

# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2017

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

*Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall  
Featuring the Westminster Jazz Trio*

#### 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 Forum  
11:15 a.m. – 12 noon

September 2 & 3

*Exodus 3:1-15; Matthew 16:21-28*

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Consuming Presence*

September 10

*(No Saturday Service)*

#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Exodus 12:1-14; Matthew 18:15-20*

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Teaching our Children to Remember*

September 16 & 17

*Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35*

Reverend Trajan I. McGill

*The Weak Eat Only Vegetables*

September 23 & 24

*Exodus 16:2-15:10; Matthew 20:1-16*

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*The Generosity of God*

### COMMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

#### ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

#### COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join your Westminster family for Commotion Sunday on September 10! We will celebrate one service of worship at 10:00 a.m. which will include (1) a slide presentation looking back on the 2016-2017 program year, (2) commissioning of the 2017-2018 Education Leadership Team, and (3) the blessing of backpacks as our children and youth begin a new school year and the journey of learning and growing together.



A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays and children's activities. Along with opportunities to sign up for Bible study, fellowship, mission and service, **members will be able to add the Church Life app to their cell phones.** This app includes the names and contact information of members.

Don't miss this new beginning at Westminster!

### FIFTY-YEAR AND SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, September 24, during 10:00 a.m. worship, we will honor members who joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1967 and 1957. We are grateful for all the ways these members have enriched the life of our congregation over the years and we look forward to this opportunity to celebrate their milestone anniversary. The congregation is invited to a reception in the West Narthex following worship to express our congratulations and appreciation.

#### FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS:

Jan C. Baxter  
Mina J. Bentsen  
Mark Cochran  
Katherine Germeraad  
Jon R. Hockenyos  
Sandra G. Hockenyos

#### SIXTY-YEAR MEMBER:

Patricia J. Roller

## Milestone

### THIRD ANNUAL "SWINGING ON A PRAYER" GOLF SCRAMBLE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AT 2:00 P.M.

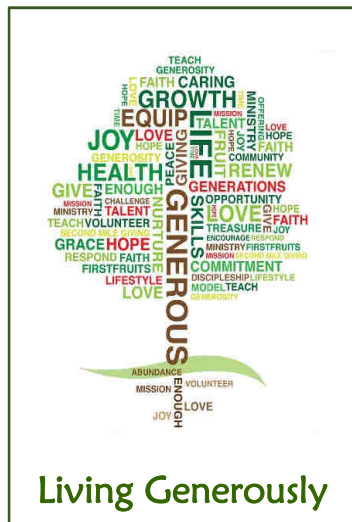
The Congregational Fellowship Committee will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual golf outing on Sunday, September 24, at Long Bridge Golf Course with shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. It will be a four-person scramble and players of all skill levels are welcome. \$35.00 per player includes 9 holes of golf, cart, snacks, drinks and dinner. Non-golfers are welcome for dinner at \$10.00 per person.



Sign up in the West Narthex or online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org) for an afternoon of fellowship, frolic and fun. *The committee is collecting prizes to present at this event. Those who are able and willing to make a prize donation, please contact Becky Huston (bec0731@hotmail.com).*

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

*They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life." 1 Timothy 6:18-19*



As we begin another year of learning and growing at Westminster, we are grateful for the seasons and rhythm of our life together and for the groundedness within our lives. Stewardship is part of the rhythm of our fall. The 2018 Stewardship Campaign Committee is ably led by Christie Hovey. Serving with Christie are: Cara Barnett, Grady Chronister, Brian Cozadd, Joe Fierstos, Anne Haaker, Dick Herndon, Christy Pound, Sharon Reynolds, Steve Scaife, Betsy Shepherd, and Bill Simpson.

This year's stewardship theme, **Living Generously**, based on 1 Timothy 6:18-19, reminds us of the importance of being rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.

The Stewardship letter will be mailed following the Session's approval of the 2018 budget at the September meeting. The campaign will be introduced the last weekend of September, and the Stewardship Dedication will be the last weekend in October, on Reformation and Harvest Sunday.

