



# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 2021

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

[www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org)

#### FAITH FORMATION:

Nursery Newsletter

emailed each Friday to Families with Children Birth – Age 3

WPCConnections Newsletter

emailed each Friday to Families with Children Pre-K - Grade 5

10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School following Children's Sermon

August 1

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR COMMISSIONING

Psalm 78:23-29 and John 6:24-35

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Bread of Angels

August 8

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR REPORT

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Speaking Truth

August 15

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3-14; Psalm 111

The Rev. Christian K. Choi

Be Thou My Vision

August 22

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

VBS CELEBRATION

RPsalms 84, Ephesians 6:10-20

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

How Lovely

August 29

James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D

Every Generous Act

Sermon manuscripts are located in the West Narthex and online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).

### SECOND ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK - AUGUST 2-6

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 14:58*

The steadfast team of ministry partners will be commissioned this Sunday, August 1 in worship. During the work week, the team will gather each morning at 8:00 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch each day the teams will return to their sites to complete the day's work. The team will gather for a celebratory lunch and awards presentation on Friday. A report to the congregation including photos will be presented Sunday, August 8.

The 2021 team of ministry partners includes:

#### Adult Partners

Judy Boutelle  
Rich Canady  
Ed Caupert  
Scott Day  
Susan Day  
Bill Deemer  
Adam Ekstedt  
Kathy Germeraad  
Randy Germeraad  
Bud Green  
Keith Hamilton  
Mal Hildebrand  
Robyn Hovey  
Nancy Huston  
Jay Kennerly  
Peter Kieffer  
Beth Kincaid  
Jim Kincaid  
Priscilla Kluge  
Tim Kluge  
Todd Knox  
Bob Leffler

#### Dave Leonatti

Val Leonatti  
Jim McDonough  
Brad Milliman  
David Mitchell  
Mary Caroline Mitchell  
Lynne O'Shea  
Tom Owen  
Mary Peura  
Christy Pound  
Mary Ray  
Julie Robbs  
Mary Gail Romack  
Diane Rutledge  
Bruce Strom  
Mike Sundquist  
Eleanor VanDeventer  
Jeanne VanGiesen  
Pete VanGiesen  
Jess Weitzel  
Will Wright  
**Neighborhood Partners**  
Bill Steele

#### Hospitality Team

Nancy Canady  
Linda Chronister  
Sue Cull  
Melanie Green  
Ann Hamilton  
Al Hymans  
Pat Hymans  
Krista Steller  
**Youth Partners**  
Braden Barton  
Jessica Borland  
Will Hovey  
Elliot Huston  
Harper Huston  
Reese Huston  
Jack Milliman  
**Staff Partners**  
Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
Rev. Christian K. Choi  
Rev. Jerry Boutelle  
Dale Rogers  
Gary Warnick



When Westminster's Strategic Planning initiative began to take form in 2019, the committee chose the name *Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor* because it articulates what we believe about God and affirms our commitment to the neighborhood. Over the next ten years, Westminster plans to invest \$450,000 in the neighborhood which is one-third of the total cost of our Site and Landscape Plan.



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

*Gift from the Sea* is a book written by Anne Morrow Lindbergh which I read as a young mother on vacations to Captiva Island with Peter and Paul. For Anne Morrow Lindbergh the sea offered a place to be nourished and renewed spiritually, a place to be reminded of the ever-changing mysteries of life and love, and the wonders of God's creation. Each chapter begins with a description of a shell, which she will take home to remind her of an insight about life. In the ebb and flow of the tides that shaped the shells she collected, Anne recognized that movement and change are a part of life and something to be accepted, even celebrated rather than feared.

Last month I was reminded once again of the ever-changing tides of life when I co-officiated at the wedding of a dear friend's daughter Zoe who grew up with our son Paul. It was a joyous reunion for our children who had changed and grown through the years. It was also a poignant time for their parents as we recognized that we, too, had grown through the changes of our children, changes we feared at the time because we built our lives around them.

