



**WESTMINSTER  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
STEADFAST NEIGHBOR ENDEAVOR  
CELEBRATION SUNDAY**

**27 September 2020 + 10:00 a.m.**



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Ceremonial Music** Music of Tilman Susato and Henry Purcell

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

**Voluntary** Allegro and Air

Henry Purcell

**\*Ringing of the Bell** *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower Bell.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Trajan I. McGill and Rev. Christian K. Choi

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.

*Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is God that made us, and we are God's,  
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.*

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

*For the Lord is good;*

*God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and God's faithfulness to all generations. Amen. (Psalm 100)*

**\*Hymn** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn to Joy*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays.  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began,  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**\*Invitation to Confession  
and Prayer of Confession**

Holy and loving God, we are grateful for the continuity, consistency, and resilience of your loving kindness in our lives, and for your call to love one another. Forgive us for the distractions, priorities, and self-indulgences which keep us from being steadfast neighbors. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**\*Sung Response** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

**\*Declaration of Pardon** Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
The peace of Christ be with you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Response of Praise**

Gloria Patri

**Sacrament of Baptism** Meredith and Darren Volle present their daughter, Mae Martha.

**Baptismal Response**

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.  
When you hear the wonder of the Word,  
I'll be there to cheer you on.  
You were raised to praise the living Lord  
to whom you now belong.  
I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
to see your life unfold.

*Waterlife*

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 36

*Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts; there is no fear of God before their eyes. For they flatter themselves in their own eyes that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated. <sup>3</sup> The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit; they have ceased to act wisely and do good. <sup>4</sup> They plot mischief while on their beds; they are set on a way that is not good; they do not reject evil. <sup>5</sup> Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. <sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord. <sup>7</sup> How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. <sup>10</sup> O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart! <sup>11</sup> Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me, or the hand of the wicked drive me away. <sup>12</sup> There the evildoers lie prostrate; they are thrust down, unable to rise. Amen.*

**Music**

Canzona

Giovanni Gabrielli

**Second Scripture Reading**

Galatians 5:13-14, 6:9-10

*13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Amen.*

**Meditation**

Steadfast Neighbor

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Text: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings."  
Psalm 36:7*

**Music** It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

Fred Rogers

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful for a neighbor.  
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?  
I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you!  
I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.  
So let's make the most of this beautiful day,  
Since we're together we might as well say:  
Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Please won't you be my neighbor.

**Steadfast Neighbor  
Litany of Dedication**

Holy and Loving God, hear our prayers of thanksgiving for those who founded this church in 1835 as an abolitionist congregation, for the generations that have continued their spirit of advocacy for justice, and for those gathered today who believe we are in the world for ministry.

For all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and strengthens our resolve, and for all who have built upon the legacy of faith laid by the Reverend Albert Hale through their gifts to the Anniversary Endowment Campaign, we give you thanks.

For the foresight of Westminster who made a commitment to remain an anchor of this beautiful neighborhood in 1999 and for the vision of the Strategic Planning Committee to beautify our grounds and to invest in our neighbors. we give you thanks.

For the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor that affirms our commitment to the neighborhood and resonates with your steadfast love which is kind, generous, unfailing, and reliable; for your faithfulness to us and for your call for us to be faithful to our neighbors, we give you thanks,

We dedicate the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor to the One from whom we come, to whom we return, and in whom we live and move and have our being. By your grace, may we love our neighbors as ourselves and may our faith proclaim your steadfast love within the Springfield community and beyond.

Make us a church with sure convictions. Fill us with joy and peace as we trust in you, so that we may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. And whatever we do, in word or deed, may we do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to our Creator. Amen.

**\* Response** Doxology

**Recognitions  
and Ribbon Cutting**

**\*Hymn** Here in This Place

*Gather Us In*

Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken:  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Gather us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

### **\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary**    Toccata    Edmund Haines

**\*Recessional Music**    Maple Leaf Rag & others    Scott Joplin

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

**Flowers on the Southeast Lawn are given in honor of the baptism of  
Mae Martha Volle by her loving parents and sister.**

**Flowers on the West Terrace are given in loving memory of Elder Grady M. Chronister  
- husband, father, grandfather, and friend by Linda K. Chronister.**

### **Worship Participants**

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Pastor and Head of Staff  
Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Associate Pastor for Parish Life  
Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry  
Dale Rogers, Organist and Director of Music and the Arts  
Dennis Jones and Neal Smith, trumpets  
Tom Little and Gary Shaw, trombones  
Lyle VanDeventer, Bass  
Bob Fox, Videographer    Elsie Fox, Director  
Julie McDonough, Pat Moore, Brinton Wilkey, Ushers  
Deb and Dave Coontz, Greeters  
John Stafford, Safety Team

Dear Friends,

Welcome! On behalf of the Session and my colleagues in ministry, I greet you with affection and respect and invite you to learn more about this large and vital congregation within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our doors are open and welcoming, and a way to service.

