

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2020

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule:
10:00 a.m.

Live Stream Worship Service
www.wpcspi.org

Sunday School:
WPConnections
Growing in God's Love
emailed to Families
Children Birth-Grade 5

October 4

**WORLD COMMUNION
CROP WALK**

Psalm 19:1-14; Philippians 3:4b-14
Rev. Christian K. Choi
Pressing Onward

October 11

**NEW MEMBERS RECOGNIZED
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Exodus 32:7-14; Philippians 4:1-9
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Whatever

October 18

MISSION SUNDAY

Exodus 33:12-23; Matthew 22:15-22
Rev. Trajan I. McGill
Show Me

October 25

**REFORMATION AND STEWARDSHIP
DEDICATION SUNDAY**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 1 Thess. 2:1-8
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Embraced

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 11

On Sunday, October 11, the congregation will gather for a hybrid meeting which includes those attending worship in the Sanctuary and those who will join us by Zoom immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to elect the following church officers.

ELDERS CLASS OF 2023: Aaron Berkowitz, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Becky Huston, James Kontio, Lynn McMenamain, Mary Ray, Krista Steller and Youth Elder Sam Magalis

BOARD OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2023: Erin Ekstedt, Terry Haynor, Mary King, Richard Leary, Millie McNutt, Bruce Strom, Robert Stuart, Jesse Weitzel and Youth Deacon Jessica Borland

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bill Deemer, Camille Massey, Alan Stutz, Julie Sundquist

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:
Mark Vasconcelles, Susan Shea



2020 Nominating Committee: *Jim Kincaid (Chair), Jim Bryans, Amanda Kurmann, Camille Massey, Julie Sundquist, Carolyn Swanson*

CHURCH OFFICER ORIENTATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 11:00 A.M. IN PARISH HALL

Newly elected elders and deacons will meet Sunday, October 18, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall with Dr. Kieffer and Rev. McGill for orientation and lunch.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Sunday, October 25

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is October 25, 2020. We have so much for which to be thankful at Westminster Presbyterian Church. God's gifts are noticeable in the resilient and generous spirit within our congregation and in our steadfast presence within the neighborhood.

This year's stewardship theme is **The Gifts of God for the People of God**. The psalmist announces: "*Be still and know that I am God.*" As we contemplate what we will give during this unexpected pandemic, let us take time to reflect on the gifts we have received from God and to listen for the ways God is calling us to share these gifts with the people of God. It is good to name the gifts, to count our blessings. It is good to be still and come to know God's mysteries. It is good to receive the gift of silence to share with a world that is weary of chaos, fear, and hopelessness.

Members received the Stewardship Brochure with information on Westminster and the proposed budget and a pledge card. Please complete the pledge card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate by Stewardship Dedication Sunday, October 25, 2020. Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org.

2021 Stewardship Committee: *Nichole Magalis (Chair), Marc Anderson, Bill Deemer, Tanya DeSanto, Virginia Dolan, Tara Fritsch, Mary King, Dave Leonatti, Becky Martin, Sally Godbey, Will Wright, and Pete VanGieson.*



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

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Mr. Rogers

This past Sunday was a time to rejoice as Westminster gathered in an outdoor worship service to dedicate the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor which included the completion of the \$1.38 million Site and Landscape Plan and the beginning of a \$450,000 investment in our neighborhood over the next decade. In my meditation I shared about the unexpected trip Peter and I took to New Hampshire in September to say



goodbye to the homestead of his late father and step-mother.

One of the family treasures we brought home holds a photo and picture poem which our son Paul wrote the year after Will died in 2006. The photo is of Peter and his Dad at our Clayton home doing a high five in front of our white picket fence and the gate they successfully installed with grandfather's flagpole in the background. Paul wrote this to describe the picture.

A white picket fence stands sturdy,
My father and grandfather rejoice!
My mother meets me in the eye
from the sideline of the project,
A flag from my great-grandfather blows
in the strong wind,
My fence is held by a sturdy hinge.
The occasion was special...my grandfather
was at our house,
Traveling to town became hard.
He died last year.
But this picture reminds me,
this picture reminds me
of the four generations,
the flag, my grandfather, my father,
and the white picket fence that stood so sturdy.

