

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Springfield, Illinois 62704

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June 2016

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Westminster Jazz Trio on June 11 & 25
Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.
Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Summer Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Pre K-Grade 5

June 5

(No Saturday Worship on June 4)
Baccalaureate Sunday
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Healing and Wholeness will not meet in June, July & August.
Psalm 30; Luke 7:11-17
Reverend Hannah Dreitcer
Clothed in Joy

Reverend Trajan McGill
will preach at Second Presbyterian in Bloomington, Illinois.

June 11 & 12

Sacrament of Communion
4th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 21:1-21
Reverend Trajan McGill
You Can't Have That

Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
will preach at Second Presbyterian in Bloomington, Illinois.

June 18 & 19

Father's Day
5th Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:8-15; Luke 8:26-39
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Letting Go

June 25 & 26

6th Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Called to Freedom

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 5

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5, 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. Those attending will receive two gifts from their faith community: a copy of the PC (USA) Book of Common Prayer and a hand-knitted scarf.

- James Bond IV:** from Calvary Academy attending North Park University
- Trace Davidson:** from Glenwood attending Millikin University
- Kaylee Fafoglia:** from SHS attending SIU Carbondale
- Nathaniel Robert Fierstos:** from SHG attending University of San Diego
- Jacob Slade Freer:** from SHS attending Mississippi State University
- Trevor K. Fox:** from Glenwood attending Lincoln Land Community College
- Alexandrea Michele Hemberger:** from Auburn attending University of Kentucky
- Nicholas Earl Henderson:** from SHS attending SIU Carbondale
- Christian Lee Lochbaum:** from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College
- Hugh Corrigan McBarron:** from SHS attending Xavier University
- Elizabeth Carol Olmsted:** from Rochester attending Black Hawk Comm. College in 2017
- Mallery Rose Reiff:** from Athens attending SIU Edwardsville
- Ben Reinhart:** from SHS joining the Illinois National Guard
- John (Jack) Loudon Sherrick:** from SHS attending Carleton College
- Kyle Joseph Spalding:** from SHS attending U of I at Urbana-Champaign
- Cressa Elizabeth Wagner:** from SHS attending Loyola University Chicago
- Samuel Thomas Wheelhouse:** from SHS attending Western Illinois University

GO GREEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JUNE 13-17

Children ages three through grade five will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, science, games, music and delicious snacks. Mission projects include Give-a-Meal-a-Month and African Water Project. The leadership team will meet on Sunday, June 5, at 11:20 a.m. in the Third Floor Chapel and will be commissioned on Sunday, June 12:

- Registrars: Gerry Hale, Liz Maxey, Betsy Ruklick
- Bible Story: Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Lizzy Olmsted, Amalia Schneider
- Art/Crafts: Carol Bloemer, Ann Collins, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Miranda Schneider
- Science: Lynne Cleverdon, Gerry Hale, Peter Kieffer, Jack Milliman, Brad Steller

- Games: Paul Kieffer, Christian Lochbaum, Austin Robbs
- Music: Ann Collins, Rev. Hannah Dreitcer, Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill,
- Snack and Decorations: Kelly Bassett and Pat and Al Hymans
- 3-Year Old Room: Claire Bess, Meredith Bryans, Rev. Dreitcer, Aggie Harmon, Annie Sherrick
- Shepherds: 4-yr. olds-Kindergarten: Emma Batterman, Emma Shafer;
Grades 1-2: James Bond and Jack Sherrick; Grades 3-5: Jen DeJong



We will celebrate with the congregation on Sunday, June 19, 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,

The 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will meet June 18–25 in Portland, Oregon. Commissioners from all 171 presbyteries, along with other participants from around the world, will converge at the Oregon Convention Center for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering. Hosted by the Presbytery of the Cascades and united under the theme "The Hope in Our Calling," from Ephesians 1:18, the General Assembly will include rich worship services, the election of the Moderator, and action on a plethora of overtures. Peter and I are honored to represent Westminster at G.A. this year and look forward to bringing back news from our denomination.

