



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October, 2014

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday worship 5:30 p.m.-Parish Hall

Sunday Schedule:

Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall

& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre K-Grade 5

Adult Education Forum 11:15 a.m.

Jr. High Road to Emmaus 4:00-p.m.

Youth Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Sr. High Road to Damascus 6:00 p.m.

October 4 & 5

Sacrament of Communion

World Communion Sunday

Exodus 20:1-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer

Accountable

October 11 & 12

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 22:1-14

Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer

Speechless

October 18 & 19

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23; Matthew 22:15-22

The Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

Heads and Faces

October 25 & 26

Stewardship Dedication

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 22:34-45

Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer

Endings and Beginnings

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM: CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 12, 19, 26, NOVEMBER 2

On Sunday, October 12, the Adult Education Forum will introduce a four-week course entitled "Christian Spirituality." Led by Dr. Andrew Dreitcer (week one), Lyle Vandeventer (weeks two and three) and Rev. Hannah Dreitcer (week four), the course will explore the defining characteristics of Christian spirituality and the commonalities shared with other spiritual disciplines. Dr. Dreitcer is Associate Professor of Spirituality and Director of Spiritual Formation at the Claremont School of Theology in California and will be with us on October 12 to preach at his daughter's installation.

THE PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE INSTALLATION SERVICE OF

THE REVEREND HANNAH DREITCER

AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

4:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW IN PARISH HALL

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

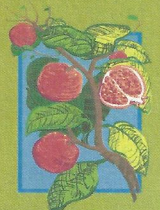
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in a garden; it grew and became a tree and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."... Luke 13:19

The 2015 Stewardship Campaign theme is "**Seeds to Branches.**" Just as a seed brings forth a tree, which provides nourishment, shelter, comfort, and enjoyment, the financial support you pledge will make possible the many meaningful ministries of Westminster. This is an exciting time at Westminster with the leadership of Dr. Kieffer, Rev. Dreitcer and the new Associate Pastor for Parish Life! The 2015 Stewardship Campaign is asking for an increase of 5% over your 2014 pledge. **Please make your 2015 pledge by Stewardship Dedication Sunday, October 26, 2014.** Westminster has an impressive history of generosity, and we are confident your generosity will be evidenced again.

Your Stewardship Committee: Tom Klein, Chair, George Preckwinkle; Vice Chair, Bill Donels, Bill Simpson, Jeff Wilday and Bob Wire

SEEDS
TO BRANCHES



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

Dear Friends,

Seeds to Branches! What a thoughtful and perceptive Stewardship theme. The seeds we plant through our sustainable stewardship have great potential to grow into trees with roots of strength and branches of welcome as we become grounded in our faith and reach out to the community in love. The smallest of gifts, when joined with the community of sowers, can yield great results.

Westminster is a generous congregation! In 2014, we received 280 pledges and exceeded our stewardship goal by \$10,625. Currently, 55% (406 of the 735 households) contribute financially to support our ministry. The table below shows how many of those households contribute at each of the respective levels.

Households	Pledge or Giving Level
2	\$20,000 to \$40,000
16	\$10,000 to \$19,999
28	\$5,000 to \$9,999
54	\$2,500 to \$4,999
126	\$1,000 to \$2,499
78	\$500 to \$999
102	Up to \$499

The amount of each member's stewardship pledge is a personal, spiritual decision. The biblical concept of tithing (contributing 10% of one's income to the church and other worthy organizations) is a standard to consider prayerfully. Some members may be able to equal or exceed the tithing level. Other members will pledge at a lower level. All pledge contributions, regardless of the amount, are gratefully received as an expression of one's commitment.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale Rogers

The Westminster Children's Choir (K – 2nd grade) begins Tuesday, October 7 at 4:45 p.m. This choir prepares music for the Advent Celebration and the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 7. With activities and crafts (usually making our giant pictograms to help us learn the words to our songs) we learn some of the basics of music making while working together for a common goal.

