W E S T M I N S T E R
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Weekend
25 May 2025 + 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry Moment Memorial Garden — David Mitchell

Voluntary Elegy — George Thalben-Ball

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

***Call to Worship** — Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
People: and may God's face shine upon us,
Leader: that God's way may be known upon earth,
People: God's saving power among all nations.
Leader: Let all the peoples praise you, O God.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy.
People: May God continue to bless us.
Let all the ends of the earth revere God.

***Hymn 267** Come, Christians Join to Sing — *Madrid*

***Prayer of Confession**

O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. May that message continue to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to call us to share hospitality with others. You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits and new lives within us, Healing God. 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.
Leader: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

***Response of Praise** Gloria Patri — Hymnal, Back Cover

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be
world without end, Amen, Amen.

Children's Sermon *Children Pre-K – Grade 2 go to summer Sunday school in the 3rd Floor Classroom following the Congregational Response.*

Congregational Response Allelluia, Alleluia! — Donald Fishel

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

First Scripture Reading Revelation 21:10; 22:1-5 — Pew Bible, NT page 259-260

Second Scripture Reading Acts 16:9-15 Pew Bible, NT page 136

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Puzzling God's Way Rev. Sarah Bishop

Text: "The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul." Acts 16:14b

Anthem You Do Not Walk Alone Elaine Hagenberg

May you see God's light on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow,
The gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone.
May you always remember when the shadows fall
You do not walk alone. Traditional Irish Blessing

***Affirmation of Faith** *From The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

The Church at Prayer

Choir: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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

The Presentation and Dedication of Our Gifts — *At this time all worshipers are asked to sign and pass the Ministry of Friendship folders at the end of each pew.*

Offertory — The Meditations of My Heart — Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my Strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.

***Offertory Response** — Doxology — Hymnal, 606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Giving God, as spring bursts forth in its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are comes from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others may be blessed to with such unexpected opportunities to share your good news with others. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Hymn 331** — God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand — *National Hymn*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Closing Response** — Day by Day — Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly.

***Voluntary** — Trumpet Tune in A — David N. Johnson

(*) The congregation is invited to stand.

Military Plaque

In honor of Memorial Day the Military Plaque in the East Narthex has been updated. The names appearing on the plaque (with the exception of War of 1812-Civil War) are also listed below. We are grateful for the sacrifices and years of service to our country. If you or a family member have served in the military and are not included, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org with name, rank, branch and years of service.

World War I Era

Austin B. Bailey
Revelo E. Bailey
Walter S. Bowles
Robert F. Bowles
Robert A. Bunker
Henry Wirt Butler
Robert Butts
Thomas R. Campbell
Russell Canfield
William Dodd Chenery
Harry W. Chisam
Charles Hubert Clark
F. N. Croxon
Leon T. Cummings
Clyde J. Davis
Guy N. Davis
Homer Deaton
Irwin E. Dunlap
John A. Gehlmann
Madge Marie Griffin
Fred E. Gross
Murray S. Hanes
Harry Sloan Haworth
E. Thayer Hemmick
Edward Raymore Hemmick
Helen M. Hillhouse
Ridgely Hudson
Leonard G. Hunt
J. H. Hunter
Stuart R. James
Allen E. Johnson
Alice L. Kincaid
Herbert E. Kincaid
Homer S. Kincaid
John E. Laughlin
Loree L. Legg
E. M. Lewis
John W. Long
Arthur W. Luers
Carl U. Luers
Harry J. Lumsden
James D. Lumsden, Jr.
Robert C. Matlock, Jr.
A. G. McCutcheon
W. J. McCutcheon
Donald W. McFadden
William H. McKee
Earl Leroy Miller
George W. Mills
Carl O. Montgomery
DeWitt H. Montgomery
Thomas M. Neal
Stuart C. Neilson
Fred C. Neumann
Selmar Taylor Opel
Porter Paddock
Olive Marion Reid
David J. Reid
George Reid
John T. Reinboth
Archibald Rennick
Horace Austin Ruckel
John Garland Ruckel
John W. Scott
David W. Shand
Charles Sharples
Leslie Hall Simpson
John L. Smith
Earl K. Stuart
Delbert Mayo Tilson
John Vandenberg
Frank L. Veara
Elsa M. Warner
Harold V. Welch
Ralph F. Welch
F. Raymond Wood

