

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

533 South Walnut Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704

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www.wpcspi.org

JUNE 2015

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Sunday Schedule:
Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon
Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre K-Grade 5

June 6 & 7

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Baptism
1 Sam. 8, Matt.20:20-28
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
It Shall Not Be So Among You

June 13 & 14

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of Communion
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Faith in a Seed

June 20 & 21

4th Sunday after Pentecost
Psalms 8, Luke 18:9-17
Reverend Sarah Iliff McGill
You Are a Child of God

June 27 & 28

5th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Reverend Hannah M. Dreitcer
Something to Eat

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, MAY 31

On Baccalaureate Sunday, May 31, we recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship. Congratulations to these young people and Godspeed as they continue the adventure of life. Each will receive a copy of the PC (USA) Book of Common Prayer as a gift.

Jacob Lakin: from Rochester High School, attending Benedictine University in Springfield
Reiley Duffy: from Springfield High School, attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale
Brooke Dunn: from Lanphier High School, attending Illinois State University
Ben McElwee: from Sacred Heart-Griffin High School, attending Lincoln Land Community College on a baseball scholarship
Seth Owens: from Pleasant Plains High School, attending Southeast Missouri State University
Caitlin Alyse Sims: from Athens High School, attending Illinois State University on a golf scholarship

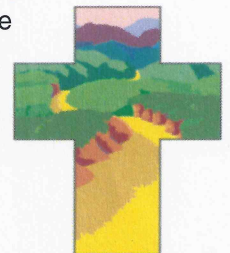
SECOND ANNUAL "CELEBRATING NEW MEMBERS" COOKOUT FRIDAY, JUNE 12, AT 6:00 P.M.



THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED! Join Westminster's new members on Friday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane). Last year over 125 attended. Please RSVP (online at www.wpcspi.org or on Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish or dessert. New members will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 15 - JUNE 19

Children ages three through grade five will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, music, games, and delicious snacks. Mission Projects include Give-a-Meal-a-Month and African Water Project. The leadership team will meet on Sunday, June 7, at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom and will be commissioned on Sunday, June 14.



Registrars: Tempa Dunn, Liz Maxey

Bible Story: Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

Music: Rev. Sarah McGill

Art: Elizabeth Marcy

Snacks: Kelly Bassett and Pat Hymans

Special Needs Assistant: Dana Affrunti

Shepherds: Agnes Harmon, Pat Hibbert, Valerie Leonatti,

Lynn McMenamin, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Brad Steller

Youth Helpers: Claire Bess, Gabi Huston, Ellamarie Kurmann,

Christian Lochbaum, Lizzy Olmsted, Emma Shafer, Talen Vogler

Decorations Team: Pat and Al Hymans

We will celebrate with the congregation on Sunday, June 21, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service followed by a reception in Parish Hall. Register online at www.wpcspi.org or on Sunday mornings in the West Narthex.

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

Dear Friends,

What an exciting day we shared on May 17 as we welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Lee, celebrated 180 years of ministry and dedicated the **Building a Legacy of Faith** anniversary endowment. To date, we have received 134 pledges and gifts totaling \$1,686,953 toward our goal of \$3.1 million to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.9 to \$5 million by 2020! *This does not include planned gifts!*

The **Albert Hale Circle** is listed below and includes previous and planned gifts. *Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, is remembered as a friend to the poor and sorrowing, a preacher of the Lord Jesus Christ and a friend and counselor to the Martyr President. He laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund.* Pledge online at www.wpcspi.org or by contacting Lisa Runkle (lrunkle@wpcspi.org) and add your name to the Albert Hale Circle.

I would like to thank the 2015 Support and Endowment Committee for their leadership: Chair Randy Germeraad, Treasurer Steve Arbuthnot, Bill Lienemann, Diane Rutledge, Dale Smith and Jeff Wilday; and the 1995 committee for their initiative: Chair Linda Culver, Treasurer Joe Dawkins, Bill Lienemann, Bud Lohman, Earl Roland, Bill Schnirring and Dr. Lee.

I would also like to thank WPC's archivists Sue Cull and Kathie Nenaber who organized the picnic. Although the sun was shining on the 17th, weather predictions compelled us to cancel the tent. We found a "silver lining" by donating \$2,500 to PDA for Midwest disaster relief.

