



# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### July 2016

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

**Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall**  
*WESTMINSTER JAZZ TRIO ON JULY 9 AND 23*  
**Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.**  
**Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall**  
**& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary**  
**Summer Sunday School 10:15 a.m.**  
**Pre K-Grade 5**

#### July 2 & 3

**SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS**  
**WILL NOT MEET IN JULY.**  
*2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30,*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Silence Is Not Spoken Here*

#### July 9 & 10

**Sacrament of Communion**  
*Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82, Luke 10:25-37*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Who is My Neighbor?*

#### July 16 & 17

*Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85, Luke 11:1-13*  
Reverend Trajan McGill  
*Eggs and Scorpions*

#### July 23 & 24

*Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 53, Luke 10:38-42*  
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*An Unlikely Hero*

#### July 30

*Reverend Gerald Boutelle preaching.*

#### July 31

**MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION**  
*Hosea 11:1-11, Luke 12:13-21*  
Reverend Hannah Dreitcer  
*Cords of Kindness*

### THE 2016 YOUTH MISSION: JULY 23-30 AVERY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

On Sunday, July 17, thirty youth will be commissioned during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. They join adult sponsors **SUSAN DAY, BILL DEEMER, KENNY GUARD, ANNA KOEPEL, DAVE LEONATTI, BECKY MARTIN, LEIGH MILWARD, MARY RAY, AND JOHN SHAFER** led by **REV. HANNAH DREITCER** (Associate Pastor for Family Ministry) on a mission to Avery County, North Carolina sponsored by the Appalachia Service Project.



<b>Emma Batterman</b>	<b>Matthew Knox</b>	<b>Lizzy Olmsted</b>
<b>James Bond</b>	<b>Barrett Kurmann</b>	<b>Adam Powers</b>
<b>Rosa Cole</b>	<b>Ella Kurmann</b>	<b>Austin Robbs</b>
<b>Stella Cole</b>	<b>Katie Kruger</b>	<b>Allison Scott</b>
<b>Alivia DuBois</b>	<b>Christian Lochbaum</b>	<b>Emma Shafer</b>
<b>Will Formea</b>	<b>Ross Lochbaum</b>	<b>Mack Shepherd</b>
<b>Taylor Guard</b>	<b>Hugh McBarron</b>	<b>Annie Sherrick</b>
<b>Kenny Guard</b>	<b>Natalie Miller</b>	<b>Jack Sherrick</b>
<b>Gabrielle Huston</b>	<b>Jenna Milward</b>	<b>Adam Vasconcelles</b>
<b>Zayne Ireland</b>	<b>Dominic Morgan</b>	<b>Jack Zervas</b>

This is our first adventure with ASP. Our theme is "Handiwork: Created to Serve" based on Ephesians 2:10. Throughout the week, crews of six youth and two adults will be assigned a painting, drywall, roofing, or construction project on a specific home. Our youth will partner with youth groups from two other churches. 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 31.

**MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS:** Many, many thanks to everyone who supported the 2016 Youth Mission through our fundraisers! We couldn't do it without you. We have raised a total of **\$8,021** thanks to the collaboration and teamwork of our youth, their parents and sponsors and this generous congregation: **St. Andrew's Sunday** (November), \$1,686.00, **Trivia Night and Silent Auction** (March), \$5,300.00, **Car Wash and Bake Sale** (June), \$1,045.00.

### APPLEBEE'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, JULY 9, 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.**

Our final fundraiser is Saturday, July 9, at Applebee's on Veterans Parkway any time from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$5.00 (with \$4.00 going to the Mission!). Buy tickets from any youth participant before the fundraiser or at the door on July 9.

### FIRST ANNUAL WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, JULY 10, AT 1:00 P.M., DIAMOND 3 AT CENTER PARK**

Come out on Sunday, July 10, for our first-ever wiffle ball tournament! This will be a fun day to grill out, share potluck dishes, and take part in a friendly sporting competition with your fellow Westminster members. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Diamond 3 at Center Park on Lake Springfield.



(Take I-55 South, exit at Toronto, right on West Lake Shore Drive, stay right at the fork and turn right onto Long Bay Drive, cross the bridge and the Diamond will be on your left.) **Sign up in the West Narthex or at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org) and let us know whether you can bring a salad, side dish or dessert.**

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

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS (FROM PRESBYTERIAN OUTLOOK)

Commissioners to the 2016 General Assembly sang “The Canticle of Turning” more than once while gathered in Portland to consider business ranging from climate change to church confessions and to elect **NEW LEADERSHIP**. The assembly took several historic actions which felt to many like a time of turning for the Church! They chose female co-moderators, **the Rev. T. Denise Anderson and the Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston**. This is the first time an assembly has elected co-moderators, rather than a moderator and vice moderator, and the first all-female team; Anderson — who is African-American — is, at 37, the youngest moderator ever. They elected the PC(USA)’s first African-American stated clerk, **the Rev. J. Herbert Nelson II**, a third-generation Presbyterian pastor and the director of the denomination’s Office of Public Witness. They added the **CONFESSION OF BELHAR** from South Africa to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions. Written in the heart of South Africa’s struggle against apartheid, it becomes the first PC(USA) confession from the global south.



*With Brad Masters of the Presbyterian Foundation*

Some additional highlights include: **2020 VISION TEAM**. Responding to an idea from its The Way Forward committee, the assembly voted to create a 15-person “2020 Vision Team” to set a new vision for the denomination by 2020. The vision team will draft a guiding statement to “help us to name and claim our denominational identity as we seek to follow the Spirit into the future.”

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**. Responding in part to concerns raised by review committees for the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the Office of the General Assembly, the assembly voted to create a 12-member administrative commission with the power to determine the structure and function of General Assembly agencies.