World War II

George S. Adams*
Robert A. Allison*
Harry Allison
George Arbuckle
George Bailey
Arthur K. Barrer
Richard T. Becker
Evelyn Beckman
Richard J. Bennett
Robert W. Best*
Hayse H. Black
George K. Blanchard
Carl E. Boettcher
Robert G. Bone
Philip C. Bradley
Laurence Breed
Charles G. Briggle, Jr.
McClernard Butler
R. Freeman Butts
Neil S. Callbeck
Robert F. Callbeck
Young Cantrall
William R. Cantrall
Samuel Capie
William Capie
Edgar S. Cheaney
Carolyn Coe
Glen Coler
Robert L. Conn, Jr.
Mark A. Cooper
Maurice D. Cook
John K. Corley
Doris Coulter
Lyman Crannell
Charles D. Cremeans
George William Cullen
Joe C. Cullen
Robert K. Dauner
Ralph S. Davison
John N. DeBoice
William F. DeBoice
Robert W. Deffenbaugh
John B. Dixon
Lovis M. Dixon
Edward W. Duncan
Robert Dunn
Eugene R. Edstrom
O. E. Ehrhardt
John R. Epperly
Robert M. Eyster, Jr.
Frederick Fink
George David Fletcher
Robert Fowler
William Fox
Marion J. French
Ralph W. French, Jr.
Robert Gaetz
Benjamin Goepfert
George W. Good
Keith F. Goodwin
Herbert Goveia*
Charles Greenup
Claude L. Hargrave
Emil J. Hatton, Jr.
Louis Hauptfleisch
Richard Hauptfleisch
Sydney L. Hermann
John Hochevar
Glen Hubbard
Emma Marie Hubbs
Lillian Hubbs
E. R. Irwin
John H. Irwin
J. Richard Johnson
Robert W. Johnson
Robert Jordan
John M. Kimble
Albert T. Krebs, Jr.
John D. Krebs
Guy S. Krummel
Frank B. Kyle
F. Kelly Lawson*
Donald R. Liggett
John R. Liggett
William J. Long, Jr.
Spender D. Lorton
John C. Maldaner, Jr.
William Addis Mayhew
Robert McCutcheon
Harry H. McGraugh
Douglas McLain
John McNelly
Robert R. Neal
Charles A. Nelson
David C. Nichols
Samuel T. Nichols
Thomas H. Norris
Howard Northam
Alvin Ogg
Philip Duff Oyler
W. Alfred Parcell
Robert Parcell
Robert Paulin
D. Walter Pittman
David Prugger
Carl D. Ray
Russell Rayhill
Dean Robert
Henry Robert, Jr.
William P. Roberts
Robert H. Rowe
R. Reid Scaife
James P. Shomaker
Herbert Shultz
Jerome Sivia, Jr.
A. E. Steer
J. L. Stocks
William Stout
Robert Surratt
Donald Tate
Elizabeth Tate
William C. Telford, Jr.
Mark Townsend
Richard W. Townsend
Charles Vance
Lloyd R. Walty
Jackson F. Ward
Edward A. Wattling, Jr.
Ralph W. Wehrenberg
Vernon Westbrook

Wallace F. Wiley, Jr.
George W. Withey
Lynn Wolaver
William S. Wood
Robert Woods
** Killed in the line of duty*

WWII To The Present

William James Allen
Corporal
U. S. Marine Corps
1980 – 1983

Benjamin D. Arnold
Seargent
U. S. Marine Corps
2001-2006

Jeremy Baier
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
2008 – 2017

George Bale
Sergeant
Air Force Base, U.S. Army
1943 – 1946

Donald M. Barringer, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army
1942 – 1945

