



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Happy New Year
2026

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January 4

EPIPHANY

Isaiah 6:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Following the Star
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

January 11

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION
OF CHURCH OFFICERS
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

January 18

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MARTIN LUTHER KING WEEKEND

Genesis 1

Created in God's Image
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

January 25

ANNUAL MEETING
EGGTASTIC BREAKFAST

Genesis 3

The Fall: Misdirected Desire
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

See page 2 for the new sermon series information.

NEW OFFICER ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

On Sunday, January 11, our newly elected Church Officers will be ordained and installed during the 10:00 a.m. service. Join us for this special service where we will renew our baptisms and consider how at baptism we are united with Christ and sent to serve. The following people were elected at the Congregational Meeting on October 12, 2025. Their bios can soon be found on the church website (www.wpcspi.org) under Church Leadership.

SESSION CLASS OF 2028

Sandy Bellatti, George Botanga, Nathaniel Brower, Deb Coontz, Cress Maddox, Sr., Lucy Stafford, Brad Swanson, and Jess Weitzel.
Youth Elder – Sam Batterman



BOARD OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2028

John Addo-Yobo, Maud Essel Addo-Yobo, Andrew Affrunti, Chelsea Ekstedt, Cameron Hudgins, Lisa Metzger, Joyce Matthews, Pete Sherman.
Youth Deacon – Macklin Metzger

CHURCH OFFICER RETREAT AND JANUARY BOARD MEETING DATES

On Saturday, January 10, 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Elders and Deacons will gather for the Annual Church Officer Retreat. The Board of Deacons will meet Wednesday, January 14 and Session will meet Wednesday, January 21.

THANK YOU TO CHURCH OFFICERS CLASS OF 2025

We are grateful to the following Elders and Deacons who have served our congregation faithfully:

SESSION: Scott Day, Jim Dolan, Gregg Humphrey, Judy Knox, Amanda Maddox-Wenthe, Pat McNutt, Mike Nenaber, Jeanne VanGieson

BOARD OF DEACONS: George Botanga, Chris Hickman, Sabrina Holmes, Melanie Humphrey, Kathy Kenyon, Debra Parker, Bill Schlosser, Erin Winn and Maria Lafrenz (Youth)

STAFF TRANSITION

After 3 years as Communications Coordinator and many more as our website guru, Krista Steller is retiring from her role as Communications Coordinator so that she has more time for her family. She has been a steady support in publishing our weekly bulletins, updating our website, sending out Friday news by email and completing a myriad of other behind the scenes tasks that keep the church running smoothly. She will continue to run our livestream on Sunday mornings and be involved in volunteer



aspects of the church, however in the new year, her administrative tasks will be handled by Ministry Architects who will work remotely with our staff to build our bulletins and e-news, maintain our website, and help us strengthen our online presence.

We will have an opportunity to thank Krista and celebrate her years of faithful service during worship in late January or early February. We will let you know the exact date in our Friday e-news.

We appreciate your grace as we make this transition. We will likely discover things Krista was quietly doing behind the scenes that will need attention from staff as we get up to speed. If you are willing

to help with answering phones or other tasks, please contact Jennie Alt as there will be increased need for office support as we move to a remote communications coordinator.

FROM THE PASTOR

As we start the new year, we consider how God might be calling us to new beginnings and fresh starts. I am looking forward to working with our elders and deacons during our officer retreat as we prepare together for the next year of ministry. During that time, I will begin outlining a process for our church to undergo a mission study that will allow us to pay attention to our community and consider how God might be calling us as a church to expand our outreach and impact.

On January 11th during the Adult Education Forum, I will provide an overview of the mission study process as well as an invitation and encouragement for you to be in prayer for the congregation and how you might open yourself up to God's nudges and activity already present in our midst. In addition to listening for God, we will begin our process with listening to our neighbors, young families, mission partners, and others who are not yet part of our church but who may have insights about how we can better connect with our community. Aaron Berkowitz will help provide instruction for anyone who is interested in helping us collect data through interviewing one or more people who can help us expand our understanding of our community. We hope you will join us and learn more about our mission study process and how you can support it.

Peace,

The Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE! FOR OUR NEW 2026 SERMON SERIES BACK TO THE START ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Many of us remember the Bible stories we learned as children — Creation, the Garden of Eden, Noah's Ark, Abraham and Sarah. But as adults, these stories invite us to look again, to wrestle with their questions, and to discover deeper truths about God, humanity, and hope. In this series, we return to the book of Genesis to hear these familiar stories with fresh ears— finding that even in our chaos, doubt, and longing, God is still creating, still calling, and still bringing forth new beginnings.

