



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 2020

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
Adult Ed Forum 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon
Junior High Youth 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Senior High Youth 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.*

March 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalm 125; Matthew 4:1-11
Rev. Trajan I. McGill
Being Moved

March 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
Genesis 12:1-4a; John 3:1-17
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Necessary Risks

March 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YOUTH SUNDAY
Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11
Rev. Christian Choi
Waves of Mercy and Grace

March 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Samuel 16:1-13; John 9:1-41
Rev. Trajan I. McGill
Seeing Deeply

March 29

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:17-45
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
All Rise

Sermon manuscripts are located in the West Narthex and online at www.wpcspi.org.

FIRST PRES LENTEN BROWN BAG CONCERT SERIES

FEATURES DALE ROGERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 AT 12:15 P.M.

On Wednesday, March 4 at 12:15 p.m. Dale Rogers will present the first Lenten Brown Bag Concert at First Presbyterian Church (7th and Capitol). The program will be musical reflections on themes of the Lenten season by Bingham, Schumann, Stanford, Howells, Boehm, White and Dupré. Lunches are available for \$5.00.



NIKOLAOS PINE PIANO CONCERT

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 AT 4:00 P.M.

On Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m. in Parish Hall we welcome **NIKOLAOS PINE, PIANIST**.

Nik has played throughout the USA as well as Austria where he performed in the Haydnsall and the Empiresaal within the Esterhazy Palace in Esenstadt. We are delighted to welcome this fine young pianist.

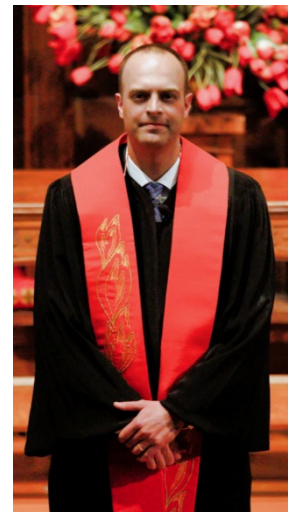
Music of Beethoven, Ravel, Rachmaninov and Bartok are on the program.

CELEBRATING REV. MCGILL'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 DURING 10 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, March 22 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will recognize Rev. Trajan McGill on the fifth anniversary of his ordination. Trajan began his journey with Westminster as *Associate Pastor for Parish Life* on Sunday, February 1, 2015 and was ordained in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 22.

We celebrate this milestone anniversary and are grateful for the gifts Rev. McGill brings to ministry. He works closely with the Board of Deacons and Mission and Community Service Committee. Trajan has been instrumental in shaping the vision of mission at Westminster in response to our endowment growth. During the pastoral interim, Trajan led two ASP Youth Mission trips. Within the community, he serves on the Board of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good and volunteers with the Rochester Fire Department.



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

We hope you will join us at the 10:00 a.m. service and attend the Parish Hall reception.

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

SEVEN AND THE STEADFAST NEIGHBOR UPDATE

The daffodils were in full bloom along Highway 40 in St. Louis on Saturday, February 29, 1992, the day Peter and I were married at the First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville, Illinois. It was the tenth year of my pastorate and the entire congregation was invited to the ceremony. This weekend we celebrate our seventh anniversary ($7 \times 4 = 28$) with our 25-year old son at my mom's condo in Fort Myers.

Seven is a biblical number signifying perfection or completeness. God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Jesus calls us to forgive seven times seven times. The fact that Westminster will "complete" the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor (a vision first articulated in 2005) during my seventh year as your pastor has not gone unnoticed by me. In an effort to keep all informed on our progress, the following is an update. In February, the Session approved a proposal presented by Dr. Todd Knox on behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee which includes the following:

- 1) Trees along Glenwood and on the 519 and 517 S. Walnut Rental properties will be removed in March and replaced in the fall.
- 2) The garage at 522 S. Glenwood will be removed and replaced in a different location on the property in March.
- 3) The demolition of the properties at 519 and 517 S. Walnut will begin later in the spring.
- 4) The committee anticipates receiving bids for the west and east terraces and parking lot during the month of March which will go to Session for approval in April. Construction begins June 1, 2020.
- 5) Once the bids are approved by Session, final application for the loan through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc. will be completed and approved by the congregation and presbytery.
- 6) The Mission Task Force will introduce their Matching Grant Program and the Neighborhood Service Week (July 13-17, 2020) to our neighbors in a letter mailed on March 30, 2020. Neighbors will be invited to an informational meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.

