



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2022

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

October 2

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Lamentations 3:19-26; 2 Timothy 1:1-14
The Rev. Christian Choi
Looking Beyond the Obstacle

October 9

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
A Spacious Place

October 16

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS ORIENTATION

Jeremiah 31:27-34; Luke 18:1-8
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
She Persisted

October 23

Joel 2:23-32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
The Rev. Christian K. Choi
Growing into Call Each Season

October 30

REFORMATION SUNDAY AND STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Luke 19:1-10
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Nailed it!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 9 following 10:00 a.m. Worship

On Sunday, October 9, the congregation will gather immediately following worship to elect the following church officers.

Elders Class of 2025: Dr. Scott Day, Jim Dolan, Gregg Humphrey, Dr. Judy Knox, Amanda Kurmann, Pat McNutt, Dr. Mike Nenaber, Jeanne VanGieson

Youth Elder – Will Hovey

Board of Deacons Class of 2024: Julie Pittman McDonough

Board of Deacons Class of 2025: Keith Hamilton, Chris Hickman, Sabrina Holmes, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon, John McNutt, Coleman Moore, Erin Winn

Youth Deacons – Kristiana Eastvold

Strategic Planning Committee Class of 2025: Lyle VanDeventer, Marilyn Rigney

2023 Nominating Committee: Brad Steller, Alan Stutz, Julie Sundquist, Carolyn Swanson



Congregational Meeting

Thank you to the 2022 Nominating Committee for their good work!

Eleanor VanDeventer, Chair, Carolyn Swanson, Elder, Mary King, Deacon, Deb Coontz, Bill Deemer, Alan Stutz, Julie Sundquist

Church Officer Orientation for Newly elected elders and deacons will be Sunday, October 16, 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Lunch will be Spuds in support of our Youth Fundraiser.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Love in Truth and Action: Time, Talent, Treasure is this year’s Stewardship theme based on I John 3:18 - *Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.*

Sharing our time, talent, and treasure in support of Christ’s ministry at Westminster expresses our love in truth and action. Our church family is made resilient when we work together. We are grateful for the time and talent shared by so many and want to acknowledge these generous gifts as well as the gifts of “treasure” we invite at this time. We value every gift given in truth and action. Each gift enriches our life together and each gift is an expression of one’s love for Christ.

Members received the Stewardship Brochure containing information on Westminster and the proposed budget along with 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 30, 2022.



Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org or by using the QR Code printed here.

2022 Stewardship Committee: Brownie Anderson, Becky Huston, Jay Kennerly, Julie McDonough, Kate Morthland, Greg Swanson, Brinton Wilkey, Bob Zerfas, and Robyn Hovey, Chair

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

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

Among the many opportunities to grow in our faith at Westminster is the Adult Education Forum which meets Sunday mornings, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in Parish Hall. Below is a list of courses for the 2022-2023 church year.

Bread of Life

October 2

Join us for the final presentation on the theology of bread. The newly formed Bread Guild grew out of this presentation. Led by Dr. Peter Kieffer

Christian Devotional Traditions

October 16, 23, November 6

Join us for an exploration of devotional traditions and their history including the Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, and Presbyterian Heritage. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, The Rev. Gerald Boutelle, Jay Kennerly, Lyle VanDeventer

No Room at the Inn:

Homeless and Refugee Ministries:

November 20, 27, December 11, 18

We will learn about WPC's homeless and refugee outreach including Contact Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, Wooden It Be Lovely, and RefugeeOne.

