

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 2021

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

Nursery Newsletter emailed each Friday to Families with Children Birth – Age 3
WPCConnections Newsletter emailed each Friday to Families with Children Pre-K - Grade 5

June 6

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mark 3:20-35; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Homeward Bound

June 13

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Mark 4:26-34
The Rev. Trajan I. McGill
Seeding the Kingdom

June 20

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Samuel 17:32-49; Mark 4:35-41

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Giant Undertaking

June 27

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mark 5:21-34; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
The Rev. Christian K. Choi
Talk the Walk

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY CELEBRATED JUNE 6

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 6, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will follow worship in Parish Hall.

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 Worship, Daily Prayer and a hand-knitted scarf.

Grace Ilona Batterman from SHS attending Auburn University in Auburn, GA

Carter Maddox Formea from SHS attending Bradley University, Peoria, IL or Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY (Carter will play division one soccer.)

Kristina Elizabeth Hemberger from Auburn HS attending University of Missouri in Columbia, MO

Jaiana Grace Ireland from North Mac HS attending Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL

Benjamin John Parker from SHS attending American University in Washington, D.C.

Avery James Pound from SHS attending Cornell University in Ithaca, NY

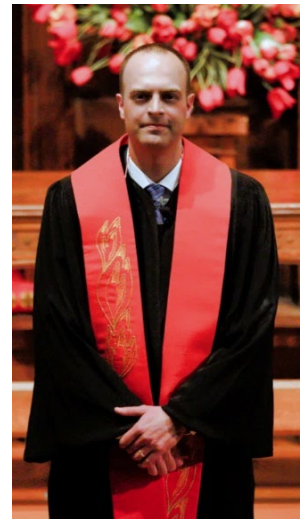


A CELEBRATION OF THE REVEREND TRAJAN I. MCGILL

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, RECEPTION FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Sunday, June 13 will be the last Sunday the Reverend Trajan I. McGill leads worship at Westminster as our Associate Pastor for Parish Life. A Service of Parting will be included in the worship services and a reception celebrating Trajan's ministry will be held in Parish Hall following worship.

Trajan began his journey with Westminster on Sunday, February 1, 2015, and was ordained in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 22. We are grateful for Rev. McGill's leadership working closely with the Board of Deacons and the Mission and Community Service Committee. Trajan has been instrumental in shaping the vision of mission at Westminster in response to our endowment growth. His expertise in I.T. has been invaluable during the pandemic as we initiated online and live stream worship. During the pastoral interim, Trajan led two ASP Youth Mission trips. Within the community, he served on the Board of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good and volunteered with the Rochester Fire Department.



Rev. McGill is a graduate of Harvard College (2001) and Princeton Theological Seminary (2007). Prior to joining our staff, Trajan served as a Senior Business Systems Analyst and Information Technology Consultant during his wife, Sarah's, tenure as Associate Pastor for Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Park, Illinois (2010-2015). Trajan has accepted a position related to his previous experience in the technology field.

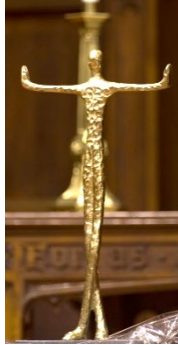
The Reverend Ryan Landino, Lead Presbyter for Transformation of the Presbytery of Great Rivers, will participate in worship on June 13.

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

Thirty-five years ago on May 1, 1986, Dale Rogers began his tenure with Westminster continuing the rich tradition of exceptional music. We cannot imagine worship without Dale's music ministry increasing and nourishing our spirits.

We are grateful to those who served on the search committee. A few of these members joined us May 2. Keith Beatty, Jeanne Pittman, Mary Anne Singleton. Also serving on that committee were Dr. Roland Cull, Joe Eby, Randy Germeraad, Alice Payne, Madeline Thompson, and chair, Dr. Richard Moy.

