

# THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 2015

## WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

**Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall**

**Sunday Schedule:**

**Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon**

**Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall**

**& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary**

**Summer Sunday School 10:15 a.m.**

**Pre K-Grade 5**

July 5

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Exodus 1:6-14, 22-2:10, Matt. 11:25-30*

Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*The Road to Independence*

July 11 & 12

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Sacrament of Communion*

*2 Samuel 6:1-5, Mark 6:14-29*

Reverend Trajan I. McGill

*Dance With All Your Might*

July 18

Reverend Sarah Iliff McGill  
preaching

July 19

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56*

WPC Youth Lead Worship

Reverend Hannah M. Dreitcer

*A House of Cedar*

July 25 & 26

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21*

Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

*Ebb and Flow*

## WPC YOUTH COMMISSIONED FOR MISSION TRIP TO GREEN BAY, WI, JULY 11-18

On Sunday, July 5, twenty-six youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. They join adult sponsors Susan Day, DeeDee Duffy, Christine Dunn, Todd Knox, Dave Leonatti, Valerie Leonatti, Mary Ray, and Rev. Hannah Dreitcer (Associate Pastor for Family Ministry) on a mission trip to Green Bay, WI sponsored by Group Workcamp.

Emma Batterman

James Bond

Stella Cole

Reiley Duffy

Brooke Dunn

Will Formea

Kayla Horn

Anthony Horn

Gabrielle Huston

Zayne Ireland

Barrett Kurmann

Matthew Knox

Christian Lochbaum

Jenna Milward

Elizabeth Olmsted

Adam Powers

Jimmy Riemer

Olivia Riemer

Austin Robbs

Emma Shafer

Annie Sherrick

Jack Sherrick

Kyle Spalding

Adam Vasconcelles

Sarah Wagner

Jack Zervas

Throughout the week, crews of 5 youth and one adult will be assigned a painting, drywall, roofing, or construction project on a specific home. Our youth will team up with youth from all over the country. The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers and look forward to leading worship at both services on Sunday, July 19.

## SPECIAL MUSIC ON SUNDAY, JULY 5

For several years, the closing voluntary on the Sunday nearest the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has been a Sousa march. This year, the march will be the Clover Leaf March written by Scott Sager Walterhouse (1875-1938), the grandfather of Westminster member, Claire Priller. This rousing two-step march, written by Walterhouse while he was living in Springfield, Missouri, was published in 1898 by the Thompson Music Company of Chicago. While Claire Priller has no strong memories of her grandfather, she does remember learning to play the piano on Mr. Walterhouse's cherry wood Chickering piano. This Sousa-like march is a festive way to extend the Fourth of July celebrations.

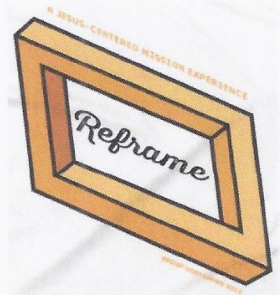
## BIKE AND BUILD FELLOWSHIP DINNER

**TUESDAY, JULY 7, 6:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL.**



The Westminster family is invited to join the visiting Bike and Build group for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, July 7, at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Along with a delicious dinner, members will enjoy a short presentation from the cyclists on the cause they support. This is the third year Westminster will host bicyclists who pedal across the United States and support

affordable housing along the way. During their time in Springfield, they will assist with a Habitat for Humanity house. Please RSVP online or to Connie Brown, Church Administrative Assistant ([cbrown@wpcspi.org](mailto:cbrown@wpcspi.org)).





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

Dear Friends,

"I Choose Love" is the name of a song composed by Mark Miller for Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina and presented by the Youth Choir at Montreat Worship and Music Conference last Thursday. Mr. Miller teaches music at Yale Institute of Sacred Music and was a conference leader. As many of you know, Dale Rogers is a graduate of the Yale ISM and Hannah knew Mark from her years studying at Yale Divinity School. With our rich history as the "Springfield Abolitionist Church" led by Albert Hale, also a Yale graduate, the song was especially poignant and meaningful for Dale, Hannah, Trajan and me when we heard its debut. We will introduce it in worship this Sunday, July 5 as a part of the 2015 Karen Dillon Mission Trip Commissioning.