Our worship weaves the spoken word, music and silence in a way that touches the heart, nourishes the spirit, and challenges the mind. We seek to build a thoughtful, developmentally informed ministry of education and spiritual formation. From the youngest to the oldest, we are committed to life-long learning as we honor the faith journey of each and are present with one another during the unexpected turns along the way. We delight to be in one another's presence and seek opportunities for fellowship and service.

I am honored to serve as the 18<sup>th</sup> Pastor of Westminster which was founded as an abolitionist congregation in 1835. We seek to continue that spirit of advocacy for justice and mercy in our world today. We believe we are in the world for ministry.

Grace and Peace,



Blythe Denham Kieffer, D.Min.

## STEADFAST NEIGHBOR RECEPTION FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Following worship, members, guests, and neighbors are invited to walk the grounds of Westminster to view the "almost complete" sight and landscape plan. Stonework on the East Entry steps and planter are scheduled for completion shortly.

A simple, safe reception has been prepared by Hospitality Coordinator, Pat Hymans, and her team on the newly renovated West Terrace. Cookies, cheese, crackers, fruit, chips, and nuts have been placed in white, paper bags. Small bottles of water are also available. Feel free to help yourself to the bags on the terrace and sit around the grounds or at the tables set up with social distancing in Parish Hall.

A PowerPoint Presentation of the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor can be viewed in Parish Hall. The thank you cards and gifts we received from our neighbors are displayed on the counter in Parish Hall.

### 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

#### THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

The Gifts of God for the People of God is the 2021 Stewardship theme. The campaign was introduced last Sunday, September 20 and the Stewardship Dedication will be Reformation Sunday, October 25. Members received the stewardship letter, brochure and commitment card in the mail this past week.

Reflection on Stewardship by Pete Van Geison:

*What a year these last few months have been. The church has been quiet but not still. We are blessed to be part of such a committed faith family. We are missing a lot of our church, like choir, men's fellowship, and in-person church services but we are supplementing them with zoom meetings, masks and online service. We know that God is always with us.*

*The worship of God continues through our acts of service and financial commitment. This year has been rewarding to see connections made with our neighbors through the Steadfast Neighbors work project, the support of the little pantry at Graham Elementary School, the creation of a hunger action committee and the Matthew 25 covenant.*

*It has been a trying year for our family but one also of joy and celebration. We are committed to continuing our financial support to the Westminster as we are able and encourage you complete your pledge form for the coming year as soon as possible. And don't forget to include the per capita commitment. Peace be with you.*

**Pete & Jeanne Van Gieson**

**Stewardship Committee:** Nichole Magalis, Chair Marc Anderson, Bill Deemer, Tanya DeSanto, Virginia Dolan, Tara Fritsch, Mary King, Dave Leonatti, Becky Martin, Sally Godbey, Will Wright, and Pete VanGieson.

## WESTMINSTER SUPPORT AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS STEADFAST NEIGHBOR ENDEAVOR

Earnings from the principal of Westminster's Support and Endowment Fund provide the loan payments and resources for the mission component of the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor. A minimum of 1/3 of the cost of the Site and Landscape Plan is designated for mission.

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, Westminster dedicated the BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH TWENTY-YEAR Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE with a goal to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.7 to \$5 million by 2020. As of June 2020, \$1,589,490 from the 100 pledges totaling \$1,648,120 has been received. Additionally, non-pledge gifts of \$2,762,287 were donated. **The current market value of the Support and Endowment Fund is \$7,297,336.** *This does not include planned gifts.*

The **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** is listed below and includes pledges, gifts, pre-campaign gifts and planned gifts. Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund. To add your name to the Albert Hale Circle, pledge/donate online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org) or by contacting Lisa Runkle.

### Cornerstone

*(\$250,000 and above)*

Fern Garrett Estate\*  
Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr.  
Dale Smith, Jr.

