

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 2017

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

November 5

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Joshua 3:7-17; I Thess. 2:9-13
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Crossing the Bar

November 12

Communion

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25; Matthew 25:1-13
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
To Serve and Obey

November 19

THANKSGIVING & NEW MEMBERS

Judges 4:1-7, 14-25; Matthew 25:14-30
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Expectations Fulfilled

November 26

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY

Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Eyes of the Heart

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 DURING 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

On Sunday, November 5, Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints' Remembrance in 2016. 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:

Mary Ann Johnson	(07/27/16)	John M. Jensen	(04/09/17)
Warren T. Bridgewater	(12/12/16)	Byron A. Bartlett	(05/01/17)
James R. Thompson	(12/15/16)	Norma E. Kneer	(05/16/17)
Dr. Morris D. Cooper Sr	(12/18/16)	Ralph L. Moore	(06/06/17)
Dr. Cameron C. Olson	(12/31/16)	Bonnie J. Millard	(06/09/17)
Roderick P. Dodds	(02/01/17)	James W. Wilday	(06/18/17)
Uldine W. Beck	(03/10/17)	James F. Blythe	(09/12/17)
Brooke F. Bradley	(03/19/17)	Betty L. Ritchie-Birrer	(09/27/17)
Warren B. Pursell	(03/22/17)	William A. Simpson	(10/02/17)
		Cheryl L. Pyle	(10/29/17)

DALE ROGERS' ORGAN CONCERT: REFORMATION 500 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 4:00 P.M.



In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Dale Rogers will present an organ concert on Sunday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary.

Join us for organ music of Faulkes, Pachelbel, Mendelssohn, Weber, Buxtehude and Bach based on three hymns written by Martin Luther. Martin Luther rejoiced in music. He wrote in 1538, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." Martin Luther was savvy in the use of music and the new invention, the printing press, to spread his bold and radical thoughts on the nature of God and the rôle of the church in the changing world of the 16th century.

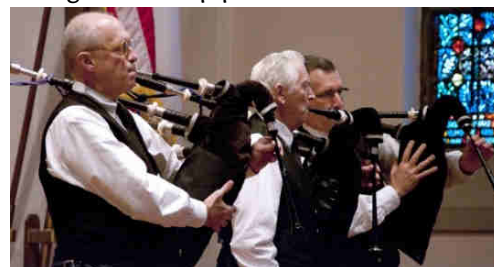
ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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 26 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 the cross to highlight its centrality in our faith.

Westminster's Choir will sing *A Scottish Blessing* based on a traditional Celtic Christian prayer.



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

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, October 8 the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee was elected by the congregation. We are grateful for the following members who will be a part of the discernment as we seek an Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Sandy Bellatti has been a member for over 40 years and served as Clerk of Session for 15 years. She retired from H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug Company as their Facilities Manager and is active in the arts, social justice and the Westminster Choir. She has a B.A. in Mathematics from Illinois College.

Lucas Carpenter is a child of WPC and a graduate of UIS with a degree in Business Administration. Lucas is working as a tax specialist for the Department of Revenue and has several years of experience working in youth ministry including the time he served Westminster as Interim Director for Youth.

Susan Day is a designer and owner of Exiting Windows. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a BFA in Fine and applied arts. She has volunteered as a youth leader at WPC for three years and attended the last three mission trips.

Craig Morrison recently joined WPC and is the Vice President and COO of ACESS Financial Management Services, a not-for-profit located in Scranton, PA with offices in 7 states. He has degrees from the University of Maryland and Eastern Illinois and is a retired Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army.

Christy Pound currently serves as Trustee for Grigsby Farm Operations. She earned a B.S. in Business Administration from Erskine College and previously worked as a policy analyst for the Illinois Commerce Commission. Christy and her husband Karl have two sons, Avery and Bryce, who are active participants in Westminster's youth ministry.

Emma Shafer graduated from SHS in 2017 and was an active participant in youth group. She is taking courses in urban development at Lincoln Land Community College and continues to explore her love of theatre and music.

Karen Sherrick is a certified tutor at Children's Dyslexia Centers and former elementary classroom teacher and reading specialist. She earned a B.S. in education at the Texas A & M University and a M.Ed. in reading from Stephen F Austin University. She and her husband Andy have two children, Jack and Annie, who were active in youth group and are now attending Carleton College and Boston College respectively.

Peter VanGieson is an insurance claim adjuster for Michel & Cully Claim Service and a graduate of Ball State University. He has served as an elder and deacon at WPC as well as within the community on the Helping Hands Board.

