

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 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
Summer Sunday School
for Pre-K – Grade 5
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

August 5 & 6

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
*Genesis 32:22-31; Matthew 14:13-21
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
The Dance of Life*

August 12 & 13

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
*Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Matthew 14:22-33
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
He Became Frightened*

August 19 & 20

*Genesis 45:1-15; Matthew 15:10-11, 21-28
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Listen and Understand*

August 26 & 27

*Exodus 1:8-2:10; Romans 12:1-8
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Ordinary Heroines*

2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP



Youth greet and reassure their moms through mission trip blog.

YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 FROM 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

On Sunday, August 27, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., young families (parents and children ages birth through grade five) are invited to a swim party at the Kieffer home (26 Island Bay Lane) as we splash into a new year together. Please bring a towel and snack!

ANNUAL YOUTH KICK OFF SWIM PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 FROM 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

On Sunday, August 27, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., incoming Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to a swim party at the Knox Home (2004 Maryknoll Place) as we kick off a new year together. Friends are always welcome and encouraged. Please bring a towel and snack!



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 a slide presentation looking back on the 2016-2017 program year, commissioning of the 2017-2018 Education



Leadership Team, and 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 as we begin the year together. Commotion Sunday got its name because it describes the enormous energy and excitement aroused by God's Spirit within this congregation. The term "Commotion Sunday" can be traced back to Dr. Ziegler, pastor of Westminster from 1944-1969.

Don't miss this new beginning at Westminster!

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

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

When Jesus spoke these words two thousand years ago, he was extending an invitation to people of all walks of life. Jesus does not offer to take the burdens we carry from us. They are a part of who we are. They are the choices and intimacies of the journey of our lives. They are the circumstances beyond our control which define us.

The yoke Jesus offers is easy because it is kind. It is a gift from One who is gentle and humble in heart. A good yoke is one that fits well. Because the One who gives this yoke knows the One who created us and who understands all the choices and intimacies of our hearts, it will fit us well. Jesus' yoke will be kind to our shoulders, enabling us to carry the load more easily, and empowering us to put down the burdens we no longer need to carry. Jesus does not diminish the weight of our accountability to God or one another but helps us to bear this responsibility with wisdom and grace.

This summer there was a weight of responsibility that needed to be carried with the departure of Rev. Hannah Dreitcer and the pending mission trip. I would like to express my deep appreciation to Rev. Trajan McGill for choosing to carry this responsibility and for doing so with wisdom and grace. He and Natalie Knox were praised by the team for their competency, teamwork, and thoughtful leadership. I would like to share part of a note I received from Dave Leonatti.

Hey Head Lady Pastor,

I want to let you know that Trajan leading this trip was one of the best things to happen. Trajan was afforded an opportunity for the youth and adult leaders to really get to know him, and more than that, to trust his leadership and discover his many talents. Trajan displayed his constancy; unhurried and thoughtful reflection on all matters; be it our youth's exuberance and borderline misbehavior; work site dilemmas; logistics; I could name a hundred things..... He showed them his open heart; his breadth of knowledge of many disciplines; his deep and abiding faith; his true commitment to them as individuals; his adaptability to this whole mission trip and its personal challenges....Trajan led us in communion one night and it was one of the most meaningful mission trip devotions I've ever experienced - full of humor; grace; and sharing Christ's love.



As we anticipate the beginning of another year of sharing Christ's love at WPC, we do so grateful for the privilege and mindful of the responsibility. Upon his return from mission, Trajan had the joy of baptizing their daughter, Daehler Emelia. (Sarah baptized Scott Wilberforce while serving as Associate Pastor at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Park, Illinois.)

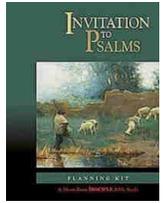
How grateful WPC is to share our faith journey with the McGill Family!

ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 17, 24, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15

The Adult Education Forum meets Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m. to 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom. "Invitation to the Psalms" is the topic on September 17, 24, October 1, 8, and 15. We will explore the rich diversity of the psalter in a Disciple Short-term Study led by Lyle VanDeventer. This study invites us to engage the Psalms at the deepest levels of our hearts, where God's faithfulness confronts the most challenging aspects of our lives.



PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE IN 2017-2018

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

Rev. McGill's Disciple 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 announced in the September Reporter and books will be available on Commotion Sunday, September 10.

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

Dr. Kieffer's Covenant Bible Study will meet on **Thursdays, 5:45 – 7:15 p.m., beginning Thursday, September 14**. The year will begin with a discussion on the book **Christianity by Roland Bainton**. Our first week will be Chapter VII. Medieval Christendom. The focus of the study upon the completion of the book study will be announced in the September Reporter and books will be available on Commotion Sunday.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR will meet on Thursday, August 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room to prepare to sing during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, August 20.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR AUGUST: We are delighted to welcome Pat and Katie Moore, Flute and Euphonium duet on August 6, Eleanor VanDeventer on August 13, the Westminster Choir on August 20 and Handbell duo Jim Bogue and Ashley Rowe on August 27.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CHOIR PRACTICES AT WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR begins rehearsal Thursday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Choir Retreat will be at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 9, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

THE WALNUTS resume rehearsal Monday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-6) will begin Tuesday, September 12, at 4:45 p.m.

CHURCH MICE (Infants through age 4) will meet on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. beginning September 16.

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

NOTE DAY CHANGE FOR CHORISTERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR!

The Westminster Choristers will meet on **Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges**. The Children's Choir will meet on **Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m.** beginning in October.

YOUTH MINISTRIES by Natalie Knox

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH VISIT SKYZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK



Ten youth joined Natalie Knox and Jen DeJong for an afternoon of *reaching for the sky* at the trampoline park.

SENIOR HIGH DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Senior high youth are invited to dinner and Bible study on Saturday, August 12th from 5-7 pm at the DeJong home (1955 S Illini Road). Join us for a biblical study of the early church, as well as fellowship to wrap up this summer!

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YOUTH SUMMER MAILER

Letters, flyers, and emails outlining the 2017-18 program year along with registration forms and sign-ups to serve as acolytes, Bible and Cross Carriers, and prepare Sunday meals will be mailed in August to junior & senior high youth and parents. **Please complete forms and return by Monday, August 21.**

JUNIOR HIGH AND CONFIRMATION INFO MEETING

COMMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9:30 A.M.

Join Natalie Knox at an informational meeting on Commotion Sunday (September 10th) 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.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



Orientation meeting for families is Wednesday, August 30, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Classroom Open House and Popsicles on the Playground will be Friday, September 1, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday,

September 5.

Kari Soria has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Development and has been teaching young children for 9 years. She enjoys encouraging each child's creativity and sense of wonder. **Emily Rowley** has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and 6 years of teaching experience. She enjoys WCP's play-based atmosphere and its inspiration to young children. **WPC** is the only privately operated preschool in the Springfield area that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

CHILDREN MINISTRIES by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

THANK YOU SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

This summer, our children in Pre-K through Grade 5 learned stories from the New Testament through the *Holy Moly* curriculum. **August 13 through Sept 3** the children will learn about worship that will include terminology, symbolism, and explore what we do in our worship service. This is a curriculum written by Sue Cull and the Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill. Special thanks to teachers *Carolyn Beatty, Sandy Bellatti, Sue Cull, Tempa Dunn, DeeDee Duffy, Sara Eldridge, Paul Kieffer, Judy Knox, Val Leonatti, Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Lynn McMenamin, and Mary Caroline Mitchell.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

YOUNG CHILDREN AND WORSHIP TEAM LEADERS (Pre-K through Grade 1) will meet Sunday, August 13, from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for orientation and lunch. Leaders include: *Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Cara Barnett, Cathy Brower, Matthew Knox, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward, Emma Shafer, and Karen Sherrick.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS (Grades 2-5) will meet Sunday, August 27, from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for orientation and lunch. Teachers: *Meridith Bryans, Sue Cull, Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Tom Klein, Priscilla Kluge, Lisa Metzger, Angie Musick, and Mary Ray.*

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10

REGISTER ON COMMOTION SUNDAY

Flyers, emails and registration forms outlining opportunities for the 2017-18 program year will be sent to families. Parents are asked to register their children for fall Sunday school on or before Commotion Sunday, September 10. The following classes begin Sunday, September 10:

Pre-K–Grade 1 (Third Floor Chapel): Young Children and Worship Spiritual Development.

