
The Kingdom in Hard Times
Rev. Garry Cox preaching

March 20
3rd Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Why Do You Spend Your Money for that Which is not Bread?
Rev. Rola Al Ashkar preaching

March 27
4th Sunday in Lent
Corinthians 5:16-21
The Rebellious Father
Rev. Wes Nordman preaching

March At A Glance

Mar. 2 - Ash Wednesday
6pm service

Mar. 3 - Hannah Circle

Mar. 6 - Communion
- Adult Ed. (1st Class)
- Concert Fundraiser
- FIG
- Esther/Ruth Circle

Mar. 7 - Body Reflections

Mar. 13 - Equal Exchange

Mar. 20 - Talent Show

Mar. 21 - Mary/Martha Circle

Mar. 28 - Elica Health Unit

Music at Noon

Mar. 2 - Cellist Jia-mo Chen;
Pianist John Cozza

Mar. 9 - Jazz Guitarist Doug Pauly;
& The Cover Girls

Mar. 16 - Captial City Cellos (C3)

Mar. 23 - Annamarie Arai, violin;
Agnieszka Pezsko, violin;
Elizabeth Arai, piano
Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022 at 6pm

In shifts throughout the day, Deacons will be in the front of the church to impose “Ashes to Go” for those who cannot make it in the evening.

Join us as we begin Lent at our Ash Wednesday service on March 2, 2022, at 6 pm. This service will include the imposition of ashes.

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Circle Meetings

All women in the church are invited to join a Circle for Bible study, fellowship, and fun. Please call the office at 916-442-8939 for more information.

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International Women's Day 2022 Concert Fundraiser
Sunday March 6 at 2 pm in the Sanctuary

Join Solmaaz Adeli, Lee Hoffman, and duo Aden & Andrew Barbuta in the Sanctuary at 2 pm on March 6 for an afternoon of music and conversation. All music selections will be from international women composers. Your donations will go to Women’s Empowerment – a WPC mission – and the musicians. See you there!
Adult Education Class
March 6, 2022
10 am in the Club Room

“Treasure in the Ordinary: A 2-Part Conversation with Revs. Scott and Elmarie Parker” + Conversations About Unconscious Bias

March 6: Rev. Elmarie Parker (PCUSA Regional Liaison to Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon) will share street art and stories to reveal the current challenges facing Lebanon. In addition, she will share the current work of PCUSA partners who are addressing these challenges with hope and discuss the current work of World Mission’s Middle East/Europe Office.

March 13: Rev. Scott Parker, Associate for Ecumenical Partnerships, will share the trauma resiliency skills he and partners from the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) are cultivating with children from Iraq and Syria refugees in Lebanon. Scott will also introduce a special guest, Rocko the Puppet, who accompanies him and his colleagues in MECC’s “Strong Kids, Strong Emotions” program.

March 20, 27, and Apr 3: discussion of Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do by Jennifer L. Eberhardt. This book is available new, used, and from the public library. You do not need to read the book to enjoy the discussion, but it is encouraged.

Remember Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022
Set your clocks forward one hour!
Why We Support Equal Exchange

Equal Exchange founded the U.S. fair trade coffee movement in 1986 and continues to be a 100% fair trade food company. Their goals are to (1) build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound, (2) foster mutually beneficial relationships between small, rural farmer cooperatives and consumers, and (3) demonstrate the contribution of worker cooperatives and fair trade to a more equitable and sustainable world. By purchasing Equal Exchange coffee and other items, we are helping to guarantee a fair minimum price that both provides a stable source of income and improves social services to rural communities in Third World Countries. Please join Maryann and me at our next monthly sale of delicious fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil on Sunday, March 13, after both services. Prices remain only slightly above wholesale. Thank you all for your continued support of this important ministry! ~ Lynne Stevenson

Children’s Corner

During Sunday School, the children learned about the importance of forgiveness and to not judge others through Luke 6:27-38. That same important lesson is found in their favorite book, Enemy Pie. In Enemy Pie, after his son tells him about his neighborhood enemy, a father whips out a top secret recipe: enemy pie! Promising it will get rid of his enemy, Jeremy Ross, the son must do one thing for the magical powers of "enemy pie" to work: the little boy must spend an entire day with his enemy. And be nice to him. The children mirrored this hard lesson by making their own enemy pie so that they could learn to forgive and love their enemies too!
Looking for Performers

We need performers in any of these areas for our upcoming talent show on Sunday, March 20, 2022: magicians, instrumentalists, skits, jokes, vocalists, or any other entertainment suitable for the show. Donations for raffle baskets are welcome!

If interested, please contact Betsy at youth@westminsac.org.

Parents’ Night Out
April 22, 2022 6:00 pm-8:30 pm

We will have some fun while parents have a date night, run some errands, or just take a nap. Join us at church for dinner, fun crafts and activities including a movie night!

RSVP to youth@westminsac.org

Yay for Youth! (Grades 6-12)

Mark Your Calendars!

On Friday, April 1, 2022 from 7 pm to 11 pm Westminster will host Ridiculousness 2022, a gathering of Presbyterian youth from churches across Northern California for pizza, games, a movie, fellowship and a game of ODBAL in the Social Hall.

Hope to see you there!
Thank You Note

Thank you to our Westminster family for making our 50th anniversary celebration so special. To Pastor Wes for his recognition, to Brad for the organ fanfare, to the Deacons for serving the cake, to Ted for making sure we'll have family photos to mark the occasion, AND for all the warm wishes, cards and prayers. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for being members of such a loving, supportive community of faith not just on special occasions...but every day!

Thanks Westminster!

from,
Stew & Jeanie McCartney

Getting to Know Your Deacons

Hello everyone, it’s hard to believe that two months of the new year have already passed. On February 20, Westminster installed three new Deacons: Patty Fairbanks, Alice Ginosar, and Gordon Zerkel. Welcome Alice, Gordon and Patty!

We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some updates from our Deacons. Marc Narlesky and Franny Subang are Co-Moderators of the Deacons’ board. Kathryn Maffia is our Secretary and Patty Fairbanks has taken on the role of Treasurer. Other members of the board include, Todd Vlaanderen, Jonathon Miller, Robyn Cox, David Barnitz, Joyce Ruthrauff and Don Ruthrauff, and Sam Stefanki.

Our Deacons are a group of elected members who provide a caring ministry for members of the church such as visits to those who cannot attend church in person; providing short term assistance to members in need; coordination of Coffee Hour and the year end "Giving Tree."

The Deacons look forward to getting to know you and working with you over the next year! Don’t be surprised if you hear from us by telephone and email. More importantly, you may contact anyone of us by telephone or email as we are listed in the church directory.

In the meantime please welcome Alice, Gordon and Patty. We look to them in anticipation of their new ideas and enthusiasm.

Blessings,
from your Board of Deacons
Free Tax Assistance

Did you know that our deadline for filing 2021 tax returns is April 18, 2022?

Under the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program Marc Narlesky is providing free tax preparation for church members who qualify. The Internal Revenue Service’s (IRS’s) VITA program offers free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals.

The VITA program has operated for over 50 years, offering free tax help to:

- People who generally make $57,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities; and
- Limited English-speaking taxpayers
- Those who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns.

Marc has worked at the Franchise Tax Board for over 30 years and would like to use his expertise to “give back.” He has volunteered in the VITA program for the last two years and he is ready to help you with your taxes. For more information contact Marc at 916.204.4759 or narlesky@aol.com.