

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 2017

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Featuring the Westminster Jazz Trio

Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.
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 3 & 4

PENTECOST

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-17, John 20:19-22

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
A Breath of Fresh Air

June 10 & 11

TRINITY SUNDAY AND COMMUNION

Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Matthew 28:16-20

Reverend Trajan I. McGill
In the Beginning, To the End

June 17 & 18

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 18:1-15, Romans 5:1-5

Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
No Laughing Matter

June 24 & 25

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 21:8-21, Matthew 20:24-29

Reverend Sarah Iliff McGill
Being Acknowledged

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 4

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 4, we recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship. Congratulations to these young people and Godspeed as they continue the adventure of life. Those attending will receive two gifts from their faith community: a copy of the PC (USA) Book of Common Prayer and a hand-knitted scarf.

Stella Cole from SHS attending Northwestern University

Alivia DuBois from SHS attending Lewis & Clark Community College

Lauren Marines from SHS attending Texas Christian University

Jenna Milward from SHS attending Central Michigan University

Dennis Elkin from Southeast attending LLCC

Jacob Pennell from Williamsville attending LLCC

Austin Robbs from Williamsville attending U of I Champaign

Jake Robinson from SHS attending Mizzou

Miranda Fratianni Schneider from SHS attending School of Visual Arts - Manhattan

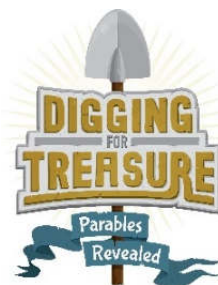
Emma Shafer from SHS attending LLCC

Maggie Shepherd from Interlochen Arts Academy attending University of Michigan

Annie Sherrick from SHS attending Boston College

Chad Sims from Athens attending Western Illinois University

Corey Sims from Athens attending Western Illinois University



DIGGING FOR TREASURES: PARABLES REVEALED MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 12-16

Children ages three through grade five will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, games, music and delicious snacks. Mission projects include Give-a-Meal-a-Month and African Water Project. The leadership team will meet on Sunday, June 4, at 9:15 a.m. in the Third Floor Chapel and will be commissioned on Sunday, June 11:

Registrars: Ann Collins, Stephanie Moore, Pat Roller

Bible Story: Dr. Blythe Kieffer, Lynne Cleverdon, Emma Batterman Grace Batterman, Ben Brower, Sam Brower, Clayton Kurmann, Jack Zerfas

Art/Crafts: Ann Collins, Brad Steller

Games: Jen DeJong, Barrett Kurmann, Jack Milliman,

Music: Rev. Sarah McGill, Emma Shafer

Snack and Decorations: Kelly Bassett, Nancy Canady, Pat and Al Hymans

Shepherds: 3 and 4-yr. olds: Valerie Leonatti, Suzie Spada, Ella Kurmann, Jessica Borland, Abby Fierstos **Kindergarten – Grade 1:** Sandy Bellatti, Lucas Carpenter, Louisa Eldridge, Emily Brower **Grades 2-3:** Meredith Bryans and Katie White

Grades 4-5: Lynn McMenamin, Cathy Schwartz, Drew Borland

Photography: Bob Fox **Banner:** Ann Lienemann **Childcare:** Karen Sherrick

We will celebrate with the congregation on Sunday, June 18, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service followed by a reception in Parish Hall. Register online at www.wpcspi.org or on Sunday mornings in the West Narthex.

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

Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, recognize our graduates, and thank the education leadership, musicians, and COMPASS mentors at Westminster. How grateful we are for the generosity of God's Spirit among us -- blowing through our lives like a breath of fresh air.

May was a month of transition and marking milestones for us. With Reverend Dreitcer's departure on Mother's Day, the celebration of Founders' Sunday, and the commemoration of Memorial Day, we were reminded once again of God's faithfulness and the bond we have with those who have gone before us. Indeed "God is our help in ages past, our hope for years to come!"



Peter and I were reminded of this important truth following Paul's commencement at Hope College when we fortuitously reconnected with Paul at the entrance

of the Pilgrim Home Cemetery next to where the ceremony took place. Our family spent time in this cemetery on a Lilly Grant Sabbatical in 2011 while researching my mother's genealogy. We unexpectedly discovered a connection between my mother's great-great uncle, Jon Schaap, and the founder of Hope College, the Rev. Albert Van Raalte. They traveled together from the Netherlands to Holland, Michigan in 1847. Many of my mother's relatives are buried near the entrance of Pilgrim Home Cemetery. In honor of their pilgrimage and God's faithfulness, we walked over to the family cemetery plots for a silent prayer of gratitude and a photo.