As we move into the summer months, a season for planning, study and professional development, I am grateful for Hannah, Trajan and Dale, who have agreed to join me at Montreat in North Carolina the week of June 21-27 for the Music and Worship Conference. I am also indebted to our two Parish Associates, the Reverend Sarah McGill who will preach the weekend of June 21 and 22 and the Reverend Gerald Boutelle who will serve as liturgist and be available for pastoral care June 21 - 26.

ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

(* Pre-campaign gift, † Planned gift)

Cornerstone

(\$250,000 and above)

Fern Garrett Estate*
Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr.
Deborah & Dale Smith, Jr.

Foundation

(\$150,000 to \$249,999)

Kathy & Randy Germeraad
Richard Herndon †
Mary & William Schnirring †

Tower

(\$100,000 to \$149,999)

Harry Bergmann*
Memory of Ruth Bergmann
Garvey Estate*
Lynne O'Shea †
Alice Stuart Payne Estate*

Keystone

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Paul Bowman Estate*
Linda & Grady Chronister
Louise & Arthur Cragoe †
Sue & Roland Cull
Linda Culver Memorial*

Carolyn & Dan Dungan
Evelyn & John Jensen †
Blythe & Peter Kieffer
Judy & Todd Knox
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee †
Preckwinkle Families
Jean & William Sherrick
Jean & William Sherrick*
Nancy & Bill Simpson
Marty Sumner

Pillar

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Frances Batcheldor Estate*
Bennett Estate*
Mina & Harry Bentsen
Velda & George Finney*
Kathy & Randy Germeraad*
Gerry & Harold Hale
Alice Lambert Estate*
Ruth Langdon Estate*
Large Estate*
Ann & Bill Lienemann
Karen & Andrew Sherrick
Hannah Morrow Siebert Estate*
Marty & Alan Stutz
Barbara Sutton Estate*
Eleanor Wahlbrink*
Martha & Jeff Wilday
Martha & Jeff Wilday †
Sharon & Elvin Zook

Samaritan

(\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett

Advocate

(\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Anonymous
Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
Frances & Edwin Bay*
Dorothy D. & William BlackTrust*
Carolyn & Keith Beatty*
Mark Beatty*
Chris & Butch Elzea
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour
Helen Hansen Estate*
Marcy & Bill Irvine
Irwin & Becker Estate*
Priscilla & Tim Kluge
Margot Kramer
Valerie & Dave Leonatti
Carol & Walter Lohman*
LaVerne Marlowe Estate*
Kathie & Michael Nenaber †
Bev & Jim Orr †

Honor of our Family

Dorothy Park Estate*
Holly Howe Parker*
Jeanne & Glen Pittman
Mary Ray

Memory of Doris Ray

Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer
Dorothy Temple*
Don Thompson Estate*
Dorthea Thrasher †
Marjorie VanNattan Estate*

Counselor

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Anonymous
Anonymous
George Adams Estate*
Katrina Archer
Silvey & James Barge
Carolyn & Keith Beatty
Sandy Bellatti
Carolyn Berning
Don Blackburn Estate*
Meridith & James Bryans
Eleanor Copper Foundation*
William Deemer, Jr.
Linda N. Dillard
James S. Francis Estate*
Barbara Greening
Memory of Gershom K. Greening
Christie, Robyn & Will Hovey
Louise Kuehn Estate*
Eleanor & Richard Leary
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee
Judith & Tom Lewis
Ann & Bill Lienemann*
Mary Caroline & David Mitchell
Mary Ann Nation
Memory of James Nation
Kathie & Michael Nenaber

Sally & Stan Papp
Memory of Dr. & Mrs. W.J. Trainor
 Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate*
 Julie & Randy Robbs
 Ruth Roland Robert*
 Diane Rutledge
 Elaine Ryder Estate*
 Sue & Steve Scaife
 Schemmerhorn Estate*
 Linda & Bill Schlosser
 Linda Shaefer
 Mary Anne & James Singleton
 Julie & Michael Sundquist
 Carolyn & Brad Swanson
 Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer
 Jeanne & Peter VanGieson
 Sue & Jesse Werner
 Cheryl & Neville White
 Jean Williamson Estate*
 Sarah & Bob Zerfas

