

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2016

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Westminster Jazz Trio on April 2, 16 & 30
Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.
Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre K-Grade 5
Adult Education 11:15 a.m.

April 2 & 3

Second Sunday of Easter
9:30 a.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness in the Chancel of the Sanctuary*
Psalm 118:14-29; John 20:19-31
Reverend Trajan McGill
Peace Be With You

April 9 & 10

Third Sunday of Easter
Sacrament of Communion
Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-20
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Encountering Christ

April 16 & 17

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday
Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30
Reverend Hannah Dreitcer,
Jake Freer, Lizzy Olmsted,
and Jack Sherrick
Jesus, the Good Shepherd

April 23 & 24

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Them and Us

April 30 & May 1

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Psalm 67; John 14:23-29
Reverend Trajan McGill preaching
The Children's Musical

YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP ON APRIL 16 AND 17

THEME: JESUS, THE GOOD SHEPHERD

This year our youth will again lead all three worship services the weekend of April 16 and 17 as we celebrate *Jesus, the Good Shepherd*. Along with senior sermons presented by Jake Freer, Lizzy Olmsted, and Jack Sherrick, the junior and senior high will serve as liturgists and ushers. Special music to nourish our spirits will be offered by the Westminster Choristers and our talented youth, including, but not limited to: Stella Cole, Holling Kniffin, Matthew Knox and Emma Shafer.

'HOLY ROLLER' BOWLING NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.

Join the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons on Saturday, April 16, from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., at Strike 'N Spare Lanes (2660 W. Lawrence Ave.) and enjoy unlimited bowling for the whole family. Cost is \$13.50 per person. Children 10 and under are \$6.75. Sign-up forms are available in the West Narthex and online. Come out for this "religious" experience with your Westminster family!



WESTMINSTER SPRING CONCERT AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 4:00 P.M.



The Westminster Choir, under the leadership of Dale T. Rogers, will present a Spring Concert at St. Francis of Assisi Church (4875 Laverna Road) on Sunday, April 17, at 4:00 p.m. The concert will include music of Viennese composers, Haydn, Beethoven and Mozart, and will feature Eleanor VanDeventer, soprano, and Jay Kennerly, tenor. The choir will be accompanied by Dee Dee Gain, organist, and the Heritage String Quartet.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

PRESENTED BY THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (GRADES 3-6)

SUNDAY, MAY 1, DURING 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 1, the Westminster Choristers will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at both services. Written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, this uplifting, clever, and enduring musical tells the story of Joseph and his brothers, a story of betrayal and forgiveness which is a part of our faith tradition and recorded in the book of Genesis. For decades, each class of the Westminster Choristers have presented Joseph. In this production, Rev. Dreitcer is assisting in the choreography and movement.



FROM THE PASTOR by Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, May 22, we will celebrate the 181st Anniversary of the Founding of Westminster. Thirty charter members gathered on May 26, 1835. This marks one year since we dedicated the **BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH** Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** in honor of Rev. Albert Hale whose spirit shaped the heart of this abolitionist congregation.

The goal to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.9 to \$5 million by 2020 is possible because of the generosity of this congregation. To date, 225 families have made gifts, pledges or included Westminster in their planned giving and are members of the Albert Hale Circle. We have received \$760,769 toward pledges of \$1,609,450. Additionally, we have received gifts of \$91,713. We are \$1.4 million from our \$5 million goal. This does not include planned gifts. Each year on the Sunday closest to Founders' Day, the Endowment Committee will take the opportunity to thank those who have given and to invite those who would like to participate. Those who make a gift or pledge by Sunday, May 15, will be included in the Albert Hale Circle that will be published in the bulletin on May 22.



Along with highlighting the Legacy of Faith made possible through members' generosity, this year we have the distinction of **CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DALE THOMAS ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND THE ARTS.** Dale joined the staff on May 1, 1986 and has enriched our life together in ways beyond our understanding. **WE WILL HAVE ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP ON FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22, WITH A BRUNCH RECEPTION FOLLOWING IN PARISH HALL.** All are welcome to join the festivities as we honor our respected and beloved Dale!!