We gathered on Sunday across the street from a white picket fence, mindful of the generations who have come before us, to celebrate the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor which was intended to strengthen the homestead of Westminster Presbyterian Church and to invest in the homesteads of our neighbors.

On Sunday we rejoiced as we met one another's eyes from the sideline of the project because we believe Westminster will stand sturdy within this beautiful neighborhood to proclaim, with the psalmist, God's steadfast love and faithfulness to all generations...and that for generations to come, members and neighbors will work side by side across sturdy picket fences to create healthy boundaries with respect and affection,

Our prayer, with the Apostle Paul, is that we never grow weary of doing what is right, that we work for the good of all whenever we have the opportunity, and that we do not use our freedom in Christ as an opportunity for self-indulgence. Our prayer is that for generations to come, we will answer the call from the One whose steadfast love holds life and the world together, the call to be faithful and steadfast in loving our neighbors as we love ourselves.

As I approach my seventh anniversary as your pastor, I am grateful for what we have accomplished together. Thank you for believing in me and for stepping out in faith by calling your first woman to lead your staff and congregation.

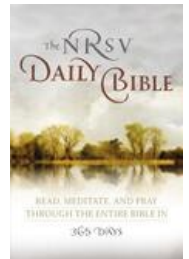
MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

The annual cycle that gives shape to our understanding of the life of Christ and our biblical understanding is the Liturgical Year. The seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost are the principle seasons. The Sundays between Epiphany and Lent as well as the Sundays between Pentecost Day and the beginning of Advent are often called Ordinary Time. There is a liturgical color associated with each of the seasons. The color associated with Ordinary Time is green. Our pulpit and lectern hangings, or paraments, were made several years ago with a trefoil design on the lectern and an ancient Scottish cross design on the pulpit. In September, we started using a new set of clergy stoles in a matching willow green English linen with multiple bands of ornamental fringes. These stoles were designed, crafted, and given by Scott and Susan Day. We are grateful for this generous gift of these three clergy stoles as there is certainly nothing Ordinary about them!

ADULT EDUCATION

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

During this unexpected time, members and friends are invited to share a meaningful Bible Study experience without physically gathering by reading a portion of Scripture each day and sharing thoughts and reflections with members on a private Facebook page. We will utilize *The NRSV Daily Bible: Read, Meditate, and Pray Through the Entire Bible in 365 Days* (paperback) and ask those who choose to join the group to purchase their book online. If you are interested, contact Jim Kincaid, Chair of the Adult Education Committee (jbkin@comcast.net).



YALE BIBLE STUDY COURSE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER



Members and friends are invited to participate in an adaptation of the eight-week course on Genesis from the Yale Bible Study (yalebiblestudy.org). Those who choose to participate have two options:

Gather by Zoom on Wednesdays 7:00

– **8:00 p.m. beginning October 7.** The Zoom discussion will be led by Rev. McGill

Gather in person with social distancing on Thursdays, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. beginning October 8. The in-person Bible Study will be led by Dr. Kieffer

Booklets can be picked up at the church on Friday, October 2 and include the lessons and schedule for all participants. If you would like to participate, please RSVP with Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org or call the church office at 217-522-4415.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

During the month of October up to 100 persons will be welcome in worship. Your Coronavirus Task Force weekly messages can be found on the home page of our website. If you have a specific question for us, do not hesitate to reach out on our email: WPCCoronavirus@gmail.com .

Ellen Carpenter, RN
Virginia Dolan, MD
Peter Kieffer, MD
Todd Knox, MD

Michael Nenaber, MD
Marilyn Rigney, RN
Cara Vasconcelles, MD

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi
YOUTH GROUP MONTH'S GATHERINGS (GRADES 6 -12)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ 11:00 A.M.	CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 @ 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON	SPUD BAKE FUNDRAISER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 @ 11:15 A.M. @ 5:00 P.M.	CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 @ 4:00 P.M.	HARVEST FEST

YOUTH WALK CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 11:00 A.M.
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD

Following our 10:00 a.m. worship, members of Westminster will walk roughly 3.6 miles to pass by 5 micropantries, including our very own at Graham Elementary. Let us bring hope and walk in solidarity with those who are in need. Please wear your Westminster T-shirts, if you have them. It will match a mask that you will receive for walking with us.



THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

On Sunday, October 11, Junior and Senior High Youth will gather in the kitchen from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to prepare loaded baked and sweet potatoes to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas Gift Distribution. **SAVE THE DATE:** We will go shopping on **December 6** with these gifts from the congregation to share God's love with other youth in need.



YOUTH GROUP PEER-HELP / TUTORING SESSIONS BEGIN THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

4:00-5:00 P.M. SECOND FLOOR CLASSROOM

On Thursdays, Jr. & Sr. High youth are invited to an hour of study time to ask questions about their classroom work. If you are interested in tutoring youth, please contact Rev. Choi at cchoi@wpcspi.org. *Facilitator: Rev. Choi*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

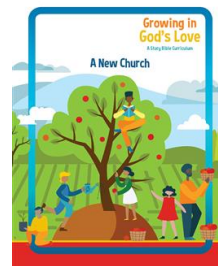
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
CHILDREN PROCESS WITH BREADS OF THE WORLD



A small group of children will process during the 10:00 a.m. voluntary Siyahamba "a Zulu Melody" with the breads of the world as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and lead the Call to Worship. The Communion table will be adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES AT HOME

The **WPConnections** is emailed each Friday and includes a lesson from **Growing in God's Love: A Bible Story Curriculum**, activities, prayers and music. It is designed to be used all at once or over the course of the week as you choose a timeframe that best fits your family's schedule. A workbook with additional resources and background information on each Bible story to assist parents on this journey was mailed home in September. Additionally, parents are invited to post photos and connect on the private Facebook Page. If you have not received an invitation to join our WPConnection Facebook page, please contact ksherrick@wpcspi.org



CHILDREN'S OFFERING: HEIFER INTERNATIONAL



In 2019-2020, the children's offering totaled \$360.84. This was enough to send 18 starter flocks of 10 to 50 chicks along with training to families in need through Heifer International. Each flock provides eggs and protein for nourishment, boosts income through sales of extra eggs and offspring and ensures security for generations.

During this time of not gathering for Sunday School, we hope parents will find ways to engage your children in serving others. WPConnections offers suggestions of organizations through our denominational website, that provide opportunities to serve and provide relief nationally and world wide. When we return to regular Sunday School, we will resume our support of Heifer International.



WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



The beautiful September weather provided an excellent start to outdoor preschool! Running, playing, and learning outside has been a delight! From a praying mantis visit on our first day, we've explored many different insects found on the playground and began our study of trees with the subject of the study right at our fingertips. Our parents have been an excellent help moving all the supplies outside and in every day - definitely a group project that shows exactly what a co-op is! The children have done an excellent job wearing their masks and are thoroughly enjoying being back together to play. We've been so thankful for all the help the church has provided and all their patience with us! We're bundling up for chillier weather and looking forward to what October has to offer us outside.



WESTMINSTER SUPPORT AND ENDOWMENT ANNIVERSARY CHAMPAIGN 2015-2020

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, Westminster dedicated the BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH TWENTY-YEAR Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE with a goal to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.7 to \$5 million by 2020. As of June 2020, \$1,589,490 from the 100 pledges totaling \$1,648,120 has been received. Additionally, non-pledge gifts of \$2,762,287 were donated. **The current market value of the Support and Endowment Fund is \$7,297,336.** *This does not include planned gifts.*

The **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** is listed below and includes pledges, gifts, pre-campaign gifts and planned gifts. Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund. To add your name to the Albert Hale Circle, pledge/donate online at www.wpcspi.org or by contacting Lisa Runkle.

SUPPORT AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE *Todd Wise, Chair, James Bryans, Secretary, Christy Pound, Dale Smith, Lucy Stafford, Jeff Wilday. Steve Arbuthnot, Treasurer, Advisory Members: Randy Germeraad and Diane Rutledge, Staff: Dr. Kieffer and Lisa Runkle*

Cornerstone

(\$250,000 and above)

Fern Garrett Estate*
Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr.
Dale Smith, Jr.