When the groom and his mother began dancing to the 1975 Fleetwood Mac song "Landslide" by Stevie Nicks, it was a tender moment for those of us who have found strength through the years in this insightful song about inevitable change that sometimes feels like a landslide, our fears about change when it comes cascading down upon us, and our hope to sail through the turbulent tides of a snow-covered mountain.

How often do we resist the ebb and flow that are a part of change within our lives? The mystery and wonder of our faith is that the only constancy in this ever-changing world is the love of God, which like the sea, is wider and broader and deeper than we can comprehend...and stronger than our fear.



Paul Kieffer, Zoe Martin Fugate, Jonathan Martin, and Bryan Berger

## NEW MEMBER CLASS SUNDAYS, AUGUST 1 AND 8

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class on Sundays, August 1st and 8th, 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on August 15, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

## JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

The financial position in June showed income exceeding expenses by \$35,135. Thank you for continuing your financial support as we are still showing income above budget, and expenses under budget. Contribution statements were mailed in July. Any questions, contact Lisa Runkle.

2021 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 519,388	\$ 495,776	\$ 23,612
Expenses	\$-484,253	\$-503,276	\$ 19,023
Net Total	\$ 35,135	\$ -7,500	

Lisa will attend a Large Church Summit August 16-17 in Oak Park, Illinois. This event, hosted by the Board of Pensions, updates staff of large congregations on benefits.

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

ILLINOIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AROUND THE TOWN CONCERT will be hosted by Westminster **THURSDAY, AUGUST 5 AT 7:00 P.M. IN OUR SANCTUARY** as a part of a Chamber Music Festival running four days that week and featuring musicians from the Illinois Symphony. The program is the Brahms Sextet No. 1, written in 1860 for two violins, two violas, and two 'cellos. The Illinois Symphony musicians playing are Roy Meyer, Alex Norris, J. Patrick and Erin Rafferty, Amy Catron, and Jing Jing Hu.

**SOUND CELEBRATION AND LAND OF LINCOLN CHORUS' CONCERT** Join the Sound Celebration Chorus and Land of Lincoln Chorus for an outdoor concert held at Sherman Village Park on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 5:00 P.M.** Bring your lawn chairs, drinks, snacks, and enjoy an hour of fun and upbeat acapella music. There will also be food vendors to purchase items to eat or drink.

**THE WORSHIP, MUSIC AND ARTS COMMITTEE** will meet Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. to begin planning a Congregational Art Exhibit on Sunday October 24 that will highlight the many gifted Westminster artists.

**WESTMINSTER CHOIR** resumes its regular rehearsals on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 11 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Following the retreat, the choir is invited to share dinner at the home of Jim and Meg Kontio.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** (Grades 3-5) will begin Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will begin Tuesday, October 5, at 4:45 p.m.

**CHURCH MICE** (infants through age 4) will meet Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 18, at 11:00 a.m.

## ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

### ADULT ED FORUM HIGHLIGHTS HEALTH IN SEPTEMBER

The Adult Ed Forum will resume on **Sunday, September 19** at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom with "The History of Vaccines" presented by Lyle VanDeventer. This session provides helpful information as we prepare to participate in the Eighth Biennial Health Fair the following week.

### EIGHTH BIENNIAL HEALTH FAIR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

The Eighth Biennial Health Fair will be **Sunday, September 26 at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall.** Along with B/P screening, glucose screening, and other health related tables, flu vaccinations will be provided. Details will be forthcoming.



**Now calling all good women and men!** We are grateful for those medical professionals who have shared their expertise as ministry partners in this event. If you would like to serve or host a table, **please contact our Parish Nurse, Ellen Carpenter at 217-793-3412.**

## DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 16, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. This begins our seventh year and new members are always welcome. Details on curriculum will be forthcoming.

## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

**ANNUAL MISSION TRIP REUNION SWIM PARTY AND POTLUCK**  
FRIDAY, JULY 30, FROM 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

On July 30, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., participants of the 2021 Mission Trip will gather for a reunion and a potluck dinner at the home of Susan and Scott Day (47 Fairview Lane 62712).

