

# THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**March 2018**

## WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

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.

Adult Education Forum  
11:15 a.m. – 12 noon

March 4

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

*Exodus 20:2-17; Matthew 7:24-29*

Natalie Knox and Youth  
*Foundations of Faith*

March 11

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**NEW MEMBERS RECOGNITION**

*Psalm 19*

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Light in the Wilderness*

March 18

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

*Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 12:20-33*

The Rev. Trajan I. McGill  
*The Hour Has Come*

March 25

**PALM SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 50:4-9a, Mark 14:1-15*

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*A Call for Humility*

April 1

**EASTER SUNDAY**

*Isaiah 25:6-9, John 20:1-18*

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Surprised by Joy*



## HOLY WEEK

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

**8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, Sunday school children and youth will lead us in the processional with palms and their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes. The center aisle pews will be lined with donated coats. The Westminster Children's Choir will sing and the Westminster Choir will sing *O Divine Redeemer*.

**LIFE OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY**

**March 25- April 1**

Artwork depicting the life of Christ will be displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, we will witness Christ's baptism, temptation, entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week leading to His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, MARCH 29**

**7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Trajan McGill will preach and the Westminster Choir will sing *An Offering* by Dan Forrest. This service will conclude with the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the *Adagio for Strings* of Samuel Barber. *Child care will be available.*

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, MARCH 30**

**7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach in this service centered on youth reading the Passion according to John. Music by Schubert, Lotti, and Billy Joel, along with devotional hymns of faith, and a Spiritual will be sung by the Walnuts. *Child care will be available.*

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

**8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer will preach and the Westminster Choir will be joined with members of the Millikin Brass in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and other festive music of the season. The Chancel will be filled with the massive cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

***An Easter Egg Hunt in Parish Hall follows 10:00 a.m. Worship.***

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

As we journey toward Holy Week this year with grateful hearts for the faithfulness of our covenant-making God, let us find inspiration in the words of the Reverend Phillips Brooks, nineteenth century American Episcopal Bishop:

Do not pray for easy lives,  
pray to be stronger people.  
Do not pray for tasks to equal your powers,  
pray for powers to equal your tasks.  
Then the doing of your work shall be no miracle,  
you shall be a miracle.  
Every day you shall wonder at yourself,  
at the richness of life that has come to you  
by the grace of God.

### ADULT EDUCATION FORUM PRESENTS:

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: LAWS OF THE HEART

SUNDAYS, MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25

APRIL 8, 15, 22, MAY 6

11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom

Enrich your Lenten journey by participating in a discussion of the Ten Commandments and how they are relevant today. In this DVD series, Joan Chittister, OSB, invites us to think deeply about the moral fibers of our society. She presents the idea that the Ten Commandments are an adventure in human growth and that we are not so much convicted by them as we are transformed by them. Discussions will be led by Lyle VanDeventer and the pastors.

### DR. KIEFFER PARTAKES IN FOOD AND FAITH SERIES

#### CHIARA CENTER

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 6:00 P.M.

Join Dr. Kieffer on Thursday, March 15, 6:00 p.m. at Chiara Center (4875 LaVerna Road). She has been asked to participate in the Food & Faith Series "Recognizing the Other." The evening includes dinner and sacred conversations promoting understanding and building friendships. RSVP by Monday, March 12 by calling (217)523-0901 or emailing at [info@chiaracenter.org](mailto:info@chiaracenter.org). The cost of the evening is \$20.

### FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 20

ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

Founders' Sunday will be celebrated on May 20 with the theme "Hail! Abiah Hale." Mrs. Abiah Hale, wife of Albert defined the character of this congregation with her generous and compassionate spirit. Since the establishment of the endowment campaign and the Albert Hale Circle, we also highlight our endowment annually on Founders' Sunday.



### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAKEN IN MAY

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Westminster's last Pictorial Directory was published in 2014. Lifetouch has been contracted again and photos are scheduled for May 21-26 and May 29-June 2, 2018. MARK YOUR CALENDAR, gather your family members and don't miss this opportunity for a family portrait! Thank you to the Board of Deacons for coordinating this important endeavor.



## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

### LENTEN ECUMENICAL MUSICAL PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 AT 6:00 P.M.

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

This prayer service joins together choirs and congregations of St. John's Lutheran Church, Christ the King Catholic Church, Laurel United Methodist Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church. The services are meditative, sung prayer services patterned after the worship in Taizé, France. Native American flute player, Dave Tell, will join with Dale Rogers at the gathering music and during the candle ritual.

