



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2018

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule

Nursery 8:30 a.m.

Saturday

Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School for Pre-K – Grade 5
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Forum
11:15 a.m. – 12 noon

*Saturday Worship Resumes
April 21 at 5:00 p.m.*

April 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Psalm 133; John 20:19-31

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Transitioning Well

April 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO THIRD GRADERS

1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Joy, Disbelief and Wonder

April 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

EARTH DAY

Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18

The Rev. Trajan I. McGill
Trials

April 29

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Psalm 22:25-31; Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Can't Take That Away From Me

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE PERSONALIZED BIBLES

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP



Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles on Sunday, April 15, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Sue Cull, Dr. Marc DeJong, Meridith Bryans, Sara Eldridge and Emma Shafer have been preparing the children for this milestone event on their faith journey. Each child will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with their name engraved on the cover. It is our hope and prayer that these scriptures will become a guiding light for our children:

Samuel Robert Batterman
Sloan Bentley Bird
Maria Grace DeJong
Abigail Elizabeth Eldridge
Dylan Scott Hibbert

Ruby Kate Rediger Klein
James Jaewon Maeda
Macklin Donelan Metzger
Olivia Kathryn Musick

A SACRED CONCERT

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 4:00 P.M. IN SANCTUARY

PRESENTED BY THE WESTMINSTER CHANCEL CHOIR

The concert features music for choir that features our soloists Adam Miller, counter-tenor and



tenor, Eleanor VanDeventer, soprano, and Lyle VanDeventer, bass as well as solo pieces for the organ and two trumpets. The music of Purcell and Manfredini will feature Dennis Jones and Neal Smith, trumpets. Dee Dee Gain will accompany the choir in music of Gounod (born in 1818) and Bernstein (born in 1918) as well as music of Noble, Puccini, and others. The Walnuts will sing Chilcot's *Abolition of Slavery*, a work we dedicate to Lincoln (who died on April 15), the *Hallelujah* of Cohen. It is a program with a variety of music and combinations of our fine musicians that will close with the *Final* from the *Second Symphony* of Widor.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

The Class of 2018 will be recognized and commissioned on Sunday, April 29, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of our youth:

Jessica Suzanne Borland
Madison Elizabeth Kruger
Clayton Maddox Kurmann
Samantha Nichole Magalis

Each youth will receive a NRSV Student Bible, which is a gift from Westminster. The Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons will host a reception honoring the Confirmands following worship. *Thank you to those who served as mentors to our confirmands:*



Meg Kontio, Dee Dee Duffy, Joe Fierstos, and Mary Gail Romack.

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

"Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!"

Following a moving and meaningful Holy Week at Westminster, we begin the Season of Easter anticipating the beginnings our God of Resurrection will form among us. As we celebrate and give thanks for the fortuitous timing and gift of Natalie Knox's interim ministry, the APNC, chaired by Susan Day, has been diligently reading PIFs (Personal Information Forms) and interviewing prospective candidates. During April we will bring two candidates to Springfield to explore in greater depth a possible partnership in ministry. Continue to hold the APNC (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) in your prayers as they lead us in discerning our next pastoral call. This spring, we anticipate welcoming a new Associate Pastor for Family Ministry with joy and respect.



LEGACY OF FAITH PLANNED GIVING DINNER

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

On Tuesday, April 17 the Support and Endowment Committee, chaired by Randy Germeraad, is hosting the first of our Legacy of Faith Planned Giving Dinners. The purpose is to thank those who have remembered Westminster in their will and to invite others to consider this opportunity to invest in our future. We will gather at Concordia Village in the Harmony Room at 5:00 p.m. Following dinner and a brief presentation, the Walnuts will provide a musical program.

FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 20

ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.



Founders' Sunday.

Founders' Sunday will be celebrated on May 20 with the theme "Hail! Abiah Hale." Abiah Hale, wife of Albert defined the character of this congregation with her generous and compassionate spirit.