The song affirms the heart of our gospel in the midst of unspeakable pain for our brothers and sisters in Christ following this senseless act of violence and hatred. The song's meaning deepened last Friday with the acts of terror around the world including the loss of lives in a mosque in Kuwait and the landmark decision of the Supreme Court on this long and well-worn journey toward marriage equality for all God's children.

*I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain, I await the sun again, I choose love.*

*I choose peace. In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek good once more, I choose peace.*

*I will rise. When the world falls down, explanations can't be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.*

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale Rogers

**THE WESTMINSTER SUMMER CHOIR**, a choir for singers of all ages, will rehearse on Thursday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. in preparation for the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 5. For the July 5 service, the choir will sing Thy Church, O God and Battle Hymn of the Republic. The Summer Choir will also rehearse August 13, in preparation for August 16.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR** regular season will resume on Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m., with the Annual Choir Retreat being held from 1:30 until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12.

**PRESBYTERIAN NIGHT AT SING IN THE PARK** will be Saturday, July 11, 7:00 p.m. at Douglas Park. This year Westminster and First Presbyterian Churches join forces to present the Land of Lincoln Chorus, Springfield's only male Barber Shop choir.

**WESTMINSTER GOES TO VIENNA AND PRAGUE** - A custom designed trip is being planned for June 6-16, 2016 where we will visit significant churches, palaces, gardens, museums, and enjoy each other's company with great food. See Dale Rogers for details. The trip is limited to 20 persons.

## MAY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

The income for the first five months of 2015 is nearly \$39,000 above the budgeted amount for the same time period. Expenses are over budget by \$8,600, so we ended May with net total of \$30,339 income exceeding expenses.

2015 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 444,558	\$ 405,577	\$ 38,981
Expenses	\$-414,219	\$-405,577	\$ -8,642
Net Total	\$ 30,339	\$ 0	

## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

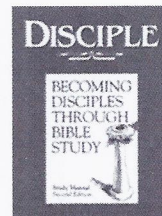
### ADULT EDUCATION

**COLLEGE-AGE AND YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will gather on Wednesday evenings in July (1, 8, 22, 29), 7:00 p.m. at Rev. Dreitcer's. The focus of the study will be *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman, the theological work at the heart of the American Civil Rights Movement. Each evening will be a discussion of the following chapters: *July 1 – Jesus: An Interpretation*, *July 8 – Fear*, *July 22 – Deception and Hate*, and *July 29 – Love*.

**PAGE-TURNERS** will meet in the Ziegler Library on Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., for discussion of *Good Omens* by Neil Gaiman & Terry Pratchett. New members are always welcome.

### DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES IN THE FALL

Beginning in September 2015 TWO Disciple Bible Study classes will be introduced. Reverend Trajan McGill will teach Disciple I on Tuesday evenings and Dr. Kieffer will teach Disciple II on Thursday evenings. Schedules for both studies can be found online along with the opportunity to sign up.



### INTRODUCING SUNDAY MORNING PARENTING CLASS

This Fall WPC is introducing a Parenting Class, which will meet on Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m.-12 noon to provide an opportunity for camaraderie, support and study on the parenting journey.

### YOUTH UPDATE

**THE 2015 KAREN DILLON MISSION TRIP ALL TEAM MEETING** will follow the Commissioning Service on Sunday, July 5. All participants will gather for lunch, an overview of the week's schedule, packing and tool lists, and basic tool instruction. Thanks to the generosity of the church and community, the Mission team raised \$1200 at the Car Wash/Bake Sale and \$1800 at Applebee's.

### CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah McGill

#### INTRODUCING YOUNG CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

Members of the congregation are invited to attend a **Young Children and Worship training August 21, 5:30-9:00 p.m. and August 22, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Young Children and Worship is a program that presents a joyful way for children to worship God. It invites both children and adults to experience the wonder and mystery of God through a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials. Through demonstrations and lectures we will learn to present biblical stories and parables using wooden figures and other materials to create a worship environment that cultivates the imagination and invites children to fall in love with God. This training is encouraged for all who feel a call to serve as Sunday School teachers, and is open to the entire church!

#### INTRODUCING BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

Children in Grades 3-6 are invited to a new experience on Wednesday afternoons beginning September 9. This new midweek fellowship, led by our pastors, will bridge friendships among our children and across generations and prepare them for the "Road to Emmaus Junior High Experience." It will also include opportunities to read scripture together and collaborate in community service. This afterschool program will meet on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and will precede Choristers which meet from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.



## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

### FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

**THEOLOGY ON TAP YOUNGER ADULT FELLOWSHIP** (ages 21 – 40) meets Monday, July 6, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street). Led by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer, the first round of appetizers is on us!

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S SUMMER COOKOUT** will be held Friday, July 24, 5:30 p.m. at the farm of Gerry and Harold Hale. Please RSVP online or on Sunday mornings and let us know whether you can bring a side dish or dessert. We will thank Mark Ranck for his leadership and have an opportunity to sign up for the 2015-2016 year led by Keith Hamilton.

**DMA** (Don't Mention Age; All Ages Welcome) – Join us Friday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and program by HyVee Dietitian Charlyn Fargo Ware entitled "Healthy Eating on the Go."

### MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AT WESTMINSTER

**K2 P4 MISSION** knits weekly at 12:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters are welcome to join our mission work. Please contact Sue Cull (529-2354) or Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins (622-8657) for more information.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** were delivered June 8-12 to seniors throughout Springfield allowing people to continue in independent living. The Deacon Community Service Committee is grateful to the following who served: Sandy Bellatti, Cathy Brower, Coreen Collier, Helen Evenson, Jenneliese Fierstos, Sally Godbey, Ann Hamilton, Scott Hibbert, Elaine Hoff, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Kathy and Tim Moore, Mary Ray, Karen Springer, Marty and Alan Stutz, Sue and Jesse Werner, Gayle Wilson, Amy Xanders, Sarah Zervas. Alternative drivers were: Judy Huston, Charles Matheny and Judy Prillaman.

**HELPING HANDS** meal for the Second Friday in June was prepared and served by Michelle Power.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** is assisting people in Springfield who need, but cannot afford, wheelchair ramps. They are in immediate need of volunteers to help build these ramps, clear a long waiting list, and make sure their grant money does not go to waste. Please consider helping out with this important work. Contact Rev. Trajan McGill.

**MISSION PARTNERSHIP** – Westminster Member Jen DeJong will travel to Kenya and Uganda July 5-22 for Ministry Architects, to work with churches and pastors and to explore ideas for sustainable, cross-cultural, entrepreneurial, missional ventures. She welcomes prayers and donations of soccer balls to take along for the benefit of a Nairobi school. Contact Jen for details at [jen@ministryarchitects.com](mailto:jen@ministryarchitects.com).

**READY 4 SUCCESS BACK TO SCHOOL GIVE-AWAY** is being hosted by Contact Ministries on Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. In an effort initiated by Elizabeth Circle and in coordination with the Community Service Committee, members are invited to purchase backpacks for the event. **Our goal is 100 backpacks to be delivered by July 20!** A basket is located in the West Narthex. Please purchase standard size in unisex colors.

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

A donation of \$1,640 was collected to assist Presbyterian Disaster Relief (PDA) with short-term recovery in Nepal following the earthquakes.

In lieu of renting a tent for the Dedication Sunday Picnic, \$2,500 was donated to PDA to help those in the Midwest who have experienced loss from tornados and flooding.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN TRIENNIAL** was held June 18-21 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Their theme: "One Body, One Spirit." Lynne Cleverdon, Carole Kennerly, Judy Ridinger, and Sue Sawers represented Westminster at the gathering.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK ALL** who contributed to the Church World Service Blanket Collection during the month of May. We raised \$1,264 toward this worthy cause. We are also grateful to the 80 plus women who attended the Garden Party at Marty Sumner's home on May 30 and contributed \$710 to the Birthday Fund.

### WEDDINGS

**Kelsey VanGieson** and Jeremy Baier were married May 16. Kelsey is the daughter of **Jeanne and Peter VanGieson**.

**Caitlin Dungan** and Mark Simhauser were married June 6 at Westminster. Caitlin is the daughter of **Carolyn and Daniel Dungan**.

**Ellyn Gates** and Brian Wackerman were married June 6 in Chicago. Ellyn is the daughter of **Kris and Gordon Gates**.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Dr. Bill and Ann Lienemann** who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 4.