Companion

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Anonymous
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 Catherine Brower
 Joann & Doug Brown*
 Ellen & Rance Carpenter
 Deborah & David Coontz
Memory of David Matthew Coontz
 Carol & Dick Cordier
*Memory of John S. & Theda
 Muirhead & George & Dorothy Cordier*
 Lois Davis Memorial*
 Leah & Martin Duling
 Gale & Jack Fixmer
 Elsie & Robert Fox
 Ione Hermann Estate*
 Nancy & Keith Huston
 Mary & Charles King
 F. Wells Langbehm
 Mary & Bob Leffler
 McGaugh Estate*
 Patricia McKenzie
 Bev & Ken Morey
 Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson
 Richard Newton Estate*
 Sharon Reynolds
 Judy Ridinger
 Leona Sangster Estate*
 Robert A. Stuart
 John Thompson Estate*
 Alan J. Wallace

Friend

(Up to \$2,499)

Anonymous
 Anonymous
 Norma Adams-Johnson
 Charlotte Bailey
 Kelly & Neil Bassett
 Ella Grace & Robert Bengel
 Estate*
 Meggan & Brady Bird
 Nancy & Richard Canady

Robert Copper Estate*
 Catherine Cragoe
 Betty Dawkins
 Virginia & Jim Dolan
 Hannah M. Dreitcer
 Deedee & Rick Duffy
 Helen Evenson
 Carmel Fratianni & Michael Schneider
 Anne & David Haaker
 Joseph A. Harrison
 Roberta & Richard Hendee
 Sandy Hill
 Sandy & Jon Hockenyos
 Renee Housel
 Katharine M. Hughes
 Minnie Lee Jones Estate*
 J. M. Keller
 Kathleen H. Kenyon
 Paul Denham Kieffer
 Beth & Jim Kincaid
 Clyde Knock*
 Karen Kraft
Memory of Amolee McIntyre
 Kim Leistner
Memory of Dorothy Irvine
 Naomi & Robert Lynn
 Katie & Carl Matteson
 Sarah & Trajan Iliff McGill
 Jack McKee Estate*
 June McKee Estate*
 Lisa Metzger
*Memory of
 Mary & Edmond Metzger*
 Leigh & Kevin Milward
 Carolyn & Ralph Moore
 Kathy & Tim Moore
*Memory of the Koessel
 & the Moore Families*
 Madelyn Morris Bogue
Memory of Richard Morris
 Robyn Newtonson
 Tom Owen
 Mary & Harold Perkins
 Claire & Richard Priller
 Linda & Mark Ranck

Mary Gail & Steve Romack
Memory of Helen & Clyde Knock
 Betsy Ruklick
 Susan & Grant Russel
Memory of Joseph Dawkins
 Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt
 Susan Shea
 Krista & Brad Steller
 Strawbridge Estate*
 M. Jill Sullivan
 Debbie & Skip Turnbull
 Sharon Turner
 Mary Waddell Estate*
 Rosemary Schussle*
 James Wilday
 Amy & Sam Xanders

Testamentary

(Amount Unknown)
 Virginia & Jim Dolan †
 Carolyn & Daniel Dungan †
 Gale & Jack Fixmer †
 Kathy & Matt Fogal †
 Donna Garman †
 Kathy & Randy Germeraad †
 Sharon & Matt Gilmour †
 Elaine Hoff †
 Judy & Dale Huston †
 Thomas H. Janeway †
 Vivian Keithley †
 Dorothy Kessler †
 Bonnie Millard †
 Robyn Newtonson †
 Linda Phillips †
 Jeanne & Glen Pittman †
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 Pat Roller †
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 Karen Springer †
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 Julie & Mike Sundquist †
 Cynthia Wilson †

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

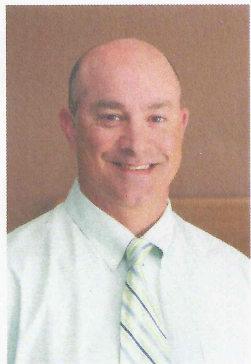
AS WE CLOSE THE PROGRAM YEAR, I would like to thank all who have so generously given their time and talents toward the praise of God and the enhancement of worship at Westminster: members of the **Westminster Choir, Choristers, Children's Choir, parents of our young singers, the Handbell Guild, the Walnuts, and my choir helpers.** This has been a glorious year with the special services of ordination and installation for Hannah and Trajan in addition to the usual rounds of services and concerts.