MUSIC NOTES by Dale Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR contributed significantly to the past season of Lent and our Easter Day festival services. I continue to be astounded by the dedication, generosity of time and talent, good will and spirit of the Westminster Choir. I hope that you thank members of the choir for the ways that they enrich the worship here. Following Easter, our efforts will be focused on the concert at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi on April 17 and the preparation of music for the next month and a half. Our major work coming up will be the Festival Benedicite by the young Irish composer, Philip Stopford.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will be a part of Westminster's Youth Sunday on Sunday, April 17, and will continue to work on the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Rehearsals are at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday following Bridges. Rev. Hannah Dreitcer has joined our efforts in this year's presentation of "Joseph" by providing expert guidance in movement and choreography.

THE LITURGICAL ARTS FESTIVAL OF SPRINGFIELD again celebrates the artistic quest of the human spirit towards the divine in a series of exhibits and concerts beginning April 29. The American Guild of Organists will present a member's recital on Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. at Central Baptist. I will play two pieces based on music for bells by Sowerby and Duruflé. On Saturday, May 7, the Springfield Choral Society will present the monumental Bach B-minor Mass. Three of the soloists; Eleanor VanDeventer, Adam Miller and Lyle VanDeventer, are members of the Westminster Choir.

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION BEST YET!

THIS YEAR'S TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION was the most successful yet. We welcomed over 250 participants (14 in the nursery) and **raised \$5,300!** Special thanks to Trivia Master Todd Knox, MC Dave Leonatti, Mary Ray, Mary Gail Romack and kitchen team, Becky Huston, Vallery Huston and all who donated such great silent auction items. Last but not least, thank you to all who participated.



Congratulations to the winning team which included the Bryans, Hovey, Rediger-Klein, Metzger, and Mitchell-Simonson families! This is their second consecutive win.



Trivia Master Todd Knox runs the show from the center of the action.



The Silent Auction, a brand new addition to Trivia Night, raised \$1,650!

Thank you again to all who made this successful fundraiser possible. Your support helps the youth travel to Appalachian North Carolina for a week of mission and service July 23-30, 2016!

THE 12TH GRADE MINI-RETREAT on Saturday, March 20, was a wonderful time of fellowship, discussion, and personal reflection. Five high school seniors gathered at the Sherricks' farm for games, cookie decorating, senior sermon preparation, and reflection on this time of transition. Many, many thanks to Karen and Andy Sherrick for providing the space and the snacks!

ROAD TO EMMAUS JR. HIGH APRIL SCHEDULE:

- April 3** – Confirmation Prep: Prophets' Warnings
Confirmation Class: Baptism
- April 10** – Confirmation Prep: King David
Confirmation Class: Communion
- April 17** – YOUTH SUNDAY
- April 24** – Confirmation Prep: Rebuilding
No Junior High Fellowship
No Youth Group Dinner
The Confirmation Class will join family and mentors for a celebratory dinner in Parish Hall from 4:00-5:30 p.m.

ROAD TO DAMASCUS SR. HIGH APRIL SCHEDULE:

- April 3** – Resurrections and New Life
- April 10** – Preparing for Youth Sunday
- April 17** – YOUTH SUNDAY
- April 24** – Beginning Again
No Youth Group Dinner

A CONFIRMATION DINNER celebrating our confirmands will be held on Sunday, April 24, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. Confirmands, their families, and mentors are invited to enjoy a wonderful meal provided by the Membership Committee.

ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM EXPLORES ROMANS

On Sunday, April 3, at 11:15 a.m. the Adult Education Forum will gather in the Ziegler Library to begin a seven-week, short-term Disciple Bible Study entitled: Invitation to Romans. Join us as we explore the theology of Paul's letter to the Romans. The class includes weekly readings and features theologians in DVD presentations. Books are available in the Church Office for \$15.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

Disciple I (led by Rev. Trajan McGill on Tuesdays) and Disciple II (led by Dr. Kieffer on Thursdays) continue to meet weekly for Bible study. The classes will conclude the last week of May with the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion. 37 members and friends participate.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



WCP was recently reaccruited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). and holds the distinction of being the only license-exempt preschool with this certification in the Springfield area.

The Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction on January 30 was a big success – We raised over \$5,000 and had a great time! Thank you to everyone who joined us that night and to all who volunteered.

Registration is open for the three-day, four-day, and five-day classes for 2016-2017! Email westminstercoop@gmail.com for more information.

The Westminster Coop Preschool website has been rebuilt! Many thanks to Krista Steller for her time and expertise in reworking the site and transferring it to a new platform which will make it much easier for preschool and church staff to keep it up to date.

CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

Children (Grades 3-5) meet each Wednesday from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. In April, we continue our theme of *Stories that Help Us Grow* by relating biblical stories to Disney short films. We also celebrated a Seder meal together during Holy Week.



PRESBYTERIAN PLAY DATE

Parents, grandparents and young children continue to meet each Thursday from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

All are welcome!

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES SUNDAY, MAY 8

Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles on Mother's Day, May 8, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Sue Cull, Valerie Leonatti, and Lynn McMenamin have been preparing the children for this milestone event on their faith journey. It is our hope and prayer that these scriptures will become a guiding light for the following children:



- Matthew Hibbert**
- Julia Musgrave**
- Larson Nester**
- Nola Sommer**

- Evan Klein**
- Branden McHenry**
- Norah Oberholtzer**
- Alina Vogler**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: IGO GREEN

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 13-17

Our VBS theme is "iGo Green." Join us as we teach the biblical foundation for taking care of creation. We will learn that "going green" entails much more than just making good choices about the environment. Children will learn the biblical concepts that drive the whole idea of creation care for Christians.



Registration forms will be mailed the week of April 4. Registration is also available online at www.wpcspi.org.

HOLY WEEK AT WESTMINSTER



HOLY WEEK ART DISPLAY

The Holy Week art display added depth and perspective to our journey together and was a gift to Westminster from Lynne Davis, an elder at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Through the eyes of renowned artists, members and friends witnessed the powerful events of Holy Week.

Thanks to Dale Rogers and Scott Day who mounted this display.



PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL

Our journey through Holy Week began on Palm Sunday as 44 Westminster children led us in the Palm Sunday Processional and presented their FISH boxes to be dedicated.

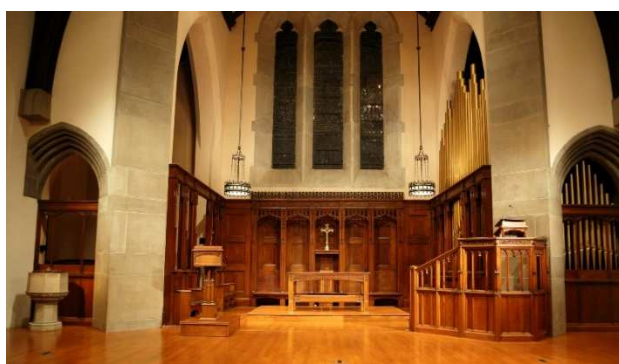
LIFT UP YOUR VOICE

The Westminster Children's Choir and Westminster Choristers, directed by Dale Rogers, presented the ministry of music on Palm Sunday with joy and poise. We were uplifted as they raised their voices to sing and affirm the love and humility of God.



One of the highlights of this service filled with pageantry and wonder was celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** as we welcomed new members into the Westminster family. Rev. Dreitzer baptized Julia Lynn Musgrave, daughter of Sarah and Jason Musgrave, Rev. McGill baptized Luke Isaac Milliman, and Dr. Kieffer baptized Elle Caroline Milliman, son and daughter of Kate and Brad Milliman. Dr. Kieffer also baptized Luke and Elle's father, Brad William Milliman.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE was a time to reflect on the Last Supper our Lord shared with his disciples and Christ's commandment to love one another. The Westminster Choir sang *a cappella* and the service concluded with deacons slowly and solemnly stripping the chancel bare, accompanied by the somber sounds of Samuel Barber's *Adagio for Strings* played by Dale Rogers on the organ.



