THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April
2026

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April 5
EASTER SUNDAY
John 20:1-18
While It Was Still Dark
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

April 12
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
John 20:19-29; Romans 12:9-15
To Share In The Joy
Rev. Sarah A. Bishop

April 19
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
John 21:1-14
Jesus Keeps Showing Up
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

April 26
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY
Psalm 23; Luke 24:13-35
Remember God's Plan
WPC Youth

TRIVIA NIGHT SUNDAY, APRIL 12

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

There is still time to join the youth for a fun night of trivia supporting our Youth Mission Trip 2026 to Charleston, SC.

Team sign-ups can be done online by scanning the QR code or that night. Childcare is available in the nursery. Questions begin at 5:30 p.m. We welcome Aaron Berkowitz and Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions.

DINNER IS $5.00 and available for purchase at 5:00 p.m. thanks to Pat Hymans and her kitchen team. Participants are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

TICKETS ARE $20.00 and can be purchased on our website or purchased that night at a table in the West Narthex.

SEVEN ROUNDS OF SEVEN QUESTIONS with a bonus question each round. Tables who purchase a **helium balloon for $20** are invited to participate in the bonus question. The winning table will receive half of the funds raised through the purchase of the balloons.

RAFFLE TICKETS will be sold at the door. One for $5 or three for $10. Gift certificates to Springfield restaurants will be presented to a winning ticket between rounds.

RED AND GREEN PADDLES can be purchased at the door for $10. In between rounds four and five, those who purchased paddles will participate in a yes (green) – no (red) special trivia. The winner will receive half of the funds raised through the purchase of the paddles.

SPONSORSHIP IS $100 - This year you or your business can sponsor a round. Your business will be featured on the screen between rounds. Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for details.

YOUTH SUNDAY, APRIL 26

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH AS THEY LEAD THE 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, April 26, our youth will lead worship at the 10:00 a.m. service. This year's theme is Remember God's Plan based on Luke 24:13-35. Our Senior High youth have spent the past month studying the theme's scripture, talking about the importance of worship and plan the liturgy as well as choosing the hymns.

Junior and Senior High youth will serve as liturgists and present special music. And up to three youth will be our message speakers as they reflect on the text and theme. Thank you to all our youth who helped create this meaningful Sunday of worship.

And don't forget to stop by Parish Hall to view a special presentation by our Bridges and Sunday School children's art display. More information on page 3.

From the Pastor

Spring is here as we celebrate Easter and the gift of new life. Multiple teams are at work as we continue our mission study process.

Membership is reviewing our membership rolls and developing a strategy for reaching out to members we have not seen in a long time. Through this process, we hope to get a better sense of Westminster's active membership and reconnect with those who may be inclined to reengage with the church.

Personnel is looking at the staffing structure needed to support our current level of activity and what might be needed to staff for growth.

Finance is looking at our current financial picture and the cost of hiring an additional pastor. The 2026 budget included ¼ of a year's salary for a new pastor, but we need to ensure we can afford a full year's worth of salary before we can consider launching a second Associate Pastor search.

The Strategic Planning Team is compiling responses from our first phase of listening for the mission study. Thank you to each of you who participated as interviewers or interviewees.

Strategic Planning will spend April looking for common themes and opportunities to strengthen our mission and ministry based on the feedback we have received. They will share their preliminary findings at the April Session meeting for discussion with church leadership.

On Sunday, April 26 during the Adult Education Forum time, the congregation is invited to a congregational conversation. Strategic Planning and I will share what we have learned so far. We will then facilitate a conversation so that you can reflect, ask questions, and share insights, hopes and dreams for the church based on what has been presented. We hope you will plan to join us!

Please continue to pray for our church as we engage in this time of self-study, that God would guide us in all that we do and give us insight into how to strengthen our ministry and witness.

Peace,

The Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

Property Update

The approved security camera improvements are now complete. We now have cameras on the second and third floors. We also have added cameras to monitor the south and east sides of the building.

The Property Committee is now considering an upgrade to the Sanctuary dimming system. This will eliminate the lights intermittently flickering during Sunday worship services.

Music Notes by Dale T. Rogers

The Westminster Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for each Sunday morning's service.

