



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Springfield, Illinois 62704

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November 2022

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship Service
www.wpcspi.org

FAITH FORMATION:

9:45 a.m. Nursery
Children Birth – Age 3
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
following Children’s Sermon
Children Pre-K - Grade 5
11:15 a.m. Jr. High Confirmation
11:15 a.m. Adult Ed Forum
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

November 6

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Haggai 1:15b, 2:9; Luke 20:27-38
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
The Melody of One’s Life

November 13

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION BAY WEEKEND

Isaiah 65:7-25; 2 Thess. 3:6-13
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Injustice at Bay

November 20

CHRIST THE KING AND ST. ANDREW’S SUNDAY

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Executing Righteousness

November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44
The Rev. Christian K. Choi
Hope is on the Way

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

ALL SAINTS’ REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

On Sunday, November 6, Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints’ Remembrance in 2021. A bouquet with one white rose for each member whose life we commemorate will be placed in the chancel. The litany, which includes the reading of our loved ones’ names, the tolling of our historic bell, and silence will be a part of the worship service. Those members who will be remembered are:

Judy A. Ridinger	11/06/21	Linda Lee Janus	05/01/22
Kyle G. Schultz	11/29/21	Roberta Diane Ross	05/26/22
Don F. Harmon	12/02/21	John R. Dunn	05/30/22
Gordon E. Cozadd	12/09/21	Lionel S. Stirrett	06/21/22
William A. Irvine	12/10/21	Agnes L. Harmon	08/26/22
Dr. Charles Kenney, Jr.	12/16/21	June S. Baker	09/04/22
Jon R. Hockenyo	12/18/21	Robert T. Lawley	10/07/22
Frank Wells Langbehn	01/30/22	Jo Ann Schmidt	10/17/22
		Margie L. Dobson	10/21/22

CÉSAR FRANCK 200TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 4:00 P.M.

Dale Rogers will honor César Franck’s 200th birthday with an organ concert on Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. Franck was a pivotal figure in French music as a symphonist, composer of chamber music and of a symphonic style of composition for the organ. The program will include the Franck’s final compositions, the Three Chorales, the Cantabile, and Prelude, Fugue and Variation. The picture at the right is of Dale at the tomb of César Franck in the Montparnasse cemetery in Paris, France. The bronze is by Auguste Rodin.



ST. ANDREW’S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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, the pastors, and 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.

In Westminster’s observance, elements include the bagpipes, the flag of Scotland, singing from the Scottish Psalter, and the clergy tartan paraments presented to Westminster in 1985 in loving memory of Scott Hoff.

Westminster’s Choir will sing Deep Peace, a Celtic blessing by Elaine Hagenberg. This year we welcome our Financial Administrator, Lisa Runkle, Augusta Harris-Patel, and Olivia Hawley who will dance the Highland Reel.



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

Whoever has ears, let them hear. Matthew 11:15

NEW WI-FI HEARING ASSISTANCE SYSTEM

The Worship, Music and Arts Committee approved the purchase of a WIFI Hearing Assistance System and 5 lanyards using Worship, Music, and the Arts Endowment Funds. With improved technology in the last few years, the cost of hearing assistance has decreased dramatically. Once the system is installed, there will be three options for those needing hearing assistance. **A Hearing Assistance Orientation will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m. in Parish Hall** to introduce the new system and the following hearing options:

(1) Those with Bluetooth enabled hearing aids will need to install an app. Please come prepared with your Apple Store password for iPhones or Play Store password for Android phones.

(2) Those with regular hearing aids can use the lanyards which will be attached to our current hearing amplifier packets.

(3) Those without hearing aids can utilize our current hearing amplifier packets which will have disposable earbuds.

Lanyards, hearing amplifier packets, and disposable earbuds will be located at each of the three entrances to the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 20.