Last month I received a call from Rev. Stephen Whitaker, GAP General Presbyter, of the Presbytery of Great Rivers asking for pulpit supply at Second Presbyterian Church in Bloomington who is in a difficult time of transition with staff resignations. Trajan will preach on June 5 and I will preach on June 12. We are happy to provide support!

MUSIC NOTES by Dale Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS concluded their season with a fabulous presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat." Many thanks to Pat Roller and Rev. Dreitcer who assisted me.



THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR The end of the choir season will again be crowned with a festive brunch on Sunday, June 5, at the home and garden of Jeanne and Dr. Glen Pittman.

WESTMINSTER GOES TO VIENNA AND PRAGUE June 7-16. In Vienna, they will share a meal at Beethoven's house, see the Hofburg Palace, the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire from the 13th century until 1914, visit the summer palace, various museums and churches. Some members will hear the Vienna Boys' Choir in their own concert hall, see a Strauss Opera, and hear lots of Mozart. We will attend service at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna and visit St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague. In Prague, we will tour the Jewish Quarter and attend the theater and much more. Members participating: Carolyn & Keith Beatty, Sandy Bellatti, Susan & Scott Day, Joyce and Bill Evans, Dee Dee Gain, Jamie Greenwald, Susan Harris, Carole & Jay Kennerly, Priscilla & Tim Kluge, Matt Nachtwey, Dale Rogers, Pat Roller, Theron Strike, Sharon & Jim Turner.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH! All of the festivities surrounding the "Hale & Dale" celebrations were so incredible due to the efforts and creativity of the anniversary celebration committee, the staff, the incredible kitchen crew, the table decorations crew, the choir, and the congregation. For the past three decades, I have had the privilege to join in the lives of this congregation, to give voice to your praises, to lament and exult with you, to dream and create with you, to celebrate our history and heritage with you, and to develop cherished friendships with you. For all this, I join in the chorus of the song sung (and danced) at the Children's Sermon and say "Thank you very much!"

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 15, we welcomed and commissioned ten young people into active membership. What a joyous day for the church!



Above: The Confirmation Class of 2016

Back row: Rev. Dreitcer, Rosa Cole, Eli Vogler, Jocelyn Nester, Drew Borland, Sam Brower, Dr. Kieffer. Front row: Ben Brower, Amalia Fratianni-Schneider, Jack Milliman, Ella Kurmann, Mack Shepherd

Right: Ben Brower, Drew Borland, Eli Vogler, Jack Milliman, and Sam Brower enjoying well-deserved cake provided by the Congregational Fellowship Committee!



ROAD TO EMMAUS AND ROAD TO DAMASCUS

YOUTH GROUP PICNIC

On Sunday, May 22, we celebrated the end of the school year with a picnic in Washington Park, complete with parents and younger siblings. We had a wonderful year together, and we look forward to another fantastic year!



Annie Sherrick takes a selfie with Matthew Knox, Kyle Spalding, Jenna Milward and Rev. Dreitcer with the rest of the picnic in the background.

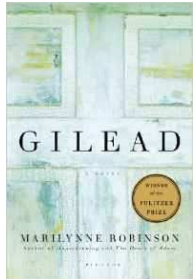
SUMMER EVENTS

BIKE AND BUILD DINNER AND BIKE WORKSHOP SUNDAY, JUNE 26 AT 6:00 P.M.



On Sunday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m. Westminster youth and children (grades 3-12) are invited with their families to join the visiting Bike and Build group for dinner, fellowship, and a bike **workshop!** This is the seventh year Westminster will host bicyclists who pedal across the United States and support affordable housing along the way. During their time in Springfield, they will assist with a Habitat for Humanity house.

COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY JUNE 29, JULY 6, 13 AND 20



Beginning on Wednesday, June 29, all college students and young adults (including recent high school graduates) are invited to gather on Wednesday evenings (June 29, July 6, 13, 20) at 7:00 p.m. at Rev. Dreitcer's. The focus of the study will be *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson, one of America's foremost Reformed writers. Each evening will be a discussion of the following sections: June 29 – pg. 1-57, July 6 – pg. 58-122, July 13 – pg. 123-188, and July 20 – pg. 189-247.

The book is available in the church office for \$10.

WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT ON SUNDAY, JULY 10

Save the date! On Sunday, July 10, youth and their families and friends are invited to a potluck picnic and wiffle ball tournament out at the lake. More details can be found on page 6!

MISSION TRIP FUND RAISERS:

CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19

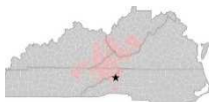
Everyone in the family who drives a car can bring it to worship for the annual wash! While your car is getting washed, purchase some delicious baked goods.

APPLEBEE'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, JULY 9

Our final fund raiser is Saturday, July 9, at Applebee's on Veterans.

THE 2016 YOUTH MISSION: JULY 23-30 AVERY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Twenty-nine youth will serve on this mission sponsored by the Appalachian Service Project. Seven of the twelve required adult sponsors are confirmed. Prayerfully consider joining Rev. Dreitcer on this intergenerational adventure of a lifetime.



FAMILY MINISTRY RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, JUNE 5 DURING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

We are grateful for these incredible teachers and assistants: **Nursery:** Claire Bess, Meridith Bryans, Kara DuBois, Chelsea Ekstedt **Young Children and Worship:** Dana Affrunti, Meridith Bryans, Tempa Dunn, Sara Eldridge, Gerry Hale, Matthew Knox, Karen Kraft, Christian Lochbaum, Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Leigh Milward, Lizzy Olmsted, Kyle Spalding **Grades 2-3:** Sue Cull, Valerie Leonatti, Lynn McMenamin **Grades 4-5:** Andrew Affrunti, Cathy Brower, Christie Hovey, Tom Klein, Mary Ray **Copy Crew:** Camille Massey, Carolyn Proctor, Kay Smith, Amy Xanders **Bridges:** Rev. Hannah Dreitcer, Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, and Brad Steller **Confirmation Prep:** Collin Innis and Karen Sherrick **Confirmation:** Rev. Hannah Dreitcer and Drs. Peter and Blythe Kieffer **Youth Group Volunteers:** Susan Day, Adam Ekstedt, Mary Ray **Adult Education:** Lyle VanDeventer **Parents' Fellowship Group:** Dr. Marc and Jen DeJong. Each received a \$5 gift card to Starbucks as a token of our appreciation and will be recognized June 5. *Thanks "a latte ...we espresso our gratitude!"*

CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVED THEIR BIBLES ON MAY 8



Pictured: Matthew Hibbert, Julia Musgrave, Evan Klein, Nola Sommer, Larson Nester, Norah Oberholtzer, Alina Vogler

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – HOLY MOLY RETURNS

Summer Sunday school began May 29! All of our children will gather in the Second Floor Classroom to learn stories from the New Testament. **Thank you to our summer teachers:** Carolyn Beatty, Sandy Bellatti, Cathy Brower, Sue Cull, Tempa Dunn, Sara Eldridge, Paul Kieffer, Judy Knox, Val Leonatti, Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Leigh Milward, Mary Caroline Mitchell, and Emma Shafer.

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

The Bridges children thank Mr. Hockenyo and Mr. Melotte for introducing them to their model train set located at the Hockenyo home and for the scavenger hunt Mrs. Hockenyo prepared on May 11.



The final meeting of this new fellowship for children in grades 3-5 welcomed *current second graders* to get a sneak peek of the program they can join next year. We will miss our fifth graders who are moving on to the Road to Emmaus and Confirmation Prep: Braden Barton, Emily Brower, Louisa Eldridge, and Mia Marcy.

