

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 2016

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 & Children's Activities
11:15 a.m. – 12 noon

November 6

ALL SAINTS' DAY

9:30 A.M. SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS IN THE SANCTUARY CHANCEL
Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Luke 20:27-40
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Life's Melody

November 13

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 21:5-19
Reverend Trajan McGill
I Am About to Create

November 20

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Remember Me

November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44
Reverend Hannah Dreitzer
The Mountain of the Lord's House

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 DURING 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

On Sunday, November 6, Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints' Remembrance in 2015. A bouquet with one white rose for each member whose life we honor will be placed in the chancel. The litany, which includes the reading of our loved one's name, the tolling of our historic bell, and silence will be a part of the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Those members who will be remembered are:

Dennis Duane Wilson (11/18/2015)

R. Dean Collins (1/22/16)

Harry R. Bentsen (1/31/2016)

Margaret J. Hartley (3/7/16)

Donna Starkey (4/3/2016)

Tim Moore (4/4/2016)

Lester L. Ripka (4/29/16)

Kathleen Gutzman Nenaber (5/30/2016)

Neva C. Keith (6/10/16)

Mary Bertram (2/8/2012)

Mary Jane Dunn (7/5/2016)

Richard Dale Hendee (9/8/2016)

Alice J. Griffiths (9/11/2016)

Rebecca S. Wilkin (12/16/2015)

John P. Fixmer III (1/30/2016)

Frances Mathewson Black (2/2/2016)

Joyce S. Washburn (4/3/2016)

Bette Scott Figueira (4/4/2016)

Earl W. Henderson, Jr. (4/18/2016)

Kinley L. Perrings (5/19/2016)

James A. Peters (6/3/2016)

Donald M. Bertram (6/18/2016)

Philip C. Bradley, Jr. (6/27/16)

Marjorie A. Newton (8/10/2016)

Susan Grace Dove (9/11/2016)

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. WITH PIPES AND DRUMS



Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew's Sunday on November 20 with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music. *The Little Entry* is the opening procession of the service. Along with the pipers, drummers and the pastors, youth will enter with the Bible to underscore the importance of the Word of God in Reformed liturgy and in the lives of the people, and the cross to highlight the centrality of the cross in our faith.

This year we are delighted to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on St. Andrew's Sunday as we welcome our youngest members into the life of our congregation. Westminster's Choir will sing a new anthem, *Thy Name is Love*, based on a traditional Scottish melody set for choir, organ and oboe by James Hopkins. Krista Steller, oboist, will join the choir in this anthem.

ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE FUNDRAISER is Sunday, November 20. Donations are welcome and bread will be shared. Join us in reaching beyond our doors into the community.

WESTMINSTER NOTECARDS featuring Bob Fox's photographs will be sold following worship to raise funds for the 2017 Youth Mission (5 cards for \$10). Support the Mission and replenish your stationery!



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

The way you hold your knife, the way we danced till three, the way you changed my life--- No, no they can't take that away from me

The timeless song *They Can't Take that Away from Me* brings a powerful message of hope in the midst of loss and separation. This classic was written in 1937 by George and Ira Gershwin and introduced by Fred Astaire in the film *Shall We Dance*. Although written as a love song, its meaning has implications for the role of memory in our lives and for the strength memory offers on our faith journeys. Even when physically separated, the memories and experience we share with loved ones cannot be taken away and will always be a part of who we are.

In October we welcomed new members into the life of Westminster, men and women, young and old, from different walks of life, ranging from age 6 to 102. We respect the memories, the dance and the dreams that are a part of each of their faith journeys. We receive them with joy and gratitude, and we celebrate the privilege of walking together into the future. I celebrate the privilege of being your pastor on that journey and leading this dynamic and gifted staff.

I would like to share some of the opportunities that are forming their lives and ministries. Rev. Hannah Dreitcer will attend the Board of Pensions CREDO Conference for newly ordained pastors November 8 – 14 at the Wooded Glen Conference Center in Henryville, Indiana. This unique conference gives pastors the opportunity to examine key areas of their personal and professional lives: spiritual, vocational, health, and financial. Please keep Hannah in your prayers. I served on the Pension Board while this conference was being developed.

