



# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 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.**  
**Adult Education & Children's Activities**  
**11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**

May 6 & 7

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL**  
*Acts 2:42-47, John 10:1-10*  
Reverend Trajan McGill  
*Heroic Deliverance*

May 13 & 14

**MOTHER'S DAY AND COMMUNION**  
*Psalms 131, John 14:1-14*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Blessings and Challenges*

**No Saturday Worship May 20**

May 21

**(ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP)**  
**FOUNDER'S SUNDAY**  
*Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Art and Imagination*

May 27 & 28

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
*Ps. 68:1-10; John 17:1-11*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Yours and Mine*

### HEROES OF THE FAITH MUSICAL

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, DURING 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

On Sunday, May 7, the Westminster Choristers will present "Heroes of the Faith" at both services. Choristers are Ben Bassett, Finley DuBois, Will Hovey, Evan Klein, Mia Marcy, Aiden Musick, and Olivia Simonson. The musical is a field trip through the Heroes of the Faith Museum where we encounter Moses, Deborah, Elijah, and David. Members of the Bridges class will assist in depicting our heroes.



### THIRD GRADERS RECEIVE PERSONALIZED BIBLES

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**

Children in the third grade will receive their personalized Bibles on Sunday, May 7, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. **Sue Cull, Dr. Marc DeJong and Nichole Magalis** have been preparing the children for this milestone event on their faith journey along with youth assistants **Drew Borland, Barrett Kurmann, Avery Pound, Austin Robbs, Emma Shafer and Annie Sherrick**. Each child will receive a NRSV Spark Bible with their name engraved on the cover. It is our hope and prayer that these scriptures will become a guiding light for our children:

**Kelso Garrett Ballantyne**  
**Benjamin Alan Bassett**  
**Liam Alexander Kiszely**  
**Carter Aaron Magalis**

**Luke Isaac Milliman**  
**Rowan Louisa Beatrix Oberholtzer**  
**Jordan Michelle Robinson**  
**Josie Mae Robinson**  
**Payton Erin Spalding**

### A CELEBRATION OF THE REVEREND HANNAH DREITCER

**SUNDAY, MAY 14, RECEPTION FOLLOWING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP**



Sunday, May 14 will be the last Sunday the Reverend Hannah Dreitcer will lead worship at Westminster as our Associate Pastor for Family Ministry. A Service of Parting will be included in the worship services and a reception celebrating Hannah's ministry will be held in Parish Hall following the 10:00 a.m. service.

We have been honored to be the first church Hannah served and are grateful for her strong and loving presence as our Associate Pastor for Family Ministry since August 15, 2014. Hannah has given her all and touched the lives of our children and youth in life changing and meaningful ways. She has enriched all of our lives with her exceptional preaching and astute teaching in the Adult Education Forum.

On Sunday, April 30, the congregation voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship in order for Rev. Dreitcer to accept the call to serve as Associate Pastor for Christian Education at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church where she will begin on June 1, 2017. Hannah will always hold a special place in our hearts and we wish her well in this new opportunity.

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

Dear Friends,

Peter and I will be attending our son Paul's graduation from Hope College the first weekend in May. We look forward to the festivities and listening to the Hope College Chapel Choir once again at the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday morning.

Celebrating milestones provides an opportunity to reminisce and to give thanks. Four years ago on the first weekend in May, Westminster's Pastor Nominating Committee attended worship at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church to hear me preach. Following worship we gathered at Cardwell's Restaurant in Frontenac for lunch and our first face to face meeting. When Peter and I got into the car following lunch we looked at each other and said, "Wow! What an impressive group of people...so accomplished, thoughtful and unpretentious!" This was the beginning of our relationship with Westminster. Paul was graduating from Clayton High School that spring and heading to my alma mater for his college experience as we transitioned to Springfield.

It seems like yesterday, and now Paul is graduating again, this time with a double major in political science and philosophy and plans to attend Tulane School of Law in New Orleans. We are grateful for the incredible experiences he has had during his summers in Springfield. In particular, his work at the Innocence Project of Illinois in 2015 and the 2016 summer internship with Senator Dick Durbin's Springfield office. How fortuitous it is that our move to Springfield would provide such valuable opportunity for Paul as well as for Peter and me. It continues to be a privilege to serve as your pastor.