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

**Mark your calendar for choirs at Westminster.**

**WESTMINSTER CHOIR** begins rehearsal Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. The annual Choir Retreat will be at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 9, from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. Throughout the afternoon, we preview music for the upcoming season through Christmas. The afternoon will close with a service of evensong and a dinner at Los Rancheros in Petersburg.

**CHURCH MICE** is our music experience for infants to Kindergarteners, 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. The program for children and their parents, grandparents or caregivers meets on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning September 16. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors in your play groups to join in the fun. Church Mice is a great way for young families to enter into a fuller church life.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** (Grades 3-6) will begin Tuesday, September, 12 at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges. Please note the change of rehearsal day from Wednesday to TUESDAY for Choristers.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will be held on Wednesdays beginning October 11 at 4:45 p.m.

**SCOTTISH ORGANIST GORDON STEWART** will present an organ concert at Westminster on Friday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. Gordon is organ tutor for the Organ Scholars at Cambridge University. In this case, Friday the thirteenth is our lucky day!

## ADULT EDUCATION

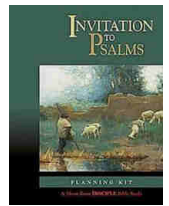
### ADULT EDUCATION FORUM FALL SCHEDULE

The Adult Education Forum meets Sunday mornings from **11:15 a.m. to 12 noon** in the **Second Floor Classroom** beginning September 17. The following studies will be presented this fall.

### INVITATION TO THE PSALMS

**SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 17, 24, AND OCTOBER 1**

We begin the 2017-2018 Adult Education Forum with the **Invitation to the Psalms** led by Lyle VanDeventer. Together we will explore the rich diversity of the psalter through DVD presentations and the thoughtful insights presented by the Disciple short-term study.

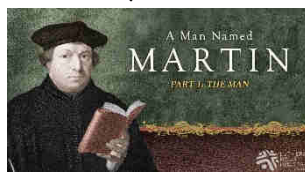


### A MAN NAMED MARTIN

**SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 15, 22, 29,**

**NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26, DECEMBER 10 AND 17**

On Sunday, October 15 we will begin a DVD series entitled



**A Man Named Martin** in celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Reformation which began when Martin Luther nailed the 95 Thesis on the door of the Castle Church in

Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. **The series explores (1) The Man, (2) The Moment, and (3) The Movement in succinct DVD presentations** featuring noted theologians. This series will provide bookends to two musical programs featuring music of the Reformation: Scottish Organist Gordon Stewart on Friday, October 13 and the Westminster Christmas Vespers on Sunday, December 10. Join us for these classes as we revisit Church history and the events that shaped who we are today!

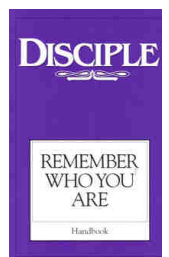
### PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE IN 2017-2018

**REV. TRAJAN MCGILL LEADS WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13 FROM 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

Rev. McGill's Bible Study will move from Tuesday evenings to Wednesday evenings, 7:00–8:30 p.m. beginning September 13. The focus of this year's study will be **good and evil, right and wrong, and justice**. Join this discussion of how we live as moral beings in this world and engage in public life from within our identity as Christians.

**DR. KIEFFER LEADS THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14 FROM 5:45 – 7:15 P.M.**

Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study will meet on Thursdays, 5:45–7:15 p.m., beginning Thursday, September 14. The year we will study the Prophets and the Letters of Paul in the Disciple III curriculum entitled **Remember Who You Are**. The Disciple Study books will be available on Commotion Sunday for \$30 each. We will revisit Roland H. Bainton's *Christianity* at a later time. New members are always welcome to join the journey!



### LIBRARIES OPEN ON SUNDAYS THIS FALL

Sunday School and Adult Ed classes have been relocated this fall to provide access to the Rev. Dr. Edward Ziegler Library and the Elaine Ryder Children's Library.

