



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2020

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule:

10:00 a.m.
Online Worship Service
www.wpcspi.org

Sunday School:
Young Children and Worship
Bible Story YouTube Video
emailed to Families
Children Birth-Grade 5

Youth Gather by Zoom
Junior High Youth 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Senior High Youth 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

April 5

PALM SUNDAY

Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

The Power of Choice

April 12

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Relentless Resurrection

April 19

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

See My Hands

April 26

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Grow by Walking



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week online worship services will be posted on the homepage of our website www.wpcspi.org, on the dates and times listed below.

Members who would like a video recording of Westminster worship services may contact the Church Office to receive a DVD.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach. We will miss our traditional Sunday school children and youth processional with palms and their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes. We will participate in a One Great Hour of Sharing Dedication Liturgy. Lyle VanDeventer will sing our hymns. Julie Blythe and Amanda Neubauer will sing *Lamb of God, Most Holy* of Robert Pearsall, accompanied by Dale Rogers.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 10

12 noon Online Worship Service

The Reverend Christian K. Choi will preach in this service centered on readings from John's Passion narrative. Special music of Pearsall, Saint-Saens, Dupree and others will be presented by Julie Blythe and Amanda Neubauer, accompanied by Dale Rogers.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 a.m. Online Worship Service

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach. Adam Miller will open the service with *Easter* by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Eleanor VanDeventer will sing Handel's *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*. Lyle VanDeventer will sing our hymns. The service will conclude with the Toccata from the Fifth Symphony of C. M. Widor, presented by Dale Rogers.

SATURDAY WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER



Saturday worship at Westminster will resume with a 5:00 p.m. service in Parish Hall once it is deemed safe to gather again. Our spring, summer, and fall Saturday worship will begin with a reception hosted by members who provide leadership within this service.

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, seasonal worship experience!

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

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 3:1

THE PREACHER IN ECCLESIASTES affirms that for everything there is a season and a time for every matter under the heavens. We find ourselves in a time “to refrain from gathering” for the well-being of our community. We are grateful for the resilience of the human spirit and the steadfast love of God which empowers us to honor this season in our life together and to persevere through a time of being apart.

We look forward to the personal and spiritual renewal that will grow out of this seed of separation that has unexpectedly been planted within our lives. We anticipate a new perspective and a new appreciation for the beauty of our life together as a result of this time apart, and we are grateful for the God who joined us in our humanity, who holds us in our uncertainty, and who renews our strength.

IN KEEPING WITH THE CDC RECOMMENDATION of assembling no more than 10 persons, the Session acted in March:

(1) to suspend all gatherings of members and outside groups, including worship and the administration of the Sacrament of Communion through the month of April.

(2) to empower the staff worship team to create online worship services through the month of April including a Good Friday Service and to utilize endowment funds to purchase equipment and to pay personnel.

(3) to create a COVID-19 Task Force of medical professionals to provide accurate information and recommendations during this current pandemic. Serving on this task force: *Drs. Virginia Dolan, Peter Kieffer, Todd Knox, Mike Nenaber, Cara Vasconcelles and nurses Ellen Carpenter and Marilyn Rigney.*

WITH THE GOVERNOR’S “STAY AT HOME” DIRECTIVE, the Westminster’s administrative staff has been primarily working from home and coming into the office for essential tasks. Gary Warnick, Building and Property Manager, is taking this opportunity for deep cleaning. The pastors and Dale Rogers have been tasked with the new challenge of creating online worship. We are grateful for the experience and expertise of Bob Fox in this endeavor. Additionally, we are utilizing online resources to gather our youth for Bible Study and fellowship and to conduct the work of committees.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Income received in the first two months of 2020 is \$37,265 more than budgeted which is a result of a number of families donating their annual pledge in a lump sum early in the year. Expenses are under budget by \$11,052 for the same period. Therefore, total income exceeds expenses by \$48,317.

2020 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 210,762	\$ 173,497	\$ 37,265
Expenses	\$-162,445	\$-173,497	\$ 11,052
Net Total	\$ 48,317	\$ 0	

ONLINE GIVING - Members are encouraged to continue their giving during this time and can do so at www.wpcspi.org at the giving tab.