*With a grateful heart, Blythe*

## MEMORIAL GARDEN

### HIGHLIGHTED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Our Memorial Garden is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its wall. The wall contains secure niches for cremated remains. Paved paths and benches offer opportunity for private meditation. A traditional Celtic cross, donated by Mary Alice Davis in memory of her husband, depicts the post resurrection appearances of Christ when he appeared in the garden. **This spring a new decorative rod iron fence was added to the garden and funded by the Endowment Fund.**



On Sunday, May 28, Chris Elzea will present a Ministry Moment on behalf of the Memorial Garden Committee: *Bill Donels; Chair, Chris Elzea, Richard Herndon, Dr. Glen Pittman, Dr. Andrew Sherrick and Lionel Stirrett.* Memorial Garden brochures will also be included in the bulletin insert.

Persons desiring to reserve space in the garden are invited to complete an application form. The cost of an individual inurnment is \$750 for a member and \$1,500 for a non-member. **The committee is initiating the completion of the south wall in the spring of 2018.**

In 2016 the Memorial Garden Committee added a webpage to the Westminster Presbyterian Church website with pertinent information about those inurned in the garden.

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers



## A Sacred Concert

The Westminster Choir  
Dale Thomas Rogers, organist and conductor  
Dee Dee Gain, accompanist

**Sunday 7 May at 2:00 p.m.**

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
Sixth and Lawrence Street, Springfield, Illinois  
Celebrating the new organ with music of  
Handel, Darke, Gibbons, Vierne, and Fauré.  
Featuring the Festival Benedicite of Stopford.

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

**SUNDAYS, MAY 28 AND JUNE 4 AT 11:15 A.M.**



Friends and visitors are invited to a New Members Class on Sundays, May 28 and June 4, 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. The class will be led by the pastors. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 11, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

## CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY

**ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9**

The Fourth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members will be Friday, June 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers'. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee.

**The congregation is invited!**  
Please RSVP (online or Sunday mornings) soon 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.



## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

### YOUTH UPDATE

**2017 YOUTH MISSION** - On Sunday, May 7 Adult Leaders will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Library.

### 2017 YOUTH MISSION LOCATION

During the week of July 1-8, the 2017 Youth Mission will be repairing homes, building relationships, and deepening their faith in Fentress County, Tennessee! They will be staying at Allardt Elementary School in Allardt, TN, and going out into the county each day to do their work of home repair.



**THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** is Sunday, June 18! All Mission participants will arrive at church at 7:45 a.m. in clothes they can wash cars in. 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!



**THE APPLEBEE'S FUNDRAISER** is Sunday, June 24! Tickets will be available from the youth beginning on Founder's Sunday, May 21. 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.

### ROAD TO EMMAUS JR. HIGH SCHEDULE:

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

**May 7** Confirmation Prep: "Paul"  
Confirmation Class: "This I Believe"

**May 14** **Mother's Day:** No Youth Group

**May 21** End of Year Party! 4-6:30pm

### ROAD TO DAMASCUS SR. HIGH SCHEDULE:

Senior High youth meet Sundays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. for dinner, fellowship, and an exploration of how we can use our gifts to address poverty.

**May 7** Matthew 25: "The Least of These"

**May 14** **Mother's Day:** No Youth Group

**May 21** End of Year Party! 3:30-6:30pm

### YOUTH GROUP END OF YEAR PARTY



**On Sunday, May 21** we will gather at Brad Milliman's shop (1022 S. Pasfield St) at 3:30 p.m. for an extended chance to learn tool skills. Junior High students and friends are invited! Get a head start on your Mission construction skills and join in the fellowship. We will walk over to Washington Park for a potluck picnic following the tool skills. Parents are invited to join us at Washington Park (by the playground) at 5:30pm.

### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY IS 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. All Westminster graduates (high school, college and graduate school) will be listed in the June Newsletter. Please contact Jennie Alt ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) with information.

## CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iloff McGill

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday school begins on May 28! All of our children will gather in the Second Floor Classroom 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 Iloff McGill, Lynn McMenamin and Mary Caroline Mitchell.

### BRIDGES IN MAY

**On Wednesday, May 10** the children of Bridges Midweek Fellowship will welcome Second Graders to join us for a Shadow Night to get a sneak peek of the program next year!

**On Wednesday, May 17** our advocates will join us for the end of the year party as we honor our outgoing fifth graders:

**Finley DuBois,  
Will Hovey,  
Norah Obenholtzer,  
Jade Robinson,  
Olivia Simonson.**

*Evan Klein and Rev. Hannah display their Pascal Candles decorated with ribbons symbolizing each week of Easter.*



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 12 – 16, 9:15 A.M. TO NOON**

This summer, June 12-16, 9:15AM to noon all children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to join us as we go "Digging for Treasure" and explore Jesus' parables! The five-day program brings children both stories and activities about the sower and the seed, the lost sheep and lost coin, the mustard seed, and others. Children will find the spiritual wealth in these priceless stories from Jesus. If you are interested in helping lead this treasure hunt, please email Rev. Sarah at [smcgill@wpcspi.org](mailto:smcgill@wpcspi.org).



