

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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August 2019

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday

Worship 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Featuring the Westminster Jazz Trio

Sunday Schedule:

Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School for Pre-K – Grade 2
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

August 3 & 4

Luke 12:13-40

The Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Dressed for Action

August 10 & 11

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
SERVICE OF ORDINATION

Hosea 11:1-11

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Reliable

August 17 & 18

Hebrews 12:1-2; Luke 12:49-56

The Reverend Christian K. Choi
Looking through a Spiritual Lens

August 24 & 25

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 13:10-17

The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Unfolding Lives

ANNUAL MISSION TRIP REUNION SWIM PARTY AND POTLUCK SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 FROM 3:00 – 7:00 P.M.

On Sunday, August 18, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m., participants of the 2019 Mission Trip will gather for a reunion and a potluck dinner at the Home of Elsie and Bob Fox (112 S. Fox Mill Lane 62712).

Remember to bring a towel and a dish to share. Freshman and sophomores are invited to bring dessert, juniors and seniors to bring a salad or side dish, and adult leaders to bring chips and a drink. We will serve hot dogs and brats.

Along with sharing memories and photos, youth will impart how their experience changed them and discuss types of local missions in which they would like to participate in the future.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - GOD'S GOT YOUR BACK! SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE



On Sunday, August 25, the children and youth of Westminster are invited to bring their backpack to the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the blessing of backpacks as our children and youth begin a new school year. Along with a blessing, each will receive a monogrammed carabiner with a Bible verse for their backpack as a reminder of God's loving presence on their journey throughout this school year.

SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR! CHILDREN AND YOUTH SWIM PARTY SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 FROM 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

On Sunday, August 25, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., families (parents and children ages birth through grade twelve) are invited to a swim party at the Kieffer home (26 Island Bay Lane) as we splash into a new year together.

This year we are combining the children and youth and adding boat rides for families. Please bring a towel and snack to share! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.



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

"For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who seeks finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:10

The School of Hard Knocks was the title of the sermon I preached on July 28, the sixth anniversary of my candidacy to serve as Westminster's pastor. It was a joyous day and an opportunity which I had sought for many years... asking, seeking, and knocking on the door of congregations hoping one would welcome my leadership as head of staff. I will forever be grateful to this gracious congregation for the opportunity to lead and to collaborate with so many gifted members within this faith community.

The year after my arrival Judy and Todd Knox presented me with a framed degree from "The School of Hard Knox," a clever play on their last name. The term "School of Hard Knocks" is an idiomatic phrase alluding to the education one receives from life's challenging and difficult experiences. The phrase claims a level of wisdom imparted by life experience, which is at least equal in merit to academic knowledge. I think most of us would agree that nothing teaches us quite like life itself... those hard knocks can make us stronger and kinder, less judgmental and more open to others. The Apostle Paul referenced hard knocks when he wrote: *"Suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."*

A highlight in July was presenting Edison Zohfonyi a \$1,000 grant from WPC's Minority Scholarship Fund to subsidize his tuition at SIUE where he begins in their School of Engineering. Edison moved to Springfield in 2015 after winning a green card and a work visa in a lottery organized by the United States Embassy through the Diversity Visa Program in Cameroon, Africa. He joined Westminster in October 2016, sponsored by



the Sherrick Family who literally opened Westminster's door for him the first day he knocked. Edison has met life's challenges and difficulties since his arrival, leaving his family behind and working full-time at St. John's while completing an associate degree in Engineering Science from LLCC.

What a joy it is to lead a congregation that opens its door, recognizes the wisdom imparted by life experience, and supports the pursuit of academic knowledge.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

FAMILY MINISTRY QUARTERLY CREDO SEMINARS

SATURDAY MORNINGS 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 21, NOVEMBER 23, FEBRUARY 15, APRIL 25

As Rev. Choi, Karen Sherrick and I were planning for the 2019-2020 children and youth calendar year, they shared a vision of the Family Ministry Committee to provide stronger, spiritual guidance to our parents as they seek to share their faith and values within the home. Recognizing the time demands on our families, the idea of a quarterly Saturday morning gathering (with childcare provided) seemed to be a workable format. The word CREDO means "a statement of the beliefs which guide one's actions." More details are forthcoming. – Dr. Kieffer

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

SUMMER CHOIR WILL SING SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 at the 10:00 a.m. service, with a rehearsal on Thursday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m.

