



# THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2021

## WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

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

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### FAITH FORMATION:

*Nursery Newsletter*  
emailed each Friday to Families with  
Children Birth – Age 3

*WPCconnections Newsletter*  
emailed each Friday to Families with  
Children Pre-K - Grade 5

10:15 a.m. *Fall Sunday School*  
following Children's Sermon

11:15 a.m. *Confirmation*

11:15 a.m. *Adult Ed Forum*

5:00 p.m. *Youth Group*

September 5

### LABOR DAY SUNDAY

Isaiah 35:4-7a; Mark 7:31-37

The Rev. Christian Choi

*One Praise Away*

September 12

### HOME COMING SUNDAY

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Psalm 19, Mark 7:24-37

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Empty Yet Full*

September 19

### 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Mark 9:33-37; John 15:9-17

The Rev. Christian K. Choi

*I Have Called You Friends*

September 26

### RECOGNITION OF FIFTY PLUS MEMBERS

Esther 4:4-17, Mark 9:42-50

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*For Such a Time as This*

*Sermon manuscripts are located in the West Narthex and online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).*

## HOME COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Join your Westminster family for Homecoming Sunday\* on September 12 as we begin the 2021-2022 Ministry Year!

We will celebrate worship at 10:00 a.m., welcome the Westminster Choir, and commission the 2021-2022 Education Leadership Team.

A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays, children's activities, a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2020-2021 ministry year, and the opportunity to sign up for Education, Fellowship, Music, Mission, and Service.

Do not miss this new beginning at Westminster!

\*HOME COMING SUNDAY is a new title for the Sunday which initiates the beginning of the ministry year at Westminster. The reason for the name change this year is to extend an invitation to those who have been away because of the pandemic as well as to begin the annual ritual of inviting and welcoming our neighbors into our church home as we begin a new year together, especially those who participated in the Steadfast Neighbor Service Week and Matching Grant initiatives. Affectionately known to many of us as "Commotion Sunday," the name was given by Dr. Ziegler, pastor of Westminster from 1944-1969, as a word play on the traditional "Promotion Sunday" to describe the enormous energy and excitement aroused by God's Spirit as our children return and activities begin again.



## MILESTONE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, September 26 we will honor members who joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1971, 1966, 1961, and 1956. We are grateful for all the ways these members have enriched the life of our congregation over the years. The congregation is invited to a reception in the West Narthex following worship to express our congratulations and appreciation.

#### FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS:

David Barringer  
Douglas Barringer  
Gordon Cozadd  
Carolyn Dungan

Elsie Fox  
Robert Fox  
Ralls Melotte

#### FIFTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERS:

Linda Chronister  
Gerald Davis  
Marilyn Davis  
R. Thomas Massey  
Morley Peura

Marlene Rinehart  
Linda Schlosser  
William Schlosser  
Dorothy Wire

#### SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS:

Carol Bloemer  
Louise Cragoe  
Theresa Davison

Dr. James Singleton  
Mary Anne Singleton

#### SIXTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERS:

Gaynell Peters

Logan Schlipf

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

*Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent efforts. – John Ruskin*

**WORSHIP RETREAT** - Dale Rogers graciously hosted Christian and me a few days in August on his front porch to plan worship for the 2021-2022 ministry year. It was a meaningful time to collaborate with trusted colleagues and to open our hearts and minds to God's Spirit in the "intelligent effort" that goes into worship planning. Our hope and prayer is to provide a meaningful and well-integrated worship service for those who gather faithfully each week in-person or online. We are grateful for the privilege to lead worship as we continue to live stream our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service.