Unraveling Roe: A Complicated Rise and Fall

January 8, 15, 22

This adult forum will explain the legal, political, and societal foundations of the rise and fall of Roe v. Wade, along with its branching implications on other seemingly protected rights. Led by Kate and Michael Morthland

Origins of the Bible

February 5, 12, 19

This course will explore the history behind the Bible including scholarly debates on dating and the writing of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament, as well as the history of manuscript transmission that created today's Scriptures. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz

Reflections on Historic Sanctuaries and Holy Spaces

Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2

Each week we will rediscover historic sanctuaries beginning with Early Christian Churches, Churches in Spain, Germany, Scotland, England, and Churches designed by Ralph Adam Cram. Led by Dale Rogers, Dr. Peter and Rev. Dr. Blythe Kieffer, Rev. Christian Choi, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold

Solutions to Climate Change

April 16, 23

Join us to learn more about the climate change issue, solutions, and their relative effectiveness in an interactive presentation. Led by Andy Panelli and members of the Earth Care Team

Jesus and John Wayne

May 7, 14

We will explore Kristin Kobes Du Mez's 2020 book, Jesus and John Wayne, which traces how over the last 75 years, evangelicals have "replaced the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism." Led by Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) meet Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Follow the cheese.



WE WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S MUSIC, KATIE MOORE. Katie's first choir practices are Wednesday, October 5.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will meet at 4:15 p.m. in the Choir Room

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-5) will meet at 5:00 p.m.

following Bridges in the Choir Room.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR meets Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

CESAR FRANCK 200TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT by Dale Rogers 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.

ADULT EDUCATION

SYMPOSIUM ON CURRENT ISSUES

Thursdays, October 27 and November 3, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Join Dr. Roy Wehrle for a two-week symposium "U.S. Policy on China and Taiwan" Thursday, October 27 and November 3, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in Parish Hall.

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, October 25 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss *Invisible Child* by Andrea Elliott. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

THE 2022 BAY WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 12-13

DR. ROGERS SMITH Presents:

Race and Religion in America: The 1960s and Today

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.

Saturday, November 12

Welcome Reception

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Members are invited to the home of Drs. Todd and Judy Knox for a gathering hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 13

Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Dr. Smith will introduce topic.

Education Forum

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation

All Church Lunch

12:30 p.m. We will share a community meal.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

YOUTH WALK CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 1:00 P.M.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD



We will gather and check-in at Third Presbyterian Church starting at 1:00 p.m. We will begin the walk at 1:30 p.m., joining other fellow CROP

walkers in the Springfield area to walk in solidarity with those who are hungry around the globe. After two miles of walking around the neighborhood, we will finish at Third Presbyterian Church. Please wear your Westminster or youth mission trip T-shirts, if you have them. And for your participation, a CROP walk T-shirt will be given out!

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. – 7:00 P.M.
10/2	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY CROP WALK	
10/9	NO CLASS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	JUSTICE: STANDING UP FOR JUSTICE
10/16	SPUD BAKE FUNDRAISER	
10/23	BIG GOD, BIG QUESTIONS SESSIONS 2 & 10	JUSTICE: WHAT AND WHY DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?
10/30	HARVEST FEST 11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 FROM 6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

We will have our first Youth Group Activity of the year from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to go experience **Terror on the Square** in Petersburg, IL. This activity will only occur when more than 10 youth sign up on the Youth wall in West Narthex by Sunday, Oct. 16 (along with ticket availability). Please turn in a \$35 deposit needed to secure your spot to the church office.

THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

On Sunday, October 16, 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.



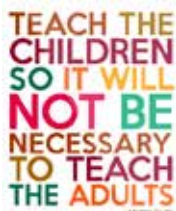
SAVE THE DATE: We will shop on Sunday, December 4 to share God's love with other youth in need using the donations received from the Spud Bake Sale.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Westminster will host Children of Abraham on **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. Thank you to Susan Shaw who will assist in leading an Earth Care activity.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

August Ekstedt retelling the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus during Sunday School.

OCTOBER LESSONS:

10/2 Role Models: II Tim. 1:1-14

10/9 Strength of Jesus:

II Tim 2:8-15

10/16 Be Persistent: Luke 18:1-8

10/23 Show Mercy: Luke 18:9-14

10/30 Come Down: Luke 19:1-10

THE CHILDREN'S OFFERING for 2022-2023 will go to Heifer International. The children

selected chicks this year. Every \$20 provides a family a flock of chicks to yield eggs for protein and nourishment and to boost income through sale of extra eggs. Offspring will help ensure security for generations to come. **Please pick up your box of weekly offering envelopes in Sunday School or from the table near the children's check-in.**



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.

