



# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Springfield, Illinois 62704

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June 2023

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship Service  
[www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org)

#### FAITH FORMATION:

9:45 a.m. Nursery  
Children Birth – Age 3

10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School following Children's Sermon  
Children Pre-K - Grade 3

June 4

#### TRINITY AND BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Genesis 1:1-24; Matthew 28:16-20  
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
Unbroken Circle

June 11

#### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26  
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
Journey by Stages

June 18

#### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST YOUTH MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONED

Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 9:30-10:8  
The Rev. Christian K. Choi  
The Last Laugh

June 25

#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SNSW PRESENTATION

Genesis 21:8-21; Matthew 10:24-39  
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
Children of Abraham

Sermon manuscripts are located in the West Narthex and online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 5-9

Children ages 4-11 will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and delicious snacks. Vacation Bible School Ministry Partners will meet Monday, June 5 at 8:30 a.m. to receive their assignment for the week.

**Registrars:** Pat Roller and Kathy Moore, **Photos:** Bob Fox

**Assembly Leader:** Karen Sherrick **Bible Story:** Dr. Kieffer

**Art/Crafts:** Pat McNutt **Games:** Jack Sherrick, Isaac Alt, Mario Berg

**Music:** Katie Moore and Eleanor VanDeventer **Snack:** Pat and Al Hymans

**Chef Masters:** **Pre-kindergarten-Grade 1:** Julie Sundquist, Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Kathy Bacon, Maria Lafrenz **Grades 2-3:** Camille Massey, Joe Fierstos and Mariah Scott **Grades 4-5:** Val Leonatti and Julie Robbs,

**Bible Drama Team:** Charlotte and William Affrunti, Abigail Eldridge, Sophia Loshe, Juliana and Aerwyna Eastvold

**Mission:** The Central Illinois Foodbank. We will be collecting: Canned Tuna, Boxed Meal to put tuna in, Canned Fruit in juice/water, Canned Veggies,

Contact Karen Sherrick at [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org) if you would like to join our team of VBS Ministry Partners. Register your children here: <https://bit.ly/3KgF8yD>



### FOURTH ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 19-23



The steadfast team of ministry partners will gather for a Team Building meeting on **Tuesday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m.** in Parish Hall. The team leaders and projects will be presented in preparation for our service week.

During the service week, the team will gather each morning at 8:30 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans'

Hospitality Team and served at 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. The congregation will hear a report on Sunday, June 25.

### THE 2023 YOUTH MISSION: JUNE 24-JULY 1

#### THEME: WALK TO SELMA

On Sunday, June 18, twenty youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The week of June 24-July 1, they join adult leaders **Tad Allen, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Kyle Duffy, Dave Leonatti, Nichole Magalis, and Kevin Simonson** led by **Mary Ray** (Interim Director for Youth) on a mission to Selma, Alabama, where they will rebuild following the January 2023 tornadoes and visit civil rights museums and monuments.

Youth participants include:

Braden Barton

Sam Batterman

Emily Brower

Maria DeJong

Aerwyna Eastvold

Kristianna Eastvold

Abigail Eldridge

Louisa Eldridge

Luke Elston

Caroline Haynor

Will Hovey

Liam Kiszely

Maria Lafrenz

James Maeda

Carter Magalis

Macklin Metzger

Sidney Miller

Bryce Pound

Matthew Scott

Sam Simonson



The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers and look forward to **leading worship on Sunday, July 2.**

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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love.

It was a joy to welcome Dr. Lee and Barbara home for Founders' Sunday. His sermon "Lord of Love," a phrase from the hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," reminded us how important the songs and melodies of our lives are. These songs have a way of shaping, pitching, and tuning who we become as members of the Body of Christ.



As we continue the rich heritage of building a legacy of faith from one generation to the next, our hope is that we have the same spirit of advocacy for justice and equality as our abolitionist founders did.