**CHANGE OF CALL RECOMMENDED FOR REV. CHOI** – At their August meeting following a recommendation from the Personnel Committee, Session called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 10 for the purpose of adjusting the terms of call to the Rev. Christian K. Choi which include the title change to **ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR PARISH LIFE**. Christian brings unique gifts to this role. Along with his Masters of Theology (Th.M.) from Princeton Theological Seminary in Mission and Ecumenism, Christian came to us with extensive mission experience and provided invaluable leadership on our first international mission to Kenya in January 2020. Following the approval of this change by the congregation, the Nominating Committee will present names for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) who will be tasked with seeking a candidate for the position of **ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FAMILY MINISTRY**. Additionally, Church Officers presented by the Nominating Committee will be elected.

**HEALTHY PASTORS, HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS** is a program sponsored by the Board of Pensions which provides grants up to \$10,000 for eligible clergy. On Tuesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall, the Session will join our BOP Representative, Rev. Kenneth Green, at a dinner meeting to fulfill the final requirement for this grant on behalf of Rev. Choi who has been accepted into the program and who has completed prior requirements related to financial planning.

**THE PASTOR-LED BIBLE STUDY** I have taught since September 2014 will resume on Thursday, September 16, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. This begins our eighth year (following a hiatus during the pandemic) and new members are always welcome. There will be a sign up on Homecoming Sunday, September 12.

## JULY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Expenses surpassed income by \$15,786 in July in part because of the beautiful Library renovation. Please continue to remember Westminster through the end of summer and into fall. With your help, we will meet our budgetary goals.

| 2021 Operations | Actual     | Budget     | Difference |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income          | \$ 602,513 | \$ 578,406 | \$ 24,107  |
| Expenses        | \$-618,299 | \$-587,156 | \$ -31,143 |
| Net Total       | \$ -15,786 | \$ -8,750  |            |

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

**WESTMINSTER CHOIR** resumes its regular rehearsals on Thursday, September 9 at 7:30 p.m. and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 11 beginning at 1:30 p.m. Following the retreat, the choir is invited to share dinner at the home of Jim and Meg Kontio.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** (Grades 3-5) will begin Wednesday, September 15, at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges.

**CHURCH MICE** (infants through age 4) will meet Saturday mornings beginning September 18 at 11:00 a.m.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will begin Tuesday, October 5, at 4:45 p.m.



**ORGAN RECITAL by TREVOR GOOD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 AT 4:00 P.M.** Trevor is a Senior at Chatham-Glenwood High School and a remarkable young organist. We are delighted to host this debut recital featuring works of Bach, Rheinberger, Gigout and the complete second symphony of Vierne.

## WESTMINSTER ART EXHIBIT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Calling All Artists—The Worship, Music and Arts Committee will host a Westminster Art Exhibit on Sunday, October 24 following worship in Parish Hall. We are grateful for the gifted and disciplined artists among us and for this opportunity to celebrate God's handiwork through their hands. If you would like to participate, contact Dale Rogers (drogers@wpcspi.org).

## ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

### A HISTORY OF VACCINES: CLOTHED IN THE ARMOR OF GOD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The Adult Education Forum begins the 2020-2021 year on Sunday, September 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. In addition to providing a brief overview of the history of vaccinations, the class will reflect on the biblical mandate to protect oneself including the Ephesians 6 passage. Led by Lyle VanDeventer who serves part-time as an Adjunct Health Instructor at Lincoln Land Community College.

## MESSAGE FROM WPC COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Westminster's COVID-19 Task Force met and concurred with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) new guidance "to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, [fully vaccinated people should] wear a mask indoors in public.

No other aspects of worship will change. We will sing (with masks in place), pass the Friendship Pads and offering plate, and serve communion. We will meet in the West Narthex after the church service; coffee will be served. The Task Force will continue to monitor the changing situation and will make recommendations based on science and fact. We again recommend that those who are at risk for a severe course of COVID stay home and enjoy our church services via YouTube and that all members who do not have true medical contraindications receive a vaccination. *-Dr. Todd Knox*

## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

### CONFIRMATION (GRADES 6 - 8)

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. CONFERENCE ROOM

Confirmation is the process through which youth affirm the vows made at their Baptism and become active members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Three-year Confirmation class provides a comprehensive review of our faith based on the Scripture. We will integrate two curriculums, “Big God, Big Questions” and “Echo, The Story” to connect our confessional faith statements and the Scripture.