R. Keith Beatty
Captain
U. S. Air Force
1966 – 1971

Harry Bergmann, M.D.
Brigadier General
U. S. Navy &
National Guard
1943 – 1982

Ivan J. Birrer
Colonel
U. S. Army & Reserve
1941 – 1978

George L. Bock
Seaman 1st Class
U. S. Navy
1945 – 1946

Robert Bradford
Staff Sergeant
IL Air National Guard
1960-1966

Joseph L. Bright
Director of Theatre
Intelligence
Army Central Command
U. S. Army
1996 – Present

Noah B. Bright
2nd Lieutenant
U.S. Army
2020- Present

Douglas G. Brown
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1956 – 1960

Matthew C. Brown
Lt. Colonel
U. S. Air Force
1998 – Present

Richard A. Canady
Staff Seargent
IL Air National Guard
1953 – 1955

Grady M. Chronister
Captain
U. S. Army Reserve
1960 - 1967

Arthur C. Cragoe
Private
U.S. Army Air Corps
1945-1949

Roland D. Cull, M.D.
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1964 – 1966

Sam Danna
Sergeant - 82nd
Airborne
U.S. Army
2015- Present

C. Randall Davis
Specialist 1st Class
U. S. Army
1954 – 1956

Gerald E. Davis
Airman 2nd Class
U.S. Air Force
1957-1961

Kathy Davison
Major
U. S. Army Nurse Corps
1987 – 1997

Joseph C. Dawkins
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1942 – 1945

Dan C. Dees
Captain
Army Reserve
1955-1965

Louis DiFonso
Private
U. S. Army
1970-1973

Roderick P. Dodds
Lieutenant J.G
U.S. Navy
1944-1946

Martin L. Duling
LCDR
U. S. Navy
1948 – 1973

Arthur J. Edwards, Jr.
EM 2nd Class
U. S. Coast Guard
1942 – 1944

Rick Eggebrecht
6th Com. Center
U. S. Army
1968 – 1970

David P. Eldridge
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy Reserves
2003 – 2010

Roger L. Fenstermaker
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1952-1956

John P. Fixmer III
1st Lieutenant
U.S. Army
1958-1960

Matthew Gilmour
Corporal
U. S. Army
1953 – 1955

Harold (Bud) Green
SP4
U. S. Army Reserves
1941 – 1946

Harry R. Hanley
Captain
U. S. Army/Air Force
1941 – 1946

Earl W. Henderson Jr.
PFC
U.S. Army
1954-1956

Kenneth H. Hollis
Sergeant
U.S. Air Force
1968-1972

George R. Hughes
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Army Air Corps
1944–1946

Kyle C. Huitt
Sergeant
U. S. Marine Corps
2011–2016

A. Dale Huston
Lieutenant
Army- Air Defense
1962–1964

V. Keith Huston
P.F.C.
U.S. Army
1966-1969

Alan M. Hymans
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1969 – 1972

William Irvine
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1965 – 1968

David R. Jenkins
Tech Sergeant
IL Air National Guard
1967-1974

John M. Jensen
SLC
U. S. Navy
1944 – 1946

George B. Johnson
P.F.C. -- Signal Corps.
U. S. Army
1943 – 1945

James R. Kendall
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1942 – 1946

Christian Kennerly
Major
U. S. Army
2001 – 2022

Jay M. Kennerly
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1962 – 1967

Wendell Kessler
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1943 – 1946

Charles W. King, Jr.
Corporal
U. S. Marine Corps
1973 – 1976

Daniel C. Knock
LCDR - U.S. Naval Academy, Reserve, & Reserves
1928-1970

Donald C. Kramer
Lieutenant
U. S. Naval Air Corps
1942 – 1945

Robert T. Lawley
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1952 – 1954

Lloyd T. Lewis, D.D.S.
Army Air Corps
1943 – 1946

Thomas A. Lewis, D.D.S.
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1963 - 1965