The Westminster Children's Choir meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Music Room following Bridges. The Children's Choir is currently preparing music for Mother's Day.

The Worship, Music, and the Arts committee will clean the chancel on Saturday, April 4 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Following the Maundy Thursday service, when the chancel is stripped down to bare wood, allows an opportunity to clean all the carvings and crevices in the chancel before the cross of lilies is assembled in preparation for the festival of Easter.

The 16th Biennial Liturgical Arts Festival

Sacred and Liturgical Art Exhibit and Reception
Saturday, May 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Springfield Art Association

Las Posadas: No Room at the Inn
Sunday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian

The Sacred Patterns of Islamic Geometry
Monday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist

Vipassana Meditation Retreat: Vipassana Monks
Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Chanmyay Satipatthana Vihara

Children of Abraham view the Art Exhibit
Wednesday, May 6 at 4:30 p.m.
Springfield Art Association

Dances of Universal Peace
Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m.
Westminster Presbyterian, Parish Hall

Sacred Rhythm, Sacred Pattern: Moving in Divine Order
Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Union Baptist

Contemporary Catholic Music
Friday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph the Worker in Chatham

A Love Supreme: John Coltrane
Saturday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Abundant Faith Christian Center

Adult Education

Join us Sundays at 11:15 in Parish Hall for our Adult Forum. All are welcome! If you have suggestions for future forums, please contact Aaron Berkowitz or Rev. Sarah Bishop.

The Spirituality of Gardening – April 12, 19
These classes will explore how gardening becomes a form of worship, meditation and a pathway to understanding life cycles.
Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold and guests

Mission Study Update and Congregational Roundtable - April 26
Join Pastor Anne and members of the Strategic Planning Team as they share insights from the first phase of our Mission Study Process. There will be time for conversation and collecting your questions, feedback, and hopes for the church as we determine next steps for continuing our mission study.
Led by Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

The Theology of Disability – May 10
This class will explore how traditional Christian thought and attitudes around disability are challenged by viewing disability as an ordinary aspect of life and a source of faith insight.
Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz

Family Ministry by the Rev. Sarah Bishop

Youth Ministry by Mary Ray

Jr. High Confirmation April Schedule

Grades 6-7 Confirmation Prep meets during worship (10:15 – 11:00 a.m.) on Sunday, **April 19,** as they finish their exploration of the Old Testament. Thank you to this year's Teachers: Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans, Marc DeJong, Joe Fierstos, and Mary Ray.

Grade 8 Confirmation meets following worship (11:15 a.m. – 12 noon) on Sunday, **April 12,** to prepare their Statements of Faith and review for meeting with Session.

Confirmation Class 2026 will meet with Session on **Wednesday, April 15 at 6:15 p.m.**

Dinner Celebrating our Confirmands will be held on **Wednesday, April 15 at 7:15 p.m.** in Parish Hall following the 6:15 p.m. presentation to Session. Confirmands, their families, and mentors are invited to enjoy a wonderful meal provided by the Membership Committee. Confirmands and Mentors are: Lucy Bassett/Melanie Green, Harper Huston/Christy Pound, Reese Huston/Dee Dee Duffy, and Lily Swanson/Katie Carlson-Eastvold. **Confirmation Sunday is May 3.**

Jr. High Youth Group Gathering

Junior High youth meet Wednesday, **April 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room for a deeper study of Stories of Hope from the Old Testament, games and a meal together. Thank you to Kelly Robertson for preparing the meal. Leaders: Rev. Sarah Bishop, Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Tara Fritsch, and Mary Ray.

Sr. High Youth Group Gatherings

Senior High youth meet Sunday, **April 26, 5:00-6:30 p.m.** in Parish Hall to celebrate a job well done on Youth Sunday. Thank you to Rev. Sarah for providing the meal.

Eighth graders (especially those attending the 2026 Mission Trip) are invited to participate as we build community in preparation for our summer mission adventure. Leaders: Rev. Sarah Bishop, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Mary Ray and Jack Sherrick.

Youth Mission to Charleston, SC 2026
Saturday, July 11 – Saturday, July 18

All youth and adults interested in attending the 2026 Mission Trip are invited to complete the Intent to Participate forms, for youth as well as adults, and submit a $50.00 deposit for this exciting week of service, care, and education. New registrants need to return forms and deposit with their first payment. For those already registered, first payment ($100.00) is due by **April 12**.

