



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 2019

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday

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

Sunday Schedule:

Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall & 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School for Pre-K – Grade 5
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

June 1 & 2

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP
Acts 15:16-34; John 17:20-26
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Should I Stay or Should I Go?

June 8 & 9

DAY OF PENTECOST

VBS COMMISSIONING, NEW MEMBER
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNION
Acts 2:1-21

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Harnessing the Spirit

June 15 & 16

TRINITY SUNDAY

VBS PRESENTATION

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO THIRD GRADERS
Psalm 8:1-9; John 16:12-15
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Babes and Infants

June 22 & 23

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Luke 8:26-39
Reverend Christian Choi
Soaring in God's Call

June 29 & 30

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Galatians 5:13-25; Luke 9:51-62
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Priorities and Commitments

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – TO MARS AND BEYOND MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 10-14

Children ages Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5 will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, games, music and delicious snacks. The leadership team will meet on Sunday, June 2, at 11:15 a.m. in the Youth Room and will be commissioned on Sunday, June 9:

Registrars: Krista Steller, Pat Roller and Kathy Moore

Bible Story: Rev. Christian Choi and Dr. Blythe Kieffer

Art/Crafts: Brad Steller and Beth Kincaid **Games:** Jen DeJong **Music:** Dale Rogers

Snack: Pat Hymans **Decorations:** Al Hymans **Photography:** Bob Fox

EP3-20: Drew Borland **Assembly Leader:** Suzanne Borland

Star Guides: 3 and 4-yr. olds: Sandy Bellatti, Julie Sundquist and Ryan Vasconcelles

Kindergarten – Grade 1: Carolyn Swanson, and Camille Massey **Grades 2-3:** Brad Swanson and Suzie Spada, **Grades 4-5:** Bill Deemer and Mary Ray

Youth: Isaac Alt, Drew Borland, Ben Brower, Emily Brower, Sam Brower, Jess Borland, Toro Duong, Charlie Eastvold, Kristianna Eastvold, Caroline Haynor, Carolyn Lowe, Mia Marcy, Jack Milliman, Norah Oberholtzer, Jack Sherrick, Mikayla Siler, Olivia Simonson

Mission: The children and the congregation will collect personal hygiene products for the students at Harvard Park Elementary school.

The children will make a presentation Sunday, June 16, 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.



THE 2019 YOUTH MISSION: JULY 6-13 THEME: BE THE PEACE!

Thus you shall salute him: Peace be to you, and peace be to your house. Peace be to all that you have." I Samuel 25:6

On Sunday, June 30, twenty-five youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

They join adult sponsors Nathaniel Brower, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Jen DeJong, Kyle Duffy, Anna Koeppel, Dave Leonatti, Elizabeth Marcy, Leigh Milward and Mary Ray led by Rev. Christian Choi (Associate Pastor for Family Ministry) on a mission to Wise County, Virginia sponsored by the Appalachia Service Project. They will be staying at Appalachia High School, and going out into the county each day to do the work of home repair.

Braden Barton
Emma Batterman
Grace Batterman
Drew Borland
Jessica Borland
Ben Brower
Sam Brower
Emily Brower
Louisa Eldridge

Will Formea
Caroline Haynor
Madison Kruger
Clayton Kurmann
Ella Kurmann
Ross Lochbaum
Samantha Magalis
Mia Marcy

Sidney Miller
Benjamin Parker
Avery Pound
Bryce Pound
Allison Scott
Matthew Scott
Mack Shepherd
Jack Zervas

This is our fourth adventure with ASP. Throughout the week, crews of 5 youth and two adults will be assigned a painting, drywall, roofing, or construction project on a specific home. Our youth will partner with youth groups from four other churches. The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers and look forward to **leading worship at both services on Sunday, July 14.**

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

How precious is your steadfast love, O God? All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wing. Psalm 36:7

For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Galatians 5:14

Session approved the **Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor** in April 2019 empowering the Strategic Planning Committee and related task forces (Hardscape, Landscape, and Mission) to continue to groom their plans, communicate to the neighborhood, seek permits and bids, and develop mission opportunities. The **significance of the name**: “Steadfast Neighbor” affirms our commitment to the neighborhood and resonates with the “steadfast love of God.” Steadfast in the sense of continuity, consistency, resilience, being there, and staying the course provides rich imagery for God’s faithfulness to us and God’s call for us to be faithful to our neighbors.

History: The seed for this endeavor was planted twenty years ago (May 2, 1999) when the congregation approved long range strategic goals to develop a site plan which reflects *our commitment to remain at the present location*, including: development of a memorial garden, enlargement of the endowment, major building renovation, expansion of the parking lot, enhancement of landscaping in parking areas, and purchase of additional properties to allow for expansion. The strategic goals also included mission initiatives within the neighborhood: tutoring/counseling program for families in this area who are living in poverty and programs to serve and improve the neighborhood around the church. The *Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor* is faithful to this vision.