The gift we selected to honor this milestone anniversary has many layers of meaning. It is a sculpture by Wildwood entitled The Tai Chi Man. Tai Chi means "supreme ultimate" which describes what Dale works toward in all the music he creates. Tai Chi is a form of exercise sometimes described as meditation in motion because it promotes serenity through gentle movements — connecting the mind and body...not unlike the effect music has on those who worship. Discipline, breath control, and strength are essential in both Tai Chi and vocal performance. In the same way that the whole is greater than the individual parts in Tai Chi, harmony is the sum of all the voices in music. The pose of the man reminds us of Dale's essential role as our director and conductor.



We would be remiss if we did not draw attention to the feet in this sculpture since one of the silver linings of the pandemic has been introducing the world through online worship to the feet of Dale Rogers as we marvel at his skillful organ playing.

It is difficult to miss the resemblance to the cross and Christ figure in this sculpture. The depth of Dale's faith shines through the breadth of his musical and scriptural knowledge and how the music he selects complements the theological message. On behalf of Rev. McGill and Rev. Choi, it is a joy to collaborate in worship planning with Dale Rogers.

Finally, this sculpture reminds us of an Oscar. The quality of music under Dale's leadership is Oscar worthy. On his 35th Anniversary, we thank Dale from the bottom of our hearts. Truly, our Mr. Rogers, is the heart and soul of this congregation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 6 AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Session has called a Congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, June 6, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Trajan I. McGill, who has accepted an I.T. position as a Development Lead at Blend. Trajan's last Sunday with us will be June 13.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We received \$6,529 in Per Capita gifts from 178 members this year. This is the highest amount donated since 2015. Thank you for your help to exceed our \$6K goal. The strong Operating Fund donations bring total income above budget by \$39,590 year-to-date. Expenses are under budget by \$18,333. The net total remains in the black by \$52,923.

2021 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 370,108	\$ 330,518	\$ 39,590
Expenses	\$-317,185	\$-335,518	\$ 18,333
Net Total	\$ 52,923	\$ -5,000	

MUSIC NOTES BY DALE T. ROGERS

MUSICIANS FOR JUNE SUNDAYS begins with soprano, Haofang Chuang, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and our former Administrative Assistant. Haofang and her family are moving to Boston where she will be Operations and Records Administrator for Bentley University in Waltham, Mass.

Amelia Tungett will sing on June 13, and I will play organ repertoire requested by Rev. Trajan McGill for his final Sunday here. On June 20, Julie Blythe and Eleanor VanDeventer will sing, and Logan Campbell, bass will sing on Sunday, June 27.

Many thanks to the congregation for commemorating my 35 years at Westminster. The occasion prompted many memories of events, people, concerts, the clergy that I have worked with, building projects, trips abroad, all the Choristers, Children's Choirs, Church Mice, and the treasured friendships that have filled these past 35 years. It has been a joy to be a part of the rich history of Westminster.

CHOIR RECITAL ON SUNDAY, MAY 23 AT 4:00 P.M.

Thirty-five members and friends of the choir enjoyed a recital of music by Ellie Kirk, harpist with the Illinois Symphony in Parish Hall followed by a reception of Italian Sodas on the West Terrace. This was a gift from David and Mary Caroline Mitchell, who acquired the recital at last year's Illinois Symphony Gala.



LANDSCAPE GUILD



The guild met to divide into teams and view a PowerPoint presentation prepared by Andy Sherrick of the recommended care of the plants and trees on our grounds. Special thanks to Scott Day and his team preparing the Memorial Garden and grounds for Founders' Sunday.

ADULT ED AND MISSION COLLABORATION

The May Adult Ed Forum collaborated with Mission by highlighting current ministries for Springfield's homeless and their vision—a vision Westminster hopes to participate in and help lead.



We welcomed Erica Smith, Executive Director of Helping Hands and the Rev. Dr. Josh Sabo,



Coordinator of the Heartland Continuum of Care. Members of the Strategic Planning Committee and the Hunger Action Team joined in the relevant and exciting conversation about addressing the needs of homeless residents in Springfield.