EXPLORATION CLASS JANUARY 25 AND FEBRUARY 1 AT 9:00 A.M.

Visitors and Friends who are interested in membership are welcome to join us prior to worship on January 25th and February 1st and are invited to come learn more about the mission and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We will meet in the Zeigler Library at 9:00 a.m. for conversation, connection, and exploration about how you might get more involved in the church. For those who would like to join the church, a special meeting will occur on Sunday February 8th at 9:00 a.m. with church leadership and a public welcome will be offered during worship at 10:00 a.m. If you have interest in learning more about the church or becoming a member and are not able to attend, please contact Pastor Anne at amarshall@wpcspi.org.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY NEWS

Kreiling Roofing has completed repairing the slate roofs and replacing missing shingles on the Sanctuary. The pre-school dishwasher failed and was replaced with a new one from Sams Best Brands.

MUSIC NOTES BY DALE T. ROGERS



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS TAKE DOWN will be Tuesday, January 6, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Many thanks to those who assisted in decorating the church. We have enjoyed these adornments through the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Come help store things away for another year.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR will sing *All Bells in Paradise* and *I am Alpha and Omega* on Sunday, January 4 at the 10:00 a.m. service as we celebrate Epiphany and the New Year. Rehearsals for the new year resume on Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. with a post-choir event at the home of Dale Rogers. For the Baptism of the Lord service, the choir will sing *Down to the River to Pray* and for our commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr., the St. Andrew's Sisters will sing *Hymn to Freedom* of Oscar Peterson.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR will resume rehearsals in the new year on Wednesday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH MICE, our musical experience for infants through age four will begin its new year on Saturday, January 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the second floor classroom. Follow the pathway of cheese to music making and fun.



ADULT ED FORUM

Join us Sundays at 11:15 in Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Hope in Dark Times - January 4

A class exploring the history of WWII prisoners of war who were imprisoned around the US, including Carol's father's cotton farm in rural Arkansas Led by Carole Kennerly

Listening for God - January 11

An invitation for the congregation to join in a season of prayer and spiritual discernment with training in intentional listening and beginning the WPC mission study. Led by Dr. Marshall and Dr. Berkowitz

Stories of Hope with Pre-1900's African American Music - January 18

A class exploring stories of hope as we listen to recently discovered music and their impact on the world today. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz

FAMILY MINISTRY by the Rev. Sarah Bishop

YOUTH MINISTRY by Mary Ray

EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

All youth thinking about attending the 2026 Mission Trip are expected to work the annual Egg-tastic Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, January 25.



Plan to arrive by 8:15 a.m. and work through the morning! The Mission participants will assist in serving a delicious Egg-tastic Breakfast prepared by Pat Hymans before worship at 10:00 a.m. in Parish Hall.

JR. HIGH CONFIRMATION JANUARY SCHEDULE

GRADES 6-7 CONFIRMATION PREP meets during worship (10:15 – 11:00 a.m.) on Sundays, January 4 (Saul), and January 18 (David's Dancing). **NO Class** on January 11 (Communion) and January 25 (Egg-tastic Breakfast).

GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION meets following worship (11:15 a.m. – 12 noon) on Sundays, January 4, 11, 18 and January 25 (attend Congregational Meeting with mentors). **Mentors:** Lucy Bassett/Melanie Green, Harper Huston/Christy Pound, Reese Huston/Dee Dee Duffy, Lily Swanson/Katie Carlson-Eastvold.

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

Senior High youth meet Sunday, January 11, in Parish Hall for their continued lesson on *What is a Disciple of Jesus?* Meal to be provided by Lindsay & Greg Boutelle.

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

JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

Thank you to WPC custodian and secret chef, Jerry McCullum, for preparing a festive meal for the Junior High youth's Christmas party.

Junior High youth meet Wednesday January 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Leaders:

Rev. Sarah Bishop,
Aaron Berkowitz,
Cathy Brower, Tara Fritch, and Mary Ray



YOUTH MISSION TO CHARLESTON, SC 2026

SATURDAY, JULY 11 – SATURDAY, JULY 18

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

All youth and adults interested in attending the 2026 Mission Trip are invited to an informational meeting on **Sunday, February 8 at 11:15 a.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. During our meeting we will learn more about our mission site, Charleston, SC and working with Charleston Youth Mission.