We will meet on Sundays following worship, beginning September 19. It is our hope that in the midst of uncertainty, God's steadfastness will be explained, exemplified, and experienced by being together in this class.

Teachers: *Rev. Choi, Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Anna Koepfel*

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

5:00-7:00 P.M. PARISH HALL / YOUTH ROOM

Sundays evenings, beginning September 12, High School youth will gather in Parish Hall to have fellowship/games and dinner during the first hour, followed by discussion on current topics from Christian perspective, based on PCUSA resource “Faith Questions.”



Teachers: *Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray, Rev. Choi*

### YOUTH & PARENT PARTICIPATION NEEDED:

We encourage every youth to participate in worship by being an acolyte, worship leader, and Bible/Cross carrier. Please sign up using the link below.

Junior High (Acolyte):  
<https://bit.ly/3snBc7N>

Senior High (Worship Leader, Bible/Cross Carrier):  
<https://bit.ly/3k3auxs>

Parents: Youth Group will gather 16 times this school year, and it is truly a welcome fellowship with a great dinner. Could you help us encourage these youth by hosting a dinner? Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/3jYYEoc>.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

### FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

**Nursery: Frolic Sunday School** is a play-based curriculum that helps young children experience Bible stories and faith-based storybooks in meaningful, memorable ways.

Nursery Coordinator: *Leigh Milward*, Nursery worker: *Ella Kurmann*

**Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel): Growing in God's Love** is a multi-age, companion curriculum for *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum*. It studies each story in greater depth and also provides intergenerational and at-home ideas to equip families to re-enforce Bible lessons.

Ministry Partners: *Cara Barnett, Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Sophia Choi, Tamika and Jake Hill, and Erin Winn*

**Grade 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom): Growing in God's Love** is a multi-age, companion curriculum for *Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum*. Our older students will follow the curriculum, focusing on Bible literacy, activities, and faith formation practices that are appropriate for their grade level.

Ministry Partners: *Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Sue Cull, Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Linda Purves, and Mary Ray*

Children grades 3-5 will stay in worship Communion Sundays.

### BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays beginning September 15 from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission projects and interfaith gatherings.



**The 2021-2022 theme is: Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living.** We will examine what it looks like to live a life rooted in the two greatest commandments to love God and others. This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which meets from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

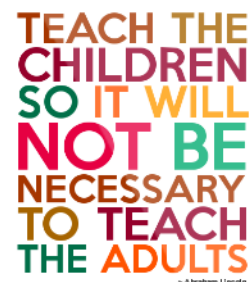
Leaders: *Rev. Choi and Karen Sherrick*

### CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

GATHERS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us for the first gathering of The Children of Abraham.

We will be hosted by the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield on Wednesday, September 22 from 4:30-6:00. *Masks will be required for this gathering.*



### WCP PRESCHOOL NEWS by Emily Rowley 2021-2022 School Year Marks 50 Years

Classroom Open House and Popsicles on the Playground will be Friday, September 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday, September 7.

In September, the preschool will begin its 50th year welcoming families to our unique co-op experience! What a testimony to the dedication and love families have for Westminster Co-op Preschool! We are excited about this year and celebrating the special role this preschool has played in so many families' lives in our community. A small number of openings remain available for fall classes which begin on September 7th. Please visit our website to contact us if interested.

WCP has an annual fundraiser called Macaroni Fest, which will be held on Thursday, September 16 starting at 5:00 p.m. Instead of holding it in Parish Hall, we are having a drive-thru pick up of boxed meals or families are welcome to bring a blanket to picnic on the lawn.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISMS - AUGUST 1, 15, & 22



Westminster welcomed **Emory James Dolan**, **Sophia Rose MacDonna**, **Anna Faye Simhauser**, **Walter Everett Morthland**, & **Brooks Jameson Duffy** in the Sacrament of Baptism during the month of August.