**THE EASTER MUSIC FUND** needs your generous consideration as it provides for the brass quartet for both Easter Day services in addition to other special music offerings through the season.

**THE EASTER DECORATION FUND** provides for the palms and lilies for Holy Week and Easter decorations. A suggested donation is \$25.

For both of these giving opportunities, a list of donors and those whom they are remembering are printed in the Easter bulletin. Make checks payable to WPC with the appropriate designations. The deadline for the bulletin wording is Palm Sunday, March 25.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR** is busy preparing music for the Lenten season, Holy Week, Easter and a concert on Sunday, April 15. Music for the upcoming weeks will include music of Henry Purcell, the contemporary Norwegian composer, Ola Gjeilo and Charles Gounod, born 200 years ago this year. For Easter, the choir will be joined with members of the Millikin Brass in *This is the Day*, as well as the *Hallelujah Chorus*.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** (singers in grades 3-5) rehearses on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. following the Bridges program. The Choristers will sing on Sunday, March 4 (Youth Sunday) and April 15. The spring musical, *Francis, Little Man of God*, will be presented as a part of the services on Sunday, May 6.

**WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (singers in Kindergarten - Grade 2) rehearses on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. The Children's Choir will prepare music for Palm Sunday, March 25, and the Song of the Birds for the Chorister's musical about St. Francis of Assisi in addition to expanding their musical skills and knowledge in a fun environment.

**CHURCH MICE** (infants through age 4) meets each week at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays. This is a lively early childhood development music and activity program for our youngest members and their friends.

### SPECIAL MUSIC IN MARCH

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 7:00 P.M. IN SANCTUARY

**A PROGRAM OF MUSIC FOR BRASS QUINTET** will be presented by musicians of the Illinois Symphony at Westminster on Friday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. as a part of their *Around the Town Concerts*. This event is paired with the DMA potluck. Mark your calendars for the very special event.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 10:00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP

On Sunday, March 18, the Westminster Choir will be joined with the **ILLINOIS COLLEGE CHAMBER SINGERS**, who will provide special music for the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



## YOUTH UPDATE by Natalie Knox



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### JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

Junior High youth meet Sundays, 4:00– 6:00 p.m. for study, fellowship, and dinner.

- March 4 – Youth Sunday! No PM Youth Group
- March 11 – Confirmation Prep: King Solomon  
Confirmation: The Church Calendar
- March 18 – Trivia Night! No PM Youth Group
- March 25 – Confirmation Prep: Prophet's Warnings  
Confirmation Class: This I Believe –  
Writing Faith Statements

**CONFIRMATION FIELD TRIP** Confirmands and their mentors met with Rabbi Marks prior to the Feb 9<sup>th</sup> Evening Service at Temple Israel. See pictures on the next page!

### SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

Senior High youth meet Sundays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, and topical "Sticky Faith" questions.

- March 4 – Youth Sunday! No PM Youth Group
- March 11 – Hope
- March 18 – Trivia Night! No PM Youth Group
- March 25 – Is it wrong to have doubts?

**2018 YOUTH MISSION** We're still looking for adults to join the 2018 Mission Team, which will travel to Summers County, WV from July 7-14. Interested? Contact Natalie Knox @ [nknox@wpcspi.org](mailto:nknox@wpcspi.org).



**ALL TEAM MEETING** for youth, adult leaders, and parents will be **Sunday, March 4 after Youth Sunday from 11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Join us for team building, vote on side trip options, and learn more about Appalachia! As a reminder, the final \$125 payment is due March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**TRIVIA NIGHT/SILENT AUCTION** is **Sunday, March 18**. Tickets are currently on sale! Find a youth or buy tickets in the church office. We're still looking for round sponsors, judges, and donations towards the silent auction. Tickets for dinner are \$5, and for trivia are \$15.

## WPC YOUNG ADULTS



Young Adults ages 18-29 are invited to brunch at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street) after church on the last Sunday of each month. We will meet next on **Sunday, March 25 at 11:30 am**.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

### CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 4:30 -6:00 P.M.

TEACH THE  
CHILDREN  
SO IT WILL  
NOT BE  
NECESSARY  
TO TEACH  
THE ADULTS  
-Abraham Lincoln

On Wednesday, March 14, children in Kindergarten - Grades 6 are invited to Grace United Methodist Church for our fourth gathering as we celebrate the gift of community and belonging to one another. These quarterly gatherings foster interfaith fellowship and understanding as we build friendships with children from the Muslim, Jewish and African American communities. Parents are invited to

attend and Westminster youth are encouraged to serve as helpers for the children. Sign up with Stephanie Moore at [smoore@wpcspi.org](mailto:smoore@wpcspi.org).