If May is a month of highlighting our past as we celebrate Founders' Sunday, June is a month of looking to our future as we recognize our high school graduates on Baccalaureate Sunday. This year we learned the Presbyterian Church (USA) Common Book of Prayer is on back order, so we decided to step out with a new song and present the practical gift of a Swiss Army Knife to our high school graduates as a symbolic graduation gift. This simple knife is red, the color of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit, and has seven tools, the biblical number for completion. The symbolic meaning attributed to each tool for the young adult preparing to embark on a conquest of life are:

- 1) A knife blade which cuts deep reminds us to reach for the profound in life.
- 2) Scissors which remind us there is a time to cut things off and just let it go.
- 3) A nail file which reminds us to file things away in an organized life.
- 4) A screwdriver which reminds us to persevere in the unexpected twists and turns of life.
- 5) A toothpick which reminds us to keep our teeth clean and maintain good personal hygiene.
- 6) Tweezers which remind us to pay particular attention to the small things in life.
- 7) Finally, the key ring which reminds us that faith is the key to a joyful, humble, and loving life.

We wish all our graduates Godspeed and love as they continue their academic journeys and sing the songs that shape who they become as members of the Body of Christ.

## APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of Westminster. In April the timing of pledge donations brought income up to a record level after the quarterly contribution statements were mailed early that month. Expenses are \$11,651 under budget, so year-to-date income exceeds expenses by \$100,619.

2023 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 444,036	\$ 355,068	\$ 88,968
Expenses	\$-343,417	\$- 355,068	\$ 11,651
Net Total	\$ 100,619	\$ 0	

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

**THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR** The end of the choir season will again be crowned with a festive brunch on Sunday, June 4, at the home and garden of Meg and Jim Kontio. The Summer Choir will rehearse on Thursday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. and sing on Sunday, July 9. In August, the choir will rehearse on Thursday, August 3 at 7:00 p.m. and sing on Sunday, August 6. As we close this season of the Westminster Choir, make sure that you thank members of the choir for their on-going contributions to the enrichment of the worship life of this church.

**AN HISTORIC MARKER** that identified the location of the Second Presbyterian Church (now Westminster) at 217 Fourth Street highlights that the second of our four buildings was the site of the first Session of the House of Representatives in 1839-1840 after the Illinois Capital was moved from Vandalia to Springfield.



This bronze plaque, one of twenty markers denoting significant locations related to Abraham Lincoln's Springfield years was dedicated in 1921 by the Daughters of the American Revolution as a part of the centennial of the founding of Sangamon County.

Thank you to Jerry Smith who made the contact on behalf of this church and gave the bronze plaque to Westminster.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY

#### GATHERS FOR A POTLUCK AND COMMUNION THURSDAY, JULY 13

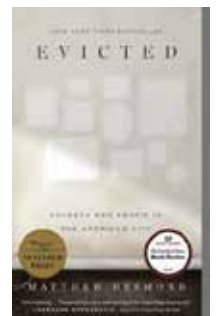
Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study will gather for a potluck and communion Thursday, July 13, 6:00 p.m., at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane, 62712). We will review and select our 2023-2024 curriculum as we begin the ninth year of our journey studying scripture together. Spouses are invited to the July 13 gathering. New members are always welcome.



### DR. LEE'S NEW BOOK AND LIBRARY DONATION

The Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee's second book entitled, The Huguenot-Anglican Refuge in Virginia will soon go to press. Using American and European sources, Dr. Lee illuminates the previously unknown history of a Huguenot-Anglican settlement and explores the complex experiences and challenges faced by this non-English immigrant group in British North America.

Dr. Lee donated The Quarterly Journal of the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church to our Church Library. The Journal includes an article written by Dr. Lee entitled "Huguenot-Anglicans in Seventeenth Century Virginia."



### APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP TUESDAY, JUNE 27

The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets Tuesday, June 27 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Evicted by Matthew Desmond. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

## YOUTH MINISTRY by Mary A. Ray

### MISSION TEAM MEETINGS

**On Sunday, June 4 at 8:45 a.m.** the Youth Mission Adult Leadership Team will gather in the Library to review details and coordinate responsibilities for this summer's mission trip

**On Sunday, June 11 at 11:15 a.m.** the entire Youth Mission Team will gather in the Second Floor Classroom for their final meeting before this summer's mission trip.