As always, members are welcome to send a check through the U.S. Postal Service. Please indicate where your funds should be applied on the memo line. 2020 Operating Budget, H.E.A.L., Per Capita, Endowment, One Great Hour of Sharing, etc.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

With all the planned choral music for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter canceled, I am grateful to the musicians who have stepped up to provide music for our online presence each week: Krista Steller, Julie Blythe, Amanda Neubauer, Lyle VanDeventer, Eleanor VanDeventer, Jamie Greenwald, and Adam Miller.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS were making great strides in preparations for the presentation of the spring musical, *Oh, Jonah!* So, I am hoping to hold a Music Day Camp in the summer that will have continued preparations for the musical, creating and painting the set pieces, and other related activities can make this still happen. At that point, we would open this activity to young singers who have not been Choristers.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

At their March 18 meeting, Session approved the formation of the COVID-19 Task Force (CVTF). One of the CVTF’s responsibilities will be relay the information provided by reputable sources to the congregation. As we begin our work, we have some early recommendations to pass on.

CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SAFE SOCIAL DISTANCING. Wash your hands frequently and every time you handle or touch an item that may be questionable. These are the only real tools we have to stem the spread of the virus. Stay at home as much as possible, venturing out only when absolutely necessary.

STAY POSITIVE AND CONNECTED. Our mental approach to this pandemic is hugely important. Reach out to others and continue to support one another, just do it remotely or from a distance of more than six feet. As the weather is turning nicer, take walks and enjoy being outside; however, maintain appropriate social distancing.

HAVE PATIENCE AND REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS. No one knows how long it will last. Be prepared for a long time, and if it ends sooner, that is good news for all.

STAY INFORMED. There are excellent resources available; however, also many sources of misinformation. The best resources remain:

- o [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](http://WorldHealthOrganization.org)
- o [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](http://CentersforDiseaseControl.org)
- o [Illinois Dept of Public Health \(IDPH\)](http://IllinoisDeptofPublicHealth.org)
- o [Sangamon County Dept of Public Health](http://SangamonCountyDeptofPublicHealth.org)
- o [Memorial Medical Center \(MMC\)](http://MemorialMedicalCenter.org)
- o [St. John's Hospital \(SJH\).](http://StJohnsHospital.org)

These websites contain excellent information on the pandemic and how to stay safe and healthy. Social media is full of misinformation and should be viewed with a discriminating eye. Our local hospitals have set up virtual health care visits, allowing medical visits from home.

- o [MemorialNow](http://MemorialNow.org)
- o [St. John's/HS](http://StJohnsHS.org)

Memorial also has an Emotional Hotline, available to anyone: [217-588-5509](tel:217-588-5509). If members would like to reach out to the CVTF, please email us at WPCCoronavirus@gmail.com.

The CVTF will continue to monitor the situation and communicate recommendations to the congregation based on our collective experience and professional sources. We will work with our fabulous church staff to ensure we come out of this not only healthy, but perhaps closer and more appreciative of one another. Be safe, be healthy, and may God bless us all.

Ellen Carpenter, RN
Virginia Dolan, MD
Peter Kieffer, MD
Todd Knox, MD

Michael Nenaber, MD
Marilyn Rigney, RN
Cara Vasconcelles, MD

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

YOUTH GATHER BY ZOOM

WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

During this time of isolation with young people asked to stay at home, Westminster is providing a way to connect as Rev. Choi gathers ministry partners and youth together via Zoom each Wednesday and Sunday.

Junior High Youth (Grades 6-8)
Sundays & Wednesdays: 4:00 p.m.

Senior High Youth (Grades 9-12)
Sundays: 5:30 p.m. & Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

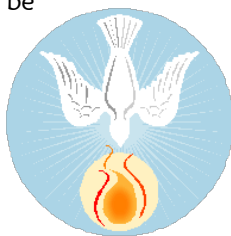
We will continue to hold virtual meetings until we can physically gather once again in our church building when it is deemed safe.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The Class of 2020 will meet with Session, enjoy a dinner hosted by the Membership Committee, and be recognized and commissioned on a Sunday to be determined once we resume gathering for worship. This is a time to celebrate our young people affirming their faith. We welcome:

Kristianna Elizabeth Eastvold
William Andrew Hovey
Olivia Grace Simonson

Thank you to those who served as mentors for our confirmands: Meridith Bryans, Joe Fierstos and Beth Kincaid.