Register at <http://www.wpcspi.org/vacation-bible-school>.

### YOUNG CHILDREN AND WORSHIP WORKSHOP

The Young Children and Worship workshop was a big success! Thank you to Cara Barnett, Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Tempa Dunn, Sara Eldridge, Karen Kraft, Karen Sherrick, &



Leigh Milward for attending the two day training led by the Rev. Olivia Stewart and the Rev. Sarah Iloff McGill that focused on teaching multisensory storytelling and how to

create a space where children can talk to God.

If you would like to learn more about this type of spiritual formation for children and how to bring it to your home, please contact the Rev. Sarah at [smcgill@wpcspi.org](mailto:smcgill@wpcspi.org).

## BAY WEEKEND: APRIL 1-2, 2017



We welcomed the Rev. MaryAnne McKibben Dana for the 2017 Bay Weekend. MaryAnne is married to Robert Dana, a child of Westminster. Rev. Dana preached at both worship services on May 1 and led a thoughtful seminar on the gift of time in our lives and the important choices that are ours in honoring the Sabbath and creative ways to deepen the relationship within our lives. The afternoon included the opportunity to walk Westminster's new labyrinth and reflect at prayer stations.



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD APRIL 22, 2017



Westminster's first build day was a success thanks to the many hands that make light work. Pictured above are a few of the crew. Our next two work days are Saturday, May 27 & June 3. Sign up and join us!!

## EARTH CARE DAY APRIL 22, 2017



Westminster hosted a table at the Earth Day Fair on the grounds of the Old Capital this year. Thanks to Lynn McMenamin, Brad Steller and Maribeth Norton who spent the afternoon visiting with community members. Many expressed interest in Westminster.

## PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK



Holy Week began with the children leading us in the Palm Sunday processional and presenting their One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Boxes. The Children's Choir, led by Dale Rogers, presented an inspiring trilogy of songs before the children's sermon. Along with communion and the stripping of the Chancel at the Maundy Thursday Service, members shared in a meaningful Good Friday service which included youth reading scripture and the distinguishing of lights. The Life of Christ Art Display and Westminster's labyrinth were available for members to view and walk throughout Holy Week.



## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017



On Easter morning Dr. Kieffer welcomed a full sanctuary before a family portrait was taken by Bob Fox. It is located in the West Narthex. A video of setting up the lilies in the chancel is also available online at [wpcspi.org](http://wpcspi.org). We welcomed 550 in both services on Easter Sunday.



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY APRIL 30, 2017



Rev. Dreitcer and Dr. Kieffer join the 2017 Confirmation Class in a group photo. Congratulations to Avery Pound, Kristina Hemberger, Grace Batterman and Carter Formea. *How proud we are of the young men and women you have become. Well done, good and faithful servants!*

## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

### MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY KICK-OFF

On Sunday, April 9, Westminster hosted the Presbyterian Habitat Build Kick-off for the dozen central IL churches who have joined forces to sponsor a new home. Over 80 volunteers gathered to meet future homeowners Kyla Overby and Tim Anders (pictured in photo).



Along with working on construction crews and providing lunch to volunteers, Westminster designated \$10,000 from the Endowment Fund for this project.

#### Volunteer Opportunities Saturdays, May 27 and June 3



On Saturday, April 22 a dozen members gathered to work and several other members provided lunch. We have designated two more workdays and need volunteers to work construction and provide lunch. Please sign up in the West Narthex after worship, call the

church office, or email the Reverend Trajan McGill at [tmcgill@wpcspi.org](mailto:tmcgill@wpcspi.org) to join in, or with any questions.

#### WESTMINSTER RECERTIFIED AS EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

Environmental Ministries at the Presbyterian Church (USA) has recertified Westminster Presbyterian Church as an Earth Care Congregation! Certification. As environmental leaders within the denomination, we now join the 2% of PC(USA) congregations that have achieved this certification!

The Earth Care Congregations program was started in 2010 by PC(USA) Environmental Ministries. The goal of the program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all of their church life.



Thank you to those who serve on the Earth Care Team for their initiative and for representing Westminster at the Earth Day Fair on the grounds of the Old State Capital: Dr. Peter Kieffer (Chairman), Keith Hamilton, Tim Kluge, Lynn McMenamin, Maribeth Norton, and Brad Steller.

**GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH MARCH MENU:** *Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Canned soup with pop tops, Granola/Breakfast Bars, & Dry Cereal* - 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 April 9<sup>th</sup> meal. **Volunteers are still needed to deliver dinners to the Helping Hands shelter on the following Fridays: May 12, October 13, and December 8.** Costs are reimbursible. Please contact Rev. Trajan McGill at [tmcgill@wpcspi.org](mailto:tmcgill@wpcspi.org) to volunteer or find out more.

## FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD



On Sunday, April 30, Westminster hosted the Sacred Conversations on Race Closing Session. We welcomed members from Central Baptist, First Presbyterian and Laurel Methodist, all of whom joined Westminster on this journey.

About 70 gathered to participate in an exercise sharing the first time in our lives we were mindful of racism. Before breaking up as congregations to brainstorm on an action plan, we learned about the Task Forces within the Faith Coalition: Education, Civic Engagement, Jobs, and



Restorative Justice. It was a meaningful evening and we are grateful for the leadership who made these conversations possible.



Congratulations to the Reverend Trajan McGill who has been asked to serve on the

Faith Coalition for the Common Good's Board of Directors.

#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**HOME COMMUNION** If you are unable to attend worship on May 14<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) and would like to receive Communion, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Eleven members received the sacrament on April 9 from five teams of elders and deacons. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.

#### MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Donations received during the first quarter of 2017 were \$11,500 more than those received in 2016 for the same period. In fact, total Operating Fund income is almost \$38,000 more than budgeted through the end of March. Expenses are under budget by \$3,371. Therefore, we currently have income exceeding expenses by \$41,350. Feel free to contact Lisa Runkle if you have any questions regarding your 2017 contribution statement for the first quarter that were sent to contributors in April.

2017 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 284,197	\$ 246,219	\$ 37,978
Expenses	\$-242,847	\$-246,219	\$ 3,371
Net	\$ 41,350	\$ 0	

#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering received during Lent totaled \$3,901.07. These funds provide support to our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The children collected \$124.07 in their fishbanks.



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### THEOLOGY ON TAP

**Sunday, May 7 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

On Sunday, May 7, young adults (age 21-40ish) will gather at American Harvest from 12:00-1:30 p.m. for fellowship, conversation, and brunch. Appetizers are on the church. RSVP to Hannah at [hdreitcer@wpcspi.org](mailto:hdreitcer@wpcspi.org).

### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 a.m.**

On Thursday, May 11, at 7:00 a.m., Westminster men will gather for breakfast provided by Brad Steller, a devotion by Jay Kennerly, and a program coordinated by Bill Donels. RSVP to Stephanie at [smoore@wpcspi.org](mailto:smoore@wpcspi.org).

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW LUNCHEON:** In lieu of the regular luncheon on the first Friday, Presbyterian Women invite the women of Westminster to a Garden Party hosted by Sue Cull at her home (111 Linden Lane) on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Parking will be on Linden Lane. R.S.V.P. to Stephanie at [smoore@wpcspi.org](mailto:smoore@wpcspi.org) or call the church office.



**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jeanne VanGieson (3928 Rocky Falls Rd.) to discuss Chapter X – Herodias.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** The Elizabeth Circle Annual Spring Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at the Springfield Motor Boat Club at 6:15pm. Guests are welcome!! The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 5. Call Judi Mier at 726-6872 or R.S.V.P. to Stephanie at [smoore@wpcspi.org](mailto:smoore@wpcspi.org).

**LYDIA CIRCLE** meets Tuesday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Phyllis Lowrey will be the hostess and Leah Duling will lead Lesson 8 & 9, *Come to the Waters*.

### PW SPONSORS BLANKET + SUNDAYS DURING MAY

PW & Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets + (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Service partners with local communities, identify people with critical needs, and access the resources to help them build a more viable future, including: blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields; wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens; literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential. During May, checks may be placed in offering plate (Payable to: Westminster/Memo: Blankets+) or donations may be attached to the Church World Service Blanket in the West Narthex on Sundays.

**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 May 9 beginning at 12:15 p.m. Dessert will be provided.

### DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

**FRIDAY, MAY 19 - 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM**



We welcome Jonathon Reyman, a member of the 114<sup>th</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry Reactivated. He will present a program entitled "Chaplains in the Civil War." Please come for the program, even if you

are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Webster Bay will celebrate 98 years on May 2.

Theresa Davison will celebrate 92 years on May 21.

Ed Davison will celebrate 92 years on May 31.