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.

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.

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 ONCE A MONTH

Parents are invited to gather once a month for camaraderie, support, and study. Parents will regularly gather on the first Saturday of every month. A calendar of events for families is being mailed to your home. **Please join us for a gathering at the McGill home on October 7 at 5:30 (218 Twin Oaks, Rochester).** For more information contact the Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill. smcgill@wpcspi.org.

PRESBYTERIAN HABITAT BUILD DEDICATION FRIDAY, JUNE 30



Elder Sue Sawers leads the Habitat Dedication Service. Sue serves as Moderator of the Presbytery of Great Rivers.



Sue Scaife presents a pastel painting to new home owners Kyla Overby and Tim Anders.



Brad Milliman, who served as Construction Coordinator, presented the keys of the home to Kyla and Tim. Brad was also presented a bronze hammer pin for his leadership



Westminster was well represented at this celebratory event. WPC is one of 12 congregations who raised over \$50,000. Along with the home in Springfield, two homes in Bangladesh will be built because of this collaboration.

WESTMINSTER DAY LABORERS... MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



Westminster members and staff picked sweet corn at the Hale Farm on Monday, July 31. Thank you to the following:

Cathy and Mark Allen, Marc Anderson, Keith Beatty, Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Rich Canady, Ed Caupert, Ann Collins, Susan and Scott Day, Bob Fox, Harold Hale, Keith Hamilton, Jay Kennerly, Dr. Kieffer, Charlie King, Lynn McMenamain, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mike Nenaber, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Mike Sundquist, Brad Swanson, Gary Warnick.

Corn was harvested for delivery to local hunger agencies including St. John's Breadline.

2017 YOUTH MISSION TRIP... SNAPSHOTS!



Fearless leaders, incredible duo, organizational gurus!



Rise and Shine and give God the glory!



Breakfast on the bus!



Rain, rain, go away!



Power shopping at Walmart...



Marking the integrity of the wall with the plum line.



Wade in the water, wade in the water, children!



Strengthening God's foundation...one cornerstone at a time.

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

THANK YOU, MISSION VOLUNTEERS

This year's youth mission trip could not have been nearly the successful, inspiring, and spiritually moving journey it was without the faithful and dedicated work of our adult volunteers, who took a week away from home and job to oversee and work alongside Westminster's high school-aged members in Fentress County, Tennessee.

SUSAN DAY: Susan brought us years of expertise in construction tasks, a strong ability to get things done, a helpful attitude, and lots of experience driving giant vans!



JOHN SHAFER: John brought the kind of unassuming competence that gets the job done well with people of all experience levels while simultaneously cultivating a good team. His knowledge of building tasks was crucial to providing a good outcome to the homeowners served by his work crew.



All of these volunteers worked industriously, cared unfailingly, and applied an insistent positive attitude to every uncertainty and challenge. Please thank them for their good work, ask them about their experience.



EMMA SHAFER built upon her experience with Westminster's Mission Trip, returning to work with ASP July 16th-23rd in Breathitt Co, KY as a staffer in training. Emma hopes to work as a full-time staffer next summer.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The first two weeks of August, Westminster is helping Senior Services of Central Illinois deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Meals on Wheels program.