We are grateful to our church archivists, Carol Bloemer & Sue Cull for their diligent and persistent research into the mission and service driven life of Abiah Hale. Since the establishment of the endowment campaign and the Albert Hale Circle, we also highlight our endowment annually on

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Income received in the first two months of 2018 is \$4,737 more than budgeted which is a result of a number of pledges being paid in a lump sum early in the year. Expenses are under budget year-to-date by \$5,148. Therefore, total income exceeds expenses by \$9,885.

| 2018 Operations | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income | \$ 176,839 | \$ 172,102 | \$ 4,737 |
| Expenses | \$-166,954 | \$-172,102 | \$ 5,148 |
| Net | \$ 9,885 | \$ 0 | |

REACHING FOR OUR PER CAPITA GOAL

This year Westminster will pay \$32 per member to support the work of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Thank you to the 131 members who have given Per Capita donations. This is 59% of our \$7,000 goal. We need 88 more Per Capita donations of \$32.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (singers in grades 3-5) rehearse on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m.. The Choristers will sing on Sunday, April 15. Their spring musical, *Francis, Little Man of God*, will be presented on Sunday, May 6.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR (singers in grades K-2) will be a part of the Westminster Choristers' musical on May 6 during the 10 a.m. service, as they sing the Song of the Birds and assist with props.

FRANCIS, LITTLE MAN OF GOD

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 6, the Westminster Choristers will present a musical biographical sketch of St. Francis at both services.

St. Francis is credited with reforming and reviving the medieval church in Italy as well as being a fierce environmentalist. Choristers are Ben Bassett, Maria DeJong, James Maeda, Julia Musgrave, and Olivia Musick.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LITURGICAL ARTS FESTIVAL OF SPRINGFIELD

Friday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Sangamon Valley Civic Orchestra and Chorus
Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2645 Old Jacksonville Rd.

Saturday, April 28 from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m.

Liturgical and Sacred Art Exhibit and Reception
Springfield Art Association, 700 North Fourth St.

Monday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Spaces: Exploring Sacred Architecture
Temple B'rith Sholom 1004-1008 South Fourth St.

Tuesday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Dan Miller, Organist
Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception 524 E. Lawrence

Wednesday, May 2 (two events)

6:00 p.m. Springfield Poets and Writers: A Pilgrimage Across the World's Sacred Verse

7:30 p.m. Chants and Dance:

Sacred Sounds and Sights
From Many Faiths and reception
Westminster Presbyterian
Church, 533 South Walnut St.



Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Springfield Choral Society, Marion Van der Loo, conductor
Central Baptist Church, 501 South Fourth St.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM PRESENTS:

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: LAWS OF THE HEART

SUNDAYS, APRIL 8, 15, 22, MAY 6

11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom

Enrich your faith journey by participating in a discussion of the Ten Commandments and how they are relevant today. In this DVD series, Joan Chittister, OSB, invites us to think deeply about the moral fibers of our society. She presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth and that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them. Discussions will be led by Lyle VanDeventer.

YOUTH UPDATE by Natalie Knox

THIS YEAR'S TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION was a great success. We raised **\$6,190!** Special thanks to Trivia Master Todd Knox, MC Dave Leonatti, Mary Ray and her fabulous kitchen team, Becky Huston, and all who donated such great silent auction items. Last but not least, thank you to all who participated. Pictured below is the winning team.



JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

Junior High youth meet Sundays, 4:00– 6:00 p.m. for study, fellowship, and dinner.

- April 8 – No Youth Group
- April 15 – Confirmation Prep: Daniel
Confirmation: Topics in the Church Today
- April 22 – Confirmation Prep: Rebuilding
Confirmation Class: Preparation for Confirmation Sunday
- April 29– Youth Group party at the Zerfas Home

A CONFIRMATION DINNER celebrating our confirmands will be held on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall, following the 6:00 p.m. Confirmation presentation during the monthly Session meeting. Confirmands, their families, and mentors are invited to enjoy a wonderful meal provided by the Membership Committee.

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

Senior High youth meet Sundays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, and topical “Sticky Faith” questions.

- April 8 – No Youth Group
- April 15 – What does it mean to be Presbyterian?
- April 22 – Identifying Privilege
- April 29 – Youth Group Party at the Zerfas home

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

APPLEBEE'S ON VETERANS PARKWAY
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.



Our next Mission Trip Fundraiser will be a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 28th at Applebee's on Veterans Parkway from 8-10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased in the church office or from a WPC Youth. Contact Leigh Milward at

karjensmom@sbcglobal.net if you're interested in volunteering!

WPC YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Young Adults ages 18-29 are invited to brunch at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6th Street) after church on the last Sunday of each month. We will meet next on **Sunday, April 29 at 12:00 p.m.**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

Grace United Methodist Church hosted for our fourth gathering on March 14. We learned about John Wesley and created tie-dyed t-shirts together



BRIDGES

During Holy Week, Bridges Children washed the hands of their advocates, walked the labyrinth, viewed the Holy Week Art Display, and gathered in the Chancel to share in the sacrament of communion.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY, JUNE 11 – FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14b

This summer, June 11-15, all children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to join us at “Hero Central” where we will discover our strength in God and encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes. To volunteer, please email Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.



WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

KIDS' STUFF SALE in Parish Hall

Saturday, April 21, 8:00 a.m. – noon



Stop by for the preschool's annual rummage sale of children's clothing, toys, and accessories on Saturday, April 21.

Youth Lead Worship Sunday, March 4



Members Received and Recognized Sunday, March 11



Stephanie Frost is a graduate from UIS with a degree in social work, and she works as an abuse counselor at Sojourn. She enjoys crafts, family time, and volunteering. She has one son, Camren, who is nine.

Stephen Rogers is a subcontractor and attending HVAC School in the fall. He enjoys family time and video games. Stephanie and Stephen will be married at Westminster in June 2018.

Their sponsors are Tamika and Jake Hill.



Kristy Green has worked for the city of Springfield for twenty-three years, and has spent the last sixteen years at the CWLP Power Plant. She is a graduate from LLCC and Robert Morris College. Kristy enjoys reading, crafts, and family time. Her daughters are Stephanie Frost and Anne McAllister. She has served as a Girl Scout Leader and PTO President.

Her sponsor is Katy Maeda.



Marilyn Babcock is a retired first grade teacher, (after thirty-four years). Marilyn enjoys music, piano, baking, and children.

Ted Babcock is the owner/operator of Theodore Babcock T&M Accounting/Consulting. He enjoys car restoration and recently completed a 1948 Willy's Overland Jeepster. They have two daughters, four grandchildren, and will celebrate their 50th anniversary in June 2018.

Their sponsors are Sue & Bill Donels.



Anne McAllister graduated from Southeast High School, where she was on the Poms Dance Team. She currently attends Quincy University majoring in elementary education and on the Hawkette Dance Team. Anne loves the outdoors, crafts, and being involved with community service.

Her sponsor is Lizzy Olmsted.

PALM SUNDAY



Holy Week began with the Palm Sunday Processional led by our children and special music by Children's Choir.

MAUNDY THURSDAY



GOOD FRIDAY



Maundy Thursday Service included Holy Communion and stripping of the Chancel.



Good Friday Service included the extinguishing of candles following Passion Reading.

EASTER MORNING



The children opened "Resurrection Eggs" during the children's sermon and reviewed the events of Holy Week before participating in a "chilly" Easter Egg Hunt following worship.

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – As of April 3, the 2018 OGHs donations total \$3,206.96. The children's portion of the total is \$86.96. This ecumenical, special offering goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and self-development of people throughout the world.



HELPING HANDS – Westminster members provide meals for the residents of the Helping Hands homeless shelter on the second Friday of every month. This is a ministry valued highly by Helping Hands, and we are in need of more people interested in preparing and delivering one of these monthly meals. Reimbursement is available from the church for costs incurred. May through September, November, and December are still open; contact Trajan McGill or the church office to volunteer. Thank you to Joe Fierstos for providing the meal in April.

WOODEN IT BE LOVELY – Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church has a neighborhood ministry to single mothers in need of work and work skills. This innovative project joins these women together in the task of renovating furniture, which becomes beautiful items for sale several times a year. The program has been supporting child care for the moms while they work there, and was in need of help making sure the children got nutritious meals. The Mission and Community Service Committees have voted to support this effort with funds from Westminster's Endowment mission budget. We are happy to be able to partner with Douglas Avenue UMC, and we look forward to ongoing growth in our ministry to the immediate neighborhood of our own church.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH APRIL MENU

Canned Chicken/Tuna, Canned Fruit in 100% Juice, and Baked Beans. Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank. **Items in High Demand:** *personal hygiene products, shampoo/conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 and up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION If you are unable to attend worship on the second Sunday of the month, whether temporarily or on an ongoing basis, and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Nine members received the sacrament in March from six teams of elders and deacons. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.

EASTER LILIES – Thanks to all of the Deacons who distributed lilies from our giant cross of lilies to many of our members in care facilities and in honor of loved ones lost. Special thanks to Cathy Schwartz and Ellen Carpenter for stepping in to help as well, to Deb Coontz for providing logistics assistance, and to Suzie Spada for coordinating the distribution on Easter Sunday.

EARTH CARE TEAM NEWS

WESTMINSTER RECERTIFIED AS EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

The Environmental Ministries at the Presbyterian Church (USA) has recertified Westminster as an Earth Care Congregation! The Earth Care Congregations program began in 2010 by the 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.



