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Jon Meacham Churchman, Journalist, Author To Preach at Westmoreland Sunday, June 10

A life-long Episcopalian, award-winning best-selling author and distinguished journalist, now editor of **Newsweek** magazine, **Jon Meacham** will be our guest preacher on Sunday morning, June 10 followed by an hour-long Forum conversation in the Social Hall.

Jon Meacham, a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee, born in 1969, has enjoyed a remarkable career in journalism and historical writing. Arriving at **Newseek** in 1995 as a writer, he rose quickly through the ranks of the 3.1 million circulation magazine to be named editor in 2006.

Of special note for Westmorelanders is Mr. Meacham's prescient commentary on the national and local religious climate in the United States. Listening to him during his many television appearances, one gets the distinct impression here is a man who not only knows about American religion, he is a participant whose faith significantly shapes his personal and profes-

sional life. Bob Maddox describes him as one of the most able public theologians, lay or clergy, on the American scene today.

In addition to reams of articles for **Newsweek** and numerous other national publications, Mr. Meacham wrote two bestsellers: **Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship**, 2003 and **American Gospel: God, The Founding Fathers and the Making of a Nation**, 2006. Any lover of American history will revel in **Franklin and Winston**. **American Gospel** should be required reading for all people serious about their own faith and the essential role of religion in the life of the nation.

His sermon will focus on religious faith in our personal private and public lives.

A summa cum laude graduate of the prestigious University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, Mr. Meacham now lives in New York

Worship Topics & Themes

Sunday, June 3

"Beyond Austin City Limits"

Psalm 8

Rev. Tim Tutt

United Christian Church, Austin

Guest Preacher

Sunday, June 10

"God and the Founding of the Nation"

1 Kings 17:8 - 16

Jon Meacham

Editor, Newsweek

City with his wife and two children. He serves on the vestry of his home church, St. Thomas Church Fifth Avenue. In addition he holds places of leadership in other national religious and public policy institutions.

Mr. Meacham's presentation at Westmoreland is made possible by the Briggs Center for Faith and Action and support from individual members of Westmoreland Church.

Rev. Tim Tutt Brings Texas Youth to Visit and Work in the DC Area

Rev. Tim Tutt, pastor of United Christian Church, Austin, Texas and former Associate Pastor at Briggs Church, will be our guest preacher on **June 3**. With him will be twenty-nine Middle School and High School students and eight adult chaperones from six Austin, Texas-area churches affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ here on a mission trip June 2 - 9.

In addition to sightseeing in and around the capital, each afternoon the students will lead the Citygate after-school program at the Johanning Center in Southeast DC. In the evenings, government officials and public policy experts (some from Westmoreland) are scheduled to speak to the group.

The trip to DC has several purposes: to provide the student hands-on mission work in a context other than their home city, to explore the relationship between church and state, to learn about social justice in the context of government and non-profit work, and to
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Send a Child to Summer Camp

Once again, Shaw Community Ministry will be raising money to support opportunities for young people to go to summer camp. We will be supporting two different kinds of camps: a day camp, Camp Friendship, located in Lincoln Westmoreland Apartments, a low-income apartment established by Westmoreland and Lincoln Temple in 1970 and an overnight camp, Camp Letts, located on the Chesapeake Bay. Both camps offer positive, educational, developmental, and fun activities for children and youth.

Camp Friendship We are asking for donations of \$75 to help support children who attend Camp Friendship. More than 50 children attend this camp every summer. Your contribution pays for all the special weekly bus trips out of Shaw to water parks, science museums, zoos, and historical places in our area.

Camp Letts We were able to send four children to this two week overnight camp last year and they loved it. (In addition, Camp Letts was so impressed with Shaw Community Ministry that it allowed six more children to come later in the summer for free.) Camp Letts costs \$1,025 per child. We ask that those who want to support children in this camp donate at the level of \$300 or more.

To donate to either camp, please write your checks payable to **Shaw Community Ministry** and either mail them to Caryn McTighe Musil, 8600 Irvington Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20817 or hand your check to Caryn or Barbara McDowell during coffee hour on **June 10**. Deadline for all checks: **June 18**.

Westmorelanders have been amazingly generous over the years in supporting these efforts. Your donations make a big difference in the lives of children living just miles from our doors but whose worlds are far more constrained. We thank you for opening the world and its wonders to them.

Caryn McTighe Musil & Barbara McDowell
Westmoreland's SCM representatives

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develop relationships across denominational and local church lines.

The group will stay in the Youth Room at Westmoreland and in the Carpenter House. They will use the Mabry Room for meals and as a gathering place. Portions of the trip are being generously underwritten by the Briggs Center for Faith and Learning.

