

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH

Founders' Sunday

May 22, 2022

Dedication of  
Steadfast Neighbor History Plaque

Recognition of  
Westminster Cooperative Preschool 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## Welcome and Announcements

**Ministry Moment**      Steadfast Neighbor Service Week      Dr. Todd Knox

**Voluntary**      Song of Triumph      Oliphant Chuckerbutty

**\*Ringing of the Bell**      *The congregation rises at the ringing of the Tower bell.*

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Leader:**      Eternal God, in whom we live and move  
and have our being,

**People:**      **we thank you for coming to us as a child,  
joining us in our humanity,  
welcoming and blessing children.**

**Leader:**      We delight in the legacy of faith which binds us with our  
Founders and those who have come before us

**People:**      **As we celebrate the milestone anniversary of our  
cooperative preschool, we are grateful for the vision of  
those who opened our doors to the children of this  
community in 1971.**

**Leader:**      May the children whose lives we have nurtured through  
the years continue to grow in wonderment, faith, and joy.

**People:**      **As your church, may we continue to honor the little  
children in our midst and the child in each of us. Amen.**

**\*Processional Hymn 305**      Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!      *Darwall's 148th*

**\*Prayer of Confession**      Holy and loving God, who bends down to lift infants,  
whose understanding is unsearchable, who renews the  
strength of those who wait, and who brings life out of  
death, thank you for the wonder and mystery of who you  
are. Forgive us for not honoring you in the way we live  
our lives. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

**\*Sung Response** Lord Have Mercy Upon Us Hymnal, Back Cover

**\*Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Response of Praise** Gloria Patri Hymnal, Back

**Recognition** Westminster Cooperative Preschool 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Scripture Reading** Mark 16:13-16 Pew Bible, NT page 55

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation** Nurturing Heroes The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

**Chorister Musical** Heroes of the Faith  
Lyrics by J. Paul Williams  
Drama by Pamela Martin  
Various composers

**Hero of the Faith**

I want to be a true hero, a champion of the faith, and  
serve God all my days. Help me, O lord, to follow where  
you lead. Teach me, O Lord, to be all I can be,  
I want to be a hero of the faith.

**The Most High God**

Who delivered Daniel from the lion's den, and Jonah from  
the belly of the whale? Who could cause the parting of the  
deep Red Sea, and send the manna and the quail? Who  
called out to Moses in the burning bush, made the walls of  
Jericho to fall, delivered Shadrack, Meshack, and Abednego?  
the one who created us all.

He is the Most High God, not some idol made of wood.  
He is the Most High God, he is the only one who could.  
He is the Most High god, not a God created by man.  
He is the Most High God, he could and he still can. I know he can!

### **Moses Led His People**

Moses led his people out of Egypt land.  
Moses led his people, an unarmed helpless band.  
God led their way in a cloud by day, in a pillar of fire at night.  
Moses led his people, it was quite a sight.  
Moses led his people, Pharaoh set them free.  
Moses led his people straight to the Red Sea,  
But Pharaoh's Army was chasin' them, Pharaoh had a long, long ride.  
When he fin'ly caught them they had no place to hide!  
The people shook with fear when they saw Pharaoh near,  
but Moses wasn't worried.  
he lifted up his hand and watched the Red Sea stand,  
and across the dry land they hurried.  
Moses led his people to the other side,  
Pharaoh tried to follow, he never should have tried,  
for God told Moses, "Stretch out your hand,"  
and the waves began to stand.  
Moses led his people, and he followed God's command.  
Moses led his people.

### **Deborah**

There was a woman named Deborah, who lived a long time ago.  
She was a judge in Israel, so the story goes.  
God had chosen her, chosen her to deliver Israel. she obeyed the Lord,  
Now listen while we tell the story of Deborah, prophetess of God.  
She told Barak, (Barak rhymes with attack, we know it's a funny name,) to take the army of Israel to Kedesh and remain until she gave the order to attack the Canaanites.  
And when she cried out, Barak attacked with all his might.  
And God delivered Israel from the hand of the Canaanites,  
Deborah the prophetess, she did what was right.

