



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Springfield, Illinois 62704

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www.wpcspi.org

July 2020

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

*Saturday Schedule:
Beginning July 11*

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

*Sunday Schedule:
10:00 a.m.*

Live Stream Worship Service
www.wpcspi.org

*Sunday School:
Parable YouTube Video
emailed to Families
Children Birth-Grade 5*

July 5

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-30

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Citizens of the Kingdom

July 11/12

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Psalm 119:105-112

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Opportunities in Growth

July 18/19

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Checking One's Spiritual Compass

July 25/26

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 29:15-28, Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

The Kingdom of God

Sermon manuscripts are located in the West Narthex and online at www.wpcspi.org.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP RESUMES SUNDAY, JULY 5

In-Person worship begins Sunday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m. with a **maximum of 50 attendees**. In light of the increased COVID-19 cases in Sangamon County and within our country, it was decided to limit the number to 50 although the governor's mandate allows for more. **Sunday's service will be live streamed for those who choose to worship from home.** Members and friends are invited to register through **Signup Genius** located on the homepage of our website. Those without internet access can call Jennie Alt to reserve a seat. The church will also use this information as contact tracing should an attendee test positive for coronavirus. Some other features and precautions as we re-gather include the following:



- **Worshippers are required to wear facemasks at all times** except while partaking of communion elements. If you are unwilling or unable to wear a mask, please plan to enjoy the services online. Masks will be available for those that need one, and hand sanitizer will be available as well. Please bring your own mask, however, if you have one.
- **Social distancing will be required.**
- **Parking will be available at Graham Elementary School** until our parking lot is available. For street parking near the church, priority will be given to those unable to walk from the school.
- **Worshippers will enter the church through the West Narthex doors off Edwards Street** and will be directed into the sanctuary through either the Tower Door or the door directly off the West Narthex.
- **Ushers will direct family groups to sit together and will ensure families have appropriate distance from other families.** Family members planning to sit together should enter the church together. Ushers will dismiss worshippers by row and by family group to minimize social contact.
- **We will not be gathering in the West Narthex either before or after the service.** Worshippers may gather outside the church to greet one another while utilizing social distancing measures.
- **Bulletins will be available for pickup as you enter the sanctuary.** Bulletins will contain all readings and hymns, so the use of Bibles and hymnals in the pews will be unnecessary.
- **Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary entrances** and will not be passed during the service.
- **The congregation will not be singing hymns or reciting passages.** This is due to video recording matters, as well as a desire to minimize virus spread.
- **There will be no passing of the peace** or any physical contact at any time.
- **Communion elements will be available at the sanctuary entrances.**
- **Children will remain in the pews for the children's sermon.** No in-person Sunday School.
- **Restrooms are open** and will be cleaned before and after the service.
- A member of the Safety Team will be available during the service.



SATURDAY WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER RESUMES JULY 11 AT 5:00 P.M.

Saturday service begins July 11 at 5:00 p.m. Similar measures will be in place and **attendance is also limited to 50 worshippers.**

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

WESTMINSTER BECOMES MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION

In June, Session accepted the invitation by the PC(USA) to become a Matthew 25 congregation. This 2019 initiative invites congregations to recommit themselves to:



- **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

In light of Westminster's beginnings as an abolitionist church and with a renewed call within our country to address racism, Session's decision is timely.

224TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS



Elder Elona Street-Stewart (Executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies) and the Rev. Gregory Bentley (Pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama) became the Co-Moderators of the 224th General Assembly. Their slogan is 'Learning from the past, living in the present.' The symbol they chose is the Sankofa bird standing in the Mississippi River. The bird embraces their Native American and African American cultures and echoes their slogan. The bird's feet are moving forward and at the same time the bird is looking back to take what is precious and wise from our past.

The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II was elected to serve his second four-year term as our Stated Clerk. The assembly concluded with 8.46 minutes of silence and solidarity to join our voice with those around the country in a cry to end racial injustice.

Additionally, Dr. Kieffer and Rev. Choi were elected to serve on two G.A. committees: Committee on the General Assembly and Committee of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations respectively, both in the Class of 2024.