Remember to bring a swimsuit and a towel, and a dish to share. Youth are invited to bring a side dish, and adult ministry partners to bring chips and a drink. We will serve hot dogs.

Along with sharing memories and photos, youth will impart how their experience changed them and discuss types of local missions in which they would like to participate in the future.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO MISSION MINISTRY PARTNERS

Thank you, Westminster, for supporting this year's youth mission through your generosity and prayers. It could not have been as successful, life-changing, and spiritually nurturing without the dedicated individuals who became ministry partners on this journey. Thank you...

*Suzanne Borland*, for bringing her nurturing presence and helping with the logistics of the trip.

*Cathy Brower*, for being a presence who paid attention to the details and needs of all of us who were there.

*Susan Day*, for her expertise and finding a way of connecting with each youth, meeting them where they are.

*Bill Deemer*, for simply being "Super" Bill, always looking out for us by preparing all the things that we might need.

*Amanda Kurmann*, for her kind, loving support for all of us throughout the trip.

*Mary Ray*, for being present to shower her 'people' with love, and always willing to go the extra mile for the youth.

*It was a privilege to serve with these mission ministry partners, and THANK YOU for making this first post-COVID trip such a meaningful and memorable one.*

### YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNER ORIENTATION

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

Youth Ministry Partners (Junior and Senior High) will meet **Sunday, August 29, from 11:15 – 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom for orientation and lunch. Thank you to ministry partners: *Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppe* (Junior High) and *Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray* (Senior High).

## WCP PRESCHOOL NEWS by Emily Rowley

### 2021-2022 School Year Marks 50 Years



**Orientation meeting for families is Tuesday, August 31 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.** Classroom Open House and Popsicles on the Playground will be Friday, September 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday, September 7.

In September, the preschool will begin its 50th year welcoming families to our unique co-op experience! What a testimony to the dedication and love families have for Westminster Co-op Preschool! We are excited about this year and celebrating the special role this preschool has played in so many families' lives in our community. A small number of openings remain available for fall classes which begin on September 7th. Please visit our website to contact us if interested. We are looking forward to seeing parents for orientation on August 31st.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

### AUGUST SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

August 1: The Parable of The Good Neighbor

August 8: The Parable of the Mustard Seed

August 15: The Parable of The Pearl

August 22: The Parable of The Generous Landowner

August 29: The Sacrament of Baptism

### THANK YOU SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

This summer, our children in Pre-K through Grade 2 grew through fellowship and learning how Jesus used Parables to teach us in what manner to live. Special thanks to teachers *Cathy Brower, Sophia Choi, Sara Eldridge, Dr. Judy Knox, Christy Pound, Linda Purves, Dr. Andrew Sherrick*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

Sunday school teachers for Pre-K through Grade 5 will meet Sunday, August 29, 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 will nurture our children's faith in 2021-2022:

*Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Sophia Choi, Adam and Chelsea Ekstedt, Sara Eldridge, Tamika and Jake Hill, Leigh Milward, Linda Purves, Mary Ray, Andy Sherrick, Kayla and Jess Weitzel, Erin Winn*

### FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

Flyers, emails, and registration forms outlining opportunities for the 2021-2022 ministry year will be sent to families this month. Parents are asked to register their children for fall Sunday School on or before Sunday, September 12. The following classes begin Sunday, September 12:

**Pre-Kindergarten (Lower level Preschool Room): Frolic Preschool Sunday School** is a play-based curriculum that helps three, four, and five-year-old children experience Bible stories and faith-based storybooks in meaningful, memorable ways.

**Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel): Growing in God's Love** is a multi-age, companion curriculum for *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum*. It studies each story in greater depth and also provides intergenerational and at-home ideas to equip families to re-enforce Bible lessons.

**Grade 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom): Growing in God's Love** is a multi-age, companion curriculum for *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum*. Our older students will follow the curriculum, focusing on Bible literacy, activities and faith formation practices that are appropriate for their grade level.