Funding: The successful “Building a Legacy of Faith” Twenty Year Anniversary Endowment Campaign initiated in 2015 is making the *Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor* possible. The market value of the Support and Endowment Fund is \$6,523,874. The Site and Landscaping Plan (currently estimated at \$950,000) will require a loan to complete the project in a timely manner. The earnings from the general endowment designated for building improvements will repay that loan. *Although we will not embark on a capital building campaign, gifts which will reduce the amount of the loan are welcome.* The Mission disbursement of the endeavor will be at least one-third of the Site and Landscape Plan expenditure and will be funded by the general endowment earnings designated for mission.

Site and Landscape Plan includes four major renovations: East Entry, Parking Lot, West Terrace, and Landscape.

The East Entry: Enlarge front door landings to make entrance more welcoming, add ground-level terrace for group gatherings, update landscaping, and preserve the architectural integrity of our historic building.

Parking Lot: Increase parking from 113 spaces to 137 spaces, address water and ice hazard, widen the sidewalk along Parish Hall, add drive-through feature to better accommodate those with special needs and for better access to building, add green space to the parking area and renovate landscaping on the north side of sanctuary. This requires the removal of the two Walnut Street rental apartment properties and the utilization of the Glenwood rental home driveway.

West Terrace: Provide a screen for Parish Hall worship services, update landscaping, and create an area for meditation as well as a welcoming space for fellowship groups.

Landscaping: Replace 60-ish year-old gum trees, add new grass turf in Southeast lawn with irrigation, add landscaping to East Entry, Parking lot, north side of church, and West Terrace.

Proposed Timeline: Spring 2019 - tree removal begins, Fall of 2019 - Landscape Initiative begins, Spring of 2020 - Hardscape Initiatives for East Terrace, West Terrace, and Parking Lot begin. Fall of 2020 - Final landscaping installed.

Mission – The seeds sown twenty years ago have already brought forth meaningful neighborhood mission including COMPASS, Adopt-A-Street, Harvest Fest, and VBS community outreach. Opportunities for growing mission include: 1) expand hospitality, 2) advocate for renters, 3) create summer teams of college youth and adults to paint, to repair, and to landscape neighborhood homes, 4) partner with Habitat for Humanity, 5) provide matching grants to home owners, 6) create a community garden, and 7) partner in mission with neighborhood congregations.

Strategic Planning Committee: Todd Knox (chair), Susan Day, Sally Godbey, Keith Hamilton, Beth Kincaid, Kelvin Owens, Karl Pound, Todd Wise, Dr. Kieffer

Hardscape Task Force: Linda Chronister, Randy Germeraad, Mal Hildebrand, Gregg Humphrey, Mark Vasconcelles, Gary Warnick

Landscape Task Force: Scott Day, Bill Donels, Peter Kieffer, Becky McDonald, Andy Sherrick, Marty Sumner, Dale Rogers

Mission Task Force: Keith Hamilton, Carole Kennerly, Matthew Kluge, Bob Leffler, Brad Milliman, Leigh Milward, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura, Rev. Trajan McGill, Rev. Christian Choi



MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

At the close of the choir year, we recognize and celebrate those who have shared their musical gifts and enriched the worship life at Westminster over the past year and for many, over the past decades. There are several members of the Westminster Choir who have been dedicated to the music of this church for over 50 years.

CHURCH MICE: Lincoln Becker, Junie & Sadie Berkowitz, Farrah & Naomi Doss, Geno & Joey Fleck, Becca, Jenna & Noah Hill, Magnolia Kaufman, Harrison Kemper, Duncan MacGibbon, Adi & Asher Nutt, Henry Opperman, Maxwell Spearie, Eva & Clara Volle, and Theodore Von Lancken.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Lucy Bassett, Caroline Bryans, Rose DeJong, Harper Huston, Reese Huston, Sophie Ngoupa, Carson Rockwood, and Lily Swanson

WESTMINSTER

CHORISTERS: Taryn Barnett, Ben Bassett, Sam Batterman, Kate Bryans, Maria DeJong, Juliana Eastvold, Kate Eastvold, James Maeda, and Macklin Metzger



Westminster Trebles: Mia Marcy, Julia Musgrove & Olivia Simonson

WESTMINSTER CHOIR: Beth Allen, Carolyn Beatty, Keith Beatty, Sandy Bellatti, Mina Bentsen, Carolyn Berning, Robert Blythe, Jerry Boutelle, Jim Bryans, Jayne Cates, Ann Collins, Linda Chronister, Scott Day, Susan Day, Sandee Deilkes, Peg DiFonso, Leah Duling, Keith Hamilton, Jay Kennerly, Jim Kontio, Carolyn & Kathy Lowe, Becky MacDonald, Becky Martin, Kay McChesney, Pat McNutt, Adam Miller, David Mitchell, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Michael Nenaber, Lynne O'Shea, Jeanne Pittman, Pat Roller, Linda Shaefer, Bill Sherrick, Alan Stutz, Sharon Turner, Eleanor VanDeventer, Lyle VanDeventer, Jeanne VanGieson, Kate Wilson