### Foundation

*(\$150,000 to \$249,999)*

Kathy & Randy Germeraad  
Lynne O'Shea †

**Mary & William Schnirring Estate**

### Tower

*(\$100,000 to \$149,999)*

Harry Bergmann\*  
*Memory of Ruth Bergmann*  
Garvey Estate\*  
Alice Stuart Payne Estate\*

### Keystone

*(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*

Paul Bowman Estate\*  
Linda & Grady Chronister  
Louise Cragoe †  
Sue & Roland Cull  
Linda Culver Memorial\*  
Carolyn & Dan Dungan  
Evelyn Jensen †  
Blythe & Peter Kieffer  
Judy & Todd Knox  
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee †  
Preckwinkle Families  
Jean & William Sherrick  
Jean & William Sherrick\*  
Nancy & Bill Simpson  
Marty Sumner

### Pillar

*(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*

Silvey & James Barge  
Frances Batchelder Estate\*  
Bennett Estate\*  
Mina & Harry Bentsen  
Velda & George Finney\*  
Kathy & Randy Germeraad\*  
Gerry & Harold Hale  
Alice Lambert Estate\*  
Ruth Langdon Estate\*  
Large Estate\*  
Ann & Bill Lienemann

Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson

Karen & Andrew Sherrick  
Hannah Morrow Siebert Estate\*  
Marty & Alan Stutz  
Barbara Sutton Estate\*  
Eleanor Wahlbrink\*  
Martha & Jeff Wilday  
Martha & Jeff Wilday †  
**Lisa & Todd Wise**  
Sharon & Elvin Zook

### Samaritan

*(\$15,000 to \$24,999)*

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot  
*Honor of Julia & Steven  
Arbuthnot's marriage*  
Kathie & Michael Nenaber  
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett  
Dorothea Thrasher †

### Advocate

*(\$10,000 to \$14,999)*

Anonymous  
Frances & Edwin Bay\*  
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust\*  
Carolyn & Keith Beatty\*  
Mark Beatty\*  
Leah & Martin Duling  
Chris & Butch Elzea  
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour  
Helen Hansen Estate\*  
Marci & Bill Irvine  
Irwin & Becker Estate\*  
Priscilla & Tim Kluge  
Margot Kramer  
Valerie & Dave Leonatti  
Carol & Walter Lohman\*  
LaVerne Marlowe Estate\*  
Robyn Newton  
Bev & Jim Orr †  
*Honor of our Family*  
Dorothy Park Estate\*  
Holly Howe Parker\*  
Jeanne & Glen Pittman  
Mary Ray  
*Memory of Doris Ray*  
Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer  
Dorothy Temple\*  
Don Thompson Estate\*  
Marjorie VanNattan Estate\*

### Counselor

*(\$5,000 to \$9,999)*

#### **Anonymous**

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
George Adams Estate\*  
Katrina Archer

#### **Jan & Cliff Baxter**

Carolyn & Keith Beatty  
Sandy Bellatti  
Carolyn Berning  
Don Blackburn Estate\*  
Meridith & James Bryans  
Eleanor Copper Foundation\*  
William Deemer, Jr.  
Linda N. Dillard

#### **Hazen & Roland Folsie**

James S. Francis Estate\*  
Barbara Greening  
*Memory of Gershom K. Greening*  
Christie, Robyn & Will Hovey  
Louise Kuehn Estate\*  
Eleanor & Richard Leary  
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee  
Judith & Tom Lewis  
Ann & Bill Lienemann\*  
Mary Caroline & David Mitchell  
Mary Ann Nation  
*Memory of James Nation*  
Sally & Stan Papp  
*Memory of Dr. & Mrs.  
W. J. Trainor*  
Judy & Fred Prillaman  
Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate\*  
Julie & Randy Robbs  
Ruth Robert-Roland\*  
Diane Rutledge  
Elaine Ryder Estate\*  
Sue & Steve Scaife  
Schemmerhorn Estate\*  
Linda & Bill Schlosser  
Linda Shaefer  
Mary Anne & James Singleton  
Julie & Michael Sundquist  
Carolyn & Brad Swanson  
Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer  
Jeanne & Peter VanGieson  
Sue & Jesse Werner  
Cheryl & Neville White  
Jean Williamson Estate\*  
Sarah & Bob Zerfas