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

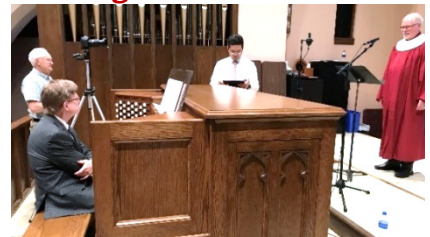
Thank you for your faithfulness as the Operating Fund income is \$28,459 more than our budget through May 2020. Mission receipts are far above budget with recent donations to the HEAL Fund. Expenses are over budget by \$18,733. The property budget funded the tuckpointing project, and the mission expenditures are up to match the recent additional giving.

2020 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 462,203	\$ 433,744	\$ 28,459
Expenses	\$-452,477	\$-433,744	\$ 18,733
Net Total	\$ 9,726	\$ 0	

During this time, members and friends are encouraged to continue to donate, online at www.wpcspi.org or by mail.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

We are grateful to Lyle VanDeventer, our hymn singer, and all our soloists as we continue to provide music during the live stream worship services.



FREE LINCOLN LAND ONLINE COURSE: HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY TAUGHT BY PROFESSOR AARON BERKOWITZ

HIS-299-02 is a special topics course at LLCC on the History of Christianity (August 24 – December 11, 2020). Because of the pandemic, the class will be offered online. Professor Aaron Berkowitz will provide recorded lectures throughout and students will participate in an online discussion board. The class covers Christianity from its origins in Judaism through to the present day. Textbooks include Mark Noll's *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity* and the Norton *Anthology of World Religion volume on Christianity*. The book *Turning Points* features 14 of the most important moments in Christian history, with each chapter devoted to a different event. The Norton Anthology is a recent compilation of primary source materials related to Christian history.

As an online course, access to a computer is necessary; however, no special hardware or software is required other than a web browser. The class is being offered asynchronously, which means you can complete the course on your own schedule. Like all classes at Lincoln Land Community College, **tuition is free for students over the age of 65**. It is possible to take the class as an "auditor", which means that you would not have to do any of the assignments or receive a final grade, but you would still have access to the lectures and discussion boards. To register for the class, you can call LLCC at 217-786-2292 or check out this Getting Started page online: <https://www.llcc.edu/student-services/getting-started/> If you have any questions about the class, you can contact Prof. Aaron Berkowitz at aaron.berkowitz@llcc.edu.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

When signing up to attend worship on SignUpGenius, worshipers will be asked five questions:

- Have you had a fever in the last three days?
- Have you experienced a loss of taste or smell?
- Have you had a cough with shortness of breath not related to another diagnosis?
- Have you been exposed to someone with or someone suspicious of a positive COVID-19 test?
- Have you travelled to a coronavirus hotspot in the past two weeks?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes for either yourself or someone else in your family group, please do not attend the in-person church service and instead enjoy the streamed or online service. By attending church, in fact, you are essentially stating that the answer to all these questions is no. If you are not feeling well, please stay home and plan to watch the service online. Questions? Comments? Concerns? Feel free to send us an email at WPCCoronavirus@gmail.com. Be safe and be healthy! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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 AT DAY LAKE HOME



Westminster youth group gathered at Susan and Scott Day's backyard to enjoy each other's company and to explore 'black lives matter' from a biblical perspective.

Moving forward, youth group will meet every other week (July 12 & 26) at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in person, practicing safe distancing.



If you are a youth interested in joining this gathering and are not part of the youth group chat group, please contact Rev. Choi. Also contact Rev. Choi if you would like to host a youth group gathering in July.



STEADFAST NEIGHBOR ENDEAVOR

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK: AUGUST 10-14

Youth Group members and college young adults, here is our chance to do mission work in our own neighborhood. We are going to apply the skills that we have learned at ASP mission trips to repair many homes in Westminster's neighborhood on our service week, August 10-14. Just like the mission trip, we will have our workdays and wrapping the days with devotions and fellowship. If you wish to join this endeavor or have any questions about Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor Missions, please contact Rev. Choi at cchoi@wpcspi.org.

GRADUATION SIGNS DELIVERED



Westminster's yard signs for the graduates were successfully delivered to the class of 2020. Thank you to our ministry partners who helped in this endeavor: Jennie Alt, Julie Barton, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, and many youth.