Rev. Trajan McGill is attending a Pastoral Development Seminar October 26-30 hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, Florida. Participants include pastors who have demonstrated leadership ability and potential for ongoing service to the church, and have been ordained in the last 10 years.

Rev. Sarah Iloff McGill led the Stewardship Campaign at the First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville. She will be on maternity leave in December and January as they welcome their daughter into the world. Valerie Leonatti will staff children's ministries during this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PASTORS



The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Stephanie Moore will join the Westminster staff on October 31. Stephanie brings a breadth of experience to this position and is excited about the opportunity to serve the church. She served as a consultant in her own business, Exec Time, from 1985 – 2000. Beginning in 2000 Stephanie focused on writing, marketing and consulting through "Moore Motivates and More." In 2005

Stephanie was certified with Blue Ocean Strategy, an international strategic process implementing innovative change for companies and individuals. Stephanie did all her administrative work in these roles.

Stephanie has also served on many boards and organizations including Illinois Small Business Utility Advocate, The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of Independent Business, Rotary International, Leadership Springfield, National Association of Women Business Owners, Women in Management, and Illinois Hospital Association. Stephanie is a graduate of Ray Vogue Schools in Chicago, IL. Stephanie has two sons, Alexander and Spencer Chipman. We are delighted to have a person with Stephanie's credentials serving the church in this position.

The committee would like to thank Deb Coontz who has worked part-time during this transition and Connie Brown who has held us all together with her usual skill and grace.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

WESTMINSTER CHOIR rehearses each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. preparing music for each week's worship in addition to special services and the annual Christmas concert. This season's music has music representing a broad spectrum of musical styles.

CHURCH MICE (infants – Age 4) meets on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. This music experience is for infants through age 4, their parents, grandparents or caregivers. It is based on the early childhood development program, *Music Together*, from Princeton, New Jersey. Through music, actions, instruments and activity, children learn many life skills and gain knowledge.



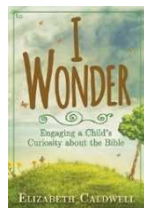
THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-6) rehearse on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges. The Choristers will sing on Sunday, November 6 at the 10 a.m. service and present "Three Men on Camelback" Pageant on Sunday, December 4 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

THE MILLIKIN CHRISTMAS VESPERS, a glorious choral prelude for the Christmas season involving 250 singers and orchestra, will be presented at the Kirkland Fine Arts Center at Millikin on the first weekend of December. If you are interested in joining a group from Westminster (we usually have 40 or more) who will attend the Saturday, December 3 performance at 2:00 p.m., contact Dale Rogers. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors. Place your order with Dale before October 31. The order for pre-paid tickets will be placed November 1.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Kindergarten–Grade 2) meets each Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. This musical experience for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade is for non-readers and early readers. This choir will assist me in the children's sermon on November 13 as well as join in the Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 4 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

ADULT EDUCATION AT WESTMINSTER

PARENTS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP



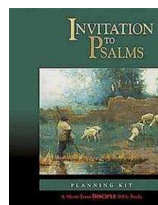
Parents meet on Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m.-12 noon in the Tower Room for camaraderie, support and a discussion of the book, *I Wonder – Engaging a Child's Curiosity about the Bible* by Elizabeth Caldwell. The group is led by Rev. Sarah Iloff McGill and Dr. Marc and Jen DeJong. Children are welcome in the Nursery for activities.

ADULT ED FORUM PRESENTS:

CHURCH HISTORY AND PRESBYTERIAN ROOTS

The Adult Education Forum meets Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon in the Zeigler Library. "Church History & Presbyterian Roots" is the topic on Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13. The congregation is invited to join the Reverend Hannah Dreitcer and the Reverend Trajan McGill in this overview of our rich history.

INVITATION TO THE PSALMS



During Advent the Adult Education Forum will explore the rich diversity of the psalter in a Disciple Short-term Study led by Lyle VanDeventer. This study invites us to engage the Psalms at the deepest levels of our hearts, where God's faithfulness confronts the most challenging aspects of our lives.

