

# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2016

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

**Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall**  
*WESTMINSTER JAZZ TRIO ON OCT. 1, 15 & 29*  
**Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.**  
**Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall**  
**& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary**  
**Sunday School for Pre-K – Grade 5**  
**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Adult Education & Children's Activities**  
**11:15 a.m. – 12 noon**

October 1 & 2

**9:30 A.M. SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS IN THE SANCTUARY CHANCEL**  
World Communion Sunday  
*Psalm 137, Luke 17:5-10*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Seeds of Faith*

October 8 & 9

**NEW MEMBERS RECOGNIZED**  
*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Giving Thanks*

October 15 & 16

**MISSION EMPHASIS**  
*Jeremiah 31:27-34; Luke 18:1-8*  
Reverend Trajan McGill  
*And They Shall Be My People*

October 22 & 23

*Joel 2:23-32, 26-18, Luke 18:9-14*  
Reverend Hannah Dreitcer  
*Early and Later Rain*

October 29 & 30

**REFORMATION SUNDAY AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT**  
*Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Luke 19:1-10*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*New Heights*

### STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

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

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

Last year's theme was *Generations of Generosity*. The importance of the generosity of the generation before us was highlighted when we received word from a few older members, who because of changing circumstances in their lives are unable to give in 2017. This news means we anticipate a shortfall of nearly \$30,000 in 2017. Thankfully, there are **more than enough** members who can join together to make up the difference.

The Stewardship Committee is asking members to consider increasing their pledge or financial gift by 5% in 2017. A second option is for some to consider increasing their giving by \$500. If 60 households joined in this endeavor, we would have **more than enough**. The committee hopes that those who did not pledge last year will consider a pledge of \$10 per week.

**PLEASE PLEDGE BY DEDICATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30.**

#### 2017 Stewardship Committee:

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



### MISSION EMPHASIS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**

On October 15 and 16 mission will be the emphasis of our worship. This year, the Mission and Community Service Committees have been exploring how to continue growing in our missional identity and commitment to service. Exploring three avenues—engagement with the church, engagement with the world around us, and internal priorities and guidelines—the committees are now reviewing exciting possibilities for mission work this year and next. One thing to come out of this effort is a new application process for proposing new project ideas.

We are thrilled to have additional funds available to our mission work as a result of the successful anniversary endowment campaign. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to explore new initiatives for adding to the mission and community service of Westminster and for expanding our existing outreach. When we gather for worship on October 15 and 16, we hope to present some of this new project development work and share what is already taking place in the missional life of this church (see pages 4 and 5 of this edition of *The Reporter* for a summary of the ways in which WPC is already involved in mission and community service).

Come and hear your invitation to be a part of the church's mission to the world around us!

**Mission Committee:** *Joe Fierstos, Julie James, Judi Mier, Kay Smith, Alan Wallace.*

**Community Service Committee:** *Stephanie Bess, Scott Hibbert, Elaine Hoff, Vallery Huston, Peter Kieffer, Al Manson, Emma Shafer, Brad Steller.*

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

**More Than Enough!** What a great Stewardship theme our committee has selected. Not only does it remind us of God's generous, reliable, and steadfast love in our lives, it is also an affirmation of what we can do together when we collaborate our resources and talents.

On September 25 we honored our 50 and 60-year members. During the reception Tom Massey shared this photo of his mother holding him on the day of his baptism along with Dr. Ziegler, Shirley Vidor and her daughter, Denice. Tom's younger brother, the Rev. Dr. David Massey's ordination was sponsored by Westminster. A Princeton graduate, David serves in the PC(USA) today. How grateful we are for the generations who have come before us at Westminster and for the good work that has grown out of the seeds planted by God's faithful.



The Stewardship Committee has alerted us to a potential shortfall of \$30,000 in 2017 because of a few faithful and

generous members from the generation before us who are unable to pledge because of changing circumstances in their lives. The committee is asking 60 members to agree to increase their 2017 pledge by \$500 as a way of collaborating our resources to cover the shortfall. Thankfully there are more than enough of us who can be a part of this creative solution. Peter and I are happy to join this group at the invitation of the committee and will increase our pledge by \$500.