WHILE ALL THE CHOIRS ARE TAKING A SUMMER BREAK, I am needing singers, instrumentalists, and small ensembles for Summer Music.

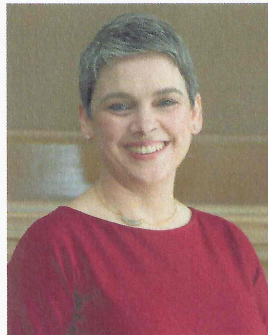
THE SUMMER CHOIR will meet on July 2 to sing on Sunday, July 5 and again on August 13 to sing on Sunday, August 16. If you have been considering joining the choir, this is a great time to discover the joy of making music with an extraordinary group of people!

WESTMINSTER GOES TO VIENNA AND PRAGUE - A custom designed trip is being planned for June 6-16, 2016 where we will visit significant churches, palaces, gardens, museums, and enjoy each other's company with great food. See Dale Rogers for details. The trip is limited to 20 persons.

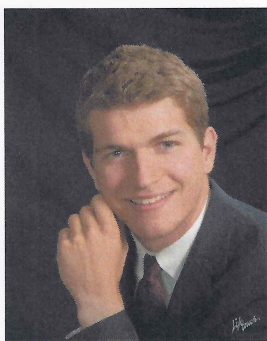
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 2014 - MAY 2015



TAD ALLEN joined Westminster by Re-affirmation of Faith. He has previously worked for the state and is currently employed by ACE Sign Company. Tad has a six year old son, Liam. He is engaged to Beth Bellatti and they will be married October 10, 2015 at Camp SOAR. Tad sings in the choir with Beth. He also enjoys cycling, fishing and golf.



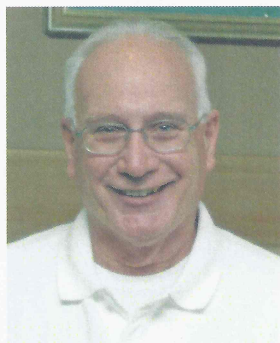
AMY BALLINGER-COLE joined WPC by Letter of Transfer from the United in Faith Church of Pana, IL. She is married to Ben Cole (an avid cyclist) and they have three children, Stella, Rosa and Oscar Cole in Springfield Public Schools. Amy is a Senior Government Relations Consultant. She is also a member of the Parent Teacher Council, Parent Engagement Roundtable, F.A.C.E. Team (Families and community Engagement) & the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



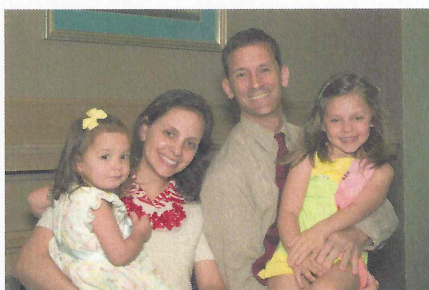
SPENCER CHIPMAN joined Westminster by Profession of Faith. Spencer recently graduated from Villanova University with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and minors in Business, Mathematics and Finance. He served as captain of the men's rowing team and was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society. He will be working for Harris Corporation in Melbourne, FL.



STELLA COLE joined Westminster by Profession of Faith. She recently completed her sophomore year at Springfield High School. Stella participates in the SHS Chamber Choir, cross country, and track. She enjoys dancing, acting, and community theatre.

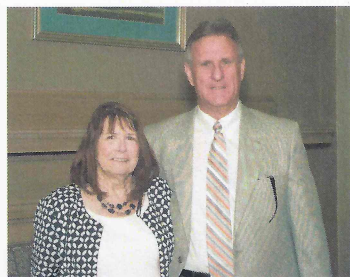


ROBERT CORDIER joined Westminster by Re-affirmation of Faith. Bob is a retired computer tech from San Bernardino County in California. He moved to Springfield to be with family in May 2014. His hobbies include fishing and cars (especially his Corvette).