Special thanks to the Library Committee: Sharon Turner, Chair, Leah Duling, Melanie Green, Ann Hamilton, Pat Hymans and Nancy Scott for their work preparing the libraries for the new program year.



## YOUTH UPDATE by Natalie Knox

### CONFIRMATION AND JUNIOR HIGH INFO MEETING COMMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9:30 A.M.

Join Natalie Knox for an informational meeting on Commotion Sunday (September 10<sup>th</sup>) at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to review the exciting curriculum as our youth learn about the Bible and the Presbyterian Church in preparation for membership.

### Youth Group begins Sunday, September 10!

#### CONFIRMATION AND JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP 4:00 – 5:30 P.M. (SECOND FLOOR)

Confirmation is the process through which our young people affirm the vows made at their Baptism and become active members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). At WPC, this journey is woven into fellowship time to build relationships.

**CONFIRMATION PREP (GRADES 6-7)** provides a solid grounding in the Bible, allowing for more expanded areas of study in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. This year, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will study the Old Testament through the curriculum *Echo the Story*, which offers creative responses and imaginative engagement with the biblical narratives. *Teachers: Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel & Sarah Zervas*



**CONFIRMATION (GRADE 8)** focuses on Christian history, Presbyterian theology and polity, and other religious traditions as the young people explore their individual lives of faith. Over the course of the year, students will visit other worshiping communities, build relationships with adult mentors, serve the community and write their own statements of faith. *Teachers: Natalie Knox, Marc DeJong with guests including the pastors.*

*Following class, all three grades come together for fellowship, fun and games in the Youth Room.*

#### YOUTH DINNER 5:30 – 6:00 P.M. (PARISH HALL)

Grades 6-12 gather for fellowship and dinner prepared by parents. A link is available on the WPC website (under Youth Ministries) to sign up and will be emailed out prior to Commotion Sunday.

#### SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. (YOUTH ROOM)

Youth in grades 9-12 gather weekly to navigate their faith journey, participate in Bible study, worship together, and build relationships. Our theme this year is **Messy Stories from the Old Testament**. We will examine, discover and reflect on ways we are called to serve the world and how our faith is lived. Along with opportunities for community service throughout the year, our youth participate in an annual Mission Trip and host fundraisers to support their work. *Leaders: Natalie Knox, Susan Day, Bill Deemer and Jen DeJong*

**SATURDAY EVENING SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY** continues this month with a dinner at the DeJong home (1955 Illini Rd) on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm**, with Bible study to follow. As always, friends are welcomed and encouraged!

#### WPC YOUNG ADULTS MEET SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Young Adults (ages 18-29) will gather on the last Sunday of each month for brunch following worship. This semester's dates are: September 24, October 29, and November 26<sup>th</sup>. **In September, we will meet at Obed and Isaac's at 11:30 a.m!**

## CHILDREN MINISTRIES by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

### FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10 REGISTRATION AND TEACHER COMMISSIONING

Parents are asked to register their children for Fall Sunday School on or before Commotion Sunday, September 10. The following classes begin and the leaders listed will be commissioned on September 10:

**Pre-K–Grade 1 (Third Floor Chapel):** Young Children and Worship is a spiritual formation approach which invites children to experience the wonder of God through a storytelling format and multi-sensory materials. Leaders: *Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Cara Barnett, Cathy Brower, Matthew Knox, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward, Emma Shafer, Karen Sherrick.*

**Grade 2–3 (Third Floor Classroom):** *Whirl* by Spark House is a lectionary-centered curriculum. Children will dive into the Bible together and learn Bible basics that will prepare them to receive their own NRSV Bible as a gift from the congregation at the end of their third grade year. Teachers: *Meridith Bryans, Sue Cull, Marc DeJong, and Sara Eldridge.*

**Grade 4–5 (Third Floor Tower Room):** *Whirl* by Spark House is a lectionary-centered curriculum that includes animated videos to set up the lesson, and then dives deeper into the Bible. Teachers: *Jen DeJong, Tom Klein, Priscilla Kluge, Lisa Metzger, Angie Musick, and Mary Ray.*

#### WHITNEY BECK SPEARIE RETIRES AS NURSERY WORKER

We are grateful to Whitney Beck Spearie who has worked in our nursery since March 2016. We are happy to announce Whitney is expecting a child this February! Anyone interested in serving our youngest members please contact Rev. Sarah.

#### BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

##### MOVES TO TUESDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Tuesdays beginning September 12, from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission projects. **The 2017-2018 theme is “Being a Thoughtful Christian.”** This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which meets from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Leaders: *Dr. Kieffer, Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, and Brad Steller*

#### PARENT FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETS OCTOBER 7

Parents are invited to gather once a month for camaraderie on the first Saturday of every month. **Please join us at the McGill home on October 7 at 5:30 (218 Twin Oaks, Rochester).**

#### CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

##### WPC HOSTS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 4:30 – 6 P.M.

Children in Grades K-6 are invited to quarterly Wednesday gatherings to foster interfaith fellowship and understanding, hosted by The Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish Education, Grace United Methodist Church and Westminster. **Sandy Bellatti and Mary Caroline Mitchell** will plan the October 4 gathering with the theme “Respect and Responsibility” and **Pat Hymans** will provide the meal.

TEACH THE  
CHILDREN  
SO IT WILL  
NOT BE  
NECESSARY  
TO TEACH  
THE ADULTS

#### WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



**POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND** will be Friday, September 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday, September 5.

**MACARONI FEST** is Monday, September 18, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The community is invited to a noodle buffet, noodle art, and jewelry activities. Tickets are \$5 per person at the door. All are welcome!

**THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER  
ARE INVITED  
TO  
THE FOURTH ANNUAL  
WESTMINSTER WOMEN SALAD SUPPER  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL  
PROGRAM  
THE MISS ILLINOIS PAGEANT  
BY SUSAN SHEA**

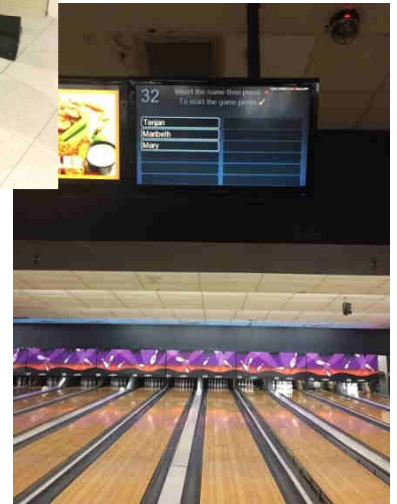
Enjoy an evening with your Westminster sisters and bring your favorite salad. The evening will include a presentation by Susan Shea on the Miss Illinois Pageant, an opportunity to sign up for prayer partners, as well as some delicious food.

Sign up on Commotion Sunday or RSVP to Jennie Alt 217-522-4415 or jalt@wpcspi.org.

**“HOLY ROLLER” BOWLING  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**



Members and friends enjoyed a delightful evening bowling this August. A group of twenty gathered for food, fellowship, and healthy competition at Strike 'N Spare Lanes.



This intergenerational gathering of toddlers, parents, grandparents and friends enjoyed knocking pins down and one another's company.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S COOKOUT  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

Thirty men gathered at the Hale farm on Friday, August 25. Along with great fellowship and delicious barbequed chicken, they were introduced to the world of drones on a farm.

Meanwhile, Westminster women enjoyed fellowship and a Mexican food outing in Petersburg.





## YOUNG FAMILIES “SPLASH” INTO THE NEW YEAR



On Sunday, August 27 young families enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and reconnecting at the Kieffer Home before Fall Sunday school and the “commotion” begins on September 10.



