



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2015

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Westminster Jazz Trio on October 3 & 31

Sunday Schedule:

Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall

& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Pre K-Grade 5

Adult Education 11:15 a.m.

October 3 & 4

World Communion Sunday

Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Reverend Trajan McGill

Now Crowned with Glory and Honor

October 10 & 11

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Mark 10:17-31

Reverend Hannah Dreitcer

Complaints and Kingdoms

October 17 & 18

Job 38:1-7, Hebrews 5:1-10

Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Voices that Cry Out

October 24 & 25

Stewardship Dedication

Job 42:1-6; Mark 10: 46-52

Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Hearing and Seeing

October 31 & November 1

All Saints Day

9:30 a.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness

Isaiah 25:6-9; John 11:32-44

Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Where Joy and Sorrow Meet

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

“One generation shall laud your works to another.”... Psalm 145:4a

This year, our stewardship campaign theme, based upon Psalm 145, is **Generations of Generosity**. So many families have built their lives of faith for generations at Westminster Presbyterian Church. This shared history is what lends strength to each of us in our daily lives. It is the year-after-year faith, kindness, involvement and support we give and receive within our family of faith that has built our church to serve God, our congregation and our community.

Our church family is made resilient when we work together. To continue with the positive growth we have achieved this year, the 2016 Stewardship Campaign is asking you to consider an increase in your 2015 pledge to offset the 4% increase in the proposed budget. If you did not pledge last year, we hope that you will prayerfully consider pledging.

Please make your 2016 pledge by Sunday, October 25, as we dedicate the gifts.

Your Stewardship Committee: George Preckwinkle; Chair, Dr. Craig Batterman, Meridith Bryans, Grady Chronister, Susan Dove, Christie Hovey, Marty Sumner and Bob Wire



ADULT EDUCATION FORUM: RACE IN AMERICA

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 4, 11, 18, 25

This Sunday, October 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the Third Floor Chapel, the Adult Education Forum presents “Race in America,” a four-week course, led by the Reverend Hannah Dreitcer. This timely class will discuss Howard Thurman’s book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, the theological work at the heart of the Civil Rights Movement. Books are available for \$10 each at the class.

PARENTS’ FELLOWSHIP GROUP

BEGINS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, AT 11:15 A.M. IN THE LIBRARY

This Sunday, October 4, at 11:15 a.m. in the Zeigler Library, the Parents’ Fellowship Group will gather to provide camaraderie, support and study on the parenting journey. Discussion will be led by Dr. Marc and Jen DeJong, with pastoral support from the Reverend Sarah Iliff McGill. Special activities are planned for children in the Nursery.

INTRODUCING “SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS”

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 9:30 A.M. IN PARISH HALL

On Sunday, November 1, WPC will introduce a “Service of Healing and Wholeness.” This service will be held on the first Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall and will last 15 minutes. Led by our pastors and accompanist, Karen Kraft, this simple healing service of the Iona Community in Scotland will gather people for prayer and music.



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

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Dear Friends,

On Sunday, September 27, George Preckwinkle introduced the 2016 Stewardship Campaign: **Generations of Generosity**, reminding us of the richness of our life together because of the many generations which make up our faith community. That morning at a Session meeting to receive new members, George shared with Alivia and Finley DuBois, both of whom were about to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, that he was baptized at the same font. The baptismal font is a great, visual reminder of the generations who have been nurtured in their faith within this community.

The month of September began and ended celebrating this holy sacrament! On Sunday, September 6, new member Tempa Dunn presented her granddaughter, Norah, for baptism. Norah's friend Evan Klein, presented her the Bible. On Saturday, September 26, Jennifer and Matthew McHenry presented their children, Alexis, Branden and Isabela for baptism. Matt served as a youth deacon and is bringing his family back to church. (*This was the first baptism at a Saturday service and the new pottery baptismal bowl held the water.*) On Sunday, September 27, new members Kara and Ed DuBois presented their daughter, Finley, and their older daughter, Alivia, professed her faith and received the sacrament. (*This was Trajan's first baptism and we learned that Hannah likes to welcome new believers with a lot of water.*) At the DuBois home, following worship, Finley shared with me a lovely card she received from her friend, Norah, on the occasion of her baptism. Norah, Finley and Evan are attending the new *Bridges Fellowship* and are becoming better friends as they grow in their faith.

This, my friends, is what belonging to a family of faith is all about. I am honored to serve as your pastor, and Peter and I are pleased to pledge to the 2016 Stewardship Campaign. Thanks for the reminder, George!

MUSIC NOTES by Dale Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (K – 2nd grade) resumes its sessions on Tuesday, October 6, at 4:45 p.m. This training choir will sing in December and join with the Choristers for *The Grumpy Sheep*, a Christmas musical.