### THANK YOU FOR "WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT"

Thank you to the following members who are writing a note for each day of the mission trip to one of the participants: Brownie Anderson, Meridith Bryans, Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Ellen Carpenter, Deb Coontz, Sue Cull, Bill Deemer, Dee Dee Duffy, Joe Fierstos, Tara Fritsch, Mary Jo Jenkins Carole Kennerly, Peter Kieffer, Judy Knox, Todd Knox, Val Leonatti, Becky Martin, Lynne McMenamain, Leigh Milward, Christy Pound, Marilyn Rigney, Julie Robbs, Diane Rutledge, Karen Sherrick, Brad Steller, Krista Steller, Jeannie VanGieson, Sarah Zerfas. This is a cherished Westminster tradition.

### YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISERS

#### THE CAR WASH / BAKE SALE

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18 – 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

We hope members will come out on Father's Day to support the Youth Mission Team for their final two fundraisers before they depart for Selma. Arrive early with your car for the youth to clean them and stop by the table of delicious baked goods prepared by

members of the youth mission team and their parents.

All Mission participants will arrive at church at 9:30 a.m. in this year's mission T-shirt. Cars will be washed in our parking lot, so bring all the family cars along!

Bring baked goods for the Bake Sale! Thanks to **Dave Leonatti** for organizing the Car Wash and to **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen H. Sherrick

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children love stories, and none are as important as those told by Jesus to his followers. Each summer we visit the parables as we learn about God and how God wants us to live.

**June 04: The Sower**

**June 11: The Good Neighbor**

**June 18: Something Big from Something Small**

**June 25: The Pearl**

### THANK YOU, LEIGH MILWARD NURSERY COORDINATOR

Leigh Milward was recognized Sunday, May 28 on her final day as Westminster's Nursery Coordinator. Leigh has served since September of 2021 and is retiring to spend her weekends visiting her daughter Jenna who lives in Detroit and daughter Kara and grandson Kenzo who live in Denver. Leigh will



continue her full-time work at Molina Health Care where she serves as a Social Work Case Manager.

We are grateful for Leigh's tender and wise care of our youngest members these last two years. She will be dearly missed. Leigh received the gift of a pewter pedestal as a token

of Westminster's gratitude for her ability to raise up our youngest children, to place them on a pedestal as an affirmation that they are each a beloved child of God.

### THE NURSERY GUILD

The Nursery Guild will serve during the summer months. We hope to fill the position by September. If you are interested, contact Karen Sherrick, Director for Children's Ministry. The job description can be found on our website.



### EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 4

The following members will be recognized Sunday, June 4 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. In their honor, we will purchase **ten flocks of chicken gift donations**, which include a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks along with the training that will empower them to turn this donation into a lifetime of opportunity. We are grateful for their "eggstastic" work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.

**Nursery Guild:** Linda Caupert, DeeDee Duffy, Carolyn Dungan, Sara Eldridge, Sally Godbey, Nancy Huston, Priscilla Kluge, Judy Knox, Meg Kontio, Val Leonatti, Lynn McMenamain, Christy Pound, Sue Scaife, Julie Sundquist.

**Sunday School Teachers:** Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Sophia Choi, Adam and Chelsea Ekstedt, Sara Eldridge, Kate Morthland, Linda Purves, Julie Robbs, Erin Winn

**Confirmation (Grades 6-7):** Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans, Joe Fierstos, Mary Ray

**Youth Group Leaders:** Susan Day, Mary Ray

**Adult Education:** Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Dr. Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Rev. Christian Choi, Katie and Michael Morthland, Jay Kennerly, Dr. Peter and Rev. Dr. Blythe Kieffer, Dale Rogers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Dr. Roy Wehrle

**COMPASS for Kids:** Cathy Allen, Cathy Brower, Emily Brower, Kristianna Eastvold, Kris Gates, Aggie Lafrenz, Mia Marcy, Bryce Pound, Matthew Scott



# CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM MAY 10 GATHERING



The Children of Abraham Interfaith Fellowship completed our seventh year. The 2022-2023 theme: "Caring for the Earth" culminated at Temple Israel with Rabbi Stern sharing a passage from Deuteronomy affirming environmental stewardship. Rabbi Marks joined us the day before his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday so Dale led the children in singing "Happy Birthday." Thank you to all who donated used crayons for the Crayon Initiative.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GARDEN PARTY



On Saturday morning, May 20 over 40 Westminster women gathered for a garden party at the lovely home of Lynda and George Preckwinkle.