PRESBYTERIAN SWIM PLAY DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 7

Parents, grandparents, and children are invited to gather on Thursday July 7, 9:30 a.m. at the Kieffer home, 26 Island Bay Lane, for a swimming party. Please bring your own towel. Contact Rev. Sarah at 630-222-0225 with any questions. *All are welcome!*



Pictured at the Henson Robinson Zoo are: Taylor Massey, Kate and Caroline Bryans and Scott McGill

FOUNDERS' SUNDAY CELEBRATED "HALE AND DALE"

On Founders' Sunday, we celebrated "Hale and Dale!" as we marked one year since the dedication of the Building a Legacy of Faith Anniversary Endowment Campaign and 30 years since Dale Rogers "came our way!" Randy Germeraad presented an update. To date, 227 families have made gifts, pledges or included Westminster in their planned giving and are members of the Albert Hale Circle. We have received \$824,052 toward pledges of \$1,614,450. Additionally, we have received gifts of \$98,137. We need \$1.39 million more to reach our goal of \$3.1 million which will increase 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 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 (and add your name to the Albert Hale Circle.)



ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

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
Dorothea Thrasher †

Advocate

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

Anonymous
Jane & Steve Arbutnot
Silvey & James Barge
Frances & Edwin Bay*
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust*
Carolyn & Keith Beatty*
Mark Beatty*
Chris & Butch Elzea
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour
Helen Hansen Estate*
Marci & 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*
Marjorie VanNattan Estate*

Counselor

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Anonymous
Anonymous
George Adams Estate*
Katrina Archer
Carolyn & Keith Beatty
Sandy Bellatti
Carolyn Berning
Don Blackburn Estate*
Meridith & James Bryans
Eleanor Copper Foundation*
William Deemer, Jr.
Linda N. Dillard
Leah & Martin Duling
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
Judy & Fred Prillaman
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
Anonymous
Anonymous
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*
Gale & Jack Fixmer
Elsie & Robert Fox
Ione Hermann Estate*
Nancy & Keith Huston
Mary & Charles King
F. Wells Langbehn
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 Bassett
Neil Bassett
Ella Grace & Robert Bengel Estate*
Meggan & Brady Bird
Nancy & Richard Canady
[Linda & Ed Caupert](#)
[Alexander Chipman](#)
Robert Copper Estate*
[Robert Cordier](#)
Catherine Cragoe
Betty Dawkins
Virginia & Jim Dolan
Hannah M. Dreitzer
Deedee & Rick Duffy
[Betsy Dye](#)
Helen Evenson
[Joseph Fierstos](#)
[Donna & Francis Foster](#)
Carmel Fratianni & Michael Schneider

[Deanna & Donald Funk](#)

Honor of Dale Rogers

Anne & David Haaker
Joseph A. Harrison
Roberta & Richard Hendee
Sandy Hill
Sandy & Jon Hockenyo
Renee Housel
Katharine M. Hughes
[Thomas Janeway](#)
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 & R. L. Moore
Kathy & Tim Moore
Memory of the Koessel
& the Moore Families
Madelyn Morris Bogue
Memory of Richard Morris
Robyn Newton
Tom Owen
Mary & Harold Perkins
[Michelle Power](#)
Claire & Richard Priller
Linda & Mark Ranck
[Marilyn & James Rigney](#)
Mary Gail & Steve Romack
Memory of Helen & Clyde Knock
Betsy Ruklick
Susan & Grant Russel
Memory of Joseph Dawkins
Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt
Susan Shea

[Rebecca Sherrick](#)

Honor of Dr. & Mrs. William Sherrick's 60th Anniversary

[Donna Solomon](#)
Krista & Brad Steller
[Paula Stewart](#)
Strawbridge Estate*
M. Jill Sullivan
Debbie & Skip Turnbull
Sharon Turner
Mary Waddell Estate*
Rosemary Schussle*
James Wilday
[Charles Wilkin](#)
Memory of Rebecca Wilkin
Amy & Sam Xanders