Thank you to the following members for their assistance in this community service:

Sandy Bellatti, Janie Bahlow, Cathy Brower, Nancy and Rich Canady, Sally Godbey, Scott Hibbert, Judy Huston, Nancy Huston, Julie James, Judy and Matthew Knox, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Judy Prillaman, Mary Ray, Mike Sundquist, Olivia Simonson, Krista Steller, Erika Trello, Sue and Jess Werner

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH AUGUST MENU:

Beef Stew, Applesauce, Pancake Mix, and Syrup. 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 the Magalis family for providing the meal on July 14th. The August 11th meal will be prepared and delivered by **Kay Smith.**

**THANK YOU WESTMINSTER FOR THE BACKPACKS!
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!**



We hope to surpass our 125 backpack goal. **To date we have received 113 backpacks** thanks to the generosity of so many! **It's not too late to bring a backpack Sunday, August 6.** These will

be delivered August 7 and distributed to community children at the *Ready for Success Back to School Give-Away* hosted by Contact Ministries August 10.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION Home Communion was delivered on July 16 to eleven members by five teams of elders and deacons. **If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, August 13 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.

BILL DEEMER: Bill gave us a constant level of super, behind-the-scenes work which kept everything running smoothly. Over and over, Bill quietly had everything ready, labeled, and organized before anyone else even realized it was needed.



JEN DEJONG: Jen brought an untiring spirit, a loving presence, experienced and valuable spiritual leadership, and a rare kind of respectful mentorship that left all our youth always wanting more time with her.



TODD KNOX: Todd quietly and competently helped produce a tight-knit team ready to share and demonstrate the love of Christ. He was an exemplar of hard work and positive attitude, and his musical leadership was a major contribution to the week's worship.



ANNA KOEPEL: Anna was always ready to do what needed to be done, happy to share her knowledge and experience in a respectful, non-condescending way, and took joy in the experience of the youth around her.



DAVE LEONATTI: Dave not only brought years of experience from mission trips and construction-related expertise, he was always visibly rooting for the youth on this team to grow and succeed. His bass-playing skills also greatly enhanced our worship time together.



LEIGH MILWARD: Leigh was always there when needed. She blessed us all with her thoughtful, loving presence, and an observant engagement with all those around her.



MARY RAY: Mary could not be stopped from providing Christ's love to residents of Tennessee by mud, heat, tight spaces, or any other obstacle known to humankind. Her love for every youth present was never anything less than 100% evident.



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 August 8 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Dessert will be provided. If interested, contact Mary Jo Mattern Jenkins or Sue Cull.

'HOLY ROLLER' BOWLING NIGHT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.



Join the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons on Sunday, August 13 at Strike 'N Spare Lanes (2660 W. Lawrence Ave.) and enjoy unlimited bowling for the whole family. The cost is \$14 per adult and \$7 for children 10 and under and includes shoe rental. Sign-up in the West Narthex or email Jennie at jalt@wpcspi.org. Come out for this "religious" experience with your Westminster family!

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 - 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Pat Anderson, Vice President of Marketing and Communications at Goodwill Industries. She will present a program entitled "The Mission of Goodwill." Please come for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER COOKOUT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, AT 5:30 P.M.



Men of the congregation are invited to a summer cookout at the Hale Farm on Friday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Stephanie Moore and let her know whether you will bring a side dish or dessert. Those who would like to assist in set up, please contact

Charlie King (217 371-1928). Wives and friends of those attending will gather for their own fellowship at the Los Rancheros restaurant in Petersburg.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

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 Lynn O'Shea. The program will honor Compass Volunteers and be presented by Nancy Canady. Along with **PW LUNCHEONS** on the first Friday at noon, women are able to sign up for the following fellowship circles:



ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets the second Monday at 5:30 p.m.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets the third Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets the first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (beginning in October).

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER SALAD SUPPER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

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 at Commotion Sunday!

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Betty Cadwallader celebrates 92 years on August 9.

Bernice Bay celebrates 91 years on August 16.

**We apologize for the misprint of ages by 1 year in the June and July Reporters.*

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Sue & Steve Scaife on the birth of their grandson, Noah Edmund to Andrea & Jason Jordan July 11.

Congratulations to WCP Director Kari & Frank Soria on the birth of their son Judah Olivier on June 20.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catherine and Daniel McLagan will present their daughter Margaret Della McLagen on August 6. Her proud grandmother is Judy Ridinger.