## YOUTH “SPLASH” INTO THE NEW YEAR



Junior and Senior High youth kicked off the new school year with the annual swim party at the home of Judy and Todd Knox. Along with swimming, they enjoyed time in the hot tub and a potluck including some delicious grilled burgers. Adult leaders Jen DeJong, Sarah Zervas and Bill Deemer are pictured above with Natalie Knox (Interim Director for Youth), Judy and Todd Knox.





**PARISH LIFE NEWS** by Rev. Trajan McGill  
**MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**THANK YOU WESTMINSTER FOR THE BACKPACKS!**

**THANK YOU** for helping exceed our goal. We supplied 142 backpacks on August 7 to be distributed by Contact Ministries to children in the community at their *Ready for Success Back to School Give-Away* on August 10.



**NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS WELCOME**

The Mission and Community Service Committees have this year been ramping up our church's mission giving, thanks to your extra giving to the endowment—but also thanks to your ideas! We have enjoyed hearing from many of our members recently and supporting the kinds of mission and service in which they are involved. If you have ideas for growing our church's mission in the world, the committees would love to hear them. For more info on submitting your own proposals, speak to the committee chairpersons, Kay Smith and Peter Kieffer, or to Trajan McGill.

**HURRICANE RELIEF DONATIONS**

Our denominational disaster relief agency, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, already has an advance team on the ground in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, surveying the needs and making preparations for a long-term stay in the region. They would love to have our help! **Monetary gifts to Westminster marked "Hurricane Relief" will be quickly passed along to support this effort.** Thanks also to Brad Milliman, who coordinated a quick response in the first days after the storm, gathering some immediate, emergency supplies to transport himself to Texas.

**GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH SEPTEMBER MENU:**

**Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, canned or bottled 100% juice, and 100% juice or water canned fruit.** Thank you to those who place items in the West Narthex baskets for the Central Illinois Foodbank. **Items in High Demand:** *feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

**HELPING HANDS**

Thanks to Carolyn Proctor, Diane Rutledge, and Kay Smith for providing the meal on August 11th. The September 8th meal will be prepared and delivered by Cathy Schwartz.

**COMPASS FOR KIDS RESUMES OCTOBER 17**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Join the many members of Westminster who have joined together to serve at-risk children attending Graham Elementary School. Central Baptist Church partners with us in providing this after-school program from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Consider becoming part of the team! For information or questions, call Ann Collins at 622-3847. Sign up on Commotion Sunday.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP WALK**  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

**1:00 P.M. AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Join the Springfield community as we address hunger in our world and community. The walk begins at Third Presbyterian Church (1030 North Seventh St). Check-in is at 1:00 p.m. with the walk start time of 1:30 p.m.

The final total for the Springfield 2016 Walk was \$12,499. Of that amount, 25% goes to our local food pantries. The remainder is used by CWS to fight hunger throughout the world. Food pantries receiving funds include First Presbyterian Food Pantry, Grace Lutheran Food Pantry, Kumler Outreach Ministries and Pleasant Plains Food Pantry.



Members are invited to support Westminster youth walking this year or join them on this meaningful and symbolic journey. Krista Steller is one of the event coordinators and Becky Martin is organizing the Westminster walkers. Donations can be made online at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/springfieldil/Team/View/46651/Westminster-Pres> or to Westminster by check with a note on the memo to *CROP Walk*.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER**

**HOME COMMUNION** Home Communion was delivered on August 13 to twelve members by five teams of elders and deacons. **If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, September 10 and would like to receive Holy Communion,** please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.

**ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME**

Dr. Kieffer and Rev. McGill will lead worship services every Thursday in September at 4:00 p.m. for the residents. WPC's pastors lead worship in April and September annually.

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

*We do not cease to give thanks for you as we remember you in our prayers. Ephesians 1:16*

This September, Prayer Ministry at *Westminster Presbyterian Church* resumes. Throughout the year, each member of our congregation is remembered in prayer by the pastors. A letter is sent to members three weeks prior to the week they are being lifted up in prayer. We welcome prayer requests.