Be sure to complete the Intent to Participate forms, for youth as well as adults, and submit a \$100.00 deposit for this exciting week of service, care, and education.

SUNDAY YOUTH SCHEDULE

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY MELEAH BERKOWITZ

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S SERVICE THANK YOUS

A special thank you to all our Christmas Eve Children's Service participants, adult support, and those creative hands that refreshed the costumes. Thank you to our Tableau Actors from Bridges and Sunday School, and speakers Sam Berkowitz, Junie Berkowitz, August Ekstedt, Chandler Reich and Roscoe Ekstedt. Thank you to our Holy Family, Emily Standley and fiancé, Ben Reinhart.

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP RESUMES JANUARY 7

Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Tower Classroom.

In 2025, along with improving their Bible skills, the Bridges children enjoyed creative reading of the story of Joseph, creating nativity art and enjoyed getting to know their Advocates.

Bridges Advocates are invited to join them January 14 for special projects and relationship building.

NURSERY GUILD MINISTRY PARTNER MEETING, JANUARY 11

On Sunday, January 11 at 9:15 a.m. in Parish Hall, the Nursery Guild and Nursery Coordinators will meet to provide an opportunity for ministry partners to sign-up on a schedule of Sundays through winter and spring and to discuss forming a NEW Preschool Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY PARTNER MEETING, JANUARY 11

On Sunday, January 11 at 9:15 a.m. in Parish Hall, Sunday School teachers will meet to provide an opportunity for ministry partners to sign-up on a schedule of Sundays through winter and spring. New Sunday School teachers are welcome!

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

GATHERS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to the first gathering of Children of Abraham on **Wednesday, February 4, 4:30-6:00 p.m.** at the Grace United Methodist Church (1612 E. Capital Ave.). This year's theme is "strength in diversity." Join us as we explore the diversity within each of our faiths and the strength it brings to each.

TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



Our preschoolers have been having a busy and fun winter together! We celebrated our families' holiday traditions, went on a gingerbread hunt throughout the church, and gathered for a holiday party and book exchange. When we return in the Spring, we will be talking about winter weather, compassion, and kindness. We will also have a hot cocoa store in our Imaginative Play area. Enrollment for church and alumni families will start this winter. We are also planning our biggest fundraiser of the year—a 90s themed trivia night on February 21! Please get a team together and join us for a night of facts and fun!

SUNDAY CHILDREN 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

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER



Westminster youth, children, families, and friends rang in the holiday season with our annual Advent Celebration, Sunday December 7. In worship, under the direction of Meleah Berkowitz, and with accompaniment from Dale Rogers, the Children's Choir performed several Christmas songs. The children also gave readings on the meanings behind our sanctuary's Advent and Christmas décor. Following the service, the congregation gathered in Parish Hall for carols, delicious food, an ornament craft, and Christmas cookie decorating.

The Advent Singers, Harper and Reese Huston, Maria Lafrenz and Lily Swanson, performed weekly "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."



CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER – CHILDREN’S NATIVITY, PAGEANT, AND SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



Westminster Presbyterian Church 2025 Mission Support Endowment and Operating Funds	Regional National International
Betty Smith Mission:	\$65,582
Refugee Ministry	\$21,583
Rooftop Solar Install-IL Shines receipt	\$-6,501
CWS CROP Hunger Walk	\$5,000
Heartland HOUSED	\$30,000
Holy Family Cath. Inclusive Community	\$3,000
Marion Medical Mission	\$1,500
Maximo Presb. Church-Flooding	\$1,000
PC(USA) OGHs	\$5,000
PC(USA) PDA Wildfires	\$5,000
Mission Grants and Giving:	\$48,543
African American History	\$500
Asheville: Haywood St. Congregation	\$500
Asheville: Twelve Baskets Café	\$500
Children of Abraham Service Project	\$543
Compass for Kids	\$5,000
Contact Ministries – Prom Fundraiser	\$1,500
Eastvold, K.-Camp Henry	\$1,000
Grace Lutheran Food Pantry	\$3,000
Helping Hands	\$4,500
Kumler Outreach Ministries	\$2,000
Illinois Presbyterian Home	\$5,500
Kemmerer Village	\$5,000
Motherland Gardens	\$1,000
Rooted in Springfield	\$1,000
The Outlet	\$2,500
Washington Street Mission	\$3,000
Word Up	\$2,000
Wooden It Be Lovely	\$7,000
YMCA – The Ryse & Shine Initiative	\$1,500
Youth First – L.A. Youth Program	\$1,000
Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor Mission:	\$46,585
Matching Grants	\$30,469
Service Week	\$9,506
Little Pantry	\$6,610
TOTAL MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND:	\$160,710