2020 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are still preparing for the mission trip in July. Westminster in partnership with ASP, we are monitoring CDC, WHO, and health agencies very closely. We currently have 22 youth and 7 adults signed up to share God's love. If you have not done so and want to join summer mission team, please contact Rev. Choi via email at cchoi@wpcspi.org.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS (TENTATIVE DATES)

Trivia Night, which was scheduled for Sunday, March 22 has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 28.

Applebees' Pancake Breakfast which was scheduled for Saturday, April 18 has been rescheduled to Saturday, May 9.

Car Wash and Bake Sale is taking place on Sunday, May 17.

MISSION TRIP SUPPLIES DONATED

On Friday, March 20, Bill Deemer collected unused Facemasks from our mission trip supplies and donated them to Memorial Medical Center for use during the supply shortage.



Ed Curtis is pictured with the donations and sent an enthusiastic and sincere thank you to our youth.

Thank you Bill for remembering and acting to serve those within our community.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

WPConnections

During this unexpected time apart, we began a weekly communication to stay connected with one another. We miss our time on Sunday mornings and hope we will be together soon. In the meantime, we are providing resources for you, as a family, to reflect together on Sunday mornings.

YOUNG CHILDREN AND WORSHIP BIBLE STORY

Each Friday you will receive an imbedded Youtube video of Sunday's Young Children and Worship Bible Story. After watching the story as a family, we invite our young friends to retell the story in the following ways:

- 1) Drawing
- 2) Re-telling the story to parents
- 3) Writing a prayer journal / Praying
- 4) Coloring (color the page included which can be copied)
- 5) Close your time with a prayer.

PEN PALS

Our children are also invited to become a pen pal to an older member and, thereby, participate in the mission of the intergenerational church at Westminster. By sharing your weekly artwork with those who are housebound, we can connect them with church and share the life-giving Word of God. If interested, please contact Karen Sherrick ksherrick@wpcspi.org to pair your child with a member of the Westminster in need.

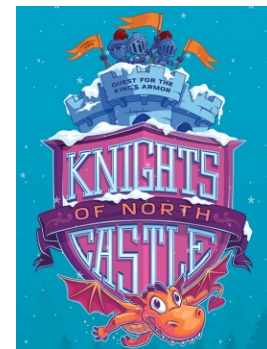
CRAFT IDEA

Make prayer time a little easier with a prayer ring, prayer album or a family prayer box (recipe box). Collect pictures of family members, friends, the earth, teachers.... You can even include The Lord's Prayers or memory verses. As you look at a picture, have your child say "God bless" and then name the photo. At the end say, "Amen." Grab it and go. It can be done anywhere. It's an easy way for your child to initiate and lead family prayer time. *(Adapted from Faithful Families by Traci Smith)*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH SAVE THE DATE: JULY 13-17

This summer, July 13-17 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to join us on a quest with the Knights of the North to armor up with truth, justice, peace, faith and salvation.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Ephesians 6:10



WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL



As a play-based preschool, being closed is a very particularly challenging! The teachers are reading books each day on video and sending them to the families. They have included fingerplays, pictures, and updates from the children. The videos include challenges - like drawing a building (for our current buildings study), seeing what objects sink and float in your sink or bathtub, and making a pattern out of things you find at your house.