DR. MARC AND JENNIFER DEJONG joined Westminster by Letter of Transfer from First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, IL. We also welcome their baptized daughters, Rose and Maria. Jen is the Vice

President of Innovation at Ministry Architects. Marc practices at Springfield Clinic and is certified in both sports medicine and internal medicine. They both enjoy sports and fitness.



SUSAN AND WILLIAM DOVE joined Westminster by Letter of Transfer from Third Pres in Springfield, IL. They met while attending colleges in Chicago and celebrated 45 years of marriage this year. They have two daughters and five grandchildren and retired 12 years ago. Susan was Executive Director of the Department of Community Resources for Sangamon County and Bill is an entrepreneur. They enjoy spending time on their boat, Anna Grace III, on Kentucky Lake.



TEMPA DUNN joined Westminster by Letter of Transfer from First Church of the Brethren in Springfield, IL. We also welcome her granddaughters, Norah and Rowan Oberholtzer. Tempa worked for the Illinois Attorney General before retiring last Spring. She enjoys reading, spending time with her granddaughters, and dogs.



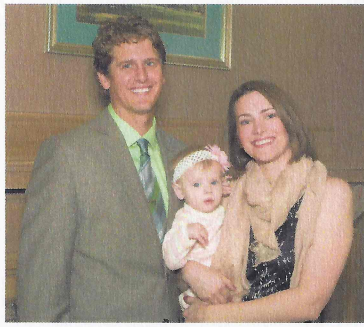
NATHANIEL FIERSTOS joined Westminster by Profession of Faith with Baptism. He recently completed his junior year at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School. Nate runs cross country and track. He is a member of the National Honor Society and is a student ambassador.



VALLERY HUSTON joined Westminster by Profession of Faith. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue. She is the pharmacist at the new Schnucks Specialty Pharmacy at Central Counties Health Center in Springfield and is the 2011 recipient of the Illinois Department of Public Health Red Ribbon award "Compassionate Heart," for her work improving the lives of those who live with HIV/AIDS.



HUGH MCBARRON joined Westminster by Profession of Faith with Baptism. He recently completed his junior year at Springfield High School. Hugh runs cross country and track.

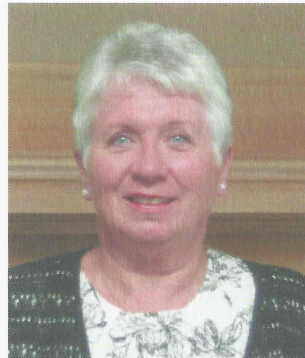


LEXI AND JESSE MIECH joined Westminster by Letter of Transfer. Lexi transferred from First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton, IL. Jesse transferred from Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church in Stevens Point, WI. Both Lexi and Jesse are coaches at UIS. Lexi is the Head Cheerleading Coach and Jesse is the Head Men's Soccer

Coach. They have a daughter, Aliyah. Lexi teaches our junior high youth in pre-confirmation and serves as a senior high youth group leader.



JACKIE PETTIS joined Westminster by Profession of Faith with Baptism. She is an employee of St. John's Breadline and has one son, Brian, who is the apple of her eye. Jackie enjoys reading and connecting with friends on Facebook. Her mother is Clara Tucker and we are delighted to welcome Jackie into our church family.



CATHY SALING joined Westminster by Re-affirmation of Faith. She is retired from School District 186 where she served as a special education teacher's assistant. She and her late husband, Keith, have four grown children. Cathy enjoys reading, drawing and spending time with her five grandchildren.



DRS. MICHAEL SCHNEIDER AND CARMEL FRATIANNI AND THEIR CHILDREN, MIRANDA AND NICOLÁS SCHNEIDER

joined Westminster by Re-affirmation of Faith. We also

welcome Michael and Carmel's baptized daughter, Amalia Schneider. Carmel works at SIU School of Medicine and she enjoys music. Michael works at Carle Clinic in Urbana, IL and his hobbies include gardening and history. Nicolás will be a junior at Vanderbilt University, Miranda will be a junior at Springfield High School, and Amalia is going into the eighth grade and begins Confirmation at Westminster in the Fall.