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Mark Allen: BS in mechanical engineering from SIU Carbondale (December 2017).

Anna Gates: BS in mechanical engineering technology from Purdue (December 2017)

Paul Kieffer: BA in political science and philosophy from Hope College with plans to attend Tulane School of Law in the Fall.

Natalie Knox: BS in biology with a concentration on genetics and minors in chemistry and psychology from Duke University with plans to take a gap year before attending medical school.

Blake Livingston: BS in industrial management applied engineering with a specialization in quality from SIU Carbondale.

Keegan Parker MacDonna: BS in mechanical engineering from Univ. of Illinois and BS in physics from Illinois State University.

Adrienne Ranck: BS in community wellness with a minor in health from Bradley University.

Emily Vasconcelles: BA in psychology with a minor in neuro science from Butler University.

Madeline Wagner: BS in nursing from the University of Kentucky.



MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

On Sunday, June 4, we will 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: Lucy Bassett, Caroline Bryans, Naomi Doss, Jacob Long, McCartney Manning, Scott McGill, Luke McNutt, Alexander Oliver, Carson Rockwood, Selah Soria, Lillian Su, Lydia Su



Children's Choir:

Taryn Barnett
Sloan Bird
Kate Bryans
Maria DeJong
James Maeda
Lily Swanson

Westminster Choristers:

Ben Bassett
Finley DuBois
Will Hovey
Evan Klein
Aiden Musick
Olivia Simonson



Westminster Trebles:



Emma Batterman
Jessica Borland
Stella Cole
Amalia Schneider
Emma Shafer
Annie Sherrick

Westminster Choir:

Beth Allen, Carolyn Beatty, Keith Beatty, Sandy Bellatti, Mina Bentsen, Carolyn Berning, Robert Blythe, Jerry Boutelle, Jim Bryans, Stella Cole, Ann Collins, Linda Chronister, Scott Day, Susan Day, Peg DiFonso, Leah Duling, Carmel Fratianni, Kathy Fogal, Keith Hamilton, Dick Herndon, Jay Kennerly, Craig Kniffin, Jim Kontio, Becky Martin, Kay McChesney, Pat McNutt, Adam Miller, David Mitchell, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Ken Morey, Michael Nenaber, Lynne O'Shea, Glen Pittman, Jeanne Pittman, Pat Roller, Linda Schaefer, Bill Sherrick, Alan Stutz, Sharon Turner, Eleanor VanDeventer, Lyle VanDeventer, Jeanne VanGieson, Kate Wilson

The Walnuts: Julie Blythe, Robert Blythe, Joe Bohlen, Amanda Neubauer, Dale Rogers

Summer Choir will sing Sunday, July 23 at the 10 a.m. service, with a rehearsal on Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m., **and Sunday, August 20** at the 10 a.m. service with a rehearsal on Thursday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m. **The Walnuts will sing Sunday, June 25** at the 10 a.m. service. 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.

FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

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. **Five flocks of chicks have been donated to the Heifer International Project in their honor.** We are grateful for their good work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.

Nursery: Meridith Bryans, Kara DuBois, Sally Godbey, Chelsea Ekstedt, Lynn McMenamain, Mary Gail Romack

Young Children and Worship: Cara Barnett, Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Tempa Dunn, Sara Eldridge, Gerry Hale, Matthew Knox, Karen Kraft, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward

Grades 2-3: Sue Cull, Dr. Marc DeJong, Nichole Magalis

Grades 4-5: Tom Klein, Priscilla Kluge, Lisa Metzger, Mary Ray

Teen Helpers: Drew Borland, Jessica Borland, Claire Bess, Clayton Kurmann, Ella Kurmann, Matthew Knox, Barrett Kurmann, Avery Pound, Samantha Magalis, Austin Robbs, Emma Shafer, Annie Sherrick

Cut & Copy Crew: Mary Jo Jenkins, Camille Massey, Carolyn Proctor, Amy Xanders

Bridges Fellowship for Grades 3-5: Brad Steller

Confirmation Prep for Grades 6-7: Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel and Karen Sherrick