NEW VOIP PHONES

The Property Committee approved a recommendation from the IT Committee presented by Krista Steller and Rev. Choi to purchase fifteen new phones and a five-year VoIP contract from Stratus Networks located in Peoria, IL. Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) is a technology that allows one to make voice calls using a broadband internet connection instead of a regular (or analog) phone line. The IT Committee reviewed services provided by Comcast, Verizon, AmeriCall, and Stratus Networks before making their recommendation. We are excited to update Westminster's antiquated phones and anticipate their installation by Advent.

CHRISTIAN DEVOTIONAL TRADITIONS

Join us for the final session of "Christian Devotional Traditions" presented by the Adult Ed Forum on **Sunday, November 6**, 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall as Jay Kennerly and Lyle VanDeventer share traditions from our Presbyterian Heritage.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM:

NO ROOM AT THE INN: HOMELESS MINISTRIES SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 20, 27, DECEMBER 11, 18

As we approach Advent, the Adult Ed Forum is highlighting ministries Westminster supports who serve the homeless in Springfield. The class meets Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall.

On **Sunday, November 20** we welcome **Laura Davis, the new Executive Director for Helping Hands**. WPC was instrumental in founding Helping Hands, provided financial support of \$8,000 in 2022, and prepares a monthly meal for 50 in their homeless shelter.



On **Sunday, November 27** we welcome **Cindy Drum, Executive Director for Contact Ministries**. WPC was one of their founding congregations, provided financial support of \$10,000 in 2022, and members purchase gifts for their nine families in transitional housing each Christmas.

In December, we will highlight Wooden' It Be Lovely and Habitat for Humanity.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

MUSIC LIBRARY – Thanks to Tom Owen for the addition of shelves, Brownie Anderson for assisting in moving boxes, Pat Roller for cataloging, and Krista Steller for computer catalogue assistance, we have an up-to-date music library!



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GO UP - On Monday, November 21, members will decorate Westminster in anticipation of the first Sunday in Advent on November 27. We begin at 10:00 a.m. If you are able to help, call Dale Rogers at 217-522-4415.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND DECORATION FUNDS- Members and friends are invited to donate \$25 or more to the Special Music Fund and \$25 to Westminster's decoration fund. The music fund assists in providing special music. The decoration fund purchases flowers. Please submit your donation with desired wording and dedication by Monday, December 12.

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) meet Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. November 19 is the final session for 2022. Church Mice resumes Saturday, January 21.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Kindergarten - Grade 2) and **CHORISTERS** (Grades 3-5) meet Wednesdays, November 2 and 16 at 4:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively in the Music Room under the direction of Katie Moore. They are preparing for the Advent presentation "Hanging of the Greens."

ADULT EDUCATION

SYMPOSIUM: US POLICY ON CHINA AND TAIWAN

Join Dr. Roy Wehrle on Thursday, November 3, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in Parish Hall for week two of the two-week symposium on "U.S. Policy on China and Taiwan."



APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, November 15 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri. The discussion is led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 20 AND 27

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class on **Sundays, November 20 & 27, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** in the Pastor's Study. Anyone who would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on December 4 or 11 following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.



YOUTH MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

SPECIAL THANKS FROM SPUD BAKE FUNDRAISER



Thank you, Westminster, for your amazing support of our youth and their Spud Bake Fundraiser. We have raised \$1,686 to share the gift of love with other youth this Christmas. Special thanks to Mary Ray, who organized the fundraiser along with Cathy

Brower, Suzanne Borland, Bill Deemer, Nichole Magalis, and Krista Steller.

SAVE THE DATE: We will go shopping for Christmas gifts on **Sunday, December 4 at 12:00 p.m.** (following the Advent Celebration) to share God's love with other youth in need using the donations received from the Spud Bake Sale.