Our hearts are full! We are grateful for the gift of these children and delight in the privilege of being a part of their faith journey through the years.

## WELCOME TO NURSERY COORDINATOR LEIGH MILWARD



Westminster is delighted to introduce our new Nursery Coordinator, Leigh Milward. Leigh and her husband, Kevin, joined Westminster in 2005 with their daughters, Kara and Jenna. They became acquainted with Westminster while Kara attended the Westminster Coop Preschool. From 1999-2005 Leigh served on our staff working in the Nursery before returning to full-time work at Molina Health Care where she serves as a Social Work Case Manager.

Leigh has a B.S. degree from Illinois State University in Child Development and Family Relations and has served as a ministry partner teaching preschool Sunday school since 2005.

Leigh will create, implement, and lead the Frolic preschool curriculum for our toddlers in collaboration with Karen Sherrick, Westminster's Director for Children's Ministry. She will serve as supervisor to the nursery workers who join her. We look forward to the parents of our youngest children meeting Leigh as they entrust her with their children on Sunday mornings. Leigh begins Sunday, September 5.

## GRADUATION UPDATES!

Robert Churchill, grandson of Lynne & Paul O'Shea, graduated from the University of Texas in Austin this past May and is now attending the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science in Rochester, MN.

Carter Formea is attending the University of Illinois at Springfield on a full scholarship to play Division II soccer.

Annie Sherrick is attending the Institute of Culinary Education and her focus is in the Health-Support Culinary Arts program in New York, NY. She graduated from Boston College this past May.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP REUNION – JULY 30



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The Youth mission team gathered at Susan and Scott Day's Lake Home on July 30 to reminisce, share photos, eat, drink, swim, and brainstorm their next mission adventure. Drs. Tanya DeSanto and Craig Batterman hosted the Youth Swim Kickoff on August 22 as we begin a new year together. Grace Batterman joined us on FaceTime from Auburn University.

## YOUTH SWIM KICKOFF PARTY – AUGUST 22



# STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK



The steadfast team of ministry partners was commissioned on Sunday, August 1 and reported back Sunday, August 8. During the work week, the team gathered each morning at 8:00 a.m. for a devotion before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects included power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Lunches were prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch each day, the teams returned to their sites to complete the day's work. The team gathered for a celebratory lunch and awards on Friday. Thirteen neighborhood homes were served in addition to a project at one of our two rental houses and our newly renovated library.

**Team Captains:** Rev. Choi, Todd Knox, Tom Owen/Brad Milliman, Dale Rogers, Pete VanGieson, Gary Warnick **Ministry Partners:** Marc Anderson, Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Judy Boutelle, Rich Canady, Ed Caupert, Scott Day, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Adam Ekstedt, Kathy Germeraad, Randy Germeraad, Bud Green, Keith Hamilton, Mal Hildebrand, Robyn Hovey, Nancy Huston, Jay Kennerly, Peter Kieffer, Beth Kincaid, Jim Kincaid, Priscilla Kluge, Tim Kluge, Bob Leffler, Dave Leonatti, Val Leonatti, Jim McDonough, David Mitchell, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Lynne O'Shea, Mary Peura, Christy Pound, Mary Ray, Julie Robbs, Mary Gail Romack, Diane Rutledge, Bruce Strom, Mike Sundquist, Eleanor VanDeventer, Jeanne VanGiesen, Jess Weitzel, Will Wright **Neighbors:** Carol Brosam, Enoch Peterson, The Mahan Family, Jason Rodd, Bill Steele **Youth:** Jessica Borland, Braden Barton, Lucy Bassett, Will Hovey, Elliot Huston, Harper Huston, Reese Huston. **Hospitality Team:** Carolyn Beatty, Nancy Canady, Linda Chronister, Sue Cull, Melanie Green, Ann Hamilton, Al Hymans, Pat Hymans, Jeanne Pittman, Kelly Robertson, Sue Scaife, Krista Steller