On the remaining summer Sundays we welcome: August 4: Jim Bogue, August 18: Katie and Pat Moore, August 25: Carolyn Lowe, September 1: Kelly Robertson and Ben Bassett. We are grateful for all the talented musicians in our congregation who enhance our worship throughout the year. The Westminster Choir will be back in session on September 8.

WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes its regular rehearsals on Thursday, September 5 at 7:30 p.m. and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 7 from 1:00 until 5:00 p.m. A choir dinner in Petersburg will round out the day.

THE WALNUTS resume rehearsal Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-5) will begin Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 4:45 p.m. following Bridges.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will begin Tuesday, October 1, at 4:45 p.m.

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) will meet Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 14, at 11:00 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION

THE ROSENWALD STORY

We begin the 2019-2020 program year on **Sunday, September 15** at 11:15 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Classroom with a six-week course on



"The Rosenwald Story." Join us as we view and discuss the documentary presenting the remarkable story of a Jewish Partnership with African American communities. Community member Carolyn Blackwell will join us on September 29 to share her experience as a student of one of the Rosenwald Schools in the Jim Crow South. Rabbi Marks will join us for the final session on October 20. Elder Jim Kincaid will lead the discussions.

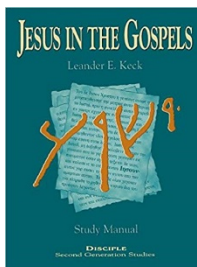
PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE IN 2019-2020

REV. MCGILL'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY



Rev. McGill's Bible Study will resume **Wednesday, September 11, 7:00–8:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room. Join us as we go back to basics, looking at the starting point of the faith and what has made it so compelling, to its earliest adherents and people today. We will spend time with the earliest Gospel, Mark, in its breathless telling of the story of Jesus, and with C.S. Lewis and others in exploring the eye-opening implications of that story.

DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY



Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, September 12, 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. This year's curriculum Disciple's "Jesus in the Gospels" takes a closer look at Jesus including his relation to the Jewish religion he inherited, to the circle of disciples around him, and to the early Christians who believed in him after his death and resurrection. The curriculum is written by Dr. Leander E. Keck, Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology Emeritus and former Dean of Yale University Divinity School. Books are available in the Church Office for \$30.

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

SPECIAL THANKS TO MISSION MINISTRY PARTNERS

Thank you, Westminster, for supporting this year's youth mission through your generosity and prayers. It could not have been as successful, life-changing, and spiritually nurturing without the dedicated individuals who became ministry partners on this journey. Thank you...

Nathaniel Brower, for your calming presence and ability to connect with the youth, while modeling what it means to work with joy.

Susan Day, for bringing expertise and confidence to tackle construction work while nurturing the youth in a loving way.

Bill Deemer, for simply being "Super" Bill, always bustling and supporting us behind the scenes and looking out for us.

Jen DeJong, for leading wonderful devotions and daring us to go deeper spiritually throughout this trip.

Kyle Duffy, for your positive attitude, hard work, and the fun you brought to the interaction with the youth.

Bob Fox, for being our #16 and being the perfect last-minute addition to this group of ministry partners with your numerous talents – photos, building expertise, and humor.

Anna Koeppel, for being our logistical specialist, who is ready-to-serve and empowering the youth to new heights.

Elizabeth Marcy, for bringing extra warmth and care to the youth and fellow ministry partners throughout the trip.

Leigh Milward, for being our positive support with an optimistic attitude that is contagious and lifted us up throughout the week.