Foundation

(\$150,000 to \$249,999)

Kathy & Randy Germeraad
Lynne O'Shea †
Mary & William Schnirring Estate

Tower

(\$100,000 to \$149,999)

Harry Bergmann*
Memory of Ruth Bergmann
Garvey Estate*
Alice Stuart Payne Estate*

Keystone

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

Paul Bowman Estate*
Linda & Grady Chronister
Louise Cragoe †
Sue & Roland Cull
Linda Culver Memorial*
Carolyn & Dan Dungan
Evelyn Jensen †
Blythe & Peter Kieffer
Judy & Todd Knox
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee †
Preckwinkle Families
Jean & William Sherrick
Jean & William Sherrick*
Nancy & Bill Simpson
Marty Sumner

Pillar *(\$25,000 to \$49,999)*

Silvey & James Barge
Frances Batchelder Estate*
Bennett Estate*
Mina & Harry Bentsen
Velda & George Finney*
Kathy & Randy Germeraad*
Gerry & Harold Hale
Alice Lambert Estate*
Ruth Langdon Estate*
Emma Mae Large Estate*
Ann & Bill Lienemann

Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson
Karen & Andrew Sherrick
Hannah Morrow Siebert Estate*
Marty & Alan Stutz
Barbara Sutton Estate*
Eleanor Wahlbrink*
Martha & Jeff Wilday
Martha & Jeff Wilday †
Lisa & Todd Wise
Sharon & Elvin Zook

Samaritan

(\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
Honor of Julia & Steven Arbuthnot's marriage
Kathie & Michael Nenaber
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett
Dorothea Thrasher †

Advocate

(\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Anonymous
Frances & Edwin Bay*
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust*
Carolyn & Keith Beatty*
Mark Beatty*
Leah & Martin Duling
Chris & Butch Elzea
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour
Helen Hansen Estate*
Marci & Bill Irvine
Irwin & Becker Estate*
Priscilla & Tim Kluge
Margot Kramer
Valerie & Dave Leonatti
Carol & Walter Lohman*
LaVerne Marlowe Estate*
Robyn Newton
Bev & Jim Orr †
Honor of Our Family
Dorothy Park Estate*
Holly Howe Parker*
Jeanne & Glen Pittman
Mary Ray
Memory of Doris Ray
Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer
Dorothy Temple*
Don Thompson Estate*

Marjorie VanNattan Estate*

Counselor

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

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George Adams Estate*
Katrina Archer
Jan & Cliff Baxter
Carolyn & Keith Beatty
Sandy Bellatti
Carolyn Berning
Don Blackburn Estate*
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Eleanor Copper Foundation*
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Hazen & Roland Folse
James S. Francis Estate*
Barbara Greening
Memory of Gershom K. Greening
Christie, Robyn & Will Hovey
Louise Kuehn Estate*
Eleanor & Richard Leary
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee
Judith & Tom Lewis
Ann & Bill Lienemann*
Mary Caroline & David Mitchell
Mary Ann Nation
Memory of James Nation
Sally & Stan Papp
Memory of Dr. & Mrs. W. J. Trainor
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Sue & Jesse Werner

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Companion

(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

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Theda Muirhead and
George & Dorothy Cordier*
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Joseph A. Harrison
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Mary & Charles King
F. Wells Langbehn
Mary & Bob Leffler
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Patricia McKenzie
Richard Newton Estate*
Stan & Barbara Papp
*Memory of
Sally Trainor Papp*
Sharon Reynolds
Judy Ridinger
Leona Sangster Estate*
Robert A. Stuart
John Thompson Estate*
Alan J. Wallace

Friend

(up to \$2,499)

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Marc Anderson
Charlotte Bailey
Jane R. Barry
Neil Bassett
Ella Grace & Robert Bengel
Estate*
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Meggan & Brady Bird
George Botanga
Jo Ann Brown Estate
Nancy & Richard Canady
Linda & Ed Caupert
Alexander Moore Chipman
Ada & Stephen Cobourn
*Memory of Loved Ones
Memory of Lucy Colbert*
Marilyn Cohen
Robert Copper Estate*
Robert Cordier
Catherine Cragoe
John Cross