YOUTH GROUP MONTH'S GATHERINGS (GRADES 6-12)

DATES	JR. HIGH CONFIRMATION 11:15 A.M. – 12:00 NOON	SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP 5:00P.M. – 6:30 P.M.
11/6	ECHO THE STORY: JESUS' FOLLOWERS	REFORMED THEOLOGY: HOW DO WE KNOW GOD IS TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING?
11/13	BAY WEEKEND – NO GATHERING	
11/20	ECHO THE STORY: MIRACLES	REFORMED THEOLOGY: IS EVERYTHING PREDESTINED, OR DO I HAVE FREE WILL?
11/27	ADVENT 1 – NO GATHERING	
12/4	2023 MISSION INFORMATION MEETING 11:15 A.M. JR. & SR. HIGH YOUTH CONTACT MINISTRIES SHOPPING – 12:00 NOON – 2:00 P.M.	

2023 YOUTH MISSION MEETINGS

Sunday, December 4, 2022

WPC Mission Team Informational Meeting is Sunday, December 4 at 11:15 a.m. in Youth Room. Please complete a letter of intent and return it to Rev. Choi with the \$50 deposit if you know you will participate in 2023 mission trip.

FUTURE MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS AND DATES

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Annual Meeting Eggstastic Breakfast Fundraiser @ 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Trivia Night Fundraiser in Parish Hall @ 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Car Wash & Bake Sale Fundraiser @ 9:30 a.m.

July 9 – 15, 2023 (tentative dates)

Mission Trip Week!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

NOVEMBER LESSONS FOR NURSERY - PRESCHOOLERS:

11/6 and 11/13 **Jesus, The Good Shepherd**

11/20 and 11/27 **The Lost Sheep and Coin**

NOVEMBER LESSONS FOR KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 5:

11/6 **Hold On** 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

11/13 **Teamwork** 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

11/20 **Shepherd-Leaders** Jeremiah 23:1-6

11/27 **Peace and Light** Isaiah 2:1-5

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Advent, the season of waiting, is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of baby Jesus. This year our children will make Advent wreaths in Sunday school to take home for their family to light during the four weeks of Advent. An Advent devotional will be mailed to your home to guide in the lighting of the wreath.

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. with Mrs. Sherrick and Pat Roller.

11/2 Meet in Kitchen at 4:00 p.m.

11/9 **Children of Abraham:** Bridges children have a role in program. 4:30 -6:00 at WPC

11/23 NO BRIDGES

11/30 Meet in Music Room with Mrs. Moore from **4:15 – 5:45 p.m.** to prepare for Advent Celebration.

ADVENT CELEBRATION IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 a.m. Worship

Children's Choir and Choristers will present
Hanging of the Greens Musical.

11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Parish Hall

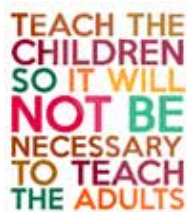
Members and friends gather to create ornaments, plant paperwhite bulbs, sing carols, and enjoy festive refreshments.



WCP PRESCHOOL NEWS

One of October's highlights was a visit from the Mechanicsburg Fire Protection Dist. for fire safety month. The children learned about fire safety at home, in the classroom, and what to expect firefighters to look like when they arrive at an emergency. The children got to explore the fire engine inside and out.

Another favorite of preschoolers is to trick or treat the staff offices and to visit the Halloween maze created by the Hymans family.
– Emily Rowley



CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM GATHER WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Westminster will host Children of Abraham **Wednesday, November 9, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us as we welcome our friends from other faith communities. The 2022-23 theme is "Caring for Our Earth." Our gathering will focus on the Creation story and the ways that we can give the Earth a Sabbath by creating less waste when we pack our lunches. Please join us for fun facts, songs, crafts, music, and a vegetarian meal. Thank you to Susan Shaw for providing the cloth napkins for our children to decorate for their lunchbox.

CROP WALK – OCTOBER 2



ON MY OWN TIME DISPLAY - OCTOBER 9



SPUD BAKE YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR CONTACT MINISTRIES - OCTOBER 16



SHEEDY SHORES WINEGARDEN - OCTOBER 23



Twenty-one members enjoyed a beautiful autumn afternoon at a fellowship event hosted by the Board of Deacons.



DALE ROGERS' 70th BIRTHDAY – OCTOBER 28



Seventy choir members and friends gathered to celebrate Dale Roger's 70th birthday at a party organized by Meg and Jim Kontio, Susan and Scott Day, and Sue Cull.