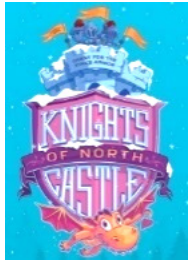
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH: THE MONTH OF JULY

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

We thank the **24 children** and their parents who registered to take up the gauntlet and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God. Packets have been prepared and were picked up June 29 and 30.



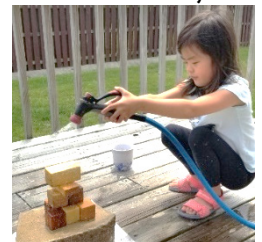
Beginning Wednesday, July 1 the first lesson will be emailed. On the consecutive Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22 and 29, a lesson will be emailed. This gives families one week to enjoy the activities at a pace that fits your summer plans. Participants are invited to share photos of your at-home VBS crafts, drawings, and coloring pages within a private group VBS2020 on Facebook.

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor

is a venture into a hidden frozen land in search of the King's mighty armor. However, the armor is not what they think it is. **The quest for the King's armor** invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book. Children will explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor -- **the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation** — at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES ONLINE

Although in-person worship is resuming in July, children will not be coming forward for the children's sermon and summer Sunday school will remain online. **WPCconnections** will continue to be emailed on Fridays to bring joy and creativity into the homes of our families during this pandemic. Along with a video from the Saddleback Church featuring the Bible lesson, each week you will find: **Weekly prayers** to empower parents to build a repertoire of prayers to share with your children, **Play Together** which includes a craft idea related to our Bible story or prayer, and **Sing Together** which includes child-friendly songs to make a joyful noise to the Lord (since we still cannot sing in church!) You will also see the dates of any gatherings, birthdays, special notes and more to help us stay connected during this time.



WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

A celebration of our 2020 graduates will be held on Friday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall.

We look forward to the fall and being back in the classroom! We have a Modified Reopening Committee working to examine the new guidelines and how we can be safely back together while protecting our children and their families. Our enrollment for the fall is excellent; we have only a couple of spots still available.

WCP is seeking a part-time teacher for its morning classes. If interested, please contact Board Chair Lindsey Selinger at (217) 502-2838. *Emily Rowley, WCP Director*

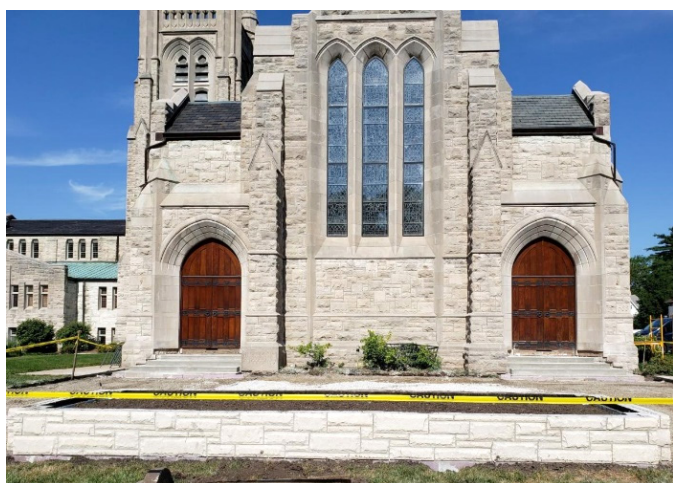
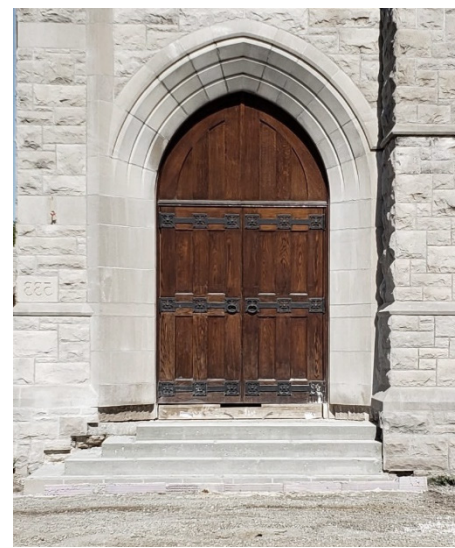
LIVE STREAM WORSHIP BEGAN SUNDAY, JUNE 21



In light of the need to provide online worship during the COVID-19 pandemic and as we move into Phase 4 and live stream worship, in June, Session designated up to \$40,000 from the Mission and Benevolence Fund of the General Endowment for the “mission of worship.” We are utilizing the Mission and Benevolence Fund because online worship has become an outreach in presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the spoken word and music. Many have expressed appreciation for the spiritual nourishment they are receiving. Online worship has become a new dimension of Westminster’s mission and outreach.