WCP PRESCHOOL NEWS

We've had a wonderful start to our new school year! Our new morning teacher, Keri, has been warmly welcomed to our school family and is enjoying her new position with us! Parents have been excited and busy as they've helped us get ready to start school. We've enjoyed parent work days, first day coffees, and a great Macaroni Fest. Thank you to all who supported us! To begin the year, we've started with an author study of David Shannon and his fun books, and we've included a study of "school." We've brought our bus (made from a cardboard box) back to the dramatic play center, explored apples, and had an opportunity to learn about each of our friends. Four monarch caterpillars are visiting our classroom; a black swallowtail caterpillar is also there after it hitched a ride on the parsley plant that was donated to our school! We're excited about October, studying pumpkins, and visiting Pumpkin Creek Farms. – **Emily Rowley**



HOMEcoming SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11



CHOIR RETREAT AND DINNER, SEPTEMBER 10



MR. ROGERS AND CHURCH MICE



ELIZABETH CIRCLE AT MIDWEST MISSION & PW CARD SORTING FOR ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME



MILESTONE MEMBERS RECOGNIZED SEPTEMBER 18



LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETS THIRD TUESDAYS, 1-3 P.M.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE PREPARES MAILING AND TAMIKA HILL PROVIDES VACCINES ON SEPTEMBER 25



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Christian K. Choi

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

COMPASS FOR KIDS



WPC welcomed 14 Graham Elementary students on Wednesday, September 13 as we began the 2022-2023 school year. We are excited to return to serving dinner along with mentoring and providing life skills. We are grateful to the WPC ministry partners (especially our youth) who work with Compass: Cathy Allen, Cathy Brower, Emily Brower, Kristianna Eastvold, Chris Gates, Mia Marcy, Bryce Pound, Matthew Scott.



Compass received a \$5,000 Mission Grant from WPC's Endowment to assist with the academic and social-emotional support empowering at-risk children and families. In Springfield School District 186, Compass serves five schools: Black Hawk, Dubois, Graham, Harvard Park, and McClernand. Westminster hosts this after-school program for Graham Elementary.

HUNGER MINISTRIES

MONTHLY MEALS

SEPTEMBER HELPING HANDS MEAL was prepared by Elizabeth Circle Members (Row 1) Sue Baker, (Row 2) Eleanor VanDeventer and Mary King, (not pictured is Camille Degner). Marc Anderson donates milk every month.



SEPTEMBER WARMING CENTER MEAL for the Salvation Army was prepared by Jeanne VanGieson, Pat Hymans, Sue Scaife, and Krista Steller. The next meal will be on Wednesday, October 26. 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 October.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH OCTOBER MENU

Canned chili or soup with pop tops, biscuit mix, and 100% juice or water canned fruit. **Items in High Demand:** *feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

On Sunday, October 16, 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** will host the table.



STEADFAST NEIGHBOR

UPDATE ON 626 S. GLENWOOD

The City of Springfield demolished the back carriage house at 626 S. Glenwood in September. WPC hired Jaron Industries who will demolish the front home in October, paving a way to move forward with the **2023 Presbyterian Habitat Build**.



WPC continues to be steadfast in our commitment to our neighbors. In September Brad Steller and custodian, Bill Hibbert, slit seeded a neighbor's yard whose porch we completely rebuilt during the 2022

Steadfast Neighbor Service Week.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME



Members of Mission and Community Service Committee met with Amy Rasing and Marci Irvine to tour the newly constructed Tower Apartment at Illinois Presbyterian Home.

(Pictured left to right: Bob Wire, Richard Leary, Amy Rasing, Marci Irvine, Lynn McMenamin, and Bob Leffler; not pictured, Rev. Choi)

IPH has served Central Illinois Presbyterians for over 70 years,

and they have recommitted to the same mission with their new Fair Hills Cottages and Tower apartments. Westminster will contribute a \$5,000 Mission Endowment Grant towards IPH's Faithful Community Care Fund, which assists residents with financial needs.