William H. Lienemann, Ph,D,
Lieutenant
U. S. Navy
1954 – 1956

Robert A. Lynn, Ph.D.
Sergeant First Class
U.S. Army
1952 – 1953

Richard T. Maldaner
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Army
1951 – 1953

Daniel D. McCain
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1945 – 1946

Joseph E. McMenamin
Lt. Colonel
Illinois Army
National Guard
1981 – 2009

Ray E. Miller, DVM
Staff Sergeant,
Veterinary Svc
U. S. Air Force
1951 – 1955

James L. Nation
Electr. Tech. Mate,
3rd Class
U. S. Navy
1944 – 1947

Patrick A. Noonan
Captain
U.S. Navy
1939-1984

Stan Papp
SPC-4
U.S. Army
1961-1963

Walter W. Peura
Corporal
U. S. Army
1943 – 1946

Glen D. Pittman, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Air Force
1967 – 1969

George T. Preckwinkle
Major
U. S. Air Force
1944 – 1946

Kevin Proctor
Petty Officer 3rd Class
U. S. Navy
1969 – 1975

Theodore S. Proud
Master Sergeant
U.S. Army
1958-1964

Warren Pursell
Commander
U. S. Navy & Reserve
1943 – 1970

Arlon W. Rahn
Staff Seargeant
U. S. Army
1970-1976

James H. Rigney
Captain, OD
IL Army Natl Guard
U.S. Army Reserve
1965-1978

Lester Ripka
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1954 – 1955

Charles L. Ritchie
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army Air Corps
1943 – 1946

Stephen L. Romack
Sergeant
U. S. Army
1970 —1972

Chris Ryan
Captain
U.S. Army
2015-Present

Susan Sackett
Lt. Colonel
U. S. Army
1981 – 2009

William R. Schnirring
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1951 – 1952

Alan Schuermann
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1968 – 1971

D. William Sherrick, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army Medical Corps
1958 – 1960

William A. Simpson
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1961 – 1964

James A. Singleton, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army Medical Corps
1956 – 1958

Andrew R. Smith
Radioman 3rd Class
U. S. Navy
1944-1946

John R. Stahlman
Captain
U. S. Army
1960 – 1967

Harvey B. Stephens
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1955 - 1957

Glenn Stewart
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Air Force Pilot
1955 – 1958

Lionel S. Stirrett
1st Lieutenant
U. S. Army
1962 – 1964

Alan J. Stutz, M.D.
Captain
U. S. Army
1964 – 1967

David Sumner, M.D.
Lt. Colonel
U. S. Army
1967 – 1970

Michael Sundquist
PO2
U.S. Coast Guard
1964-1968

Brad Swanson
Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
1963 – 1967

Clifton Tozer
Sergeant
U. S. Marines
1943 – 1947

David W. Tungett
Captain
U. S. Navy
1979 – 2009

Matthew M. Tungett
Lieutenant Junior Grade
U.S. Naval Academy
U.S. Navy
2018 - Present

Michael R. Tungett
Major
U. S. Marine Corps
1987 – 1999

Paul S. VanDeventer
Staff Sergeant
U. S. Air Force
2009 – 2015

George N. Warren
Captain
U.S. Army
1952 - 1955

Leroy D. Wehrle, Ph. D
Tech. Sergeant
U. S. Air Force/IL
National Guard
1958 – 1965

Jesse A. Werner, Jr
Tech. Sergeant
U. S. Air Force/IL
National Guard
1958 – 1965

Robert D. Wire
P.F.C.
U. S. Army Reserves
1956 – 1962

Eric D. Wise
Sergeant
U.S. Marine Corps
2011-2016

WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Twenty-five years ago, this Spring, Session approved the Memorial Garden Policies and began plans for construction. Each Memorial Sunday, Westminster's Memorial Garden is highlighted.

Dedicated on September 23, 2001, it is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its wall. Paved paths and benches offer opportunity for private meditation and a traditional Celtic cross is at the center of the garden.

Recent additions include a south wall in 2018, a brick trim to complement the southside landscape designed by the late Bill Donels, who also designed our Memorial Garden landscape plan.