Dr. Angela Reed, author of *Quest for Spiritual Community*, talks about those who serve as "anchors" within faith communities by spending time in prayer. Your pastors consider it a privilege to gather weekly and to pray together on your behalf in the historic chancel of our beautiful Sanctuary.

You, too, can be one of Westminster's anchors. We occasionally receive requests for prayers from the whole church. **If you would like to be added to our email list of those who receive these requests** and offer prayers on behalf of other church members, please contact the church office or talk to Rev. Trajan McGill.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION** gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Their next brown-bag lunch will be on September 12 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Dessert will be provided. If interested, contact Mary Jo Mattern Jenkins or Sue Cull.

## DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - 6:30 P.M.**

### POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Rev. Margaret Ann Jessup, Vice President of Associate Pastor of Douglas Avenue Methodist Church. She will present a program entitled "Wooden It Be Lovely." Please come for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW LUNCHEON** will meet **Friday, September 8** at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Mary Ray and Chair of the Day will be Lynne O'Shea. The program will honor Compass Volunteers and be presented by Nancy Canady. Along with **PW LUNCHEONS** on the first Friday of each month at noon, women are able to sign up for the following fellowship circles:



**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** will meet **Monday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m.** in Second Floor Classroom. Lynne Cleverdon will lead our program "According to Paul" based on Chapter 5 of the PW Horizon Bible Study *Who is Jesus? By Judy Yates Siker.*

**LYDIA CIRCLE** resumes on **Tuesday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m.** at the church in the Library. Sharon Zook will be the hostess and Sharon Turner will give devotions. We will study Lesson 1: Mark of the PW Horizon Bible Study *Who is Jesus? By Judy Yates Siker.*

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets the **first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 4** at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane 62712). We will discuss the Introduction and Chapter 1 of Judith Viorst's book *"Imperfect Control: Our Lifelong Struggles with Power and Surrender"*

## PRESBYTERIAN MEN

**MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST** resumes on **Thursday, September 14, at 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall.** Come join us for food and fellowship on the second Thursday of each month. September's breakfast will feature a program on Genealogy presented by Todd Knox. David Mitchell will lead a devotion, and Pete VanGieson will provide breakfast for the group. Please call the church office to let us know you plan to be there, so we can be sure to have enough food.

## WORLDWIDE PHOTO WALK ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 –

Interested in photography? Member Bob Fox will lead a walking tour in the area of Lake Springfield beginning at the Henson Robinson Zoo, on the morning of **Saturday, October 7.** Join the group in looking for opportunities for scenic and nature photographs, and enjoy sharing and getting tips from other participants on taking good shots. The Worldwide Photo walk supports The Springs of Hope Kenya Orphanage, an organization that feeds, houses, educates and empowers young orphans. Contact Bob Fox at [bob@mpmis.com](mailto:bob@mpmis.com), or go to <http://worldwidephotowalk.com>, pick Springfield, IL as the location and sign up.

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

**Drs. Bob & Naomi Lynn** celebrate 63 years on August 28.

**Betty Ritchie-Birrer** celebrates 92 years on September 3.

**Mary & Bill Schnirring** celebrate 67 years on September 30.

### NEW ADDRESS

**Paul Kieffer**, 2233 St. Charles Avenue Apt. 606, New Orleans, LA 70130

**Millie and John McNutt**, 8 Abbey Court, Chatham, IL 62629

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

**Betsy Dye** on the death of her stepmother, Barbara Swift on August 1 in Western Springs, IL.

**Reverends Trajan and Sarah McGill** on the death of his uncle, Mark McGill August 4 in Elgin, IL.

**Reverends Trajan and Sarah McGill** on the death of his grandmother, Gertrude McBride August 7 in Libertyville, IL.

**Tricia and Tim Hemberger** on the death of his mother, Beverly Hemberger on August 19 in Auburn, IL.

### THANK YOU

**To Dr. Kieffer and the Westminster Day Laborers** – A big thank you for all your help picking sweet corn at our farm! We donated our entire haul or load to residents of the Menard County Housing Authority, two food pantries in Logan County and several non-profits in Springfield! So many people benefitted from your hard work and received a gift of healthy, fresh food. With gratitude,