It is a joy and privilege to share this journey toward completion as we celebrate our seventh year together.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

The month of January has traditionally shown higher income than expenses, and January 2020 was no exception with a \$14,176 positive net balance for the month. Income was \$3,054 more than budgeted and expenses were \$11,122 less than budgeted.

2020 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 89,803	\$ 86,749	\$ 3,054
Expenses	\$ -75,627	\$ -86,749	\$ 11,122
Net Total	\$ 14,176	\$ 0	

PER CAPITA: This year Westminster will pay \$35 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 \$35 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget.

0 MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS rehearse each Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. following the Bridges program, except on March 25 when they will meet from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. The project for the coming months is the preparation of music for the Ash Wednesday service and the musical *Jonah and the Whale*.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR Rehearsals of the choir are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

THE ST. ANDREW'S SISTERS rehearse on alternate Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., alternating with rehearsals for the Good Friday service music presented by Julie Blythe and Amanda Neubauer.

CHURCH MICE, our musical experience for infants through age four has resumed its Saturday sessions at 11:00 a.m. Follow the pathway of cheese to the Second Floor Classroom.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, our choir for Kindergartners through second grade, has begun weekly rehearsals on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. This choir will be a part of the celebrations on Palm Sunday.

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. A suggested donation is \$25.

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, April 5.

SOWING TEARS, REAPING JOY:

THE BIBLE AND BRAHMS' REQUIEM

SUNDAYS, MARCH 1, 8, 15 AT 11:15 A.M.



This course will provide a venue to hear Johannes Brahms' Requiem and to explore the tenderness and passion of grief and hope within the Bible. Led by Dale Rogers and Lyle VanDeventer.

LITURGICAL ART IN THE CHURCH

SUNDAYS, MARCH 29 AND APRIL 5 AT 11:15 A.M.

This course will explore liturgical art in a variety of media and the ways art creates a contemplative and prayerful environment for the worship of God. We will conclude with a visit to the Lenten Art Display and discuss the works of art. Led by Dr. Scott Day.

The Adult Education Forum meets on Sundays at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAYS, MARCH 15 AND 22 AT 11:15 A.M.

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Members Class on Sundays, March 15 and 22 at 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. The class will be led by the pastors. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 29, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.



FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who enjoyed the English Breakfast in support of the 2020 Youth Mission Trip. Prepared by Becky and Vallery Huston and their team and served by the youth attending the mission, we raised **\$1,208**. Thank you to Mary Jo and David Jenkins who donated sausage raising an additional **\$500**.



Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 2nd. We raised **\$737** which was donated to First Presbyterian Church and Grace Lutheran Church food pantries.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- 4:00 PM: Confirmation / Confirmation Prep
- 5:00 PM: Youth Group Worship (Junior & Senior High), Games, and Youth Group Dinner
- 6:00 PM: Senior High Bible Study & Fellowship

Date	Confirmation Prep	Confirmation	Sr. High
Mar 1	Ice Skating! See you at Nelson Center @ 2 p.m.		
Mar 8	Session 17: Daniel	Session 12 Are you ready to cross over?	What Do Other Religions Believe about Jesus?
Mar 15	Youth Sunday! No evening gathering		
Mar 22	Trivia Night starting at 5:30 p.m. Come support our summer mission trip!		
Mar 29	Session 18: Rebuilding	Statements of Confirmation & Faith	What Do Presbyterians Do?

MARCH ACTIVITY OF THE MONTH: SUNDAY, MARCH 1



We are ice skating at Nelson Center on Sunday, Mar. 1, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please send \$15 per youth and fill out online permission slip at www.wpcspi.org/ygmonthly

2020 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

It is not too late to join us this July as we head out to West Virginia for our annual mission trip, but spaces are becoming very limited. We currently have 19 youth and 7 adults signed up to share God's love. If you have not done so and want to join summer mission team, please submit \$250 and paperwork. www.wpcspi.org/2020



WANTED: ADULT MINISTRY PARTNERS FOR MISSION TRIP JULY 25 – AUGUST 1, 2020



No construction experience necessary, just a willingness to learn and encourage our young people (8th-12th grade) to try new things and be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world! If you are open to spending a week traveling to West Virginia, getting to know your WPC brothers and sisters better, and making homes warmer, safer, and drier for folks in need, please contact Rev. Choi. Even if you have never helped with youth ministry before, this opportunity is open to all WPC members age 23 and up. Many veteran adult leaders will be with you along the way! Please consider joining us and sharing in the blessing of helping our young people learn and grow.

