



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 2018

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Featuring the Westminster Jazz Trio

Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.
Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Summer Sunday School
for Pre-K – Grade 2
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

August 4 & 5

2 Samuel 11:26, 12:13a; John 6:24-35
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
A Gift

August 11 & 12

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; John 6:35, 41-51
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Hanging Between Heaven and Earth

August 18 & 19

THE BLESSING OF BACKPACKS
1 Kings 2:10-12; John 6:51-58
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Down from Heaven

August 25 & 26

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11)22-30,41-43; John 6:56-69
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
God's Dwelling Place

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

The following new members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 5 following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m. Learn more about our newest members in the September Reporter.

Dr. Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz by Certificate of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Springfield, IL. They have two daughters, Sadie and Juniper. Sponsors: Christie Hovey and Ellen Carpenter

Pat Hildebrand-Culler by Certificate of Transfer from Elliott Avenue Baptist Church. Sponsor: Mal Hildebrand

Dr. Roland and Hazen Folsie by Certificate of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Springfield, IL. Sponsors: Elsie and Bob Fox

Cathy and Alan Lowe and their daughter Carolyn Lowe by Certificate of Transfer from Farragut Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN. Sponsors: Jeanne and Glen Pittman

Dr. Meredith Volle by Reaffirmation of Faith and *Darren Volle* by Certificate of Transfer from Central Baptist Church. They have one daughter Evangeline. Sponsors: Lynn McMenamin and Randy Germeraad

Brinton Geoffrey Wilkey by Certificate of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Springfield, IL. Sponsors: Dee Dee and Rick Duffy

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK! SUNDAY, AUGUST 19 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



On Sunday, August 19, the children and youth of Westminster are invited to bring their backpack to the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the blessing of backpacks as our children and youth begin a new school year. Along with a blessing, each will receive a monogrammed carabiner with a Bible verse for their backpacks as a reminder of God's loving presence on their journey throughout this school year.

SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR!

YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

On Sunday, August 26, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., young families (parents and children ages birth through grade five) are invited to a swim party at the Kieffer home (26 Island Bay Lane) as we splash into a new year together. Please bring a towel and snack to share! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.



ANNUAL YOUTH KICK OFF SWIM PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

On Sunday, August 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., incoming Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to a swim party at the Batterman Home (1620 Outer Park Dr.) as we kick off a new year together. Friends are always welcome and encouraged. Please bring a towel and snack!

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

So David went and brought up the ark of God to the city of David with rejoicing; David danced before the LORD with all his might; II Samuel 6:12, 14a

This summer, the Old Testament lectionary readings have provided an opportunity to reflect on King David's life. July's sermon, "The Dance of Change," addressed David's dance before the Ark of the Covenant in the political and religious change he led.

As Presbyterians (reformed and always reforming), we embrace change. What this means according to Dr. Jack Rogers is: *"We are rooted in the past. We must not lose touch with the tradition. At the same time we are a church which must be always reforming, according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit. We must be open to the future. We must be able to change and to adapt to new situations and challenges."*

We anticipate exciting change in the 2018-2019 program year as we await word from the APNC, led by Susan Day, and welcome a new Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.

We look forward to the publication of the 2018 Pictorial Directory and thank Mary Ray, Moderator of Deacons, and Krista Steller for their oversight of this process.

We are excited about the Strategic Planning Committee's initiative, led by Dr. Judy Knox, in contracting MassieMassie+Associates to create a Master Site Plan as we address the parking lot, entrances and landscaping. They will report to Session in September.

We thank the Property Committee, led by Mal Hildebrand, and their timely response when we were approached to purchase 518 Glenwood, the house adjacent to 522 Glenwood. A recommendation is coming before Session August 5. The Property Committee has also reviewed and updated our Facility Rental fees and contract as we continue to open our doors to the community and invest in our neighborhood.