Our first scripture reading on September 25 was from Jeremiah 32. In this detailed business transaction, the prophet is asked to purchase a plot of land which is worthless because of the occupation of the Babylonian army. The purchase of this unworkable land is an act of charity toward his nephew but it is even more than that. It is a symbolic act of faith that their future is held in the hands of the God who provides more than enough; the God who invests time and time again in our lives, who forgives, who rebuilds, who recovers, who brings good out of evil and life out of death. This is who God is and this is who God calls us to be...people with more than enough who understand the importance of investing in one another's lives.

## SATURDAYS AT WESTMINSTER CHEESE AND CIDER RECEPTION ON OCTOBER 29 FOLLOWING 5:30 P.M. WORSHIP

Saturday worship at Westminster is shifting to a spring, summer and fall schedule and will continue through the last week of October in 2016 and resume in the spring of 2017

A Cheese and Cider reception will follow the service on Saturday, October 29 in Parish Hall. The Westminster Jazz Trio will share some of its repertoire as we mark this transition in our worship experience. Some of the components of this meaningful and intimate service will be incorporated into the 8:30 a.m. service of worship during the interim winter months until we resume in the spring. We are grateful for the innovative music provided by Deb Watts and the Westminster Jazz Trio. Members are always encouraged to join us on Saturdays for this meaningful worship experience!



## 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.



Evan Klein, Will Hovey and Mia Marcy

**THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** (Grades 3-6) rehearse on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges. The Choristers will sing on Sunday, October 2 at the 10 a.m. service.

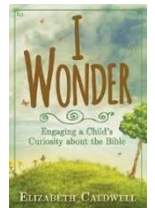
**THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (Kindergarten–Grade 2) begins Tuesday, October 4, at 4:45 p.m. This musical experience for students in Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is for non-readers and early readers. This choir will join with the Choristers in a presentation for the Advent Celebration on Sunday, December 4 at the 10:00 a.m. service.

## ADULT EDUCATION AT WESTMINSTER

### PARENTS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP

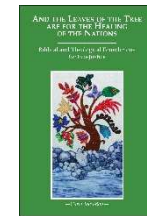
#### SUNDAYS, 11:15 A.M. IN TOWER ROOM

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



### ADULT ED FORUM PRESENTS:

#### BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR ECO-JUSTICE SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 2, 9, 16



This Sunday, October 2, at 11:15 a.m. in the Zeigler Library, the Adult Education Forum presents: "Biblical and Theological Foundations for Eco-Justice." This three-week course will be taught by Dr. Peter Kieffer and Rev. Trajan McGill. As a certified Earth Care Congregation, we will become more grounded in what scripture has to say about eco-justice. Don't miss this interesting and informative presentation.

### CHURCH HISTORY AND PRESBYTERIAN ROOTS SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 23, 30, NOVEMBER 6, 13

On Sunday, October 23, at 11:15 a.m. in the Zeigler Library, the Adult Education Forum presents: "Church History and Presbyterian Roots." This four-week course will be taught by Reverend Hannah Dreitcer and Rev. Trajan McGill. In preparation for Reformation Sunday, the congregation is invited to join in this overview of our rich history.



## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

### YOUTH UPDATE

**CROP WALK** is **Sunday, October 2!** The Junior and Senior High will take part as one of our fall service projects. Youth can register and collect donations online! **No Youth Group that evening.**

**THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE** will be held on **Sunday, October 16**, from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at the church to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas Distribution. Come buy a spud and share God's love! **No Youth Group that evening.**

**THE FALL BONFIRE** will be **Sunday, October 30**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Sherricks' farm. Junior and Senior High are invited to join us for games, fellowship, a prairie walk, and dinner around the bonfire. Bring a snack to share, outdoor games, and your friends!

### ROAD TO DAMASCUS SENIOR HIGH



Senior High youth look through Scripture for guidance on how to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God as we consider our neighbors and how Christ calls us to serve and live.

We welcomed 35 youth over the past three weeks and are grateful to adult sponsors Susan Day, Jen DeJong, Kyle Duffy, and Adam Ekstedt.

### THE 2017 MISSION: APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

The 2017 Youth Mission will return to Appalachia **July 1-8!** We will be working to repair homes and to build relationships in Tennessee. The first informational meeting is Sunday, November 13. Check out [asphome.org](http://asphome.org) for more details!



### ROAD TO EMMAUS JUNIOR HIGH

#### CONFIRMANTS VISIT MOSQUE AND LEARN CHURCH HISTORY

On Friday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m. eighth graders, their parents and their mentors will gather at Westminster for their visit to The Islamic Society of Greater Springfield.