All youth and adult participants need to arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday April 12 for Trivia Night.

NEXT MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER – SAVE THE DATE!
Car Wash and Bake Sale Fundraiser is Sunday, June 21

Children's Ministry by Meleah Berkowitz

Bridges Mid-week Fellowship

Children of Bridges (Grades 3-5) have continued learning the stories of the Old Testament, with lots of activities and art along the way! This Lenten season, we are focusing on Jesus' life and ministry. We have done lots of art and science experiments to help our children make connections between the stories to their lives. **Our Advocates will visit April 29.**

Westminster Children's Art Display

On Youth Sunday, **April 26,** the youth of WPC will have a display in the Parish Hall, featuring some of the liturgical art they have made this year. Look for art created by our Sunday School, Nursery, and Bridges children.

Dungeons & Dragons

A group of intrepid adventurers have been meeting with Dungeon Master Aaron Berkowitz on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays (April 1st and 15th) at 6:30 p.m. in the Ziegler Library** to explore the 1st century AD ancient Near East. They recently finished a quest in ancient Nineveh and Teredon inspired by the deuterocanonical Book of Tobit. They also acquired their own ship and are sailing around the Arabian Peninsula. In March, they passed through the Strait of Hormuz! If you are interested in joining in, contact Aaron at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.

Pokémon Club

The Pokémon Club meets with Aaron Berkowitz Sunday, **April 26**, from **12:30-2:00 p.m.** in the Children's Library. All children and the young at heart are welcome. No experience necessary and all supplies will be on hand.

Vacation Bible School
June 8-12 - 9:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Come and join us in the garden as we celebrate who we are, learn how to use our voice, and share our gifts with our community! Registration will open on our website in late April for volunteers and preschool gardeners.

Westminster Cooperative Preschool News

WCP has had a wonderful month of March! We had so many parents and grandparents come to share about the work they do in the community- from a lawyer, to a scientist, to a tattoo artist. It was fascinating! We also attended our spring field trip to see *Aristocats Kids* at the Hoogland.

We invite our church family to join us at our Portillo's Fundraiser on March 31 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Just mention WCP when you order, and we will receive 20% of the night's proceeds. You can order to-go or eat at the restaurant. We are so thankful for your support!

Sunday Youth Schedule
10:15 a.m. Grades 6 -7 Confirmation – Conference Room
11:15 a.m. Grade 8 Confirmation – Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group – Bi-monthly

Sunday Children's Schedule
9:45 a.m. Nursery for Children Birth – Age 3
10:15 a.m. Sunday School follows the Children's Sermon for ages Preschool - Grade 5

Public Forum, Member Discussion, and Adult Education Forum

Dr. Roy Wehrle led a discussion on Friday, March 13 that was open to the community called "U.S. Foreign Policy Needed for a Tumultuous World." (top left)

Roy also moderated an "Open Forum and Discussion on War" prior to service on Sunday, March 15. Members and friends were able to ask questions, voice concerns, and listen to other viewpoints. (top right)

Dr. Brian Richardson presented an Adult Ed. Forum following the service called "Understanding Psychological Defense Mechanisms." (bottom left)

All were well attended by friends and members.

DMA Resumed in March

DMA resumed on Friday, March 20. Due to illness Kathryn Harris could not perform her presentation on Keckley, who was Mary Todd Lincoln's confident and seamstress. This will be rescheduled at a later date. Yet, over 30 people attended and had a wonderful night of food and fellowship. We appreciate the work of the DMA coordinators: Sue Baker, Mary Gail Romack, and Sharon Reynolds.

Kennerlys Teach English Around the World!!

Jay and Carole Kennerly returned from two weeks in Rarotonga in the Cook Islands, where they taught English to students as part of a volunteer mission. This is a return visit for Carole and Jay with their connections to the children and people of Rarotonga inspired them to make the 22 hours of travel to this place of spiritual and physical beauty again.