### BRIDGES CHILDREN

#### CONSIDER TEN COMMANDMENTS AND WELCOME ADVOCATES

During March Bridges children are exploring the meaning of the "Ten Best Ways to Live" as they continue their 2017-2018 theme "Being a Thoughtful Christian." On **Tuesday, March 27**, the children of Bridges Midweek Fellowship will welcome their advocates once again for a time of sharing and a simple communion service led by Dr. Kieffer.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FISH BOXES** Throughout Lent, children are invited to fill their fish boxes with donations as we remember those in need and support Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) hunger and disaster assistance programs.

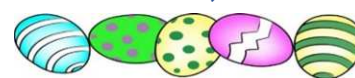
**LENTEN COAT DRIVE** Families are invited to donate coats for both children and adults to benefit those in need. Please bring coats to the designated basket in the West Narthex.

### HOLY WEEK

**PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25, AT 9:45 A.M.**, all children and youth are invited to meet in Parish Hall, where we will prepare to lead the processional with palms and present the children's One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes.



### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1 AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE,



families with children (birth – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to Parish Hall for an Easter egg hunt.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY, JUNE 11 – FRIDAY, JUNE 15

This summer, June 11-15, all children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to join us at "Hero Central" where we will discover our strength in God and encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes. To volunteer, please email Karen Sherrick at [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org).



### WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

KIDS' STUFF SALE in Parish Hall

Saturday, April 21, 8:00 a.m. – noon

Stop by for the preschool's annual rummage sale of children's clothing, toys, and accessories on Saturday, April 21.

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in Trivia Night on February 10. We raised \$5,090!





## BRIDGES AND THEIR ADVOCATES EXPLORE SPIRITUAL GIFTS

On Tuesday, January 30, Bridges children and their advocates participated in an exercise that measured one's spiritual gifts. Our children celebrated their gifts of leadership, teaching, serving, mercy, prophecy and encouragement. Mrs. Sherrick created certificates highlighting their spiritual gifts and presented them to the children.



## CONFIRMANDS VISIT AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

On Friday, February 9, confirmands and their mentors listened to Rabbi Marks teach about the Jewish faith and read to them from the Torah before worshipping with the Temple Israel faith community.



## SUPER BOWL GATHERING



Christy and Karl Pound hosted the Junior and Senior High Youth Group for their Super Bowl Party, February 4. *The Eagles soared over the Patriots!*







### FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD BREAKFAST



All are invited to the Faith Coalition's 8<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising breakfast on **Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 a.m.** at Union Baptist Church. The event will include a meet-and-greet from 7:00 to 7:30 for area candidates running for office, and breakfast and program from 7:30 to 8:30. The Rev. Trajan McGill will be giving the invocation, and Melody Hulett, CEO of Pure Haven Family Resource Center, will be the special guest speaker. Breakfast is complementary, but those attending will be invited to invest in the organization. RSVP to 217-626-1004 or [fccg2208@gmail.com](mailto:fccg2208@gmail.com).

**COMPASS FOR KIDS** – Do you have 40 minutes you could spare for two weeks in a row to listen to a child read? Compass, the weekly after-school program we host in partnership with Central Baptist, is working to teach students about “giving back”, and is holding a “Read to Feed” program to benefit Heifer International. They are looking for 8 volunteers to commit to 2 days, March 13 and March 20, 4:30 – 5:10 p.m., to listen to a child read to them. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please email Shelly Kinner at [shelly@compass4kids.org](mailto:shelly@compass4kids.org).



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** – We are receiving donations toward this multi-denominational annual collection throughout Lent. This ecumenical, special offering goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and self-development of people throughout the world.



**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NEWS** – Our representatives at the last assembly meeting of the Presbytery of Great Rivers were pleased to hear that our denominational aid organization, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, was present on the ground immediately in Parkland, Florida following the recent massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Please keep praying for all those affected by this terrible event, and for all whose decisions will affect the safety of our nation's students in times to come.