Mary Ray, for sharing her heart and love that oozes and overflows for each youth and the people whom she meets, regardless of the conditions around her.

It was a privilege to serve with these mission ministry partners, and THANK YOU for making my first mission trip with WPC such a meaningful and memorable one.

YOUTH MINISTRY PARTNER ORIENTATION

Youth Ministry Partners (Junior and Senior High) will meet **Sunday, August 25, from 9:00 – 9:45 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom for orientation. Thank you to the following ministry partners: **Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel, Sarah Zerfas** (Junior High) and **Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Jen DeJong, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray** (Senior High).

JUNIOR HIGH AND CONFIRMATION INFO MEETING

COMMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:30 A.M.

Join Reverend Choi at an informational meeting on Commotion Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to review the exciting curriculum as our youth learn about the Bible and Presbyterian Church in preparation for membership.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Orientation meeting for families is **Tuesday, August 27, from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in Parish Hall. Classroom Open House and Popsicles on the Playground will be **Friday, August 30, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Classes begin **Tuesday, September 3.**



Emily Rowley, director and afternoon teacher, has a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Cedarville University. She enjoys WCP's play-based atmosphere and its inspiration to young children. **Amy Bonansinga**, morning teacher, has a bachelor's degree in secondary education with an emphasis on special education and English from the University of Northern Colorado. **WCP** is the only privately-operated preschool in the Springfield area that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

THANK YOU SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

This summer our children in Pre-K through Grade 2 learned stories from the New Testament through the *Holy Moly* curriculum. **August 11 through August 25** the children will learn about worship and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Special thanks to teachers: **Cathy Allen, Carol Bloemer, Katie and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Sue Cull, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Tara Fritsch, Becky Huston, Carolyn and Kathy Lowe, and Lynn McMenamin.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER ORIENTATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Sunday school teachers for Pre-K through Grade 5 will meet Sunday, August 18, from 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Tower Classroom for orientation and lunch. Thank you to the following teachers who nurture our children's faith:

Pre-Kindergarten: **Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward**

Kindergarten through Grade 2: **Cathy Brower, Cara Barnett, Meredith Bryans, Erin Winn**

Grades 3-5: **Sue Cull, Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Mary Ray.**

Youth Assistants Grade 8-12: **Braden Barton, Grace Batterman, Drew Borland, Jessica Borland, Ben Brower, Emily Brower, Sam Brower, Charlie Eastvold, Kristianna Eastvold, Louisa Eldridge, Caroline Haynor, Will Hovey, Clayton Kurmann, Ella Kurmann, Samantha Magalis, Mia Marcy, Jack Milliman, Avery Pound, Bryce Pound, Mack Shepherd, Olivia Simonson,**

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8

REGISTER ON COMMOTION SUNDAY

Flyers, emails, and registration forms outlining opportunities for the 2019-20 program year will be sent to families this week. Parents are asked to register their children for fall Sunday School on or before Commotion Sunday, September 8. The following classes begin Sunday, September 8:

Pre-Kindergarten (Lower level Preschool Room): Simple Bible stories based on lectionary, music, art, play and preparation for Young Children and Worship.

Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel): *Young Children and Worship*, a spiritual formation approach which invites children to experience the wonder of God through a storytelling format and multi-sensory materials.

Grade 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom): *Foundations*, a spiritual formation providing children with the foundations of their faith. This three-year curriculum will include a rotation of Bible and Worship Basics, stories of the Old Testament and stories of the New Testament in chronological order.

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

THEME: LOVING GOD, LOVING NEIGHBOR

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays beginning September 11, from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. in the Third Floor Tower Classroom. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission and service projects.