WPC HOSTS TABLE AT EARTH AWARENESS FAIR, APRIL 21

The Earth Care Team will host a table at the 26th annual Springfield Earth Awareness Fair on Saturday, April 21, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Old State Capitol. Come and see our table which will include a poster presentation of stories, quotes, and passages regarding the Biblical foundations for Eco-Justice. The event is free and open to the public!

EARTH CARE TIP

From biblical times, gardeners have reused food scraps in compost to nourish their plants. Compost is *real* plant food and greatly reduces food waste and the need for fertilizer! Just mix any leftover edibles about 1:1 with other compostables (leaves, yard waste, paper products, etc.). Chopping, frequent stirring, and moisture will help create "black gold" within a few weeks.

Earth Care Team: Dr. Peter Kieffer, Keith Hamilton, Tim Kluge, Lynn McMenamin, Maribeth Norton, Brad Steller

PASTORAL NOTES

CREDO – The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has an ongoing program, called CREDO, which works to advance the development of Presbyterian ministers throughout different points in their life's work. The denomination is able to invite a small group each year to take part, and this year Rev. Trajan McGill will be attending their conference near Little Rock, Arkansas, April 3 – 9. Dr. Kieffer had a meaningful experience with this program earlier in her career, helping shape her development and goals, and Rev. McGill is looking forward to the opportunity as well.



From the CREDO web site:

The Board of Pensions sponsors Presbyterian CREDO conferences to help PC(USA) teaching elders cultivate their spiritual, vocational, health, and financial well-being, as well as their leadership potential.

An experienced faculty team guides participants in growing and changing in these key areas of their lives. Each conference becomes a true learning community, in which all participants share with one another their knowledge, experience, compassion, and care. In this way, CREDO helps participants replenish their spirits and rediscover the passion that first animated their call to ministry.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The next monthly brown bag lunch is Tuesday, April 10 at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome. Questions? Call Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON will meet Friday, April 6 at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Deb Coontz and Chair of the Day is Sharon Zook. Amber Miller, Director of Equine Therapy at Kemmerer Village, will present the program "Equine Assisted Therapy." Please make your reservations by April 4 with your Circle or by calling the church office at 217-522-4415.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Suzie Spada (2128 N. 23rd.) We will discuss Chapter 7 "Bossing & Being Bossy" & Chapter 8 "Victims & Survivors" of *Imperfect Control: Our Lifelong Struggles with Power and Surrender*, by Judith Viorst.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. We will be studying the book *Really Bad Girls of the Bible, More Lessons from Less-Than-Perfect Women*. Lynn McMenamin will lead our program on Chapter 2, "Lethal Weapon".

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m.** in the home of hostess Nancy Canady (1717 W. Jackson). Nancy will provide the devotional and lead Lesson 7 "Acc. to the Non-canonical Gospels" in the PW Horizon Bible Study *Who is Jesus?* by Judy Yates Siker.

LAYETTES FOR KUMLER APRIL COLLECTION -Join the women of Westminster in donating layette items **during the month of April**; items will be given to Kumler Outreach Ministries. The *Layettes Box* is located in the West Narthex. Layettes will be delivered at the Church Women United May Friendship Day on Thursday, May 3 at St. John A.M.E. Church, 1:00 p.m. Please have all donations in by May 1; women of Westminster are invited to attend May Friendship Day.

PW CHURCH-WIDE GATHERING AUGUST 2-5, 2018

The Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be **August 2-5** in Louisville, KY. Registration for this event can be found on their website www.presbyterianwomen.org.



Hotel reservations can be made at the Galt House Hotel. When calling or booking online to reserve a room, please indicate that you are with the PW.

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet **Thursday, April 12, at 7:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. We welcome Gary Hurley, who will present a program entitled "CWLP and Energy Conservation". Charlie King will lead devotions, and Bob Leffler will provide the breakfast. Please RSVP to Stephanie at smoore@wpcspi.org.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, APRIL 20 AT 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM We welcome the Rev. Joe Eby, Interim Pastor of 3rd Presbyterian, who will present a program on "My Pilgrimage to the Holy Land". Please join us for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.



WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Andy Smith celebrates 92 years on April 5.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Katy & Kurt Long on the birth of their daughter, Cora Allyne on February 28. Her big brother is Jacob and proud grandparents are Amanda & Gary Neubauer.