Youth Group: Susan Day, Jen DeJong, Kyle Duffy, Adam Ekstedt,

Adult Education: Dr. Marc and Jen DeJong, Lyle VanDeventer

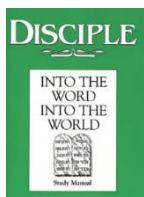
COMPASS for Kids (Graham Elementary School): Norma Adams-Johnson, Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy Canady, Stella Cole, Ann Collins, Barbara Dirksen, Kathy Germeraad, David Haaker, Carole Kennerly, Pat Hymans, Lynn McMenamain, Judi Mier, Dr. Diane Rutledge, Bill and Linda Schlosser, Amy Xanders, Jack Zerfas. **Congratulations to Carole Kennerly who received Volunteer of the Year for our site.**

ADULT EDUCATION UPDATE

DISCIPLE AND COVENANT PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED JUNE 4

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 4, we will recognize the following members and friends during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship for completing their respective study.

Disciple Bible Study— The study of the Old and New Testament led by Rev. Trajan McGill. *Mina Bentsen, Richard Herndon, Sharon Manning, Camille Massey, Mary Caroline and David Mitchell, Pat Roller, Betsy Ruklick, Alan Stutz, Cheryl and Neville White.*



Covenant Bible Study: The Study of covenant within Scripture led by Dr. Kieffer. *Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Ann Collins, Tempa Dunn, Kathy and Randy Germeraad, Gerry and Harold Hale, Mary and Charlie King,*

Marcia Monier, Camille and Ted Proud, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Sawers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Alan Wallace, Bill Ward, Wilbur Wright.

CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

THIRD GRADERS RECEIVED THEIR BIBLES ON MAY 7



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL – HOLY MOLY RETURNS

Each Sunday children will gather in the Second Floor Classroom 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! Thank you to our summer teachers: *Sandy Bellatti, Cathy Brower, Sue Cull, Tempa Dunn, Sara Eldridge, Paul Kieffer, Judy Knox, Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Lynn McMenamain and Mary Caroline Mitchell.*

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP



On May 17, Bridges children ended the year with their Advocates and honored the graduating fifth graders Finley, Will, Aiden, Jade and Olivia who will continue their faith journey on the Road to Emmaus (Confirmation Prep) next year. Special thanks to Brad Steller and to Advocates: *Lynne Cleverdon, Gale Fixmer, Rev. John Glosser, Dick Herndon, Mal Hildebrand, Karen Kraft, Lynn McMenamain, Marilyn Rigney, Carolyn and Brad Swanson and Sue Scaife*

NURSERY CLEAN UP

On May 28, Meridith Bryans, Claire Bess, Chelsea Ekstedt joined staff Whitney Spearie, Abby Cline and the Rev. Sarah McGill in deep cleaning the nursery to ensure a safe and clean "holy space" for our youngest!

Thank you!



FOUNDERS' SUNDAY CELEBRATED "ALBERT AND ART"

On Founders' Sunday, we celebrated "Albert and Art!" as we marked our second year since the dedication of the Building a Legacy of Faith Anniversary Endowment Campaign. We were delighted to celebrate the artistic talents of so many of our members. Currently, 236 families are members of the Albert Hale Circle and have either made gifts, pledges or included Westminster in their planned giving. We have received \$1,069,858 toward pledges of \$1,614,475. Additionally, we have received gifts of \$93,896. We need \$1.34 million to reach our goal of \$3.1 million which will increase Westminster's Endowment from \$1.9 to \$5 million by 2020! *This does not include planned gifts!*



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

ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

Cornerstone

(\$250,000 and above)

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

Foundation

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

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

Tower

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

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

Keystone

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

Paul Bowman Estate*
Linda & Grady Chronister
Louise & Arthur Cragoe †
Sue & Roland Cull
Linda Culver Memorial*
Carolyn & Dan Dungan
Evelyn & John Jensen †
Blythe & Peter Kieffer
Judy & Todd Knox
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee †
Preckwinkle Families
Jean & William Sherrick
Jean & William Sherrick*
Nancy & Bill Simpson
Marty Sumner

Pillar

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

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

Samaritan

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

Kathie & Michael Nenaber
Silvey & James Barge
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett
Dorothea Thrasher †