REFORMATION SUNDAY AND HARVEST - OCTOBER 30



Eighty-five members and friends gathered for Harvest Fest. Along with a delicious meal, children enjoyed crafts, face-painting, storytelling, and a Halloween maze in the Youth Room.

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Christian K. Choi

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HUNGER MINISTRIES

BREADLESS BREADLINE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

For decades, each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, churches in Springfield have sold bread donated by a local grocery store to raise money for St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it. This year, we will once again host the "Breadless Breadline Sunday." WPC members are encouraged to provide additional donations on Sunday, November 20 marked for St. John's Breadline.



WESTMINSTER PARTNERS WITH SENATOR MCCLURE & MERIDIAN HEALTH TO PROVIDE 200 HAMS AND TURKEYS

On Monday, November 21 at 4:00 p.m. Westminster will host the distribution of 200 turkeys and hams in our parking lot drive-thru. This is a collaboration with Senator Steve McClure (a member of Westminster) and Meridian Health. Senator McClure reached out to Dr. Kieffer about the possibility and the Hunger Action Team, chaired by Jeanne VanGieson, helped coordinate the event. Contact Ministries will receive 100 hams and turkeys and the rest will be distributed to community members.



MONTHLY MEALS

HELPING HANDS - Thank you Kathy Germeraad, Pat Hymans, and Jeanne VanGieson for preparing the October 14 meal. The November 11 meal will be prepared by Nancy Canady and Cathy Allen. **All dates in 2023 are available and the link can be found at www.wpcspi.org.**



SALVATION ARMY WARMING CENTER - Thank you to Kathy Germeraad, Pat Hymans, Mary King, Sue Sawers, Krista Steller, and Jeanne VanGieson for preparing the October 26 meal. The next meal will be on November 29. Please contact Krista Steller Ksteller@wpcspi.org to participate.

WESTMINSTER'S LITTLE PANTRY

Thank you to all who stock Westminster's Little Pantry at Graham School. Please check SignUpGenius (<https://bit.ly/3C4s0vS>) for open dates in November.

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. **High-Demand Items:** personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.



FAIR TRADE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

On Sunday, November 20, following worship, Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold in West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson oversee this ministry.

CONTACT MINISTRIES ADOPT-A-FAMILY

This year, Westminster will again sponsor the nine families living in the Contact Ministries transitional shelter, providing Christmas gifts as they work their way toward independence.



Each family will have multiple Wishlist items on SignUpGenius from which to select gifts. The signups will be available at wpcspi.org by November 14.

Gifts can be dropped off under the smaller Christmas tree in the elevator lobby or ordered for direct delivery to Westminster (make sure to notify Jennie Alt to expect a package!). **All gifts need to be at the church by December 4.**

Watch our weekly email and church website for a link to see what is needed and sign up! For assistance signing up for a gift(s), please contact Jennie Alt at the church office.

2023 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR HABITAT BUILD

If I had a hammer... Calling all members and friends to join in the 2023 Steadfast Neighbor Habitat Build. The tentative **BLITZ WEEK** dates are **March 27-April 1**. **Mark your calendar and plan to be flexible as all is weather dependent.** Thank you to Coleman Moore and Tom Owen who will co-supervise the build.



The Steering Committee: Todd Knox, Chair, Susan Day, Tim Kluge, Diane Rutledge, Pete VanGieson, and Susan Shea will lead in coordinating ministry partners, seek in-kind contributions, grants, and donations by reaching out to sister Presbyterian Churches, congregations within our neighborhood, and organizations with whom we have close ties. Letters and emails are being prepared this month.