### **Elijah**

It ain't gonna rain, it ain't gonna rain no more. Come on everybody sing, ain't gonna rain no more. There is only one True God, hear and obey! Put your silly idols down, throw them away. O Elijah, what did you say? O Elijah, hear and obey. It won't rain for three long years, How do you know?

It won't rain for three long years, God told me so.  
O Elijah, when will it rain? It was so sunny! How sunny was it? It was  
so sunny that the snakes were wearing Coppertone. And it was  
so dry! How dry was it? It was so dry, the camels started  
using Chapstick. And it was so hot! How hot was it? It was  
so hot, people were eating jalapenos just to cool off.  
Come on everybody sing, ain't gonna rain no more!

### **Goliath**

Goliath was a mighty man, he stood over ten feet tall.  
Goliath was a mighty man, he had a lot of gall.  
He laughed at David and David's God, he made fun of old King Saul...  
Goliath was a mighty man, but you should have seen him fall.  
Goliath was a mighty man, he was a warrior bold.  
Goliath was a mighty man, his temper uncontrolled.  
He laughed at David and David's God.

(Goliath) "Now you've made me mad. You are just a Lad.  
Birds and beasts will have a feast. Prepare to meet your God!"

David stood up to Goliath, he didn't even have a sword.  
All he had was five round rocks and the power of the Lord.  
He put a rock in his old slingshot and when that stone had flown,  
it hit Goliath between the eyes, and he let out a groan.  
Goliath was a mighty man, but you should have seen him fall!

### **I Am His Lamb**

The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb,  
He leads me and keeps me wherever I am.  
Through valleys of darkness, to green meadowland.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb,  
His rod and his staff are wherever I am,  
Surrounded by enemies, I'm held in his hand.  
The Lord is my shepherd, and I am his lamb.

### **Hero of the Faith**

Now I can be a true hero, a champion of the faith,  
now I can be a true hero and serve God all of my days.  
Now I can see what God expects from me.  
Now I am free to be all I can be.  
Now I can be a true hero and serve God all of my days.  
A hero of the faith!

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*From the Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

**The Church at Prayer**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People  
and The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal, page 35

**Presentation of our Gifts  
and Prayer of Dedication**

*At this time all worshipers are invited to sign and pass the  
Ministry of Friendship folders located at the end of each pew.*

**Offertory**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Healey Will

**\*Offertory Response**

Doxology

Hymnal, 606

**\*Litany of Dedication  
For the History Plaque**

**Leader:** Holy and Loving God, hear our prayers of thanksgiving for the courage and joy of the church throughout the ages, and for this congregation that believes we are in the world for ministry.

**People:** **We give you thanks and praise.**

**Leader:** For the loveliness of your dwelling places around the world and for this noble sanctuary where disciples, young and old, gather to worship and to deepen their faith,

**People:** **we give you thanks.**

**Leader:** For the thirty ardent abolitionists, some of whom conducted the Underground Railroad, who founded this congregation in 1835 as Second Presbyterian Church,

**People:** **we give you thanks.**

**Leader:** For our 1840 tower bell, which tolled for the Emancipation Proclamation in our second building and still calls worshippers today,

**People:** **we give you thanks.**

**Leader:** For the history plaque resting on stone remaining from our third building which we dedicate now in completion of the Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plan,

**People:** **we give you thanks.**

**Leader:** Renew and strengthen the faith of all who worship in this fourth church building, designed in a rural English Gothic Style by Cram & Ferguson, dedicated in 1908, and later named Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**All:** **Hear our prayers for this congregation as we seek to be in the world for ministry. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** Mission Statement Hymn

*Woodlands*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Voluntary** Postlude in G

Dénis Bedard

(\*) The congregation is invited to stand.

