



MEET THE STAFF

Mary Beth Davis

Mary Beth Davis joined Westminster as director of youth music and handbells 5 years ago, and she is a member of our 180° Youth Ministry Team along with Susan Moseley and Michael Gnade, Jr.

Mary Beth began taking piano lessons in the summer of 4th grade and took voice, piano, guitar, and organ lessons while attending Concord High School. She graduated from West Chester University with a bachelor's degree in music education; while in college, she worked Sunday mornings as the organist for Mt. Salem Methodist Church for 3 years.

Mary Beth was the director of music at Siloam United Methodist Church and Elam United Methodist Church before joining Westminster. When asked what she loves about Westminster, Mary Beth says, "The team. Everyone loves what he/she does. Everyone is driven, creative, and inspired." She is also very excited about the 10:TEN classes for 3rd through 6th graders. "It is a creative approach to Christian Education through music. Everybody's hands are ON! There is a door for everybody to enter; it's about music, faith, and education."

When asked about Mrs. Davis, the children offered these observations:

- "When you are having trouble with what she is teaching, she does not ignore you and go on with the other children. She stops and makes sure you have the hang of it before she moves on."
- "She is really patient with us if we arrive a little late because we were stuffing our mouths with donuts from the Holy Toast Café."

Mary Beth's husband, Glenn, works in information systems at QVC, and they have 4 children: Greg, Kyle, Quintin, and Dana. Mary Beth loves to watch her children play sports and delights in their activities. She also loves reading and hiking Brandywine Creek State Park with Glenn.



Colleen Falasco

Colleen was born and raised just outside Philadelphia in Darby, Pennsylvania. Her background is in accounting and finance, and she has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Widener University. She worked briefly as an auditor for Deloitte and then worked for JP Morgan for 10 years in the audit and private banking areas. Most recently, Colleen has been focused on family life and has a wonderful family, which includes her husband, Marty, and their 2 very busy daughters, Tori (13) and Jessica (10).

Colleen previously worked with Debbie Brown, our church administrator, at JP Morgan and learned about WPC from Debbie. **Colleen joined Westminster as an operations assistant in September 2009 as a part-time employee and works about 25 hours a week.** Her primary job duties and responsibilities include putting together the Sunday worship bulletin each

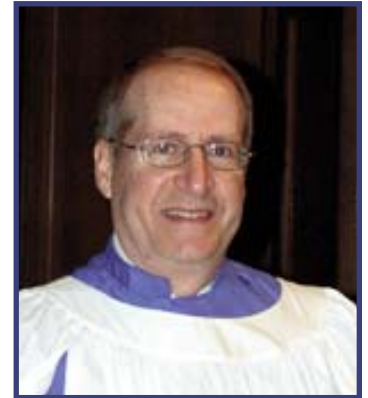


week and working with many of the WPC staff members. She also schedules use of the facility for the WPC staff, church members, and the many outside groups who use our church facilities.

What Colleen likes most about her job are the people, and she says the staff has been patient in teaching her about the Presbyterian worship service (she is Catholic). She recently started taking piano lessons (watch out, Paul!), and in her very limited spare time, she also enjoys reading and making jewelry.

Paul Fleckenstein

Paul Fleckenstein has been the organist and choir director at Westminster for the past 18 years. Paul was born in Los Angeles, California, to a mother who had an ear for music and a father who played the violin. His 3 older brothers proved to be “failed musicians,” but Paul’s mother, who always wanted to pursue music herself, made certain that Paul had an organ by the time he was 9 years old. Paul has been playing in churches since he was 12 years old, when he traveled 40 miles on Sundays to play for 3 different masses and earned \$50 a month.



Paul graduated from the Pacific Conservatory of Music in Stockton, California, majoring in organ performance. His first job while in college was at First Presbyterian Church in Stockton. Following the 11:00 a.m. service, Paul would scramble to get across town to attend mass at 11:15 a.m. (Paul was baptized Catholic and remains so to this day.) Paul spent 9 years in San Francisco before attending Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, from which he graduated with a master’s degree in church music. Paul then worked for a congregational church in Wilton, Connecticut, for 5 years before coming to Westminster.

“It is in liturgical settings that music has changed my life,” says Paul. In addition, the week-to-week commitment of the choir members is very meaningful. “When they sing the music with the passion I have tried to instill in them, it moves me to tears; that is God touching us. It is more than a choir; this is the way we serve God.” Paul maintains the choir is a combination of adult education, (a large) small group, support, family, and community. “I love them.”