**DALE ROGERS' 35TH ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021**



**MINISTERS WALL INTRODUCED ON FOUNDERS' SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021**



THE INTRODUCTION OF THE MINISTERS WALL

On the 186th Founders' Day, we were delighted to introduce the "Ministers Wall" of Westminster's 18 senior ministers above the wooden pew near the Tower Door. Thank you to the Archives Team of Sue Cull, Carol Bloemer, and Dale Rogers who created this lovely gallery of photos in wooden frames. A pamphlet with a brief history of each minister was also created to accompany the framed black and white photos and can be found on our website and in the West Narthex. Thank you to our Clerk of Session, Tom Owen, for preparing the grid and hanging the framed photos.

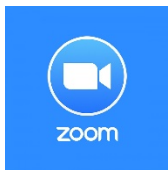
FAMILY MINISTRY BY REV. CHRISTIAN K. CHOI

2021 YOUTH MISSION

TEAM MEETING ON SUNDAY, JUNE 13

We are delighted that twenty-four youth and adult ministry partners will join us on this year's summer mission trip to Little Rock, AR for our missional work with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at the Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center.

This year, we will have an educational component to our mission trip, visiting the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, TN, and other historic places in Little Rock.



Team will gather for our June meeting on **Sunday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m.** on zoom.

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/3i8moqL>

Meeting ID: 840 6705 2054

Passcode: 582743



FUNDRAISER

We are grateful to all who supported our Founders' Sunday Chicken Dinner Fundraiser and to Suzanne Borland for leading us.

We raised **\$3,937** thanks to your generosity.

Visit www.wpcspi.org/2021mission for more information.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

All Mission participants will arrive at church at 9:30 a.m. in previous years' mission T-shirts. Bring a bucket for the Car Wash and baked goods for the Bake Sale! Cars will be washed in our new parking lot, so bring all the family cars along! Thanks to **Dave Leonatti and Todd Knox** for organizing the Car Wash and **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.

GRADUATION SIGNS

One of the bright spots of the COVID-19 pandemic is that it has given us creative ways to celebrate together. Graduation is one of those important milestones that is worth celebrating.

Westminster will deliver the yard signs to the class of 2021 in early June.



Thanks to all our ministry partners who will help distributing the yard signs.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY KAREN SHERRICK

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 6

Summer Sunday School will explore Jesus' Parables, and begins June 6 for our younger children (preschool age thru those finishing second grade).

NURSERY REOPENS SUNDAY, JUNE 6

INTRODUCING NEW NURSERY WORKER!

In preparation for our infants and toddlers to return on Sunday mornings, our nursery is being reconfigured with a new check-in system and a fresh coat of paint. The nursery will open on June 6, the first day of Summer Sunday School.

We welcome our new Nursery Worker, Ella Kurmann. Ella graduated from SHS in June of 2020 and is attending Lincoln Land Community College. We are grateful for her commitment to nurture our youngest members as she attends college.



2021 VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ADVENTURE ISLAND:

QUEST FOR GOD'S GREAT LIGHT

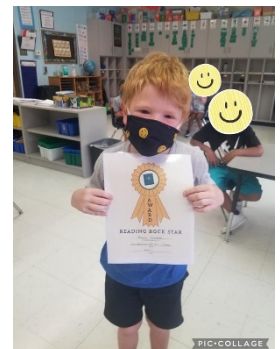
The Family Ministry Committee made the decision in May to keep VBS online for one more year until all participants can be vaccinated. Instead of meeting for one week, participants who register will pick up a VBS packet at the church June 29 and 30 which includes the craft projects. On each Thursday in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) participants will receive an email with the lesson and activities as we arise, and shine our light with love, trust, faith, joy and hope.



Please register online by Sunday, June 21: www.wpcspi.org/vbs

Contact Karen Sherrick ksherrick@wpcspi.org if you have questions about the online at-home family VBS for the month of July.

WPCONNECTIONS GALLERY



Mrs. Sherrick and Liegh Milward making resurrection rolls in Sunday School. August Ekstedt receiving a reading award in kindergarten and the Choi children doing a Sunday school project at home.