THE WALNUTS: Julie Blythe, Robert Blythe, Joe Bohlen, Amanda Neubauer, (Brian Blythe, sometimes substitute) and Dale Rogers

SUMMER CHOIR WILL SING SUNDAY, JULY 21 at the 10 a.m. service, with a rehearsal on Thursday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m., and **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11** at the 10:00 a.m. service with a rehearsal on Thursday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. On the other Sundays, soloists and ensembles are needed. If you are able to provide music on any of the remaining Sundays, contact Dale Rogers drogers@wpcspi.org at 522-4415.

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED JUNE 2

On Sunday, June 2, we will recognize the following members and friends during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship for completing their respective study.

REV. MCGILL'S BIBLE STUDY: The focus of this year's study was **Justice**. The class watched part of a lecture series entitled *Justice*, presented by Harvard Professor Michael Sandel, and tied it to questions of justice as depicted in the Bible and as lived in everyday life. Participants included *Bob Bradford, Joe Burgess, Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Bill Deemer, Erin Ekstedt, Adam Ekstedt, Dave Leonatti, Valerie Leonatti, Sharon Manning, Becky Martin, Leigh Milward, Kevin Milward, David Mitchell, Pat Roller, Betsy Ruklick, Alan Stutz, Cheryl White, and Neville White.*

DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY- The year's Disciple IV **Under the Tree of Life** examined the Old Testament Writings and New Testament books of John and Revelation. Participants included *Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Ada and Stephen Cobourn, Sandee Deilkes, Tempa Dunn, Kathy and Randy Germeraad, Mary and Charlie King, Beth Kincaid, Marcia Monier, Camille and Ted Proud, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Sawers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Alan Wallace, Bill Ward, Chao Wang, Wilbur Wright.*



LIBRARY UPDATE

Several new books have been added to the Adult and Children's Library. We have added some classics and some more current books. **Here are some great opportunities for summer reading from the Adult Library:**

The Bridge of San Luis Rey by Thornton Wilder
Don Quixote by Miguel DeCervantes
The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger
Travels with Charley by John Steinbeck
Till We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis
My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith
A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler
My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picolt
Vikings by Fiona MacDonald
Apiece of the World by Christina Baker Kline
Lincoln: A PhotoBiography by Russell Freedman

New books added to the Children's Library:

It Will be Okay by Lysa Terkeurst
Love Letters from God by Glenys Nellist
Animal Clowns by National Geographic Society
Animals of the High Mountains by National Geographic Society
The Book of Fascinating Facts by Encyclopedia Britannica

Library Committee: Sharon Turner, Chair, Leah Duling, Melanie Green, Ann Hamilton, Pat Hymans, Val Leonatti, Nancy Scott

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 AT 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.

All Mission participants will arrive at church at 8:00 a.m. in mission T-shirts. Bring a bucket for the Car Wash and baked goods for the Bake Sale! Cars will be washed at both services, so bring all the family cars along! Thanks to **Dave Leonatti** for organizing the Car Wash and **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.



APPLEBEE'S ON SUNRISE DRIVE

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 AT 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.

Pancake Breakfast Mission Trip Fundraiser will be **Saturday, June 22** at **Applebee's on Sunrise Drive** (off of S. Dirksen Pkwy by Lake Springfield) from 8-10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased in the church office or from a WPC Youth. Please contact Leigh Milward at karjensmom@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in being a part of this fundraiser.



MISSION TRIP LETTER WRITERS

A huge thank-you to the members who have agreed to serve as letter writers to this year's mission team. For seven days, each youth and adult leader will receive a homemade note of encouragement from their congregational partner. Special thanks to: **Cathy Allen, Ben Bassett, Abigail Bentsen, Jim Bryans, Ann Collins, Tanya DeSanto, Virginia Dolan, Leah Duling, Nancy Huston, Mary Jo Jenkins, Norma Adams-Johnson, Jim Kincaid, Todd Knox, Amanda Kurmann, Richard Leary, Beth McDonald, Pat McKenzie, Fred and Judy Prillaman, Camille Proud, Kelly Robertson, Annie and Jack Sherrick, Brad Steller, Krista Steller, Carolyn Swanson, Cheryl White,**

Letter writers are asked to turn in their letters to Karen Sherrick by Sunday, June 23rd.