We are grateful to Rev. Trajan McGill, Rev. Christian Choi and Bob Fox for the intelligent and creative collaboration making this endeavor possible.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SITE AND LANDSCAPE ENDEAVOR



During July, O’Shea Builders and sub-contractors will install curbing and gutters, relocate the driveway entrances, install light pole supports, conduits and cameras, piping for irrigation, and lay the concrete. Sexton and sub-contractors will install blue stone patio and a new sidewalk at the West Terrace, blue stone patio and limestone steps on East Entry and replace sidewalks.

BACCALAUREATE AND YOUTH SUNDAY

WELCOMES HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES IN WORSHIP



Mack Shepherd Jack Milliman Drew Borland Sam and Ben Brower
Carolyn Lowe Lydia Pehlman Ella Kurmann Jocelyn Nester Natalie Miller Allison Scott



PARISH LIFE by Rev. Trajan McGill MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



LITTLE PANTRY – Our Little Pantry located on Cook Street on the south side of Graham Elementary (near the main entrance of the school) continues to provide much needed resources to our neighbors. Thank you to the following ministry partners in this outreach: *Nancy Canady, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Ellen & Rance*

Carpenter, Alexander Moore Chipman, Dee Dee & Rick Duffy, Kathy Germeraad, Bob Leffler, Nichole Magalis, Becky McDonald, Leigh Milward, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura, Judy Ridinger, Pat Roller, Cathy Schwartz, Chris Smith, Krista & Brad Steller, Pete VanGieson, and Sue & Jess Werner. Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for details. Supplies are available at the church on the lower level outside the elevator. Reimbursement is also available for items purchased. Donation suggestions are on our website – wpcspi.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES

AUGUST 4 & 6 AND AUGUST 11 & 13!

In August, Westminster will again be helping Senior Services of Central Illinois deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. We will need four to eight groups of two people on both days each week. Sign-up and info sheets will be in the West Narthex. If you are interested and able to help make deliveries, please sign up or contact Jennie Alt in the church office.



HELPING HANDS



Mary Gail Romack and Chris Smith provided the meal on June 12 and made Chicken Supreme, Julie Sundquist's recipe from the "Second Helpings" Cookbook. They signed up a third time for July 10 as well. Marc Anderson continues to provide the milk each month, which is much

appreciated. The Canady's and Allen's will be preparing the August 14 meal. **September through November are still open.** If you are able to help in this vital time, please email Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JULY MENU

Canned Spaghetti or Pasta Meal, Peas, Canned Fruit in Juice/Water, Rice Mixes or Instant Rice **High-Demand Items:** *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

2020 BACKPACK COLLECTION THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Once again WPC will partner in ministry with Contact Ministries as we collect backpacks to be distributed at their Ready for Success Back to School Event on Thursday, August 13, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. We will collect backpacks through Sunday, August 9. Around 250 school-aged children will receive a new backpack from Contact Ministries and a new pair of Payless shoes from Share the Spirit! Last year, we collected 190 backpacks! *The basket is in the West Narthex.*



EARTH CARE NEWS



JULY EARTH CARE TIP - Do you like getting more for the same price? Once you reach the bottom of a container get more out of each tube of by cutting and rolling it, more out of each detergent or shampoo bottle by diluting and shaking it, and more out of each food jar by wiping the sides with a rubber spatula. Even better, buy products in large containers which leads to relatively less packaging and waste at the bottom. Of course, reuse or recycle that container after you get the last drop!