As we are called to adapt to new situations and opportunities in our life together, may we embrace the new without abandoning the old. May we be sensitive that not all will be able to celebrate change with us. And with courage, may we continue to move forward to forge new frontiers of forgiveness and inclusivity in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the dance.

ADULT EDUCATION

PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE IN 2018-2019

REV. MCGILL'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Rev. McGill's Bible Study will resume **Wednesday, September 19, 7:00–8:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room. This year's focus will be the concept of justice. We will examine philosophical concepts of justice, led by videos from Prof. Michael Sandel's engaging and often humorous Harvard course on the subject, connecting this with discussions of biblical justice, our own moral intuition, and justice and injustice as observed in the historical and present-day world around us.

DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20, 5:45 – 7:15 P.M.

Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, September 20, 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.** in the 2nd Floor Classroom. This year's curriculum is Disciple's "Under the Tree of Life," which is a study of the Old Testament Writings and the New Testament books of John and Revelation. Books are available in the Church Office for \$30.



MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

SUMMER CHOIR WILL SING SUNDAY, AUGUST 5 at the 10 a.m. service, with a rehearsal on Thursday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m.

On the remaining summer Sundays, Ann Collins and Krista Steller will play duets for violin and oboe, Eleanor VanDeventer will sing an aria of Handel, Jim Bogue will ring handbells and Jay Kennerly will sing. We are grateful for all the talented musicians in our congregation who enhance our worship throughout the year.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes its regular rehearsals on **Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.** and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 8 from 1:30 until 5:00 p.m. A choir dinner in Petersburg will round out the day.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR will combine in the upcoming season to present a musical about the beloved Christmas Carol, Silent Night as it celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. This choir of singers in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will rehearse on Wednesday afternoons beginning **Wednesday, September 12 at 4:45 p.m.** following the Bridges program.

THE WALNUTS resume rehearsal Monday, Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH MICE (our musical adventure for infants through age 4) will meet Saturday mornings beginning **Sept. 16. at 11:00 a.m.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Jen DeJong has agreed to serve as Transitional Director for Youth (5-10 hours per week) for three months while the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee concludes their work. The Personnel Committee will present her to Session on Sunday, August 5 and she officially begins August 6.

We are grateful for Jen's expertise in youth ministry. A graduate of Vanderbilt University with a B.S. and M.S. in Developmental Psychology, Jen began working for Ministry Architects in 2004 and is currently their Vice President of Innovation. Jen has also served as Director for Youth at three Presbyterian congregations (First Presbyterian Church, Nashville, First United Presbyterian Church, Collinsville, and First United Presbyterian Church, Belleville).

2018 MISSION TRIP REUNION

Participants of the 2018 Mission Trip will gather for a reunion and a potluck dinner on **Tuesday, August 7, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the DeJong's (1955 South Illini Road). Along with sharing memories, youth will brainstorm service projects for the year.

JUNIOR HIGH AND CONFIRMATION INFO MEETING

Join Dr. Kieffer at an informational meeting on **Commotion Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary to review the exciting curriculum as our youth learn about the Bible and the Presbyterian Church in preparation for membership.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Youth Volunteer leaders (Junior and Senior High) will meet **Sunday, August 19, from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom for orientation and lunch. Thank you to the following leaders: *Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Anna Koepfel, Sarah Zervas* (Junior High) and *Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Leigh Milward* (Senior High).

CHILDREN MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

THANK YOU SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

This summer, our children in Pre-K through Grade 2 learned stories from the New Testament through the *Holy Moly* curriculum. **August 12 through August 26** the children will learn about worship and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Special thanks to teachers *Carolyn Beatty, Lucas Carpenter, Sue Cull, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Dr. Judy Knox, Lynne McMenammin, Dr. Andy Sherrick, Annie Sherrick, Sarah Zerfas*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Sunday school teachers for Pre-K through Grade 5 will meet Sunday, August 12, from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for orientation and lunch. Thank you to the following teachers who nurture our children's faith:

Pre-Kindergarten: *Leigh Milward, Valerie Leonatti*
Kindergarten through Grade 2: *Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans*
Grades 3-5: *Cathy Brower, Sue Cull, Dr. Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, and Mary Ray.*

Youth Assistants Grade 6-12(To date): *Drew Borland, Jessica Borland, Ella Kurmann, Clayton Kurmann, Matthew Knox, Avery Pound, Samantha Magalis, Gabi Huston, Grace Batterman, Emma Batterman, Jack Zerfas, Ben Brower, Sam Brower, Will Hovey, Olivia Simonson, Emily Brower, Louisa Eldridge, Mia Marcy, Bryce Pound*

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

REGISTER ON COMMOTION SUNDAY

Flyers, emails, and registration forms outlining opportunities for the 2018-19 program year will be sent to families. Parents are asked to register their children for fall Sunday School on or before Commotion Sunday, September 9. The following classes begin Sunday, September 9:

Pre-Kindergarten (Lower level Preschool Room): Simple Bible stories based on lectionary, play and preparation for Young Children and Worship.

Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel): *Young Children and Worship*, a spiritual formation approach which invites children to experience the wonder of God through a storytelling format and multi-sensory materials.

Grade 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom): *Following Jesus*, a spiritual formation approach which invites children to experience the wonder of God through a storytelling format, multi-sensory materials and personal response journal to reflect on the meaning of the story in their lives.

On Communion Sundays Grade 3 meets for Bible instruction in preparation for receiving their Bibles in the spring, and Grades 4 and 5 remain in worship or are welcome to participate in *Exploring the Bible* led primarily by *Sue Cull*.

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12



Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays beginning September 12, from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission projects.

The 2018-2019 theme is "Who Am I?" This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which meets from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Leaders: *Dr. Kieffer, Karen Sherrick and Brad Steller*

VBS MISSION PROJECT CULMINATION



This year's VBS Heroes collected 94 containers of Clorox wipes, 42 packages of baby wipes, 42 tissue boxes, 800 Zip-loc bags, six packages of copy paper, 37 dry erase markers for the children and teachers of Harvard Park Elementary School.

Maria and Rose DeJong are pictured shopping. Their \$78 earnings from a lemonade stand grew to \$250 with a matched gift from our Director for Children's Ministry and Maria's Bridges advocate, Suzie Spada. Thank you!

MEET OUR NEW NURSERY WORKERS

We are delighted to welcome a new team of Nursery Workers on Sunday mornings.

Jaymie Hale Ngoupa is a graduate of Illinois College with a B.S. degree in Communications. She is the mother of Sophie and Elodie and is excited about the opportunity to nurture our youngest members.



Tori Hollinshead is a sophomore at Lincoln Land Community College and plans to attend medical school once she receives her bachelor's degree. She is the president of the LLCC chemistry club, works at a camp in the summer, and as a medical scribe throughout the year. Tori has a big family, loves children, and is excited to work at WPC.

Annie Sherrick is also working in the nursery while on break from Boston College this summer.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



Orientation meeting for families is Tuesday, August 28, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Classroom Open House and Popsicles on the Playground will be Friday, August 31 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday, September 4.

Emily Rowley, director and afternoon teacher, has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Cedarville University. She enjoys WCP's play-based atmosphere and its inspiration to young children.



Amy Bonansinga, WCP's new morning teacher has a Bachelor's Degree in secondary education with an emphasis on special education and English from the University of Northern Colorado.

WPC is the only privately operated preschool in the Springfield area that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

2018 Mission Trip – West Virginia



YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018



DENTAL MISSION OF MERCY JULY 20-21, 2018

WPC members, Drs. Lizzy Knoedler and Tanya DeSanto and many dentists from Sangamon County donated their time to provide free dental care, along with volunteer dental & nursing staff and community volunteers. **Westminster's Endowment Fund supported this community endeavor with a \$1,000 grant.** The total dollar amount of donated care was \$1,013,567.55. There were 1,106 Volunteers, 1,180 Patient Visits, 1,170 Fillings, 1,321 Extracted Teeth, 683 Cleanings, 152 Partial Dentures, 69 Root Canals, and 894 X-rays.