Children grades 3-5 will stay in the service on Communion Sundays.

### BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

#### BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays beginning September 15, from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission projects and interfaith gatherings.



**The 2021-2022 theme is: Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living.** We will examine what it looks like to live a life rooted in the two greatest commandments to love God and others. This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which meets from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Leaders: *Rev. Choi and Karen Sherrick*

## CHILDREN'S SERMONS, MOMS AND BABIES, VIRTUAL VBS



Each Sunday children gather in the Chancel for the Children's Sermon before attending summer Sunday School with Mrs. Sherrick. During July we welcomed moms and their babies to the nursery. Pictured (from left to right) are Chelsea and Teddy Ekstedt, Meleah and Benji Berkowitz, Katie and Everard Carlson-Eastvold, Mervice Abung and Myra Afeseh. VBS participants Sophia Llosa and Dianna Choi "shine God's great light into our world."

## 2021 YOUTH MISSION TRIP JULY 11 -17, 2021



## 2021 YOUTH MISSION TEAM LEAD WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021



The Youth Mission Team had time to relax and to bond with one another. We built a repurpose garden, put in a new deck at a mission house, and replaced the roof of a barn at Ferncliff. We spent two afternoons at a Women & Children First shelter and Arkansas Food Bank, serving the local community of Little Rock. Our faith was deepened as we learned about the struggle for equity and justice at Central High School in Little Rock, Hot Springs National Park, the Clinton Presidential Library, and National Civil Rights Museum.

## MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### 2021 CONTACT MINISTRY BACKPACK COLLECTION THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

Once again WPC is partnering with Contact Ministries as we collect backpacks to be distributed at their Ready for Success Back to School Event on



Thursday, August 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Around 250 school-aged children will receive a new backpack from Contact Ministries, a voucher for a haircut, and a new pair of Payless shoes from Share the Spirit!

Immediately after the Sunday worship service, Elizabeth Circle members (pictured above from last year) will gather in WPC's second floor classroom to place a Bible verse backpack tag on each of the donated backpacks.

At the time of this printing, we have collected 77 backpacks. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 15. *The basket is in the West Narthex. Online orders may be sent directly to Westminster.*

### COMPASS FOR KIDS

#### THANK YOU AND WELCOME

During the 2020-2021 COVID-19 year Compass 4 Kids met remotely thanks to the steadfast partners who provided a consistency by either tutoring or delivering meals to families at their homes. Thank you to the following for their resilience and service: *Nancy and Rich Canady, Ellen and Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, David Haaker, Lynn and Joe McMenamin, Mary Caroline Mitchell and Olivia Simonson.*



During the 2021-2022 school year Compass 4 Kids will return to in-person gatherings at Westminster on Tuesday, October 19 at 3:00 p.m. Westminster hosts Compass for the students at Graham Elementary School. *If you are interested in joining this meaningful and dynamic team of ministry partners, contact Ann Collins, Dr. Kieffer, or sign up on Sunday, September 12.*

### AUGUST EARTH CARE TIP

Our webmaster Krista Steller tipped us off to <http://www.earthbreeze.com> whose lightweight laundry detergent sheets save shipping costs, plastic packaging, and the burden of those heavy jugs. Most detergents will wash well in cold water, saving energy regardless of the brand. Line drying with solar energy on those sunny summer days (or even hanging up inside) will dramatically cut back two of our biggest energy hogs: the dryer and the AC.



### FAIR TRADE MINISTRY IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 1



Westminster sells Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate and tea are sold to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. This month's sales will be Sunday, August 1 following the 10:00 a.m. worship. Thanks to *Becky Martin* and *Jeanne VanGieson* for providing this ministry.

### CORN PICKING AT GRIGSBY FARMS

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 4:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

The annual sweet corn harvest for area food pantries and homeless shelters is ready! This corn is planted each year by Grigsby Farms (thanks to the Hale and Pound families), and we need your help to pick the corn. The picking begins at 5:15 (with people leaving the church at 4:30 p.m. to drive to the field). We will pick from 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. and return by 7:30 p.m. **Please RSVP to Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)** to let us know to expect you.



### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES

Thank you to the following ministry partners who provided this community service the first two weeks of July: *Peggy Ashline, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Mary King and Marilyn Rigney, Mary Caroline Mitchell and Olivia Simonson, Mary Ray and Gayle Wilson, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Karen Springer, and Krista Steller.*



### HELPING HANDS MEAL

SECOND FRIDAY – AUGUST 13, 2021

Thank you to *Janie Bahlow, Sally Godbey, Julie James, Pat Picchi, and Amy Xanders* for preparing the July 9 meal. The August 13 meal will be prepared by Dee Dee Duffy, Cara Vasconcelles, and Sarah Zerfas. We are still in need of ministry partners for October and November. To sign up, please go to our website or call Jennie Alt.

### GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH AUGUST MENU

*Beef Stew, Applesauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup, and Dry Cereal.* **High-Demand Items:** *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

### HUNGER ACTION TEAM PROVIDED SPRINGFIELD COOLING CENTER MEAL

Thank you to Krista Steller, Pat Hymans, Mary King, Linda Chronister, and Jeanne VanGieson for preparing meal on July 1.

We are delighted to welcome back to church Hospitality Coordinator Pat Hymans.



### ENDOWMENT MISSION GRANT APPLICATIONS REVIEWED WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Mission and Community Service Committee will review grant applications for funding from Westminster's Mission Endowment at its September 1 meeting. The deadline for submission of grant proposals for consideration September 1 is August 20. Applications are available on our website where information on organizations who have received grants is also located. Please contact Mary Caroline Mitchell, 217-553-4688 or Bob Leffler 217-546-3879 for more information.

## PARISH NURSE MINISTRY BY ELLEN CARPENTER

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Marilyn Rigney will check blood pressures in August.

### Westminster Served as Vaccination Site on Monday, July 19

Thank you to Bud Green and Mike Sunquist who assisted with the clinic. Although only three received a vaccination, every one makes a difference. Thank you to Linda Schlosser for bringing her neighbor to receive a vaccine.



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KNIT 2 PURL 4** meets in person on **Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.** The knitter's lunch has returned on the first Tuesday of the month at noon.



**PW LUNCHEON** resumes Friday, September 3 at 12 noon.

**PW SALAD SUPPER** will be held Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



All Presbyterian Women 2021-2022 Circles have chosen the Horizon's Bible Study "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," based on the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair. The book cost is \$11 and can be purchased from Jennie Alt in the Church Office

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** resumes on Monday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Call Eleanor VanDeventer (217-341-4032).

**LYDIA CIRCLE** resumes on Tuesday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

**RUTH AND NAOMI** will resume on Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Chronister. Call Meg Kontio (330-472-4135) for details.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** will resume on Thursday, **September 9 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Join us for devotions, breakfast, and great fellowship. Call Pete VanGieson (217-652-1310) for details.



**DMA** will resume this fall for their monthly meeting on the third Friday: September 17, October 15, and November 17.

## NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICER AND APNC

Nominations may be completed online at [wpcspi.org](http://wpcspi.org) or by emailing the committee chair, Jim Kincaid, at [jbkin@comcast.net](mailto:jbkin@comcast.net). Please complete by August 15, 2021. Nominees will be presented at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2021.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Abigail Eldridge, who received third place in the No Malice Film Contest - 11-14 age group. Her film, "We the People," highlights activists and past injustices to address racism and to keep history from repeating itself.

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. and Mrs. James and Mary Anne Singleton celebrate 68 years on August 8.

Betty Cadwallader celebrates 96 years on August 9.

Al Hibbert celebrates 91 years on August 11.

Sharon and Matt Gilmour celebrate 60 years on August 12.

Anne Smith celebrates 90 years on August 17.

Marci and Bill Irvine celebrate 50 years on August 21.

Sandy and John Hockenyos celebrate 62 years on August 22.

### WEDDINGS

Adrienne Ranck and Kyle Newman were united in marriage on July 10, 2021, in Peoria, IL.

