



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 2022

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship Service
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FAITH FORMATION:

9:45 a.m. Nursery
Children Birth – Age 3

10:15 a.m. Sunday School following Children's Sermon
Children Pre-K - Grade 5

11:15 a.m. Jr. High Confirmation
11:15 a.m. Adult Ed Forum

April 3

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Matthew 26:6-13; John 12:1-8
The Rev. Christian K. Choi
Value in Oil

April 10

PALM SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Luke 19:28-40
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Shouting Stone

April 17

EASTER SUNDAY

John 20:1-18
The Rev. Blythe D. Kieffer
Rolling Stone

April 24

EARTH CARE SUNDAY

2 Kings 7:1-16; John 20:19-23
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Peace on Earth



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, Sunday school children and youth will lead us in the processional with palms and their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes. The center aisle pews will be lined with donated coats. The Westminster Children's Choir will sing and the Westminster Choir will sing *Arise, My Soul* by Dan Forrest.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY

April 10-17 in Parish Hall

Artwork depicting the Passion of Christ will be displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, we will witness Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week leading to His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Westminster's Labyrinth will be displayed in Parish Hall during Holy Week for those who would like to practice this discipline of prayer.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, APRIL 14

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

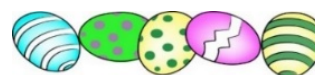
The Reverend Christian K. Choi will preach, and the Westminster Choir will sing *At the Foot of the Cross* by Dengler. This service will include the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the *Adagio for Strings* of Samuel Barber and the seven words of Christ.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach, and the Westminster Choir will be joined by members of the Millikin Brass in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and *Christ the Lord is Risen Again* by Stopford and other festive music for Easter Day. The Chancel will be filled with the cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

Easter Egg Hunt in Parish Hall follows 10:00 a.m. Worship.



DEACONS BRING LILIES to members who are shut-in and who have lost loved ones since last Easter as we find comfort and strength in our Risen Lord.

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

Lent and Holy Week: The Season of Stones

In the forty days Jesus spends in the wilderness preparing for his ministry, Jesus refuses to turn the stone into bread when he is tempted to abandon his humanity. He resists, not because he could not do it, but because he chose to accept the limitations that are a part of life and join us in our humanity by walking in our footsteps. **Lent is a time of embracing our humanity.**

During Jesus' ministry, when the Scribes and Pharisees want to stone a woman caught in a sexual relationship with a man who is not her husband, Jesus bends down and writes with his finger on the ground, perhaps wondering where her partner is, and by pausing Jesus provides perspective through the gift of time and silence. When Jesus stands up, he invites the one who is without sin to throw the first stone. Funny thing, isn't it, how being in Christ's presence calls one to authenticity and honesty. No stone was thrown that day and neither did Christ condemn the woman. **Lent is a time of prayer, confession, and forgiveness.**

As Jesus' ministry culminates with his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday prior to the last supper, trial, crucifixion and resurrection, the crowds welcome him with praise and adoration. "Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord...Peace in heaven." When the Pharisees ask Jesus to order them to stop, Jesus replies "if these were silent, the stones would shout out." **Palm Sunday is a time of gratitude and praise.**

On Easter morning "They found the stone rolled away from the tomb." **Easter is a time to celebrate the love of God which cannot be entombed.**

SOLIDARITY WITH UKRAINE

The Sunflower arrangement in our Chancel during Lent honors the resilient people of Ukraine whom we hold in our hearts and prayers.

Session designated \$100,000 from the Betty Smith Mission Endowment for Ukraine Relief divided equally between the PC(USA) Ukraine Relief Fund and UNICEF. Westminster sent \$50,000 to UNICEF and \$68,850 to the PC(USA) Ukraine Relief Fund. The additional \$18,850 to the PC(USA) was donated by members. Contributions are still welcome.

We are pleased to offer a **Ukraine Symposium** led by new member Dr. Roy Wehrle (Ph.D. in Economics from Yale) and Dr. Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold (Ph.D. in Political Science from Princeton). Fifty-five joined in person for our first gathering on April 24 with 12 on Zoom. The third and final session will be presented Thursday, April 7, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.



ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The APNC has reviewed 18 Personal Information Forms from perspective candidates with whom we were matched. Of the eighteen, the committee contacted four candidates and is scheduling interviews with two candidates.