NOVEMBER EARTH CARE TIP

Creatively managing fall leaves helps us keep truly green landscapes both in color and environmental impact. Leaves can nourish and protect our lawns and gardens just as they mulch trees in the forest. Avoid hauling away leaves in the fall and hauling in wood chips next spring by raking leaves into garden and flower beds or into a mulch bed behind the garage. Rake enough leaves off the grass to allow some light through for photosynthesis. Grass cut a little taller in the fall can hide the remainder as they decompose. - Dr. Peter Kieffer



UNICEF

Thank you to those who contributed a total of **\$619.23** to UNICEF during October. Presbyterian Women, DMA, and Harvest Fest held collections for this cause.



Thank you to the 20 members who walked or served on the leadership team and to those who contributed to the 2022 Church World Service CROP Hunger Walk. Over 60 members of the community participated. As of November 1, the walk raised **\$15,324** with WPC contributing **\$4,473** of the total.



DISASTER RELIEF

Thank you to those who contributed a total of **\$1,275** to the victims of our recent natural disasters.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Thank you to those who contributed a total of **\$820** to the Peace and Global Witness Offering.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers every **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. A brown bag lunch is held at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Beverages and a dessert will be provided. Questions – call Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON is Friday, November 4, at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Jen McMillin, Director of the Mini O’Beirne Crisis Nursery, will speak on the services they provide women and children. RSVP to the church office or at www.wpcspi.org.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets Wednesday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Christy Pound (100 Pinehurst Drive, 62704). Sophia Choi will lead Lesson 2 “Sabbath and Creation.”

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets Monday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary Peura will lead Lesson 3 “Sabbath and Sunday.” Carrol Stahlman will bring devotionals.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets Tuesday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Carolyn Beatty will lead Lesson 3 “Sabbath and Sunday” and Nancy Canady will host.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE HOSTS A CHRISTMAS GATHERING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 FROM 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

All women of Westminster and their guests are invited to the Village at 3301 Robbins Rd. We will enjoy an afternoon of tea sandwiches, salads, and desserts with a musical program by the St. Andrews Sisters, accompanied by Dale Rogers. The minimum number required is 50 attendees and the max is 80.

Please reserve your spot on our website, the church office, or with Eleanor VanDeventer. There will be opportunities to sign-up in the West Narthex on Sundays, Nov. 6th and 13th after worship. **Please prepay \$15 by November 16**, with checks payable to Eleanor VanDeventer.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S BREAKFAST is Thursday, **November 10 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Nikki Monari, Marketing Director of Scheels, will speak on “Scheels in the Community.” Alan Stutz will provide breakfast and Pete VanGieson will bring the devotion. RSVP to the church office or at www.wpcspi.org.

DMA (DON’T MENTION AGE) HOSTS HOBBY NIGHT POTLUCK 6:30 P.M. & PROGRAM AT 7:15 P.M.

DMA hosts Hobby Night on **Friday, November 18**. Attendees are encouraged to share a picture of a hobby or bring a small sample of your hobby. Bring a side dish to share for the potluck, or just join us for the program. Not required, but we encourage you to RSVP to the church office or at www.wpcspi.org.

CONCORDIA COMMUNION AND LUNCH THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 11:30 AM

Members and friends of Westminster who live at Concordia will gather Thursday, November 17, at 11:30 a.m. for communion followed by lunch with the pastors and the director of music and the arts.

WESTMINSTER 2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2022 Church Directory was sent to the publisher on October 14 and is anticipated to be available at the Annual Meeting in January for those who were photographed. It will serve as a visual reminder of our activities since the last pictorial directory was printed in 2018. In addition, it provides an updated roster of our members. Krista Steller, Jennie Alt, and Dr. Kieffer collaborated to gather photos and contact information on behalf of our congregation!

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Char Barker celebrates 94 years on November 2.
Art Cochran celebrates 96 years on November 13.
Gloria St. Lawrence celebrates 90 years on November 19.

NEW ARRIVAL

Stella Collette Schey was born October 8 in Chicago. Stella’s parents are Erin and Mike Shey, her big brother is Jackson Bradford, and her grandparents are Krista and Brad Steller.