ISLAM: A CLOSER LOOK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 9:00 A.M. – 12 NOON

Join Dr. Nixon and Dr. Davis, members of the Presbytery of Great Rivers' Interfaith Committee at Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church (7862 Buffalo Hart Road, Williamsville, IL for a comprehensive look at Islam.

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

YOUTH UPDATE



Many thanks to the 16 youth who joined Rev. Hannah in walking the **CROP WALK** to raise money to combat hunger in Springfield and around the world. With the help of the youth, Westminster raised \$2,568!

Many, many thanks to Todd Knox, Laurie Kruger, Mary Ray, Sarah Zervas, and all the youth who prepped and sold baked potatoes for the annual **SPUD BAKE**. We raised \$1000 for the Contact Ministries Christmas Distribution! Below: The Senior High listen as Cindy Drum, Director of Contact Ministries, speaks about the meaningful work her organization does in Springfield at their October 23rd fellowship.



ROAD TO DAMASCUS SENIOR HIGH

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6** - Understanding Poverty, Part I
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13** - Understanding Poverty, Part II and packing college care packages
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20** – 5:00 p.m. Youth Mission Info Meeting
5:45-7:00 p.m. Joint Youth Group with Jr. High
Parents are invited to join us as we explore ways of praying.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27** - No Group: Thanksgiving Break

THE 2017 MISSION: APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

The first informational meeting for the 2017 Mission Trip is Sunday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. The youth will return to Appalachia July 1-8 where we will be working to repair homes and to build relationships in Tennessee. Check out asphome.org for more details!



ROAD TO EMMAUS JUNIOR HIGH

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6** - Confirmation Prep: "Miracles"
Confirmation Class: The Trinity Part 1
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13** - Confirmation Prep: "Kingdom Ways"
Confirmation Class: Westminster's History
Guest Teacher: Dale Rogers
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20** - 5:45-7:00 p.m. Joint Youth Group with Sr. High
Parents are invited to join us as we explore ways of praying.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27** – No Group: Thanksgiving Break

The Confirmation class and their mentors, along with Dr. Kieffer, visited the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield on Friday, October 21. We were warmly welcomed by many of their youth and adults, and shared a meal and good conversation about the ways we each live out our faith.

CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM



On Wednesday, September 28, over 90 children and their parents gathered as members of the Islamic Society of Springfield and Grace Methodist Church joined our children for a journey of friendship and service. Following some great mixers on our front lawn led by Rev. Dreitcer, we gathered in the Sanctuary where Dr. Kieffer shared the history of our abolitionist

congregation and the friendship between Reverend Albert Hale and President Lincoln. Following a tour through the infamous tunnel we gathered in the third floor classroom for a mac and cheese dinner prepared by Pat Hymans & Peg DiFonso. Special thanks to Dale Rogers who accompanied us as we concluded singing "Father Abraham:"

*Father Abraham had many kids,
many kids had Father Abraham.
I am one of them and so are you,
so let's all praise the Lord."*

OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL BE AT THE MOSQUE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16. It's not too late to become a part of this meaningful journey for our children!



BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP



During October Bridges welcomed artist Camille Proud who led them in creating note cards with watercolor imprints of leaves. The children wrote condolence notes to members who will honor loved ones for All Saints' Remembrance. Advocates **Lynne Cleverdon, Gale Fixmer, Rev. John Glosser, Dick Herndon, Mal Hildebrand, Karen Kraft, Lynn McMenamin, Marilyn Rigney, Carolyn and Brad Swanson and Sue Scaife** will join in a Día de Los Muertos Celebration of Life in our Memorial Garden October 26.

On November 2 Dale Rogers presents the history of Westminster's bells which will toll on All Saints' Remembrance. On November 9 Steve Scaife and Lisa Runkle present the bagpipe and Scottish dancing.

PARENT FELLOWSHIP MISSION PROJECT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 3:30 P.M.

Families with children of all ages are invited to join in a mission opportunity at the Illinois Presbyterian Home on Sunday, November 6 at 3:30 p.m. Join us for an ice cream social and care card creation at 2005 W Lawrence Ave.