Landscape Guild Clean-up Day

We are so grateful to Scott Day for leading our spring clean-up and to the incredible team who made it happen - Marc Anderson, Susan & Scott Day, Joe Fierstos, Bud Green, Keith Hamilton, Todd Knox, Richard Leary, Tom Owen, and Lyle VanDeventer. Together they trimmed plants, cleared leaves and debris, cut back winter grasses, and prepared the garden beds—blessing our space with their hard work and care on Friday, March 20.

Intergenerational Groups – Pokémon Club and Dungeons & Dragons

In late February and March, our intergenerational groups met, gatherings for all ages and abilities to play. Our Dungeon and Dragon's group met Wednesday, February 25 to continue their adventures with Dr. Aaron Berkowitz leading the intrepid group through the 1st century Ancient Near East. They gather on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Ziegler Library.

And our Pokémon Club had a successful first gathering with activities for all ages on Sunday, March 22, from coloring and stickers to playing the Pokémon card game in the Second Floor Classroom. They will meet on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30-2:00 p.m. We thank Aaron Berkowitz for organizing and training our Pokémon trainers, too!

Have an idea for another intergenerational gathering? Contact Aaron Berkowitz or Rev. Sarah Bishop

Parish Life News

Mission and Community Service

The Mission and Community Service committee will not meet on April 1 since it falls during Holy Week, instead the group will gather on Wednesday, May 6.

Hunger Ministries at Westminster

Helping Hands Lunch & Dinner Prepared

Members of Westminster's Hunger Action Team met Friday, March 13 to prepare bagged lunches that were delivered to Helping Hands Shelter. Judy Huston, Georgina Hudspeth, Pat Hymans, Becky Martin, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Judy Prillaman, and Jeanne Van Gieson prepared and delivered the lunches.

On Wednesday, March 25, Dorothy Hutchinson-Gross prepared a hot meal to serve 70 consisting of chicken enchilada casserole with salad and cookies. Marc Anderson faithfully provides milk every month. Westminster has committed to continue providing one hot meal and one bagged lunch per month in 2026. Call Pat Hymans to get information about preparing a meal.

Join the many Westminster members who share the responsibility for filling the Graham School Little Pantry. Signup is on the website or this QR code. Our neighbors take advantage of food in the Little Pantry every day.

Give -a- Meal -a- Month April Menu

Canned chicken, canned veggies, canned fruit in water/juice, and baked beans. Optional items – body wash, toothpaste, or all in one shampoo and conditioner (No baby food, please.) Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex and to the group of ministry partners who delivers them to the Central Illinois Foodbank.

Fair Trade Thank You and Welcome

After several years of service, Jeanne Van Gieson and Becky Martin have stepped away from Fair Trade. Do not despair! They will be helping Melanie Green and D.L. Stanfield, who have agreed to take over the responsibilities starting in June, to ensure a smooth transition.

Come check out our chocolate and other Equal Exchange items following worship when we have sales. Despite the increased cost of coffee, chocolate, and olive oil, Westminster's Fair-Trade prices remain unchanged.

Due to an excess of activities scheduled in April and May, Fair Trade will not be held. Stop into the church office during the week to purchase items you may have run out of.

One Great Hour Of Sharing

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Received during the season of Lent, this offering helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. Last year, we collected $3,775. To date we have received $4,550.

You may donate by check, noting "One Great Hour of Sharing." To give online, view the QR code with your phone camera. Once you accept the web location, choose One Great Hour of Sharing from the dropdown list of funds.

Congregational Care at Westminster

Home Communion – If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive Communion at home on April 12, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Thank you to those who made visits to 9 shut-in members on March 8.

Earth Care Committee

Congratulations to Westminster for 10+ Years of being an Earth Care Certified Congregation!

Earth Day Fair– Saturday, April 25

The 33rd Annual Earth Day Fair will start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th, at Union Square Park. Come meet the WPC Earth Care Committee members and see their exhibit on plastic recycling.

April Earth Care Tip

Reduce Lights at Night to Save Migrating Birds

Every spring, billions of birds migrate across North America, navigating mostly at night. Artificial lights pose a serious threat, attracting and disorienting the birds, resulting in fatal collisions with buildings. The solution?

- Turn off non-essential lights from 11 pm until 6 am during critical migration periods (mid-March through April)
- Turn off or dim interior lights or draw blinds to prevent light escaping.
- Turn off decorative outdoor lighting.
- Be sure outside lights are aimed down and are well shielded.