WHO RECEIVES EMAIL SENT TO NEWS@WPC.ORG?

For some of you, the faces behind news@wpc.org may be an unsolved mystery. An article or announcement is submitted for the *Weekly Word* or *Chimes*, and it magically appears in the next issue without ever knowing who (or possibly what) made it happen. Pictured here (from left to right) are Westminster’s three recipients of news@wpc.org:

Nikki Thorn	Contract Graphic Designer (Off-site)
Nicole Hughes	Director, Communications & Database Management
Colleen Falasco	Operations Assistant

In the event that one is ill or has unforeseen circumstances, then there are two others that can support the role and make sure items are addressed or forwarded along as appropriate. This is why it is so important to send your communications submissions to news@wpc.org and not to one person directly. Teamwork makes it happen!



New Castle Presbytery Report

The 809th Stated Meeting of New Castle Presbytery was held on a snowy and slippery Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Elders Karen Dietz and Sue Linderman attended as commissioners. Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Sally Cordrey, a commissioned lay pastor and member of Westminster Rehoboth Beach, was installed as moderator of Presbytery during the worship service, succeeding Rev. Barry Gray, who became head of Council. Rev. Tom Stout is vice moderator.
- The Mission Unit reported on our Presbytery partnership in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- The Committee for the Preparation for Ministry reported that Evans McGowan was approved as Certified Ready to be examined to receive a call and given permission to circulate his Personal Information Form.
- The Committee on Ministry welcomed Rev. Kit Schooley back into the Presbytery so he can assume a position as interim pastor, and the committee noted that congregations need to ensure that pastors take their vacation and study leave time to help prevent burnout.
- Amendment 10-A, G-6.0106(b), sent by the 219th General Assembly (2010) to all presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes, was considered. The amendment reads as follows:

Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

Two scheduled speakers spoke in favor of the amendment, and one scheduled speaker spoke in opposition. Those present were given the opportunity to speak, alternating between those favorable and those opposed. In the end, New Castle Presbytery voted by written ballot in favor of the amendment: 79 in favor, 34 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

- Executive Presbyter Jim Moseley gave his "State of the Presbytery" address, focusing on national trends in the PC(USA) – declining membership, reduced financial support, perceived irrelevance of organized religion – and inviting those present to focus their energies on new and creative ways to be the church.



Invite a Friend to Church!

There are innumerable avenues to approach our friends with the invitation, "Come and see!" See the back page for March events that you and a friend won't want to miss!

WESTMINSTER COMMUNICATIONS GOAL: TO REACH BEYOND OUR WALLS

The Westminster Communications Advisory Board, formed in January 2010, has spent the past year focused on enhancing our internal church communications. Some of our efforts have included the following:

- Improving the process of producing the *Westminster Weekly Word* and Sunday worship bulletin announcements,
- Introducing the 'Table Talk' dialogue series on Sunday mornings,
- Facilitating a number of new programs as a result of feedback gained through 'Table Talk,'
- Providing laminated name tags for the congregation – members and visitors alike,
- Producing bookmarks to commemorate our 125th anniversary, and
- Streamlining the editing and production of *The Chimes*.

As we continually seek to improve our internal communications in 2011, we will also turn our attention to reaching those outside the walls of our church. An initial project will engage the *Community News* publications, which reach many in our area. With a combination of advertisements, photos, and editorial items, we will seek to share the experience of being part of Westminster's community of faith with those around us.

Look for Westminster's presence in future issues of the *Community News* and share your reactions with us!

Communications Advisory Board

Karen Dietz
Nicole Hughes
Sue Linderman
Jan Patrick
David Atadan, consultant

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WPC@125: A SIGN of the Times

There has long been debate whether Westminster has adequate signage

WPC@125
WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES

on Pennsylvania Avenue. Ideally, our church's signs should not only identify who we are but also let the general public know what is going on inside our building. Unfortunately, our permanent sign at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Rodney Street is relatively small, totally static, and difficult to see. In addition, the temporary banner-type signs on the lawn on Pennsylvania Avenue are expensive, have a relatively short life span, and are generally regarded to be a distraction to WPC's aesthetic stature.