Congratulations to Amanda and Gary Neubauer on the birth of their granddaughter Mia Rose Schrader on July 28, 2022 to Andrea and Dave Schrader.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Robert T. Lawley died October 7 in Springfield. Prayers and sympathy are extended to his wife, Norma Lawley.

Jo Ann Schmidt died October 17 in Springfield. Prayers and sympathy are extended to her husband, Eric Schmidt, their children; Linda Pate (husband Rodney) and Andrea Reiff (husband Don), her daughter; Bobbie Kissel, and their families.

Margie L. Dobson died on October 21 at the age of 101 in Springfield. Prayers and sympathy are extended to her son, George Atkinson and his family.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Dorothy and Bob Wire on the death of Bob’s brother, John Wire, on October 22 in Ludington, Michigan.

NEW ADDRESS

Pat McKenzie, 4220 Lower Roswell Rd., Apt. 106, Marietta, GA 30068

Krista and Brad Steller, 4605 Barrington Dr., Springfield, IL 62711

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Bryce Pound and the Springfield High School Golf Team for a fourth-place finish at State.

Dr. Roy Wehrle who was honored by the World Affairs Council of Central Illinois, for being one of the original founders of their monthly speaker program.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. – John 3:18

As of Tuesday, November 1 we have received **181** pledges for a total of **\$732,518**. This is **86%** toward our \$848,800 goal. Thank you to all who pledged. If you have not made a pledge, please do so soon.

Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org.

2023 Stewardship Campaign Committee: Brownie Anderson, Becky Huston, Jay Kennerly, Julie McDonough, Kate Morthland, Greg Swanson, Brinton Wilkey, Bob Zervas, and Robyn Hovey, Chair

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We are grateful for the congregation’s response to the 2023 Love in Truth and Action Stewardship Campaign. For 2022, year-to-date income is under budget and expenses are slightly over budget, so expenses exceed income by \$21,520. Year-end giving will bring income up to our budgeted projection.

2022 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 748,332	\$ 767,833	\$ -19,500
Expenses	\$-769,852	\$-767,833	\$ - 2,019
Net Total	\$ -21,520	\$ 0	





**THE 2022 BAY WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 12-13**

WELCOMES DR. ROGERS SMITH
Christopher H. Browne Distinguished
Professor of Political Science at the
University of Pennsylvania

**Presentation:
Race and Religion in America:
The 1960s and Today**

Saturday, November 12

Welcome Reception 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Members are invited to a welcome reception at the home of Drs. Todd and Judy Knox hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 13

Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Dr. Smith will introduce the theme.

Education Forum 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation

Description: In his high school years, Rogers Smith attended an Illinois Synod summer institute in Decatur with his mom and brother Dale where black and white church leaders and members from around the state had discussions on civil rights. The following summer Rogers participated in the Westminster Youth Mission Trip to Mt. Morris Presbyterian Church on 125th Street in Harlem. These experiences set him on the road to becoming a political scientist who has studied struggles over equal citizenship in America for over 45 years. He will share thoughts on the significance of race and religion in American life, then and now.

All Church Lunch 12:30 P.M. The Westminster family will share in a meal featuring one of Betty Smith's recipes from the Second Helpings Cookbook.

Biography: Dr. Rogers Smith, a child of Westminster, is the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. He is an author noted for his research and writing on American constitutional and political development and political thought, with a focus on issues of citizenship and racial, gender, and class inequalities. He earned degrees from James Madison College, Michigan State University and Harvard University. Dr. Smith was the president of the American Political Science Association (APSA) from 2018–2019.

**Please RSVP at wpcspi.org by Thursday, November 10
for the Sat. Welcome Reception and/or the Sun. All Church Lunch.**

The Bay Weekend was established in 1974 by the family of Frances and Ed Bay with the formation of the Frances M. Bay Lay Education Fund. This fund has provided the Westminster congregation and community with educational weekends for over 40 years. We are grateful to the Bay Family whose generosity and legacy have nourished our faith for more than four decades, and for the Westminster Endowment Fund which has also contributed to these endeavors.



**Saturday, November 5 is daylight savings time.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.**

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