The 2019-2020 theme is "Loving God, Loving Neighbor." As our congregation begins the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor, Bridges children will explore what it means to love our neighbors. This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which meets from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

Leaders: **Dr. Kieffer, Rev. Choi and Karen Sherrick.**

2019 MISSION TRIP TO WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA



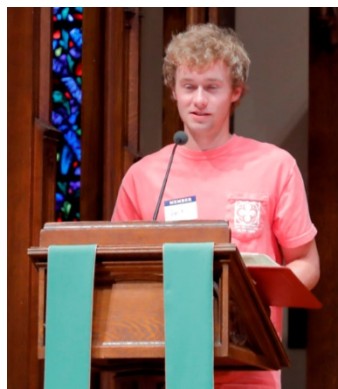
Photos of the 2019 mission trip include (1) Jen DeJong and Clayton Kurmann leading a devotional on the baggage we carry, (2) Samantha Magalis, Jessica Borland and Jack Zerfas at evening devotions, (3) the team line dancing at cultural night out. (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) group shots of the five work crews.





YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP SUNDAY, JULY

More photos of group devotions highlighting Sam Brower and Brice Pound, and side trip photos. Seniors Emma Batterman, Jack Zervas and Ross Lochbaum share testimonials and the team sings "I Choose Love" during worship on July 14.



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERFAITH BUILD

A kickoff event for the 2019 Interfaith Build project of Habitat for Humanity was held on Tuesday, July 30 at 5:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Habitat was able to re-acquire a home they had previously built and will be able to put it to good use once more, providing affordable housing for Curtis Morris and his family. Westminster provided a \$7,500 grant from our mission endowment for this project. While this will not be as substantial a construction project as many of their builds, some minor rehab may be needed, so be on the lookout for upcoming volunteer needs.



MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERED

JULY 29 – AUGUST 2 AND AUGUST 5-9!

Once again we are assisting Senior Services of Central Illinois by delivering food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Meals on Wheels program for two weeks this summer. We have two routes each day. Thank you to the following, who are participating in this community service: *Abigail Bentsen, Carol Bloemer, Bob Bradford, the Brower Family, Nancy & Rich Canady, Ed and Linda Caupert, Lynne Cleverdon, Sally Godbey, Nancy Huston, Julie James, Bob Leffler, Katy & James Maeda, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary & Morley Peura, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Betsy Ruklick, Alan & Marty Stutz, Meredith Volle, and Kate Wilson*



HELPING HANDS

WPC delivers meals to the Helping Hands shelter on the second Friday of each month. The August 9 meal is being prepared by the team of Nancy and Rich Canady, Betsy Ruklick, Bob Bradford, and Mary Peura. Thank you to Pat and Al Hymans for providing the July 12 dinner.

We are still in need of volunteers for September, October, and November! Details are available from Jennie Alt, Church Administrative Assistant or Julie James.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH AUGUST MENU



Beef Stew, Applesauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup, Canned Fruit in juice or water

High-Demand Items: *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

KEMMERER VILLAGE BOX TOP COLLECTION - Supporters have been sending in box tops for years, and they really add up! Funds from box tops have purchased many items including library books, school decorations, and PE equipment. Box tops can be brought to the West Narthex and placed in the Kemmerer Village bag on the Mission Board. Thank you to Sue Cull who mails the tops, and to members who bring them in. Keep them coming!

FAIR TRADE

The whole congregation's thanks are extended to Stephanie Bess, who for the last decade has spearheaded Westminster's involvement in promoting and supporting equitable trade and sustainable production practices, particularly in the coffee and chocolate industries. Over the next month, Stephanie will be handing leadership over to Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson, who have agreed to take the reins of this important effort. Thanks to everyone who supports this project, and please continue to watch for our ongoing monthly coffee and chocolate sales.



KENYA MISSION TRIP, JANUARY 14-30, 2020

We are delighted to introduce the Kenya Mission Team: *Dr. Jane Arbutnot, Jen and Dr. Marc DeJong, Bob Fox, Harold Hale, Mary and Charlie King and Drs. Todd and Judy Knox* have committed to join Rev. McGill on this exciting mission. If you have questions, contact Rev. Trajan McGill right away at tmcgill@wpcspi.org. This is



Westminster's first international mission trip, as we partner with the Outreach Foundation and participate in the funding, construction, and dedication of a church building and new classrooms, with a commitment of \$15,000 in mission funding from Westminster's endowment. **It is not yet too late to join this exceptional team.** If you have interest, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill right away.