With these thoughts in mind, a task force composed of members of the Membership & Evangelism and Worship & Music Committees was commissioned in the spring of 2010 to study the church's signage and provide Session with appropriate options for improved or updated signage. Over the course of several months, the task force considered proper size and location, the pros and cons of various types of signs, a multitude of signs designed by other churches, and a variety of construction materials. Guided by the Spirit and with able assistance from Tupp Signs, Inc., the task force presented several options to Session at its October 2010 meeting. These options included an electronic sign, a transparency sign, a transparency sign with plans to retrofit with an electronic sign in the future, or a new static sign with a base that could be retrofit with another type of sign in the future. After a month of prayerful reflection and consideration, in addition to input from the congregation at a Table Talk session in early November, the Session voted unanimously at its November 2010 meeting to support the option of an electronic sign. Once funding has been determined, fabrication and construction details will be developed under the direction of the Property Committee and the results put out for competitive bidding. The currently envisioned design is pictured and is subject to modification.

The proposed sign is approximately 9 feet tall and 9 feet wide, and the graphic shown on the sign is intended to represent an electronic graphic and video display. The base will be a 2-foot thick textured stucco finished concrete block pedestal on a reinforced concrete foundation, with the pedestal extending out of the ground approximately 2 feet. (Several sign design concepts that attempted to replicate some of the church's stone features were eventually dropped due to



Proposed Sign Design and Location

the difficulty in obtaining matching stone materials.) The appearance of the exposed portion of the pedestal will most likely be softened with appropriate landscaping. The sign that sits above will consist of a polyurethane enamel finished aluminum cabinet with its face backed with translucent acrylic material. At night, only the lettering will be lit from internal high-output fluorescent lamps. The top of the sign will also be a polyurethane enamel finished aluminum cabinet construction.

The picture also illustrates approximately where the sign will be placed on the lawn on Pennsylvania Avenue. The task force was advised that this is the most desirable location, in addition to being in compliance with related city building code requirements. The sign will be one-sided only; a two-sided sign would nearly double its cost, and the view from traffic going into the city would be minimal.

Church members wishing to comment on the sign concept or any of its currently proposed details should contact Karen Dietz (302-656-0343; kfdietz@verizon.net). It is the greatest hope of the task force and Session that an electronic sign will effectively enhance Westminster's communication with the community, engaging more of our neighbors in the church's ministries, and continuing our legacy of forward-thinking plans and actions for the ongoing life and ministry of Westminster.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS... WPC@125

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As Westminster embarks on its 125th year of worship, music, activities, education, and mission, it is so important to pause and remember the stories and details that have shaped the community we call our church. We will attempt in the coming months to chronicle the beginnings of the choir, the church school, the Women's Association activities, and the leaders who have come and gone. In the last few months, members have been busy sending us stories and memories that speak to the family atmosphere of the church. These memories are personal and are a tribute to the brand of pastors and leaders we have had over the years. We are publishing all of the memories given to us in the *Westminster Weekly Word* e-newsletter that is distributed via e-mail each Thursday (and as a separate hand-out accompanying the worship bulletin the following Sunday). A few need more space and so will appear here in *The Chimes*. We so appreciate the members who have contributed their memories large and small. They are making our anniversary a shared experience. We encourage anyone to contact us with a memory at any time.

Mary Colbourn and Denison Hatch
125th Anniversary Committee

For your enjoyment, more than 70 years of Westminster, from our members in their own words:

Harry Hoopes: I attended Sunday School, 1930-1931, at age 12, with Mr. Harting, teacher, and Jesse Stillman, Dept. Supervisor. I joined Boy Scout Troop #40 (1934, 1935, and 1936) with Dr. Walter Dew and Dr. Daddow, scoutmasters. Dr. Christie was the pastor at the time, and the bowling alley was quite an attraction. I still have my Sunday School achievement certificate.

Henry Tatnall: I was born into WPC in 1932 and was entered on the "Cradle Roll" on November 10, 1932. I was baptized by Dr. Christie on April 15, 1934. In the 1940s, the WPC Sunday School would meet during the church worship hour and have a short collective worship service, led usually by Miss Elizabeth Grace. After some 15 minutes of collective worship and hymn sing, we would break into classes by age group and, at times, by sexes. Herb McGonigal was my class teacher in the Junior Department during the 1941-1942 school year. By the end of the school year, I had earned my own Bible by knowing by heart Bible verses, the books of the Bible, and Bible stories. Unfortunately, I was sick on the Sunday of the presentations. My Bible was presented to me at home that day by William Jamieson, Sunday School Superintendent.