OCTOBER EARTH CARE TIP

We have three new sustainable stores downtown. **Corrine's Closet** at 223 South 6th Street sells gently used vintage and designer women's clothes, handbags, and accessories. **Creative Reuse Marketplace** at 122 South 4th Street sells school and craft supplies. **The Keep Store** at 314 East Adams sells sustainable goods and encourages refillable containers. Remember to buy local foods at our Farmers' Market on Wednesday and Saturday mornings between 3rd and 5th on Adams from May through October! - Dr. Peter Kieffer



Westminster received a **2022 Gold Level Member Award** at the Springfield Area Green Leadership Program on Wednesday, September 7 at their annual dinner. Blythe and Peter Kieffer represented our congregation to accept the award. We received a Silver Level Member Award in 2019.



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 on October 7, 2022, at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Colleen Stone, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, will speak on the 2023 Presbyterian Habitat build at 626 S. Glenwood as part of Ruth and Naomi's mission emphasis. Please RSVP on website or with Jennie Alt.



PW HANDBOOKS are available in the church office.

CELEBRATING SABBATH: ACCEPTING GOD'S GIFT OF REST AND DELIGHT is the 2022-2023 Horizon's Bible Study. Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets Monday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary King will lead Lesson 2 "Sabbath and Creation" and Norma Adams-Johnson will provide the devotional. For details, call Eleanor VanDeventer (217-341-4032).

RUTH AND NAOMI will resume on Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane, 62712) and begin with Lesson 1 "Sabbath and Celebration." Call Christy Pound (217-971-3082) if you are interested in joining.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Sharon Turner will lead Lesson 2 "Sabbath and Creation" and Betsy Ruklick will host. Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST is on Thursday, October 13 at **8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Coleman Moore will speak on "The Custom Cottage," a business he initiated in Grand Rapids, Milwaukee, and Indianapolis which mentor's inner-city man in the craft of building custom furniture. Brad Swanson will provide breakfast and Tom Owen will provide the devotional. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

POTLUCK 6:30 P.M. & PROGRAM AT 7:15 P.M.

DMA welcomes Brenda Larson, Master Naturalist, for a program called "Magic of Monarchs" on Friday, October 21. 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.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithfulness to the ministry of Westminster. At the end of August, expenses exceed income by \$4,666. Donors will be receiving a contribution statement in early October. We encourage each one to check your giving compared to the pledge amount, and to catch up, if needed, before the year-end rush.

2022 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 688,452	\$ 682,518	\$ 5,934
Expenses	\$-693,118	\$-682,518	\$-10,600
Net Total	\$ -4,666	\$ 0	

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dee Tozer celebrates 93 years on October 1.

Dr. Diane and Steve Rutledge celebrate 50 years on October 7.

Nancy and Lon Scott celebrate 69 years on October 10.

Dr. James Singleton celebrates 92 years October 14.

Dr. Bill Sherrick celebrates 92 years on October 16.

Mary Ann Armstrong celebrates 91 years on October 22.

Linda & Ed Caupert celebrate 56 years on October 22.

Margery Dodds celebrates 91 years on October 28.

Dr. Roland Folse celebrates 90 years on October 28.

NEW ARRIVAL

Hudson Wayne Newman was born September 9 to Adrienne Ranck Newman and Kyle Newman in Decatur, IL. His proud grandparents are Linda and Mark Ranck.

Congratulations to Lynn and Joe McMenamin on the birth of their granddaughter Pearce Beudet McMenamin June 28, 2022 in Chicago to Ed McMenamin and Libbie Beudet.

Congratulations to Norma & Frank Adams-Johnson on the birth of their great-granddaughter Elise Marie Jerome on September 17 in Cantrall, IL to Christian and Nathan Jerome.

