

# Westover View

Westover Hills Presbyterian Church  
December 2019



## Westover Has a New Administrative Assistant

We welcome our new administrative assistant, Damaris Gregorio Richardson! Damaris was born in Guatemala and raised in beautiful Belize. After 16 years of living in Belize, she and her husband moved to Texas, and San Antonio was their home for the next 10 years. Four months ago, she moved with her husband Joel and daughter Autumn to Little Rock. They are excited now to live in Arkansas. Damaris would like to say "thank you" to all our wonderful volunteers who have done an amazing job at serving Pastor Kris and the church while the church was without an assistant. Again welcome, Damaris!



## Office Hours

Damaris will work from 9am-1pm Monday through Friday. Her email is [office.westoverhills@gmail.com](mailto:office.westoverhills@gmail.com).

Kris will be with us each Sunday and will keep regular office hours (9:30 – 5:30 Monday through Wednesday each week). She is eager to attend any and all evening meetings and church events. She maintains an open-door policy and welcomes a visit! Please give her a call to set a time. Kris can be reached at [kris.westoverhills@gmail.com](mailto:kris.westoverhills@gmail.com)

## Thank You, Office Volunteers!

As we welcome Damaris Richardson into the WHPC administrative assistant position, we have the perfect opportunity to thank Westover volunteers who have assumed some of the office functions for the past eight months. A big thank you to Adrienne Kulousek, Janice Mitchell, Carolyn Nash, Roy Nash, Deanine Rogers, and Laura Whitmore. Liz Branch coordinated the group. Charlie Frith, along with pastoral intern Jill Acree, produced the newsletters during these months.

**It's Stewardship Season!**



Members and friends of Westover Hills should have received a pledge card in the mail. Dedication Sunday was November 24, 2019, which is this Sunday before Thanksgiving. Everyone was encouraged to return their pledge card on that Sunday

during worship.

Let us return thanks to God through our lives and our offerings.

## All Good Gifts Around Us COMMUNAL EVENTS FOR ADVENT Sundays After Church Fellowship Hall December 1, 8, 15, 2019



Advent is the season that marks the beginning of the church year. And each year at Westover Hills, we honor this season of reflection with a theme around which we provide readings and activities to help us prepare ourselves for the good news of Christ in the world. "Prepare the Way" will be the theme for Advent this year, which begins Sunday, December 1. A new banner will hang in the sanctuary along with greenery to mark the season. Advent booklets will be available in the narthex for you to take and use for reflection. And three Sunday-after-church events will be offered. Plan to come to the Fellowship Hall after worship for a light lunch and activity, each of which is

described below.

### Sunday, December 1: Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Join Westover friends for a light lunch and discussion of the neighborhood. Who are our neighbors? What do you know about those around us? We will have a brief presentation of development in our neighborhood and then discussion of the kinds of needs and interests of those closest to our church.

### Sunday, December 8: Chrismon Cookies

Come see how the cookie crumbles. We will have snacks and music and tables of sugar cookies (in the shape of Chrismons) for you to decorate and take to give as holiday treats.

### Sunday, December 15: Come Sing With Me!

You don't have to know a thing about singing to join in the singing circle. Pick your part or sit by someone who sings louder than you and let your voice take flight. Music and words for carols will be provided. There will be joy and refreshments.

"Singing has always seemed to me the most perfect means of expression. It is so spontaneous. Since I cannot sing, I paint." Georgia O'Keeffe

Open to all! Bring friends and family

## Alternative Christmas Market - Wrap up

Jingle Bells & Deck the Halls were some of the tunes greeting shoppers attending the 13th Alternative Christmas Market at

Westover Hills.

The preschool participated in the Alternative Christmas Market in a unique way this year. The preschool parents donated home baked goods to sell at the market. Preschool parents were eager to help and created a cart full of yummy treats to sell. The preschool board manned the festively decorated table. The Arkansas Food Bank was the chosen charity to be supported. A check for \$176 along with donated canned goods will be picked up by the food bank truck.

Kids stayed busy on the stage crafting, coloring and making their own trail mix (and eating it of course). One very creative young man explained his felt nativity scene with several upside down people including wisemen and shepherds by saying, "Mary fell off the camel, knocked them over and had Jesus." He isn't in Nancy's Sunday School class!

Everyone had a great time, visiting, shopping, munching popcorn (special thanks to our Elf Murph) and benefitting numerous charities.