ADVENT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 11:15 A.M. IN PARISH HALL

Children's and Chorister Choirs will present "We Three Kings" Pageant during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 4. The Advent Celebration will begin at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. Children of all ages are invited to create ornaments, decorate cookies, sing carols and enjoy refreshments. Chaired by Meridith Bryans and Mary Ray.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AND RECOGNIZED
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**



Joe D. Burgess joins by Certificate of Transfer from Eastview Baptist Church. Following Joe's service in the navy he spent 35 years in the coal industry. Joe enjoys spending time with his wife Carol. They have two children, Jeff Burgess (Atlanta, Georgia) and Kimberly Fish (Gilbert, Arizona.) Joe has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Keith Huston joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Keith is retired from the State of Illinois where he worked in Public Aid. He enjoys writing and racing old cars. He is married to Nancy Huston and they have four children: Todd, Patrick, Vallery and Scott. Vallery and his daughter-in-law Becky serve on Westminster's Board of

Deacons. One may see Keith sitting on the pew outside the Church Office on Sunday mornings with his twin granddaughters, Reese and Harper. His granddaughter Gabi was confirmed in 2015.



Pamela Greening Cox joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Pam is the daughter of Barbara and the late Gershom Greening. She grew up at Westminster and is a registered nurse at Memorial Hospital where she works in admissions and testing. Pam is married to Rick Cox and they have two sons, Wade, who lives in Myrtle Beach, SC, and Jeffrey who lives here in Springfield.



Laura E. Kruger joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Laura is the daughter of Julie and Mike Sundquist and grew up at Westminster. She is married to Chad Kruger and works at the family business Marx Fireplaces. They have two children, Madison and Katie.

Katie Kruger joins by Profession of Faith. Kaitlin expressed an interest in joining Westminster following her mission trip experience this summer with the Appalachia Service Project. She is a sophomore at Springfield

High School and active in sports and the Spanish Club.



Maribeth Norton joins by Certificate of Transfer from First Christian Church of Springfield. She grew up in Urbana and received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Illinois. Maribeth is a retired social worker and served for 26 years in the elementary schools of District 186. She and her husband divorced in 1991. She is the mother of two children. Her daughter died in 2002 and her son lives in Idaho Falls, Idaho.



Wilbur Wright joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Wilbur was born in 1914 in Calgary, Canada, the eldest of three boys. In 1922 his family moved to Los Angeles. Over the years, career efforts to be an engineer or pastor fell through. He served the Illinois Division of Highways as a cartographer for 37 years. He was married to Erma whom he lost in 2009 to cancer. They have one daughter, Dr. Beverly Wright who is a Professor at Northwestern University in Chicago. Wilbur enjoys art and mechanics. He has a welded steel sculpture at the Illinois State museum and has built special purpose devices which are displayed at Illinois Highway Mapping, Northwestern University, the University of Texas and Museum of the History of Psychology at Akron, Ohio.



Beverly E. Neisler joins by Certificate of Transfer from Midland United Methodist Church in Kincaid. She serves as Chief Development Officer for HSHS St. John's Foundation. Bev is married to Joe Neisler and they have two children, Chloe and Wyatt. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, reading, gardening and fitness.



Zayne Ireland joins as an Affiliate Member. Zayne is also a member of First Presbyterian Church of Virden where Sue Sawers serves as a CRE (Certified Ruling Elder). He is a junior at North Mac High School where he plays football and basketball. Zayne has attended the last three Westminster youth mission trips and anticipates the next two summer mission trips with great joy.



Andrew R. Smith joins by Certificate of Transfer from the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, MA. Andy is a retired banker and married to Anne Marjorie Smith. He has one daughter, Susan Lynn Hage, and three step-children, Leanne Howse, Jennie Lynne Young, and Richard T. Maldaner. He enjoys snow skiing, dancing, and solving cross word puzzles.