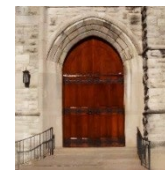
Presbyterian Mission (GA, Synod, Presbtry)	\$17,000
PC(USA) Per Capita	\$38,750
Youth Mission Trip	\$23,620
Contact Ministries	\$8,500
Helping Hands	\$4,000
Faith Coalition for the Common Good	\$900
TOTAL MISSION OPERATING FUND	\$92,770

PARISH LIFE NEWS

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MISSION SUNDAY CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 8

On Sunday, February 8, mission will be highlighted. Thanks to all in the WPC members who contribute time, effort, donations, and expertise to the church's mission. A comprehensive list of the 2025 mission supported by Westminster will be available.



Please note highlights of 2025 mission disbursements from the Endowment Fund and Operating Fund.

HUNGER MINISTRIES AT WESTMINSTER

HELPING HANDS LUNCH PREPARED

Members of Westminster's Hunger Action Team met December 12 to prepare bagged lunches that were delivered to Helping Hands Shelter. Kris Gates, Judy Huston, Pat Hymans, Mary King, Becky Martin, Judy Prillaman, Sue Sawers, and Jeanne Van Gieson prepared and delivered the lunches.

On Wednesday, December 24, Pat Hymans prepared the entrée for 70 at Helping Hands Shelter and many Westminster hunger fighters contributed sides to complete a Christmas Eve meal. Westminster has committed to continue providing one hot meal and one bagged lunch per month in 2026.

Join the many Westminster members who share responsibility for filling the Graham School Little Pantry. Signup is on the website or this QR code.



GIVE -A- MEAL-A- MONTH JANUARY MENU

Canned spaghetti and meatballs or pasta meal, canned veggies and fruit in 100% juice/water, instant pudding or jello. High-Demand Items: personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CONTACT MINISTRIES ADOPT-A-FAMILIES – 9 families consisting of moms and 2 or 3 children received multiple gifts.

TOYS FOR TOTS – Collecting gifts for 2026 until December 30.

THE MITTEN TREE – Collection continued through January 4 to be distributed to Contact Ministries.

THE CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING – \$1,885

JANUARY EARTH CARE TIP

Just a reminder that Westminster can help you recycle some of those items that aren't part of curbside recycling programs. Bins for ink cartridges, batteries, and strings of holiday lights are located in the southwest corner of the Narthex near the elevator. If you have ideas about other recycling programs, please let us know. In the past we've participated in crayon recycling and collected plastic caps for Will Hovey's Eagle Scout project. Thanks to Jennie Alt and Gary Warnick for their help.
Susan Shaw, Earth Care Committee

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive Communion at home on January 11, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Thank you to those who made visits to twelve shut-in members on December 14.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS & CONSULTATION will be available on Sunday, January 4 with Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH will not meet in January.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets on Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Judy Knox (2004 Maryknoll, 62704). Kathy Bacon will lead the discussion of Chapter 5 in Becoming Spiritually Intelligent by Paul M. Burns. RSVP directly to Judy at 217-691-1057

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets on Monday, January 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Sue Baker will lead Lesson 5 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets on Tuesday, January 20, at 1:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. Randy Wiseman will lead Lesson 4 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST will be Thursday, January 8 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Bob Bunn will speak about the history of the Bunn and Lincoln family friendship. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

2026 STEWARDSHIP GOAL SURPASSED

We have received 208 pledges to date totaling \$890,385 which is 102% of the 2026 Found Faithful Stewardship Campaign goal of \$871,000 goal. Thank you to all who pledged and to the 2026 Stewardship Committee: Julie Robbs, Chair, Linda Andrews, Adam Ekstedt, Joe Fierstos, Claudia Nash, Linda Purves, Jeanne Van Gieson, Sarah Zerfas.