Advocate

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

Anonymous
Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
Frances & Edwin Bay*
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust*
Carolyn & Keith Beatty*
Mark Beatty*
Chris & Butch Elzea
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour
Helen Hansen Estate*
Marci & Bill Irvine
Irwin & Becker Estate*

Priscilla & Tim Kluge
Margot Kramer
Valerie & Dave Leonatti
Carol & Walter Lohman*
LaVerne Marlowe Estate*
Bev & Jim Orr †

Honor of our Family

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

Memory of Doris Ray

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

Counselor

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

Anonymous
Anonymous
George Adams Estate*
Katrina Archer
Carolyn & Keith Beatty
Sandy Bellatti
Carolyn Berning
Don Blackburn Estate*
Meridith & James Bryans
Eleanor Copper Foundation*
William Deemer, Jr.
Linda N. Dillard
Leah & Martin Duling
James S. Francis Estate*
Barbara Greening

Memory of Gershom K. Greening

Christie, Robyn & Will Hovey
Louise Kuehn Estate*
Eleanor & Richard Leary
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee
Judith & Tom Lewis
Ann & Bill Lienemann*
Mary Caroline & David Mitchell
Mary Ann Nation

Memory of James Nation

Sally & Stan Papp
Memory of Dr. & Mrs. W.J. Trainor

Judy & Fred Prillaman
Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate*
Julie & Randy Robbs
Ruth Roland Robert*
Diane Rutledge
Elaine Ryder Estate*
Sue & Steve Scaife
Schemmerhorn Estate*
Linda & Bill Schlosser
Linda Shaefer
Mary Anne & James Singleton
Julie & Michael Sundquist
Carolyn & Brad Swanson
Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer
Jeanne & Peter VanGieson
Sue & Jesse Werner
Cheryl & Neville White
Jean Williamson Estate*
Sarah & Bob Zerfas

Companion

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

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Anonymous

Catherine Brower

Joann & Doug Brown*

Ellen & Rance Carpenter

Deborah & David Coontz

Memory of David Matthew Coontz

Carol & Dick Cordier

Memory of John S. & Theda

Muirhead &

George & Dorothy Cordier

Lois Davis Memorial*

Gale & Jack Fixmer

Elsie & Robert Fox

Ione Hermann Estate*

Nancy & Keith Huston

Mary & Charles King

F. Wells Langbehn

Mary & Bob Leffler

McGaugh Estate*

Patricia McKenzie

Bev & Ken Morey

Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson

Richard Newton Estate*

Sharon Reynolds

Judy Ridinger

Leona Sangster Estate*

Robert A. Stuart

John Thompson Estate*

Alan J. Wallace

Friend

(Up to \$2,499)

Anonymous

Norma Adams-Johnson

Charlotte Bailey

Jane R. Barry

Kelly Bassett

Neil Bassett

Ella Grace & Robert Bengel Estate*

Meggan & Brady Bird

George Botanga

Nancy & Richard Canady

Linda & Ed Caupert

Alexander Moore Chipman

Ada & Stephen Cobourn

Memory of Loved Ones

Robert Copper Estate*

Robert Cordier

Catherine Cragoe

Betty Dawkins

Virginia & Jim Dolan

Hannah M. Dreitzer

Dee Dee & Rick Duffy

Betsy Dye

Helen Evenson

Joseph Fierstos

Donna & Francis Foster

Carmel Fratianni & Michael Schneider

Deanna & Donald Funk

Honor of Dale Rogers

Anne & David Haaker

Joseph A. Harrison

Roberta & Richard Hendee

Mal Hildebrand

Tamika Glover & 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*

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

Madelyn Morris Bogue

Memory of Richard Morris

Robyn Newton

Tom Owen

Mary & Harold Perkins

Michelle Power

Claire & Richard Priller

Linda & Mark Ranck

Marilyn & James Rigney

Mary Gail & Steve Romack

Memory of Helen & Clyde Knock

Kim Leistner Root

Memory of Dorothy Irvine

Betsy Ruklick

Susan & Grant Russel

Memory of Joseph Dawkins

Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt

Susan Shea

Rebecca Sherrick

Honor of Dr. & Mrs. William

Sherrick's 60th Anniversary

Donna Solomon

Suzann & Thomas Spada

Krista & Brad Steller

Paula Stewart

Strawbridge Estate*

M. Jill Sullivan

Debbie & Skip Turnbull

Sharon Turner

Mary Waddell Estate*

Rosemary Schussle*

James Wilday

Charles Wilkin

Memory of Rebecca Wilkin

Amy & Sam Xanders

Testamentary

(Amount Unknown)