On September 25, Grace Batterman, Avery Pound and Carter Formea learned about church history during an afternoon swim at the Kieffers'. They also had an opportunity to meet their mentors who will accompany them on their Confirmation journey.



#### CONFIRMATION PREP

Sixth and seventh graders have begun their journey through the New Testament under the leadership of Jim Kincaid, Anna Koepfel, and Karen Sherrick. They've also enjoyed their time of fellowship together after class!

## CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

### CHILDREN'S OFFERING: HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

New this program year: The Children's Offering is now being collected at the beginning of the Children's Sermon instead of during Sunday school. By doing so, we honor the contributions of our children and begin to teach the joy of sharing our gifts with one another and the church.

Each child will receive a box of Children's Offering envelopes, with one envelope for each Sunday of the year. Offering boxes are being distributed during Sunday school so be sure to pick yours up! At Commotion Sunday, the children selected the chicken for their Heifer Project animal. Each basket of chicks is \$20--let's see how many families we can assist!



### BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP (GRADES 3-5)

#### CHILDREN EXPLORE ART AS A FORM OF WORSHIP

Children in Grades 3-5 will present a drama for World Communion Sunday as part of this year's theme, "Play and Praise". During October, children will explore **ART** as a form of worshipping God. The children will create cards for members whose loved ones will be honored on All Saints' Sunday. They will also meet their advocates (older friends) and participate in a Dia de Los Muertos Celebration of Life in our beautiful Memorial Garden. Members who would like to serve as an advocate are invited to contact Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill.

### PRESBYTERIAN PLAY DATE

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

All children and their parents or grandparents are invited to join Westminster friends at Rev. McGill's house (218 Twin Oaks Dr, Rochester) for a play date. The children can play while adults enjoy coffee and fellowship! Contact Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill with questions.



### THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

Families of the community are invited to be our guests at Westminster's Annual Harvest Fest! **DINNER** is served at 5:00 p.m. followed by a **COSTUME PARADE** at 5:30 p.m. All are encouraged to wear a costume. Following the costume parade, children enjoy an elaborate maze, hands-on activities, and story-time. This year, the evening will culminate with Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. This event is coordinated by the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons. The evening will conclude at 7:00 p.m.

**STORY-TIME** (Children's Library with Sue Baker)

**HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES** (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom with Stellers)

**THE MAZE** (Youth Room created by Al Hymans)

**TRUNK OR TREAT** (Parking Lot with Board of Deacons)



Please RSVP by Thursday, October 27, so we know how many to expect. Donations to support **UNICEF** will be collected to assist families in developing countries. Special thanks to the Hymans who coordinate this annual event.