Bill Ward is retired from the Decatur Herald & Review Newspaper where he served as a writer and editor for 38 years. Bill attended Rice University and Northern Illinois earning a B.S. in accounting. A lifetime learner, Bill is an active participant in Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study.

The committee has its first meeting Tuesday, November 14. Keep the APNC in your prayers as we begin this important work together.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 11:15 A.M. IN PASTOR'S STUDY

Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church and become a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 19, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

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 Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges. The Choristers will sing on Sunday, November 19 at the 10 a.m. service and as a part of the Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 3 at the 10:00 a.m. service. "Will You Be Ready?" is the theme of the set of anthems on the first Sunday of Advent.



THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Kindergarten–Grade 2) meets each Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. This musical experience for students in K- 2nd grade is for non-readers and early readers. This choir

will join in the Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 3 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 Saturday, December 2 performance at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for seniors and available by calling the Kirkland box office at 217-424-6318.

ADULT EDUCATION

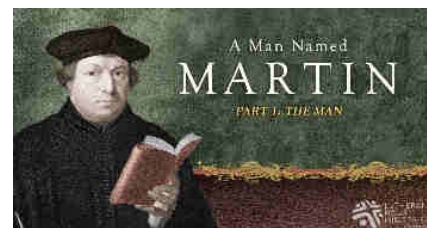
A MAN NAMED MARTIN

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, DECEMBER 10 AND 17

The Adult Education Forum meets each Sunday morning from **11:15 a.m. to 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom.**

In November, we continue the DVD series entitled **A Man Named Martin** in celebration of the 500th Year Anniversary of the Reformation which began when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The series explores (1) The Man, (2) The Moment, and (3) The Movement in succinct DVD presentations featuring noted theologians.

This series will parallel musical programs featuring music of the Reformation: Reformation 500 presented by Organist Dale Rogers on Sunday, November 12, and the Westminster Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 10. Join us for these classes as we revisit Church history and the events that shaped who we are today!



YOUTH UPDATE by Natalie Knox

THE CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR MENTORS attended the evening prayer at the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield on October 13. Youth and adults alike learned of the many similarities we share with our Muslim friends, and shared a meal in fellowship together. **Our next field trip will be to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church to attend Mass on December 2.** Upcoming class topics: the Trinity, Grace, Sacraments, and Worship.



We will be using these funds to go shopping for children's Christmas gifts for Contact Ministries on December 3rd at 11:15 am.

SPUD BAKE was Sunday, October 22. We had our most successful year yet, as we raised \$1,216 for Contact Ministries Christmas gift distribution! Thank you to Mary Ray, Sarah Zervas and Bill Deemer for their leadership, and to all who supported the effort through



SATURDAY EVENING SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY continues this month with a dinner at the Zervas' home (2701 Kipling) on **Saturday, November 18 at 5:00 pm**, with Bible study to follow. As always, friends are welcomed and encouraged!

THE 2018 MISSION TRIP will be **July 7 – 14** with youth and adults traveling to Summers County, WV in partnership with Appalachia Service Project. Interested in joining our group? Our first informational meeting will be held **Sunday, November 12 at 7:30 pm** in the Youth Room.

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH:

Mia Marcy and Grace Batterman will be dancing in the Springfield Ballet Company's production of *The Nutcracker* the weekend of December 9 – 10.



Mia is a Big Mouse, and Grace is a Pixie!



WPC YOUNG ADULTS MEET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26



Young Adults (ages 18-29) will gather on **Sunday, November 26, 11:30 a.m. at Obed and Isaac's.** We look forward to welcoming home our college students who are returning home for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

In October, the Bridges children sang "Peace" and processed with the breads of the world for World Communion Sunday. They explored how a thoughtful Christian experiences peace.



On October 16, Rev. Trajan McGill talked about his volunteer work as a Fireman to introduce our chapter on heroes. On October 24, children met their advocates

Sue Baker, Lynne Cleverdon, Gale Fixmer, Sandy & Jon Hockenyos, Camille and Tom Massey, Marilyn Rigney, Suzie Spada, Carolyn & Brad Swanson, Julie Sundquist & Sharon Turner who shared a hero in their lives.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

On Wednesday, October 4, WPC hosted over 70 children and 30 adults in the first gathering of the 2017-2018 Children of Abraham Interfaith Fellowship hosted by the Islamic Society of

Greater Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish Education, Grace United Methodist Church and Westminster. The theme of the day organized by Sandy Bellatti and Mary Caroline Mitchell was "Respect and



Responsibility." It included a skit written by Carole Kennerly, a scavenger hunt around the church to find Springfield rocks and the opportunity to decorate rocks with messages of peace. A delicious vegetarian meal was prepared by Pat Hymans and Peg DiFonso.

OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL BE AT THE MOSQUE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15. We will meet in the West Narthex at 4:00 p.m. to carpool. It's not too late to become a part of this meaningful journey for our children!

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

PLAYGROUND MULCH was distributed by the board, parents and children on Saturday, September 23.

Thank you for the good work and great photo!



PW SALAD SUPPER SEPTEMBER 27



PW hosted 75 women at their 4th annual Salad Supper. Dr. Susan Shea presented the program on the Miss Illinois Pageant. Miss Illinois joined us and is pictured with Valerie Leonatti who was a Miss Illinois pageant participant in 1981 and 1983. This is where she met her husband Dave whose band provided backup music for Valerie in 1983.

Sue Scaife is pictured with Pat Picchi and three of her four daughters Julie James, Janie Bahlow and Amy Xanders. Sue and Pat have been prayer partners since 2014. Sally Godbey is not pictured.

75TH CHOIR ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 15

Westminster Choir marked its milestone anniversary of 75 years in a worship service on October 15. They sang “Te Deum Laudamus” and “My Song Shall Bless the Lord.”

During the closing hymn the choir processed to the Chancel where they were joined by retired choir members for the Benediction and the singing of the choral response. “Day by Day.”

We were pleased to honor our three choir directors, Dale Rogers (1986-present), David Mitchell (1967-1985), and the late John Thompson (1942-1967), who was represented by his daughter Jan Winter.



WPC PROVIDES SAFE HAVEN FOR SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF



On Thursday, October 5 Westminster welcomed 1400 students and faculty from Springfield High School during a mandatory evacuation following a bomb threat. WPC has been designated their evacuation site for several years.

This is one of the many ways Westminster serves the Springfield community. We were honored to open our doors and to provide a safe haven for the youth within our community. We were quite impressed with the countenance of the students and the professionalism of the staff during a stressful circumstance.

It was wonderful to see Westminster members who are students and staff at SHS. Meg Kontio is pictured at the table coordinating the parent pick-up. We received a thoughtful thank you the next day from the SHS principal as well as an offer to provide custodial services.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM OCTOBER 4



Mary Caroline Mitchell welcomes children from the community as we continue to make friends in **Children of Abraham** and affirm the God who welcomes all!



HARVEST FEST OCTOBER 29



Aggie Harmon leads the children in the traditional Costume parade. We welcomed over 100 for this festive evening which included dinner, pumpkin decorating, storytime, glow activities, and trunk or treat.



CHEESE AND CIDER RECEPTION OCTOBER 28

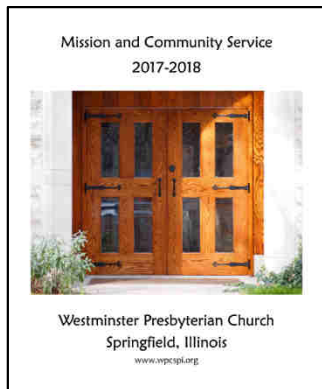


Saturday Worship marks the conclusion of the 2017 season with a cheese and cider reception.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

NEW MISSION BROCHURE

The Mission and Community Service Committees are pleased to announce that a new version of Westminster's Mission and Community Service 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 ADDS BACKPACK PROGRAM THIS FALL

Our Tuesday after-school program, hosted in partnership with Central Baptist and serving at-risk children attending Graham Elementary School, began this year on October 17. New to this Compass site this year: the "Backpack Program," which provides a weekend's worth of healthy food for all the children served by the program, many of whose households have difficulty covering these basics. Thank you to the following Westminster volunteers who are taking part in this meaningful outreach in the 2017-18 school year: **Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy and Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ada Coburn, Ann Collins, Barbara Dirksen, Kathy Germeraad, David Haaker, Bill Hibbert, Pat Hymans, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMenamain, Judi Mier, Sue Sawers, Bill and Linda Schlosser, and Jack Zerfas.** The Mission and Community Service Committees also support this ministry with funding from the Endowment Fund. 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

Having completed one full house build sponsored by Central Illinois Presbyterian churches (including Westminster), WPC's Mission and Community Service Committees have agreed to support another project in 2017, this one a home renovation, with \$5,000 from Endowment Mission Funds. Please continue to be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities to work on the many projects Habitat has underway contributing to affordable housing in Springfield.