Emily Rowley, WCP Director

**ASH WEDNESDAY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26**



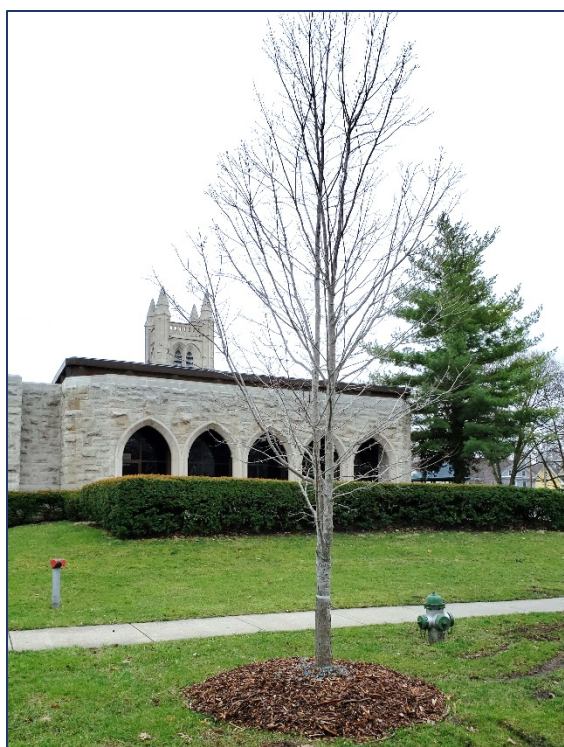
Our Lenten journey began on Ash Wednesday with a delicious chicken and Caesar salad dinner in Parish Hall followed by a meaningful worship experience led by the Bridges Children and Choristers. The meditation, presented by Rev. Christian Choi, included the reading of a new book in our Children's Library: *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers. The theme "Season of Inclusion" consisted of the gift of a shell symbolizing our baptisms when we were welcomed into the church family. The traditional ashes reminded us of our humanity and the Sacrament of Communion is a lovely remembrance of all the ways God nourishes us on our journeys. Little did we know that 2020 Lent would bring with the COVID-19 pandemic.

How grateful we are for the faith that sustains us during times of challenge and difficulty.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR ENDEAVOR AND SPRING CLEANING

The Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plan moved forward in March with the removal of the Sweet Gums on Edwards and the Sycamore on the Walnut Rental property. Four Red Pointe Maples replaced the Sweet Gums on Edwards. Session approved O'Shea Builders to remove 517 and 519 S. Walnut apartment buildings and to prepare the ground for the parking lot. Additionally, Property Committee approved a tuckpoint project by Pulliam of the east end of the Sanctuary and north and south gables.

With the "stay at home" directive in effect, Westminster is taking this opportunity to do some "spring cleaning." The carpeting in Parish Hall, the West Narthex and Sanctuary are being cleaned as well as the pew cushions.



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (O.G.H.S.)

During this time of crisis, with the COVID-19 pandemic threatening, we are reminded that the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first. Even before the present world health crisis, millions of people lacked access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Now, with huge numbers of low-wage workers worldwide suddenly deprived of any income at all, the need is dramatic.

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering invests (in our denomination) in Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People ministry, all of which will be key in helping people survive, recover, and get on their feet again. This offering is received during Lent across the PC(USA) and other churches, and dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 5.

LENTEN COAT DRIVE

Every year during Lent, we collect new and lightly used coats for donation to Contact Ministries. Due to present circumstances, members are encouraged either to order coats online with delivery to the church, or set aside coats for donation, and we can gather them together in celebration once we return to in-person worship. With summer approaching, there are many good online deals on coats!

HELPING HANDS

WPC provides dinner for the Helping Hands shelter the 2nd Friday of every month. The April meal will be provided by Melanie Green, Pat Hymans, Mary Ray, and Krista Steller. Thanks to Karen Miller and Noel Scott for the March meal.

May through November are still open. If you are able to help in this vital time, please email Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org).

The Mission and Community Service Committee is exploring additional ways we can support this important area ministry.



GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH APRIL MENU

Canned Chicken/Tuna, Canned Fruit in 100% Juice, and Baked Beans or Veggies. **High-Demand Items:** *feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes size 3 and up, granola / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.* The Central IL Foodbank presently has significant need. WPC members are encouraged to set aside food as they normally would, to be gathered & delivered as soon as it is possible.

FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD

William McNary, Director of Citizen Action, spoke at the Faith Coalition's March 5 annual breakfast fundraiser held at Westminster. Mr. McNary gave an inspiring message. The well-attended event raised around \$7,000 for the organization and signed up many new monthly sustainers.



WESTMINSTER AN EARTH CARE CONGREGATION



The Hunger Ministries at the PC(USA) has certified Westminster Presbyterian Church for the fifth consecutive year as an Earth Care Congregation! The Earth Care Congregations program was started in 2010 by Presbyterian 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.