## Summary of Mission and Community Service at Westminster

### Homelessness

### Education

### Housing

|   | Contact Ministries   | Helping Hands   | Compass   | Other Ed. Programs  | Habitat for Humanity  | Youth Mission  |
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| <b>Description</b>                                  | Mission: To daily serve the greater Springfield community by providing food, shelter, clothing, financial assistance referrals, and life skills education and training through Christ's love & compassion. Housing for homeless women and children. WPC a founding congregation.   | Addresses homelessness and helps people to build lives of stability, security, and hope. Housing for homeless men.              | Free program for at-risk students of Springfield School District 186. The after-school program includes fun activities, academics, life skills, and a healthy dinner served family- |   | Habitat builds affordable homes within communities across the country and internationally.  | <b>Appalachian Service Project</b> provides structured service opportunities bringing thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. |
| <b>Operating Budget Giving</b>                      | <p><b>\$8,500</b> (General)</p> <p><b>\$270</b> - Designated to <b>Adopt-a-Family</b> by members (2015).</p> <p><b>\$1,025</b> (2015) - <b>Spud Bake</b> - Youth raise funds to purchase gifts for teens.</p> <p><b>\$3,874</b> (2015) - <b>H.E.A.L. Fund (Helpful Emergency Assistance for Living)</b> - collected monthly and distributed to individuals and Contact Ministries for emergency needs at the discretion of the pastors.</p>  | <p><b>\$4,000</b> (General)</p> <p><b>\$1,070</b> (Monthly meals)</p>   | <b>\$1,439</b> - Designated to <b>Compass</b> by members (2015).  | <b>\$700</b> (2015) ( <b>Westminster Coop Preschool</b> scholarship.) | <b>\$770 (Bike &amp; Build)</b>   | <b>\$6,180</b> (Youth Mission Trip)  |
| <b>Endowment Giving</b>                             | <b>\$800</b> to <b>Contact Ministries</b>  |   |   | <b>\$1,450 - Blackburn College</b> Minority Scholarship.              |   | <b>\$3,000</b> (Youth Mission Trip)  |
| <b>Board Rep / Staff Liaison</b>                    | Dr. Kieffer, Joe Fierstos  | Rev. Trajan McGill  |   |   | Rev. Trajan McGill  | Rev. Hannah Dreitcer   |
| <b>Hands-On Involvement &amp; In-Kind Donations</b> | <p><b>Christmas Distribution</b> - WPC hosts each December.</p> <p><b>Adopt-A-Family</b> - Christmas gifts purchased for area families (over 100 gifts for 9 families in 2015).</p> <p><b>Spring Coat Drive (Lent)</b> - 123 coats donated.</p> <p><b>Ready for Success</b> - Back-to-school giveaway event (132 backpacks given in 2015).</p> <p><b>Knit 2 Purl 4</b> - Knit 100's of items for community organizations.</p> <p><b>PW (Elizabeth Circle)</b> - volunteer regularly at Contact Ministries housing.</p> | <p><b>Second Friday Meals</b> prepared for 35 &amp; served at the shelter. Fourteen members are signed up to serve in 2016.</p> | Approximately 15 members volunteer weekly to help children with homework and life skills and to serve them dinner.  |   | <p><b>Bike &amp; Build</b> - Since 2010 WPC has annually hosted 30 young people who ride bikes across the country and stop along the way to build affordable housing.</p> <p><b>Wheelchair Ramps</b> - Members participate in building affordable wheelchair ramps for Springfield residents in need.</p> | <p>30 Youth and 10 adults spend 8 days each summer repairing homes for the under-served.</p> <p><b>Knit 2 Purl 4</b> knit 20 items for homeowners served by the youth.</p>                                 |
| <b>Giving Beyond Operating Budget</b>               |  |   |   |   |   | <b>\$9,689</b> - Youth mission fundraisers: St. Andrews Trivia Night, Carwash & Bake Sale, Applebee's Breakfast  |

Presbyterian Church - 2016 - Regional, National, & Worldwide

Hunger

Disaster Relief & Self-Development

| Hunger Programs   | Neighborhood Outreach   | Medical Missions   | Denominational Support   |
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| WPC addresses hunger needs through a variety of giving opportunities <b>regionally &amp; worldwide.</b>   | Strategic Planning Committee with Mission and Community Service Committees together explore outreach options.   | Strategic Planning Committee is exploring medical mission options  | Westminster honors our responsibility to support the ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on all levels including the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.  |
| <p><b>\$2,180</b> (2015) - <b>CWS CROP Walk</b> (Oct.) Members sponsored walkers with donations.</p> <p><b>\$933</b> - <b>Souper Bowl of Caring</b> (Feb) Youth collect on Super Bowl Sunday for ICFB.</p> <p><b>\$299</b> (2015) - <b>Heifer Project</b> - Children's Weekly Offering.</p> <p><b>\$446</b> (2015) - <b>St. John's Breadline Sunday</b> (Nov.) -Bread is bought to raise funds for this area hunger ministry.</p> <p><b>\$340</b> (2015) - <b>Unicef Offering</b> (Oct) - Harvest Fest, DMA and PW collect funds.</p> |   | <p><b>\$405</b> - Raised by Vacation Bible School children in 2016 for <b>Marian Medical Ministry.</b></p> | <p><b>\$5,695</b> (PCUSA Mission - <b>Presb. of Great Rivers</b>)</p> <p><b>\$670</b> (PCUSA Mission - <b>Synod of Lincoln Trails</b>)</p> <p><b>\$7,035</b> (PCUSA Mission - <b>General Assembly</b>)</p> <p><b>\$33,400</b> (<b>Per Capita for PCUSA</b>)</p> <p><b>\$4,441</b> - <b>One Great Hour of Sharing</b> (Lent) - Goes to Presbyterian Hunger Program; Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, &amp; Self-Development of People</p> <p><b>\$408</b> (2015) - <b>Peacemaking Offering</b> (Oct) - Supports PC(USA) programs to heal the brokenness that damages relationships.</p> <p><b>\$1,852</b> (2015) - <b>Joy Offering</b> (Dec) Supports 8 Presbyterian racial ethnic schools &amp; colleges and assists active &amp; retired church workers in need through the Board of Pensions.</p> <p><b>\$1,264</b> (2015) - <b>Presbyterian Women</b> fundraising for <b>Church World Service Blankets Plus.</b></p> |
| <p><b>\$425</b> - <b>Senior Sack Lunches</b> - Meals for people whose food assistance was cut during state budget crisis.</p>   |   | <p><b>\$500</b> - Dr. DeSanto <b>Dental Mission to Haiti.</b></p>  | <p><b>\$3,600</b> (<b>Additional Denominational Support</b>)</p>   |
| <p><b>Meal-A-Month</b> - Food delivered to Central Illinois Food Bank.</p> <p><b>Meals on Wheels</b> - 19 members delivered for two weeks for Senior Services.</p> <p><b>Church World Service CROP Walk</b> - 20 members participated (2015).</p>   | <p><b>Historic Westside Neighborhood Association</b> - WPC joined.</p> <p><b>Adopt-A-Street</b> - Members clean designated streets in our neighborhood quarterly.</p> <p><b>Generation Healthy Kids (GenH)</b> - Hannah and youth work in public gardens regularly.</p> |  | <p><b>Earth Care Congregation</b> - WPC received this certification from the PC(USA) for our environmental ministries which integrate the care of God's earth in a holistic way through our ministries.</p>  |
|   |   |  | <p><b>Fair Trade</b> - Fair trade coffee &amp; chocolate sold monthly.</p> <p><b>\$4,808</b> (2015) - Add'l <b>Presbyterian Women</b> Mission giving - <b>Church Women United, World Mission, &amp; other programs.</b></p>  |

## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

### MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### COMPASS FOR KIDS RESUMES OCTOBER 25

##### BECOME A MENTOR!

Previously part of the Family Service Center, COMPASS is now launching as an independent nonprofit with offices located at Central Baptist Church, who partners with us in providing this after-school program from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Join the following members of Westminster who have signed up to serve at-risk children attending Graham Elementary School: [Cathy Allen](#), [Nancy Canady](#), [Stella Cole](#), [Ann Collins](#), [Barbara Dirksen](#), [Kathy Germeraad](#), [David Haaker](#), [Lynn McMenamin](#), [Judi Mier](#), [Diane Rutledge](#), [Bill and Linda Schlosser](#), [Emma Shafer](#), [Amy Xanders](#) and [Jack Zervas](#). Consider becoming part of the team! For information or questions, call Ann Collins at 622-3847.

#### CONTACT MINISTRIES PRESENTS:

##### COMEDIAN ANITA RENFROE ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

On Tuesday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Contact Ministries will present the famous Christian Comedian, Anita Renfro, for their fall fundraiser. Tickets have been purchased by board members representing Westminster and are available in the Church Office. Come out and enjoy a few laughs for a good cause.

#### PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:

##### COME TO THE TABLE OF PEACE

Join Westminster this October in supporting this denominational offering committed to supporting ministries engaged in the Christian witness of peacemaking and reconciliation.

**GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH OCTOBER MENU:** *Chili Con Carne, Corn, Peas, Biscuit Mix (box or packet)*. Thank you to those who place items in the baskets located in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

**HELPING HANDS** - Thanks to Joe Fierstos for the September 9 meal. Cathy Schwartz will prepare the October 14 meal.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**HOME COMMUNION** If you are unable to attend worship on October 2 and would like to take part in World Communion, please contact Connie Brown. 15 members received the sacrament delivered on September 11 by 5 teams of elders and deacons.

#### SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 9:30 A.M.

This simple service gathers people for prayer and music in the Chancel and is led by our pastors and accompanist, Karen Kraft.



#### PARISH NURSE MINISTRY PROVIDES FLU SHOTS

##### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 8:30 A.M. – 12 NOON

Flu Shots will be available on Sunday, October 23, from 8:30 – 12 noon in the Church Office. Schnucks Pharmacy will provide the Influenza-Standard/PF, Influenza-High Dose and Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal Conjugate) immunizations. Dr. Vallery Huston, pharmacist, will administer the shots. Please remember to bring your insurance card. In September, 43 influenza and 10 pneumococcal vaccinations were given.

#### ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

##### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Join us at the Fall Bazaar which will be held at IPH, 2600 West Lawrence. Baked goods can be dropped off the day before the sale. Thank you! Proceeds from the sale support volunteer activities for the residents. For more info, contact Anne Haaker at 546-4037.