2019 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM

PURDUE UNIVERSITY JULY 16 - 20

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering of high school youth (2018-2019 8th to 12th) from the PC(USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

It is five days of fun and worship, packed with rich and diverse theology in Presbyterian tradition. This year, PYT is gathering with a theme "Here's My Heart." Participation fee is \$185 per youth, and the application is located in the West Narthex. For more information, visit <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/> or email Rev. Christian Choi cchoi@wpcspi.org.



WPC COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT SUMMER GATHERING

SUNDAY, JUNE 23 AT 12 NOON

College and Young Adults are invited to join Rev. Choi for lunch on Sunday, June 23 at 11:30 a.m. We will walk to Boones. Lunch is on Westminster! Please RSVP with Christian at cchoi@wpcspi.org. Mark your summer calendars for Sundays, July 21 and August 18.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

BRIDGES END OF THE YEAR GATHERING



On May 15, Bridges children ended the year with their Advocates and honored the graduating fifth graders Ben Bassett, Kate Eastvold, and Rowan Oberholtzer who will continue their faith journey in Confirmation Prep next year.

Special thanks to, leader, Brad Steller who leaves us this year after four years with our children and to Advocates: **Suzie Spada, Gale Fixmer, Jon Hockenyos, Sandy Hockenyos, Camille Massey, Tom Massey, Marilyn Rigney, Brad Swanson, Carolyn Swanson and Sharon Turner.**



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday children grades preschool through finishing grade two, will gather in the Third Floor Chapel following the Children's Sermon to learn stories from the Bible using the SparkHouse curriculum *Holy Moly*. In August, children will explore the wonder of worship! Children finishing third grade thru those finishing fifth grade will remain in worship for the summer. Thank you to summer teachers: Sue Cull, Katie and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Becky Huston, Kathy and Carolyn Lowe, Lynne McMenamin, Andy and Karen Sherrick, and Erin Winn. If you are interested in teaching contact Karen at ksherrick@wpcspi.org or check available dates at signupgenius.com.



THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE PERSONALIZED BIBLES

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP



Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles on Sunday, June 16, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Sue Cull has been preparing the children for this milestone event on their faith journey. Each child will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with an engraved nameplate on the cover. It is our hope and prayer that these scriptures will become a guiding light for our children: **William Charles Affrunti, Lillian Lee Ballantyne, Carter Michael Bond, Juliet Katheryn Boutelle, Juliana Charis Pinchney Eastvold, Avery Mae Holman, Ned Moore, Gabriel James Spalding, Cole Jacob Woodward.**

NORTHSIDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 24-28

WPC will join VBS with Grace UMC and four AME churches, June 24-28 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. John AME (1529 E. Capitol Ave). Thank you to Pat Hymans who is coordinating the first meal. For additional information, please contact Rev. Christian Choi cchoi@wpcspi.org

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM FINAL GATHERING ON MAY 2



Westminster completed our third year building interfaith friendships among our children and youth as part of the Children of Abraham. The final 2018-2019 gathering was May 2 and hosted by Grace United Methodist Church. Along with building bridges, we assembled 60 swim bags for the children of the Matthew Project. The Westminster Endowment funded the service project.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL ON MAY 5



DALE'S ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. PAUL'S RECEIVING FLOWERS FROM SOPHIA CHOI



BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY ON MAY 26



FOUNDERS' SUNDAY CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL LEGACY OF FAITH ANNIVERSARY ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, we dedicated the BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE with a goal to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.7 to \$5 million by 2020. To date, 240 families have made gifts, pledges or included Westminster in their planned giving and are members of the Albert Hale Circle. We have received \$1,473,689 toward pledges of \$1,643,150. Additionally, we have received gifts of \$2,546,101. The market value of the Support and Endowment Fund is \$6,523,874. We have exceeded our goal to grow the endowment \$1.7 to \$5 million by 2020! *This does not include planned gifts!*

We are grateful to our **Support and Endowment Committee** for their vision and staying the course on the campaign. Serving on the committee: Randy Germeraad, Chair, Diane Rutledge, Jim Bryans, Lucy Preckwinkle Stafford, Jeff Wilday, Todd Wise, Steve Arbuthnot, Treasurer, Dale Smith, Advisory Member

The **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** is listed below and includes pledges, gifts, pre-campaign gifts and planned gifts. Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund. Pledge/donate online at www.wpcspi.org or by contacting Lisa Runkle (and add your name to the Albert Hale Circle.)