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) gather each Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Based on *Music Together*, the program is a lively introduction to music, movement and life skills for Pre-Kindergartners and their



parents or caretakers.

We welcomed 22 church mice & their families over the past three weeks.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (singers in grades 3-6) practices Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. and sings on World Communion Sunday.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR, a choral ensemble of singers in high school and beyond, practices Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

ORGAN RECITAL FEATURING JOHN SHERER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 4:00 P.M.

Since 1996, John Sherer has been the Organist and Director of Music for the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, selected by *USA Today* as one of the top ten places in America to be "enthralled by heavenly music." John will present works of Guilmant, Bach, Brewer, Simonds and the complete *Symphony VI* of Widor.

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

YOUTH UPDATE



Senior High youth participate in a team building exercise racing to construct the tallest tower of marshmallows--without talking.

We welcomed 35 youth over the past three weeks.

THE 2016 MISSION: APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT

After much good discussion and discernment, current and prospective Youth Mission participants have voted on a new and exciting opportunity for the 2016 Mission! We will be traveling to Central Appalachia with **APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT** this coming summer. Check it out at asphome.org!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Junior and Senior High will take part in **CROP WALK** as one of our fall service projects. Don't forget to register online! That evening the Junior and Senior High are both invited to a **FALL BONFIRE AT THE SHERRICKS' FARM** from 5:00-6:30 p.m. Bring your friends!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE will be held from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at the church to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas Distribution. Come buy a spud! There will be no youth group that evening. **CONFIRMATION CLASS** will meet from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Tower Room and will be led by Dr. Peter Kieffer.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Confirmation Class will meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m., Confirmation Prep and Senior High will not meet and there will be no Youth Dinner. Come join us for Harvest Fest!

CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 5:00 P.M.

The evening begins with supper in Parish Hall at 5:00 p.m. followed by a costume parade at 5:30 p.m. Children are then invited to the following activities from 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.:

STORYTIME (Children's Library with Sue Baker)

SCIENCE (Music Room with Krista and Brad Steller)

THE MAZE (Youth Room created by Al Hymans)

COOKIE DECORATING (Second Floor Classroom)

GAME ROOM (West Narthex)

Special thanks to the Hymans who coordinate this annual event.

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP (3rd-5th grade)

WEDNESDAYS, 4:00 – 4:45 P.M.



We welcomed 12 children to Bridges. What a great beginning to this important new children's ministry. Brad Steller joins the Reverends Hannah Dreitcer and Sarah Iliff McGill in leadership as they explore "Stories that Help Us Grow."

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

THEOLOGY ON TAP (ages 21 – 40) meets Monday, October 5, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6th St.).

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday, October 8, at 7:00 a.m. Brad Swanson will present the program, "The Beginning of Public Radio in Springfield", with Harold Hale leading a devotional and David Jenkins coordinating breakfast.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE; ALL AGES WELCOME) meets Friday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and a program, "Downsizing with Dignity", by Amy Peterson.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All Westminster women are invited to a luncheon and program Friday, October 2, at 12:00 noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Sue Cull and Chair of the Day is Carolyn Beatty. Our program is "Knit 2, Purl 4 Mission," presented by Sue Cull and Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins. Ladies are invited to bring their own handwork; knitting, mending or crocheting so all fingers will be busy!



ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets on Monday, October 5, at 5:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Sue Sawers will be our leader for our Bible Study *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*: Chapter 11.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets Wednesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home (26 Island Bay Lane). *A Hidden Wholeness*, by Parker J. Palmer, will be introduced with a discussion of Chapters I and II: Images of Integrity and Across the Great Divide. Books are available at the church.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets on Tuesday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of our hostess, Carolyn Beatty, who will also give devotions. Pat Hibbert will lead our study of *Reconciling Paul*, Lesson 2.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK STUDY meets Wednesday, October 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library. *All the Light We Cannot See* written by Anthony Doerr is our book selection. You need not have read the book to attend the discussion.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HELPING HANDS meal for the second Friday in September was prepared and served by Drs. Judy and Todd Knox.

GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH OCTOBER MENU: **Chili Con Carne, Corn, Peas, Biscuit Mix**. Thank you to those who bring their donations and place them in the baskets in the West Narthex.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME Fall Bazaar is this Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please deliver labeled bake sale items to the Fair Hills Residence by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 2.

COMPASS, a weekly, after-school, neighborhood-based program, which provides homework help, life skills and hot meals for at-risk children from Graham Elementary School, resumes Tuesday, October 27. There will be a volunteer meeting on October 13 and a kickoff event for parents and teachers on October 20. 2016 WPC volunteers are Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy Canady, Ann Collins, Stella Cole, Helen Evenson, David Haaker, Lynn McMenamin, Judy Mier, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Brad Swanson and Amy Xanders. We partner with Central Baptist Church.