The empty chancel was filled with light when we entered the **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**. Youth joined in reading the Passion, and the Rev. Dreitcer snuffed candles following each passage, steadily dimming the sanctuary until the Christ candle alone remained lit. Special music included Taizé hymns and solos by Adam Miller, Michael Morthland and Dale Rogers.



We returned **EASTER SUNDAY** to rejoice in the Risen Christ! Lilies filled the chancel. The children led in singing *Give thanks to the Risen Lord* and joined in an Easter Egg Hunt following worship. The Westminster Choir and Millikin Brass were magnificent as always, and our Parish Associates, Rev. Jerry Boutelle and Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, joined in leading the liturgy for this joyous celebration of the Resurrection. During Holy Week we welcomed over 1175 in worship among all the services!



Our hope and prayer is that all who traveled this journey with us were renewed and strengthened in the joy and wonder of faith in our Risen Lord!



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

PARENTS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets on Sundays in the Third Floor Tower Room following the 10:00 a.m. service in April and May. In April we will discuss mission in family, church, community, and around the world.



Twenty-eight parents and children participated in a family outing to Ergadoozy, an indoor creative play center, on February 28. Children pictured enjoyed a cool refreshment.

The next social gathering is the **ADULT PICNIC TO DANENBERGER FAMILY VINEYARDS ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, FROM 2:45 TO 5:00 P.M.** Parents will enjoy wine tasting and food by the local chef.

Child care will be provided at the church. Meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. to carpool together. Contact Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill with any questions and RSVP to Imaxey@wpcspi.org.

THEOLOGY ON TAP (ages 21 – 40) gathers on Monday, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at Casa Real (3100 W. White Oaks). This group is led by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE; ALL AGES WELCOME) Join us Friday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and a program, "All Things Penguins," by Jackie Peeler of the Henson Robinson Zoo.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday, April 14, at 7:00 a.m. Bill Donels and Peter Kieffer will present a program entitled "Bicycle-Friendly Springfield." Breakfast and devotional are TBA.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK STUDY will meet April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss *Mrs. Roosevelt's Confidante (a Maggie Hope Mystery)*, by Susan Ella MacNeal



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON is Friday, April 1, at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen chair is Nancy Canady. Chair of the day is Leah Duling. Please make your reservation by Wednesday, March 30, at 522-4415. Our program will be "Illinois Presbyterian Home: Legendary Past, Promising Future" by Kathleen Cross, Executive Director.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet April 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of our hostess, Jean Sherrick (4104 W. Iles Avenue, Apartment 3102). We will discuss Chapter VIII; *Living the Questions: Experiments with Truth*.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet April 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Our program will be *Dangerous Waters-God's Deliverance & Stormy Water-Faith* and our leader is Lynn McMenamin.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet April 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of our hostess, Nancy Canady, who will also give devotions. Our program will be Lesson 7, *Reconciling Paul*.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS, APRIL 10 AND 17

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member class on Sundays, April 10 and 17, 11:15 – 12 noon in the Pastor's Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited to attend. The class will be led by the pastors. New members will be received by Session and recognized during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 24.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED HOSTS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE SPRINGFIELD AREA

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 5:30 P.M. AT LAUREL UNITED METHODIST

Join Church Women United at their 2016 Human Rights Celebration event on Thursday, April 7, 5:30 p.m. at Laurel United Methodist Church (631 South Grand Avenue). The topic for the evening will be Human Trafficking in the Springfield area.