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:

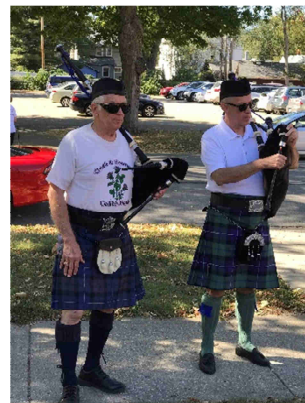
Thank you to all who gave to the Peace and Global Witness Offering during the month of October. We received \$497.

HURRICANE RELIEF DONATION UPDATE

Thank you to all who have donated to the hurricane relief effort. **To-date we have received \$12,393.** This has been passed along to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which is working to set up work camps in regions affected by the storms. Please watch for opportunities to take part in in-person relief efforts as well!

CROP WALK THANK YOU

Fifteen Westminster members walked for the annual CWS CROP Walk on October 1 (World Communion Sunday), including five youth and Interim Director for Youth Natalie Knox. Additionally, several members served on the leadership team organizing the event citywide and our participation in it: Krista Steller, Becky Martin, and Linda Shafer (Treasurer). So far, the walk has collected **\$1,634** from Westminster, with a total collection of **\$11,642** across all Springfield participating churches.



GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH NOVEMBER MENU:

Beef-a-Roni or Canned Pasta Meal, Rice (Instant, Bagged, or Mixes) and 100% juice or water canned fruit. 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.*

HELPING HANDS

Thanks to Joe Fierstos for providing the meal on October 13th. The November 10th meal will be prepared and delivered by Sarah Zerfas.

ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE FUNDRAISER is Sunday, November 19. Bread will be available for sale, and donations are welcome, to benefit this area hunger ministry.

ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE GOES UP THANKSGIVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Westminster will again sponsor nine families through Contact Ministries. Please take a tag from the tree in the West Narthex and return gifts to the church **before Sunday, December 10. Do not wrap presents.** The mothers of each family will wrap their children's presents and volunteers will wrap the presents for each mother. Contact Kay Smith (691-9401) with questions.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION was delivered October 1 to twelve members by five teams of elders and deacons. If you are unable to attend worship on November 12th and would like to receive Holy Communion, contact Jennie Alt. Many thanks to those participating in bringing the Lord's Supper.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Their next brown-bag lunch will be on November 14 at 12:00 p.m.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

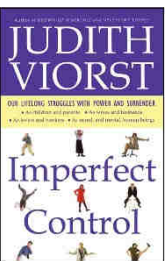
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17-6:30P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM
Our program will be with musician Gelbach- "Sing Along with Ed", which will feature him playing ukulele & guitar. Ed invites all in attendance to listen or sing-a-long as he plays a fun set of "Travelin Songs." This is our final DMA meeting until March of 2018. Please come for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW LUNCHEON will meet **Friday, November 3** at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chairs are Jeanne Pittman & Julie

McDonough. (Thanks to Nancy Canady and Pat Hymans who served the meal in October.) The Chair of the Day is Pat Hymans. The program "Women's Health Update: What's on the Horizon" will be presented by Dr. Jane Arbutnot.



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, November 1** at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Meg Kontio (3508 Briana Drive, 62711). We will discuss the Introduction and chapter 2 "The Taste of Control" in *Imperfect Control: Our Lifelong Struggles with Power and Surrender* by Judith Viorst.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, November 13** at 5:30 p.m. in Second Floor Classroom. Pat McKenzie will lead our program "According to Non-canonical Gospels" based on chapter 6 of the PW Horizon Bible Study *Who is Jesus? By Judy Yates Siker*.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, November 21** at 9:30 a.m. in the church Library. Carolyn Beatty will be the hostess and present the devotional. We will study Lesson 3: Mark of the PW Horizon Bible Study *Who is Jesus? By Judy Yates Siker*.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet **Thursday, November 9**, at 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Following a short devotion, Brad Swanson will provide breakfast and the program will be given by Brad Milliman on Hurricane Relief.

Join us for breakfast fellowship the 2nd Thursday of each month, featuring a short program on a topic of general interest. Leaders are still needed between now and May, so please consider giving a presentation on something you'd like to share about, providing breakfast, or leading devotions, Speak to Keith Hamilton, Harold Hale, or the



Rev. Trajan McGill for details.

Rev. McGill pictured with October speaker The Rev. Gerald "Jerry" Raschke.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Louise & Art Cragoe celebrate 67 years on November 4.