SWINGIN' ON A PRAYER GOLF SCRAMBLE

THANK YOU to the Congregational Fellowship Committee: Becky Huston: Chair, Rick Duffy, Marci Irvine, Beth Kincaid, Wells Langbehn and Travis Vogler for the delightful afternoon of golf on Sunday, September 13. Over 50 members gathered for golf and/or dinner. Congratulations to the Hovey/Zerfas foursome who won the scramble! Prizes were provided by Dale Huston (Hickory Point Bank), Kevin Imhoff (Fit Club), Bank of Springfield, George Preckwinkle (Ace Hardware) and Pasfield Golf Course.

PARISH NURSE UPDATE by Judy Ridinger

FLU SHOTS will be available Sunday, October 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Church Office. Walgreens will be providing the Influenza-Standard/PF, Influenza-High Dose and Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal Conjugate) immunizations. Registration will be held on Sundays in October in the West Narthex after each service.

CPR/AED TRAINING will be held Saturday, October 17, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Parish Hall for ushers and nursery workers. Members who are interested may contact Reverend Trajan McGill.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

WEDDINGS

Erin MacDonna and Josh Masters were married September 5 in Cookeville, TN. **Debra & Paul MacDonna** are her parents.

Kayla Huitt and Jonathan Medina were married September 19 in Bakersfield, CA. **Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer** are her parents. The Rev. Julie Wells Blythe officiated.

BIRTHS

John and Milli McNutt welcomed their son, Luke Aarav McNutt, on August 29. Luke's grandmother is **Pat McNutt**, his aunt and uncles are **Sarah** and Richard **Rockwood** and **William McNutt**.

Dana and Andrew **Affrunti** welcomed Kyrell into their home as foster parents this month.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jennifer and **Matthew McHenry** presented their children, Alexis Marie Freytag, Branden Michael and Isabela Rose on Saturday, September 26.

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Dale Smith Sr. died on Saturday, September 19. A service celebrating his life was held Friday, September 25, in Westminster's Sanctuary. The prayers of the congregation are extended to his wife, **Betty**, their four sons, **Henry Dale Jr.**, Rogers, J. Christopher, Andrew, and their families.

SYMPATHY TO

Margery and Rod Dodds on the death of her sister, Marian Braund, on September 7 in Michigan.

Linda and Mark Ranck on the death of her father, Harold Henry Rahn, who died September 13 in Columbus, OH.

CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY

On September 27, we welcomed Brian and Kellie Cozadd by Letter of Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church of Wichita, KS, Abigail Bentsen, Ed and Kara DuBois by Reaffirmation of Faith, Alivia DuBois by Profession of Faith and Baptism. Finley DuBois also received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Not pictured is Jennifer McCarrey, who also joined by Reaffirmation of faith.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL AND SPECIAL MUSIC AT 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

We welcome our 4th and 5th graders who will process with the breads of the world to help us celebrate World Communion Sunday. The Westminster Choristers will present the anthems "Tandi Tanga Jesus" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." The Westminster Choir will sing "Draw the Circle Wide," written by Mark Miller, and the Communion table will be adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.

HOME COMMUNION RESUMES

Members who are unable to attend worship will receive home communion this Sunday from teams of elders and deacons, resuming a long-standing tradition at Westminster.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Our youth will join the Springfield community in the annual walk to raise funds for world hunger. The walk begins at 1:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church (714 East Capitol Avenue). This year's goal is \$25,000. Thank you to Becky Martin and Krista Steller for their leadership.



FIFTY AND SIXTY YEAR MEMBERS RECOGNIZED



Congratulations to Dale Smith, Jr. Robert Wire, Vivian Keithley, Bonnie Millard, Becky and Lionel Stirrett, pictured. Unable to join us were John Blythe, Gregory Case, Alice Griffith, Sheila Jones, Marjorie Newton, Sally Papp, Dr. Ramona Schmidt, Ruth Schmitt, and Dee and Cliff Tozer.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

The income received so far this year is \$2,273 under the budgeted amount for the same time period. Largely because of the cost of repairs to the building and grounds, expenses are over budget by \$5,462. We ended August with a net total of \$7,735 expenses exceeding income.

2015 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 646,650	\$ 648,923	\$ -2,273
Expenses	\$-654,385	\$-648,923	\$ 5,462
Net Total	\$ -7,735	\$ 0	

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CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED OCTOBER 12.

NOVEMBER REPORTER DEADLINE IS
OCTOBER 25