You'll save energy and reduce your electric bill, too.

Fun fact: An estimated 1,057,400 birds flew over Sangamon County the night of April 1, 2025. The night of April 8, 2025, the estimate was 1,200,700 birds. *Susan Shaw, Earth Care Committee*

Check Out What's Happening in the Libraries!

The Library Guild is working on processing and cataloging the books in both libraries. This month, they are reshelving the books in the Ziegler Adult Library to get them back in the Dewey Decimal order.

The library cart, located by the elevator, has been refreshed with new books for all ages.

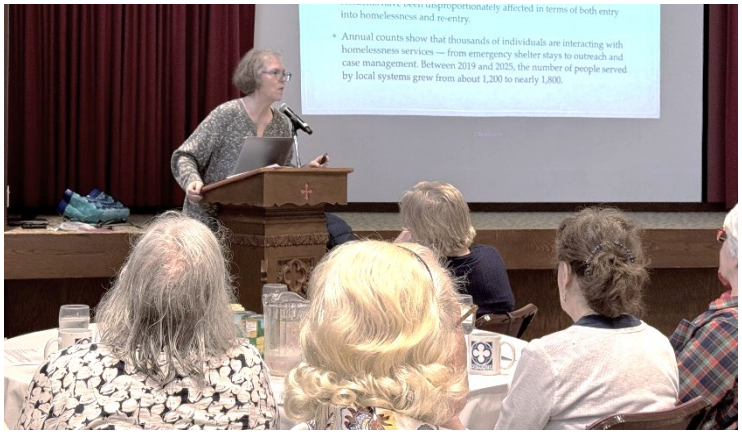
"Di$cipleship: Faith and Finance" and "National Treasure or Trash: War, Memory, and the Intergenerational Cost of Combat" written and donated by a friend of the congregation, Michael Hart, will also be on the cart.

Library Guild members: Lindsay Boutelle, Nancy Canady, Ellen Carpenter, Mary Alice Davis, Elaine Hoff, Judy Mier, Mary Peura, Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Co-Chairs.

Fellowship Opportunities

Knit 2 Purl 4 Mission and Fellowship gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657 with questions.

Presbyterian Women's Luncheon will be Friday, April 10 at noon in Parish Hall. Dale Rogers will speak on the Windows and Wonders of Westminster. Nancy Canady is the Kitchen Chair and Carolyn Beatty is the Chair of the Day. Please RSVP on the website or with Jennie Alt in the office.



Becky Martin presented a program for the March luncheon on Hunger and Homelessness in the Heartland.

Layettes for Kumler

Join the women of Westminster in donating layette items during April and May. The box is in the West Narthex. Items will be donated to Kumler Outreach Ministries in mid-May. If you would like to shop online, you can have them shipped directly to the church.

Attention Knitters: If you are donating knitted items, please let Sue Cull know what and how many items you have donated.

Ruth and Naomi Circle will not meet in April due to Holy Week.

Elizabeth Circle meets on Monday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Sue Sawers will lead Lesson 9 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter.

Lydia Circle meets on Tuesday, April 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library. Lesson 7 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter will be discussed.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast

will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Tim Kluge will speak about Fred Harvey – Food and Lodging in the Early American West. He is credited for creating the very first restaurant chain in the U.S. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

Anthony Salvo spoke about the CWLP Power Plant in February.

DMA - Friday, April 17

DMA (Don't Mention Age) meets on Friday, April 17, with a potluck at 5:30, then a program that starts at 6:15 p.m. Bring a side to share with others. Gil Opferman will be here to preview the 2026 Muni season with a program called "The Muni Opera can change your life!" An RSVP is suggested but not required. Go to the WPC website under fellowship or by calling the church office. If you should find yourself with time to attend and did not call or email, please come.

Westminster News

Milestone Birthdays

Andy Smith celebrates 100 years on April 5.
Rev. Jerry & Mrs. Judy Boutelle celebrate 60 years on April 6.
Nance & Chip Woodward celebrate 50 years on April 16.
Dr. Naomi Lynn celebrates 93 years on April 16.