Thank you to the Lynda and the Ruth and Naomi Circle who hosted the event. Women enjoyed quiche, fruit, an assortment of pastries, Mimosas, and freshly brewed coffee.

Co-Moderator of PW Carolyn Beatty introduced the Birthday Offering and shared potential recipients of the grants including Kemmerer Village.

**Thanks to the generosity of those gathered, the Birthday Offering received this year is \$1,175.**

## ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

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 Support and Endowment Fund.

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. During the five-year campaign the market value of Westminster's Support and Endowment Fund grew from **\$1.9 to \$8.1 million**. As of March 31, 2023, the market value of the Support and Endowment Fund was **\$8,047,495**. This does not include planned gifts. We continue to welcome donations and testamentary gifts to the Westminster Support and Endowment Plan.

**Support and Endowment Committee:** Chair, Todd Wise, Jim Bryans, Christy Pound, Dr. Diane Rutledge, Dale Smith, Lucy Preckwinkle Stafford. Advisory Members: Randy Germeraad, Jeff Wilday.

### Cornerstone

(\$250,000 and above)  
Fern Garrett Estate\*  
Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr.  
Deborah and Henry Dale Smith, Jr.

### Foundation

(\$150,000 to \$249,999)  
Kathy & Randy Germeraad  
**Dorothy Kessler Estate**  
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 Chronister Folse  
Memory of Elder  
Grady Chronister  
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 Batcheldor Estate\*  
Bennett Estate\*  
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Betty & Bill Denham Estate  
Velda & George Finney\*  
Kathy & Randy Germeraad\*  
Gerry & Harold Hale  
Alice Lambert Estate\*  
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Emma Mae Large Estate\*  
Ann & Bill Lienemann

Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson  
Karen & Andrew Sherrick  
Hannah Morrow Siebert Estate\*  
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Barbara Sutton Estate\*  
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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  
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### Advocate

(\$10,000 to \$14,999)  
Frances & Edwin Bay\*  
Carolyn & Keith Beatty\*  
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William Black Trust\*  
Leah & Martin Duling  
Chris & Butch Elzea  
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Helen Hansen Estate\*  
Judy and Dale Huston  
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Evelyn Jensen Estate  
Priscilla & Tim Kluge  
Margot Kramer  
Carol & Walter Lohman\*  
LaVerne Marlowe Estate\*  
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Honor of our Family  
Dorothy Park Estate\*  
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Memory of Kyle G. Schultz  
Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer  
Dorothy Temple\*  
Don Thompson Estate\*  
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**Westminster Cooperative Preschool**  
Counselor  
(\$5,000 to \$9,999)  
Anonymous

Anonymous  
George Adams Estate\*  
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Jan & Cliff Baxter  
**Carolyn & Keith Beatty**  
Sandy Bellatti  
Carolyn Berning  
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Linda N. Dillard  
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Barbara Greening  
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Dr. Gershom K. Greening  
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Louise Kuehn Estate\*  
Eleanor & Richard Leary  
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee  
Judith & Tom Lewis  
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Judy & Fred Prillaman  
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Julie & Randy Robbs  
Ruth Robert-Roland\*  
Diane Rutledge  
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Schemmerhorn Estate\*  
Linda & Bill Schlosser  
Linda Shaefer  
Mary Anne & James Singleton  
Julie & Michael Sundquist  
Carolyn & Brad Swanson  
Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer  
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Sue & Jesse Werner  
Cheryl & Neville White  
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Joann & Doug Brown\*  
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Deborah & David Coontz  
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Carol & Dick Cordier  
Memory of John S. &  
Theda Muirhead and  
George & Dorothy Cordier  
Lois Davis Memorial\*  
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 Marci & Bill Irvine  
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 McGaugh Estate\*  
 Patricia McKenzie  
 Mary Ann Nation  
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 Sharon Reynolds  
 Judy Ridinger  
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(up to \$2,499)  
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 Anonymous  
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 Charlotte Bailey  
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 Neil Bassett  
 Ella Grace & Robert  
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 Meleah & Aaron Berkowitz  
 Meggan & Brady Bird  
 George Botanga  
**Catherine D. Brown**  
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 and Robert Sterling**  
 Jo Ann L. Brown Estate  
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 Alexander Moore Chipman  
 Sophia and Christian Choi  
 Stephanie Churchill  
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 Memory of Loved Ones  
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 Robert Copper Estate\*  
 Robert Cordier  
 Catherine Cragoe  
 John Cross  
 Betty Dawkins  
 Judy & Dan Dees  
 Margery Dodds  
 Virginia & Jim Dolan  
 Hannah M. Dreitcer  
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 Betsy Dye  
 Chelsea & Adam Ekstedt  
 Helen Evenson  
 Joseph Fierstos  
 Donna & Francis Foster  
 Carmel Fratianni  
 & Michael Schneider  
 Deanna & Donald Funk  
 Honor of Dale T. Rogers  
 Melanie & Bud Green  
 Anne & David Haaker  
 Roberta & Richard Hendee  
 Mal Hildebrand

