APRIL 2015

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. Sanctuary
& 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.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 29
8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The sermon will be presented by the Reverend Trajan McGill.
During the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, the Sunday School children and
youth (Pre-K–Grade 12) will lead us in the processional with palms and their
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Boxes. The center aisle pews will be
lined with donated coats. The Westminster Choir will be joined by Ann
Collins, violin and Susan Phillips, ‘cello in Forsaken, a new anthem by Dan
Forrest. The Sicilienne of Gabriel Fauré with ‘cello will be at the offertory.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 2
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
The meditation will be presented by the Reverend Hannah Dreitcer.
Westminster Choir will nourish our spirits with special music from the
community of Taizé, France and a new anthem by Geoff Weaver. The
Communion Service will conclude with the solemn stripping of the church
accompanied by the Adagio for Strings of Samuel Barber.

Good Friday, April 3
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
The meditation will be presented by the Reverend Trajan McGill.
Good Friday worship will be centered on the reading of the Passion
according to John, with music by The Walnuts.

Easter Sunday, April 5
8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The sermon will be presented by the Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer.
On Easter Sunday, the Westminster Choir will be joined with members of the
Millikin Brass in Handel’s Hallelujah Chorus and other festive music of the
season. The Chancel will be filled with the massive cross of lilies, a
cherished tradition at Westminster.

Easter Egg Hunt in Parish Hall for our younger children
follows 10:00 a.m. worship.

Confirmation Sunday, April 26
Class of 2015 Recognized and Commissioned
At the April meeting of the Session, nine young people will be received into the
membership of this congregation. They will be recognized and commissioned
on Sunday, April 26, during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship:

Emma Kathleen Baterman
Claire Autumn Bess
William Daniel Formea
Grayson English Freer
Gabi Kristine Huston
Matthew John Knox
Ross Albert Lochbaum
Talen Scott Vogler
John Joseph Zerfas

This is a time of celebration and a milestone on the faith journeys of these
young people. A reception in their honor will follow worship in Parish Hall.
FROM THE PASTOR by Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

...to equip the saints for ministry in the building up of the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:12

Dear Friends: As the 18th installed pastor in Westminster’s 180 year history, I am grateful for the legacy of faith passed on from those who have come before me, and I am mindful of the responsibility to build on the foundation lovingly laid by our forbears. With the ordination and installation of the Reverend Trajan McGill, who joins the Reverend Hannah Dreitser and me, your pastoral team is well poised to equip the saints for ministry in the building up of the body of Christ. The Anniversary Endowment Campaign provides an opportunity for each of us to build on that foundation in a thoughtful and concrete way. A gift to the endowment fund witnesses to our love for Christ and is an investment in Christ’s church at Westminster for all generations to come.

The committee created a campaign goal strategy to provide suggestions for various levels of giving within the Albert Hale Circle. The names of the giving categories are metaphors for mission and building, both of which are key components of this anniversary campaign. The individuals who give at these levels will be listed in the Albert Hale Circle unless they indicate otherwise. This goal strategy emphasizes the importance of every member’s participation. Every gift counts! However, leadership gifts are essential in reaching our goal! Please prayerfully consider your gift.

We will celebrate all the commitments we have received on Dedication Sunday, May 17, as we welcome my predecessor, the Reverend Dr. Lonnie H. Lee and his wife Barbara, to our worship service and a celebratory picnic on the eve of our 180th Founders’ Day.

| Support & Endowment Anniversary Campaign Goal Strategy |
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| **Albert Hale Circle** Gift Levels | **Number To Date** | **Amount To Date** | **Additional # Needed** | **Total #** |
| Cornerstone | $250,000 | 2 | $500,000 | 0 | 2 | $500,000 |
| Foundation | $150,000 | 1 | $150,000 | 2 | 3 | $450,000 |
| Tower | $100,000 | 0 | $0 | 4 | 4 | $400,000 |
| Keystone | $50,000 | 3 | $150,000 | 7 | 10 | $500,000 |
| Pillar | $25,000 | 3 | $75,000 | 12 | 15 | $375,000 |
| Samaritan | $15,000 | 0 | $0 | 20 | 20 | $300,000 |
| Advocate | $10,000 | 2 | $20,723 | 18 | 28 | $200,723 |
| Counselor | $5,000 | 11 | $55,000 | 19 | 30 | $151,000 |
| Companion | $2,500 | 4 | $10,500 | 36 | 40 | $100,500 |
| Friend | Up to $2,500 | 12 | $9,500 | 224 | 236 | $122,777 |
| **Total** | 38 | $971,723 | 342 | 380 | $3,100,000 |

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS by Rev. Hannah Dreitser

YOUTH AT WESTMINSTER

2015 KAREN DILLON MISSION TRIP

Servant Day Fundraiser is Saturday, April 25! Do you have a project you need done around your house or yard? On Saturday, April 25, the youth will be available to do whatever projects or tasks you need, from childcare to yardwork in exchange for donations to the Mission! Email hdreitser@wpcspi.org to sign up.