EARTH CARE NEWS

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS – The Faith Coalition for the Common Good will host a public event on **Monday, August 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**, in our Parish Hall, where people are invited to hear about and discuss an effort to promote clean energy jobs in Illinois. Thanks to the WPC Earth Care Team for involving us in this conversation.



EARTH CARE TIP – What do we do with all those spent toothbrushes? Unfortunately, trashed brushes go to the landfill forever while most recyclers toss them into the trash bin anyway. Perhaps we can **reduce** plastic waste by purchasing a bamboo brush or using our plastic one a little longer. Certainly we could **reuse** a spent toothbrush for other household tasks such as scrubbing small spots out of the carpet or applying shoe polish. As a last resort we could **recycle** through Colgate / TerraCycle (who will pay for shipping to recycle any brand of toothbrush, toothpaste tube, or dental floss container).

Earth Care Team: *Dr. Peter Kieffer, Keith Hamilton, Charlie King, Lynn McMenamin, Becky McDonald, Maribeth Norton, Susan Shaw, and Brad Steller*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – If you are unable to attend worship, whether temporarily or on an ongoing basis, and you would like to receive Communion at home on August 11, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Four teams of elders and deacons made visits to nine home-bound members in July. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

K2P4 Mission gathers for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters meet at noon for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, August 13. If you are unable to attend you can donate knitted items, contact Mary Jo Jenkins for current needs at 217-544-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON resumes Friday, September 6 with Peg DiFonso as Kitchen Chair & Pat Hymans as Chair of the Day.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE resumes on Monday, September 9 with Eleanor VanDeventer leading the lesson. For information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE resumes on Tuesday, September 17 with Sharon Turner as the hostess and provide the program. For Information, call Nancy Scott at 217-891-3902.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE resumes on Wednesday, October 2 at the Home of Pat Wheat. For information, call Meg Kontio at 217-670-2052.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER COOKOUT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, AT 5:00 P.M.

Men of the congregation are invited to a summer cookout at the Grigsby/Hale Farm (15594 Rogge Street, Tallula 62688) on Sunday, August 4 at 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Jennie Alt and let her know whether you will bring a side dish or dessert.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16- 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Officer Chris Jones, Springfield Police Dept Homeless Outreach Coordinator, will present a program on the Springfield Homeless Outreach Program and the new Center for Health & Housing. Erica Smith from Helping Hands will also participate in this program. If you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship, come for the program.

WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 11:30 A.M.

Members and friends of Westminster will gather Thursday, August 29 at 11:30 a.m. with the pastors and Dale Rogers for communion and lunch.

THANK YOU WESTMINSTER

TO DATE WE HAVE RECEIVED 92 BACKPACKS FOR CONTACT MINISTRIES BACK TO SCHOOL GIVE-AWAY!



George Johnson will fill the bags with supplies.

THIS YEAR'S VBS MISSION PROJECT OF PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS FOR THE CHILDREN OF HARVARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YIELDED: 628 tubes of toothpaste, 115 bars of soap, 203 toothbrushes, 36 deodorants, 676 feminine hygiene pads, 114 bottles of body wash, 48 baby wipes.

We are grateful for the collaboration and generosity of so many!

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dr. and Mrs. James and Mary Anne Singleton celebrate 66 years on August 8.

Betty Cadwallader celebrates 94 years on August 9.

Bernice Bay celebrates 93 years on August 16.

Rachel & David Brown celebrate 50 years on August 17

Patrick Noonan celebrates 90 years on August 19.

Sandy & Jon Hockenyos celebrate 60 years on August 22.

Drs. Naomi & Bob Lynn celebrate 65 years on August 28.