In Memoriam

Marleen Kay King died on Sunday, March 15 in Springfield. The prayers and sympathies of the congregation are extended to her husband, Richard King, her children Kimberly King, Isaac King, Michah King, and their families.

Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Ruklick died on Wednesday, March 18 in Springfield, IL. The prayers and sympathies of the congregation are extended to her sons, Grant Ruklick and Charles Ruklick, daughter-in-law Marilyn Ruklick and their families, as well as her dear friend, Bob Bradford.

In Sympathy to

Janice Kirk on the death of her brother, Joe Prokopp, in Broomfield, CO on January 17. AND on the death of her brother-in-law, Mark Kirk, in Wardensville, WV on February 21.

New Address

Randy & Bernie Wiseman, 314 Boulder Creek Dr. Chatham, IL 62629 *Starting April 15

Susan Shea, The Crossings, 1121 Community Dr. Apt. 109, Rochester, IL 62563

February Financial Report by Lisa Runkle

Income exceeded our budget year-to-date as we usually experience early in the year. Expenses are also over budget since the youth mission deposits, winter utilities, and the quarterly property insurance premium were paid. The Operating Fund ended the month of February with income exceeding expenses by $5,196.

2026 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	$ 210,655	$ 197,800	$ 12,855
Expenses	$-205,459	$ -197,800	$ 7,659
Net Total	$ 5,196	$ 0	

Very Close to Reaching our Per Capita Goal

Thank you to the 127 members who have given Per Capita donations so far this year totaling $4,947. We are 98.9% toward our $5,000 goal.

This year Westminster will pay $39 per member as a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support the work of our denomination in the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Your special per capita contribution of $39 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget.

Seventh Annual Steadfast Neighbor Outreach

The dates for this year's neighborhood outreach are **June 22-26.** If you are interested, contact Todd Knox at hardknox1@mac.com.

Apostles' Read Library Book Group
Tuesday, April 28

The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets Tuesday, April 28 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Constantine's Sword: The Church and the Jews – A History by James Carroll. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Service on March 29 – 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Anne C.S. Marshall will preach. Sunday school children and youth will lead us in the processional with palms and their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes. The center aisle pews will be lined with donated coats. The Westminster Children's Choir will sing, and the Westminster Choir will sing *Fling Wide the Gates* from John Stainer's *Crucifixion*, and the poignant *Carol of the Hill* by Stephen Paulus.

The Passion of Christ Art Display in Parish Hall March 29-April 5
Artwork depicting the Passion of Christ will be displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, we will witness Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week leading to His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Westminster's Labyrinth will be displayed in Parish Hall during Holy Week for those who would like to practice this discipline of prayer.

Maundy Thursday Service on April 2 – 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall will preach, and the Westminster Choir will sing *Cross Cry*, *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word*, and *Miserere Mei*. This service will include the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the "Adagio for Strings" of Samuel Barber and the seven last words of Christ.

Church Office closed at Noon on Good Friday

Easter Sunday Service on April 5 – 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The Reverend Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall will preach, and the Westminster Choir will be joined by members of the Millikin Brass in the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah* and *Easter Rejoicing* of Jonathan Willcocks and other festive music for Easter Day. The Chancel will be filled with the cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

Easter Egg Hunt is in Parish Hall following Worship.

Welcome Sue Sawers, CRE
Interim Care Coordinator

Sue Sawers, member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and Commissioned Ruling Elder in the Presbytery of Great Rivers, has over 30 years experience serving in pastoral roles in Presbyterian churches. While we complete our mission study to determine a long-term staffing structure, Sue on an interim basis will begin on April 6 in the newly established, part-time, ten hour a week position as Interim Care Coordinator.

She will help us coordinate our pastoral care in collaboration with our pastors to call and visit congregation members who may be facing health or other life challenges. This will include tracking visits and care needs, so we can better follow-up with congregation members experiencing on-going challenges. In addition, Sue will work alongside our Congregational Care Committee of the Deacons as we reinvigorate caring ministries of the church.

Stay tuned for more information about how you might participate in sharing in home communion or connecting with members who are no longer physically able to attend church by visiting them or writing cards. After April 6, you can contact Sue at carecoodinator@wpcspi.org.

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The next Reporter folding and mailing will be on Wednesday, April 29.