# Mission Statement Hymn

A Metrical Paraphrase by  
Dale Thomas Rogers, 1994

Walter Greatorex, 1919



1. This church is in the world for min - is - try. With
2. With one ac - cord, re - spond - ing to your word. Our
3. This church is in the world for min - is - try. Res -
4. This liv - ing church, re - form - ing, ev - er new; give
5. This church is in the world for min - is - try. With



1. sure con - vict - ions may our faith pro -
2. ad - or - a - tion, hymns and prayers we
3. pon - sive to the hurts and needs of
4. height - en - ed vision that we see your
5. hope, faith, love, we praise the Lord of



1. claim the love of God to our com - mun - i - ty; a
2. bring. Our young we nur - ture in your path as - sured that
3. all. Seek - ing so - lu - tions for so - ci - e - ty, we
4. ways. With quick - en'd pulse, we con - se - crate to you em -
5. Hosts. Serv - ing all ways the bless - ed trin - i - ty; Cre -



1. fer - vent wit - ness to Christ's ho - ly name.
2. ev - er - more God's ho - ly truths may ring.
3. strive al - ways to heed the Gos - pel's call.
4. pow - er'd lives to serve you all our days.
5. at - ing God, your Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

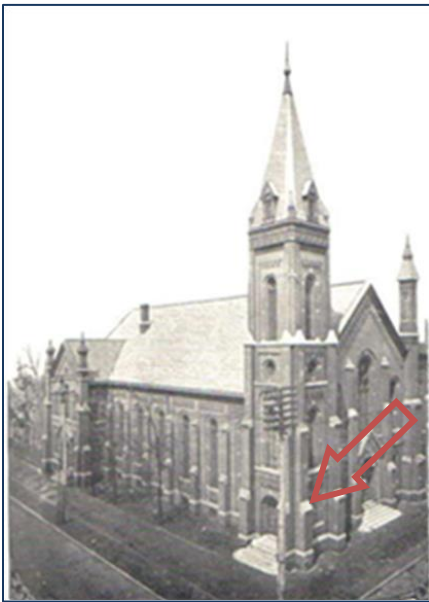


## SERVING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Chancel Flowers** are given in memory of Marilyn and Leroy Tungett and in honor of her birthday from their children, Linda, Eleanor, and Michael.
- **Sunday Liturgists:** Rev. Christian K. Choi, Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Greeters:** Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer **Safety Team:** Todd Knox and Peter VanGieson
- **Ushers:** Alyssa Haaker (Head Usher), Bud Green, Melanie Green, Rachael Hickman, Richard Leary, Jim Rigney, Camille Massey, Mike Sundquist
- **Acolytes:** Sam Batterman and Abigail Eldridge
- **Bible Carrier & Cross Carrier:** Maddie Kruger and Matthew Scott
- **Music:** The Westminster Choristers: Lucy Bassett, Cara Bryans, Harper Huston, Reese Huston, & Lily Swanson. Jim Bryans, bass, Lyle Van Deventer, bass, Dale Rogers, organist

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:30 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, 2- & 3 year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play, and Bible stories. This week: “*God Made Us All*” Caregivers: Caroline Haynor, Leigh Milward
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5** will remain in worship for the Choristers’ musical, “*Heroes of the Faith.*” Pre-kindergarteners are welcome in the nursery.
- **11:15 a.m. – Founders’ Picnic Reception (Parish Hall)** celebrating Westminster Cooperative Preschool 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Parish Hall. Along with a picnic lunch, PowerPoint Picture Presentation, Memorabilia Tables, children will enjoy an Earth Care Planting Activity prepared by Susan Shaw and Lynn McMenammin of the Earth Care Team.



Third building: 4<sup>th</sup> & Monroe  
(1871 – 1908)

*The arrow points to the stone  
pictured on the right.*



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*The stone and history plaque is located  
at NE corner of our Sanctuary.*

## ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

The **ALBERT HALE CIRCLE** is listed below and includes pledges, gifts, pre-campaign gifts and planned gifts. Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith and sure foundation we are building together in the Westminster Support and Endowment Fund.