Members are welcome to review the MIF which can be found on our website wpcspi.org. **The congregation is asked to remember the members of the committee and perspective candidates in your prayers as we seek God's discerning spirit in the process of calling the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.**

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. On April 3, the choir will sing I Waited for the Lord of Mendelssohn with Amelia Tungett and Eleanor VanDeventer, sopranos. For many years, this was sung by Marilyn Tungett and Mina Bentsen. This time, the soprano parts will be sung by Marilyn's daughter and granddaughter. On Thursday, April 7, the choir will celebrate twenty-year choir member Linda Shaefer, before her move to New Jersey this month.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS, our choir for Grades 3-6, rehearses on Wednesdays, from 4:45– 5:30 p.m. to prepare for the Spring Musical "Heroes of the Faith," presented on Founders' Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, our choir for Kindergartners - second grade, rehearses Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. and will sing Palm Sunday.

EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS provide resources for guest musicians and Easter decorations. A suggested donation is \$25 for each fund. A list of donors and those whom they are remembering will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Make checks payable to WPC or by credit card on our website with the wording for the bulletin by Palm Sunday, April 10.

AN ORGAN RECITAL will be presented by Dale Rogers on Sunday, April 24, 4:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church (201 W North St, Decatur, IL 62522). It is a different repertoire than the program played here at Westminster.

LANDSCAPE GUILD

Spring cleanup has begun as teams work within their designated zones. Thank you to team captains: Sue Cull (Front Terrace), Peter Kieffer (North of Sanctuary), Andy Sherrick (Parking Lot Islands), Jeanne Pittman (West Terrace), Dale Rogers (South Entry), and Scott Day (Memorial Garden). A workday is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m.**

ADULT ED FORUM

SUNDAYS, 11:15 A.M. – 12 NOON

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE STORIES: SUNDAYS, APRIL 3 AND 10

This series explores the vivid, forceful, and sometimes graphic literature of the women's suffrage movement, an underexplored trove of both art and history. We will examine excerpts from both British and American suffrage texts, asking the question, "Why aren't these works more commonly taught in schools?" Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold (Ph.D. in 19th Century British and American Literature from UNC Chapel Hill).

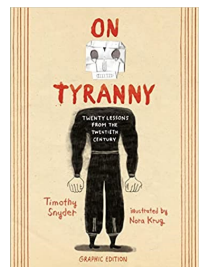
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE HISTORY: SUNDAYS, APRIL 24 AND MAY 1

This series will look at the history of efforts by American women to gain the right to vote. We will look at the beginnings of the suffrage movement in the 1840s, key figures in the movement, leading suffrage organizations and the history of the 19th Amendment. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz (Ph.D. in History from U of I Chicago).

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 19, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The April book is On Tyranny by Timothy Snyder. Snyder is a historian of 20th century Europe, focusing on Eastern Europe (including Ukraine) and the history of 20th century authoritarianism. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.



FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

CONFIRMATION & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

Date	Confirmation	Sr. High
4/3	BGBQ Sessions 3&11: What is Sin and How Do We Turn from It? Will You Devote Yourself to the Prayers?	Trivia Night
4/10	BGBQ Session 12: Are You Ready to Cross Over?	No Gathering: Palm Sunday
4/17	No Gathering: Easter Sunday	
4/24	No Gathering	Summer Mission Update Meeting

A CONFIRMATION DINNER celebrating our confirmands will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Narthex, following the 5:30 p.m. confirmation presentation to Session. Confirmands, their families, and mentors are invited to enjoy a wonderful meal provided by the Membership Committee.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 24 AT 5:00 P.M. IN YOUTH GROUP ROOM

Calling all potential 2022 Summer mission participants. Please plan to join us Sunday, April 24, as we review the details of the mission trip to Kentucky, distribute the paperwork, and collect the deposit.

2022 YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

JULY 10-16, 2022

After an exploratory trip to upstate New York and a time of discernment with the Family

Ministry Committee and Youth Ministry Partners, we are pivoting the 2022 youth mission trip from Seneca Falls to Kentucky. We will join in the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program's effort to rebuild communities that were devastated by the December 2021 tornadoes. Kentucky



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OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

also played an important role in the women's suffrage as the first state to pass a statewide law granting women head-of-household taxpayers the right to vote in elections for the new common schools in 1838.