Ministries for Children & Youth

Dive Deep Into Summer Church School

This summer we will explore themes of caring for one another and for creation in our **Dive Deep** curriculum. All children entering Kindergarten through grade 5 this fall are invited to join us beginning **June 10** in Room 35. Leaders are needed for the summer program. Please sign up for a Sunday in the Social Hall or contact Amber.



Call for School Supplies

School is not out yet, but it's time to think about donating school supplies for needy children in Montgomery County for the 2007 – 08 school year. Community Ministry of Montgomery County (CMMC) collects new school supplies and backpacks to hold them. Last year CMMC provided over 2,400 backpacks to children. Please find copies of the "School Supply Wish List" on the What's Happening Table in the Social Hall. Place supplies and backpacks in the labeled box on the stage by **July 14**.

Westmoreland Church Retreat September 28 - 30



Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the all-church retreat at Camp Wabanna located in Edgewater Maryland, on a 23-acre point on the water where the Rhode and West Rivers converge into the Chesapeake Bay. Activities include: climbing walls, boating, confidence course, tetherball, volleyball, tennis, soccer, basketball, indoor gymnasium and bonfires.

If we have 100 people signed up for the retreat, Camp Wabanna will give Westmoreland the entire facility for the weekend. Day visitors are welcome.

You will shortly receive a mailing that includes details on cost and registration. Room assignments will be based on the order in which registrations are received.

For a look at the facility, visit www.campwabanna.org.



Congratulations to the Class of 2007



On May 13, Westmoreland recognized our graduating high school seniors and blessed them as they head off to college:

Miles Batson: Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School; will be a foreign exchange student in Spain next year and attend the College of Wooster, Ohio in the fall of 2008.

Leanna Barber: Rocklyn Academy in Canada; attending Montgomery College

Rebecca Derr: Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School; attending Bates College in Maine

Sarah Faith Frye: Miller School, Charlottesville, VA; attending Virginia Commonwealth University

Patrick Eagan-Van Meter: Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School; attending Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, California

Kate Light: Walt Whitman High School; attending Penn State, the University Park campus

Alicia Meier: Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart; Washington University, St. Louis

Eliza Staley: Walt Whitman High School; College of Charleston, South Carolina

James Tyson: Walt Whitman High School; Columbia University

Andrew Ward: Bethesda Chevy Chase High School; University of Pittsburgh

Congratulations as well to **Emily Lilja** who graduated from Cornell University with a double major in Near East Studies and Economics. She is relocating to Washington, DC and is interested in obtaining an entry level public policy/economic research position.

Dinner on the Deck

Have a leisurely summertime dinner with other Westmorelanders: sign up for a summer Dinner for Eight. Get to know some people you know slightly or not at all and enjoy the company of those you have known for years. Sign up on the poster in the Social Hall or contact Janet Moyer at jmoyer@westmorelanducc.org or 301-229-7766. Janet will divide the names into groups of eight. Each group will then set its own date and dinner menu.

Piano Concert

The Washington Conservatory of Music presents Joseph Schwartz in concert on Saturday, **June 2**, 8 pm. Mr. Schwartz will play a program of music by Beethoven, Ravel, Chopin and Moussorgsky.

The concert is free; donations are gratefully accepted.



Photo Directories Are Here!

The long-awaited photo directories have arrived. They are available in the Social Hall during Coffee Hour on Sundays or in the church office during the week.

UCC 50th Anniversary DVD Available

The DVD **UCC @50: yesterday's visionaries, today's voices** is available to check out of the Elizabeth Tisdale Nordbeck Library. Part I is a virtual tour of the well-know and hidden histories of the UCC and Part II features a group of young adult UCC members as they discuss current realities and their hopes and dreams for the future of the UCC.

If you have ever wanted to know how the UCC became what it is, this is the DVD to watch. Now break out the popcorn!

Parish Notes

God Bless **Georgia Elaine Benton**, daughter of **Elizabeth** and **Robert Benton**, who was baptized on May 13.

Former Westmorelander **Haywood Marshall** is seriously ill due to complications from a broken hip. Notes of encouragement may be sent to him and his wife, **Roberta**, at 30 Mill Trace Road, Martinsville, VA,

Good-bye and Godspeed

Rodrigo Cruz, who has been living with the Batson family and attending 11th grade at B-CC High School, will be returning to Monterrey, Mexico on June 20. Following his senior year, he will attend the University of Monterrey, in northern Mexico. Rodrigo, a warm and amiable young man, has participated in worship, youth and music events at Westmoreland. We will miss him!



June 1 - 15, 2007

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 Yoga 9 am Piano Conc. 8 pm |
| 3 Fellowship Bkfst 8:30 am Worship & Ch. School 10 Guest preacher: Tim Tutt | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Yoga 9 am |
| 10 Worship & Ch. School 10 am Guest speaker: Jon Meacham | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
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 Families.....Amber Henry Neuroth
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