### Cornerstone

*(\$250,000 and above)*

Fern Garrett Estate\*

Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr.

Dale Smith, Jr.

### Foundation

*(\$150,000 to \$249,999)*

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Mary & William

Schnirring Estate

### Tower

*(\$100,000 to \$149,999)*

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Alice Stuart Payne Estate\*

### Keystone

*(\$50,000 to \$99,999)*

Paul Bowman Estate\*

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*Grady Chronister*

Linda & Grady Chronister

Louise Cragoe †

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Jean & William Sherrick\*

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### Samaritan

*(\$15,000 to \$24,999)*

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot

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*Arbuthnot's marriage*

Kathie & Michael Nenaber

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*(\$10,000 to \$14,999)*

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Priscilla & Tim Kluge

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LaVerne Marlowe Estate\*

Bev & Jim Orr †

*Honor of our Family*

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Anonymous

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*Dr. Gershom K. Greening*

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Julie & Michael Sundquist  
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Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer  
Jeanne & Peter VanGieson  
Sue & Jesse Werner  
Cheryl & Neville White  
Jean Williamson Estate\*  
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### Companion

*(\$2,500 to \$4,999)*  
Anonymous  
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Carolyn & Keith Beatty  
Catherine Brower  
Joann & Doug Brown\*  
Ellen & Rance Carpenter  
Ann W. Colliins  
Deborah & David Coontz  
*Memory of  
David M. Coontz*  
Carol & Dick Cordier  
*Memory of John S. &  
Theda Muirhead and  
George & Dorothy Cordier*  
Lois Davis Memorial\*  
Gale & Jack Fixmer  
Elsie & Robert Fox  
Ione Hermann Estate\*  
Renee Housel Estate  
Nancy & Keith Huston  
Marci & Bill Irvine  
Mary & Charles King  
Mary & Bob Leffler  
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Patricia McKenzie  
Mary Ann Nation  
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Richard Newtson Estate\*  
Stan & Barbara Papp  
*Memory of  
Sally Trainor Papp*  
Sharon Reynolds  
Judy Ridinger  
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Alan J. Wallace

### Friend

*(up to \$2,499)*  
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Marc Anderson  
Charlotte Bailey  
Jane R. Barry  
Neil Bassett  
Ella Grace & Robert  
Bengel Estate\*  
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Meggan & Brady Bird  
George Botanga  
Jo Ann L. Brown Estate  
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Alexander Moore Chipman  
Sophia and Christian Choi  
Stephanie Churchill  
Ada & Stephen Cobourn  
*Memory of Loved Ones  
Memory of Betty Denham*  
Marilyn Cohen  
Robert Copper Estate\*  
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Catherine Cragoe  
John Cross  
Betty Dawkins  
Judy & Dan Dees  
**Margery Dodds**  
Virginia & Jim Dolan  
Hannah M. Dreitcer  
Tempa Dunn  
Betsy Dye  
Chelsea & Adam Ekstedt

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Joseph Fierstos  
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Carmel Fratianni  
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Melanie & Bud Green  
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Pat Hildebrand-Culler  
Tamika & Jacob Hill  
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F. Wells Langbehn  
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Lisa Metzger  
*Memory of  
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Carolyn & R. L. Moore  
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 James Wilday  
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(Amount Unknown)  
 Janie & Clay Bahlow †  
 Sandy Bellatti †  
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\* Pre-campaign gift  
 † Planned gift



**WESTMINSTER SUPPORT AND ENDOWMENT FUND:  
 BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH**

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, Westminster dedicated the Building a Legacy of Faith Twenty-Year Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE. During the five-year campaign the market value of Westminster's Support and Endowment Fund grew from **\$1.9 to \$8.1 million**. As of March 31, 2022, the market value of the Support and Endowment Fund was **\$8,440,246**. *This does not include planned gifts.*

Updated Support and Endowment brochures can be found in the pew pockets. We continue to welcome donations and testamentary gifts to the endowment fund.