Testamentary

(Amount Unknown)

[David Becker](#) †
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 Newton †
Linda Phillips †
Jeanne & Glen Pittman †
Judy & Fred Prillaman †
Pat Roller †
Diane Rutledge †
Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr. †
Kay & Gerald Smith †
Karen Springer †
Marty & Alan Stutz †
Julie & Mike Sundquist †
Cynthia Wilson †
[Nancy & William Wright](#) †
New since last published
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† Planned gift



*Thank you very much!
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It isn't every day,
A Dale comes our way!*

Hannah waves the "Yale" flag as Trajan leads the congregation in singing a song of thanks to Dale Rogers on his 30th anniversary. More photos taken by Bob Fox can be found on the website.

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

PARENTS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP had a wonderful time together at Danenberger family vineyard on May 22. They are taking the summer off from its Sunday morning gathering but watch for opportunities to join in fellowship! Pictured (left to right) Barbara Greening, Sarah McGill, Robyn and Christie Hovey and Trajan McGill.



WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA will be Thursday, June 2 at 11:30 a.m. Members who reside on the "Westminster Wing" of Concordia will gather for lunch and communion with the pastors.

THEOLOGY ON TAP (ages 21 – 40) gathers on Monday, June 6, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6th St.). This group is led by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer and the first round of appetizers is on us!

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE; ALL AGES WELCOME) Join us Friday, June 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and a program: "Battle Hymns of the Civil War (The Power and Popularity of Music in the Civil War)." Presenter: Christian McWhirter, author and assistant editor of The Papers of Abraham Lincoln.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Among their many projects are knitting scarfs for our high school seniors and the families our youth serve on their mission trip.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP is planning a summer cookout for Sunday, August 7! This will be an enjoyable evening of good food and getting to know other men of the church. Details to follow!



The group is taking a summer break from our monthly breakfasts. We are grateful to Keith Hamilton, who coordinated the group this year.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK STUDY will meet June 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* by Tom Franklin. This will be their final gathering. This group was initiated by Elaine Ryder in 1999. Since that time, the study has read and reviewed 175 books. Current members are Leah Duling, Helen Evenson, Mary Jo Mathern-Jenkins and Kate Wilson. We will recognize them on June 5.

WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT SUNDAY, JULY 10 – 1:30 P.M.

Come out on Sunday, July 10 for our first-ever Wiffle Ball tournament! This will be a fun day to grill out, share potluck dishes, and take part in a friendly sporting competition with your fellow Westminster members. The event will begin at 1:30 p.m., on diamond 3 at Center Park. Talk to any of the Congregational Fellowship Committee members for more details.



MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2016 BIKE AND BUILD: JUNE 25-26

Westminster first hosted Bike and Build in 2010 and have enjoyed this opportunity to support young bicyclists who spend their summer pedaling across the United States and support affordable housing along the way. During their time in Springfield, they assist Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County in one or more of their construction projects. This year, the congregation (especially including children and youth!) are invited to join the group for dinner, fellowship, and a bike workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26.



WESTMINSTER COMPASS VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED SUNDAY, JUNE 5



Compass, a weekly, after-school, neighborhood-based program providing homework help, life skills and hot meals for at-risk children from Graham Elementary School, has concluded for this school year, and will resume in the fall. **WPC volunteers pictured above with their cohorts from Central Baptist Church** are: Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy Canady, Ann Collins, Stella Cole, Barb Dirksen, Helen Evenson, David Haaker, Lynn McMenamin, Judy Mier, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Amy Xanders.

Each received a \$5 gift card to Starbucks as a token of our appreciation and will be recognized on June 5 during the 10:00 a.m. service.

Thanks "a latte!"