Betty Dawkins
Judy & Dan Dees
Virginia & Jim Dolan
Hannah M. Dreitcer
Dee Dee & Rick Duffy
Tempa Dunn
Betsy Dye
Helen Evenson
Joseph Fierstos
Donna & Francis Foster
Carmel Fratianni
& Michael Schneider
Deanna & Donald Funk
Honor of Dale Rogers
Anne & David Haaker
Roberta & Richard Hendee
Mal Hildebrand
Pat Hildebrand-Culler
Tamika & Jacob Hill
Sandy Hill
Sandy & Jon Hockenyo
Renee Housel
Katharine M. Hughes
Thomas Janeway
Minnie Lee Jones Estate*
J. M. Keller
Kathleen H. Kenyon
Paul Denham Kieffer
Beth & Jim Kincaid
Clyde Knock*
Karen Kraft
Memory of Amolee McIntyre
Naomi & Robert Lynn
Katie & Carl Matteson
Teresa & Terry McElwee
Sarah & Trajan Iliff McGill
Jack McKee Estate*
June McKee Estate*
Kathy & Bill Meriwether
Lisa Metzger
*Memory of
Mary & Edmond Metzger*
Leigh & Kevin Milward
Carolyn & R. L. Moore
Kathy & Tim Moore
*Memory of the Koessel
& the Moore Families*
Stephanie S. Moore
Bev & Ken Morey
Madelyn Morris Bogue
Memory of Richard Morris
Joyce Newcomb Family
Tom Owen
Mary & Harold Perkins
Michelle Power
Claire & Richard Priller
Linda & Mark Ranck
Marilyn & James Rigney
Kelly Robertson
Mary Gail & Steve Romack
*Memory of
Helen & Clyde Knock*
Kim Leistner Root
Memory of Dorothy Irvine
Debra (Pollock) Rudis
Memory of Laura Pollock
Betsy Ruklick

Susan & Grant Russel
Memory of Joseph Dawkins
Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt
Susan R. Shea
Rebecca Sherrick
*Honor of Dr. & Mrs. William
Sherrick's 60th Anniversary*
Donna Solomon
Suzann & Thomas Spada
Krista & Brad Steller
Paula Stewart
Strawbridge Estate*
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M. Jill Sullivan
Debbie & Skip Turnbull
Sharon Turner
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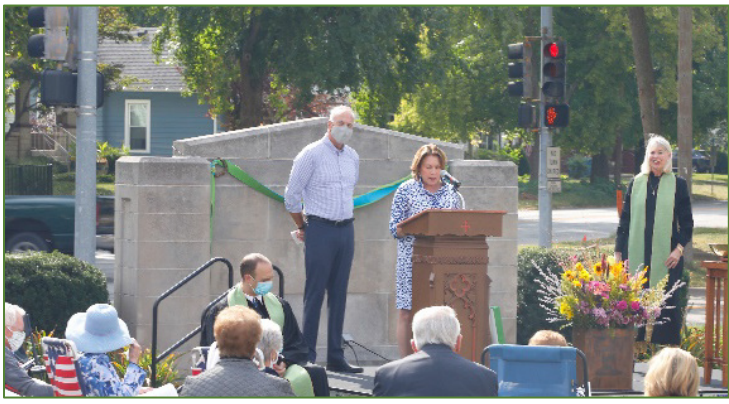
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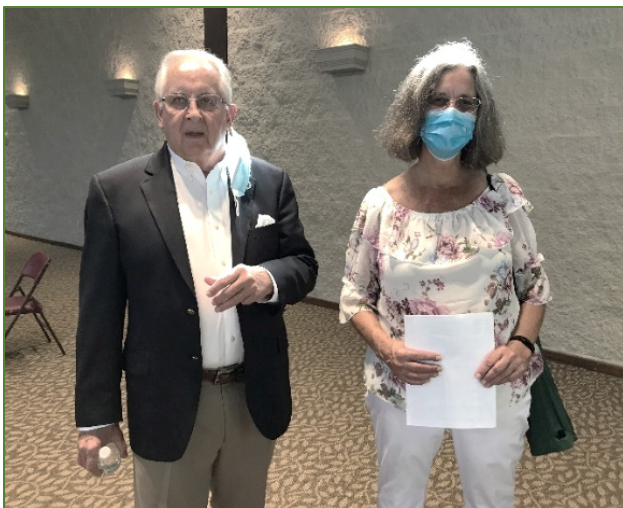
STEADFAST NEIGHBOR CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020





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PARISH LIFE by Rev. Trajan McGill MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MISSION EMPHASIS IN WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 18

On Sunday, October 18, mission will be our emphasis in worship. Thanks to all in the WPC family who contribute time, effort, and expertise to the church's mission. For a list of work in which we participate, see our mission brochure, an updated version of which will be available October 18 and downloadable from our website beginning that day. Find ideas there for getting involved in our mission work, or bring your own ideas to anyone on WPC's mission leadership team.