Pat Hildebrand-Culler  
 Tamika & Jacob Hill  
 Sandy Hill  
 Sandy & Jon Hockenyo  
 Katharine M. Hughes  
 Thomas H. Janeway  
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 Paul Denham Kieffer  
 Beth & Jim Kincaid  
 Clyde Knock\*  
 Karen Kraft  
 Memory of Amolee McIntyre  
 F. Wells Langbehn  
 Valerie & Dave Leonatti  
 Naomi & Robert Lynn  
 Katie & Carl Matteson  
 Teresa & Terry McElwee  
 Sarah & Trajan Iloff McGill  
 Jack McKee Estate\*  
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 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  
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 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 Co.  
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 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  
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 Susan & Grant Russel  
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 Sherrick's 60th Anniversary  
 Donna Solomon  
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 Paula Stewart  
 Strawbridge Estate\*  
 Bruce Strom  
 M. Jill Sullivan  
 Debbie & Skip Turnbull  
 Sharon Turner



Elizabeth E. Unglaub  
 Memory of Margot Kramer  
 Mary Waddell Estate\*  
 James Wilday  
 Charles Wilkin  
 Memory of Rebecca Wilkin  
 Kate Wilson  
 Amy & Sam Xanders  
 Marlene Zimmerman

**Testamentary**

(Amount Unknown)  
**Anonymous** †  
 Janie & Clay Bahlow †  
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**Ann W. Collins** †  
 Virginia & Jim Dolan †  
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# WESTMINSTER'S 188<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDERS' SUNDAY





**STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD**  
**HOUSE DEDICATION THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 5:00 P.M.**  
**626 S. GLENWOOD AVENUE**

Members of the congregation are cordially invited to the Steadfast Neighbor Habitat House Dedication on Thursday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. The dedication will take place at the new home located at 626 S. Glenwood.

The Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join them in a **"Housewarming Sprinkle"** by purchasing a gift from Target and bringing it to the dedication. Paris and James Capler have listed items on their Target Registry that would benefit them in their new home.

The Habitat Steering Committee chaired by Todd Knox and the Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Tim Kluge are grateful to all of Westminster's Ministry Partners who have worked on the build and to those members and friends listed below for their financial contributions.



**Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build**  
**Individual Financial Donations**

Nancy Ashbaugh  
Sandy Bellatti  
Carolyn and Richard Berning  
Catherine Brown  
Susan Cull  
Carolyn and Daniel Dungan  
Linda Chronister Folse  
Kathy and Randy Germeraad  
Sharon and Matthew Gilmour  
Mal Hildebrand  
Yvonne Hinesley and Roy Wehrle  
Blythe and Peter Kieffer  
Paul Denham Kieffer  
Priscilla and Tim Kluge  
Judy and Todd Knox  
Ann and Bill Lienemann  
Michael Nenaber  
Lynne and Paul O'Shea

Fred and Judy Prillaman  
Linda and Tom Purves  
Marilyn and Jim Rigney  
Dale T. Rogers  
Diane and Steve Rutledge  
Sue Sawers  
Linda and Bill Schlosser  
Cathy Schwartz and John Shafer  
Susan and Michael Shaw  
Susan R. Shea  
Krista and Brad Steller  
Judy and Harvey Stephens  
Warren Stiska  
Marty and Alan Stutz  
Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer  
Sharon Zook  
Member from First Presbyterian Church