Fellowship Hall smelled heavenly during lunchtime thanks to chef David Austin and the choir. Many were heard to exclaim that the "hotdogs were "the best ones I ever ate! "High praise indeed and all donated lunch money will assist Stewpot!

Nancy Passini who chaired the event, was busy checking to see who needed help, greeting visitors and in constant motion! Hopefully Santa brings her new slippers, a good book and a chance to curl up and relax.

Thanks to the vendors, congregation, volunteers and attendees \$8,500 was raised at the 13th Alternative Christmas Market at Westover Hills.



Mary Lois Stanfield, Laura Whitmore, Eileen Joyce, Charlie Firth, Deanine Rogers, Betty Glenn



Ray Stephens, Liz Branch



Shirley & Gordon Garlington



Kay McCollum, Charlotte Firth



Doyle Hughes



David Austin



Hot dogs and onions on the grill

## Adult Christian Education “Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes”

December and Advent offer a certain homespun “magic,” which this December promises to open doors for us into deeper spirituality and new ways of looking at the Gospels.

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Campbell – who just happens to have been a pastoral intern at Grace Presbyterian Church in 1972-73 while Rev. Don Campbell (no relation) was pastor – has written an insightful Advent study called “Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes.”

She looks at Mark’s Gospel as “a spare, simple home, because Mark is kind of like the police detective who says, ‘Just the facts, ma’am.’” (December 1)

Matthew’s is “a big, rambling Victorian...a house with a past.” (December 8)

Luke’s? “An open and welcoming ranch house,” with “a live nativity scene on the front lawn.” (December 15) And John’s house, once we have found it at the end of a long, dark road, is “a fabulous home that looks as if it is made out of light, a light that shines in the deep darkness.” (December 22)

How can we resist the homespun “magic” of the four Gospels? Sunday mornings, 9:15 in the New Chapel (downstairs off Pine Valley Drive and South Road). Bring a friend!

## Children on Sunday Morning

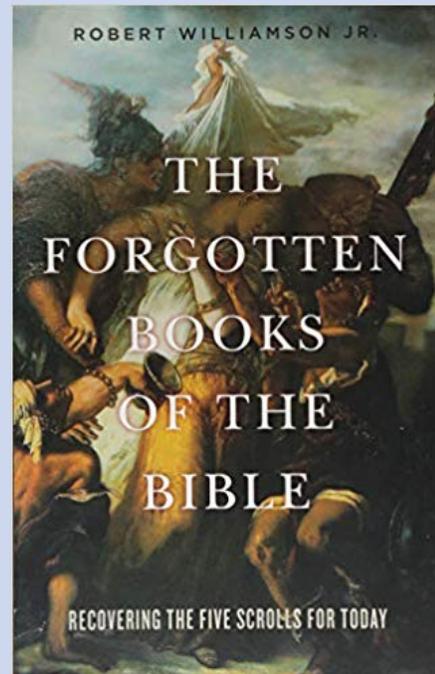
“I feel God on ordinary days and on special days, all year long. Come worship with me” are opening words from the children’s book, *A Journey through the Church Year, Come Worship With Me* by Ruth L Boling, a writer and Presbyterian minister.

We know of the special days of Advent and Christmas, Good Friday and Easter but what are “ordinary days”? Children on Sunday Morning will experience the

Seasons of the Christian year with Bible stories, symbols, crosses and crafts as well as songs, prayer and snacks. Come learn about worship in the seasons of the Christian year beginning on Sunday morning, December 1 from 9:15-10:15am in the Children on Sunday Morning classroom.

## Evening Book Study

### The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today



In November and again after the first of the year, we plan to take an in-depth look at five little-known (and seldom preached on) books of the Old Testament. We'll use Dr. Robert (Bobby) Williamson, Jr.'s commentary, entitled *The Forgotten Books of the Bible* to help us interpret the words and meanings of Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes and Esther. The sessions will be self-standing and you are invited to participate as you can. For a copy of Williamson's book, please see Liz Branch.

Schedule for November, Tuesdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the New Chapel, includes:

- Nov. 5 - Session 2 – The Song of Songs, part 1
- Nov. 12 - Session 3 – The Song of Songs, part 2
- Nov. 19 - Session 4 – Ruth, part 1
- Nov. 26 - Session 5 – Ruth, part 2

We'll pick up Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther beginning January 14 and author Williamson will offer a closing word on February 25.