CAMP COMPASS 2020 is virtual! Because of the population we serve, it's necessary to deliver food and supplies directly to our students' homes so that we remove any and all barriers to participation. With 300 students enrolled, this means LOTS of deliveries each week. **Compass is looking for approximately 35 volunteers to assist with academic supply kit delivery / enrichment supply kit delivery / weekend food delivery on July 2, 10, 17, 24, and 31.** If you can make some, but not all of those dates, you can sign up to be a sub. Please email Cindy Thayer, Assistant Director / Director of Summer Learning, at cindy@compass4kids.org to volunteer! Thanks in advance! www.compass4kids.org

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING...

THE PENTECOST FUND – "helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children." In June, we collected **\$495.**



THE OUTREACH FOUNDATION - The Kenya Mission Team invited members to donate to the Outreach Foundation to address the hunger challenge in Kenya. In June, we collected **\$850** from the congregation. A check for **\$1,500** which includes **\$650** from the Betty Smith Mission Endowment Fund is being mailed this month.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

CONGREGATIONAL CALLS – The Congregational Care Committee completed their second round of calling members during this pandemic on June 30. If you are feeling isolated or need assistance, please contact Jennie Alt, Church Administrative Assistant at jaltwpcspi.org.

HOME COMMUNION – Home Communion will resume once nursing homes welcome visitors.

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



H.E.A.L. FUND – "Helpful Emergency Assistance for Living" Fund provides resources to church and community members facing financial challenges. If you or someone you know could benefit from this fund, please reach out to one of the pastors.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to our Hospitality Coordinator, Pat Hymans, for the fabulous personalized cakes she prepared for the high school graduates who attended Baccalaureate Sunday.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WESTMINSTER REOPENED FRIDAY, JUNE 26

In June, Session approved the reopening of the church building on June 26 with gatherings that follow the CDC guidelines. Individual fellowship groups are discerning when they are comfortable resuming.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

Knitters - find your yarn and needles and join us at Westminster on Tuesdays starting July 7 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Due to the parking lot construction and COVID-19 guidelines, we have a few changes:

- Please carpool and park on Glenwood and Edwards.
- Use the Edwards street entrance by the playground.
- Seating will be spaced per the guidelines.
- The monthly luncheon will not be held.
- Please bring your own beverage.

Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 622-8657 if you have questions.

DMA is tentatively planning to resume in September.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST will resume in September.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON, ELIZABETH CIRCLE, AND LYDIA CIRCLE will resume in September.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. on the deck of the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane) to have the discussion we missed on June 3 and to sign up for the 2020-2021 program year. Please read The Letter, #8 and Church Stories from *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans.

LIBRARY AND BOOK REVIEWS



Have you read all the books in your house? Need more? The WPC Libraries are open during the week and have books that can be checked out. We have children's books and adult books. Some of these are brand new and need to

be read. Keep them as long as you need and then return them to the church. Summer is a wonderful time to read!

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is a two hour walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Grade 3 to adult.

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

This memoir is written using poetry. She tells of her childhood as an African American in the American Northeast and South in the 1960s. Born in Columbus, Ohio, to the descendants of former slaves, Jacqueline is named after her father, Jack, much to the chagrin of her mother, Mary Ann. Grade 3 to adult.

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

It is a children's novel of historical fiction, set during the summer of 1968 in Oakland, California. "One Crazy Summer" follows the lives of the Gaither sisters, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern, as they visit with their mother who abandoned them some seven years before. Grade 3 to adult.

Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder

A true story of a gifted man who loves the world and has set out to do all he can to cure it. In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life's calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Farmer changes minds and practices through his dedication to the philosophy that "the only real nation is humanity." "Beyond mountains there are mountains"—as you solve one problem, another problem presents itself, and so you go on and try to solve that one too. Grade 7 to adult.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Ben Foster celebrates 93 years on July 3.

Ruth Schmitt celebrates 91 years on July 30.

NEW ARRIVAL

Olive Mae was born to Natalie and Ed Swiderski on May 23. Her proud grandparents are Sally Jo and Larry Bomke and her proud uncle is Wulf Bomke.

Theodore Eldon was born to Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt on June 4. His proud brothers are August & Roscoe and his proud aunt is Erin Ekstedt.



IN MEMORIAM

Susanne H. "Susie" Ripka died on June 10, 2020 in Springfield. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children, Michael (wife, Gerri) Ripka, Mark (wife, Debbie) Ripka, and Thomas (wife, Sue) Ripka, Pamela (husband, Stu) Kennedy and their families.