### SECOND ANNUAL SWINGING ON A PRAYER A GREAT SUCCESS!

On Sunday, September 18, twenty-eight members gathered at Long Bridge Golf Course for a golf scramble. Congratulations to our two first place teams who tied: Christie and Robyn Hovey; and Bob Leffler, Alan Schuermann, Karen Springer and Brad Steller.

Longest drive went to Becky Huston and Alan Schuermann.

Al Schuermann won longest putt.

Closest to the pin award recipients were Amy Xanders and Robyn Hovey.



*Christie Hovey*



Following the scramble, 8 additional members joined the group for dinner. Special thanks to Becky Huston who organized this fun outing and to Fit Club, the Preckwinkles, and Ace Hardware for the prize donations.

*Pictured: Nancy Huston, Mike Sundquist, Beth and Jim Kincaid*

### AN EVENING WITH ANTIJE

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

On Sunday, October 23, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Westminster welcomes Antje Duvelot, singer-songwriter and guitarist, for a concert and light refreshments. The Membership Committee is partnering with Dave Leonatti, the host of WUIS Nightsounds, in this outreach to the Springfield community. This is not a fundraiser! It is an opportunity to open the doors of Westminster to folks who may not know us and who appreciate good music in a lovely setting. Tickets are \$15 and are available on Sundays in the West Narthex. Reservations can also be made with payment by credit card at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org)



### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PASTORS



Liz Maxey completed her tenure at Westminster on Friday, September 30, to begin work on a Master of Public Health at UIS. Liz has served since November 2013 and will be greatly missed. Deb Coontz has graciously agreed to work part-time during the interim as we search for a full-time person. Deb recently retired as Supervisor of Patient Accounting and Special Projects at Springfield Clinic where she worked for 27 years. Job description and

application are available at [wpcspi.org](http://wpcspi.org). The goal is to have someone in place by November 1, 2016. Recommendations are welcome.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** (ages 21 – 40) meets Monday, October 3, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.). This group is led by Rev. Dreitcer and the first round of appetizers is on us!

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets Thursday, October 13, at 7:00 a.m. Men will enjoy breakfast coordinated by Charlie King, a short devotion led by Dave Leonatti, and a program entitled "European Cycle Tour 1985" presented by Peter Kieffer.

**WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA** will be held on Thursday, October 27, at 11:30 a.m. in the dining room. Members who reside at Concordia are invited to join the pastors and the director of music and the arts for lunch and communion.



Members of DMA enjoy the presentation on the American Miniature Horse Therapy Ministry by Andra and Bill Ebert in August.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE; ALL AGES WELCOME)** Join us Friday, October 28, (please note the date change) at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and a program: "Feeding the Children Worldwide" presented Ronald G. Heard, President of Central Illinois Branch. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. if you are not able to attend dinner. All ages are welcome!

**KNIT 2 PURL 4** continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. **Many hands make light work.**

Some of our K2 P4 Mission knitters are working on a joint or shared project. Using the same weight yarn, each woman chooses a color of yarn, knits as many rows as she chooses and passes the project to another knitter. When the project is finished, the group has a lovely item to give to one of their charities. Pictured above: Ann Lienemann displaying a shared project.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW LUNCHEON** is Friday, October 7, at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be "Surprise Chefs." Chair of the Day is Judy Ridinger. Our program will be "Ethiopia: Mission from the Inside Out" by Reverend Dr. Carolyn Weber.



**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** meets Monday, October 3, (please note date change), at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Our program will be *Streams of Mercy-Forgiveness & the Hospitality of Living Water-Compassion*, led by Judy Boutelle.

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets Wednesday, October 5, at Suzie Spada's home (2128 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street 62702). We will discuss Chapter 1 – Eve from *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara J. Essex.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday, October 18, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of our hostess, Phyllis Lowrey, who will also lead our study of *Lesson 2, Come to the Water*.

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### WEDDINGS

Morgan Wise and Scott Durco were married September 24 at Westminster. Morgan's parents are Lisa and Todd Wise.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Grayson Pierce Bonn was born August 4 to Mary & Daniel Bonn. His sister is Addison Nicole Bonn. Proud grandmother is Sandra Bonn.

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Jim Wilday celebrates 94 on October 11.

Rod Dodds celebrates 99 on October 12.

Norma Kneer celebrates 92 on October 20.

### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Linda & Ed Caupert celebrate 50 years on October 22.