Current 8th grade, high school youth, and college young adults are invited to join this summer's mission trip! For additional information, visit www.wpcspi.org/2022mission



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen H. Sherrick

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP THEMES

April 6: Lent in Ordinary places (bread)
 April 13: Holy Week gathering with Grandparents (prayer flag)
 April 20: Stewards of the Earth
 April 27: Last gathering for this school year. (Mother's Day gift)

HOLY WEEK

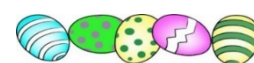
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10 AT 9:45 A.M.

All children and youth are invited to meet in Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with their **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FISH BOXES**. We will prepare for the processional and presentation of our fish boxes. Thank you to all for filling their fish boxes with donations throughout Lent as we remember those in need and support Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) hunger and disaster assistance programs.



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17 AFTER THE 10:00 SERVICE

Families with children (birth-grade 5) are invited to Parish Hall for an Easter Egg Hunt.



LIBRARY GUILD MEETING APRIL 19, 1:00-3:00 PM

We are excited to resume our monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 19 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. to keep our beautiful libraries stocked and maintained. Please join us or contact Karen Sherrick if you have any special requests or suggestions.

THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

DATE: Wednesday, May 11, 2022

TIME: 4:30-6:00 p.m. (Registration 4:15)

PLACE: Springfield Arts Association

WHO: Children & Youth Grades K-12

Sign up online www.wpcspi.org or with Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-17

WATER ALL AROUND THE WORLD

June 13-17 from 9:15 a.m. to noon, children ages 3 to grade 5 will gather to experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. We will learn about the way in which access to water effects the everyday lives of children in other parts of the world, and some suggestions about ways we can help. Contact Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org if you would like to join our team of VBS Ministry Partners.



WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS by Emily Rowley

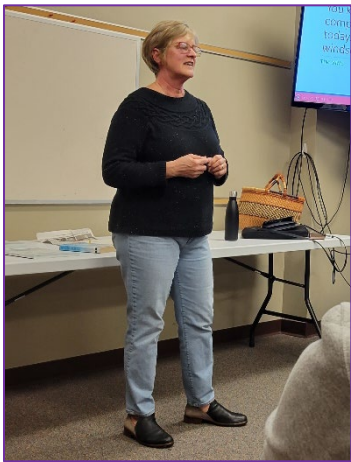
WCP CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY ON FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022. All WCP alums are invited to join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool, recognize the vision of those who created our preschool, and honor the teachers and parents who have served through the years. If you have a son or daughter who attended WCP, please email Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org).

On Wednesday, April 27th, WCP will host a Spring Fun Fair from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon on the playground and lawn outside (weather permitting!). Families interested in our preschool are welcome to join us for crafts and activities! We still have openings available for our next school year (2022-2023) in our four day class which meets Monday – Thursday from 12:30-3:00 p.m.. If you know any four-year-olds looking for a preschool, please send them our way!

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND WORSHIP SERVICE



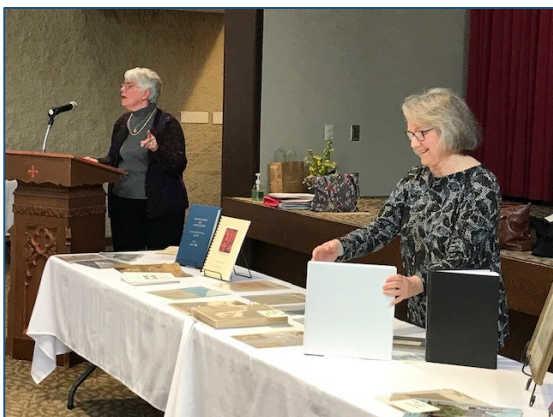
LENTEN COURSE ON MINDFULNESS



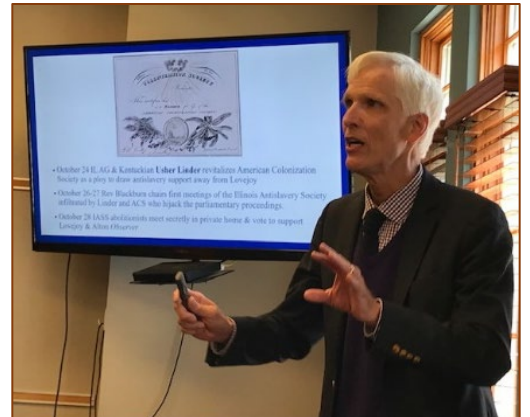
CHILDREN'S CHOIR LEARNS ABOUT SHROVE TUESDAY



ARCHIVISTS PRESENT TO PW



ADULT ED FORUM ON GIANTS



CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM GATHER AT TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, MARCH 27



Mark A. Luttrell joins by Certificate of Transfer from First United Methodist Church of Springfield. Mark is a reading specialist at Auburn Elementary School and has a B.A. from Illinois State University and a M.A. in Reading from Western Illinois University. His hobbies include trivia, traveling, and walking the trails of Lincoln Memorial Garden. In June of 2021 Mark married Elisabeth Kluge who will serve as his sponsor.