Joann L. Brown died on June 11, 2020 in Springfield. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children Bruce Brown (wife Teresa Webber) and Elizabeth Brown (husband Charles Hill).

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Drs. Bob and Naomi Lynn on the death of Naomi's brother-in-law, Dr. Donald Sascer, May 8, 2020 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Art Cochran on the death of his wife, and to Beverly McFarland, Michael Cochran and Kevin Cochran on the death of their mother, Mary Lou Cochran, on May 28, 2020 in Springfield. A private graveside service will be held at Butler Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 17, 2020.

Sally Hildebrand, Mal Hildebrand and their sons Timothy and Ryan Hildebrand on the death of Sally's father and Tim and Ryan's grandfather, Lyle Wheeler, on June 21, 2020 in Naples, Florida. A private graveside service was held Monday, June 29 at Fairview Cemetery in Bath, Illinois.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Becky Martin who retired in June from the Springfield School District after 27 years of teaching at Lanphier High School.

Tom Owen, Westminster's Clerk of Session, who retired from the Chamber of Commerce in June.

BLANKETS+ OFFERING

Thank you to all who contributed this year. We raised \$1,045 for this wonderful mission.

PALM SUNDAY COAT COLLECTION

Thank you to all who donated a coat. Thirteen coats were delivered to Contact Ministries on behalf of Westminster.

CONCORDIA WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Kieffer will lead a worship service at Concordia on Wednesday, July 29 at 10:00 a.m. in their chapel.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION MATCHING GRANTS AND SERVICE WEEK (AUGUST 10-14)

The Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force is pleased to announce that we received **21 Matching Grant applications** and **4 Neighborhood Service Week Grant applications** by our June 15, 2020 deadline. The reminder letter was mailed June 5, 2020 to homeowners. Each neighbor who completed an application received a personal note of appreciation from Dr. Kieffer.

On June 29 and 30, a team (Todd Knox, Keith Hamilton, Gary Warnick, Rev. Choi and Dr. Kieffer) began the process of visiting each neighbor who completed an application to review their proposal and to begin to make plans for our Neighborhood Service Week scheduled for August 10-14, 2020. We are in conversation with the principal of Graham Elementary School for some projects to assist them during our service week.



It was a joy to meet our neighbors across the street on Walnut, Brookelyn and Vince Eazelle, who purchased their home after renting a few years. She is a first grade teacher and he is a first responder. Their two-year old daughter calls Westminster "The Castle" and believes a princess lives in our building. They have enjoyed the activity around the church and look forward to seeing the completed project.

Bill Steele lives on Walnut and invited us into his lovely, historic home. He is so excited about what we are doing in the neighborhood that he signed up to join the Neighborhood Service Week Team.



NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK TEAM MEETS MONDAY, JULY 20 AT 5:30 P.M.

We are giving a shout out to members to join the Neighborhood Service Week Team August 10-14! **The team will meet Monday, July 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.** At that time, we will review projects and assign teams as well as share time in a devotional and prayer as we reach beyond Westminster's doors to serve our neighbors. We will help with basic exterior improvement projects.

So far those who have indicated the intent to join include *Judy and Jerry Boutelle, Christian Choi, Bob Fox, Keith Hamilton, Mal Hildebrand, Blythe and Peter Kieffer, Todd Knox, Trajan McGill, Lynn McMenamin, Brad Milliman, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura, Mary Ray, Julie Robbs, Diane Rutledge, Pete VanGieson, Gary Warnick* along with neighbors *Jane Staley, Bill Steele.*

Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org to add your name to the list and help make this a powerful week of service to the neighbors immediately surrounding us!

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The 2020 Nominating Committee is now receiving nominations for the following positions of leadership at Westminster.

DEACON (CLASS OF 2023) ELDER (CLASS OF 2023)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2021)

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (CLASS OF 2023)

Nominations may be completed online by clicking here or emailing the committee chair, Jim Kincaid, at jbkin@comcast.net. Please complete by August 16, 2020. Nominees will be presented at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2020.

Westminster Staff

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Pastor and Head of Staff
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The Reverend Trajan I. McGill
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The Reverend Christian K. Choi
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The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle
Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers
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Kimberly Hollinshead
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