The Westminster Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. We are presently working on music for Rev. Dreitcer's installation service, for Sunday services & even for Christmas. Singers always welcome to join in the fun.

The Westminster Choristers (singers in grades 3-6) meets on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. The Choristers are preparing music for the fall semester and the musical "The Drowsy Shepherd" for the Advent Celebration.

The Westminster Handbell Guild rehearses on Wednesdays, October 1 and 8 at 7:15 p.m. to ring on Sunday, October 12; Wednesdays November 5 and 12 to ring on Sunday, November 16, and Wednesdays, December 3 and 10 to ring on Sunday, December 14.

Church Mice (infants through age 4) meets each Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Church Mice is a musical experience for infants through age four and their parents, grandparents, or care-givers.

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

THE HEIFER PROJECT votes are in! This year's Sunday School offering will go to purchasing water buffalo.

FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS PARTICIPATE IN WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Our 4th and 5th graders will process in with the breads of the world to help us celebrate this day. They have also received *Worship Guides* to assist them in understanding the different parts of a worship service as we welcome them to be a part of worship on Communion Sundays.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL, "SAILING AWAY ON THE ARK," an evening of family fun, will be held on Sunday, October 26th. Supper will be served at 5:00 p.m. with a costume parade at 5:30 p.m. Following the parade there will be games, crafts, cookie decorating, and an amazing maze! We thank Kelly Bassett, Pat and Al Hymans who make this delightful evening possible. This is an important community outreach event as we invite children from the neighborhood and the Westminster Co-op Preschool and their families.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

THE 2015 MISSION still has spots available! Contact Hannah! \$50 deposits are due October 19.

YOUTH GROUP HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday, October 5th CROP Walk: Junior and Senior High will be walking as one of our fall service projects. Check-in is at 1:00 p.m. at Third Presbyterian Church. There will be no youth group that evening.

Sunday, October 12th The installation of Rev. Hannah Dreitcer at 4:00 p.m. Senior High will be serving as ushers at this service and in lieu of confirmation, our junior high are encouraged to attend and share in the celebration!

Sunday, October 19th Annual Spud Bake to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas Distribution will be held. Spuds will be for sale at both services.

Sunday, October 26th Junior and Senior High Bonfire at Sherricks' Farm from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Bring your friends!

PERSONAL NOTE I am honored to be a featured dancer for the Prairie Art Alliance's 2014 **Dancing with the Starz** fundraiser on Friday, November 8! There will be a couple of Westminster tables so save the date to come enjoy the evening and support the Prairie Art Alliance. For more information, contact Sue Scaife (217-787-8496) and Marty Sumner (217-529-2910).

PARISH NURSE NEWS by Judy Ridinger

Flu shots will be available after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services on **Sunday, October 12** in the church office. Registration continues Sept 28 & Oct 5 or call the church office or Parish Nurse, Judy Ridinger (678-315-3223). For every person who receives a flu shot at Westminster on October 12, a flu shot is provided to a person in an underserved country.

COVENANT NETWORK'S REGIONAL CONFERENCE

First Presbyterian Church will host the Covenant Network's Regional Conference on Saturday, October 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. The theme is *Marriage Matters: Reconciliation and the Healing of the Church*. Rev. Dreitcer and Mary Ray will both participate on panels. The keynote speaker is Matthew Vines. Register on-line at <http://covnetpres.org/springfield-il-regional-conference/>

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

WINE, WINGS AND A PRAYER YOUNGER ADULT FELLOWSHIP (age 21 – 40) meets First Fridays; October 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Kieffers'. RSVP to Liz Maxey.

NEW MEN'S FELLOWSHIP will meet Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Men will enjoy breakfast coordinated by Keith Hamilton, a devotional by Neil Bassett and a short program on Legal Issues presented by Jim Borland. If you have questions or want to volunteer, contact Mark Ranck at 483-2821.