David Becker †

Virginia & Jim Dolan †

Carolyn & Daniel Dungan †

Gale Fixmer †

Kathy & Matt Fogal †

Donna Garman †

Kathy & Randy Germeraad †

Sharon & Matthew Gilmour †

Anne & David Haaker †

Elaine Hoff †

Judy & Dale Huston †

Thomas H. Janeway †

Vivian Keithley †

Dorothy Kessler †

Bonnie Millard †

Robyn Newton †

Tom Owen †

Linda Phillips †

Jeanne & Glen Pittman †

Mary Ray †

Sharon Reynolds †

Pat Roller †

Diane Rutledge †

Nancy & Bill Simpson †

Betty Smith †

Kay & Gerald Smith †

Karen Springer †

Marty & Alan Stutz †

Julie & Mike Sundquist †

Cynthia Wilson †

Nancy & William Wright †

New since last published

** Pre-campaign gift*

† Planned gift



Thank you to the artists who were a part of the display: Linda Chronister, Dr. Scott Day, Priscilla Kluge, Dr. Richard Leary, Bob Leffler, Elizabeth Marcy, Maggie Day Pinke, Camille Proud, Dale Rogers, Sue Scaife, Miranda Schneider, Nancy Scott, Dr. David Sumner, Sue Werner, Pat Wheat, Dr. Phil Wheat, and Wilbur Wright

A slide show of the artwork will be available on line at wpcspi.org.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



Habitat for Humanity 2017 Presbyterian Build

Recent Work: On May 27, ten WPC members gathered to paint and more provided lunch for all those present. Thanks to all continuing to provide their time and energy to this project.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity, Saturday, June 3:

Westminster has signed up for one more work day on Saturday, June 3, where we are still seeking volunteers to work construction and provide lunch. Please call the church office, or email the Reverend Trajan McGill at tmcgill@wpcspi.org to join in, or with any questions.

House Dedication, Friday, June 30: The new home has been progressing quickly, and will be dedicated in a ceremony on Friday, June 30, at 5:00 p.m. Watch your email and bulletin announcements for more details soon.

WESTMINSTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS SALVATION ARMY

After a presentation from Stephanie Austin, Director of the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center on the work they do and her hopes for growing the effectiveness of their ongoing work with the men going through their program, the Mission and Community Service Committees approved granting the A.R.C. \$1,294 to purchase a two-part evidence-based curriculum, called "Living in Balance," which focuses on various life skills issues necessary for furthering rehabilitation and lifelong sobriety. Bob Fox is Stephanie's liaison from Westminster and made this contact.

WESTMINSTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS KEMMERER VILLAGE

The Mission and Community Service Committees at their May meeting approved financially supporting the work of Kemmerer Village, granting \$500 to support their Equine Therapy program, \$500 to support their Summer Enrichment program, and \$1,000 in unrestricted giving. Numerous Westminster members have been and continue to be involved in Kemmerer's work. Special thanks to Kemmerer Foundation Board President Marty Sumner and Board Member Lynne Cleverdon for bringing this worthy proposal to our attention.



GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH JUNE MENU: Canned Tuna, Boxed meal for the tuna, Canned Fruit in juice/water, Canned Veggies, Optional – Toilet Paper & Toothpaste - Thank you to those who place these items in the baskets in the West Narthex. Items in High Demand: feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap (bar or body).

HELPING HANDS – Thanks to Pat Hymans for providing the May 12th meal. Volunteers are still needed to deliver dinners to the Helping Hands Shelter on Friday, December 8. Costs are reimbursible. Please contact Rev. Trajan McGill at tmcgill@wpcspi.org to volunteer or find out more.

WESTMINSTER ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Westminster continues to improve its environmental footprint whenever we have an opportunity. Our latest project initiated by the Property Committee involves replacing the lights in the kitchen and Parish Hall with more LED's, which are brighter, more efficient, and last longer. Thanks to Springfield Electric for providing the materials at cost and to the Endowment Fund for financing this project!