-Anna Koepfel

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

BRIDGES THEME: "LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOR"

Bridges Midweek Fellowship for children in grades 3-5 meets Wednesdays from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. prior to Choristers. We continue to focus on our theme: Loving God, Loving Neighbor. This month we will discuss Proverbs 16:24 and Ephesians 4:29 as a guide for our words to be "good, helpful and sweet to the soul". We will meet with our Advocates March 18.

FOUNDATIONS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

SHARE IN A SEDER FEAST THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 1

You shall tell your child on that day, saying 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt' (Exodus 13:8)

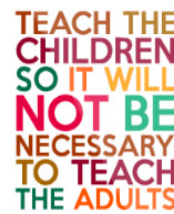
This Sunday, March 1, grades 3-5, and their parents, will gather in the kitchen during the 10:00 a.m. worship to take part in a Passover Seder feast and retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt. Thank you to Sue Cull and Mary Ray for organizing this special learning opportunity.

ATTENTION ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS NEW ROUTINE ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS

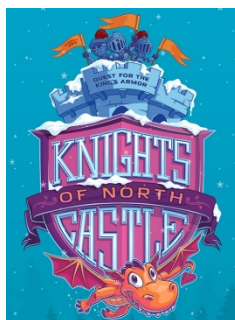
ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS children in grade 3-5 will continue to worship with their families in the Sanctuary to acclimate them to our weekly worship. **Beginning Sunday, March 8**, children in K-Grade 2 will conclude their Sunday school experience in the Children's Library located on the 2nd Floor. Please pick up your child in the Elaine Ryder Children's Library on Communion Sundays.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Children and youth (K-Grade 12) will gather Wednesday, April 1, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the Springfield Art Association (700 North 4th Street) for our culminating event. We will join friends from other faith communities to build friendships, learn about one another and share fellowship over a meal. This year's theme is "Being a Good Neighbor." If your child needs transportation, please email Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH SAVE THE DATE: JULY 13-17



This summer, July 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon, children age 3- grade 5 are invited to join us on a quest with the Knights of the North to armor up with truth, justice, peace, faith and salvation.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Ephesians 6:10

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

February was a sweet month at the preschool! We addressed valentines for our friends, read books about kindness, and discussed Abraham Lincoln. We're looking forward to our special events in March which include an evening event called Dessert with Someone Special and a field trip to see *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* at Sangamon Auditorium. Enrollment is good for 2020-21! Early birds have already been informed of their placements.

Those applying for general enrollment will be notified of their acceptance by March 15th. It appears we will have a couple of spots left. Please let family and friends know to apply quickly if they are interested!

Emily Rowley, WCP Director



EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2



CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS VISIT TEMPLE ISRAEL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21



CONTACT MINISTRIES PROM – FEBRUARY 7



DANCING WITH THE STARZ – FEBRUARY 22



KENYA MISSION PRESENTATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9



Our Kenya mission team shared their experience with us on Sunday, February 9. Thanks to the team for their enthusiastic service and to everyone at WPC whose gifts and prayers made this possible. Pictures and descriptions of the team's journey can be found on the church web site at <http://www.wpcspi.org/kenya.html>

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMPASS FOR KIDS MINISTRY MOMENT SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Westminster hosts at-risk children for after-school friendship, tutoring, mentoring, and dinner on Tuesday evenings. Cecilia Elhaddad, our Site Director, will offer a Ministry Moment March 8 highlighting this important work.



Thanks to the WPC ministry partners who serve the children of Graham Elementary School this school year: *Cathy Allen, Carolyn Beatty, Keith Beatty, Nancy and Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, Barb Dirksen, David Haaker, Pat Hymans, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMnamin, Judi Mier, Mary Peura, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Allison Scott, Kate Wilson.*

Financial Administrator Lisa Runkle, who performed a Scottish dance in worship on St. Andrew's Sunday, will join the children on March 10 to lead them in Celtic dance.

HELPING HANDS

WPC provides dinner for the Helping Hands homeless shelter on the second Friday of every month. Have you ever considered volunteering? Here are some of the basics:



- **What is needed:** Hearty food for about 50 grown men.
- **When:** 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month.
- **Where:** Helping Hands, 1023 E Washington St.

Useful things to know:

- Many people team up with friends or family members for this volunteer opportunity.
- Reimbursement is available.