DMA (Don't Mention Age; All Ages Welcome) will meet Friday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a pot luck dinner and program by Linda and Don Schneider, "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" by Mark Twain.

PAGE-TURNERS BOOK GROUP will meet on Wednesday, October 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library to discuss the book *Dog Lived and So Did I* by Teresa Rhyme.

KNIT 2, PURL 4 MISSION meets every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room for fellowship and knitting. We will combine our October and November luncheons and meet off-site at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP meets every Thursday in October at 12:30 p.m. in the Library and is led by Margie Wheelhouse, a Licensed Professional Counselor.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON All Westminster women are invited to attend a luncheon and program Friday, October 3, at 12:00 noon in Parish Hall. Our program will be "Haitian Interdenominational Shelter" (H.I.S. Home in Port Au Prince, Haiti), given by Mary Grant, Coordinator for our Annual 300 Mile Bicycle Ride to Benefit H.I.S. Home. (Please call the Church Office by Wednesday, October 1, to make a reservation at 522-4415.)



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dr. Judy Knox (2004 Maryknoll Place). We will discuss Chapter one of Joan Chittister's book: *The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life* and become organized as we begin this journey with PW.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet on Monday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane). Lynne O'Shea will be our leader for our Bible Study *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*: Chapter 5.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, October 21, at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Renee Housel will be our hostess. Sharon Zook will give devotions will lead our study of *Exodus*, Lesson 2.

PW WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT will be held Saturday, October 25, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Rock Creek Church (16945 Rock Creek Avenue, Tallula, IL). Rev. Mary Jessup, Pastor, Buffalo Hart Presbyterian, and Sue Sawers, Elder, Pastor, Virden First Presbyterian, will lead us in exploring Biblical and contemporary themes of hospitality. Registration of \$10 is due by October 20; sign up and pay in the West Narthex on Sundays in October or call Connie in the church office.

NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to George Johnson on the marriage of his granddaughter, Jessica Murray to Jason Foster September 6 at his home on Lake Springfield.

Katrina Krugger and **Doug Opperman** were united in marriage in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 13.

CONGRATULATIONS

Daniel Richard Morris, grandson of **Madelyn Morris Bogue** was ordained on September 21, 2014, in the ELCA at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Naperville, Illinois.

IN MEMORIAM

Carol Maxfield died on September 21. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to her family and friends.

There was a graveside service for **Richard Allen Hollis** at Roselawn Cemetery on Saturday, September 20.

SYMPATHY TO

Cathy Saling, Carol and Dick Cordier and Robert Cordier on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Dorothy Cordier on September 4 in Springfield.

Linda Shaefer on the death of her mother, Jean Dryden on September 5 in Toronto, Canada.

Cassandra Kacevicius on the death of her father, Michael Kacevicius on September 7 in Springfield.

Sue Baker on the death of her mother, Wilma Bulah Baker, on September 8 in Dekalb, Illinois

FIFTY, SIXTY AND SEVENTY-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

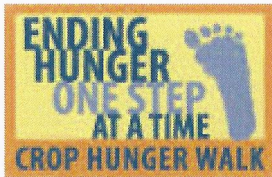
Congratulations to the following members on their milestone membership anniversary at Westminster! **FIFTY:** **Mary Ann Armstrong, Judith Barringer, Carol Bloemer, Philip Bradley, Marilyn Cohen, Coreen Collier, Louise & Arthur Cragoe, Mary Alice Davis, Theresa & Edwin Davison, Betty Dawkins, Sharon & Matthew Gilmour, Sandra Hill, Kenneth Hollis, Nancy Huston, Marjorie Macpherson, Susan & Almon Manson, Jr, Maxine Mapes, Mary Ann Nation, Carolyn Proctor, Ruth Roland, William Schnirring, Jean & Dr. D William Sherrick, Mary Anne & Dr. James Singleton, John Thompson, Elizabeth Unglaub, Glenda Warren, Joan Wheatley. SIXTY:** Charles Adams, Judy Bartholf, Dr. Harry Bergmann, Mr. R Dean Collins, Camille Degner, Barbara Dirksen, Margie Dobson, June Flood, Margaret & Harold Hartley, Renee Housel, Marguerite Hughes, Linda Lee Janus, Neva Keith, Dr. Charles Kenney, Dr. Thomas Lewis, Darline Nebel-Gietl, Betty Ritchie-Birrer, Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr, Marjorie Anne Smith. **SEVENTY:** Mr. Earl Henderson, Jr, Esther Miller, Rosalee Preckwinkle, Mary Schnirring.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Cordier, Lexi and Jesse Miech and **Cathy Saling** were received into the membership of Westminster at a Special Session meeting on Sunday, September 28.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Illinois Presbyterian Home hosts their Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bake sale items are needed for this event. Please deliver labeled items to the Fair Hills Residence at the corner of Chatham and Lawrence by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3.