KYLE SPALDING joined Westminster by Profession of Faith. He recently completed his junior year at Springfield High School. Kyle is Vice President of National Honor Society and a member of the football team. He enjoys learning German and helping with Sunday School.



PAMELIA WAUGHOP joined WPC by Letter of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL. Pam retired from her work with the Federal Government in 2005. She was born in Springfield and met her late husband, Dick, at Bradley University. Her daughters, Beth Heimlich and Ellen Spiller, live in Jacksonville, IL and Austin, TX respectively. Pam enjoys her three grandchildren.



NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED ON MOTHER'S DAY 2015!

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

YOUTH NEWS

SWIM PARTY AT THE KIEFFERS' ON SUNDAY, MAY 31

The junior and senior high youth are invited to the Kieffers' house (26 Island Bay Ln) from 2:00-4:00 p.m. for a swim party to celebrate Confirmation and the end of the school year! Bring a friend and a snack to share.

2015 KAREN DILLON MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

FATHER'S DAY CAR WASH, JUNE 21

The annual mission trip car wash will take place on Sunday, June 21. *Everyone in the family who drives a car can bring it to worship for the annual wash!* While your car is getting washed, purchase some delicious baked goods. Thank you so much for supporting our youth in mission.

MISSION TRIP FLAP JACK FUNDRAISER, JUNE 27

The Westminster Mission Trip Youth will host a "Flap Jack Fundraiser, Saturday June 27, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Applebee's located at 3335 Veterans Parkway. Tickets cost \$5 for 3 pancakes, 2 slices of bacon, and unlimited beverages (including coffee and juice) and can be purchased in the West Narthex on Sundays, from one of your favorite youth or by stopping by the Church Office. Our youth will seat you, take your orders, serve your meals, and clean up. So, tips are also encouraged! Four dollars from each ticket will be used to support the Mission Trip to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

CHILDREN NEWS by Rev. Sarah McGill

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday school begins May 24 with the "Holy Moly" curriculum created by Spark House. "Holy Moly" lets kids laugh and wonder as they experience Bible stories. Dana and Andrew Affrunti, Chelsea Ekstedt, Sally Godbey, Gerry Hale, Paul Kieffer, Judy Knox, Leigh Milward, Lynn McMenamin, Amber Robbs, Mary Gail Romack, Karen Sherrick, and Danielle Zerfas will teach.

2015-2016 CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES PROPOSAL

YOUNG CHILDREN AND WORSHIP - Pre-K through Grade 2 are invited to this developmentally appropriate worship experience. Young children will experience visual Bible stories and respond utilizing different learning styles, which honor multiple intelligences during Sunday school.

THIRD GRADE ENRICHMENT – Grade 3 Sunday school is a comprehensive introduction to the Bible and an overview of the worship experience to prepare them for the gift of their own personalized Bibles in the Spring of 2016.

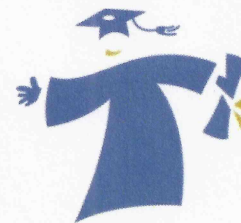
CONNECT AT SUNDAY SCHOOL – Grades 4 and 5 are invited to "Connect" at Sunday school, a new curriculum from Spark House which explores Bible themes and how the Bible Stories fit together through videos, games, discussions and hands-on projects.

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP – Children in Grades 3-6 are also invited to a new midweek experience that will bridge friendships among our children and across generations, include community service and deepen our understanding of the Bible and how it relates to the world. This after-school program will meet on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and will precede Choristers from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!!

Kylie Allen graduated with a B.A. in Education from Middle Tennessee State University (in December 2014).

Spencer Chipman graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and minors in Business, Mathematics and Finance from Villanova University. He will be working for Harris Corporation in Melbourne, FL.



Lindsay Dunn graduated with a B.A. in International Studies and minors in Religious Studies and Latin from the University of Iowa. She also received a certificate in Human Rights.

Tara Fritsch graduated from the University of Dayton.

Collin Innis graduated with a B.S. in Biology and Religious Studies and a minor in Chemistry from Bradley University and is applying to medical school.