**Grants and Gifts from Churches and Organizations**

Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church – Springfield  
Presbytery of Great Rivers – Visioning Grant  
Presbyterian Women of Westminster  
Springfield Civic Garden Club  
Synod of Lincoln Trails

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage  
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## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Christian K. Choi

### MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### REFUGEE MINISTRY

**NEWLY CREATED REFUGEE SUBCOMMITTEE** is co-chaired by Rachael Hickman and Jess Weitzel. Jess and Rachael made a presentation to Session in May asking for approval to move forward with making an application to Welcome Corps, a government program ([www.welcomecorps.org](http://www.welcomecorps.org)) and to seek

**WELCOMECORPS** ministry partners to join in hosting a refugee family of four, who will call Springfield their new home. The Betty Smith Mission Fund which focuses on international mission will provide monetary resources for this endeavor.

More information will be forthcoming in July through the Reporter and Ministry Moments during worship they seek ministry partners who will share their time and talents to help the family get acclimated to their new hometown. Many hands make light work, and we expect no more than one hour of commitment per week. For anyone who are interested joining this subcommittee's work, please contact Rachael Hickman ([rachael.hayes87@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.hayes87@gmail.com)).

#### HUNGER MINISTRIES AT WESTMINSTER

**HELPING HANDS** - Thank you to Pat Hymans who prepared the May 12 meal. June 9 meal will be prepared by Cathy Allen. There are opportunities for members or groups to sign-up from July to December. You can use/click our QR code to sign-up or contact Jennie Alt for details.



**SALVATION ARMY CENTER** - Westminster Hunger Action Team members will prepare bagged meals for the Warming Center on June 21. Please contact Krista Steller at [ksteller@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksteller@wpcspi.org) to participate.

#### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES JULY 10-14 AND JULY 17-21



Each Summer, Westminster partners with Senior Services of Central IL to deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program. This year's dates are July 10-14 and 17-21, where you can sign up for one day, all ten days, or number of days you are available to help. This service of kindness is best done in pairs and expected of time commitment is about an hour to hour-and-a-half, starting at 9:30 a.m. For more information and sign up, click/use the QR code. **Please sign-up by Sunday, June 18.**



#### STEADFAST NEIGHBOR LITTLE PANTRY

As many have heard, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) had a sharp reduction earlier this year amid noticeable rising food cost due to inflation. The families who are in need are going to need additional help as their children stay home through summer break. Would you partner with us in this important ministry by stocking the little pantry with love and care? We have dates available in June. Please sign up using/clicking the QR code here or contact Jennie Alt for details.



#### GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JUNE MENU

**Canned tuna, boxed meals to use with tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, Granola Bars, Dry Cereal (No baby food, please.)** Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank (CIFB). Thank you to Ed Caupert, Jim Rigney, Mike Sundquist, and Bernie Wiseman for delivering the food to the CIFB.

## COMPASS FOR KIDS APPRECIATION DINNER

Compass for Kids held their annual appreciation dinner at Westminster on May 22. We are honored to host their weekly site for Graham Elementary School which we have done since September of 2014. Along with providing a safe space and ministry partners, Westminster has also provided annual financial support of \$5,000 since 2020. Westminster members who have worked with Compass this year are listed on page three of the Reporter and will be recognized this Sunday, June 4. Westminster members Tanya DeSanto and Diane Rutledge serve on the Compass Board of Directors.



#### PENTECOST OFFERING

The Pentecost denominational offering unites the church by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. Thank you for supporting the ministry of young people and Westminster's Youth Mission trip through Pentecost Offering. **This year, we have collected \$1,165 so far.** \$466 goes toward our Youth Mission Trip.



#### EARTH CARE AT WESTMINSTER

##### JUNE EARTH CARE TIP

Long warm sunny days and dwindling spring showers will dry out our lawns soon. Smart watering promotes grass health and conserves a precious resource. Running the sprinkler for one or two hours just after dawn discourages weeds and fungi and encourages deep, well-hydrated roots. Don't water again until the grass looks dry or until you can't easily push a 6" screwdriver into the soil. Mowing the lawn higher will help keep the blades green and the roots long until summer's end.