IN MEMORIAM

Martin Duling died on March 22. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his wife Leah Duling, and their children Doris (Daniel) Pickell, Martin Duling Jr., Paul Duling, Carol (Dan) Schwartz, and their families. The service honoring his life will be Thursday, April 5, 11:00 a.m. at Boardman-Smith Funeral Home. A reception will follow at Westminster in Parish Hall.

A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Barbara F. Greening will be Saturday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary. A reception follows at the Island Bay Yacht Club.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

John Cross on the death of his father, the Reverend Dr. William Cross, on March 2, 2018 in Springfield. Illinois College will host a Memorial Service on Wednesday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Rammelkamp Chapel

Jane Baudino on the death her sister and Nichole Magalis on the death her aunt, Georgia Patlan March 15 in Omaha, NE.

Carolyn and Dan Dungan on the death of his father and to Colin Dungan and Caitlin Simhauser on the death of their grandfather, Harvey Dungan, on March 19.

IN THE NEWS

Annie Sherrick participated in a mission trip with Boston College through the Appalachia Volunteer program during her spring break. She worked on Skid Row and at the St. Francis Center in Los Angeles.

Jen DeJong published an article on youth ministry entitled "Transitioning Well" in the March 16, 2018 issue of Princeton Theological Seminary's magazine *The Thread*.

Chandler Klang Smith will partake in a book signing of her second novel *The Sky is Yours* at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, April 14, at 3:00 p.m.

Sue Scaife will present an art show of pastel paintings at the Art Association of Jacksonville (331 West College Avenue) May 5-27. The opening reception is May 5, 6-8 p.m.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME NEWS

The pastors will lead worship at the Illinois Presbyterian Home on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. during the month of April.

Cake donations are needed for the Presbyterian Home's monthly Birthday Celebration. If you would like to be part of this & help out, please contact Nancy Canady 546-8469.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED HOSTS

REACHING FOR WHOLENESS IN SOLIDARITY WITH GOD'S CREATION - Thursday, April 5 at 5:30 p.m. Cotton Hill United Methodist (5931 N. Cotton Hill Road) will host this CWU Forum highlighting The Innocence Project with guest speaker Larry Golden.

CWU MEETING & TOUR OF RACE RIOT OF 1908 EXHIBIT - Tuesday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. Meeting & 10:45 a.m. Museum Tour Please join us at the Illinois African American History Museum (1440 Monument, 62702) at 9:30 a.m. for the CWU meeting and museum tour.

SATURDAYS AT WESTMINSTER RESUME APRIL 21 AT 5:00 P.M.



Saturday worship at Westminster resumes on **April 21 with a 5:00 p.m. service** in Parish Hall. Join our Saturday night worshipers for the season's traditional opening reception in Parish Hall on April 21. Light appetizers and punch will be served following worship.

The Rev. Trajan McGill will preach on April 21. We are grateful for the innovative music provided by Deb Watts and the Westminster Jazz Trio. Members are encouraged to join us for this meaningful worship experience!

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM SPRING SERVICE PROJECT

DATE: Sunday, April 22, 2018

TIME: 2:00-3:30 p.m. (Registration 1:45)

PLACE: Old State Capitol

WHO: Children Grades K-6

WHAT: JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO

- **Build** friendship through mixers and games.
- **Enjoy** an historical presentation in the Chambers.
- **Create** Hurricane Relief Cleaning Kits.
- **Share** an Earth Care snack and PowerPoint Presentation as we celebrate our journey together.

Parents are invited to attend. Special thanks to the Westminster Endowment which helped fund this final gathering for the 2017-2018 journey and to Mary Caroline Mitchell and Sandy Bellatti who have provided invaluable leadership. Sign up with Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

CELEBRATING NATALIE KNOX SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On **Sunday, April 29 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service** Westminster will honor and thank Natalie Knox for her invaluable service as Interim Director for Youth during this year of transition. Her tenure with us concludes in April. She will spend seven weeks touring Europe before moving to Chicago to begin Medical School at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in July.

THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES 4:30 TO 7:00 P.M. AT THE ZERFAS'

WPC Youth and families (and all other Natalie Knox fans) are invited to thank Natalie for her year of loving leadership and to wish her the best on her next chapter in medical school. We will gather at a celebration hosted by the Zerfas' on **Sunday, April 29 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.** Rigatoni, meatless lasagna and potluck salads and desserts will be served. **Please R.S.V.P. to Sarah at 553-2846 by April 22 to coordinate dishes.** The Zerfas' home is located at 2701 Kipling Drive. See you then!



May Reporter Deadline is Sunday, April 29.

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