## CORN PICKING AT GRIGSBY FARMS MONDAY, AUGUST 2



Thank you to all who participated in the corn harvest on Monday, August 2 at the Grigsby Farm:

*Jim Bryans, Rich Canady, Ed Caupert, Rev. Choi, Sophia, Diana & Zach Choi, Bill Deemer, Charlie, Juliana, Kate, and Kristianna Eastvold, Harold Hale, Dr. Kieffer, Judy Knox, Mary & Charlie King, Lynn McMenemy, Ben Parker, Carl, Christy, Avery and Bryce Pound, Mary Ray, Brad & Carolyn Swanson, Marie Wheeler, Pete VanGieson.*

3068 pounds of corn was donated to the Central Illinois Food Bank on Tuesday, August 3. This corn is planted each year by Grigsby Farms (thanks to the Hale and Pound families).

## TAGGING 195 BACKPACKS FOR CONTACT MINISTRIES



Thank you, Westminster family, for donating **195** backpacks to the Contact Ministries Annual Back to School Event and to Elizabeth Circle and friends who attached a Bible verse to each backpack following worship on Sunday, August 15. Joining **Sue Baker** were **Judy and Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Sophia Choi (photographer), Camille Degner, Kathy Moore and Gloria St. Lawrence.**



## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AUGUST 15



**M. Brownell "Brownie" Anderson** by Reaffirmation of Faith. M. Brownell (Brownie) Anderson was raised in Springfield, IL and grew up at Westminster where she was ordained an elder and involved in many church activities. Her father was Curator of Historic Sites for Illinois (in Springfield this included the Old State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion as well as the Vachel Lindsay home) and her mother was a piano teacher and part-time church organist. Brownie's parents moved to a small farm in New Mexico in the early 1980s and the whole family worked for many years to renovate the house that was built in 1860, and the farm is still in the family. Brownie has had a career in medical education – first at SIU School of Medicine, then the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, DC and recently retired from the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) in Philadelphia where she worked internationally. Her interests include music, travel, gardening, cooking, good books, and people. *Sponsor: Carole Kennerly*

**Debbie and Jim Parker** by Certificate of Transfer from Hope Church. Deb and Jim met in Chicago while she was teaching international students English and U.S. culture, and Jim was completing his law degree at Loyola. They moved to Springfield to raise their sons, Jacob and Benjamin. Jim worked with the States Medicaid Program and currently works for the University of Illinois as a consultant developing healthcare policy for the State. Deb continued her teaching career at UIS and Benedictine University and after completing her Ph.D. in 2016, accepted a faculty position at Western Governors University. Additionally, Deb has a degree in International Ministries from Wheaton Graduate School. *Sponsors: Christy and Karl Pound*



**Benjamin J. Parker** by Reaffirmation of Faith. Ben is a 2021 graduate of Springfield High School and has been active in our youth group since the Fall of 2018. Ben will attend the American University in Washington, D.C. this fall. *Sponsor: Avery Pound*



**Jim McDonough** by Reaffirmation of Faith. Jim grew up in Chicago, the oldest of seven children within an Irish catholic family, and moved to Springfield to pursue a Master's degree in Public Administration. He recently retired from a career in State Government working in a variety of agencies as Chief of Staff. Additionally, he developed a consulting company which worked with government agencies and not-for-profit organizations to develop residential and occupational opportunities for individuals with special needs. He also served as an Alderman in Ward 10. Jim has two daughters and two grandchildren. His marriage to Julie Pittman in December of 2016 brought him to Westminster. *Sponsors: Julie McDonough and Jeanne Pittman*