APRIL EARTH CARE TIP - Perhaps social distancing and a few weeks at home will give us opportunities for some **green spring cleaning!** If we are downsizing good stuff stashed in the garage or basement, we can share treasures no longer needed: donate clothes and small items / appliances to Goodwill or Salvation Army, give tools / large appliances / construction materials to Habitat ReStore, or post for free almost anything else on Craigslist. We could sort now and deliver or schedule pickup after businesses reopen. Reusing our stuff becomes an opportunity to give, reduces trash in landfills, avoids the costs of recycling, and preserves natural resources.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION

The Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force is still making plans to serve our neighbors in 2020. This includes two projects oriented toward helping area homeowners.



Matching Grants: Local residents will be invited to apply for matching grants toward simple property improvements, especially addressing certain needs such as safety, security, and energy efficiency upgrades.

Neighborhood Service Week: Westminster members plan to take to the neighborhood **the week of July 13-20**, assisting with exterior repair and improvement projects. Please consider taking one or more days that week and joining us as we engage directly with the neighborhood! If interested, contact Todd Knox hardknox1@mac.com.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

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Steve Cobourn, chair of the Congregational Care Committee, is coordinating a ministry of phone calls to every member of the congregation during the Governor's "stay at home" directive. The "check-in" callers are *Jane Arbutnot, Ted Babcock, Sue Baker, Bob Bradford, Nancy and Rich Canady, Sue Cull, Virginia Dolan, Sara Eldridge, Tara Fritsch, Kathy Germeraad, Bud Green, Alyssa Haaker, Anne Haaker, Norma Johnson, Mary Caroline and David Mitchell, Mike Nenaber, Maribeth Norton, Mary Peura, Julie McDonough, Mary Ray, Marilyn Rigney, Roe Stone, Mike Sundquist, Brinton Wilkey, members of the Westminster Youth Group: Drew Borland, Caroline Haynor, Jaiana Ireland, Benjamin Parker, and Avery Pound*, and new people are joining in the effort every day! Additionally, Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter has been in contact with members who reside in retirement communities or in nursing homes.

If you are homebound, quarantined, or feeling isolated, please contact Jennie Alt, Church Administrative Assistant (jalt@wpcspi.org) to receive a call and/or assistance.

HOME COMMUNION – Thank you to elders and deacons who visited ten members in March. Communion will not be served in April.



PRAYER CIRCLE – If you would like members of the congregation to pray for you, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Circle, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

APRIL FELLOWSHIP GROUPS WILL NOT GATHER

By honoring the Governor's directive to "stay at home" for the well-being of our community and the safety of others in the current COVID-19 pandemic, the following fellowship groups will not meet during the month of April:

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION Keep knitting at home!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON scheduled Friday, April 3.

RUTH AND NAOMI scheduled Wednesday, April 1.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE scheduled Monday, April 13.

LYDIA CIRCLE scheduled Tuesday, April 21.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST scheduled Thursday, April 10.

DMA scheduled Friday, April 17.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS GATHERING SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

The Presbyterian Women of Synod of Lincoln Trails invite all women to the Synod Gathering on **Saturday, June 6, 2020** at First Presbyterian Church in Danville, IL. Reverend Sara Dingman, Synod Executive, will be the keynote speaker and speak in session one on *Matthew 25 - Effective Leadership Approaches*. Jeri Spezia, Vermillion County Mental Health Department, will speak in session two on *Mental Health First Aid*. For more information, please call Sue Sawers at 217-299-4022 or email ssawers@comcast.net.



LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to thank The Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, who participate in Children of Abraham, for donating *Meet Yasmin* and *Salam Alaikum* to the Children's Library.

Additionally, the following children's books have been added to our library thanks to the recommendations from Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry and Dr. Kieffer, and the Christian Education Endowment which purchased them:



I Am Enough by Grace Byers

This is a book on self-acceptance and loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another.

The Crayon Box That Talked by Shane Derolf

Discord among the denizens of a box of crayons leads to a lesson about tolerance and respect. The story effectively presents the difficult concepts of individuality and unity for young children.