## Companion

*(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Catherine Brower  
Joann & Doug Brown\*  
Ellen & Rance Carpenter  
Deborah & David Coontz  
*Memory of David M. Coontz*  
Carol & Dick Cordier  
*Memory of John S. &  
Theda Muirhead and  
George & Dorothy Cordier*  
Lois Davis Memorial\*  
Gale & Jack Fixmer  
Elsie & Robert Fox  
Joseph A. Harrison  
Ione Hermann Estate\*  
Nancy & Keith Huston  
Mary & Charles King  
F. Wells Langbehn  
Mary & Bob Leffler  
McCaugh Estate\*  
Patricia McKenzie  
Richard Newton Estate\*  
Stan & Barbara Papp  
*Memory of  
Sally Trainor Papp*  
Sharon Reynolds  
Judy Ridinger  
Leona Sangster Estate\*  
Robert A. Stuart  
John Thompson Estate\*  
Alan J. Wallace

## Friend

*(up to \$2,499)*

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Norma Adams-Johnson  
Marc Anderson  
Charlotte Bailey  
Jane R. Barry  
Neil Bassett  
Ella Grace & Robert Bengel Estate\*  
Meleah & Aaron Berkowitz  
Meggan & Brady Bird  
George Botanga  
**Jo Ann Brown Estate**  
Nancy & Richard Canady  
Linda & Ed Caupert  
Alexander Moore Chipman  
Ada & Stephen Cobourn  
*Memory of Loved Ones  
Memory of Lucy Colbert*  
Marilyn Cohen  
Robert Copper Estate\*  
Robert Cordier  
Catherine Cragoe  
John Cross  
Betty Dawkins  
**Judy & Dan Dees**  
Virginia & Jim Dolan  
Hannah M. Dreitcer

Dee Dee & Rick Duffy  
Tempa Dunn  
Betsy Dye  
Helen Evenson  
Joseph Fierstos  
Donna & Francis Foster  
Carmel Fratianni  
& Michael Schneider  
Deanna & Donald Funk  
*Honor of Dale Rogers*  
Anne & David Haaker  
Roberta & Richard Hendee  
Mal Hildebrand  
**Pat Hildebrand-Culler**  
Tamika & Jacob Hill  
Sandy Hill  
Sandy & Jon Hockenyos  
Renee Housel  
Katharine M. Hughes  
Thomas Janeway  
Minnie Lee Jones Estate\*  
J. M. Keller  
Kathleen H. Kenyon  
Paul Denham Kieffer  
Beth & Jim Kincaid  
Clyde Knock\*  
Karen Kraft  
*Memory of Amolee McIntyre*  
Naomi & Robert Lynn  
Katie & Carl Matteson  
**Teresa & Terry McElwee**  
Sarah & Trajan Iloff McGill  
Jack McKee Estate\*  
June McKee Estate\*  
Kathy & Bill Meriwether  
Lisa Metzger  
*Memory of  
Mary & Edmond Metzger*  
Leigh & Kevin Milward  
Carolyn & R. L. Moore  
Kathy & Tim Moore  
*Memory of the Koessel  
& the Moore Families*  
Stephanie S. Moore  
Bev & Ken Morey  
Madelyn Morris Bogue  
*Memory of Richard Morris*  
Joyce Newcomb Family  
Tom Owen  
Mary & Harold Perkins  
Michelle Power  
Claire & Richard Priller  
Linda & Mark Ranck  
Marilyn & James Rigney  
Kelly Robertson  
Mary Gail & Steve Romack  
*Memory of Helen & Clyde Knock*  
Kim Leistner Root  
*Memory of Dorothy Irvine*  
Debra (Pollock) Rudis  
*Memory of Laura Pollock*  
Betsy Ruklick  
Susan & Grant Russel  
*Memory of Joseph Dawkins*  
Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt

Susan R. Shea  
Rebecca Sherrick  
*Honor of Dr. & Mrs. William  
Sherrick's 60th Anniversary*  
Donna Solomon  
Suzann & Thomas Spada  
Krista & Brad Steller  
Paula Stewart  
Strawbridge Estate\*  
**Bruce Strom**  
M. Jill Sullivan  
Debbie & Skip Turnbull  
Sharon Turner  
Mary Waddell Estate\*  
Rosemary Schussle\*  
Elizabeth E. Unglaub  
*Memory of Margot Kramer*  
James Wilday  
Charles Wilkin  
*Memory of Rebecca Wilkin*  
Kate Wilson  
Amy & Sam Xanders