**Judy and Harvey Stephens** by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, IL. Judy and Harvey met in Colorado and spent their first years of marriage in Chicago while Harvey completed his law degree at the University of Chicago and Judy worked at Marshall Fields. Harvey grew up in Springfield and is currently Senior Counsel for Brown, Hayes, and Stephens. Judy grew up in New England and made her home in Springfield raising their three children, Winnie (died in 2006), Harvey M. and Scott. Judy also served as a volunteer in community organizations and within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). They have two grandsons. *Sponsors: Dee Dee Gain and Dale Rogers*



## MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### ANNUAL CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP WALK WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:00 P.M. AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Join the Springfield community addressing hunger in our world and community. The walk begins at Third Presbyterian (1030 N. Seventh). Check-in is at 1 p.m. with a start time of 1:30. The 2-mile walk will take an average walker less than one hour to complete.

Runners are welcome. Park in the Third Presbyterian parking lot at Bergen and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The final total for the Springfield 2020 Walk was **\$12,893**. (Of this amount, WPC contributed **\$5,345**.) 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 and Pleasant Plains Food Pantry.

Members are invited to support WPC youth walking this year or join this meaningful and symbolic journey. Krista Steller is an event coordinator, with Becky Martin organizing the Westminster walkers. Donations can be made online at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/westminster-presbyterian-2> or write WPC a check with Crop Walk in the memo line.

### ADULT EDUCATION HUNGER ACTION SERIES

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 3, 10 & 17

11:15 A.M. IN THE SECOND FLOOR CLASSROOM

During the October Adult Education Forum, Westminster's Hunger Action team will present current information on hunger, its LOCAL impact, and ways our state as well as organizations and volunteers are addressing the need in the Springfield area. Presenters from Illinois Department of Human Services, local not-for-profits, and District 186 will present the human face of the problem. Thank you to Mary Caroline Mitchell and Becky Martin for hosting the class.

### COMPASS FOR KIDS BEGINS OCTOBER 19

Compass for Kids Orientation is Thursday, September 30, 5:30-8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. In-person gatherings begin at Westminster on Tuesday, October 19 at 3:00 p.m. This weekly tutoring after school program also offers a life skills class and dinner. We are delighted to welcome new ministry partners to the 2021-2022 team. If you are interested, contact Ann Collins, Jennie Alt, or sign up on Homecoming Sunday, September 12.

Lisa Runkle teaching Compass Children in March 2020 before the Pandemic. It has been 18 months since we last met in-person at WPC.



**GRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SEEKS MENTORS/TUTORS** to work one-on-one with children and help them with the basics in reading and math. Graham is flexible on the amount of time you can give. Contact the parent educator, Brittany Rummans, with questions at [brummans@sps186.org](mailto:brummans@sps186.org) or call the school at 217-525-3220.

## HELPING HANDS MEAL SECOND FRIDAY – AUGUST 13, 2021



**Elizabeth Circle** will prepare the September 10 meal. Thank you to **Dee Dee Duffy and Nancy Canady** for collaborating on the August 13 meal and to Marc Anderson for donating the milk. Teams have been assigned to prepare meals through December. There will be an opportunity to sign up for 2022 meals on Homecoming Sunday, September 12.

### FAIR TRADE MINISTRY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Westminster sells Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, and tea to support just, environmentally sound products and small producers. This month's sales will be Sunday, September 12 following the 10:00 a.m. worship. Thanks to **Becky Martin** and **Jeanne VanGieson** for providing this ministry.



### GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH SEPTEMBER MENU

Spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned or bottled 100% juice, and 100% juice or water canned fruit. High-Demand Items: personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.



### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Along with the \$5,000 designated from the Betty Smith Mission Endowment Fund by the Mission and Community Service Committee, members have contributed \$1,700 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance efforts in Haiti following the devastating earthquake. Checks marked for disaster relief will be shared with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, our denomination's disaster relief agency.

### PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING RECEIVED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Each September and October WPC receives the Peace & Global Witness Offering. It draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict, provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. Please consider supporting this fund by making a donation for the Peace and Global Witness Offering.



### SEPTEMBER EARTH CARE TIP



Early September is the perfect time for green thumbs to seed a lawn since summer clippings have provided enough soil nutrients, lower sun and cooler nights favoring germination, rainy days providing moisture, and eventually frost killing off the weeds. Grass planted over Labor Day will have many months to root before the stress of the next summer while the blades will remain green through early winter and will require little mowing until the spring.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KNIT 2 PURL 4** meets in person on **Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom**. On September 7, Sharon Brown, Director of Kumler Outreach Ministries, will be our guest at the brown bag lunch at noon. Sharon will explain how our knitted donations are used. Thank you to our "secret knitters" in the congregation. Your contributions are appreciated, and you too are all welcome to join us.

**PW LUNCHEON** resumes Friday, September 3 at 12 noon.



Nancy Canady will prepare the meal. The program will be on the expansion of the IL Presbyterian Home by Amy Rasing. Please R.S.V.P by Wednesday, September 1 via the weekly email link, our website, or by calling the church office.

All Presbyterian Women 2021-2022 Circles have chosen the Horizon's Bible Study "What My Grandmothers Taught Me," based on the women in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus by Merryl Blair. The book cost is \$11 and can be purchased from Jennie Alt in the Church Office.



**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** resumes on Monday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Call Eleanor VanDeventer (217-341-4032).



**Top row:** Mary King, Beth Kincaid, Camille Degner

**Bottom row:** Lynne O'Shea, Mary Peura, Sue Sawyers, & Sue Baker

**LYDIA CIRCLE** resumes on Tuesday, September 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

**RUTH AND NAOMI** will resume on Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Chronister. Call Christy Pound (217-971-3082) or Marilyn Rigney (217-494-8039) for information.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** will resume on Thursday, **September 9 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Join us for devotions, Rich Canady will provide breakfast, and Michael Phelon, Founder and CEO of the Outlet, will be the speaker. Call Pete VanGieson (217-652-1310) for details.



**DMA** will resume this fall for their monthly meeting on the third Friday: September 17, October 15, and November 17. In September, we will have an informal get together. The October program will be given by Dr. Todd Knox on Westminster's Steadfast Neighborhood Week.

## PARISH NURSE MINISTRY BY ELLEN CARPENTER

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Ellen Carpenter will check blood pressures.

### Westminster Served as Vaccination Site on Monday, August 9

Thank you to IL Department of Public Health for providing the free vaccination clinic.

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Charlotte Brown celebrates 90 years September 1.

Sue & Jess Werner celebrate 62 years September 6.

Judy & Dan Dees celebrate 66 years September 15.

Virginia & Neil Lee celebrate 61 years September 16.

Clarence Cadwallader celebrates 97 years September 28.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Rowan Killian VanDeventer was born on August 10 to Chelsea and Paul VanDeventer and his proud grandparents are Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer.

James McMenamin Weinberg was born on August 11. James is the son of Carrie McMenamin and Charlie Weinberg, and his proud grandparents are Lynn and Joe McMenamin.

Kruse Robert Wilday was born on August 21 to Anna and Matthew Wilday in Chicago, proud grandparents are Marty and Jeff Wilday, and proud uncle is John Wilday.

Congratulations to Mary and Morley Peura on the birth of their grandson, James Roland Johnson, Jr. born on August 6 to their daughter Dr. Elizabeth and James Johnson.

### IN MEMORIAM

Stanley J. Papp died on July 28 in Springfield. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to his wife Barbara, his children David Papp (wife Dr. Jennifer Hanslick), Beth Hilligoss and granddaughters, Mark and Kate Hanslick-Papp.

Pamelia Waughop died August 2 in Austin, TX. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her daughters: Beth Heimlich, Ellen (husband Jim) Spiller and their families.