***Support and Endowment Committee:*** Chair, Todd Wise, Jim Bryans, Christy Pound, Dr. Diane Rutledge, Dale Smith, Lucy Preckwinkle Stafford. Advisory Members: Randy Germeraad, Jeff Wilday.



# FOUNDERS' DAY PICNIC RECEPTION

Join us following worship in Parish Hall  
as we celebrate the  
Westminster Cooperative Preschool's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**The gathering will include:**

**Picnic-style lunch**

*Table decorations prepared by WCP students.*

**PowerPoint Photo Presentation**

*Prepared by father of Sadie and Junie, Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.*

**Memorabilia Tables**

*Prepared by Archivists Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer.*

**Earth Care Planting Activity**

*Prepared by Susan Shaw and Lynn McMenammin of Earth Care Team.*

## Brief History of Westminster Cooperative Preschool

At the September 8, 1971 Session meeting, it was reported that the cooperative nursery school would begin Monday, September 13, 1971 with 29 students enrolled. The tuition for 3 y/o's was \$15 and 4 y/o's \$20 per month. The philosophy of parent involvement in a cooperative endeavor to learning was at the heart of the initiative by the steering committee. Although not religious in nature, being based in a church was important to the vision. The first three presidents of the board were Sue Bingaham, Sue Cull, and Carole Kennerly. Dick Cordier designed and organized the parents to build the first outside playground equipment. The sand and water box continues to be a beloved tradition for our students today.

Teachers serving over these fifty years are **Joan Linnartz, Clara Copeland, Janice Cook, Cindy Clark, Jane Suter, Gina Solomon, Beth Waldman, Noel Scott, Kari Soria, Emily Rowley, Amy Bonansinga, and Kacey Belitsos.**

The NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) accreditation began during Beth Waldman's tenure and reflects the excellence of our preschool which is respected throughout the Springfield community. We are grateful for the children within our congregation and community whose start in life has been and continues to be enriched by Westminster Cooperative Preschool.

All WCP alums and parents are invited to join us as we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool, recognize the vision of those who created our preschool, and honor the teachers who have served through the years.

**2021-2022 Preschool Board Members:** Chair: Amanda Elliott, Vice Chair: Anne Nation, Membership: Caitlin McDonald, Secretary: Jessica Knight-Carnes, Financial Officer: Chelsy Buffat, Special Events: Erika Chiaro & Meghan McVicker-Waters, Fundraising: Chris & Gemma Long, Health Safety Team: Meleah Berkowitz, the Rev. Christian K. Choi

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS.** Information about who we are can be found on our website at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org). Please complete the Ministry of Friendship folder located on the end of each pew. If you are interested in joining Westminster, you are invited to speak to one of our pastors.



**2022 STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK JUNE 27-JULY 1** – If you would like to participate in the service week, please sign up in the West Narthex today or on SignUpGenius found on the home page of the website. Indicate your name, email address, and days you are available to work. Site visits by members of the Mission Task Force have been made and we are excited to have over 20 service projects to address during the week of June 27 and July 1. **Also, please mark your calendar for the Team Building meeting on Tuesday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.**

**PW SPONSORS BLANKETS+** PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Services provides blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home; wells for families in drought prone areas and gardens; literacy training and microcredit for women. The drive has currently raised \$445. Make checks payable to Westminster (memo: Blankets+), donate on our website, or text GIVE2WPC to 73256.



**PHOTO SESSIONS FOR WESTMINSTER'S NEW DIRECTORY** are May 24 and 25. A few appointments are still available, so please contact the church office to make an appointment or see our website to sign up online.

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP** will meet on **Tuesday, May 24 at 1:00 p.m.** in the conference room.