**MEDICAL MISSIONS** – Dr. Tanya DeSanto and her daughter Emma Batterman will be traveling this month to Gonaive, Haiti with IAMM as part of a medical mission trip, bringing dental care to people in a part of the country where almost none is normally available. Our church is helping sponsor this work. This is their third time making this journey. Please thank Dr. DeSanto and Ms. Batterman for representing WPC with



Christian love and care. They would also love to hear from others who might be interested in joining this work in the future.

**HELPING HANDS** – Westminster members provide meals for the residents of the Helping Hands homeless shelter on the second Friday of every month. This is a ministry valued highly by Helping Hands, and we are in need of more people interested in preparing and delivering one of these monthly meals. Reimbursement is available from the church for costs incurred. May through September, November, and December are still open; contact Trajan McGill or the church office to volunteer. Thanks to Joe Fierstos for providing the March meal, and to the Bryans and Swanson families for providing the meal in February.

**GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH MARCH MENU** Canned Ravioli, Canned Veggies, 100% Juice Canned or Boxed. Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank. **Items in High Demand:** *feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes size 3 and up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**NEW MEAL MINISTRY** – WPC is beginning a ministry of care for people who could be supported with a few meals delivered to their homes (e.g., just home from the hospital). Thanks to Ellen Carpenter, Adam Ekstedt, Cathy Schwartz, Suzie Spada, and the whole Congregational Care Committee for their leadership in getting this off the ground. If you would like to help, or you know of anyone who could use a meal or two, please talk to the Rev. Trajan McGill.

**GRIEF GROUP AT ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** – Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, whether the death was recent or in the past, is invited to join a series of gatherings at St. John's. In times of loss, it can often be a helpful relief and comfort to be in community with others who are in a similar place, who can personally relate to the many ways in which grief affects our lives. This group will meet on Tuesdays, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., in the parlor of St. John's Lutheran Church, for six weeks beginning March 13. Light refreshments will be served. Please call the St. John's church office at 217-793-3933 to let them know you will be coming, and if you have a need for child care.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**DANCING WITH THE STARZ** – A big thank you to the many members of Westminster who came out to the Springfield Art Association's annual fundraising event. The friendly dancing competition paired area leaders from the business, political, and nonprofit worlds with experienced dancers,



and WPC Associate Pastor for Parish Life Trajan McGill, dancing with Brenda Goett, took home first place! This is the third time a WPC-affiliated person has won in the last several years, after Marty Sumner last year, and the Reverend Hannah Dreitzer three years ago.

Thanks to Marty Sumner for sponsoring Trajan this year, and to everyone who voted with their dollars and contributed to this important area arts organization, to which several artist members of Westminster Presbyterian Church belong. You can check out their art and that of other SAA members at two area locations: the M.G. Nelson Family Gallery (700 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St.) and the SAA Collective, in the H.D. Smith Gallery located in the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION** gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. The next monthly brown bag lunch is Tuesday, March 13. All are welcome. Questions? Call Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW LUNCHEON** will be Friday, March 2 at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Sharon Turner and Chair of the Day will be Suzie Spada. Following lunch, women are invited to attend the **World Day of Prayer** service at St. Paul A.M.E., 1130 S. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield hosted by Church Women United at 1 p.m. WDP is an ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer and action each year on the first Friday in March. The 2018 celebration begins with the first sunrise on March 2 in the northeast region of the Atlantic Ocean on the South American continent in Suriname. The WDP Committee of Suriname call us to worship considering the words "All God's creation is very good!" With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Suriname's history and rich cultural diversity. The women of Suriname share their stories of intergenerational wisdom, traditions, and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. The focus is on Genesis 1, the story of creation. The WDP motto is "Informed prayer, prayerful action."

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets **Wednesday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Judy Knox (2004 MaryKnoll Pl.) We will discuss Chapter 6 ("Permanent Parenthood") of *Imperfect Control: Our Lifelong Struggles with Power and Surrender*, by Judith Viorst.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** will meet **Monday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. We will be studying the book *Really Bad Girls of the Bible, More Lessons from Less-Than-Perfect Women*. Eleanor VanDeventer will lead our program on Chapter 1, "Dead Man Talking".

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet **Tuesday, March 20 at 9:30 a.m.** in the home of hostess Mina Bentsen (3525 Glengate). Sharon Turner will provide the devotional and lead Lesson 6 in the PW Horizon Bible Study *Who is Jesus?* by Judy Yates Siker.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

### 2018 CHURCH-WIDE GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AUGUST 2-5, 2018

The 2018 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be August 2-5 in Louisville, KY. Registration for this event can be found on the Presbyterian Women's website [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org).