Mary and Coleman Moore join by Certificate of Transfer from Sunshine Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI. Mary and Coleman have been married 42 years. They have three grown children. Mary worked as an RN in labor and delivery for 38 years before retiring. She enjoys painting, crochet, gardening, and spending time with their five grandchildren.

The Rev. Coleman Moore is a retired pastor, ordained in the Christian Reformed Church. He received his M.Div. from Calvin Theological Seminary. Prior to attending seminary, Coleman made his Profession of Faith in the Episcopal Church, graduated from Kenyon College, and worked in Commercial Real Estate. After serving congregations, Coleman served as a business missionary, teaching homeless men coming out of prison and addiction programs to build custom furniture. Mary and Coleman moved to Springfield to be near their grandson. Their sponsors are Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer.

Vonnie Hinesley and Roy Wehrle join by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Springfield. Vonnie and Roy were married in February of 2017. Vonnie has a B.S. in biology and accounting from Sangamon State University (Now UIS) and served as a Special Agent in the Criminal Investigation Branch of the Internal Revenue Service. As a Range Officer, Vonnie received several awards for her investigation. She is past president of the Chatham Jaycees and first female member. She enjoys reading, hiking, tent camping, traveling, baseball, music, and playing the piano.

Dr. Roy Wehrle has a B.A. from Washington University and a doctorate in Economics from Yale University. He served as an Artillery Officer in the US Army, Economic Counselor to the US Ambassadors in Laos & Vietnam and Deputy and Associate Director for AID in both countries. He was a Senior Economist in President Kennedy's Council of Economic Advisors, Social Policy Institute, Harvard University. Additionally, he served as CEO of HEMA, Inc. working to contain healthcare costs and on the faculty of Sangamon State, the University of Illinois, and Millikin University. He retired as Emeritus Professor of Economics at UIS. Their sponsors are Carolyn and Brad Swanson.

THANK YOU, WESTMINSTER!

WPC raised \$4,370 for the Springfield Arts Association with Katie and Jonathan coming in Second Place.



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Christian K. Choi MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

BETTY SMITH MISSION ENDOWMENT AT WORK

MARION MEDICAL MISSION

In 2021 Westminster donated \$4,500 from the Betty Smith Mission Endowment to build a well which will serve 100 people in the Village of Inuka, Tanzania. We recently received this photo of the well installed September 25, 2021 and those who will be refreshed by the gift of water. **This year's VBS theme is Water All Around the World.**



AFGHAN REFUGEE CO-SPONSORSHIP

Westminster will partner with Northminster Presbyterian Church in Evanston, IL to sponsor an Afghan family with Refugee One in Chicago through funds from the Betty Smith Endowment. \$5,000 has been designated to support the family and \$2,000 to provide household goods.

\$100,000 FOR UKRAINE RELIEF

At their March meeting, Session approved donating \$100,000 for Ukraine Relief from the Betty Smith Mission Endowment. It was divided equally between PC(USA) Disaster Relief and UNICEF.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING denominational offering is received through Lent and provides relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and empowerment to the poor and oppressed. Gifts designated UKRAINE RELIEF will be forwarded to the PC(USA) Ukraine disaster relief fund.

WILL HOVEY'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

ADDS LIBRARY NOOK AND RECYCLED BENCH AT GRAHAM

As part of his Eagle Scout Project, Will Hovey is building a library nook which will be placed next to Westminster's Little Pantry at Graham Elementary School. Books will be placed in the nook for students to borrow. Additionally, Will is building a park bench out of bottle caps. Will is currently a high school sophomore and will maintain the library while he is still in Springfield, with the hope that his scout troop continues to manage the library after he graduates.

Westminster is providing Will a grant to cover the cost of materials and transportation to Indiana for the creation of the park bench.



EARTH CARE UPDATE

Westminster has been recertified for the seventh year by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an **EARTH CARE CONGREGATION**.



ADOPT-A-STREET – On Monday, March 21, Peter Kieffer collected trash on the designated blocks of Walnut for WPC.