Sara Geuder: My membership goes back to about 1950, when I was confirmed, probably as an 8th grader. In 3rd grade, we had to memorize the books of the Bible and were rewarded with a King James Bible with our name embossed on the cover. I still have mine. During the Sunday School hour, the classes would all meet in the center of Grace Hall and we would have an abbreviated worship service and learned how to behave through the different parts of the service. Everyone had their Sunday School envelopes to be put into the offering plate. As I recall, I had to put a nickel from my allowance into the envelope each week. That was probably tithing! I looked forward to youth fellowship on Sunday evenings. As is now, the children were from different schools in the area, and that was a good educational experience in itself. We occasionally played hide and seek, exploring the attic, the bell tower, and other out-of-the-

way nooks and crannies. There were lively volleyball games in what is now the adult music room. Dick and I were not active members until our son, Bobby, got such joy out of going to "Cundy Cool," in the cribbery with Mrs. Costin. When he was in grade school, the children were presenting the Christmas Pageant in the old chapel. He and David Hodges were shepherds, or maybe sheep, in a "barn" with real hay. At one point I was distracted by the rustling of hay and looked to see Bob and David wrestling near the manger... probably not in the script.

Margaret Hodges: My parents, Velma and Sanford Hill, were members of WPC before I was born. I was baptized as an infant in June 1934. I progressed through the Sunday School, was confirmed in 1946, and continued my membership through high school and college. Jim and I were married at Westminster on December 1, 1956, and he joined the church as well. While I was in high school, the church called a young man to be the first assistant pastor. His name was Calvin Leonard. He was right out of seminary and very enthusiastic. He organized the first Christmas Eve service to be held at Westminster as far as I know. I was thrilled to be a part of it. He asked a number of us youth to process in the beginning, carrying lighted candles that we placed in holders at the ends of the pews for the duration of the service. This lovely service became a tradition that still continues.

Jim Hodges: I was baptized in the Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan, and confirmed in Ortega, Florida, in 1946. As a Presbyterian in Shawnee-on-the-Delaware, I was

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put in the choir and loved singing. When I was in the U.S. Army and visited my cousin in Wilmington, it was singing that brought us together, and I am very happy that the void in my life that existed before 1946 has been filled to overflowing

with children, grandchildren, baptisms, marriages, and a faith through times and circumstances hardly imaginable. I have built surfboards and kayaks and owned a rowboat, taking our children across the Delaware River and back, even

in winter. One of my memories is taking the boat to a pond in Pennsylvania and having Reverend Mathias invite people after people into it, until it was near swamping, grinning the whole time at my concerns of impending capsizing!

Seeing With New Eyes: A Travel Seminar to Costa Rica

In January, it was my privilege to spend 2 weeks in Costa Rica studying ethnic biblical interpretation. What a powerful experience! The class explored different ethnicities and their respective histories within the United States context. We focused on the unique interpretive lens through which each ethnicity engages in Bible study. The ethnicities were Anglo-American, African American, Asian American, Feminist, Womanist, Muharista, Hispanic, and Latino/Latina.



I was amazed at the powerful influence of the historical, critical method of Eurocentric academia on my own approach to biblical studies. Recognizing this method as only *one* alongside many methods was a profoundly liberating insight. What I am beginning to understand more fully is that the sacred meaning of the text is discerned within a given community for that particular community. That is, the biblical message is always interpreted through the multilayered ethnic and cultural lens of the individual or community that approaches the text. The text too, with its stories of human-divine interaction, reinterprets the context in which it is engaged. Thus, as we do Bible study together, we are creating a theology about ourselves, our church, and the world.

If there is one word that captures the many issues related to race, ethnicity, culture, and belonging, it would be *power*. Ethnicities across the globe and throughout history are identified in myriad ways, but ethnicity is almost always defined as the physical/social/cultural/spiritual character of a people as separate from the group with the power. All the ethnic groups that we studied, except for Anglo, which is

dominant in the United States, read the biblical text through the lens of their oppression or struggle. Thus, the common thread in ethnic biblical interpretation is the hermeneutic of liberation from oppression and hope in the midst of struggle.

The course ended with a presentation and discussion about the characteristics of a genuine *Christian* ethnicity. People who trust the transforming love of God as demonstrated in the person of Jesus *become* the message of love and hope in a hurting world. A Christian ethnicity does not dilute or destroy one's ethnic heritage; in fact, it raises the value of our differences above conflict to celebration. We delight in the rich expressions of our ethnicities, we honor each other's history, and we join together in the shared, sacred, and safe space of Christ's holy communion.

Thank you again for all the Westminster family has done to make these studies possible for me as I pursue the Doctor of Educational Ministries degree at Columbia Theological Seminary. Vaya Con Dios!