Hotel reservations can be made at the Galt House Hotel. When calling or booking online to reserve a room, please indicate that you are with the PW.

**MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST** will meet **Thursday, March 8, at 7:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. We welcome Will O'Hearn, Director of the Lincoln Library, who will present a program entitled "Library Services," Rich Canady will lead devotions, and Peter VanGiesen will provide the breakfast. Please RSVP to Stephanie at [smoore@wpcspi.org](mailto:smoore@wpcspi.org).

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothea Thrasher celebrates 97 years on March 2.  
Dr. Harry Bergmann celebrates 99 years on March 5.  
Patricia Picchi celebrates 92 years on March 20.  
Elsie Unglaub celebrates 92 years on March 23.  
Dr. Ivan Birrer celebrates 100 years on March 24.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Whitney and Ryan Spearie welcomed their son, Maxwell Robert on January 28. His proud grandparents are Michelle and Tom Power and his uncle, Nickolas Beck.

### NEW ADDRESSES

Phyllis Collins, 4601 Cockrell Lane, Springfield, 62711  
Theresa and Ed Davison, 420 Roper Rd. #143, Winter Garden, FL 34787

### IN MEMORIAM

Lois J. Copper died on February 5. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children Jane Copper-Short, James Cooper, and their families.

Arthur C. Cragoe died on February 14. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to his wife Louise Cragoe, their children Douglas Cragoe, Catherine Cragoe, Paul Cragoe, Mary Cragoe Sutter, and their families. Art's memorial service will be Saturday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. at Concordia.

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Betsy Ruklick on the death of her son, John Benjamin Ruklick, on February 20 in Evanston, Illinois.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed at 12 p.m. on Friday, March 30, in observance of Good Friday.

### JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Westminster's Operating Fund ended the month of January with income exceeding expenses by \$8,140.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 79,810	\$ 86,051	\$ -6,241
Expenses	\$- 71,670	\$- 86,051	\$ - 14,381
Net	\$ 8,140	\$ 0	

**PER CAPITA:** This year Westminster will pay \$32 per member as a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support the work of our denomination in the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Your special per capita contribution of \$32 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget. Currently, we have received per capita donations from 89 members.

### DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

6:00 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome the musicians from the brass section of the Illinois Symphony, who will present a program of music for brass quintet in the Sanctuary. For the month of March, the potluck will be starting at 6 p.m. (Future DMA dates will have a 6:30 p.m. potluck starting time.) Please join us for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.





## YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

On Sunday, March 4 our youth will lead us in both worship services.

This year's theme is *Foundations of Faith*. Meditations will be presented by seniors Barrett Kurmann and Zayne Ireland as well as Interim Director for Youth Natalie Knox, and the junior and senior high youth will serve as liturgists and ushers. Special music to nourish our spirits will be provided by the Westminster Choristers and our talented youth accompanied by Matthew and Dr. Todd Knox.



## YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

### SILENT AUCTION BEGINS SUNDAY MORNING

Each year, members support our youth at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. We are excited to include a silent auction for the third year. The Silent Auction will take place in the West Narthex beginning Sunday morning. We are accepting items or monetary donations for the Silent Auction. See our website or contact **Becky Huston** at [bec0731@hotmail.com](mailto:bec0731@hotmail.com).



### DOORS FOR TRIVIA OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

Trivia master Todd Knox, ably assisted by Dave Leonatti, will provide another entertaining evening! Questions begin at 5:30 p.m.

### TICKETS ARE \$15.00

Tickets can be purchased on our website, from a youth or in the West Narthex each

Sunday. **This year you or your business can sponsor a round for \$100!** Contact Natalie Knox [nknox@wpcspi.org](mailto:nknox@wpcspi.org) for details.

### DINNER IS \$5.00

Dinner is available for purchase at 5:00 p.m. (\$5.00) thanks to Mary Ray, Pat Hymans and their kitchen team. Participants are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. *Childcare is available in the nursery.*

## KRISTA STELLER

JOINS STAFF AS WEBMASTER

In the Spring of 2014 Krista Steller redesigned our website. In February, the Personnel Committee approved entering into a contract on a part-time basis. A University of Illinois graduate in music, Krista recently retired from Levi, Ray & Shoup Inc. as a computer software trainer. Krista serves on WPC's Information Technology (I.T.) Committee, shares her musical gifts as an Oboist, and now we welcome her as Westminster's Webmaster.



## Westminster Staff

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