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021



Third Graders: Lucy Elisabeth Bassett, Rollin Wilson Bird, Harper Ryan Huston, Reese Anne Huston, Elle Caroline Milliman, Lily Grace Swanson receive their personalized Bibles on Sunday, May 16, during worship.

A bookmark was placed to mark Psalm 119 and highlight the verse. *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my way.* It is our hope and prayer that these Scriptures will light your way through life, as you grow in stature and in faith.

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Stella Cole – BA, in theatre and International Relations, minor in German from Northwestern University. She is an actor and singer currently living between New York and Chicago.

Lauren Marines – BS, cum laude, in Nursing from Texas Christian University with plans to work at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, TX as a pediatrics critical care nurse

Jenna Milward – BS in Clinical Exercise Science from Central Michigan University with plans to be a summer intern in Cardio/pulmonary Rehab at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit

Kara Milward – BA in Elementary Education from Western Governor's University with plans to continue her current work in Denver

Austin Robbs - BS in Accounting from the *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign* with plans to continue his MA of Accounting Science & Data Analytics at the University of Illinois

Maggie Shepherd - BFA in Interarts Performance from the *University of Michigan, Stamp School of Art & Design.*

Annie Sherrick – BS, cum laude, in Psychology from Boston College

Chad Sims – BS, cum laude, in Law Enforcement & Justice Administration from the *Western Illinois University* with plans to work as a police officer with a state or county law enforcement agency

Corey Sims - - BS, cum laude, in Law Enforcement & Justice Administration from the *Western Illinois University* with plans to work as a police officer with a state or county law enforcement agency



MASTER'S DEGREE

Christie Hovey – Master's in Business Administration from *Capella University* with honors

DOCTORATE DEGREE

William W. McNutt – Ph.D. in Organic Materials Chemistry from *Purdue University*. Thesis Title: Understanding the Effects of Conjugation Break Spacers on Structure-Property Relationships in Partially Conjugated Semiconducting Polymers and the Thin Films.



ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, Westminster dedicated the BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH TWENTY-YEAR 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. Currently, \$1,598,975 from the 101 pledges totaling \$1,646,620 has been received. Additionally, non-pledge gifts and gifts exceeding pledges of \$2,830,674 were donated. **The market value of the Support and Endowment Fund was \$8,308,882 on March 31, 2021.** *This does not include planned gifts.*

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 and sure foundation we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund.

Cornerstone (\$250,000 and above)

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

Foundation

(\$150,000 to \$249,999)
Kathy & Randy Germeraad
Lynne O'Shea †
Mary & William Schnirring Estate

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

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

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

Paul Bowman Estate*
Linda & Grady Chronister
Louise Cragoe †
Sue & Roland Cull
Linda Culver Memorial*
Carolyn & Dan Dungan
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)

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*
Emma Mae 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 †
Lisa & Todd Wise
Sharon & Elvin Zook

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

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
*Honor of Julia & Steven
Arbuthnot's marriage*
Kathie & Michael Nenaber
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett
Dorothea Thrasher Estate

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

Anonymous
Frances & Edwin Bay*
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust*
Carolyn & Keith Beatty*
Mark Beatty*
Leah & Martin Duling
Chris & Butch Elzea
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour
Helen Hansen Estate*
Irwin & Becker Estate*
Evelyn Jensen Estate
Priscilla & Tim Kluge
Margot Kramer
Carol & Walter Lohman*
LaVerne Marlowe Estate*
Bev & Jim Orr †
Honor of Our Family
Dorothy Park Estate*
Holly Howe Parker*
Jeanne & Glen Pittman
Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer
Dorothy Temple*
Don Thompson Estate*
Marjorie VanNattan Estate*

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

Anonymous
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George Adams Estate*
Katrina Archer
Jan & Cliff Baxter