The February meal was provided by *Janie Bahlow, Sally Godbey, Julie James, Patricia Picchi and Amy Xanders.* March is covered by Karen and Natalie Miller. April through November are still open. Sign up in the West Narthex.

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.*

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION

The Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force is making plans to serve our neighbors in 2020. This includes two projects oriented toward helping area homeowners.



1. **Matching Grants:** Local residents will be invited to apply for matching grants toward simple property improvements, especially addressing certain needs such as safety, security, and energy efficiency upgrades.
2. **Neighborhood Service Week:** Westminster members will take to the neighborhood **the week of July 13-20**, assisting with exterior repair and improvement projects. Please consider taking one or more days that week and joining us as we engage directly with the neighborhood! If interested, contact Todd Knox hardknox1@mac.com.

FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD BREAKFAST THURSDAY, MARCH 5

The Faith Coalition's annual breakfast fundraiser will be Thursday, March 5, at 7:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. William McNary, Director of Citizen Action, will be the guest speaker. There is no cost for the breakfast, but those in attendance will be invited to invest in the work of the organization. Please let Rev. Trajan McGill know if you plan to attend, so we can plan for a Westminster table.



CANDIDATES FORUM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8

On Sunday, March 8, from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. the Faith Coalition's larger network is holding a Candidates Forum in East St. Louis. Presidential and other national and state candidates from both major political parties have been invited to answer questions from faith-based groups. Seats are available on a chartered bus. The IL primary election is only about a week later, so here is an opportunity to find out more about those seeking positions of authority over us before making your choice! Talk to Rev. Trajan McGill if you have interest in attending or to find out more.

GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS IN THE COOK ISLANDS



Carole and Jay Kennerly recently spent time in the Cook Islands, working with Global Volunteers to teach English language skills to children ages 7-10. Thanks to Carole and Jay for continuing to bring the love of Christ and the mission of Westminster throughout the world!

MARCH EARTH CARE TIP

Fortunately, most of us can recycle the majority of our waste each week at the curb. Remember to rinse plastic containers and replace the caps. Flatten boxes prior to putting them in the bin. Even empty aerosol cans can be recycled for the metal. Grocery stores help recycle most plastic bags. Heavily soiled paper should be mulched. Keep Styrofoam until your next visit to St. Louis where it can be recycled. For anything else check out Springfield's "Room-to-Room Guide to Household Reuse and Recycling" (available online or from Public Works).



MISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2020 –

The Mission and Community Service Committee welcomes additional members from the congregation. If leadership of WPC's mission and service sounds interesting and inspiring, please talk to committee chair Kathy Germeraad, vice-chair Roe Stone or Rev. Trajan McGill. In particular, it would be excellent if new members join before our committee mini-retreat on Sunday, March 15, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – Thank you to the elders and deacons who visited ten members on February 9. If you are unable to attend worship on March 8 and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt.



PRAYER CIRCLE – If you would like members of the congregation to pray for you, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Circle, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

K2P4 Mission gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters will meet for a brown bag lunch in the kitchen at 12:00 p.m. and knit at 1:00 p.m. on March 10. Please contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-544-8657.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON Join with us Friday, March 6 at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Ann Collins and Chair of the Day will be Pat McNutt. In lieu of a program, we will attend the CWU World

Day of Prayer starting at 1:30. This will be held at Union Baptist (1405 E. Monroe) immediately following the luncheon.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Ellen Carpenter (2529 Wydown Ave.) to discuss The Debate, #4 and Wisdom Stories and The Beast, #5 and Resistance Stories in *Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. If you would like info, call Meg Kontio at 217-670-2052.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m.** in Second Floor Classroom. Pat McNutt will lead the discussion of Chapter 6 "God with Us through Our Trials" in the *2018-2019 PW Horizons Bible Study: God's Promise – I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland. For Information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m.** in the church library. Deb Coontz will give devotions and Sharon Turner will teach Lesson 6 "Words of Love; Hold Your Marriages Sacred" from the *2019-2020 PW Horizons Bible Study: Love Carved in Stone: A fresh look at the Ten Commandments* by Eugenia Gamble.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Presbyterian Men will meet **Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 a.m.** for a breakfast gathering. Mike George, of the Air Combat Museum, was rescheduled from February and will speak on the history of the museum, its mission, and the current displays. Jay Kennerly will provide devotions and Harold Hale will provide breakfast. Please RSVP online or by calling the church office.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) FRIDAY, MARCH 27 AT 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Dr. Todd Knox, who will present a program on our recent Kenya Mission trip. There will be photos of their work, the animals, and beautiful Kenya. All mission trip attendees are invited to join us, along with family and friends. Bring a side dish to share. Reservations are not needed, so please join us for the program even if you are unable to attend the potluck.