-Peter Kieffer, Earth Care Team Chair

#### FAIR TRADE



On Sunday, June 25, following worship, Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold in the West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson oversee this ministry.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**HOME COMMUNION** - Thank you to the elders and deacons who visited 7 members on May 14. If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, June 11 and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt.



**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS & CONSULTATION** will be available on the **second Sunday of the month, June 11** by our Parish Nurse, Ellen Carpenter.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. A brown bag lunch will be held at noon on the second Tuesday, June 13. Beverages and dessert will be provided. You do not need to be a member or attend Westminster to join our group. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HOSTS

### HOUSEWARMING SPRINKLE FOR THE CAPLER FAMILY

PW is hosting a "Housewarming Sprinkle" for the Capler Family. Members of the congregation are invited to join them by purchasing a gift from Target and bringing it to the Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build Dedication on Thursday, June 22, 5:00 p.m. at 626 S. Glenwood. Paris and James Capler have listed items on their Target Registry that would benefit them in their new home.

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** will meet Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Folse (2 Virginia Lane, 62712). Anne Haaker will lead Lesson Nine: Sabbath and Community.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE AND LYDIA CIRCLE** will not meet until the fall.

## THANK YOU TO

Presbyterian Women thank all who made donations to the CWS BLANKETS+ offering. **We collected \$1,365 thanks to the generosity of this congregation.**



**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** will not meet until the fall.

## DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) UPCOMING DATES

**6/2, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, AND 11/7**



DMA (Don't Mention Age) will meet Friday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. for a potluck and program at 6:15 p.m. Patrick McDonald from the IDNR will speak on the history of the Osprey Rescue Program and what they do. RSVP using the weekly email link, on the website, or by calling the church office.

## COMMUNITY EVENT

### 70 YEARS OF CELEBRATING THE SOUND

**JUNE 10- 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. AT THE HOOGLAND**

Please join the Sound Celebration Chorus on June 10 from 2-4 p.m. at the Hoogland Center. The Sound Celebration Chorus was chartered as a Sweet Adelines International chorus in 1953 and has performed in central Illinois for 70 years. Members include Sue Baker and Mary Gail Romack.



## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Vivian Keithley celebrates 101 years on June 2.

Bev Orr celebrates 92 years on June 3.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Ann Lienemann celebrate 68 years on June 4.

Jan & Jim Pinkerton celebrate 63 years on June 11.

Joyce Olson celebrates 94 years on June 12.

Dr. Philip & Mrs. Pat Wheat celebrate 50 years on June 16.

Dr. Richard & Mrs. Eleanor Leary celebrate 62 years on June 18.

Donna & Ben Foster celebrate 70 years on June 20.

### WEDDING

Edison Zohfonyi and Kelly Ngwenyi Teneng were united in marriage on Saturday, May 27 in our Sanctuary.

### NEW ARRIVAL

James Arnav McNutt was born on May 10, 2023 to Millie and John McNutt. James' siblings are Luke and Jennifer, proud grandmother, Pat McNutt.

### IN MEMORIAM

Carrol Bryan Stahlman died May 10, 2023. The prayers and sympathies of the congregation are extended to her children Joni Stahlman and Scott Stahlman and grandson Matthew.

### PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Cress Maddox, Sr. on the death of his wife, to Amanda Kurmann, Sarah Graham, Jessica (John) Hemenway, Jennifer Wagner, Cress (Felicia) Maddox, Jr. on the death of their mother, and to Clayton, Ella, and Barrett Kurmann, Carter and Will Formea, Charlie Graham, Katherine, Jack, and Owen Hemenway, Madeline, Sarah, and Cressa Wagner, and Adaline, Cress, Dominik, and Breccan Maddox on the death of their grandmother, Loretta "Laurie" Maddox, on May 4, 2023 in Springfield.

Julie and Randy Robbs on the death of Julie's step-father and to Amber and Austin Robbs on the death of their grandfather, John Klein, on May 18 in Springfield, IL.

Melanie and Bud Green on the death of Bud's sister, Loree Green Campbell on May 18 in Bethesda, MD.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold, a first year instructor for the Capital Scholars Honors Program at UIS, won Faculty of the Year for 2022-23 school year.