ROAD TO DAMASCUS SENIOR HIGH SCHEDULE:

This semester the theme for the Road to Damascus is “People of the Word and Way.” We will focus on the book at the heart of our faith and what it means to live a Christian life.

- **April 5 – Easter:** No Group
- **April 12 – The Empty Tomb:** Explorations of Easter
- **April 19 – An Easter People:** The Pauline Epistles
- **April 26 – Confirmation Sunday:** No Group

SENIOR HIGH ROCK CLIMBING

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

The Senior High will go rock climbing together on Saturday, April 18! We’ll meet up at the church at 8:30 a.m. and head up to Bloomington, where we’ll take a 10:00 a.m. Rock Gym class together. After the class, we’ll be able to climb, then eat a late lunch together. Cost: $15 / person. RSVP to hdreitser@wpcspi.org by April 3. We’ve got eight slots, so the sooner you can RSVP the better!

ROAD TO EMMAUS JUNIOR HIGH SCHEDULE:

- **April 5 – Easter:** No Group
- **April 12 – Confirmation Prep:** Pentecost
- **Confirmation Class:** Worship
- **April 19 – Confirmation Prep:** Paul
- **Confirmation Class:** Our Faith
- **April 26 – Confirmation Sunday:** No Group

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

On Psalm Sunday, March 29 at 9:45 a.m. all children and youth are invited to meet in Parish Hall, where we will prepare to lead the processional with palms and present the children’s One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, directly following the 10:00 a.m. service there will be an Easter egg hunt for children (birth-5th grade) in Parish Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 15 - 19, 2015. Our theme is “From the Jordan to Jerusalem: Following Jesus’ Ministry.” Registration opens April 1.

CUB SCOUT CAMP, July 10-12, will kick off WPC’s Cub Scout Troop with two nights of camping for boys entering 1st grade through 4th grade in Fall 2015.

THE STATE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE is Thursday, April 16, at 11:00 a.m. at the Old State Capitol. The service will include a survivor’s remembrance by Magda Brown. Rev. Dreitser will give the benediction.
PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER
THEOLOGY ON TAP YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP
(ages 21 – 40) meets Monday, April 6, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at The Creek, 1081 Jason Pl, Chatham. Join us as we and First Presbyterian Church continue Martin Luther’s tradition of talking theology and life at a local restaurant, led by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer. The first round of appetizers is on us!

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Men will enjoy breakfast coordinated by Charlie King, a devotional by Bob Wire, and a short program on “Law Enforcement Use of Force” by Mark Ranck. Questions, Call Mark Ranck at 483-2821.

DMA (Don’t Mention Age; All Ages Welcome) Join us Friday, April 24 (note date change), at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a pot luck dinner and program by Pam VanAlstine entitled “The Battle for (Lincoln’s) Gravestone.”

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER
HELPING HANDS meal the Second Friday in March was prepared by Sandy Belatti, Mary Caroline & David Mitchell.

K2 P4 MISSION knits weekly at 12:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. On the second Tuesday of each month we meet at 12:00 noon for lunch prior to knitting. Knitters are welcome to join our mission work. Please contact Sue Cull (529-2354) or Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins (622-8657) for more information.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH APRIL MENU: Corned Beef, Carrots, Peaches, Baked Beans -Thank you to those who bring their donations and place them in the baskets in the West Narthex

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Angela and Jono Verticchio of Carlinville on the birth of a son, Jace Edwards Verticchio, March 18, great grandson of Jane Barry. T.J. and Suan Heavisides, on the birth of a daughter, Edie Lynn, great granddaughter of June Flood.

IN MEMORIAM
Kathleen Stittsworth died on March 22. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her daughter, Abigail Davis Cline, her family, and friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
A memorial service will be held for Dr. Gershom Greening on Friday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m. at Westminster.