SPRINGFIELD EARTH AWARENESS FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

The Earth Care Team will host a table at the Springfield Earth Awareness Fair again this year. Join us at the Henson Robinson Zoo (1100 E Lake Shore Drive on Lake Springfield). The theme will be Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

RAISING BUTTERFLIES ROUNDTABLE

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 11:15 A.M. – 12 NOON

The Earth Care Team will host a round table discussion on Raising Butterflies led by Susan Shaw in the Second Floor Classroom. Do you raise butterflies in your kitchen? Would you like to find out more about this fascinating hobby? Would you like to find out how to make your yard or deck more attractive to butterflies? Come, join the conversation!

EARTH CARE TEAM: Peter Kieffer, Chair, Keith Hamilton, Charlie King, Becky McDonald, Lynn McMenamin, Maribeth Norton, Susan Shaw, Brad Steller

HUNGER ACTION TEAM

HELPING HANDS AND WARMING CENTER MONTHLY MEALS



Thank you to the Krista Steller and Melanie Humphrey for the Helping Hands meal on **March 11**. The **April 9** meal will be prepared by Melanie Green, Pat Hymans, and Krista Steller. Ministry Partners are needed for June, August-December! If it is your first time, we have members that will partner with you. Please contact Jennie Alt with any questions.

The Hunger Action Team prepared a monthly meal for the Springfield Warming Center on **Wednesday, March 30**. The next meal will be on **Wednesday, April 27**. Please contact Krista Steller ksteller@wpcspi.org to participate.

APRIL GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MARCH MENU

Canned Chicken/Tuna, Canned Fruit in 100% Juice, and Baked Beans or Veggies. Feminine hygiene products, diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste. (No baby food, please.) Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex and to Jess Werner who delivers them to the Central Illinois Foodbank.

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY, APRIL 10

Coffee, tea, and chocolate are for sale in the West Narthex Easter Sunday, April 10 after worship to support economically just, environmentally sound farming practices.

Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson



CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION AND LILY DELIVERY– Thank you to the elders and deacons who brought **ten members** home communion on March 13. If you would like to receive Communion at home on April 10, please contact Jennie Alt. Deacons will delivery lilies on Easter.

PARISH NURSE ELLEN CARPENTER will be available for blood pressure checks and consultation the first Sunday of the month, April 3.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers every **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. If you are donating knitted items, please let Sue Cull know what and how many items you have donated. The knitters will honor Linda Shaefer at their luncheon on Tuesday, April 5 as she moves to be near her daughter in New Jersey.

PW LUNCHEON will be **Friday, April 1 at 12 noon.** The program will be presented by Chantel Corey, Director of Midwest Mission. Nancy Scott is the chair of the day and Pat Hymans is the kitchen chair. R.S.V.P. to the church office. Please join the PW by placing children's and adult Bibles and study material in the bin near the elevator by April 30 to be shipped for world-wide mission efforts. The materials will be delivered by Midwest Missions to Love Package in Butler, Illinois.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Dee Dee Duffy (3400 Elderberry, 62711). We will discuss Lesson Six "Bathsheba." RSVP directly to Dee Dee Duffy at 217-652-8909.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, April 11 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is on "What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?" Contact Sue Baker at 217-299-5216.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m.** in Third Floor Classroom. The lesson is on "What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?" Contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST is **Thursday, April 14 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Yves Doumen of the Motherland Gardens will speak on a community garden on the east side of Springfield. David Mitchell will give the devotion and Bud Green will provide breakfast. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.** The program will be given by Brad Ware, from our local F.B.I. office, on "Preventing Senior Scams." We are returning to a potluck style meal, so bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP with our weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office by April 20.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Income from donations has been very strong in the first two months of 2022, in part, because several donors gave their annual pledge in a lump sum. Expenses are less than budgeted for the same period, so we have a net total of \$27,284 of income over expenses.

2022 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 195,078	\$ 170,630	\$ 24,448
Expenses	\$-167,794	\$- 170,630	\$ - 2,836
Net Total	\$ 27,284	\$ 0	

REACHING FOR OUR PER CAPITA GOAL

Thank you to the 108 members who have given Per Capita donations totaling \$3,782. This is 54% of our \$7,000 goal. We need 92 more Per Capita donations of \$35. This year Westminster will pay \$35 per member to support the work of the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Andy Smith celebrates 96 years on April 5.