Sandy Bellatti
Carolyn Berning
Don Blackburn Estate*
Meridith & James Bryans
Eleanor Copper Foundation*
William Deemer, Jr.
Linda N. Dillard
Hazen & Roland Folse
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
Robyn Newton
Sally & Stan Papp
*Memory of Dr. & Mrs.
W. J. Trainor*
Judy & Fred Prillaman
Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate*
Mary Ray
Memory of Doris Ray
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 (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Anonymous
Anonymous
Carolyn & Keith Beatty
Catherine Brower
Jo Ann & Doug Brown*

Ellen & Rance Carpenter
Ann W. Collins
Deborah & David Coontz
Memory of David M. 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*
Renee Housel Estate
Nancy & Keith Huston
Marc & Bill Irvine
Mary & Charles King
F. Wells Langbehn
Mary & Bob Leffler
McGaugh Estate*
Patricia McKenzie
Mary Ann Nation
Memory of James Nation
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 up to \$2,499)

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
Jo Ann Brown Estate
Nancy & Richard Canady
Linda & Ed Caupert
Alexander Moore Chipman
Sophia and Christian Choi
Stephanie Churchill
Ada & Stephen Cobourn
Memory of Loved Ones
Marilyn Cohen
Robert Copper Estate*
Robert Cordier
Catherine Cragoe
John Cross
Betty Dawkins
Judy & Dan Dees
Virginia & Jim Dolan
Hannah M. Dreitzer
Tempa Dunn
Betsy Dye
Chelsea & Adam Ekstedt

Helen Evenson
Joseph Fierstos
Donna & Francis Foster
Carmel Fratianni
& Michael Schneider
Deanna & Donald Funk
Honor of Dale Rogers
Melanie & Bud Green
Anne & David Haaker
Roberta & Richard Hendee
Mal Hildebrand
Pat Hildebrand-Culler
Tamika & Jacob Hill
Sandy Hill
Sandy & Jon Hockenyos
Katharine M. Hughes
Thomas H. Janeway
Minnie Lee Jones Estate*
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Kathleen H. Kenyon
Paul Denham Kieffer
Beth & Jim Kincaid
Clyde Knock*
Karen Kraft
Memory of Amolee McIntyre
Valerie & Dave Leonatti
Naomi & Robert Lynn
Katie & Carl Matteson
Teresa & Terry McElwee
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
E. L. Pruitt
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*
Bruce Strom
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
Marlene Zimmerman

Testamentary (Amount Unknown)

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 Newtonson †
Tom Owen †
Jeanne Pittman †
Richard Priller †
Mary Ray †
Sharon Reynolds †
Pat Roller †
Diane Rutledge †
Timothy Schweizer †
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

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021



Linda and Tom Purves by Certificate of Transfer from Atascocita Presbyterian Church in Humble, Texas. They have been members of Presbyterian churches all over the United States. Tom grew up in Springfield. Linda and Tom graduated from Illinois College where they met. Linda has a master's degree in Christian education from Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, and Tom earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from Iowa State University. Tom is an international oil and gas consultant after working in the industry for 36 years with Shell. They have three daughters, sons-in-law, and four granddaughters. Sponsors: Linda Chronister & Roland Folse.



Megan and Greg Swanson by Certificate of Transfer from St. John's Lutheran Church in Springfield at the January 2021 Session meeting. Greg graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and is an architect for the Capital Development Board. Megan is a graduate of Millikin University and manages IDOT's federally funded transportation research program. Their daughter Lily is in the third grade and enjoys singing and spending time with her cousins Kate and Cara Bryans. Sponsors: Carolyn & Brad Swanson.



Kathleen and Arlon Rahn – as Affiliate members and will be recognized in October 2021. They live in Mesa, Arizona with strong ties to Illinois. Both served as elders at First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, IL coinciding with Dr. Kieffer's time as Associate Pastor. They have connected with our worship services during the pandemic. Kathy and Arlon met at Western Illinois University and their first apartment was on Edwards Street. Kathy received a master's degree in school psychology from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and is a retired school psychologist. Arlon is a regional manufacturing rep with his own company servicing farm and industrial markets on the west coast. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. Sponsors: Peter and Paul Kieffer.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION AND HELPING HANDS MEAL PREPARATION FRIDAY, MAY 14



On Friday, May 14 Westminster hosted a distribution site for Central Illinois Food Bank. Over 200 boxes of food were distributed to members of our community in a drive through on our parking lot.