NEW ARRIVAL

Eli Bradley Schuermann was born on May 14 to Jennifer and Craig Schuermann. Eli's big brother is Reggie and his proud grandparents are Jan and Alan Schuermann.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lindsay and Gregory Boutelle present their daughters Juliet and Brooke for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 25. Juliet and Brooke's grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald and Judy Boutelle.

IN MEMORIAM

Wilma D. Yaeger died on July 15 in Springfield. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to her daughters, Marsha Matthew, Mary Dorsey, Shirley Peebles, Terry Harris and their families.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Mary Barringer on the death of her step-daughter, Linda L. Aeilts on July 15 in Normal, IL.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Dr. Jane Arbuthnot who was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame of East Alton-Wood River High School.

Dr. Tanya DeSanto who is the 2019 recipient of the Athena Leadership Award.

Bob Leffler, who will host an art show "Brilliantly Natural" at the David Strawn Art Gallery in Jacksonville from September 7-29, 2019. The open house is Saturday, September 7 from 6-8 p.m. with wine and hors d'oeuvres.

THANK YOU TO

Dr. Scott Day who trimmed the shrubberies on the West Terrace, Cheryl White who weeded, and Bill Deemer who swept gumballs.

NEW ADDRESSES

Sue and Al Manson, 10446 North Shore Drive, Northport, MI 49670

Elizabeth and Mia Marcy, 1808 S. Park Avenue, Springfield, IL 62704

Nancy Simpson, 3505 Cypress Club Drive, Charlotte, NC 28210

Betty Smith, St. Joseph's Home, 3306 S. 6th St, Room B21 Springfield, IL 62703

Meggan & Brady Bird, 2109 Illini Rd, Springfield, IL 62704

JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

The financial position in June showed income exceeding expenses by \$18,398. Thank you for continuing your financial support through these summer months as we are still showing income above budget. Contribution statements were mailed in July.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 531,350	\$ 518,075	\$ 13,275
Expenses	\$-512,952	\$-518,075	\$- 5,123
Net Total	\$ 18,398	\$ 0	

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR ENDEAVOR PRESENTATION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 5:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Dr. Todd Knox will present the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor to our neighbors on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom prior to the Historic Westside Neighborhood Association National Night Out which we will host. Invitations have been mailed along with an announcement from the Historic Westside Neighborhood Association. The trees on Edwards were removed in July. An irrigation system for the southeast lawn and the south side of the church will be installed in August. Landscaping on the southside of the building and replacement trees on Edwards will be planted in September of 2019. Thank you to Property Committee Chair, Mal Hildebrand, for overseeing the tree removal project in July and to Bill Donels who created the drawings and landscape plan for the south side of the building.



Following the presentation on Tuesday, August 6, Westminster will host the **HISTORIC WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2019 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Head West sub sandwiches, ice cream treats, and beverages will be provided. There will also be an opportunity to meet our Neighborhood Police Officers, Kathy Martin and Officer Maddy Cunningham and see a SWAT vehicle. Please RSVP if you are attending to Sharon and Darrel Riffey at 726-5751.

JENNA MILWARD SHARES GHANA MISSION EXPERIENCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 11:15 A.M. IN PARISH HALL



The congregation is invited to a presentation by member Jenna Milward on Sunday, August 11, at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall. In March, Jenna, as a sophomore at Central Michigan University, traveled to Ghana, Africa on a medical mission trip with Global Brigades. Westminster's Mission Endowment helped fund Jenna's work, and many WPC members donated hygiene items which Jenna brought along to meet area needs.

Come, hear how one of our young people continues to engage the world in the spirit of mission!

COMMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Join your Westminster family for Commotion Sunday on September 8! We will celebrate one service of worship at 10:00 a.m., which will include commissioning of the 2019-2020 Education Leadership Team.

A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include a slide presentation looking back on the 2018-2019 program year, ministry displays and children's activities as we begin the year together.

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



Do not miss this new beginning at Westminster!

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*September Reporter Deadline
is Sunday, August 25.*

*Reporter folding is
Wednesday, August 28.*