Edison Zohfonyi joins by Certificate of Transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Bonaberi, Doualla, Cameroon. Edison won a green card and a work visa in a lottery organized by the United States Embassy through the Diversity Visa Program. He moved to Springfield in 2014 leaving behind his parents and siblings. Edison works full-time and attends Lincoln Land Community College in pursuit of a degree in Computer Engineering.

Following the worship service on October 9, Edison met George Botanga who also worships regularly at Westminster. Edison and George discovered they attended the same high school in Cameroon.



Erika Ann Trello joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. Erika grew up at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. She currently is working in the service industry. Erika has a degree from SIUC in foreign language and is certified to interpret Spanish, Arabic and ASL (American Sign Language). Erika plans to return to college for a nursing degree. Erika is the mother of three children William, Brock and Eleanor.

She presented her children **Brock Houston Banning** and **Eleanor Ann Banning** for the Sacrament of Baptism. Brock is in the second grade and Eleanor is in the first grade. They attend Petersburg Elementary School. The elder serving for the Sacrament of Baptism was Mary Ray.

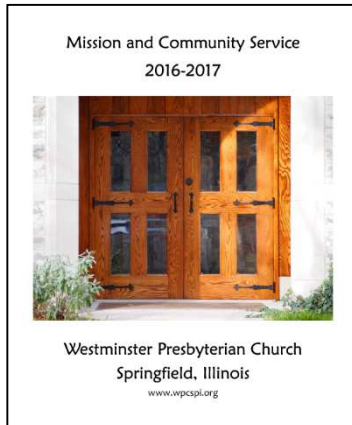


PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NEW MISSION BROCHURE

The Mission and Community Service Committees are pleased to announce that a new pamphlet is available at the welcome table, listing all of Westminster's current mission and community service endeavors, organized by category, with descriptions and ways to get involved. If you have not already received a copy, pick one up at your convenience, and learn about how you can participate in mission as part of the life of Westminster Presbyterian Church. This is intended to be both a resource for current members and an informational guide to visitors who wish to learn more about our church.



COMPASS FOR KIDS

Thank you to the following Westminster volunteers who will be serving at-risk children attending Graham Elementary School in this meaningful outreach in the 2016-17 school year: **Norma Adams-Johnson, Cathy Allen, Nancy Canady, Lynn Cleverdon, Stella Cole, Ann Collins, Barbara Dirksen, Kathy Germeraad, David Haaker, Carole Kennerly, Holling Kniffin, Wells Langbehn, Lynn McMenamin, Judi Mier, Diane Rutledge, Bill and Linda Schlosser, Emma Shafer, Annie Sherrick, Karen Sherrick, Amy Xanders and Jack Zervas.** The Mission and Community Service Committee designated \$5,000 from Endowment Mission Funds to support this ministry, which is overseen by Rev. Trajan McGill. The Tuesday after-school program hosted by Westminster resumed for the year on October 25. If you are interested in mentoring elementary-aged children, being a dinner companion, offering occasional life skills lessons, or preparing dinner, volunteers are still welcome and encouraged to join.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PRESBYTERIAN BUILD



The Mission and Community Service Committees have approved Westminster joining in as one of the lead churches in the effort to build a house with Habitat for Humanity in 2017 sponsored entirely by area Presbyterian Churches. \$10,000 was approved from Endowment Mission Funds, and the church is also applying for a Presbytery grant to supplement this with \$1,000 in additional funding. Be on the lookout as we seek to put together a strong team of volunteers to take on the wide variety of work that will be involved!

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:

Thank you to those who gave to the Peace and Global Witness Offering during the month of October. We received \$482.

HAITI MEDICAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY

INFORMATIONAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

On Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library Salanique Adolphe, Founder and President of Living Water Christian Mission and leader of the Gonaive Haiti community, will share his story with interested members and friends. Dr. Tanya DeSanto met Salanique while serving on a dental mission for IAMM (International Assist Medical Missions) in Haiti last March.

CROP WALK THANK YOU

Twenty-four Westminster members walked for the annual CWS CROP Walk on October 2 (World Communion Sunday), including 16 youth and the Rev. Hannah Dreiter. Additionally, five members served on the leadership team organizing the event citywide and our participation in it: Krista Steller, Becky Martin, Linda Shafer (Treasurer), Brad Steller and Sally Godbey. To date, the walk has collected **\$2,568** from Westminster, with a total collection of **\$7,225.93** across all Springfield participating churches.



GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH NOVEMBER MENU: **Beef-a-roni, Green Beans, Peaches, Corn Bread Mix.** Thank you to those who place items in the baskets located in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

HELPING HANDS - Thanks to Cathy Schwartz for the October 14 meal. Sarah Zervas will provide the November 11 meal.

ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE FUNDRAISER is Sunday, November 20. Donations are welcome and bread will be shared. Join us in reaching beyond our doors into the community

EARTH CARE NEWS

OLD PAINT AND CHEMICALS IN THE GARAGE OR BASEMENT?

Springfield Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held Saturday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon at the IL State Fairgrounds Gate 11 (Park in Lot 21).

EMAIL OPTION FOR MONTHLY REPORTER

It is not too late to sign up to receive the monthly Reporter by email. Contact **Connie Brown** at cbrown@wpcspi.org. *The Reporter* is emailed to members the same day it is taken to the U.S. Post Office.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION If you are unable to attend worship on November 13 and would like to take part in Communion, please contact Connie Brown. Twelve members received the sacrament on October 2 by six teams of elders and deacons. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLESNESS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 9:30 A.M.

This short, simple, intimate service brings people together in the Chancel for prayer, music, and a calm gathering in the presence of the Lord, and is led by our pastors and accompanist, Karen Kraft. People currently experiencing challenges in life are particularly invited and encouraged to take part.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER

THEOLOGY ON TAP MOVES TO BRUNCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Beginning Sunday, November 6, young adults will meet for brunch following worship. Join Rev. Dreitcer from 11:30 am –1:00 p.m., at Boone's (301 W. Edwards Street.). Westminster will subsidize the cost of brunch! Bring \$7.00.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday, November 10, at 7:00 a.m. Men will enjoy breakfast coordinated by Pete VanGieson, a short devotion led by Keith Hamilton, and the program "The Amazing Victoria Murden McClure" presented by Bob Wire.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE; ALL AGES WELCOME) Join us Friday, November 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and a program: "Sing Along With Ed" (new set of songs)! Ed Gelbach on ukulele and guitar. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. if you are not able to attend dinner. All ages are welcome!

KNIT 2 PURL 4 continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will move our November lunch to the 1st instead of the 8th due to the election. A reminder to those who knit at home that hats, scarves and mittens are needed for the Mitten Tree. We also need items for Washington Street Mission, Kumler Neighborhood Ministries and M.E.R.C.Y.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW SALAD SUPPER Stella Cole and Dale Rogers did not disappoint at the third annual PW Salad Supper. Thank you to food chairperson, Jeanne VanGieson. Over 50 women attended and 30 women signed up to be prayer partners.



PW LUNCHEON is Friday, November 4, at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Carolyn Beatty, who is also our Chair of the Day. Our program will be "Nutrition Programs for Illinois Seniors" by Amy Voils, Director of Nutrition Programs for Illinois Senior Service Center.



ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets Monday, November 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Our program will be *River of Life-Hope*, led by Lynne Cleverdon.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets Wednesday, November 2, at Meg Kontio's home (3508 Briana Drive, 62711). We will discuss Chapter 2 and 3 – Lot's Wife and Rebekah from *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara J. Essex. RSVP at Imaxey@wpcspi.org. Note Date Change for December meeting: We will meet Wednesday, November 30 at Stephanie Moore's home (9 Pine Tree Drive 62704) to discuss Chapter 4 and 5: Tamar and Potiphar's Wife.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, November 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Our hostess will be Pat Hymans. Sharon Zook will give devotions and lead our study of *Lesson 3, Come to the Water*.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

WEDDINGS

Hilary Wilson and Christopher Lawton were married October 8 at Westminster. Grandparents are Drs. Robert and Naomi Lynn.

NEW ARRIVALS

Debi & Hunter DiFonso on the birth of their daughter, Evellyn Skye on September 1. Grandparents are Peg & Lou DiFonso.