Initiated & Coordinated by Dr. Virginia Dolan of the Hunger Action Team. Others who served were: Marc Anderson, Jim Dolan, Keith Hamilton, Nancy Huston, Becky Martin, Tom Owen, Marilyn Rigney, Krista Steller and Rev. McGill.



Thanks to Melanie Green and Krista Steller, who provided the Helping Hands Shelter dinner on May 14 (and to Marc Anderson who provides the milk each month). Nancy Canady will provide the June 11 meal.

PENTECOST AND FOUNDERS' SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021



Pentecost and Founders' Sunday was a joyous occasion to celebrate our *Sure Foundation*. Mia Marcy brought in the Wind and Fire Banner, Sloan Louise Opperman was baptized, the Westminster Choir provided the ministry of music for the first time in 15 months, and we welcomed the Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee home who gave us an affectionate charge to "love and serve" on the culmination of the "Building a Legacy of Faith" Endowment Anniversary Campaign. The Founders' Picnic was a successful fundraiser for the 2021 Youth Mission Trip.



PARISH LIFE by Rev. Trajan McGill
MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
UNITY BUILD

Westminster provided a \$5,000 grant in 2020 for the Unity Build, which was recently fully funded and is now underway. Congratulations to the new homeowner, **Kendra Cutler and her daughter, Anijha**, who will reside at 2037 E. Cedar Street, Springfield, IL 62703 when the home is complete.



Westminster will host a Habitat training on Monday, June 7, at 5:30 p.m. for those who would like to participate in the Unity Build this summer. We are exploring days when some of us can join members of other faith communities in this collaboration. Individual workers are also encouraged; to sign-up on your own, contact Susan Carrigan, Community Outreach Manager, at 217-523-2710 ext. 213. Thank you to Ellen Carpenter, who is Westminster's liaison with Habitat for Humanity and who provided lunch on Wednesday, June 2, during the opening Build Blitz week (June 1-5).

JUNE EARTH CARE TIP



Some of us remember returning glass soda and milk bottles for reuse and a few cents back. Reusing is always greener than recycling, and we can still reuse some glass, like a mason jar. Even so, recycling still saves about a third of the energy to make a new glass bottle from sand. Better yet, consider an aluminum can whose recycling saves 95% of its production costs and whose light weight saves even more in transportation costs. *We extend our gratitude to Trajan for his green mindset and his support of our Earth Care Team during his ministry at WPC!*

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JUNE MENU *Canned tuna, boxed meals to use with tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, toilet paper, dry cereal, toothpaste, soap, laundry and dish detergent.* Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.



CONTACT MINISTRIES KENTUCKY DERBY FUNDRAISER



Representing Westminster at the Contact Ministries Fundraiser were Mary and Bob Leffler, Linda Chronister and Roland Folse, Sophia and Christian Choi, Blythe and Peter Kieffer, Lucy and John Stafford. Funds were raised to aid in their ongoing work against homelessness.

BUNDLES OF JOY
RECEIVES ENDOWMENT GRANT



Bundles of Joy is a project of the Ann T. Havey Foundation, which was established in honor of Dr. Meredith Volle's grandmother. \$1,000 from the Endowment Mission Grants budget will supply newborn and premature infant clothing and supplies to local families of newborns in need.

As a pediatrician caring for newborns, Meredith found that clothing is a need often unfulfilled for underserved families with few resources. To meet this need "Bundles of Joy" are provided to families of newborn children in Springfield.

Each bundle consists of approximately 10 items of newborn (or premie) clothing, a blanket, books and a diaper bag. It costs about \$25 per bundle, and they have given out more than 550 so far! They serve the families of newborns in Springfield by providing bundles to both local hospitals, the NICU, SIU Pediatrics, Central Counties Health Centers, The Parent Place, and Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery.