APOSTLES' READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets Tuesday, January 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Better Ways to Read the Bible by Zach W. Lambert. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithfulness and financial support for the mission and ministry of Westminster. We ended November with expenses exceeding income by \$112,642 year-to-date. With strong income from December donations, we expect to meet our budgeted income. We have unbudgeted expenses this year, so expenses are over budget by \$79,437.

2025 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 1,020,870	\$ 1,054,075	\$ -33,205
Expenses	\$ -1,133,512	\$ -1,054,075	\$ -79,437
Net Total	\$ -112,642	\$ 0	

PER CAPITA: This year Westminster will pay \$39.00 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 \$39.00 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 AT NOON

It's that time of year again. We are compiling the 2025 Elder and Deacon chair reports. An email was sent to each committee chair with the previous year's report. These do not have to remain the same. Feel free to shorten or expand as needed. Please email them to jalt@wpcspi.org. If you should have questions, please contact the pastor overseeing your area.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY

Judith & Ted Flickinger celebrates 62 years on January 2.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Kathy Bacon and family on the death of her brother, Dr. Joe Sutton, on Thursday, November 27 in Urbana, IL.

Cara and Mark Vasconcelles on the death of his mother, Emily, Adam, and to Ryan Vasconcelles on the death of his grandmother, Melinda Vasconcelles, on December 2 in Springfield, IL.

NEW ADDRESSES

Peggy Ashline, 1821 Mooringline Apt PH-G, Vero Beach, FL 34212

Bob Bradford, EverTrue Concordia, 4101 W. Iles Ave, Apt 113, Springfield, IL 62704

Camille Degner, IL Presbyterian Home, 2101 W. Lawrence Ave, Rm. 71, Springfield, IL 62704

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Karen Springer, 8308 Grand Estuary Trail 102, Bradenton, FL 34212 *Starting February 1, 2026

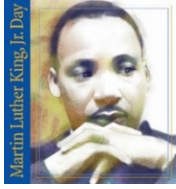
COMPASS FOR KIDS VISIT FROM SANTA



Compass for Kids celebrated their final Tuesday before winter break with a visit from Santa and presents to brighten their holiday. We are grateful for all of the mentors that volunteer with this amazing program.



THE 51ST ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BREAKFAST MONDAY, JANUARY 19



The 51st Annual MLK Breakfast hosted by Springfield Frontiers will be held Monday, January 19 - 8:30 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Westminster will be a Gold Sponsor, donating \$1,500 (\$1,000 from the Endowment Scholarship Fund and \$500 from the Peace and Global Witness collection for local ministry.) Erika Harold,

Executive Director of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, will be the guest speaker. An advocate for civility, ethics, and inclusion, Erika leads the Commission's extensive educational programming focused on advancing professionalism among the state's lawyers and judges to build confidence in the justice system. If you would like to join the Pastors and attend, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

ANNUAL MEETING

8:30 – 9:45 A.M. EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

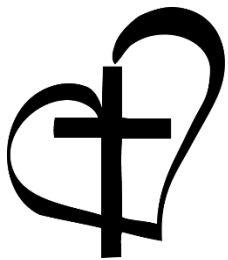
Members are invited to an egg-tastic breakfast that will be served by youth attending the 2026 Youth Mission Trip. Come support the Mission Trip and be well-nourished for the work of the church at the Annual Meeting following worship!

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

11:00 – 11:30 A.M. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

2025 ANNUAL REPORTS from the Session and Deacon Committee chairs are due Friday, January 16, 2026 by noon. Please submit your reports to jalt@wpcpi.org. They will be included in the 2025 Annual Report.

PASTORAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER



The church no longer receives communication from the hospital letting us know that congregation members have been admitted. If you are in the hospital and would like prayers or a visit, please contact the church office or one of the Pastors so we are aware you are in the hospital.

For other prayers requests, please let us know if you would like to be included in an email that goes to our prayer circle, the prayers for the congregation on Sunday mornings, or if you would like staff to keep the prayer request confidential.

Coordinating pastoral care was part of the job description of the Associate Pastor for Parish Life, which is currently not filled. Pastor Anne will be collaborating with the Personnel Committee and Session to figure out how to find extra support in organizing the church's pastoral care in the short-term while we assess the need for a third pastor and consider launching an APNC search. If you have interest in being trained to participate in a regular prayer ministry or visitation to members, please let Pastor Anne know.

Church Offices will be closed on New Year's Day and in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 19.

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Reporter folding and mailing will be on
Wednesday, January 28
at 12:30 p.m.