Cornerstone

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

Foundation

Kathy & Randy Germeraad
Richard Herndon †
Lynne O'Shea †
Mary & William Schnirring †

Tower

Harry Bergmann*
Memory of Ruth Bergmann
Garvey Estate*
Alice Stuart Payne Estate*

Keystone

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

Silvey & James Barge
Frances Batchelder 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

Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson

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

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
Honor of Julia & Steven
Arbuthnot's marriage
Kathie & Michael Nenaber
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett
Dorothea Thrasher †
Lisa & Todd Wise

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Margot Kramer
Valerie & Dave Leonatti
Carol & Walter Lohman*
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Robyn Newton
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

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
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
Sally & Stan Papp
Memory of Dr. & Mrs. W. J. Trainor
Judy & Fred Prillaman
Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate*
Julie & Randy Robbs
Ruth Robert-Roland*
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

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 and
George & Dorothy Cordier*
Lois Davis Memorial*
Gale & Jack Fixmer
Elsie & Robert Fox
Joseph A. Harrison
Ione Hermann Estate*
Nancy & Keith Huston
Mary & Charles King
F. Wells Langbehn
Mary & Bob Leffler
McGaugh Estate*
Patricia McKenzie
Richard Newton Estate*
Stan & Barbara Papp
*Memory of
Sally Trainor Papp*
Sharon Reynolds
Judy Ridinger
Leona Sangster Estate*
Robert A. Stuart
John Thompson Estate*
Alan J. Wallace

Friend

Anonymous
Anonymous
Norma Adams-Johnson
Marc Anderson
Charlotte Bailey
Jane R. Barry
Neil Bassett
Ella Grace & Robert Bengel Estate*
Meleah & Aaron Berkowitz
Meggan & Brady Bird
George Botanga
Nancy & Richard Canady
Linda & Ed Caupert
Alexander Moore Chipman
Ada & Stephen Cobourn
*Memory of Loved Ones
Memory of Theresa Presley
Memory of Eugene Carver*
Marilyn Cohen
Robert Copper Estate*
Robert Cordier
Catherine Cragoe
John Cross
Betty Dawkins
Virginia & Jim Dolan
Hannah M. Dreitzer
Dee Dee & Rick Duffy
Tempa Dunn
Betsy Dye

Helen Evenson
Joseph Fierstos
Donna & Francis Foster
Carmel Fratianni & Michael Schneider
Deanna & Donald Funk
Honor of Dale Rogers
Anne & David Haaker
Roberta & Richard Hendee
Mal Hildebrand
Tamika & Jacob Hill
Sandy Hill
Sandy & Jon Hockenyos
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
Naomi & Robert Lynn
Katie & Carl Matteson
Sarah & Trajan Iliff McGill
Jack McKee Estate*
June McKee Estate*
Kathy & Bill Meriwether
Lisa Metzger
*Memory of
Mary & Edmond Metzger*
Leigh & Kevin Milward
Carolyn & R. L. Moore
Kathy & Tim Moore
*Memory of the Koessel
& the Moore Families*
Stephanie S. Moore
Bev & Ken Morey
Madelyn Morris Bogue
Memory of Richard Morris
Joyce Newcomb Family
Tom Owen
Mary & Harold Perkins
Michelle Power
Claire & Richard Priller
Linda & Mark Ranck
Marilyn & James Rigney
Kelly Robertson
Mary Gail & Steve Romack
Memory of Helen & Clyde Knock
Kim Leistner Root
Memory of Dorothy Irvine
Debra (Pollock) Rudis
Memory of Laura Pollock
Betsy Ruklick
Susan & Grant Russel
Memory of Joseph Dawkins
Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt
Susan R. Shea
Rebecca Sherrick
*Honor of Dr. & Mrs. William
Sherrick's 60th Anniversary*
Donna Solomon
Suzann & Thomas Spada
Krista & Brad Steller
Paula Stewart

Strawbridge Estate*
M. Jill Sullivan
Debbie & Skip Turnbull
Sharon Turner
Mary Waddell Estate*
Rosemary Schussle*
Elizabeth E. Unglaub
Memory of Margot Kramer
James Wilday
Charles Wilkin
Memory of Rebecca Wilkin
Kate Wilson
Amy & Sam Xanders

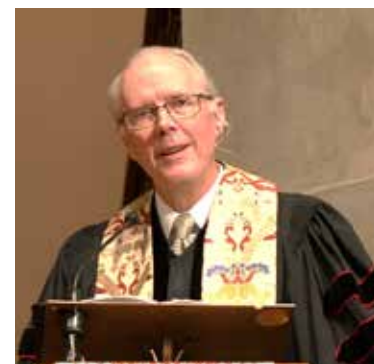
Testamentary

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Janie & Clay Bahlow †
Sandy Bellatti †
David Becker †
Virginia & Jim Dolan †
Carolyn & Daniel Dungan †
Gale Fixmer †
Kathy & Matt Fogal †
Donna Garman †
Kathy & Randy Germeraad †
Sharon & Matt Gilmour †
Anne & David Haaker †
Elaine Hoff †
Judy & Dale Huston †
Thomas H. Janeway †
Vivian Keithley †
Dorothy Kessler †
Rebecca Martin †
Bonnie Millard †
Robyn Newton †
Tom Owen †
Jeanne Pittman †
Richard Priller †
Mary Ray †
Sharon Reynolds †
Pat Roller †
Diane Rutledge †
Susan R. Shea †
Nancy Simpson †
Kay & Gerald Smith †
Karen Springer †
Marty & Alan Stutz †
Julie & Mike Sundquist †
William Wright †

New since last published

* Pre-campaign gift
† Planned gift

*Amounts for the categories can be found
on our website at wpcspi.org.*



We welcomed Dr. Lonnie Lee on Founders' Sunday who joined in the celebration and shared memories of his 17 year ministry. He arrived July 1, 1995, one week after the Westminster Endowment Plan was established. Dr. Lee expressed gratitude for the \$2 million building renovation WPC completed in 2003 and excitement about the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor made possible because of our successful endowment anniversary campaign.