Graveside Service for Paula Stewart at Camp Butler National Cemetery is Friday, September 3 at 2:00 p.m. Friends welcome.

Inurnment Service for Dr. Ramona Schmidt in our Memorial Garden is September 4 at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Rev. Choi.

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Kathy Kenyon on the death of her mother, Rhea Kenyon, July 30 in Springfield.

Mary Jo and David Jenkins on the death her brother, James Mattern, August 1 in Highland Park, IL.

Meridith and Jim Bryans on the death of his grandfather, and to Katherine and Caroline Bryans on the death of their great-grandfather, Percy Bryans August 4 in Palestine, IL at age 104.

Former Financial Administrator Lillian Ford on the death of her husband, Ray Ford August 5 in Springfield.

Rev. Jerry and Judy Boutelle on the death of his sister, to Lindsay and Greg Boutelle on the death of their aunt, and to Brooke and Juliet on the death of their great-aunt, Beverly Vandeventer August 6 in Aletha, IA.

Jeanne and Pete VanGieson on the death of Jeanne's father, to Shelby VanGieson, Kelsey & Jeremy Baier on the death of their grandfather, & to Thea and Lane Baier on the death of their great-grandfather Robert Shire August 7 in Fort Wayne, IN.

Former member Carole Vick on the death of her husband, Ken Vick, August 11 in Clemson, S.C.

### NEW ADDRESS

Amy & Patrick Barry, 157 Outer Park Dr., Springfield, IL 62704

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## 2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN INTRODUCED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

*I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.*

— John 15:15b



**I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS** is the 2022 Stewardship theme, selected by **Pete VanGieson** who is chairing this year's committee. **I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS** springs from an understanding of giving as a time to respond to God's grace. Stewardship is celebrated with joy. It becomes the expression of a Christ-centered community that intends to be a compassionate, courageous witness to the world.

Serving on the 2022 Stewardship Campaign with Pete are **Meleah Berkowitz, Robyn Hovey, Tom Massey, Julie McDonough, Pat Moore, Bill Schlosser, Greg Swanson, Brinton Wilkey, and Bob Zerfas.**

The campaign will be introduced in worship on Sunday, September 19 and the Stewardship Dedication will be Sunday, October 24. The Stewardship letter will be mailed the week of September 19 following the Session's approval of the 2022 budget.

## THE SEVENTH BIENNIAL HEALTH FAIR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN PARISH HALL



Come learn about good health practices at interactive stations in Parish Hall **and receive your Flu Vaccine.** Information on many topics will be presented, and several personal screenings and assessments will be available. We are grateful to Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter who is coordinating the fair and the many other health professionals from our congregation and elsewhere for contributing their time and expertise. Please keep in mind that all participants will need to wear a mask and be aware of social distancing as best as possible. **Stations will include:**

- Flu Vaccines (Tamika Hill, Pharm.D)
- Advance Directives (Michael Nenaber, MD)
- Cancer Education (Naomi Wands, RN)
- Skin Care (Judy Knox, MD)
- Cholesterol Screening (Marilyn Rigney, RN)
- Blood Glucose Screening (TBD)
- Osteoporosis Screening (Erin Ekstedt, RN)
- Dental Care (Elizabeth Knoedler, DMD)
- Blood Pressure Screening (Camille Proud, RN)
- Computer Health Assessment (Krista Steller)

THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO  
THE SEVENTH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER WOMEN'S SALAD SUPPER  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

PROGRAM

THE WAYS WOMEN BUILD TOGETHER

Presented by Colleen Stone

Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity

Enjoy an evening with your Westminster sisters and bring your favorite salad. The evening's program "The Ways Women Build Together" will be presented by Colleen Stone, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity in Springfield.

Sign up on Homecoming Sunday or  
RSVP to Jennie Alt 217-522-4415 or [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org).

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