CONCORDIA COMMUNION AND LUNCH

On Thursday, May 25, Dr. Kieffer, the Rev. Trajan McGill, and Dale Rogers joined the many members of Westminster residing at Concordia for a worship service with communion followed by an enjoyable luncheon and time for visiting. This Concordia fellowship event is held quarterly.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION Home Communion was not delivered in May, due to Mother's Day. If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, June 11 and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.

ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY CARDS

Linda Cisco has been creating cards for members since she was ordained as a Deacon in 2006. We are grateful to Linda for this labor of love! This year Deb Coontz agreed to continue this outreach ministry. We thank Deb as she sends personalized cards to members who celebrate milestone birthdays and anniversaries.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithfulness and financial support. As the summer months are upon us, please remember to continue to send your offering in support of Christ's work at Westminster. Our income for the first 4 months of the year is above budget by \$37,502 as a result of a number of pledges being paid as a lump sum early in the year. We have not yet incurred expected repair expenses, so year-to-date expenses are under budget by \$9,338. The net total is \$46,839 income above expenses at the end of April.

Table with 4 columns: 2017 Operations, Actual, Budget, Difference. Rows include Income, Expenses, and Net.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON will meet Friday, June 2 at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Krista Steller, and Chair of the Day is Leah Duling. We will have our Annual Birthday Celebration. R.S.V.P. by June 1 to Stephanie at smoore@wpcspi.org or call the church office. (Note – After a summer break, we will resume on Friday, September 8.)



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets Wednesday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Knox (2004 Maryknoll Pl.) to discuss Chapter XI – The Woman Caught in Adultery and Chapter XII – Sapphira. We will resume October 4.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE The Elizabeth Circle starts their summer break, and will resume on Monday, September 11.

LYDIA CIRCLE starts their summer break and will resume on Tuesday, September 19.

PW GARDEN PARTY

Thank you to hostess Sue Cull who welcomed 45 women (age 6 months to 96) in her lovely home. We honored former PW Moderators.



BLANKET SUNDAY

Thank you to all who contributed. **PW collected \$1,148 for CWS ministries** because to this generous congregation.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Their next brown-bag lunch will be on June 13 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Dessert will be provided.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD - 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Leslie Deem, Director of the U of I Pollinatorium in Champaign. She will present a program entitled "Native Bees." Please come for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.

WESTMINSTER ARCHIVES Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer are the archivists for WPC, and are doing a wonderful job preserving Westminster's history. As you clean, sort, and/or downsize your homes, please feel free to share any church papers/documents with us. These items may be taken to the office and placed on the table with a note stating the items are for the archives.

INFORMATION UPDATES NEEDED The church office is seeking information updates for our system. We are looking for updated phone, cell phone, email, addresses, name changes, etc. If your children have moved, married, or have gone off to college, we would love to have their correct information to keep in touch with them. Please send these changes to Jennie Alt via email jalt@wpcspi.com or call 522-4415.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Vivian Keithley will celebrate 94 years on June 2.
June Flood will celebrate 95 years on June 30.
Dr. Bill & Mrs. Ann Lienemann celebrate 62 years on June 4.
Jo & William Ridley celebrate 60 years on June 7.
Dee & Cliff Tozer celebrate 68 years on June 11.
Jan & Jim Pinkerton celebrate 57 years on June 11.
Carole & Jay Kennerly celebrate 52 years on June 12.
Carol & Dick Cordier celebrate 51 years on June 12.
Becky & Lionel Stirrett celebrate 53 years on June 14.
Dr. Bill & Mrs. Jean Sherrick celebrate 62 years on June 18.
Dr. Rich & Mrs. Eleanor Leary celebrate 56 years on June 18.
Mary & Bob Leffler celebrate 52 years on June 19.
Donna & Ben Foster celebrate 64 years on June 20.
Judy & Fred Prillaman celebrate 52 years on June 26.
Dr. Roland & Mrs. Sue Cull celebrate 53 years on June 28.

NEW ARRIVAL

Cathy & Dan McLagan welcomed their daughter, Margaret "Maggie" Della McLagan on May 4. Her proud grandmother is Judy Ridinger.

Craig and Jennifer Schuermann welcomed their son, Reggie Michael Schuermann on May 28. His proud grandparents are Jan and Alan Schuermann.