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

THANK YOU, ADULT MISSION VOLUNTEERS

This year's youth mission trip could not have been nearly the successful, inspiring, and spiritually moving journey it was without the faithful and dedicated work of our adult volunteers, who took a week away from home and job to oversee and work alongside Westminster's youth members.



NATHANIEL BROWER: Nathaniel has been on several previous WPC mission trips...but this was his first trip as an adult. His caring, friendly, calm presence was greatly appreciated.

SUSAN DAY: Susan not only brought a can-do attitude, but plenty of professional experience to our tasks, and her positive outlook was a great asset to the trip.



BILL DEEMER: Bill never stops thinking ahead about what might be needed next and taking care of it before anyone else is even aware of the need. Never complaining, always helpful, unassuming, and compassionate toward youth and adult alike, Bill was super to have with us.

JEN DEJONG: Jen is always ready to listen respectfully and with a caring heart when one of our youth needs to talk, and she also loves to dive right into the hard work. Her constancy and leadership in work, play, and spiritual life were huge blessings to the whole trip.



MEALS ON WHEELS

The first two weeks of August, Westminster is helping Senior Services of Central Illinois deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Meals on Wheels program.



Thank you to the following members for their assistance in this community service: *Janie Bahlow, Suzanne, Drew & Jessica Borland, Bob Bradford, Kolton Burton, Judy and Dan Dees, Elaine Hoff, Julie James, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Jennifer Morrison, Mary Ray, Betsy Ruklick, Olivia Simonson, Karen Springer, Gayle Wilson*

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH AUGUST MENU:

Beef Stew, Applesauce, Pancake Mix, and Syrup. Thank you to those who place items in the West Narthex baskets for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

HELPING HANDS

Thanks to the Gordon and Morrison families for providing the meal on July 13th. The August 10th meal will be prepared and delivered by **Fiona Irvin**.

CALLING ALL WESTMINSTER DAY LABORERS!



We hope you will join us either **Sunday afternoon, August 5** or **Monday morning, August 6** for a few hours of hard work and fun! We will pick sweet corn at the Hale Farm to donate to local food pantries, always in need of healthy, fresh vegetables. Sign up this Sunday and learn the details.

TARA FRITSCH: Tara fearlessly and successfully jumped into her first trip as an adult leader with enthusiasm, energy, and love. She came aboard happily with almost no lead time and rescued us from being short-handed, making the entire trip immeasurably more successful.



TAMI IRELAND: Tami showed persistence and love, and taught us where some of the faithfulness came from that we've long seen in her son (who was with us on his final mission trip after graduating high school) and are now meeting in her daughter (who joined us for the first time this year). Tami had no complaints about tackling jobs big and small, and her adult presence was key.

AMANDA KURMANN: Amanda brought us love, a hard-working spirit, and experience with home repair, all of which were tremendously valuable in leading our youth through tasks with unexpected challenges.



ANNA KOEPEL: Anna, besides her capable, ready leadership during the trip, provided a remarkable degree of help in preparing for it, volunteering to spend many hours on all kinds of behind-the-scenes tasks that were essential to the smooth execution of this trip.

DAVE LEONATTI: Dave led his team through such quick work on their assigned tasks that they reached completely unexpected goals in improving their assigned home, all the while establishing great rapport with the residents and those on his team, for whom his loving care is unmistakable. His musical leadership was also indispensable.



MARY RAY: Mary's love for everyone around her, and her faithful example as a disciple, are unstoppable. No mission trip would ever be complete without Mary.