LAYETTES FOR KUMLER MINISTRIES

APRIL COLLECTION

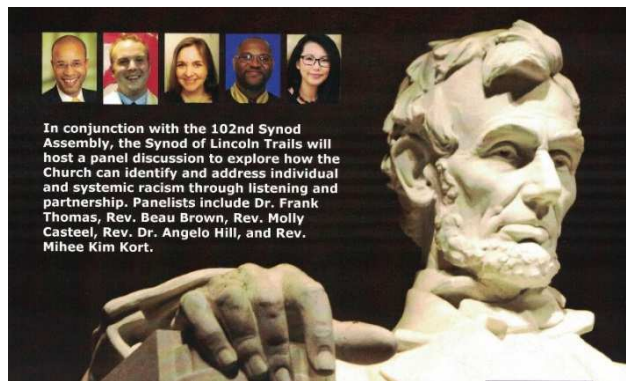
Join the women of Westminster in donating layettes during the month of April. The Layette donation box is located in the West Narthex. These layettes will be brought to the Church Women United Friendship Day on Thursday, May 5, 1:00 p.m. at Second Timothy Baptist Church. All layette items will be donated to Kumler Ministries.

INCLINING EARS, BINDING WOUNDS

A PANEL DISCUSSION ON RACISM IN THE CHURCH

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

On Friday, April 1, 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall, the Synod of Lincoln Trails will host a panel discussion to explore how the Church can identify and address individual and systematic racism through listening and partnership. Panelists include Dr. Frank Thomas, Rev. Beau Brown, Rev. Molly Casteel, Rev. Dr. Angelo Hill and Rev. Mihee Kim Kort.



In Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address, he encouraged a divided nation to strive to finish the work they had begun, "to bind up the nation's wounds...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves..." Over 150 years later, the wounds of which Lincoln spoke are still in need of healing. Join in this important discussion.

MISSION MATCHING: SHARING THE LIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 18, 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

On Monday, April 18, Westminster is hosting an evening on behalf of the Presbytery of Great Rivers to bring together churches in conversation, collaboration, and celebration of mission work. The goal is to get churches connected with one another and aware of new ideas and opportunities for collaboration in serving our communities. Dinner is included. Please sign up in the West Narthex or by calling Liz Maxey no later than Sunday, April 17.



MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

GIVE-A- MEAL-A-MONTH APRIL MENU: *Canned chicken, Carrots, Peaches, Baked Beans.* Thank you to those who place items in the West Narthex baskets for the Central Illinois Foodbank and to Kevin Proctor who delivered 45 lbs. of food on March 16.

HELPING HANDS – Thanks to Pat Hymans for preparing and delivering the March 11 meal.

ADOPT-A-STREET – Thanks to Peter Kieffer and Brad Steller who picked up trash on Palm Sunday, March 20.

WESTMINSTER HOSTED STUDENTS FROM OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE MARCH 14-19. This group of 16 young adults from Des Plaines, Illinois, spent their spring break working for Habitat for Humanity in Springfield, renovating a house and building wheelchair ramps.



WHEELCHAIR RAMP CONSTRUCTION DATES

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County will be building three new wheelchair ramps for Springfield residents by the end of April, and they are looking for volunteers to help. In particular, they could use full teams of workers on Saturday, April 23, and Saturday, April 30. Anyone who is able to assist on weekdays between April 19 and April 29 is also encouraged to join in. Please contact Rev. Trajan McGill if you are able to help provide this valuable service to the community.

PALM SUNDAY COAT DRIVE



123 colorful coats lined the pews of the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday. Thank you to all who donated coats in honor of those who *laid cloaks on the path of Christ's humble entry into Jerusalem.* Contact Ministries will distribute the coats to the families they serve.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The baskets Rev. McGill is holding contain the fish boxes our children presented on Palm Sunday. Thank you to all who contributed to this offering which provides self-development of people, hunger programs and disaster relief. We have received \$4,221.02 from the Westminster family. Our children contributed \$169.02 in their FISH boxes.



WESTMINSTER CERTIFIED AS EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

Environmental Ministries at the Presbyterian Church (USA) has officially certified Westminster Presbyterian Church as an Earth Care Congregation! Certification during the first year of the Earth Care Team's initiative truly manifests Westminster's longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship. As environmental leaders within the denomination, we now join the 2% of PC(USA) congregations that have already achieved his certification!