Mission and Community Service Committee: Kathy Germeraad (Chairperson), Roe Stone (Vice Chairperson), Rance Carpenter, Rachael Hickman, Nancy Huston, Bob Leffler, Becky McDonald, Trajan McGill, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura, Peter VanGieson, Alan Wallace.

Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force: Christian Choi, Keith Hamilton, Blythe Kieffer, Todd Knox, Bob Leffler, Trajan McGill, Brad Milliman, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura.

Earth Care Team: Peter Kieffer (Chairperson), Keith Hamilton, Charlie King, Becky McDonald, Lynn McMenamin, Maribeth Norton, Susan Shaw, Brad Steller.

Hunger Action Team (New! See below article): Linda Chronister, Virginia Dolan, Kathy Germeraad, Mary King, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Tom Owen, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Sawers, Karen Sherrick, Dale Smith, Krista Steller, Jeanne VanGieson.

HUNGER ACTION

Our application to become a certified Hunger Action Congregation has already been approved by the denomination! This broad-ranging program looks into many areas of the church's life (education, worship, mission and community service, and elsewhere) in seeking ways to grow our work against hunger worldwide and in our own community. This issue appears to have a place in the heart of our congregation, as the response has been strong—thanks to the many people who have stepped forward with interest in directly working on this initiative.



LITTLE PANTRY – Our Little Pantry at Graham Elementary continues to get heavy use. If you'd like to help maintain the pantry, contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for more details. Reimbursement is available for items purchased, and an assortment of pantry goods is kept at the church. Suggestions for specific needs are on our website.



HELPING HANDS MEAL

Thanks to *the Green, Hymans, and Steller families* for providing the Helping Hands meal on September 11. *Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, and Cathy Schwartz* are preparing the meal on October 9. Thank you to Marc Anderson for providing the milk for the meal each month.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH OCTOBER MENU

Canned Chili, Crackers, Canned Soups with Pop Tabs, Biscuit Mix (boxes or packets). **High-Demand Items:** *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

COMPASS FOR KIDS - This year's Compass after-school program is looking promising despite the present challenges! It will be online, but now able to engage with children multiple days each week, with a new, online-friendly social/emotional curriculum on Tuesdays, Wednesday enrichment activities, and Thursday virtual book club, plus delivery of food and supplies each week. **Tuesday afternoon classroom helpers and Thursday evening readers are still needed.** Thanks to **Jim Bogue, Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, David Haaker, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Karen Sherrick, and Olivia Simonson** for their involvement already this year.

NEW MISSION GRANTS

Many community organizations presently have special needs beyond the ordinary. The Mission & Community Service Committee has directed many of this year's Mission Grant funds to meet those needs. New support:

- **Compass for Kids** received \$5,000 toward supply and staffing needs as they continue to support at-risk children through their ambitious modified program.
- **The Illinois Presbyterian Home** was given \$5,000, to cover increased costs for personal protective equipment.
- **The Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence** requested and received \$2,000 to assist in meeting the basic needs of victims of abuse throughout the state, an even more difficult task under present circumstances.
- **The Central Illinois Foodbank**, a central point of supply to area food pantries, was given \$2,500 to help ensure they are able to offer a good variety of healthy food.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING – Our denomination annually promotes a "Peace & Global Witness Offering," which "enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world," advocating at local, regional, and worldwide levels for people in places of cultural violence. Please consider marking a donation this month for this special offering.



DISASTER RELIEF – This year continues to have a very active hurricane and fire season. Members of the church are invited to contribute to the victims of natural disasters. Checks marked for disaster relief will be shared with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, our denomination's disaster relief agency.