The children, volunteers and staff were fascinated with the miniature horses presented on their final day.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JUNE MENU: Canned Tuna, Shells and Cheese, Strawberry Jell-O, Green Beans. Thank you to those who place items in the West Narthex baskets for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

HELPING HANDS – Thanks to Dr. Judy Knox for the May 13 meal.

CALLING ALL DAY LABORERS! Last August members picked sweet corn at the Hale Farm. In collaboration with Rock Creek 4-H Club, several acres were platted for local food pantries, who were the recipients of thousands of ears of corn picked by our members. We hope you will join us again this year when the corn is ripe!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION If you are unable to attend worship and would like to take part in the Lord's Supper the second Sunday of each month, please contact Connie Brown, Church Admin. Assistant.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON is Friday, June 3, at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen chair is Sue Cull. Chair of the day is Sharon Reynolds. Please make your reservation by Wednesday, June 1, at 522-4415. Our program will be "The Story of the Mini-O'Beirne Crisis Nursery"; speaker Karen Cox, Executive Director. This will also be our Annual PW Birthday Celebration.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of our hostess, Judy Knox. We will complete our discussion of *A Hidden Wholeness* by Parker Palmer with Chapter X-*The Third Way: Nonviolence in Everyday Life*.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE AND LYDIA CIRCLE will take a summer break in June, July and August.

PW THANKS ALL WHO JOINED IN BLANKET+



PW and Springfield's Church Women United would like to thank all who made a contribution during May to support Church World Service in providing blankets and other resources to assist others in building the foundation for a more viable future. To date, we collected \$1,362.

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER GARDEN PARTY

Over 60 women gathered at Carolyn Berning's lovely home on May 21 overlooking Lake Springfield. It was a delightful morning of delicious food and great fellowship.

Right: Coreen Collier and Helen Evenson.

Below: Amy Xanders, Jeanne VanGieson, Julie Sundquist, Mary King and Lynn McMenamin.



APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We are hoping to come closer to reaching our Per Capita giving goal. We received Per Capita (\$28) gifts from 174 members for a total of \$4,872 toward our \$7,000 goal. The Operating Fund received income of \$26,754 more than our budget, while expenses are over budget by \$5,840 for the first 4 months of 2016.

2016 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 352,425	\$ 325,671	\$ 26,754
Expenses	\$-331,511	\$-325,671	\$- 5,840
Net	\$ 20,914	\$ 0	

WESTMINSTER NEWS

NEW ARRIVALS

Sadie Josephine Mitchell was born May 11 to Jennifer and Jonathan Mitchell. Grandparents are Mary Caroline & David Mitchell.

Theodore Andrew Dolan was born May 16 to Katherine and Ryan Dolan. Grandparents are Virginia and Jim Dolan.

Cathy Saling welcomed a granddaughter, Harper Mae Kerker, who was born April 30 to Lori and Zack Kerker.

Julie and Michael Sundquist welcomed a grandson, Leo John, who was born April 25 to Robyn and Jonathan Sundquist.

IN MEMORIAM

Lester Ripka died April 29. Condolences are extended to his wife, Susanne, and their children, Michael, Mark and Thomas Ripka, Pamela Ripka Kennedy, and their families.

Kinley (Ken) Perrings died May 19 in Walnut Creek, CA. Condolences are extended to his children, John & Katy. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 30, 11:00 a.m. at Westminster.

Kathleen G. Nenaber died May 30. Condolences are extended to her husband, Michael, and their children, James and Christa. A memorial service will be held June 4, 3:00 p.m., at Westminster.

SYMPATHY TO

Dana and Andrew Affrunti on the death of Andrew's grandfather, Andrew "Fred" Affrunti on April 24.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Vivian Keithley celebrates 94 on June 2.

Helen Evenson celebrates 92 on June 8.

Uldine Beck celebrates 90 on June 17.