Kathy Germeraad who was a finalist for the Distinguished Volunteer Award, and Matthew Scott who was a finalist in the youth category for his work with Compass for Kids at the annual Good as Gold Volunteer Award ceremony at UIS.

Dr. Nicole Sommers received Best Cosmetic Surgeon for the second year in the Illinois Times Best of Springfield.

## CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY

### ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16

The Ninth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and to recognize milestone members will be Friday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home.

**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED!** Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. Please RSVP on SignupGenius or by calling Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415 and let us know whether you will bring a salad, sidedish, or dessert.

<https://www.wpcspi.org/frmrsvp-all-church-cookout.html>

**NEW MEMBERS AND MILESTONE MEMBERS** will be recognized at the gathering and will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.



## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY CELEBRATED JUNE 4



Baccalaureate Sunday, June 4, 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 Swiss Army Knife (packed with sage advice for graduates) and a hand-knitted scarf lovingly created by members of the Knit 2 Purl 4 Fellowship.

**Braden Barton** from SE attending Lincoln Land Community College

**Emily Brower** from SHS attending University of Illinois School of Journalism

**Aerwyna Eastvold** from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

**Louisa Eldridge** from SHS attending Tulane University

**Caroline Haynor** from SHS attending Illinois College

**Tyler Holman** from GHS attending Illinois State University

**Mia Marcy** from SHS attending University of Wisconsin at Madison

**Sidney Miller** from SHS attending St. Louis University

**Maria Pennell** from WHS attending Coastal Carolina University

**Bryce Pound** from SHS attending Penn State University

**Matthew Scott** from SHS attending University of Illinois

**Amelia Tungett** from RHS attending Indiana University

### CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

**Claire Bess** B.A. in Sociology/Anthropology and a B.A. in Geography from Augustana College - She will attend the University of Pittsburgh for her master's in public health policy.

**Maytal Booth** B.A. in Medicine, Health, & Society (magna cum laude) from Vanderbilt University - Maytal is the granddaughter of Lynne Cleverdon.

**Benjamin Brower** A.A. from Lincoln Land Community College

**Samuel Brower** A. A. from Lincoln Land Community College

**William Drake** B.A. in Molecular and Cellular Biology from the University of IL - Will is the grandson of Bob Bradford.

**Daniel Fogarty** B.A. in Business at the Carroll School of Management from Boston College - Daniel is the grandson of Dr. Alan and Marty Stutz.

**Will Formea** B.A. in Communications and Legal Studies from the University of Illinois - Springfield Will is working at MASCO Packaging in Springfield.

**Matthew Knox** B.A. in Computer Science from Duke University - Matthew will work as a software engineer at a company called Yext in New York, NY.

**Kaitlin Kruger** B.A. in Psychology at the University of Iowa - Katie will pursue med school or physician assistant program following a gap year.

**Robert Moore, III** M.Div. from Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, MI - Robert is the son of Mary and Coleman Moore.

**Olivia Pennell** B.A. in Dance and a B.A. in Communications from the University of Kansas - Olivia will move to Chicago to pursue her career.

**Benjamin Rogers** B.S. in Animal Science from University of Illinois - Ben will continue in the School of Veterinary Medicine and is the nephew of Dale Rogers.

**Miranda Schneider** B.F.A. in Animation from the School of Visual Arts - Miranda will teach animation in a high school in Harlem, NY.

**John "Jack" Sherrick** J.D. from Columbia Law School - Jack will move to Washington D.C. to work for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission FERC.

**Ryan Stutz** B.A. in Economics from Vanderbilt University - Ryan is the grandson of Dr. Alan and Marty Stutz.

**Matthew Tungett** M.A. in Aerospace Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy - Matthew will continue his training to be a pilot in the U.S. Navy.

**Emily Vasconcelles** M.A. of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from University of the Cumberland - Emily is interviewing for a job in the surgical field.

**Talen Vogler** B.S. in Biology from San Diego State University - Talen will attend Creighton University for an accelerated bachelor's degree in nursing.

**John "Jack" Zerfas** B.A. in Business from Miami University at Ohio - Jack will move to Chicago and work for Arrive Logistics.

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