Under the Quilt of Night by Deborah Hopkinson

This book gives a very realistic portrayal of what life was like for a runaway slave, and how the kindness from one person can mean the difference between captivity and freedom.

Making Friends by Fred Rogers

Who better to teach children about making friends than the friendliest neighbor of them all, Mr. Rogers! In his gently written picture book, children will see firsthand how much fun making new friends can be.

During these days at home, parents are invited to contact Jennie Alt, Church Administrative Assistant who will be happy to check out one of these new books and mail it to your home for your children to read.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

The pastors will not lead worship at the Illinois Presbyterian Home during April with the CDC visitor restriction policy.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Andy Smith celebrates 94 years on April 5.

NEW ARRIVAL

Olivia Grace Innis was born to Julia and Collin Innis on March 1, 2020. Her proud grandmother is Pam Innis.

Congratulations to Sandee Deilkes on the birth of her granddaughter Paisley Lynne Milehan January 25, 2020 to Rebecca and Randall Milehan.

IN MEMORIAM

William Donels died on March 9, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his wife, Sue Donels, his children Jeffrey Donels and his wife Paige Lichens, Gregory Donels and his wife Paula Riggins, and Kristin Donels Reilly and her husband Brendan Reilly. A memorial service honoring his life will be held Saturday, August 22.

Barbara A. Dirksen died on March 19, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children, Michelle, Michael (wife, Linda) and Lisa Dirksen and grandchildren Alicia and Michael Dirksen. A memorial service honoring her life will be held Saturday, July 11.

Wilbur Wright died on March 23, 2020 at the age of 105. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his daughter, Dr. Beverly Wright. A memorial service honoring his life will be held Saturday, August 29.

Betty Smith died on March 25, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her sons, Henry Dale Smith, Jr. (wife, Deborah Klang), Dr. Rogers Smith (wife, Mary Summers), J. Christopher Smith (wife, Debra Nickelson), D. Andrew Smith (partner, Caren Appel), and grandchildren, Virginia Sole-Smith (husband, Dan Upham), Chandler Klang Smith (partner, Eric Taxier), Elizabeth Smith, Caroline Summers Smith (fiance', Jessy Yang), Lacy Smith, Callandria Nickelson Smith, Rogers Reed Summers Smith, and Spencer Nickelson Smith and great-granddaughters, Violet Marian Upham-Smith and Beatrix Kathryn Upham-Smith. A memorial service honoring her life will be held at a later time.

Coreen Collier died on March 27, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the family are extended to her family and friends. A graveside service at Oak Ridge Cemetery honoring her life will be held at a later time.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Kris and Gordon Gates on the death of his father, to Max (wife, Katie) Gates, Ellyn Wackerman, and Anna Gates on the death of their grandfather, Carl Gates, on February 29 in Sterling, IL.

DL Stanfield on the death of his mother, Anna Reeves Stanfield, on March 19 in Springfield.

NEW ADDRESS

Matt Kluge, 2765 Hunter's Pond Rd. Apt. 32, Champaign, IL 61820

June Flood, IL Presbyterian Home, 2005 W. Lawrence Rm. 7, Springfield, IL 62704

LAYETTES FOR KUMLER



This collection has been postponed. While we are sheltering at home, you can continue to support this mission project by shopping online for layette items. There are great sales with summer approaching. Watch the church's newsletter, The Reporter, and website for updated information as we receive it.

TEACHING LIFE SKILLS

During this unexpected time in our life together when life skills are essential to meet the challenges before us, we are grateful that Compass for Kids teaches life skills to the Graham Elementary children who are a part of our mentoring ministry. On February 25, Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly introduced an engineering project of making tinfoil boats. The children had to figure out how many pennies their boat needed for it to float and stay upright.



On March 3, Carolyn Pemberton from Johnson and Johnson Auto Service Center introduced the children to car repair and maintenance.



On March 10, students learned about Scottish Dancing from Westminster Presbyterian Church's own Lisa Runkle.



Also, on March 10, Compass students also got "hooked" on crocheting! Thank you to Ann Collins, Alora Hanson, and Melissa Moore for donating hooks and yarn, and for sharing this mindful and therapeutic practice with our students.

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April Reporter deadline is Sunday,
April 26. Reporter folding and
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