He also shared a delightful story about his 5 year old granddaughter, Caroline, who is learning the verses of Beethoven's *Hymn of Joy* and dancing in the aisles of their church in Kansas City. He thought he had taught Westminster all the verses he knew, is grateful for the verses we continue to learn, and asked us to let him know when we begin dancing in the aisle. Last Sunday, May 26, 5 year-old Caroline Bryans danced down the center aisle during the choir's spirited anthem. The video was sent to Dr. Lee.

Although Dr. Barge was unable to join us on Founders' Sunday, the following letter was shared with the congregation during worship.

Dear Westminster Community,

I am delighted to accept Blythe's cordial invitation to add my word of congratulation to you all as you celebrate Founders' Day with 184 years of faithful service at Westminster as well as over-subscribing your goal of the Building a Legacy of Faith Anniversary Endowment. We have been pleased to contribute toward that goal and we join you in celebration. Now in our late eighties, energy levels are not what they once were, so we are joining you today in spirit and by letter.

The Barge "love affair" with Westminster (doubtless the highlight of 43 years of ministry) began in January 1965 when we changed our focus from campus ministry at Western Illinois University to parish ministry at Westminster. Not only the staff and congregation were wonderfully supportive and encouraging, but Ed and Gladys Ziegler were incomparable mentors for Silvey and me. All this nurture led to 21+ years of ministry as Assistant Pastor (there was such a designation then), Associate Pastor and ultimately Senior Pastor/Head of Staff. Through all those years, Silvey and I considered it an honor, a privilege and an amazing opportunity to share ministry with Westminster.

Now - the future awaits! As you move forward in Westminster's unexcelled tradition with the new Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor and other yet to be revealed areas of faithful service, we encourage and commend your faithful adventure of discernment and love as you plan for the third century of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

With affection, admiration, and gratitude,

Jim Barge

GARDEN PARTY SATURDAY, MAY 18



A wonderful setting was provided by Dr. Jane Arbutnot for the annual PW Garden Party on Saturday, May 18. We enjoyed beautiful weather and fantastic food provide by the Elizabeth Circle. It was delightful to welcome Barbara Lee who was visiting for Founders' Sunday. Thank you to one and all!

COMPASS 4 KIDS



COMPASS 4 Kids is a community outreach for at-risk children from Graham Elementary School. Throughout the school year we welcome students for tutoring, life skills, and a healthy meal. We are grateful to all our ministry partners who are listed on page 12, Pictured above are Ann Collins, Nancy Canady, Rich Canady, Carolyn Beatty and Jack Zerfas.

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN'S BUILD

Westminster is mobilizing a volunteer team of painters for the "1000 Women Strong" house on **Saturday, June 8, 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.** We are also supplying lunch that Saturday. Please sign-up on Sunday in the West Narthex or contact Sue Sawers at ssawers@comcast.net.



COMING SOON: INTERFAITH BUILD



As Westminster has done in the past, we are joining in Habitat's effort to bring together faith communities from across Springfield in pursuit of affordable housing for our neighborhoods. The Mission and Community Service Committee has approved \$7,500 from funds generated by

the endowment to support this building project, and will be seeking volunteers for the work as well. The start date of this project is currently uncertain, as funds are still being raised from the organizations which will be taking part, but please be on the lookout for more information soon!

WESTMINSTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS KEMMERER VILLAGE



The Mission and Community Service Committee at their May meeting approved financially supporting the work of Kemmerer Village, granting \$2,000 to support their summer work, which includes a special

Summer Enrichment program and an Equine Therapy program. Kemmerer Village is a Presbyterian child care agency which helps troubled children and youth attain skills and dignity to become well-adjusted members of family and society. Numerous Westminster members have been and continue to be involved in Kemmerer's work. Thanks to Board Member Lynne Cleverdon for bringing this worthy proposal to our attention.

You can even support Kemmerer Village with your daily groceries! Box tops from many brands of food and home supplies can be brought to the West Narthex and placed in the Kemmerer Village bag on the Mission Board.

GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH JUNE MENU

Canned tuna, boxed meal to prepare tuna, canned fruit in juice/water, canned veggies Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

High-Demand Items: *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

HELPING HANDS

The June 14 meal will be prepared and delivered by Janie Bahlow, Sally Godbey, Julie James, Pat Picchi, and Amy Xanders. Thank you to Ellen and Rance Carpenter for providing the May 10 dinner. July through December are still in need of volunteers, so please consider offering to provide one of these meals. More information is available from Rev. McGill or Jennie Alt.



KENYA MISSION TRIP

JANUARY 14-30, 2020

We will shortly be circulating applications for the upcoming mission trip to Kenya. We are asking for tentative commitments by July 1, with a deposit due August 1. If you are not yet on the list of participants but have interest in going, contact Rev. Trajan McGill at tmcgill@wpcspi.org right away to learn more.



If you are already on the list, please be prayerfully considering the possibility with the hope of deciding this month whether to go...and also be checking very soon with your physician about any needed immunizations! (Some may require multiple doses over a period of months.) This trip will include work constructing a church and classrooms as well as learning experiences about local culture and even a safari! It is expected to cost between \$3,000 and \$3,500 per person, depending on airfare and other details.

COMPASS COMES TO A CLOSE FOR THE YEAR

We have reached the end of another school year, and are thankful for all those who have tutored, fed, played games with, provided supplies for, and been good company to children from Graham Elementary School, and to the children who have enlivened our space on Tuesday afternoons this year. Our volunteer leaders are recognized by name on the last page of this newsletter.

EARTH CARE TIP – "O God our help in ages past, our hope in years to come" begins one of our favorite hymns of inspiration. Amidst all the gloom and doom regarding climate change, we have hope in sustaining God's creation! CWLP has plans now to move towards greener and cleaner energy as coal generators near retirement. Illinois currently generates 8% of its electricity from wind while much more is coming. Germany can now generate the majority of its electricity from renewable sources and for brief period last year covered all of its consumption with sustainable energy!

Earth Care Team: *Dr. Peter Kieffer (chair), Keith Hamilton, Charlie King, Lynn McMenamin, Maribeth Norton, and Brad Steller*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – If you are unable to attend worship on the second Sunday of the month and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Ten members received the sacrament in May from four teams of elders and deacons. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.



APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

As the summer months are upon us, please remember to continue to send your offering in support of Christ's work at Westminster. We continue to show income above budget as pledge donations received in full early in the year brought income to nearly \$53,000 above budgeted revenue. Expenses are nearly \$6,000 under budget, so total income over expenses is \$58,818.

| 2019 Operations | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income | \$ 398,345 | \$ 345,383 | \$ 52,962 |
| Expenses | \$-339,527 | \$-345,383 | \$ - 5,856 |
| Net Total | \$ 58,818 | \$ 0 | |

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE SECOND FLOOR CLASSROOM

K2P4 Mission gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. On Tuesday, June 11, Sue Werner has graciously invited the K2P4 group for dessert and knitting in her home at 1:00 p.m. This is in place of the monthly Brown Bag luncheon. Carpooling is encouraged, due to limited parking. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins with questions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON Join with us **Friday, June 7 at noon** in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Nancy Canady. The program is "Dedication of the Birthday Offering". Please RSVP by June 6 with the office or on the website.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Christy Pound (100 Pinehurst). We will discuss Chapters 8-14 in *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. Our next meeting is October 2. For information, call Meg Kontio at 330-472-4135.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will resume on September 9. If you would like information call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE will resume on September 17. If you would like information call Nancy Scott at 217-891-3902.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED in Springfield will hold the Annual Luncheon and Meeting at noon on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at Second Timothy Baptist Church, 1122 E. Pine. All Westminster Women are welcome. Contact Lynne Cleverdon for tickets if you plan to attend.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, MAY 17 AT 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM



DMA meets Friday, June 21 with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7:15 p.m. We welcome Larry Werline, First Person Presenter as Ulysses S. Grant. He will present a unique program entirely in character as Gen. Grant. History lovers should

not miss this. Please join us for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Scott Day was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus in the Department of Educational Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield upon his retirement in May, 2019. In 2010, Dr. Day was awarded the Pearson Faculty Award for Outstanding Teaching and in 2017, he was awarded the Faculty Excellence Award for his career-long and sustained excellence in teaching and scholarship. Scott and Susan are pictured with Alexander Chipman whom he taught at UIS and Carol Cordier who was Scott's third grade teacher. A detail discovered by archivist Sue Cull. We are grateful for all the meaningful connections within this faith community.



WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Vivian Keithley will celebrate 97 years on June 2.

Joyce Olson will celebrate 90 years on June 12.

June Baker will celebrate 90 years on June 15.

Pat Baker will celebrate 92 years on June 25.

June Flood will celebrate 98 years on June 30.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Ann Lienemann celebrate 64 years on June 4.

Jo & William Ridley celebrate 62 years on June 7.