## Testamentary

*(Amount Unknown)*

Janie & Clay Bahlow †  
Sandy Bellatti †  
David Becker †  
Virginia & Jim Dolan †  
Carolyn & Daniel Dungan †  
Gale Fixmer †  
Kathy & Matt Fogal †  
Donna Garman †  
Kathy & Randy Germeraad †  
Sharon & Matt Gilmour †  
Anne & David Haaker †  
Elaine Hoff †  
Judy & Dale Huston †  
Thomas H. Janeway †  
Vivian Keithley †  
Dorothy Kessler †  
Rebecca Martin †  
Bonnie Millard †  
Robyn Newton †  
Tom Owen †  
Jeanne Pittman †  
Richard Priller †  
Mary Ray †  
Sharon Reynolds †  
Pat Roller †  
Diane Rutledge †  
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Nancy Simpson †  
Kay & Gerald Smith †  
Karen Springer †  
Marty & Alan Stutz †  
Julie & Mike Sundquist †  
William Wright †

## **New since last published**

\* Pre-campaign gift

† Planned gift

## SITE AND LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS:

**PARKING LOT:** Designed and engineered by Mark Vasconcelles of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. and constructed by O'Shea General Contractor.

**LIGHTING:** Designed by Randy Germeraad of Springfield Electric and Darren Volle of KSA Lighting and installed by B&B Electrical Contractor

**WEST TERRACE & EAST ENTRY:** Designed by John Shafer of John Shafer & Associates, Inc. and installed by Sexton Landscape Concepts

**LANDSCAPE:** Designed by Mark Sexton and installed by Sexton Landscape Concepts



## MATCHING GRANTS (UP TO \$1,000):

*Kristin and Enoch Peterson at 501 S. Glenwood*

*Vicki Compton at 505 S. Glenwood*

*Mary Carey and Peyman Esmailzadegan (landlord) at 506 and 508 S. Glenwood*

*Julia and Phil Ramirez at 514 S. Glenwood*

*Eva and Ryan Mahan at 529 S. Glenwood*

*Christine Hemberger and Mathew Spann at 610 W. Edwards*

*Jennifer Aholt/Bill Vanderlaan (landlords) at 610, 614, 620, 630 W. Edwards and 602, 606, 608 S. Walnut*

*Carol and Stan Brosam at 509 S. Walnut*

*Deborah and Harry Berman at 623 S. Walnut*

*Bill Steele at 627 S. Walnut*

*Stella and Douglas Rathbun at 504 S. Walnut*

*Bryan Clow (landlord) at 810 W. Edwards*

## AUGUST 10-14 SERVICE WEEK PROJECTS:

(1) **Power washed nine homes:** *Courtney Safer – 508 S. Walnut, Brookelyn & Vince Eazelle - 540 S. Walnut, Kelsey Brosman- 601 S. Walnut, Heather Hart-Campbell – 701 S. Walnut, Bryan Clow – 814 W. Edwards, James Bourland – 602 S. Glenwood, Mara & Jeff Hollis -606 & 612 S. Glenwood, and Christine & Jacob Walker – 716 E. Glenwood*

(2) **Painted a picket fence:** *Brookelyn and Vince Eazelle -540 S. Walnut), the Verizon garage, transformer, addition to our rental home, and miscellaneous doors and porch railings:* *Mary Sexton - 508 S. Walnut, WPC Rental -518 S. Glenwood, Eva & Ryan Mahan - 529 S. Glenwood, Stephen Panfitt -622 S. Glenwood, Rosie Williams - S. Glenwood*

(3) **Removed a concrete sidewalk, designed & installed a brick sidewalk.** *Kristin & Enoch Peterson - 501 S. Glenwood*

(4) **Installed fence panels enclosing a backyard.** *Heather Hart-Campbell - 701 S. Walnut*

(5) **Removed front porch steps, designed & installed new steps and railings.** *Christine & Jacob Walter - 716 S. Glenwood*

(6) **Repaired the brick foundation of a porch.** *WPC Rental – 518 S. Glenwood*

(7) **Removed shrubbery, trim trees and bushes for five homes...and hauled shrubbery and additional piles of shrubbery in the neighborhood to the recycle center:** *Jennifer Aholt & Bill VandeLaan - 614 W. Edwards, Vicki Compton - 505 S. Glenwood, WPC Rental - 518 S. Glenwood, Stella Rathbun - 504 S. Walnut, Heather Hart-Campbell -701 S. Walnut*

(8) **Removed a dead tree discovered during service week:** *Kathryn Cutler and Tyran Harmon - 637 E. Edwards*