Patricia Schulz and Robert Stewart will be united in marriage on August 4 at Eatons' Ranch in Wolf, Wyoming.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Sophia Rose MacDonna was born March 2, 2021 to Katy and Keegan MacDonna. Her sister is Piper, aunt and uncle are Erin and Josh Masters and grandmother is Debora MacDonna.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Chelsea and Kelby Dolan present their infant daughter, Emory James, for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 1.

Katy and Keegan MacDonna present their infant daughter, Sophia Rose, for the Sacrament of Baptism on August 1.

Caitlin and Mark Simhauser present their infant daughter, Anna Faye, for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 1.

Kate and Michael Morthland present their infant son, Walter Everett, for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 15.

### IN MEMORIAM

Judy Barthoff died July 3. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children Stephen P. Barthoff, Jr. (wife, Kelly), Charles H. Barthoff (wife, Tracy), Ann Hathaway and their families.

Paula Stewart died July 27. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children Paul Stewart (wife, Carolyn), Susan Gaines (husband Jeff), son-in-law Robert Trimpe (husband of the late Lynda Trimpe), and their families.

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

The Rev. Christian and Mrs. Sophia Choi on the death of Sophia's aunt, Emily Im, on July 13 in San Jose, California.

### MEMORIAL SERVICES

A celebration of life for Betty Mood Smith will be held Friday, August 27 at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

A celebration of life for William R. Donels will be held Saturday, August 28 at 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

A celebration of life for Dr. Elvin G. Zook will be held Saturday, August 28 from 1-5 p.m. at Memorial Hospital Center for Learning and Innovation (228 W. Miller St.).

### NEW ADDRESS

Amy & Patrick Barry, 2105 S. Wiggins Ave, Springfield, 62704

Jane and Steve Arbuthnot, 4560 Gulfshore Blvd N., Apt. 113, Naples, FL 34103

Mary Norton, Concordia Village, 4101 W. Iles Ave, Apt. 4123, Springfield, IL 62711

Dick Washburn, Villa of Holly Brook, 825 E. Walnut, Chatham, IL 62629

Dorothy Wire, Regency Senior Living, 2120 W. Washington St. Rm 114, Springfield, IL 62704

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**



**God's Got Your Back!** On Sunday, August 22, the children and youth of Westminster are invited to bring their backpack to the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the Blessing of the Backpacks as we begin a new school year. Along with a blessing, each will receive a monogrammed carabiner with a Bible verse for their backpack as a reminder of God's loving presence on their journey throughout this school year.

**VBS PRESENTATION SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

*Arise! Shine! Your light has come:  
 The Lord's Glory has shone upon you! Isaiah 60:1*

Join us Sunday, August 22, as the children who participated in this year's virtual VBS share their experience in a presentation during worship and in a craft display in the West Narthex following. Each week in July they listened to Bible stories, made snacks, created art, sang and moved to music. The stories they learned from the Bible taught them how to Shine with Love, Trust, Faith, Joy and Hope!



**SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR!**  
**ANNUAL YOUTH KICK OFF SWIM PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 FROM 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

On Sunday, August 22, 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.

**JUNE FLOOD'S 100TH BIRTHDAY MOTORCYCLE CLIP GOES VIRAL!**



Rev. Choi greets June Flood as she welcomes family and friends at her 100th birthday celebration in Parish Hall on June 30.

It was a truly intergenerational gathering with some of our youngest members (Berkowitz and Choi Families) joining in the celebration of our matriarch!



The event culminated with June taking a motorcycle ride around Westminster's newly renovated parking lot. The crowds gathered outside for photos and videotaping. The video clip posted on Facebook has gone viral with over 450,000 hits.

We love you, June Flood, and celebrate your life! Our compliments to your Creator!

**Westminster Staff**

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**The Reverend Christian K. Choi**  
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**The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle**  
*Parish Associate*

**Dale T. Rogers**  
*Director of Music and the Arts*  
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**Deb Watts Elliott**  
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