June Flood celebrates 95 on June 30. Her family is hosting an Open House in Parish Hall Thursday, June 30, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Roberta and Richard Hendee celebrate 40 years on June 5.

Carol and Dick Cordier celebrate 50 years on June 12.

Jane and Steve Arbuthnot celebrate 40 years on June 19.

Kathy and Randy Germeraad celebrate 40 years on June 19.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Andrew Borland and Avery Pound, who represented Franklin School and won first place at the Scholastic Bowl statewide competition.

Hugh McBarron, who was crowned Prom King at Springfield High School, and a belated congratulations to Jack Sherrick, who was SHS Homecoming King.

Julie James and Janie Bahlow who completed the Big Sur Marathon in Carmel, CA in April.

Golden Laurel Award Winners: Nathaniel Fierstos, Jacob Freer, Kyle Spalding, and Cressa Wagner.

Kathy Germeraad, named a Woman of Influence by Security Bank.

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle, who celebrates the 45th anniversary of his ordination in the PC(USA).

Jim Bogue, who will cycle from Bonville, IL to Harrod, OH to raise funds for H.I.S. Home for Children in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

NEW ADDRESS

Helen Evenson is moving to Colorado to be near her sons. Her new address: 9280 Yarrow Street, #4108, Westminster, Colorado 80021

THANK YOU TO WESTMINSTER

...for allowing the Miss Illinois program to use your wonderful church and facilities for our Spring Kick-off event. *Claire Thorpe-Klinsey* – Miss Illinois Teen Director

THIRD ANNUAL "ALL CHURCH COOKOUT" FRIDAY, JUNE 17 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE KIEFFERS'

The congregation is invited! Join Westminster's new members on Friday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane). Last year, over 115 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.



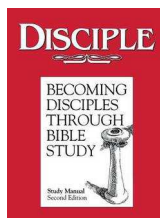
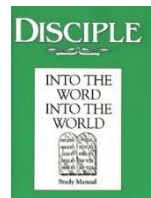
ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

DISCIPLE PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED JUNE 5

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5, the following members and friends will be recognized during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship and will receive a Disciple pin for completing their respective study.

Disciple I – The study of the Old and New Testament led by Rev. Trajan McGill. *Bud Bartlett, Mina Bentsen, Ellen Carpenter, Bill Deemer, Kathy Fogal, Richard Herndon, Sharon Manning, Becky Martin, Camille Massey, Mary Caroline and David Mitchell, Bev Morey, Pat Roller, Betsy Ruklick, Cheryl and Neville White.*

Disciple II – The Study of Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts, led by Dr. Kieffer: *Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Lynnette Berdoll, Ann Collins, Tempa Dunn, Helen Evenson, Kathy and Randy Germeraad, Gerry and Harold Hale, Mary and Charlie King, Marcia Monier, Camille and Ted Proud, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Marilyn Rigney, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Alan Wallace, Bill Ward, Wilbur Wright.*



CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!!

Nathaniel Brower: BA in History from Illinois State University

Genevieve Elkin: BA in French from Illinois College

Matthew Kluge: BS in Architectural Studies from the U of I at Urbana-Champaign

Clayton Mihalich: AD in Lineman Maintenance from Lincoln Land Community College

Marshall Nelson: from Miami of Ohio with degree in Business-Supply Chain Management. He has accepted a management training position with U-line and will live in Chicago.

Abigail Olmsted: BA in Communications from UIS (December, 2016)

Kayla Owens: BA in Fine Arts from Eastern Illinois University, Graphic Design Awards: Magna Cum Laude, Outstanding Senior in Graphic Design, Distinguished Senior Award from the Alumni Association.

Emma Trapp: BS in Health and Exercise Science and BA in German from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC

GRADUATE DEGREES

Alexander Chipman, Masters in Counseling from UIS

Alyssa Louise Haaker, Juris Doctor from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

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 chair, Deb Turnbull at dkturnbull@aol.com.

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July Reporter Deadline is
June 22