Pat & Roy Baker celebrate 69 years on November 26.

NEWLYWEDS

Deb Watts & Dr. John Elliott were united in marriage on October 15 at Erin's Pavilion.

Dr. Tamika Glover & Jacob Hill will be united in marriage on November 4 at Westminster.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Dr. Michelle and Christopher Oliver presented their son, Alexander David for baptism on October 28.

NEW ADDRESS

Barbara Greening, 4101 W. Iles Ave., Apt. 3326, Springfield, IL 62704

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Ritchie-Birrer died on September 27. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her husband Dr. Ivan Birrer, her children Stephen (Mary Gene) Ritchie and Leslie Ritchie Musch, and their families.

William A. Simpson died October 2. The prayers of the congregation are extended to his wife, Nancy, their daughters Sharon (Jeff) Padgett and Shelley (Mark) Schoen, and their families.

Cheryl L. Pyle died on October 29. The prayers and sympathy are extended to her husband, Robert Pyle, their daughters Dr. Tracy (Joe) Milbrandt, Courtney (Brian) Yamada, Melissa (Jason) Hirsbrunner, and their families.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Suzie Spada on the death of her cousin, Christine Denbo on October 5.

Kathy Meriwether on the death of her sister, Jo Ann Smith on October 24.

Nancy Woodward on the death of her sister, Carol Lee Rose Robertson on October 30.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who assisted in the Illinois Presbyterian Home Annual Fall Bazaar which was held October 7. The bazaar raised \$2,500 to support volunteer activities for the residents.

Anne Haaker

EARTH CARE NEWS

INK CARTRIDGES AND TONER DRUMS RECYCLED

We continue to recycle ink cartridges and toner drums. Bring your cartridges (without packaging or box) to the box in the Copier Room on the first level and keep these out of landfills.

BATTERY RECYCLING BEGINS IN DECEMBER

Beginning in December members are invited to bring their batteries and place them in the container located in the Copier Room on the first level.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT RECYCLING

We will provide the opportunity to recycle the valuable copper in Christmas lights again this Advent. Please place your nonworking lights (without any other packaging material) in the labeled bin located in the kitchen.

EMAIL OPTION FOR MONTHLY REPORTER

Sign up to receive the monthly Reporter by email. Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org. *The Reporter* is emailed to members the same day it is taken to the U.S. Post Office.



STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION UPDATE

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. - 1 Timothy 6:18-19

LIVING GENEROUSLY, this year's Stewardship theme, is based on 1 Timothy 6:18-19. Our church family is made resilient when we work together, and our individual lives are enriched when we reach beyond ourselves. This year's stewardship theme reminds us of the importance of being rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.

As of Tuesday, October 31, we have received 212 pledges for a total of \$711,824. This is 86% toward our dollar amount goal. **If you have not made a pledge and intend to, please do so by Thanksgiving. Thanks!**

2018 Stewardship Committee: *Christie Hovey, chair, Cara Barnett, Grady Chronister, Brian Cozadd, Joe Fierstos, Anne Haaker, Dick Herndon, Christy Pound, Sharon Reynolds, Steve Scaife, and Betsy Shepherd*



SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We are grateful for your response to the Living Generously Stewardship Campaign. At the end of September, expenses are under budget by \$4,377, however the net total is \$48,254 expenses exceeding income. We are expecting strong year-end pledge donations to bring the amount of income up to the level budgeted.

2017 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 686,025	\$ 738,656	\$ - 52,631
Expenses	\$-734,279	\$-738,656	\$ 4,377
Net	\$ -48,254	\$ 0	

WESTMINSTER ARCHIVISTS WELCOME STAFF

Archivists **Sue Cull** and **Carol Bloemer** hosted the staff for an informational tour and fall treats on October 19. It was fascinating to see the historical documents and files collected and organized over the years (first in Talbot boxes). The archival work began in January 2007 following the Session's decision to name the late Kathie Nenaber Archivist. Sue Cull became her assistant. Carol Bloemer

joined Sue in the Fall of 2016 and they continue to organize and delight in this labor of love. We look forward to sharing bits of information in coming issues and highlighting some of Westminster's history on Founder's Sunday.



ADVENT CELEBRATION IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

Children's & Chorister Choirs present music with the theme "Will You Be Ready?"

11:15 A.M. FELLOWSHIP IN PARISH HALL

Members and friends gather to create ornaments, decorate cookies, sing carols, and enjoy festive refreshments.

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December Reporter Deadline
Sunday, November 26