## Service Week Team

**WPC Partners:** *Rev. Jerry & Judy Boutelle, Suzanne Borland, Rich Canady, Ellen Carpenter, Ed Caupert, Susan & Scott Day, Bob Fox, Melanie & Bud Green, Keith Hamilton, Mal Hildebrand, Pat and Al Hymans, Peter Kieffer, Todd Knox, Amanda Kurmann, Dave Leonatti, Lynn McMenamin, Brad Milliman, Mary Caroline and David Mitchell, Mary Peura, Mary Ray, Austin & Julie Robbs, Diane Rutledge, Noel Scott, Krista Steller, Mike Sundquist, Pete VanGieson, Jess Weitzel*  
**Neighborhood Partners:** *Bill Steele and James Bourland*

**Youth Partners:** *Grace Batterman, Jessica & Drew Borland, Ben & Sam Brower, Clayton & Ella Kurmann, Carolyn Lowe, Jack Milliman, Allison & Matthew Scott*

**WPC Staff:** *Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer, Rev. Trajan I. McGill, Rev. Christian K. Choi, Dale Rogers, Gary Warnick, Jennie Alt, Bill Hibbert, Eddie Hubbard*

## **STEADFAST NEIGHBOR ENDEAVOR HISTORY**

Session approved the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor in April 2019 empowering the Strategic Planning Committee and related task forces (Hardscape, Landscape, and Mission) to continue to groom their plans, communicate to the neighborhood, seek permits and bids, and develop mission opportunities. The significance of the name: “Steadfast Neighbor” affirms our commitment to the neighborhood and resonates with the “steadfast love of God.” Steadfast in the sense of continuity, consistency, resilience, being there, and staying the course provides rich imagery for God’s faithfulness to us and God’s call for us to be faithful to our neighbors.

**History:** The seed for this endeavor was planted twenty years ago (May 2, 1999) when the congregation approved long range strategic goals to develop a site plan which reflects our commitment to remain at the present location, including: development of a memorial garden, enlargement of the endowment, expansion of the parking lot, enhancement of landscaping in parking areas, and purchase of additional properties to allow for expansion. The strategic goals also included mission initiatives within the neighborhood: tutoring/counseling program for families in this area who are living in poverty and programs to serve and improve the neighborhood around the church. The Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor is faithful to this vision.

**Funding:** The successful “Building a Legacy of Faith” Twenty Year Anniversary Endowment Campaign initiated in 2015 is making the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor possible. The Site and Landscaping Plan required a loan to complete the project in a timely manner. The interest and earnings from the general endowment designated for Special Church Support will repay that loan. The Mission disbursement of the endeavor will be at least one-third of the Site and Landscape Plan expenditure and will be funded by the general endowment earnings designated for Mission and Benevolence.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

*Todd Knox (chair), Pat Hildebrand Culler, Sally Godbey, Keith Hamilton, Beth Kincaid, Carolyn Swanson, Brinton Wilkey, Todd Wise, Dr. Kieffer (staff liaison)*

### **HARDSCAPE TASK FORCE:**

*Linda Chronister, Randy Germeraad, Mal Hildebrand, Gregg Humphrey, Mark Vasconcelles  
Gary Warnick (staff liaison)*

### **LANDSCAPE TASK FORCE:**

*Scott Day, the Late Bill Donels, Peter Kieffer, Becky McDonald, Andy Sherrick  
Dale Rogers (staff liaison)*

### **MISSION TASK FORCE:**

*Keith Hamilton, Bob Leffler, Brad Milliman, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura  
Rev. Trajan McGill, Rev. Christian Choi (staff liaisons)*

### **SUPPORT AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE**

*Todd Wise, Chair, James Bryans, Secretary, Christy Pound, Dale Smith, Lucy Stafford, Jeff Wilday.  
Steve Arbuthnot, Treasurer, Advisory Members: Randy Germeraad and Diane Rutledge,  
Staff liaisons: Dr. Kieffer and Lisa Runkle*

## **GARY WARNICK CELEBRATES TEN-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Gary joined the Westminster staff in June 2010. He came to us with 25 years of experience in City Operations at Archer, Daniels Midland, Inc. Gary has a B.A. degree in agriculture from Illinois State University. As we recognize Gary for the decade he has served this congregation today, we do so with deep gratitude and appreciation for his leadership in the oversight of the Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plan and his initiative and guidance.

Little did we know ten years ago what an invaluable asset Gary would be to this faith community *for such a time as this*. As Westminster’s Building and Property Manager, Gary not only takes superb care of our facilities, he is instrumental in building our community and enriching our life together. Thank you, Gary, for who you are and for all the ways you make us better.