Kayla (Huitt) & John Medina on the birth of their son, Nolan Jameson on October 5. Grandparents are Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer. Great-grandmother is Sharon Manning.

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Laura Pollock will celebrate 94 years on November 22.

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Agnes & Don Harmon will celebrate 55 years on November 4.

Bev & Jim Orr will celebrate 40 years on November 27.

Kathy & Jerome Watson will celebrate 40 years on November 27.

SYMPATHY TO

Anna Koeppel on the death of her grandfather, Joseph Graham on October 8, in Peoria.

Neil Bassett on the death of his grandfather and Ben and Lucy Bassett on the death of their great-grandfather, Garth Baker, on October 10 in Yeovil, Somerset, United Kingdom.

Marty Sumner on the death of her sister, Joann Cunningham on September 26 in Norfolk, VA.

Drs. Robert and Naomi Lynn on the death of Bob's grand-nephew Peter Doty on October 6 in Avondale, Pennsylvania.

PW FALL RETREAT

On Saturday, October 23 over 45 women representing five Presbyterian Churches gathered at the historic Rock Creek Church for a retreat led by Dr. Kieffer. It was a day of reflection, fellowship, delicious food, relaxation and worship. The day exploring forgiveness ended with the sacrament of communion.



Our gracious hostesses with the Reverends David and Kay Dennis.



More Than Enough

—2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (CEV)



STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” II Corinthians 9:8

MORE THAN ENOUGH is this year’s theme based on II Corinthians 9:6-9. It is good to affirm the God who provides each of us with more than enough and who calls us to live lives of gratitude and generosity. We have more than enough for which to be thankful at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

As of Wednesday, October 26, we have received 167 pledges for a total of \$523,686. This is 58% of anticipated pledges and 64% toward our dollar amount goal. To date, 39 **members** have increased their pledge by \$500 or more. Stewardship brochures and pledge cards are located in the pew pockets. You are also welcome to pledge online.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR PLEDGE BY DEDICATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30.

2017 Stewardship Committee: *George Preckwinkle, chair, Christie Hovey, vice-chair, Dr. Craig Batterman, Meridith Bryans, Grady Chronister, Dr. Todd Knox, Sharon Reynolds, Steve Scaife, and Robert Wire.*

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We are grateful for your response to the More than Enough stewardship challenge. At the end of September, expenses are under budget by \$2,005, but the net total is \$56,684 expenses exceeding income.

2016 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 674,072	\$ 732,761	\$ -58,689
Expenses	\$-730,756	\$-732,761	\$ -2,005
Net	\$ -56,684	\$ 0	

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 TO ELECT CHURCH OFFICERS AND REVISE BYLAWS

On Sunday, November 6, a Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to elect church officers and amend the Bylaws of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Thank you to the 2016 Nominating Committee: *Debbie Turnbull (Chair), Marc Anderson, Harold Hale, Mal Hildebrand, Stephanie Moore, Dr. Glen Pittman, and Cathy Schwartz* who have prepared the following slate of officers:

ELDERS CLASS OF 2019: Cathy Brower, Brian Cozadd, Mal Hildebrand, Carole Kennerly, Anna Koeppel, Kelvin Owens, Marilyn Rigney, Dr. Jim Singleton
Barrett Kurmann (youth)

BOARD OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2019: Ed Caupert, Meg Kontio, Christian Lochbaum, Brad Milliman, Kevin Simonson, Suzie Spada, Cheryl White, Kate Wilson
Adam Vasconcelles (youth)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE Marc Anderson, Jim Dolan, Harold Hale, Cathy Schwartz

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE Grady Chronister, Susan Day

Thank you also to the Strategic Planning Committee: *Dr. Judy Knox, (Chair), David Haaker, Sandy Hockenyo, Julie James, Leigh Milward, Karl Pound and Alan Wallace.* who reviewed the Bylaws which will be presented for revisions. The revised Bylaws are available online at www.wpcspi.org.



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**Church Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25
for the Thanksgiving Holiday**

**December Reporter Deadline is
Sunday, November 27**