As we celebrate Father's Day this month, you are invited to honor the fathers in your life by donating to Bundles of Joy to help families in need. Consider bringing a "sleeper" (footed, one-piece pajamas) in size Newborn or 0-3 months, or a "sleep sack" (wearable blanket). All items need to be new and not have any "mom" or "dad" wording as our newborns come from all types of family situations. More information is available at: <https://www.anthaveyfoundation.com/>



MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES
JULY 5-9 AND JULY 12-16!

Westminster again is helping Senior Services of Central IL deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program. Watch for more details soon on how to participate! A Signup Genius page will be available in mid-June.

SUPPORT FOR NEW KEMMERER VILLAGE PROGRAM

WPC's Mission and Community Service Committee approved a \$3,000 Endowment Mission Grant to help Kemmerer Village acquire the tools needed to start up a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) lab, which will allow them to offer exciting new educational opportunities to the children under their care. Thanks to Lynne Cleverdon for bringing this proposal to our attention.



PENTECOST OFFERING

Thank you to all who gave to the Pentecost Offering, 40% of which supports the Westminster youth mission trip. It's not too late to give! We have received \$989 to date.



2021 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK: AUGUST 2-6

The Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force met May 18 and reviewed **25 matching grant applications** and **12 applications for the service week**. Home visits are scheduled for Tuesday, June 15. We hope you are saving the week of August 2-6 to be a part of this year's neighborhood outreach!

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY by Ellen Carpenter

SECOND HELPINGS MEAL MINISTRY UPDATE

"O taste and see that the Lord is good, happy are those who take refuge in God."
-Psalm 34:8

Westminster's meal ministry "Second Helpings" was initiated in the spring of 2018 and I became the coordinator in January 2020. In the last two years we have provided meals to people just home from the hospital or facing other challenges. We delivered 22 meals in 2019, 29 meals in 2020, and 22 meals (through May) in 2021. Thank you to the 25 members signed up for "Lots of Helping Hands" (a web tool to assist in assigning meals) and the Membership Committee who keeps our freezer filled with frozen casseroles for delivery. Additionally, many friends within our church family deliver meals in time of need. If you would like to receive a meal or sign up to be a part of the team, please contact Ellen Carpenter (217-793-3412).



A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Your Coronavirus Task Force continues to meet every other week via Zoom. We would like to thank our Parish Nurse, Ellen Carpenter, for assisting 27 plus members with vaccination appointments. **This full report (with graphs) can be found on our website and is updated every Wednesday.**

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL
4 meets in person on **Tuesdays** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the **Second Floor Classroom.**

The knitter's lunch has returned on the first Tuesday of the month at noon.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK YOU BLANKETS+ THANK YOU

PW thanks all who contributed to the Blankets+ during the month of May as we support Church World Services collaboration with local communities to help identify people with critical needs and to help them build a more viable future. Items provided include blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster. Because of your generosity, we collected \$1,755.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dr. Judy Knox (2004 Maryknoll Place). We will gather on Judy's patio for refreshments, fellowship, and a discussion on our plans for the 2021-2022 year.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE and **LYDIA CIRCLE** will not meet in June.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST will be **Thursday, June 10, at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Fourteen men came together in May and decided to continue meeting during the summer. Join us for devotions, breakfast, and great fellowship.



WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Vivian Keithley celebrates 99 years on June 2.

Bev Orr celebrates 90 years on June 3.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Ann Lienemann celebrate 66 years on June 4.

Jan & Jim Pinkerton celebrate 61 years on June 11.

Carol & Dick Cordier celebrate 55 years on June 12.

June Baker celebrates 92 years on June 15.

Dr. Richard & Mrs. Eleanor Leary celebrate 60 years on June 18.

Donna & Ben Foster celebrate 68 years on June 20.

June Flood celebrates 100 years on June 30.