H.E.A.L. FUND JOINS FORCES WITH ASP

Emma Shafer, working full-time this summer for the very organization with which our youth mission trip partners (Appalachia Service Project), brought us a request for a special emergency need one family had that ASP could not afford to address, preventing them from working on this home. Westminster was able to respond quickly, thanks to the **H.E.A.L. FUND**, which provides "helpful emergency assistance for living." Thank you to those who contribute to this special fund. Below is a thank you!



Thank you so much for donating to the ASP mission project in Knox County, KY. It means that nine children will be able to sleep in warm and a safe beds. Your generosity is so appreciated. I can't wait to be back with all of you in a few short weeks. --Emma Shafer & ASP
Knox County Staff

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – If you are unable to attend worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month, temporarily or on an ongoing basis, and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

K2P4 gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Knitters also meet for a brown bag lunch in the kitchen Tuesday, August 7 (dessert provided). If you are unable to attend and would like to donate knitted items, please contact Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

PW CHURCH-WIDE GATHERING

AUGUST 2-5 IN LOUISVILLE, KY

Lynne Cleverdon, Carole Kennerly, Judy Ridinger and Sue Sawers will represent Westminster at the event.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 – 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Kevin Corbin, Financial Administrator with Edward Jones Investments, who will present a program on “A Day in the Life of a St. Louis Cardinal Bat Boy”. This would be a great program for fans of all ages who **LOVE BASEBALL!** If you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship, come for the program.

WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30 11:30 A.M.

Members and friends of Westminster will gather Thursday, August 30 at 11:30 a.m. with the pastors and Dale Rogers for communion and lunch.

SUMMER READING DISCUSSION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE is hosting a book discussion on Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m. at a downtown retreat location (427 ½ E. Washington) hosted by Stephanie Moore. Pick up a copy of *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant and join us for a light dinner and refreshments. All women are welcome! RSVP to smoore@wpcspi.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

PW LUNCHEON resumes **Friday, September 7, 12 noon**. Mary Ray and Lynne O’Shea will host the lunch. The program will be a presentation about the PW Church-wide Gathering.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE resumes **Monday, September 10, 5:30 p.m.** with Mary King leading the lesson. If you would like information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE resumes **Tuesday, September 18, 9:30 a.m.** with Sharon Turner as the hostess and leading devotions. Carolyn Beatty will provide the program. If you would like information, call Nancy Scott at 217-891-3902.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE resumes **Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Wheat. If you would like information, call Stephanie Moore at 217-522-4415.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

The men’s group resumes its monthly breakfast on **Thursday, September 13, 7:00 a.m.** Mal Hildebrand will share from his experience with a long-term deployment to Texas doing hurricane relief work with FEMA. Brad Swanson will lead devotions, and Dave Leonatti will provide food to share.

THE ANNUAL PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S COOKOUT will take place on **Friday, September 21, 5:30 p.m.**, at the Schnirring Farm (9951 Old Indian Trail Rd, Chatham). Spouses & significant others are invited! Please bring a dish, either a side, salad or dessert. The meat will be provided. Mark your calendar!



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WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Cadwallader celebrates 93 years on August 9.

Bernice Bay celebrates 92 years on August 16.

Carolyn and Brad Swanson celebrate 50 years on August 17.

Naomi and Bob Lynn celebrate 64 years on August 28.

Carolyn and Keith Beatty celebrate 55 years on August 31.

NEW ARRIVAL

Isla Ripley Germeraad was born June 29 to Colleen and Scott Germeraad. Isla’s older brother and sisters are Declan, Merrin and Verity. Her grandparents are Kathy and Randy Germeraad and great grandparents are Mary and Bill Schnirring.

Tobias Harold Dolan was born July 27 to Katherine and Ryan Dolan in Kansas City. Toby’s big brother is Theodore (Teddy) and his grandparents are Virginia and Jim Dolan.

Congratulations to Cathy Schwartz and John Shafer, and to Emma Shafer, on the birth of their granddaughter and niece, Ava Frances to Shelly and Zach Brown July 8 in Springfield.