### You Are Invited to a Baby Shower!

Baby Shower for Josephine Jeanette, the soon-to-be-born daughter of Elizabeth Rogers. The stork is expected January 6, 2020 and grandparents Deanine & Don Rogers can't wait to welcome their new granddaughter. Will Lyric be a babysitter?

**Josephine Jeanette Rogers Baby Shower**  
**Saturday, December 7**  
**2-4 Drop In**  
**Church Parlor (next to the sanctuary)**  
**Elizabeth is Registered at Target.**  
**(use Elizabeth's name to access the list)**

**SESSION  
MEETING**

Westover Hills received the following correspondence:

1. Thank you card from Presbyterian Church (USA) Presbyterian Mission for joining in the Peace & Global Witness Offering last year and urging Westover Hills to participate again this year.
2. Invitation from San Damiano Catholic Church to the ordination of Carol Ann Blow to the Deaconate on September 28, 2019.
3. Invitation from Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services to a house party and “friendraiser” on Thursday, October 3, 2019.
4. Thank you letter from Ferncliff Camp thanking Westover Hills for our continued support.

Communion will be observed every Sunday during Advent, and there will be Advent events on December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 24, 2019.

The Transition Taskforce continues to work with Rev. Crawford and two new at-large members will be welcomed to the committee: Betty Glenn and Ellen McEwen.

The Property and Maintenance Committee will be reviewing all contracts with outside groups using the church campus and including charges for leaving the rented/used space unclean or untidy.

The Session will be making a \$200.00 love gift to Sexton Ulysses Neyland.

The Ad Hoc Building Committee will be making recommendations on what to do with the office building. Security cameras will be added to the office building in the meantime. Also, \$20,000.00 will be added to the Property and Maintenance budget in order to address deferred maintenance around the campus, such as, concrete repair, carpet replacement, painting, etc.

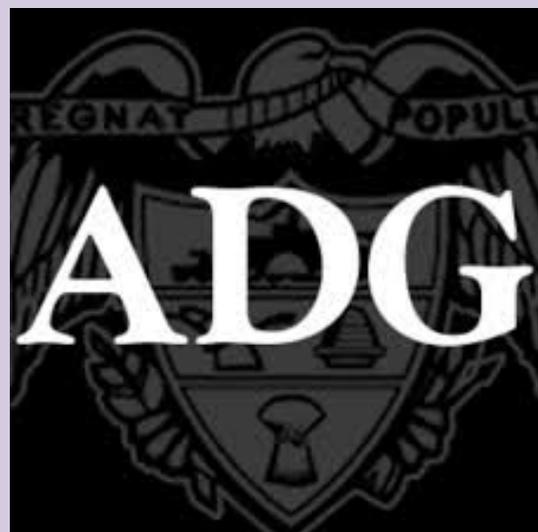
The church will start claiming state sales tax exemption on purchases.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on November 24, 2019 to:

- a. Approve the slate of members at large to the Nominating Committee consisting of Sally Browder, Adrienne Kulousek, Betty Glenn, Donna Callaway and Bill Smith; and to
- b. Consider reducing the size of the Session from 15 to 12.

Respectfully Submitted,  
N. Zane Wilson,  
Clerk of Session, WHPC

## Free Class - “How to Read Your Newspaper on Your iPad”



LifeQuest will offer a free class, "How to Read the Arkansas Democrat Gazette on Your iPad," on Tuesday, December 3, 10-11 AM in Room 301 at Westover Hills. Charlie Frith will be the instructor. At least four individuals must register for the class (first come – first served) in order for the class to be held. The class is limited to a total of eight people. To register for the class, you must have an iPad, an account with the Democrat Gazette, and the ADG app downloaded from the App Store. To register, email Charlie Frith at [chfrith@mac.com](mailto:chfrith@mac.com).

## Honoraria and Memorials



In  
Honor  
Of

### **David Austin**

Jan & Randy Perryman for Music

### **Rev. Frank & Donna LeBlanc**

Jan & Randy Perryman for Music

### **Westover Hills Preschool**

Jan & Randy Perryman



### **Alice Hollman**

Ann Bell

### **Rev. Richard Frothingham**

Jan & Randy Perryman for Music

### **Joe Balkman**

Jan & Randy Perryman for Music