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP WALK

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Join the Springfield community as we address hunger in our world and community. The walk begins at Third Presbyterian Church (1030 N. Seventh Street). Check-in is at 1:00 p.m. with the walk start time of 1:30 p.m. Members are invited to support Westminster Youth (Junior & Senior High) who are walking this year or join them on this meaningful and symbolic journey. Checks may be made to Westminster and designated CROP WALK. This year's goal is \$20,000. In 2013, Springfield CROP raised \$17,129!

KEMMERER VILLAGE CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 (11:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.)

The congregation is invited to Kemmerer Village's Open House celebrating 100 years of service to children and youth. Thank you to **Lynne Cleverdon** and **Marty Sumner** for their board leadership. In honor of their 100th anniversary Westminster donated \$1000 from the Endowment Fund.

BOARD OF DEACONS NEWS

CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

The 2014 Westminster Pictorial Directories will be available beginning Sunday, October 12 in the West Narthex. Those who had their portrait taken will receive a complimentary copy. Other members who would like a copy can receive one by making a \$10 donation to the HEAL Fund. Pictorial Directories will also be available during the week in the Church Office.

Church Pictorial Directory



HELPING HANDS SECOND FRIDAY DINNER was prepared and served by Karen Dillon and Mary Ray on September 12.

ADOPT-A-STREET community service was cleaned by Stacey Lochbaum and her team; Kathy Moore, Camille Massey, Lynda Preckwinkle, and Michael Sunquist on Saturday, September 13.



THANK YOU LUCAS CARPENTER AND CONGRATULATIONS! LUCAS RECOGNIZED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Lucas Carpenter has been invited to serve as the Director for Children and Youth Ministries at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Johnston, Iowa (a suburb of Des Moines) beginning November 1, 2014. Lucas has served as Program Assistant for Youth Ministries at Westminster from August 2013 until May 2014 when he stepped in as Interim Director for Youth Ministries. Baptized and confirmed at Westminster, Lucas served as a volunteer adviser while he earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois, Springfield in December 2013. Lucas will be recognized on Sunday, October 12 for his invaluable and competent leadership and winsome spirit among us. How proud we are that Lucas is a child of the Westminster family.

AUGUST FINANCIAL Report by Lisa Runkle

We received strong support through the summer months to keep our income even with the budget expectations. Since our expenses are under budget, the income exceeds expenses by \$23,778. We are seeing great things happening here at Westminster thanks to your faithfulness and service! Take a moment to be sure you are on target with your contributions. Every gift is important!

Operations	YTD Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 624,186	\$ 624,231	\$ -45
Expenses	\$-600,408	\$-624,231	\$-23,823
Net	\$ 23,778	\$ 0	

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Custodians

Give-a-Meal-a-Month October Menu

Chili Con Carne

Corn, Peas,

Biscuit Mix (box or packet)

Thank you to those who bring their donations and place them in the baskets in the West Narthex.

THE NEXT REPORTER DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26