WEDDINGS

Kayla and Matt Warner were married June 10, 2017 at Summer Breeze Barn Venue in St. James, IL. Kayla is the daughter of Andrea and Kelvin Owens. Matt is the son of Julie and John Warner of Shelbyville, IL.

Collin Innis and Julia Nichols were married on July 22 at Westminster. Collin's mother is Pam Innis.

NEW ADDRESS

Betty Dawkins moved to Concordia - 4101 W. Iles Ave., Apt. 2309, Springfield, IL 62711

Cynthia Wilson moved to Timberlake Estates - 2521 Empowerment Rd., Apt. 224, Springfield, IL 62703

Ada & Steve Cobourn moved to 99 Acher Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Lynda and George Preckwinkle on the death of her mother Barbara Jean McHaley on July 22 in Springfield.

THANK YOU

Thank you Westminster for taking us in. Your church is gorgeous and filled with character. We all had an amazing time. *Grace Presbyterian, Wichita, KS Youth Mission*

Thank you for your recent Blanket+ gift of \$1,148 to Church World Service. Your support to our programs is greatly appreciated. Your generous gift is helping those around the world. *With Peace, Heather Wilson, CWS*

Thank you all so much for coming and serving for a week in Fentress county! We loved having you here, and we know your families are so grateful and appreciative of all the work you did this week. We hope you were inspired to continue impacting positive change at home.

Blessings, ASP Fentress County Staff

WESTMINSTER ARCHIVES

As you clean, sort, and/or downsize your homes, please share any church papers/documents with us. These items may be taken to the office with a note stating the items are for the archives. Thank you! *-Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer*

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.

PROPERTY UPDATE

VERIZON LEASE CONTRACT SIGNED



Members of the Property Committee gathered at the home of Gary Warnick and Linda Klein on Friday, June 30 to witness Tom Owen, Clerk of Session, sign the Verizon Lease contract and to celebrate the occasion. The contract is at the Verizon Legal Department for their final review and we anticipate construction to begin in September 2017. The Springfield City Council has approved the variance authorizing Verizon to install a stealth cell

antenna within Westminster's Bell Tower. Thank you to Bob Stuart who provided legal counsel and to the Property Committee for their oversight: Mal Hildebrand, Chair, Marc Anderson, Rich Canady, Susan Day, Randy Germeraad, Robyn Hovey, Dale Huston, Dave Leonatti, Susan Shea, and staff Gary Warnick.

LED LIGHTING IN PARISH HALL NEAR COMPLETION



Westminster continues to improve its environmental footprint! During the month of July we replaced all light fixtures in Parish Hall with state of the art LED fixtures. **We are installing the controls and dimmers this month.** We thank Springfield Electric for providing the fixtures and controls at cost and to the Support and Endowment Fund for financing this project!

POWER WASHING OF WESTMINSTER HISTORIC BUILDING BEGINS AUGUST 8

On Tuesday, August 8 the process of power washing the stone façade of our building will begin under the direction of Head Custodian, Gary Warnick, with the help of the custodial staff and a group of volunteers. If you would like to be a part of the team, contact Gary (217- 891-5475).



Day Laborers standing in front of wall before the harvest.

The cost will be minimal (renting the lift and power washer) and the water will not damage the walls or the integrity of the building. Some of our members remember a very expensive chemical wash during the era of Dr. James Barge. We are grateful for the progress in technology since then and for the initiative of our industrious staff. The work will be complete in two weeks and take place prior to the beginning of fall programming.

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Contributions received during the month of June were very low causing our total income year-to-date to fall below budget. Thankfully, we are maintaining a positive net total of \$1,140 since expenses are under budget at the end of June. Contribution statements were mailed out in early July. Feel free to contact me, if you have any questions.

2017 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 487,143	\$ 492,437	\$ -5,294
Expenses	\$-486,003	\$-492,437	\$ 6,434
Net	\$ 1,140	\$ 0	

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September Reporter Deadline
is Sunday, August 27.