Greg Knox graduated with a B.A. in Political Economy from Vanderbilt University and will serve as a Dunn Fellow in Governor Rauner's Office of Management and Budget.

Sami McElwee graduated with a B.A. in Marketing and Entrepreneurship from Oklahoma State University.

William McNutt, graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry from Southeast Missouri State University. He will be attending graduate school at Purdue University this fall.

Leora Reyhan graduated from West Point.

Laura VanDeventer graduated with a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Chemistry from the University of Illinois in Springfield. She plans to pursue a Master's in Biology.

Abigail Xanders graduated with a B.A. degree in Psychology from Monmouth College. She is enrolled in post graduate work in Human Resource Management at Indiana University- Purdue University, Indianapolis.

Maxwell Xanders graduated with a BBA degree in Finance from the University of Mississippi. He will attend graduate school at the University of Mississippi in the fall.

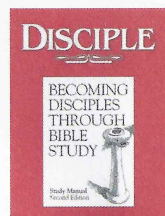
ADULT EDUCATION

PAGE-TURNERS will meet in the Ziegler Library on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., for discussion of *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan. New members are welcome.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES IN THE FALL

Beginning in September 2015 TWO Disciple Bible Study classes will be taught. Reverend Trajan McGill will teach Disciple I on Tuesday evenings and Dr. Kieffer will teach Disciple II on Thursday evenings.

More details to follow!



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

THEOLOGY ON TAP YOUNGER ADULT FELLOWSHIP (ages 21 – 40) meets Monday, June 1, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6th Street). Led by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer, the first round of appetizers is on us!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will take a summer break. We are grateful to Mark Ranck who initiated and led this group. The men will gather for a summer cookout at Harold Hale's farm to thank Mark for his leadership. Keith Hamilton will lead the group beginning in September.

DMA (Don't Mention Age; All Ages Welcome) – Join us Friday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and program by Emma Klues entitled "The St. Louis City Arch and River Project."

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER

HELPING HANDS meal for the Second Friday in May was prepared and served by Pat and Al Hymans.

ADOPT A STREET – Street cleanup in the Westminster neighborhood was carried out on May 16 by Peter Kieffer and Brad Steller.

K2 P4 MISSION knits weekly at 12:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters are welcome to join our mission work. Please contact Sue Cull (529-2354) or Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins (622-8657) for more information.

MEALS ON WHEELS delivers mid-day meals daily to seniors throughout Springfield to help people continue in independent living. Each route typically takes between 45 and 60 minutes. **Westminster delivers meals the week of June 8-12.** Please consider taking part, as an individual, as a family, or as a team. Contact Sarah Zervas (sarah_zervas@comcast.net or 553-2846) of the Deacons Community Service Committee, or sign up for a route on the whiteboard in the West Narthex.

BIKE AND BUILD, JULY 7 AND 8, 2015 – Once again Westminster will host bicyclists who pedal across the United States and support affordable housing. During their time in Springfield, they will assist with a Habitat for Humanity house. **Bike and Build Fellowship Dinner on July 7th:** All the Westminster family is invited to join the visiting Bike and Build group for dinner and fellowship, along with a short presentation from the cyclists on the cause they support, on Tuesday, July 7th, at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please call Connie Brown, Church Administrative Assistant, at 522-4415, or e-mail her at cbrown@wpcspi.org to RSVP for the dinner.

EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS – The Session has voted to move forward with an initiative from the Community Service and Mission Committees, to explore becoming a PC (USA) Earth Care Congregation. This would start by performing an assessment of our current environmentally friendly practices and others we could adopt, with the goal of intentionally practicing good environmental stewardship.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Donation of \$1,640 were collected to assist Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDA) with short-term recovery in Nepal following the earthquakes.

In lieu of renting a tent for the Dedication Sunday Picnic, \$2,500 was donated to PDA to help those in the Midwest who have experienced loss from tornados and flooding.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON will be Friday, June 5, 12:00 noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Sharon Reynolds. Chair of the Day is Sharon Zook. We will have our Annual Birthday Celebration and our speaker will be PW Vice-Moderator Sandy Hockenyo. Please RSVP through your Circle or by calling the church office.