WEDDINGS

Hillary Christina Haaker and Jacob Lee Rosendale were united in marriage on May 1, 2021 in Springfield, IL. Hillary's parents are Anne and David Haaker, and her sister is Alyssa Haaker.

Elisabeth Katherine Kluge and Mark Allen Luttrell will be united in marriage on June 26, 2021 in our Sanctuary. Elizabeth's parents are Priscilla and Tim Kluge, and her brother is Matthew Kluge.

NEW ARRIVAL

Emory James Dolan was born to Chelsea and Kelby Dolan on April 7 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Her grandparents are Virginia and Jim Dolan and Linda and Mark Ranck and her proud aunts and uncle are Adrienne Ranck, Katherine and Ryan Dolan.

Hallum Wells Waldon was born to Carrie and Nick Walden on May 13 in Springfield, IL. His proud grandparents are Kathy & Randy Germeraad, and his aunt and uncle are Colleen & Scott Germeraad.

Madelyn Nicole Hickman was born to Rachael and Chris Hickman on May 30 in Springfield, IL.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Becky and John McDonald on the death of Becky's mom, to Mary and Dan Bonn on the death of Mary's grandmother, and to Grayson and Addison Bonn on the death of their great-grandmother, Arletta Schaefer, on April 28 in Ogden Dunes, Indiana.

Julie and Kevin Imhoff on the death of Kevin's father, Kenneth Wayne Imhoff, on May 18 in Springfield.

The family and friends of former member Jennie Davis Moy who died on May 22 in Indianapolis, IN.

NEW ADDRESS

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ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME GROUNDBREAKING

On Friday, May 14, the Illinois Presbyterian Home Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on a beautiful day with members from Westminster, the community, and the Presbytery gathered to celebrate this new endeavor.



SEVENTH ANNUAL "ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT" FRIDAY, JUNE 11 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE KIEFFERS'



Join fully vaccinated members of your faith community on Friday, June 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane).

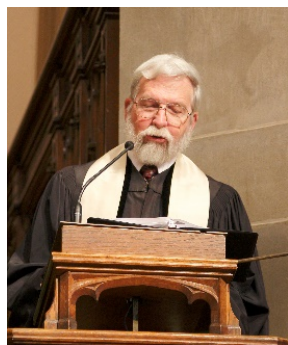
This year's gathering **will not be a potluck**, rather the Membership Committee will provide brats, dogs, and burgers on the grill with two sides (pasta salad and lettuce salad), and dessert. The evening will include music and boat rides.



NEW MEMBERS and **MILESTONE MEMBERS** will be recognized at the gathering. Please RSVP on SignupGenius or by calling Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b49a8ae22a3f85-allchurch>

REVEREND GERALD W. BOUTELLE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY



The congregation is invited to a reception on Sunday, June 13 to celebrate Rev. Gerald Boutelle's fiftieth ordination anniversary. Jerry has served as Westminster's Parish Associate since 2010.

A graduate of Westmar College in Le Mars, Iowa (B.A. degree in Philosophy) and McCormick Theological Seminary (M.Div. and STM). Rev. Boutelle has served Illinois churches in South Holland, St. Anna, Peoria, Springfield, Petersburg, Carrolton, and White Hall until he retired in 2009. Rev. Boutelle is Pastor Emeritus at the White Hall Presbyterian Church. Jerry and his wife, Judy, who is an R.N. and whom he met at Westmar

College, have two daughters and a son, all married, and three grandchildren.

When Jerry is not serving our congregation or other congregations in our Presbytery on Sunday mornings, he is singing in the Westminster Choir.



Thank you to the faithful team of women who prepare the Reporter mailing each month. They are pictured above: 1st row, Lynne Cleverdon, Carol Stahlman, Sue Sawers, Betsy Ruklick, 2nd row, Sue Baker, Gloria St. Lawrence, Camille Degner, Judith Mier, Jennie Alt (team captain) and Nancy Canady. Not pictured: Mary Barringer, Judy Huston, Kathy Moore, Lynne O'Shea, Mary Peura, Sue Scaife, Judy Ridinger

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