In 2016, the Memorial Garden Committee added a webpage to the Westminster Presbyterian Church website with pertinent information about those inurned in the garden.

The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is $1,000 for a member or their immediate family and $2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located in the West Narthex and on our website.

Memorial Garden Committee: Chair *David Mitchell, Dr. Scott Day, Sue Donels, Marci Irvine, Jim McDonough, Jeanne Pittman.*

ING THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **Flowers in the Chancel** are given in honor of Dr. Judy Knox on her retirement from her children Greg, Natalie, and Matthew.
- **Sunday Liturgist:** Rev. Gerald W. Boutelle
- **Worship Leader:** Louisa Eldridge
- **Acolytes:** Reese and Harper Huston
- **Greeter:** Mary Maddox
- **Safety Team:** Marilyn Rigney
- **Ushers:** Sabrina Holmes (Head Usher), Linda Caupert, Kyle Duffy, Chris Hickman, Joyce King, Erin Winn
- **Music:** The Westminster Choir, Dale Rogers, organist
- **Videographers and Sound**: Bob Fox, Krista Steller, and Bill Deemer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS SUNDAY AT WESTMINSTER

- **9:45 a.m. – 12 noon Infants, toddlers, and two-year-olds (Nursery)** gather for play and Bible Story. This week's story: "You Can Say 'I'm Sorry' to God" (Jonah) Caregivers: Erin Winn, Maria Lafrenz, Julie Sundquist
- **10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Children in Pre-K – Grade 5** begin in worship & go to Sunday school following the Congregational Response.
  - **Preschool - Ages 3-5 (Preschool Classroom lower level)** Story: "God Sends People to Take Care of Us" (Baby Moses I) Teachers: Dee Dee and Rick Duffy
  - **Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel)** This week's story: "Lydia Welcomes Paul" (Acts 16:9-15) Teacher: Meleah Berkowitz, Cathy Brower
  - **Grades 3-5 (Third Floor Tower Room)** This week's lesson: "Introducing *A Brief Statement of Faith*" Teacher: Aaron Berkowitz, Julie Robbs
- **12:00 p.m. Choir Brunch (Meg and Jim Kontio's Home)** Westminster Choir celebrates the conclusion of their 2024-2025 Ministry Year with a festive potluck brunch. They will sing next Sunday, June 1 and twice this summer on July 13 and August 24.

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
TO THE MINISTRIES
OF WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ARE WELCOME TO SCAN HERE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS. Information about who we are can be found on our website at 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.

PENTECOST OFFERING The denominational offering unites the church by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. **Forty percent of all gifts stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2025 Youth Mission Trip.**

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. During May, make checks payable to Westminster (memo line: Blankets+) or donate online.

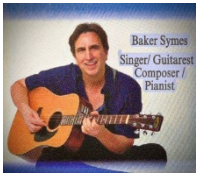
APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets Tuesday, May 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss James by Percival Everett. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 1 Graduating high school seniors will be recognized during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship. All Westminster graduates (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the June 1 bulletin and the June Newsletter. Please contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) with information by **Tuesday, May 27**.

EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION will be recognized next Sunday, June 1 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. In their honor, we will purchase three pairs of goats from the Presbyterian Giving Catalogue. We are grateful for our Ministry Partners' work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.

ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON SATURDAY, MAY 31
CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY

The Eleventh Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and to recognize milestone members will be **Saturday, May 31, 4:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home.**



The congregation is invited! Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. Please RSVP using the QR code, on the church homepage, or by calling Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415 to let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

The evening will include special music by Baker Symes, dancing, and boat rides from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. New members and Milestone Members will be recognized at the gathering and will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along prior to serving the "food, glorious food."

2025 YOUTH MISSION TEAM MEETING will meet Sunday, June 1 at 9:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom for an update in preparation for our journey to Asheville, the week of July 12-19.
THE FINAL FUNDRAISING EVENT IS SUNDAY, JUNE 15 WITH A CAR WASH AND BAKE SALE. We hope members support the Youth Mission Team for their final two fundraisers. Arrive early with your car for the youth to clean them and stop by the table of delicious baked goods prepared by members of the youth mission team and their parents.