**HUNGER ACTION TEAM** meets on **Tuesday, May 24 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Third Floor Classroom. Josh Sabo, Executive Director of the Heartland Continuum of Care, will update us on the Strategic Plan addressing homelessness in Springfield. Interested members are welcome to join us in the Second Floor Classroom. Jeanne VanGieson is the new chair of the Hunger Action Team.

**APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP** will meet **Tuesday, May 24. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Ziegler Library. The May book is *The Day Lincoln Lost* by Charles Rosenberg. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

**MEMORIAL DAY** is approaching, and we wish to honor all our members who have served in the military. If you are not on our military plaque, please submit your years of military service, branch and rank to Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org).

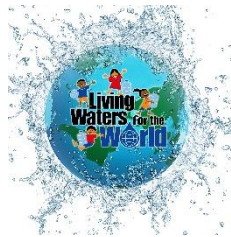
**WESTMINSTER'S MEMORIAL GARDEN** will be highlighted next **Sunday, May 28**, as we celebrate Memorial Day weekend. Also, check out the Military Plaque in the East Narthex, which includes both members who have served in the military and those who have died serving our country.

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets **Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Christy Pound (100 Pinehurst Dr., 62704). We will discuss Lesson Nine / Scripture: Matthew 1. RSVP directly to Christy at 217-971-3082.

**BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY** is **June 5**. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 5 bulletin and the June Reporter. Please contact Jennie Alt as soon as possible via email ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) with information or fill out the web form on the church website.



**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins on May 29! Children preschool age thru those finishing second grade will gather in the Third Floor Chapel to learn about the Parable using the Young Children and Worship curriculum and materials. Children finishing third grade and older will remain in worship for the summer. If you are interested in teaching contact Karen at [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org) or check available dates at <https://bit.ly/3vhRvGr>.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - This summer, June 13-17, 9:15 a.m. to noon all children age 3 through grade 5 will gather to experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. We will learn about the way in which access to water effects the everyday lives of children in other parts of the world, and some suggestions about ways we can help. Contact Karen Sherrick at [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org) if you would like to join our team of VBS Ministry Partners. Register your children here: <https://bit.ly/3KgF8yD>

**MANDATORY YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP MEETING** - Youth Summer Mission Team will gather on Sunday, June 12 to finalize our plans. Every participant will need to bring all the paperwork and fees related to this mission trip. Our home camp will be the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, KY, and we look forward to visiting the PCUSA national office and Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville as well as other historical places for women's rights/suffrage and maybe even Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park! **Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school youth, and college young adults are invited to join this summer's mission trip!** For more information, visit [www.wpcspi.org/2022mission](http://www.wpcspi.org/2022mission).

**THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER** is **Sunday, June 20 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** All Mission participants will arrive at church at 9:30 a.m. in previous years' mission T-shirts. Bring a bucket for the Car Wash and baked goods for the Bake Sale! Cars will be washed in our new parking lot, so bring all the family cars along!

### **CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY** **ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 17**

The Eighth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and recognize milestone members will be Friday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers'. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. **The congregation is invited!**

Please RSVP soon (online or Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. New and milestone members will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.



## THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

### Monday, May 23

11:30 AM King's Daughters Annual Luncheon Meeting

### Tuesday, May 24

10:30 AM Staff Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
2:00 PM Pictorial Directory Photos (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
3:00 PM COMPASS  
5:00 PM Hunger Action Team (Third Floor Classroom)  
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)  
6:00 PM WCP Welcome Meeting (Preschool)

### Wednesday, May 25

11:00 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)  
1:00 PM Warming Center Meal Prep (Kitchen)  
2:00 PM Pictorial Directory Photos (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom)  
5:00 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)  
6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)

### Thursday, May 26

6:00 PM Preschool Celebration of Stars (Parish Hall)  
7:30 PM Choir (Music Room)

### Friday, May 27

### Saturday, May 28

### Sunday, May 29

10:00 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Third Floor Chapel)

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