SYMPATHY TO
Prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Theodore and Judith Flickinger on the death of their son, T. Brett Flickinger on March 7, in Naperville, IL.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle
Income from donations has been very strong in the first two months of 2015. In part, this is because a number of donors give their annual pledge in a lump sum. Expenses are less than budgeted for the same period, so we have a net total of $49,621 of income over expenses.

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ADULT EDUCATION
THE PRAYERS OF ABRAHAM, MOSES AND HANNAH
SUNDAYS, APRIL 19, APRIL 26, AND MAY 3
The Adult Education Forum presents a three-week course exploring great prayers of the Bible. This course is led by Neil Bassett and Rev. Dreitcer and meets in the Ziegler Library at 11:15 a.m.

PAGE-TURNERS will meet in the Ziegler Library on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., for discussion of Saint Maybe by Anne Tyler. New members are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS
Adult Readers: Check the adult cart for Life Together and The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Also new are Sacred Work, a non-fiction book by Tom Davis and Ordinary Grace, a novel by William Kent Krueger. Also, Leadership Jazz, the essentials of a great reader by Max DePre. Everyday Love, the delicate art of caring for each other by Judy Ford. The American Creed, a biography of the Declaration of Independence by Forrest Church. Providence A-Z by Peter Mayle.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS
SUNDAYS, APRIL 19 & MAY 3
A New Members class will be held Sundays, April 19 and May 3, at 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor’s Study. Anyone who has been visiting Westminster and would like to learn more about the church and its mission is invited to attend. The class will be led by Dr. Kieffer, Rev. Dreitcer, and Rev. McGill. New members will be received by the congregation at the 10:00 a.m. service of worship on Sunday, May 10.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
PW LUNCHEON will be on Friday, April 10 (note date change), at 12:00 noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Sharon Turner. Chair of the Day is Pat Hymans. Our program will be “My Road to Ministry” by The Rev. Hannah Dreitcer. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 8.

SAVE THE DATE!
Westminster Women Garden Party Open House (Hats optional) on Saturday, May 30, 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Marty Sumner.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Haaker to discuss chapter 9 “Empowerment” of Joan Chittister’s book: The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman’s Life.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets Monday, April 13, at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for fellowship and our program begins at 5:30 p.m. Beth Kincaid will lead our Bible Study Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World; Chapter 9-Martha’s Teachable Heart.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets Tuesday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of our hostess, Nancy Canady who will also give devotions. Helen Evenson will lead Lesson 7, Exodus.

LAYETTES FOR KUMLER OUTREACH MINISTRIES
Church Women United (CWU) will hold May Friendship Day on Friday, May 1 at Elliott Avenue Baptist Church (501 W. Elliott) this year. This is the celebration to which we take our layette items for Kumler Outreach Ministries. Watch for the Layette Collection Box in the West Narthex this April. New and gently used items are welcome.
The Fifth Biannual Health Fair
Sunday, April 12, Following Worship in Parish Hall
Come, learn about good health practices at interactive displays presented by health professionals in Parish Hall. We are grateful for Parish Nurse Judy Ridinger who is coordinating the fair. During the 10:00 a.m. service, we will commission Ellen Carpenter, who joins Judy in the ministry of care and educating members about living healthy lives.

Visiting Choir Concert
Friday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Millikin Women, a choir of 70 women directed by Beth Holmes, Millikin Men, a choir of 50 men directed by Brad Holmes, and the Rochester High School Madrigals, directed by Joshua Spears, will join forces in presenting a powerhouse concert at Westminster.

Children’s Musical
Sunday, April 19, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Worship
The Westminster Choristers will present their spring musical, Oh, Jonah! by Allen Pote, on Sunday, April 19, at both worship services. Mark your calendars for this clever and humorous telling of the story of Jonah and the whale.

Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. Worship
Children in the third grade who will be receiving personalized Bibles during the 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, April 19 are:

- Rose Ballantyne
- Charlotte Beatty
- Molly Davis
- William Hovey
- Ben Morgan
- Madison Vetter
- Olivia Simonson

It is the hope of our church family that these scriptures will be a guiding light for our children as they continue their faith journeys.

Walnut Coffee House
Sunday, April 26, 4:00 P.M.
The Walnuts will present a Coffeehouse performance of popular tunes to benefit Helping Hands on Sunday, April 26, at 4:00 p.m. A program with something for everyone!

Welcome New Members


1 Received by profession of faith with the sacrament of baptism