IN MEMORIAM

June S. Baker died September 4, 2022 in St. Clair, Missouri. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her daughter, Becky Baxa, her husband Mark, and their family.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Erin and Josh Masters and Katie and Keegan MacDonna on the death of Erin and Keegan's grandmother, and to Piper and Sophia MacDonna on the death of their great-grandmother, Helen Parker, on September 1 in Mowequa, IL.

Mary Norton on the death of her daughter, and to her grandsons Alexander and Joseph on the death of their mother, Theresa Greco, on September 16 in Springfield, IL.

NEW ADDRESS

Gladys & James Hajek, 2902 Cindy Lane, Springfield, IL 62711

Amy & Sam Xanders, 7629 Southport Lane, Springfield, IL 62711

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION– was not served in September because of Homecoming Sunday. If you would like to receive Communion at home on October 2, please contact Jennie Alt.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY continues to provide blood pressure checks on the first Sundays of the month. Ellen Carpenter coordinated a vaccine clinic on Sunday, September 25. Over 20 Vaccines were given by Pharmacist and member, Dr. Tamika Hill. The vaccines were provided by Curry's Pharmacy.

PRAYER CIRCLE continues to hold members in prayer. Call or email Christian or Blythe with a prayer request.

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 has been visiting and 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.



ANNUAL CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP HUNGER WALK

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

1:00 P.M. AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The walk begins at Third Presbyterian (1030 N. Seventh). Check-in is at 1:00 p.m. with a start time of 1:30. The 2.5-mile walk will take an average walker less than one hour to complete. Park in the Third Presbyterian parking lot at Bergen and 7th Streets. 25% of money raised goes to our local food pantries, the remainder fighting hunger worldwide. Food pantries receiving funds include Grace



Lutheran, Kumler Outreach Ministries, 5th Street Renaissance, and Pleasant Plains Food Pantry. Members are invited to support WPC youth walking or join this symbolic journey. Contact Becky Martin or Krista Steller for more information. Donations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/CROP-WPC> or use the QR code or make a check out to WPC with CROP Walk in the memo line.

WORLD COMMUNION CELEBRATED WITH SWEDISH BREAD

Westminster will celebrate World Communion with Swedish Bread, a family recipe, prepared by Brad Swanson. Bridges children will process during the opening voluntary Sijahamba. with the bread and symbols of communion (wheat and grapes) and lead the Call to Worship. The Communion table will be adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.

The New Bread Guild began baking bread for communion on September 11. Members include Susan Day, Pat Hymans, Peter Kieffer, Priscilla Kluge, Mary Leffler, Mary Jo Jenkins, Pat McNutt, Mary Moore, Carolyn and Brad Swanson.

ON YOUR OWN TIME EXHIBIT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Worship, Music and Arts Committee will host a Westminster **On My Own Time** Exhibit on Sunday, October 9 in Parish Hall following the congregational meeting. We look forward to this display as members share their hobbies and collections. This is a wonderful way to get to know one another better. We are grateful to those who have already registered to be a part of the day and encourage others. Pat Hymans is providing cookies (her hobby) for all to enjoy. If you would like to participate, contact Dale Rogers (drogers@wpcspi.org).



ANNUAL SPUD BAKE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16



On **Sunday, October 16**, 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, pick up your spud following worship, bring it home or enjoy it in Parish Hall.

REFORMATION AND HARVEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Westminster will continue the tradition we began in 2021 when Reformation Sunday fell on Halloween. We will celebrate the Harvest Festival in the morning. Members are invited to **wear costumes to worship** and join Westminster families in Parish Hall following the service (11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.) for a festive gathering. Highlights and activities will include:



A DELICIOUS LUNCH will be provided and treat bags sent home with the children.

PUMPKIN CRAFTS AND TREATS, STORYTELLING AND FACE PAINTING in the Parish Hall.

A HARVEST MAZE in the Youth Room.

This provides an opportunity to highlight the origins of Hallowed Eve in our faith tradition. Don't miss this time of creative and meaningful worship.

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Part-time Custodians

Church Offices are closed on October 10 for Indigenous People/Columbus Day.

Reporter folding and mailing will be Wednesday, November 2.