"It is exciting that Westminster Presbyterian Church is dedicated to intentional care of, and action for, God's earth. The congregation's activities and commitment will inspire others to answer God's call to care for the earth," says Rebecca Barnes, Associate for Environmental Ministries for the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Earth Care Congregations program was started in 2010 by PC(USA) Environmental Ministries. The goal of the program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all of their church life.

Thank you to those who serve on the Earth Care Team for their initiative: Peter Kieffer, Chair, Amy Ballinger-Cole, Jake Freer, Tim Kluge, Brad Steller, and to all the members and friends who have collaborated in this initiative. The team is especially appreciative of the custodial staff who have led the way on this endeavor. There will be an Earth Care Moment for Mission on Sunday, April 24.

ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS MEDICAL MISSION

The Westminster Mission Endowment provided financial support to Dr. Tanya DeSanto and her daughter, Emma Batterman, who served as medical missionaries with IAMM from March 3-10 in Gonaive, Haiti. Dr. DeSanto treated over 200 dental patients and the medical team served over 500 patients.



IAMM (International Assist Medical Missions) in Springfield consists of a small group of medical providers who offer short term health care to the most needy of God's children. We are grateful for Tanya and Emma's commitment to reach beyond themselves and serve in this meaningful way. We look forward to hearing more about their adventure together.



FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Income received is over \$38,000 higher than the budget which is a result of a number of pledges being paid in a lump sum early in the year. Expenses are nearly even with the budget year-to-date. Therefore, total income exceeds expenses by \$38,359.

2016 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 201,222	\$ 162,836	\$ 38,386
Expenses	\$-162,863	\$-162,836	\$- 27
Net	\$ 38,359	\$ 0	

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS will be Sunday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chancel. This simple service gathers people for prayer and music and is led by our pastors and accompanist, Karen Kraft. Prayer cards are in the pew pockets and at the Visitors' Table.



HOME COMMUNION is available the second Sunday of each month. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to take part in the Lord's Supper, please contact Connie Brown, Church Administrative Assistant. Sixteen members received the Sacrament delivered by seven teams of elders and deacons on March 13.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING has moved to the third Sunday of each month.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Dr. Kieffer, Rev. McGill and Rev. Dreitcer will lead worship services every Thursday in April at 4:00 p.m. for the residents. They lead worship in April and September.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

On Palm Sunday, March 20, **Julia Lynn Musgrave**, daughter of Sarah and Jason Musgrave and granddaughter of Carolyn and R.L. Moore, received the Sacrament. **Luke Isaac and Elle Caroline Milliman**, children of Kate and Brad Milliman and grandchildren of Ginny and Jim Baker, received the Sacrament. **Brad William Milliman** also received adult baptism.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Hartley died on March 7 in Peoria, IL. Condolences are extended to her husband, **Harold**, and her daughter, Sue Kirk. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Greenview, IL.

John P. Fixmer III died January 30 in Springfield. Condolences are extended to his wife, **Gale Fixmer**, their children, Susan Dyer, John Fixmer IV, David Fixmer, and their families. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 30, 11:00 a.m. at Westminster.

SYMPATHY TO

June Flood on the death of her brother, Walter Friend, on February 8 in Hillsboro, IL.

Jeanne and Pete VanGieson on the death of Pete's brother, John Ferris VanGieson, on March 15 in Washington.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Anne Maldaner Smith will host an open house in Parish Hall on Sunday, April 3, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate Andy Smith's 90th Birthday. The congregation is invited!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

The Rev. Gerald and Mrs. Judy Boutelle on their 50th wedding anniversary. They will host an open house at Riverbank Lodge, Highway 97, in Petersburg on Saturday, April 15, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate. The congregation is invited! No gifts please.

Nancy and Chip Woodward on their 40th wedding anniversary on April 16.

NEW ADDRESSES

Katie and Carl Matteson have moved to 908 Century Way, Racine, WI 53406-5667.

Lexi, Jesse and Aliyah Miech have moved to 450 North Arlington Apt 906, Reno, NV 89503.

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April 24*