IN MEMORIAM

Norma Nelson Kneer died on May 16, 2017. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Norma's daughters Robin Foster, Lark Kirchner, Kristin Trask, Patti Kneer, Deborah Culbertson, and their families.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Priscilla and Tim Kluge on the death of Priscilla's brother, George Maher, Jr. on May 14 in Fargo, North Dakota.

Nancy and Rich Canady on the death of Rich's brother, Donald Canady on May 27 in California.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Matthew Tungett, for receiving the Rochester High School Lions Club Good Citizen Award.

Annie Sherrick & Miranda Fratianni Schneider, who were among those who received awards at the Old Capitol Art Fair.

Dr. Scott Day, professor & chair of the Educational Leadership Department, received the Faculty Excellence Award from UIS.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Graham Elementary School's 21st Century Community Learning Center and in collaboration with Springfield Urban League, Inc. I would like to extend my gratitude to Westminster for your hospitality on Saturday, May 6. The space you provided was love-filled. Your crew was wonderful helping put on such a fun and exciting event for us. The children, parents and guests had a phenomenal time.
Sharon Ward, Site Coordinator

Thank you to Westminster families who brought baby layette items for Kumler Outreach Ministries that was sponsored by Church Women United. A total of 178 items were donated: bodysuits (63); coveralls (15); bodysuit with pant and hat outfits (6); caps (8); receiving blankets (20); hooded towels (2); and crib/stroller toys (6). In addition, the Knit 2 Purl 4 Mission made beautiful sweaters (10) and hats (9), and there were pretty hand-decorated burp cloths (39). So many families will be blessed by the generosity and creativity of Westminster members. *From Lynne Cleverdon*

FOURTH ANNUAL "ALL CHURCH COOKOUT" FRIDAY, JUNE 9 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE KIEFFERS'



The congregation is invited! Join Westminster's new members on Friday, June 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane). Last year, over 120 attended.

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.

THE 2016 YOUTH MISSION: JULY 1-8 FENTRESS COUNTY, TENNESSEE

On Sunday, June 25, twenty-five youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. They join adult sponsors Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Jen DeJong, Dr. Todd Knox, Anna Koeppel, Dave Leonatti, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, and John Shafer led by Rev. Trajan McGill (Associate Pastor for Parish Life) on a mission to Fentress County, Tennessee sponsored by the Appalachia Service Project. They will be staying at Allardt Elementary School in Allardt, TN,



Emma Batterman	Taylor Guard	Jenna Milward
Grace Batterman	Zayne Ireland	Dominic Morgan
Drew Borland	Matthew Knox	Avery Pound
Ben Brower	Katie Kruger	Amalia Schneider
Sam Brower	Barrett Kurmann	Emma Shafer
Abby Fierstos	Ella Kurmann	Mack Shepherd
Will Formea	Ross Lochbaum	Annie Sherrick
Kenny Guard	Natalie Miller	Adam Vasconcelles
		Jack Zerfas

This is our second adventure with ASP. Our theme is Love In Action (1 John 3:18). Throughout the week, crews of 5-6 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 two 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 9.**

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS: Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the 2017 Youth Mission through our fundraisers! We could not do it without you. To date, we have raised a total of **\$8,053** thanks to the collaboration and teamwork of our youth, their parents and sponsors and this generous congregation: *Egg-tastic Annual Breakfast* (January), \$1,153.00, *Trivia Night and Silent Auction* (March), \$6,900.

THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER IS SUNDAY, JUNE 18! All mission participants will arrive at church at 7:45 a.m. wearing clothes in which they can wash cars. Bring a bucket for the Car Wash and a baked good for the Bake Sale! Cars will be washed at both services, so bring all the family cars along!

BAKE SALE DROP OFF DATES & TIMES: Baked goods can be delivered Saturday, June 17 between 3:00 & 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 18 between 8:00 & 9 a.m. For more info contact Julie Sundquist at sundquist66@aol.com or (217)741-2022.

THE APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER IS SATURDAY, JUNE 24! Tickets will be available from the youth beginning Baccalaureate Sunday, June 4. Come eat pancakes and support the Mission at Applebee's on Veteran's Parkway! **Doors open at 8:00 a.m., and we stop taking orders at 9:45 a.m.**

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**July Reporter Deadline
is Sunday, June 25.**