In Christ's peace,
Susan Moseley



See the blog at dedmintravelcohort2.blogspot.com

Annual Meeting Finds a New Venue

There was something different about this year's annual meeting. It must have been the balloons!

Westminster's 2011 annual meeting took place on Sunday, January 30, in Community Hall. More than 200 members gathered as music played and a slide show of 2010 church life photos was displayed on the wall screen.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. Greg Jones. Following some procedural items, Nominating Committee Convener Dick Haden presented the proposed slates for elders, deacons, and trustees. With no additional nominations from the floor, each slate was unanimously elected. Congregational at-large members of the 2012 Nominating Committee were also elected.

Treasurer and Chair of the Joint Finance Committee Clark Collins presented the financial report, the details of which are contained in the Financial Supplement, available at www.wpc.org/communciations and as hard copy on the literature tables. Highlights of his report included the following:

- A 2010 budget surplus of nearly \$58,000, due largely to spending reduced by \$45,000 from the budgeted amounts and greater than anticipated contributions received in December.

- A balanced budget for 2011 that assumes spending this year will be the same as in 2010 and that our stewardship pledge goal will be met. At present, the 2010 surplus will be retained to help ensure that any gap between 2011 income and expenses can be covered and any deficit avoided.

- A presentation on the role of the Westminster endowment in supporting our annual operating budget and the effect of investment performance in the calculation of the amount we draw. The amount available for 2011 operating expenses is \$100,000 less than that available in 2008. With pledged income basically flat over this period, this has required significant spending reductions.

- Thoughts on what Westminster might do if we had more funds available to increase our spending – call a third pastor, increase our mission outreach, and care for our aging building.

Questions from the floor focused on support of youth programs and mission trips, as well as understanding what increase in member pledges would be needed to call a third pastor.

Personnel Committee Chair Fred Lobst reported that the 2011 budget includes no salary increases for our lay staff. He presented the Terms of Call (salary and benefits) for pastors



Greg Jones and Anne Ledbetter, which were also held to the same level as 2010. Following a series of questions and discussion from the floor, the Terms of Call were approved.

Clerk of Session Jan Patrick presented the Session report, which focused on the work done in 2010 to develop a vision statement and guiding principles for Westminster. She then framed a series of questions for discussion by those seated at each table, designed to elicit members' thoughts and dreams about the future of our church.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m. and followed immediately by a wonderful chili lunch that had been prepared by the deacons.

All in all, we shared a most productive annual meeting, a delicious lunch, and great fellowship. Thanks be to God for the presence of Westminster in our lives.

See all of the annual meeting photos on our website: <http://www.wpc.org/calendar-news/>



Deacons and Carters working behind the kitchen doors.

Westminster's March and April Mission Emphasis is THE ENVIRONMENT

Earth Care Pledge

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The Joint Mission Committee is leading Westminster in becoming a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation. With the approval of Session, we will take the Earth Care Pledge, responding to our General Assembly's study paper "Call to Restore the Creation."

The Earth Care Pledge affirms the following:

Peace and justice is God's plan for all creation. The earth and all creation are God's. God calls us to be careful, humble stewards of this earth, and to protect and restore it for its own sake, and for the future use and enjoyment of the human family. As God offers all people this special gift of peace through Jesus Christ, and through Christ reconciles all to God, we are called to deal justly with one another and the earth.

Earth Care Congregations work to fulfill the pledge by focusing on four areas: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. In 2010, Westminster took significant earth-friendly steps in all these areas and thus qualifies to become an Earth Care Congregation. However, the pledge is not a one-time commitment, but an ongoing part of a church's mission. Earth Care Congregations must demonstrate continual progress in caring for the earth in the four delineated parts of church life.

As we celebrate Westminster's 125th year and seek God's guidance for our future, we will continue to respond to the Creator's call to care for the earth. If you are interested in helping us decrease Westminster's carbon footprint, please contact Sue Weissinger (302-652-5910; dulcy@aol.com) or Steve Tindall (302-559-5196; stindall2@msn.com).



Laminated Name Tags Are Still Available!

The Communications Advisory Board has been offering laminated name tags to everyone in the congregation since December, and nearly 300 members already have one! For a modest \$2 fee, you can help reduce the paper waste associated with weekly name tags and you'll have your choice of a pin or a magnetic backing. Please contact Karen Dietz (kfdietz@verizon.net; 302-656-0343) or Sue Linderman (srlinder@dca.net; 302-239-7650) if you would like to request a name tag.