**Carole and Jay Kennerly** who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12.

**Dr. William and Jean Sherrick** who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 18.

**Brooke Dunn** who was salutatorian of the Class of 2015 at Lanphier High School.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Marguerite Hughes** died on May 28. Her funeral service was held at Westminster on June 1.

### SYMPATHY TO

**Patrick Noonan** on the death of his daughter-in-law, Jo Howarth Noonan, on June 11 in Atlanta, Georgia.

**Dana** and Andrew **Affrunti** and their family on the death of her grandfather, Floyd Long, of Belle Plane, Kansas on June 12.

Alan Whitaker on the death of his father, Mirl Whitaker.

### NEW ADDRESS

Dr. Jason and **Claudia Andre** and their children **Sidney and Reese** moved home to Virginia following Jason's Vascular Surgery Fellowship at SIU Medical School. They anticipate the birth of triplets this summer and are grateful for the support they received during this time of transition.

### ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Thank you to all who have supported me as Chairman of Volunteers for Illinois Presbyterian Home. Together we have done wonderful things for the residents over the last 15+ years. As I conclude my service, it is impossible to express how appreciative I am for all your hard work and dedication. The Volunteers are currently looking for a new chairman.  
*Sincerely, Chery White*

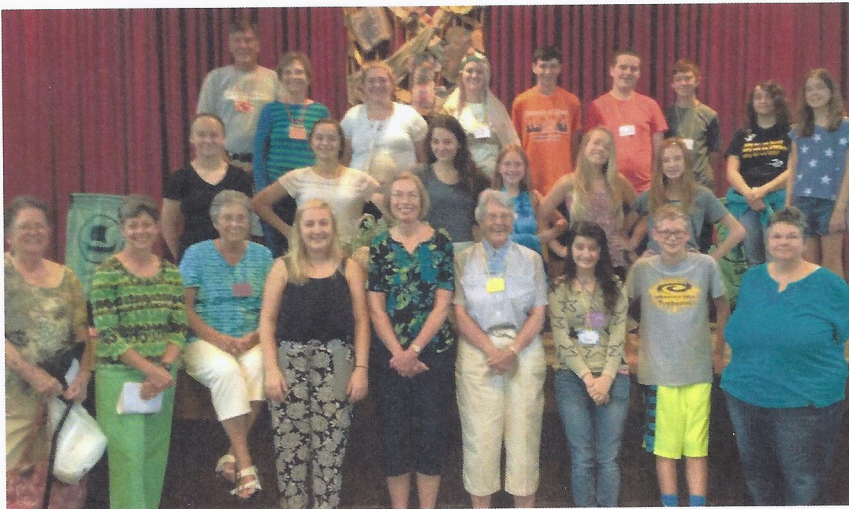




## WESTMINSTER CELEBRATES VBS!



Our incredible leadership team of 29, under the direction of Reverends Hannah Dreitcer and Sarah McGill, led the 65 children who registered for VBS on a journey **FROM THE JORDAN TO JERUSALEM!** Along with planting seeds of faith in the hearts of our children, we collected 22 Give-a-Meal-a-Month bags for Central Illinois Foodbank and \$333.20 to build a well in Africa through Marion Medical Ministry.



## WELCOME TO EMILY ROWLEY

We are delighted to welcome Emily Rowley, the new co-director and afternoon teacher at Westminster Cooperative Preschool, to our Westminster family! Emily graduated with a degree in elementary education from Cedarville University and worked as a preschool assistant and lower elementary teacher for five years before staying home with her three children. Her husband is a 6th grade science teacher in Rochester where her daughter and sons attend 7th, 5th, and 1st grades. Two of her children were students at WCP, and her family loved being part of this community, so she is thrilled to have the opportunity to return as a teacher and co-director.



## GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH JULY MENU:

**Canned Spaghetti, Peas, Peaches, Pudding Mix**

Thank you to those who bring their donations and place them in the baskets in the West Narthex.

## CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Names may be placed in the Nominating Committee box in the church office or emailed to co-chairs: Sally Godbey ([sgodbey53@yahoo.com](mailto:sgodbey53@yahoo.com)) or Deb Turnbull ([dturnbull@aol.com](mailto:dturnbull@aol.com)).

## Westminster Staff

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Custodians

**THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS**  
for July, August, and September are now  
available in the East and West Narthexes.

**AUGUST REPORTER DEADLINE IS  
JULY 26**