EARTH CARE NEWS – SEPTEMBER TIP

Even without solar panels on our roofs, we can harvest God's gift of solar energy. Opening southern blinds can warm a home on cool sunny days. Leaving laundry out to dry gives the energy-hog dryer a rest. Tending a garden is a way for agriculture to capture solar energy for our bodies. If your family needs more clean energy, subscribe to mySolar, through which we can pay a reasonable surcharge for kilowatts generated at CWLP's solar farm northwest of Springfield.



COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Westminster has been selected by Springfield ICON as a 2020 Organization Good Neighbor award recipient! Among the nominations received this year, our church "was selected as a great example of what it takes to be a Good Neighbor in our community," after receiving numerous nominations—thanks to Carrie Becker, Lynne Cleverdon, Sue Cull, Bill Steele, Ann Collins, Lynne and Paul O'Shea, and Jess Weitzel, all of whom offered WPC up as a candidate for this recognition; and many thanks to all the members of this church for working hard to have a steadfast presence within our neighborhood!



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

Knitters - find your yarn and needles and join us at Westminster on Tuesdays in the month of October from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. In consideration of the COVID-19 guidelines, we have a few changes:

- Seating will be spaced per the guidelines.
- The monthly luncheon will not be held.
- Please bring your own beverage.

Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 622-8657 if you have questions.

DMA will not resume in October.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN are looking into ways to carry on their fellowship during the present time. Contact Rev. McGill or Pete VanGieson for more info on this group.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON, RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE, AND ELIZABETH CIRCLE will decide on a month by month basis. Check with your circle for updates.

LYDIA CIRCLE INVITES ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN to meet **Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m.** on Zoom. Leah Duling will lead Lesson 2 “Lamenting Together” based on the theme scripture of Psalm 137 in the *2020-2021 PW Horizons Bible Study: Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller. **For those who are not in Lydia Circle and want to receive an email Zoom invitation, email Jennie in the church office at jalt@wpcspi.org.**

INTRODUCING WESTMINSTER’S LANDSCAPE GUILD

The Landscape Task Force which was formed by the Strategic Planning Committee as part of the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor would like to express appreciation to Mark Sexton for his landscape design and Sexton Landscape Concepts for their installation of the plan.



At their final meeting in September, the task force established a Landscape Guild to maintain the newly installed landscape and the Memorial Garden. **The Landscape Guild co-chairs are Peter Kieffer and Andy Sherrick. Serving on the guild are Scott Day, Todd Knox, Dale Rogers.** Additional members from our congregation will be invited to serve in October. If you are interested, please contact Dale Rogers (dtogers@wpcspi.org).

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Session will meet Sunday, October 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall to receive new members who will be recognized and welcomed into the life of our congregation during the 10:00 a.m. worship service at 10:00 a.m.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Our August income was low as is typical, but these days of COVID-19 are anything but typical. We look forward to making up the shortfall in the months ahead. We are nearly \$36,500 below budgeted income. Expenses are under budget by nearly \$17,300, therefore, the year-to-date expenses exceed income by \$19,217.

2020 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 657,493	\$ 693,990	\$-36,497
Expenses	\$-676,710	\$-693,990	\$-17,280
Net Total	\$ -19,217	\$ 0	

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Judy and Dan Dees celebrated 65 years on September 15.

Dee Tozer celebrates 91 years on October 1.

Nancy and Lon Scott celebrate 67 years on October 10.

Dr. James Singleton celebrates 90 years October 14.

Dr. Bill Sherrick celebrates 90 years on October 16.

Dorothy Kessler celebrates 90 years on October 28.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Roe Stone on the birth of her grandson, Andrew Richard Stone III, to Katie and Drew Stone on September 9.

IN MEMORIAM

Bernice Bay died on September 10, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her niece, Julie Eybers and family. Graveside services were held on Friday, September 18, 2020 in Madrid, IA.

Dorothea Thrasher died on September 11, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her son and his wife, Rick and Jeanne Thrasher, her grandson and his wife, Drs. Tony and Amy Thrasher, her granddaughter Kelly Thrasher, and their families.