### IN MEMORIAM

Richard D. Hendee died September 8. Condolences to his wife, Roberta, and their children; David Hendee, Douglas Hendee, Allison Potaczek, and Adrienne Jacobson.

Susan G. Dove died September 11. Condolences to her husband, William, and their daughters; Laura Kennedy and Gwen Clayton.

Alice J. Griffith died on September 11. Condolences to her children.

### SYMPATHY TO

Lisa Runkle, Church Financial Administrator, on the death of her sister, Margaret Demaree, on September 21.

### NEW ADDRESSES

Dr. Virginia and Jim Dolan to 2109 Timbercrest, 62702

Karen and Brad Frost to 1600 Ruth Place, 62704

Erin Schafer has moved to 401 Interlocken Blvd Apt 5501 in Broomfield, CO 80021-3466

### THANK YOU

For hosting the afternoon session of our August 20<sup>th</sup> assembly meeting. I appreciate your hospitality and look forward to hearing how God continues to act in your worshipping community.

...The Reverend Cheyanna Losey, Moderator

For your assistance in making the August 25 program with Dr. Amy-Jill Levine a tremendous success. We were pleased with all aspects of this event and the cooperation it generated throughout our community. We sincerely thank you for everything you did and look forward to future cooperative endeavors.

...Jewish Community Relations Council

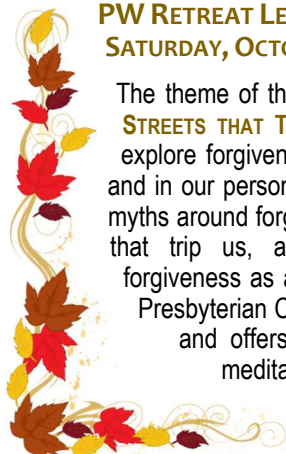
For letting us hold our spring Miss Illinois Meeting at Westminster.

...Jaryn Franklin, Miss Illinois 2016

### PW RETREAT LED BY DR. KIEFFER

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

The theme of this year's PW retreat is **THE UNFORGIVING STREETS THAT TRIP US**. Dr. Kieffer will lead us as we explore forgiveness and its development in biblical faith and in our personal lives. We will talk about some of the myths around forgiveness, some of the unforgiving streets that trip us, and the importance of understanding forgiveness as a journey. We will gather at Rock Creek Presbyterian Church which is in a beautiful rural setting and offers historic grounds for conversation and meditation. Lunch will be prepared by their PW. The registration fee is \$13 per person; to be collected in advance.



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL, SPECIAL MUSIC, HOME COMMUNION AND CROP WALK



We welcome our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will process during the 10:00 a.m. service with the breads of the world to help us celebrate World Communion Sunday. The Westminster Choristers will sing a setting of Psalm 150, *Let Everything Praise the Lord*, and The Westminster Choir will sing *Just as I Am* by Richard DeLong. The Communion table will be adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.

Our Bridges children will present a skit as a part of the Children's Sermon highlighting the CROP Walk. Members are invited to sponsor those children and youth who will join the Springfield community in the annual walk to raise funds for world hunger. The walk begins at 1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (321 South Seventh Street). This year's goal is \$20,000. Thank you to Becky Martin and Krista Steller for their leadership.

## FIFTY AND SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP



Pictured above with the pastors (from left to right): Grady and Linda Chronister, Tom Massey, Bill and Linda Schlosser, Jerry and Marilyn Davis, Morley Peura.

Unable to be present: Margot Kramer, Marlene Rinehart, Gaynell Peters and Logan Schlipf

## AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Income received in August was lower than expected. The end of the year is typically when the church receives the most income. Expenses are over budget by \$2,817, so the net total is \$43,523 expenses exceeding income.

| 2016 Operations | Actual     | Budget     | Difference |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income          | \$ 610,637 | \$ 651,343 | \$ -40,706 |
| Expenses        | \$-654,160 | \$-651,343 | \$ -2,817  |
| Net             | \$ -43,523 | \$ 0       |            |

## EMAIL OPTION FOR MONTHLY REPORTER



Thank you to the 155 members (88 families) who have chosen the email option for the monthly Reporter. It is not too late to sign up **by emailing Connie Brown at [cbrown@wpcspi.org](mailto:cbrown@wpcspi.org)**. The Reporter will be emailed the same day it is brought to the U.S. Post Office.

Church Offices will be closed Monday, October 10, for Columbus Day.

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November Reporter Deadline is  
Thursday, October 27