Dr. Roland & Mrs. Hazen Folse celebrate 65 years on June 12.

Becky and Lionel Stirrett celebrate 55 years on June 14.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Jean Sherrick celebrate 65 years on June 18.

Donna & Ben Foster celebrate 66 years on June 20.

Dr. Roland and Sue Cull celebrate 55 years on June 28.

IN MEMORIAM

The Memorial Service for Phyllis Collins will be Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Bev and Jim Orr on the death of their grandson and to Tara Fritsch on the death of her cousin, Leland Orr on May 23 in Austin, Texas.

WEDDINGS

Jamie Powell and Tom Bilyeu were united in marriage on Saturday, May 25 in our Sanctuary.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Katy and Keegan MacDonna present their daughter Piper Olivia on June 2, Piper's grandparents are Deborah MacDonna and the late Paul MacDonna.

Caitlin and Mark Simhauser present their daughter Nora Mary on June 2. Nora's grandparents are Carolyn and Dan Dungan and great-grandparents are Mary and Bill Schnirring.

THANK YOU WESTMINSTER

The Matthew Project is overwhelmed and grateful for the generosity of your donation. The swim bags will be enjoyed by fifty children all summer long. - *De De Murphy*

Many thanks for all the cards, phone calls, rides, and especially the prayers during my long winter illness. I am healing now, and wanted to express my gratitude. Sincerely, *Barb Dirksen*

Habitat for Humanity thanks WPC for their continued support and generous donations. Come celebrate our 30 year anniversary on Sunday, June 29. See our website for details. - *Colleen Stone, Executive Director.*

Thank you for your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing for 2019. - *Bryce Wiebe, Director of Presbyterian Mission Special Offerings*

ADDITIONAL GRADUATES

The Rev. Julie Blythe, R.N., M.Div.: MSW from Simmons University in Boston, MA, with honors

Brooke Dunn: BA in Political Science and BA in Communications from Illinois State University

Dr. Meredith Volle: will complete her residency in Pediatrics at SIU School of Medicine as Chief Resident on June 30, 2019.

Chao Wang: MA in Accountancy from the University of Illinois at Springfield

EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 2

The following members will be recognized Sunday, June 2 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. **Five honeybee gift donations, which include a bee package, hive, box, and training in beekeeping techniques, have been donated to the Heifer International in their honor.** We are grateful for their unbelievable and extraordinary work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.

Nursery: *Sophia Choi, Meleah Berkowitz, Tamika Hill,*

Pre-Kindergarten: *Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Adam and Chelsea Ekstedt, Leigh Milward, Val Leonatti, Tamika Hill and Erin Winn*

Young Children and Worship: *Rev. Sarah Illiff McGill, Cara Barnett, Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans*

Grades 3-5: *Sue Cull, Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Tom Klein, Lisa Metzger, Mary Ray*

Teen Helpers: *Emily Brower, Louisa Eldridge, Will Hovey, Olivia Simonson, Jack Zerfas*

Cut & Copy Crew: *Camille Massey, Mary Peura, Carolyn Proctor, Amy Xanders*

Bridges Fellowship (Grades 3-5): *Brad Steller*

Bridges Advocates: *Gale Fixmer, Sandy & Jon Hockenyos, Camille and Tom Massey, Marilyn Rigney, Suzie Spada, Carolyn & Brad Swanson, Sharon Turner*

Children of Abraham: *Sandy Bellatti, Lynne Cleverdon, Bob Fox, Camille Massey, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Ray, Betsy Ruklick, Al and Marty Stutz, Brad and Carolyn Swanson*

Confirmation Prep (Grades 6-7): *Jim Kincaid, Sally Godbey, Anna Koepfel, Sarah Zerfas,*

Confirmation Mentors: *Meridith Bryans, Tara Fritsch, Sarah Illiff McGill, Dave Leonatti, Charlie King, Todd Knox, Becky Martin*

Youth Group: *Susan Day, Jen DeJong, Bill Deemer, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray*

Adult Education: *Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Dr. Peter Kieffer, Katie and Pat Moore, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer*

COMPASS for Kids (Graham Elementary School): *Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy and Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, Barbara Dirksen, David Haaker, Pat Hymans, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMenamain, Judi Mier, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Sue Sawers, Allison Scott, Jack Zerfas.*

SIXTH ANNUAL "ALL CHURCH COOKOUT"

FRIDAY, JUNE 7 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE KIEFFERS'



The congregation is invited! Join Westminster's new members on Friday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane). Last year, over 120 attended. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee.

Please RSVP (online at www.wpcspi.org or this Sunday morning) 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.

SATURDAY WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

Saturday worship begins at **5:00 p.m.** at Westminster in Parish Hall. Deb Watts and the Westminster Jazz Trio provide innovative music.

Members are encouraged to join us for this meaningful worship experience.



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