Jean L. Sherrick died on September 15, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her husband Dr. Bill Sherrick, their children Daniel (Mary Beijan) Sherrick, Laura Sherrick, Dr. Andy (Karen) Sherrick, son-in-law Ron Scanlon, and grandchildren Sarah, Ben, Nicky, and Ruby Sherrick, Cassidy Apodaca, Ali and Ethan Reichel, Jack and Annie Sherrick, and Sean and Jack Scanlan.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Betty Maletich on the death of her husband Dr. Robert Maletich on August 6 in Johnson City, TN. Betty and Robert were long time, active members of our faith community.

Pat Hildebrand-Culler on the death of her daughter and to Sally and Mal Hildebrand on the death of their niece, Cynthia Lynn Culler, on September 2 in Springfield.

Nancy & Lon Scott on the death of their nephew Dan Scott on September 5 and their niece-in-law Pat Scott on September 14.

Pat McNutt on the death of her brother-in-law and to Millie and John McNutt, Sarah and Richard Rockwood and Bill McNutt on the death of their uncle, Arthur William McNutt, on September 18 in Springfield.

Marilyn and Jim Rigney on the death of Marilyn’s sister, Elaine Kieschnick, on September 21 in Houston Texas.

NEW ADDRESS

Debbie & Skip Turnbull, 1806 S. Cogmill, Springfield, IL 62704
New Phone – 217-679-7469

BSA SCOUTING AWARD PLAQUE

Grady Chronister received the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award in 2012 and Dr. Roland Folse received the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Abraham Lincoln BSA Council in 2016. The BSA Scouting Award Plaque next to the elevator has been recently updated to recognize these awards.

THANK YOU TO

Linda Chronister, who generously donated a wooden bookcase for the pastor’s study and several oriental rugs that have brightened the Children’s Worship space in the Chapel.

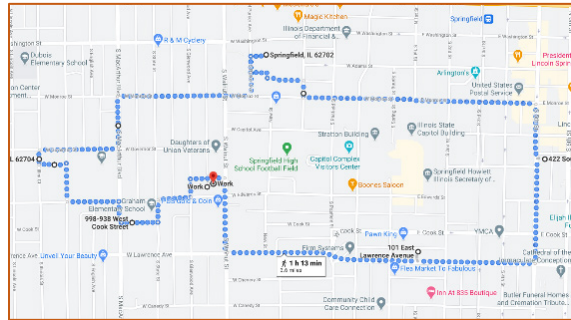
WESTMINSTER ROUTE FOR CROP HUNGER WALK

MEET IN PARKING LOT AT 11:00 A.M.



Join the Springfield community as we address hunger in our world and community. Due to the pandemic, this year's CROP Walk is taking a different path: a virtual, yet socially distant, walk. Walkers are invited to choose their own paths and times and to have walks and donations completed by **October 4**.

Members are invited to join Rev. Choi and the youth on the Westminster route following the 10:00 a.m. service. Walkers will need to sign a liability waiver and release. If you would like to contribute to this mission effort, please go to www.wpcspi.org/cropwalk or drop off your donation at the church office.



In 2019, Westminster raised \$7,500 to fight hunger locally and throughout the world.

THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

FOLLOWING WORSHIP, BEGINNING AT 10:45 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

WEST NARTHEX AND OUR NEW DROP-OFF LANE

On **Sunday, October 11**, Junior and Senior High Youth will prepare loaded baked potatoes to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas Gift Distribution. Members are invited to buy a spud for a suggested donation of **\$5.00 or more** to help our youth share God's love.



You can preorder them at www.wpcspi.org/spudbake or come by our drive-thru drop-off lane in our newly renovated parking lot between 10:45 a.m. and 12:00 noon to order and pick up your spud.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 4:00 -5:00 P.M.



Westminster families and our neighbors are invited to be our guests at Westminster's Annual Harvest Festival! Weather permitting, we plan to meet outside for a bit of Fall fun. This year's gathering will include:

PUMPKIN DECORATING, STORY-TELLING AND TREAT BAG DECORATING at 4:00 p.m. on tables in the parking lot.

COSTUME PARADE at 4:30 p.m. All are encouraged to wear a costume.

TRUNK OR TREAT from 4:15-5:00 in the church parking lot coordinated by the Board of Deacons.

The evening will conclude at 5:00 p.m. with a grab-and-go meal as you depart.

We hope you can join us!

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Reporter folding and mailing will be Wednesday, October 28.