*–Harold & Gerry Hale, Karl, Christy, Avery, and Bryce Pound.*

**The Historic West Side Neighborhood Association is grateful** for your generous hospitality (use of Parish Hall & parking lot) and helping us make 2017 National Night Out a success. Your church facility is comfortable, welcoming, and beautiful. Thank you again,

*–Carrie Becker, President of HWSNA, the Board, and residents of our neighborhood.*

## ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

**Saturday, October 7, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Join us at the Fall Bazaar which will be held at IPH, 2600 West Lawrence. Donations of household goods, books and baked goods are welcome. Baked goods can be dropped off the day before the sale. No clothing or shoes, please. Thank you! Proceeds from the sale support volunteer activities for the residents. For more information, contact Anne Haaker at 546-4037.

## OVER 190 CHOOSE EMAIL OPTION

### FOR OUR MONTHLY REPORTER

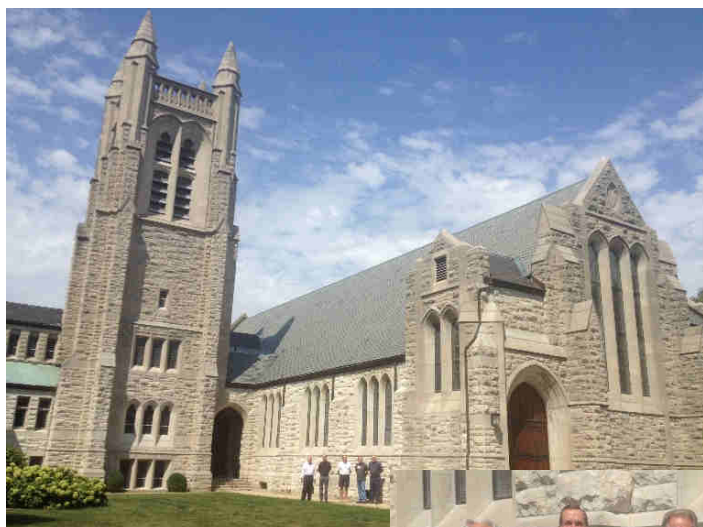
Thank you to the 191 individual members and friends who have chosen the email option for the monthly Reporter. It is not too late to sign up *by emailing Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org).* The Reporter is emailed the same day it is taken to the U.S. Post Office.





## A NEW LOOK FOR WESTMINSTER

Westminster received a facelift during the month of August. Special thanks to



our staff Gary Warnick, Roy Ahlers, Steve Council, and Bill Hibbert, who were assisted by members Marc Anderson, Ed Caupert, Mal Hildebrand and Valerie Leonatti. Additionally, we utilized the lift to clean gutters and trim trees.



The Property Committee is pleased to announce that the Verizon lease has been “signed, sealed and delivered.” We foresee the project beginning sometime after October 1 and do not anticipate any interruption to activities at the church.

## JULY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

It is exciting to see all of the groups and classes planning and budgeting for the Fall activities. We sent out contribution statements in early July, and noticed a surge in giving. The financial position ending July 31 showed that expenses exceed income by only \$3,674. While last year at this time expenses were by \$11,864 more than income.

2017 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 558,678	\$ 574,510	\$-15,832
Expenses	\$-562,352	\$-574,510	\$ 12,158
Net	\$ -3,674	\$ 0	

## NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 5 & 12, 9:15 A.M. IN PASTOR’S STUDY



Friends and visitors are invited to a New Members Class on Sundays, November 5 and 12, 11:15 a.m. 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. The class will be led by the pastors. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 19, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

October Reporter Deadline  
Sunday, September 24

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