NEW MEMBER CLASS - Friends and visitors are invited to a New Members Class on Sundays, June 8 and 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. The class will be led by the pastors. New members will be recognized on Sunday, June 22, following a Special Session meeting.

VBS: COMPASSION CAMP: WHAT EVERY LIVING THING NEEDS meets **Monday – Friday, June 9-13** from 9:15 a.m. to noon, children ages 4 to grade 5 will explore timeless Bible stories, create beautiful crafts, play fun games, and enjoy delicious snacks. Registration for children and ministry partners signups are open on the homepage of Westminster's website. Our leadership includes: Rev. Bishop and youth - Bible Stories, Meleah Berkowitz - crafts, Pat Hymans - snacks, Katie Moore - music, and Isaac Alt - outdoor games.

SEEKING CRAFT AND RECYCLED SUPPLIES FOR VBS CRAFTS AND RECREATION - Each day of Compassion Camp focuses on a different need animal and plants have: Shelter, Food, Water, Air, Community. Members are invited to bring ***Paper towel and toilet paper rolls, newspaper, paper cups, cardboard, shoe boxes, craft sticks, pipe cleaners, cotton swabs/cotton balls, string or yarn, air-dry clay, pool noodles, glue sticks, liquid glue, masking tape and Scotch tape.*** to the Resource Room on the 2nd floor for craft activities.

SIXTH ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SERVICE WEEK

Westminster is in its sixth year of fulfilling the congregation's commitment to invest $450,000 in our neighborhood over the course of the decade. We have received 34 matching grants and 21 service week project applications. Site visits were completed May 12 - 14. Steadfast Neighbor Team Meeting will be Tuesday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. **Steadfast Neighbor Service Week is June 23-27 -** During the service week, the team will gather each morning at 8:30 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at noon in Parish Hall. The congregation will hear a report on Sunday, June 29. We invite you to join us for one or more days during the fourth week of June as we spread goodwill throughout the neighborhood. Use the QR code to sign up and let us know which days you can serve.

WESTMINSTER INVESTS IN NEW SOUND SYSTEM - We are excited to announce that a new sound system for both the Sanctuary and Parish Hall has been approved by the Property Committee and Worship, Music, & Arts Committee. Thompson Electronics of Peoria, who installed our current sound system (thirty years ago) as well as the system for the Illinois State House of Representatives has been selected and begin work this Tuesday, May 17. The cost of approximately $92,000 will be covered by Special Church Support endowment earnings with $10,000 from the Worship, Music, & Arts endowment earnings.

THIS WEEK AT WESTMINSTER

Monday, May 26

MEMORIAL DAY
Church Offices Closed
5:30 PMPNC Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 27

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Staff Luncheon for Emily (Off site)
1:00 PM Knit 2 Purl 4 (2nd Floor Classroom)
6:00 PM Apostles Read Book Club (Library)

Wednesday, May 28

10:00 AM Pastors Pray in the Chancel (Sanctuary)
12:30 PM Reporter (2nd Floor Classroom)
3:30 PM Depression & Bi-Polar Support (Youth Room)
4:00 PM Property Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
5:00 PM Deliver Meal to Helping Hands
5:00 PM Membership Meeting (Pastor's Study)
6:00 PM Adult Ed Committee (Pastor's Study)

Thursday, May 29

9:30 AM Worship Planning (Pastor's Study)

Friday, May 30

Saturday, May 31

4:00 PM All Church Cookout (Kieffer home)

Sunday, June 1

Parish Nurse Ministries (Church Office)
9:15 AM Youth and Adult Mission Trip Meeting (2nd Floor Classroom)
10:00 AM Worship Service Baccalaureate
10:15 AM Summer Sunday School (Pre K-5)
11:15 AM Baccalaureate Reception (Parish Hall)

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