### WEDDINGS

Corinne DiFonso and Jeff Himes were married on March 25. Corinne is the daughter of Dr. Peg & Louis DiFonso.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Kelsey and Jeremy Baier welcomed their daughter, Thea Grace on March 31. Her proud grandparents are Jeanne and Peter VanGieson.

### IN MEMORIAM

Elder Warren B. Pursell died March 22, 2017. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Warren's stepson Cress L. Maddox, his wife Laurie, their children Jennifer Wagner, Amanda Kurmann, Sarah Graham, Jessica Hemmenway, Cress B. Maddox and their families.

John Jensen died on April 9. The prayers and sympathy are extended to his wife of 70 years, Evelyn Jensen.

Byron A. "Bud" Bartlett died on May 1, 2017. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his sister, Janice Bartlett-Spencer.

### SYMPATHY TO

Pam and Doug Barringer on the death of Pam's sister-in-law Deborra Broughton on March 26.

Carole and Jay Kennerly on the death of Jay's brother, Ron Kennerly on March 30.

Clara Tucker on the death of her brother Emmanuel Clint Smith on April 2.

Stephanie Moore on the death of her sister Melanie Ann Johnson on April 7.

Dorothy Kessler on the death of her sister Mary Rebecca Riemann April 13 in Springfield.

Lizzy and Joe Knoedler on the death of Joe's father John Knoedler April 16, 2017.

Deb and Dave Coontz on the death of Dave's nephew Joe Argo April 21 in Petersburg.

Norma Adams-Johnson on the death of her aunt Louise Eeten on April 23.

Martha Zimmerman on the death of her husband Donald D. Zimmerman on April 29.

### THANK YOU

Knit 2 Purl 4 Mission made a donation to Kumler Outreach Ministries to replenish supplies after the April 9 vandalism.

Miss Illinois Scholarship Organization appreciated the opportunity to hold their "Spring Forum" at Westminster! We love being here. - *Susan Shea, Miss Illinois and Miss Teen 2016 Travel Companion.*

AAUW appreciated the opportunity to hold their Annual Springfield Branch Afternoon Tea on April 22. Over \$8,000 was raised for scholarships and fellowships for women locally and nationally. - *Becky Stirrett, Tea Coordinator*

### ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Cake donations needed for the Presbyterian Home's monthly Birthday Celebration. If you would like to be part of this and help out, please contact Nancy Canady 546-8469.



## FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 21 JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF "ALBERT AND ART"

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

FOLLOWED BY ART DISPLAY AND RECEPTION IN  
PARISH HALL

Westminster will celebrate Founders' Sunday on May 21 as we give thanks for the vision and fortitude of the thirty charter members who gathered on May 26, 1835 to begin our journey together. This 2017 Founders' Sunday theme is "Albert and Art" and will be a celebration of visual arts in watercolor, pastel, oil, sculpture, photography, glass, and pottery as part of a fine arts exhibit in the reception following worship in Parish Hall.

In May of 2015 on the 180<sup>th</sup> Founders' Sunday, we dedicated the **BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH** Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** with a goal to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.9 to \$5 million by 2020. To date, 235 families became members of the Albert Hale Circle through gifts, pledges or including Westminster in their planned giving. We have received \$1,042,901 toward pledges of \$1,614,450. Additionally, we have received gifts of \$88,891. We are \$1.34 million from our \$5 million goal. This does not include planned gifts.

Each year on Founders' Sunday, the Endowment Committee thanks those who have given and invites those who would like to join. Since we established the Albert Hale Circle in 2015, 26 families have been added to the Circle. **Those who make a gift or pledge by Sunday, May 14, will be included in the Albert Hale Circle that will be published in the bulletin on May 21 and in the June Reporter.**

Randy Germeraad, Support and Endowment Committee Chair, will provide a ministry moment on Founders' Sunday. Other members of the committee include Diane Rutledge, Dale Smith, Lucy Preckwinkle Stafford, Jeff Wilday and Todd Wise, with Steve Arbuthnot serving as Treasurer.



### SATURDAYS AT WESTMINSTER 5:30 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

Each Saturday during the spring, summer and fall members of Westminster gather for a communion service on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. The service includes innovative jazz music provided by Deb Watts and the Westminster Jazz Trio. Join us for this inspiring worship experience in an intimate setting.

THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO  
A GARDEN PARTY AT THE HOME OF SUE CULL

111 LINDEN LANE

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 10:00 A.M.

RSVP TO [SMOORE@WPCSPI.ORG](mailto:SMOORE@WPCSPI.ORG)



### Westminster Staff

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