WEDDINGS

Carolyn McMenamin and Charles Weinberg were united in marriage in Champaign on July 27. Carolyn’s parents are Lynn and Joe McMenamin.

IN MEMORIAM

Jane Barry died July 13 in Carlinville. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to her daughter, Jamie Fullington.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt on the death of her grandfather, Tom Brandt on June 29 in Peoria.

Elder Sue Sawers on the death of her mother, Marjorie E. Smith on July 13 in Springfield, OH.

Diane and Steve Rutledge on the death of their nephew, Ian Rutledge on July 26 in the Netherlands.

NEW ADDRESS

Angie & Ken Musick, 727 Laurel Ave., Wilmette, IL 60091

THE HISTORIC WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION will host the 2018 National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 7, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.** at Westminster. Head West sub sandwiches, ice cream treats, and beverages provided. Join in this annual neighborhood gathering; meet our new Neighborhood Police Officers, Kathy Martin and Officer Maddy Cunningham and visit with our special K9 Team guests and firefighters. Please RSVP if you are attending to Sharon and Darrel Riffey at 726-5751.

A Girl Scout Alumnae Tea will be held **Thursday, August 23 from 2-4 p.m.** in Parish Hall. Invite your mothers, sisters, adult daughters and friends! Bring photos to share or to add to the Girl Scout scrapbook. Traditional Afternoon Tea accompaniments will be served - please notify us of any allergies. Hats and gloves are optional. \$10 per person. All Westminster women are invited! RSVP at GetYourGirlPower.org/special-events by August 20. For more information, contact Beth Allen at 217-372-5221 or ballen@girlscouts-gsci.org.



ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME will host a Jigsaw Puzzle Contest and Silent Auction on Sunday, September 9, 2-4 p.m. Silent auction items are needed. Please contact Anne Haaker at 217-652-4817.

COMMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Join your Westminster family for Commotion Sunday on September 9! We will celebrate one service of worship at 10:00 a.m., which will include a slide presentation looking back on the 2017-2018 program year, commissioning of the 2018-2019 Education Leadership Team.



A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays and children's activities as we begin the year together. Commotion Sunday got its name because it describes the enormous energy and excitement aroused by God's Spirit within this congregation. The term "Commotion Sunday" can be traced back to Dr. Ziegler, pastor of Westminster from 1944-1969.

Do not miss this new beginning at Westminster!

THANK YOU WESTMINSTER FOR THE BACKPACKS



To date we have received 163 backpacks thanks to the generosity of so many! Contact Ministries distributes 250 backpacks at their Back to School Give-Away on August 16. **It is not too late to bring a backpack Sunday, August 5.**

We are grateful to Sue Baker, Camille Degner and George Johnson who volunteer to fill the bags with supplies and include a Bible verse.

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

The financial position in June showed income exceeding expenses by \$57,908. Thank you for continuing your financial support through these summer months as we are still showing income above budget. Contribution statements were mailed in July. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Lisa Runkle.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 555,469	\$ 516,305	\$ 39,164
Expenses	\$-497,561	\$-516,305	\$-18,744
Net Total	\$ 57,908	\$ 0	

PER CAPITA: This year Westminster will pay \$32 per member as a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support the work of our denomination in the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Your special per capita contribution of \$32 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget. Currently, we have received per capita donations from 156 members.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The 2018 Nominating Committee is now receiving nominations for elder, deacon, Nominating and Strategic Planning Committees. Place Nominations in the offering plate or email to Cathy Brower, at cahbrower@gmail.com. **Please complete by August 12, 2018.** Nominees are presented for election at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2018. *Nominating Committee: Cathy Brower (Chair), Adam Ekstedt, Mary Jo Jenkins, Jay Kennerly, Matthew Knox, Lynn McMenamin and Stephanie Moore.*

*September Reporter Deadline
is Sunday, August 26*

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