Stephen Ministry PROVIDING SPIRITUAL CARE

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At their monthly meetings, Stephen Ministers receive continuing education. They participate in this training because their ministry is Christ centered, meaning there is a constant focus on care receivers' needs in Jesus' name.



Recently, Stephen Ministers had a training session on "Providing Spiritual Care." They looked at their own spiritual status so they could think about the "God-sized" needs of care receivers. These needs cover most existential concerns such as "who am I?" or "who should I be?" - self-esteem, loneliness, aging, dissatisfaction, broken relationships, regrets, purpose, and others.

Your Stephen Minister is ready to listen, reflect, and support you prayerfully and in complete confidence.

If you would like a Stephen Minister to "come alongside," please call Dr. Anne Ledbetter (302-654-5214).

2011 Habitat for Humanity 'Bike to Build!'

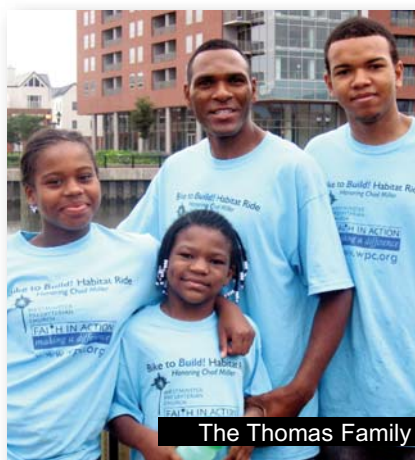
Access your calendar right now, whether paper or electronic, and mark June 11, 2011, for this year's 'Bike to Build!'

Were you part of the wonderful 'Bike to Build!' event last year?

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June 12, 2010, was a memorable day indeed as hundreds of riders gathered in Tubman-Garrett Park for the third annual 'Bike to Build!' event to benefit Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County. More than \$135,000 was raised at the event, enough to build a new home for Darin Thomas and his family, in memory of the Reverend Chad Miller.

This year, on June 11, Habitat's goal is to raise \$250,000 - enough to build TWO homes in its new Mill Stone Community! These houses will be dedicated to Chad and his brother, Chris, who died in a tragic kayaking accident in 2009. The prospective homeowners have been identified and will be working alongside us as we participate in the construction of these homes.



The Thomas Family

Westminster teams of riders, both those who get on a bicycle and those who ride "in spirit," are forming now. Look for more information on how you can participate in this wonderful event and help provide a lasting tribute to two brothers who epitomized the spirit of helping others.



2010 Bike to Build! Westminster Participants



Families Who Will Occupy the Homes Built as a Result of 2011 'Bike to Build!'

Ms. Robin Baker

Robin is a single mother of a child and lives in a small 2-bedroom apartment. The heater, which is often on the fritz, is old and makes a lot of noise when it does work. Robin would like a home where she can raise her family and not constantly move from apartment to apartment. After learning she was selected to partner with Habitat, she was so happy that she could have something to call her own. Robin is looking forward to working with volunteers to construct her new home. "It's great that the volunteers are willing to help me accomplish my goals. I am happy to work with them and looking forward to building a relationship with them."

Ms. Tamekia Mathias

Tamekia and her four children, Tamia (11), Tamera (8), Braheem (2), and Haleem (3 months), currently live in a drafty 3-bedroom home infested with pests. After rain or snow, the ceiling leaks in 2 of the 3 bedrooms and paint is peeling off the walls. Tamekia was referred to Habitat by a friend of hers who thought she might be a good fit. Tamekia looks forward to the day where she can own her own home and her children will have their own rooms, serving as a positive role model for her children and working hard building her home. "Thank you so much for giving my family this wonderful opportunity to become a homeowner," said Tamekia.



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For the April 2011 Issue
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INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH!

Some congregations sponsor one Sunday each year when they urge their members to "Invite a Friend to Church." In fact, we once did that at Westminster. However, we now recognize innumerable avenues to approach our friends with the invitation, "Come and see!" Here are just a few examples for the month of March:

- Join me for our women's book group on Thursday, March 3!
- Come and experience worship led by our youth on March 6.
- Join me at our Ash Wednesday service and soup supper on March 9.
- Our senior pastor Dr. Jones is teaching a class on Jesus' parables. Would you like to attend with me?
- We have a Lent Event this Sunday (March 13). Join me and we'll walk a prayer labyrinth.
- It's Friday night at the movies! Won't you come with me to church? Come see *Dirt! The Movie* on March 18 and *Ingredients* on April 15, both at 7:00 p.m.