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. at Linda Chronister's home to discuss chapters 11 & 12, "Invisibility & Fulfillment": *The Story of Ruth* by Joan Chittister.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will take a summer break in June, July, and August. We will begin meeting again September 14.

LYDIA CIRCLE will take a summer break in June, July, and August. We will begin meeting again September 15.

ONE MORE PW BLANKET + SUNDAY ON MAY 31

As of May 24, WPC has donated \$855 toward Church World Service Blanket Fund to assist communities around the world in meeting basic needs in the wake of a disaster.

WEDDINGS

Lindsay Dunn and Christopher Evans were united in marriage on May 30 in Lincoln Park. Lindsay is the daughter of **Christine and Marty Dunn**.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emily and Ryan Thomas present their daughter, **Raegan Christine**, for the Sacrament on Sunday, June 7. Raegan is the granddaughter of Pam and **Doug Barringer**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Mary and Bob Leffler on their 50th wedding anniversary, June 19.

Betty and Henry Dale Smith, Sr. on their 65th wedding anniversary, June 21.

Nancy Canady, who received the Compass Volunteer of the Year Award for Westminster's site on May 18.

Will Formea who placed fourth in State in the 1600 meter relay with a new school record.

SYMPATHY TO

Darline Nebel-Gietl on the death of her brother, Lyle C. Beckmeir on April 11.

Carolyn and Keith Beatty on the death of his brother, John Mark Beatty on April 22 in Punta Gorda, FL.

Mina Bentsen and Helen Evenson on the death of their friend, Nancy Watson, on April 24. She was a member of Page Turners Book Group.

Friends and family of Joy Kronenburg on her death May 2. She was also a member of Page Turners.

FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithfulness and financial support. Our income is \$40,879 above the budgeted amount. Because expenses are under budget by \$4,243, we ended the month with net total of \$45,122. Contribution statements were mailed out recently. Please let Lisa know if you have any questions or concerns.

2015 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 365,341	\$ 324,462	\$ 40,879
Expenses	\$-320,219	\$-324,462	\$ 4,243
Net Total	\$ 45,122	\$ 0	

WE WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH NURSE ELLEN CARPENTER



Ellen was commissioned as Westminster's Second Parish Nurse on April 12, 2015 and joins Judy Ridinger in this meaningful ministry. Ellen received an LPN degree from Bloomington School of Practical Nursing, an RN degree from Lincoln Land Community College and a BSN degree from Sangamon State University. Ellen worked in the Regional Burn Center at Memorial Medical Center. After receiving her RN degree, she split her time between Nutrition Support and AM Admit. She recently accepted a new leadership position as a Patient Care Facilitator, which involves helping patients and their families plan for discharge. Ellen completed the Parish Nurse Training course in July 2014.

THANK YOU NOEL SCOTT

Noel Scott has been a part of Westminster Coop Preschool for ten years. She began as a mom and joined the staff in 2010. During her tenure she has provided exceptional leadership both as a teacher and director. We are grateful to Noel for the gifts she has shared so generously with the children of our community and we wish her Godspeed in the next chapter of her teaching career.



WESTMINSTER WELCOMES DESCENDANTS OF REVS. GURLEY AND HALE



Row One: Elizabeth Gantra (great, great niece of Rev. Gurley, Charlotte Bailey (great, great niece of Rev. Hale), Nancy Keller, Kathie Hughes (great, great grand-daughter of Rev. Hale), Dale Rogers Row Two: Rev. McGill, Dr. Kieffer, J. Milton Keller III (great, great nephew of Rev. Hale), Rev. Dreitcer.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Nominations for church officers are now being accepted. Nomination forms for the offices of Deacon and Elder are available online or in the West Narthex.

Names, together with the office for which they are being nominated, may be placed in the Nominating Committee box in the church office, or emailed to the committee co-chairs, Sally Godbey at sgodbey53@yahoo.com or Deb Turnbull at dkturnbull@aol.com

JULY REPORTER DEADLINE IS JUNE 14

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**GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH JUNE
MENU:** Canned Tuna, Shells and
Cheese, Strawberry Jell-O, Green Beans.
-Thank you to those who bring their
donations and place them in the baskets
in the West Narthex.