Dr. Bill Lienemann celebrates 90 years on April 6.

WEDDINGS

Edison Zohfonyi and Kelly Ngwenyl Teneng were united in marriage June 27, 2021 in Douala, Cameroon. Edison's sister is Mervice Alah Abung.

Ted Hamilton and Jenna Rolle will be united in marriage Saturday, April 9 in Solvang, California. Ted's parents are Ann and Keith Hamilton.

Marissa Stafford and John Fortuna will be united in marriage Saturday, April 23 in our Sanctuary. Marissa's parents are Lucy and John Stafford.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service for Kyle Graham Schultz will be held Thursday, April 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a lunch reception following in Parish Hall.

A private memorial service for Marjorie Saner Macpherson will be held Saturday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the Ziegler Library.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Dana and Andrew Affrunti on the death of Andrew's grandmother, and to Charlotte, William, and Nathan on the death of their great-grandmother, Mary Arita Smalley on February 28 in Springfield.

Ellen and Rance Carpenter on the death of Rance's brother, and to Lindsay and Calvin Young and Lucas Carpenter on the death of their uncle, Ron D. Carpenter on March 26 in Westfield, Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Luke Hockenyo who earned his Eagle Scout Award.

NEW ADDRESS

Nancy & Rich Canady, 2101 W. Lawrence Ave. Unit 611, IL Presbyterian Home, Springfield, IL 62704

Nancy & Lon Scott, 2101 W. Lawrence Ave. Unit 603, IL Presbyterian Home, Springfield, IL 62704

Linda Shaefer, 3318 Franklin Ln., Rockaway, NJ 07866

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

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

LAYETTES FOR KUMLER

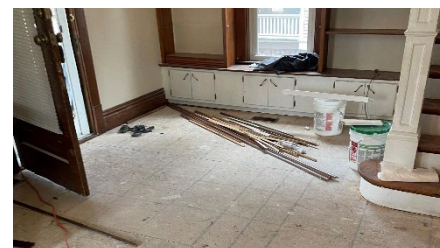
Join the women of Westminster in donating layette items during April in the box in the West Narthex. Items will be given to Kumler Outreach Ministries in early May. If you would like to shop online, you can have them shipped directly to the church.



PROPERTY UPDATE by Gary Warnick

The Ziegler Library has experienced extensive water damage due to a fitting leak in the heating system. E.L. Pruitt removed and replaced defective fittings and is covering the cost of the damages.

The 522 S. Glenwood rental also experienced extensive water damage resulting from a pipe failure in early January. Renovations were completed at the end of March and covered through our insurance less our \$7,500 deductible.



TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS SUNDAY, APRIL 3

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. Each year, members support our youth at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. **Questions begin at 5:30 p.m.** This year we are excited to welcome Aaron Berkowitz and new member Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions. Sign-up yourself or your team online at our website or at <https://bit.ly/3lxTdYv> . **Childcare is available in the nursery.**



TICKETS ARE \$15.00 and can be purchased on our website, from a youth or in the West Narthex this Sunday.

DINNER IS \$5.00 and available for purchase at 5:00 p.m. thanks to Mary Ray, Pat Hymans, and their kitchen team. Participants are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

SPONSOR A ROUND \$100! This year you or your business can once again sponsor a table. Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for details.

RISING UP OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES' AIDE SOCIETY

FRIDAY, MAY 6 AND SATURDAY, MAY 7 AT 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 8 AT 12 NOON



The Women's Suffrage Play **Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aide Society** written by Carole Kennerly and directed by Kelly Robertson will be presented **MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND** with a Friday and Saturday evening performance for the community at 7:00 p.m. and a 12 noon Sunday performance in Parish Hall. The play will be introduced with a brief musical

presentation. There will be a Tea Reception following worship Mother's Day on the West Terrace.

Attendees are asked to make a donation to the 2022 Youth Mission Trip.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAKEN

APRIL 28-30, MAY 17-18, MAY 24-25

Members are invited to sign up on Sunday mornings in the West Narthex following the 10:00 service, by calling the church office or online now using the following instructions:

- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the gold box on the right side of the homepage entitled "Photography Appointment Scheduling Login"
- Enter your church code **il225**
- Enter your church password **photos** and click Enter
- Select the desired photography date and then choose your appointment time
- Please supply the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- Enter your email address to receive an email confirmation
- Click on the **Schedule Appointment** button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family's name
- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)

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