LIBRARY NEWS Lenten/Easter children's and adult books will be available on the cart in the West Narthex following the 10:00 a.m. service. The adult library has a wide variety of historical books on Easter. Come browse additional Lenten and Easter titles in both libraries.

The Library Committee welcomes book donations for adult, older children, and pre-teen/teen fiction books. Please place in the Church Office.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dorothea Thrasher celebrates 99 years on March 2.
Nancy and Rich Canady celebrate 61 years on March 13.
Patricia Picchi celebrates 94 years on March 20.
Mary Ann Singleton celebrates 92 years on March 21.
Elsie Unglaub celebrates 94 years on March 23.

NEW ARRIVAL

Everard Lamstedt was born on January 29 to the Drs. Katie and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold. His proud brother and sisters are Charlie, Kristianna, Juliana, and Kate Eastvold.

Myra-Dionne was born to Mervice Alah Abung and Donatus Afeseh on February 19, 2020. Edison Zohfonyl is the proud uncle.

NEW ADDRESS

June Flood, 15141 Waldin Ct., Petersburg, IL 62675

Wilbur Wright, IPH, 2005 W. Lawrence Rm. 35, Springfield, IL 62704

George Johnson, Villa East, 100 Marian Way, Sherman, IL 62684

IN MEMORIAM

James "Jim" O. Orr, Jr. died on February 11. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his wife, Beverly Orr, his children Deborah (Wendell) Fritsch, Rebecca (Christopher) Reid, James R. (Vicki) Orr, daughter-in-law Vicki Orr, step-daughters Lisa Weller, Janice Weller, and Terri Izzo, and grandchildren Matthew and Tara Fritsch, Shaughn, Shay and Nolan Reid, Elizabeth Orr Whitley and Riggs Orr and Meghan Orr.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Dr. Peter and Rev. Dr. Blythe Kieffer on the death of Peter's aunt, Kathryn Strickler February 12, 2020 in La Jolla, CA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

The Rev. Dr. Lonnie Lee whose article "The Transatlantic Legacy of the Protestant Church at Cozes" was published in The Huguenot Society 2019 Volume 32. A copy has been donated to our Church Library and is available for checkout.

Allison Scott, who is the recipient of the Good Citizen DAR Scholarship Award from the Springfield Chapter, for seniors who exemplify the qualities of a good citizen, dependability, good service, leadership, and patriotism.

SENIOR NEWS & TIMES FOR ILLINOIS - FEBRUARY 2020

SIGNED, SEALED, & SENT TO LOVE...

For over twenty years IPH volunteers have been collecting, sorting, and making greeting cards available for only 10 cents. They sort, categorize, match cards to envelopes, and prepare them each week for sale to the residents and for fundraisers. We appreciate the extra mile the volunteers go when helping to address envelopes and write a note in a card for those who need assistance. Sue Baker coordinates this effort with love. Greeting cards can be left for Sue Baker at the volunteer desk.



IPH Card Sorting Volunteers: Gloria St. Lawrence, Camille Degner, Judi Mier, Linda Shaefer, and Sue Baker
Volunteers Not Pictured: Jane Baudino, Kathy Moore, Mary Peura

YOUTH SUNDAY IS MARCH 15
THEME: WAVES OF MERCY AND GRACE



On Sunday, March 15 our youth will lead us in both worship services. This year's theme is: *Waves of Mercy and Grace*. Seniors Drew Borland, Ella Kurmann, and Rev. Christian Choi will present the meditations based on Exodus 17:1-7 and Romans 5:1-11. 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 Dale Rogers.

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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

We welcome Trivia masters Kelly Robertson & Derik Hymans for the second year. We are grateful for this sister-brother duo.

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.

TICKETS ARE \$15.00

Purchase tickets on our website, from a youth or in the West Narthex each Sunday in March.

SPONSOR A ROUND \$100

This year you or your business can once again sponsor a round for \$100! Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for details.



PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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

THE PASSION OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY AND LABYRINTH
April 5-12 in Parish Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, APRIL 9
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, APRIL 10
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12
8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt in Parish Hall follows 10:00 a.m. worship.

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April Reporter deadline is Sunday, March 29.
Reporter folding and mailing will be Wednesday, April 1.



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