**MIDDLE EAST**. The assembly adopted an amended version of a report called “For Human Values in the Absence of a Just Peace” — which addresses Israel’s violations of Palestinians’ human rights. The assembly also reaffirmed the PC(USA)’s long-standing call for a two-state solution in Israel-Palestine.

**FOSSIL FUELS**. Choosing an approach some described as a “middle way,” the assembly voted 391-161 to pursue a process of trying to influence energy companies through stockholder engagement rather than divesting comprehensively from fossil fuel companies.

**APOLOGY**: By a vote of 463-51, the assembly stopped short of issuing an outright apology to people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, but voiced the Church’s deep “regret that, due to human failings, any person might find cause to doubt being loved by God” and the denomination’s “deep sorrow” over members and congregations who have left over disagreements regarding sexual orientation.

Peter and I were delighted to be a part of this historic gathering and to have dinner with Mary Caroline and David Mitchell who were there to see the Rev. Mary Anne McKibben Dana receive the 2016 David Steele Distinguished Writer’s Award. It was good to connect with colleagues and to reminisce about previous assemblies: In 2012 I attended the GA in Pittsburgh as I began my national search for a head of staff position. In 2014 I attended the GA in Detroit as Westminster’s Head of Staff, grateful for the APNC’s call to Rev. Hannah Dreitcer and “looking for Rev. Trajan McGill.” (We missed each other by a few days at that assembly.) This year was a time to give thanks for how far we have come together and to build on the strength of who we are as we respond to Christ’s call to serve!

## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 5, we celebrated the graduation and accomplishments of ten high school seniors. These remarkable young people have been an integral part of the life and work of our church, through worship leadership, youth group, volunteering with Sunday school and VBS, and participation in the Youth Mission. We will miss them greatly, and wish them well on their future journeys.

Each graduate received a PC(USA) Book of Common Worship for Daily Prayer, thanks to the Westminster Endowment. The K2P4 ministry also provided each with a unique, handmade scarf to keep them warm in their endeavors. Many thanks to the hard work of our knitters! Thanks also to the Congregational Fellowship Committee for a wonderful cake reception celebrating our graduates!



*Back: Rev. Dreitcer, Jacob Freer, Jack Sherrick, Christian Lochbaum, Kyle Spalding, Cressa Wagner Front: Alexandra Hemberger, Hugh McBarron, Elizabeth Olmsted, Nathaniel Fierstos, James Bond*

### SENIOR HIGH CIRCUS WORKSHOP



Senior high youth discover new heights and balance at a circus workshop in St. Louis. Thanks to Susan Day and Karen Sherrick who joined Rev. Dreitcer.

### COLLEGE-AGE AND YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES JULY 6, 13 AND 20

College students and young adults gather on Wednesday evenings (July 6, 13, 20) at 7:00 p.m. at Rev. Dreitcer’s. The focus of the study is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson, one of America’s foremost Reformed writers. Each evening is a discussion of the following: July 6 – pg. 58-122, July 13 – pg. 123-188, and July 20 – pg. 189-247.

## CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GOES GREEN

A big thank you to all those that participated in **THE 2016 IGO GREEN** Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful week with 81 children participating and 37 youth and adults volunteering. Out of the children participating, 44 children were a part of our community. Together we gave thanks for God's gift of creation. Through science, music, art, Bible lessons, and games we learned that being a child of God involves being responsible and caring for the world God created.

**MISSION:** Together we collected 10 Give-A-Meal-A-Month bags for the Central Illinois Foodbank and \$405 to build a well in Africa through Marion Medical Ministry.



### MONDAY'S LESSON: CREATION

**When I take care of the earth and made me in God's image**

Memory Verse: Deut. 10:14

*"To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it."*

### TUESDAY'S LESSON: TAKING CARE OF CREATION

**When I take care of the earth I am obeying God**

Memory Verse: Psalm 145:9

*"The Lord is good to all; God has compassion on all God has made."*



### WEDNESDAY'S LESSON: THE GOOD SHEPHERD

**When I take care of the earth, I show gratitude to God**

Memory Verse: Psalm 104:1

*"Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty."*



### THURSDAY'S LESSON: JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC

**When I take care of the earth, I show respect for others**

Memory Verse: Romans 1:20

*"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-God's eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made."*



### FRIDAY'S LESSON: THE LORD'S PRAYER

**When I take care of the earth I am taking care of the needs of others**

Memory Verse: Matthew 22:27-39

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and most important commandment. And the second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself."*



### PRESBYTERIAN SWIM PLAY DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 7

Parents, grandparents, and children are invited to gather on Thursday July 7, 9:30 a.m. at the Kieffer home, 26 Island Bay Lane, for a swimming party. Please bring your own towel. Contact Rev. Sarah at 630-222-0225 with any questions. *All are welcome!*

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale Rogers

**WESTMINSTER CHOIR SINGS SUNDAY, JULY 3**, at the 10:00 a.m. service. In honor of Independence Day, the choir will sing *God Bless America* and *Order My Steps*. In August, the Summer Choir will rehearse on Thursday, August 25, and sing on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have considered joining the choir, this is a fine time to try it and see how enjoyable singing God's praises can be.

**SUMMER MUSICIANS ENRICH OUR WORSHIP!** Many thanks to all the musicians who have and will share their talents and enrich our worship throughout the summer months: Jim Bogue, Stella Cole, Jay Kennerly, Matthew Knox, Adam Miller, Emma Shafer, Krista Steller, Eleanor VanDeventer, Lyle VanDeventer, and the Summer Choir. I have had a cancellation for Sunday, August 7. If you can fill in on that Sunday, give me a call.

**WESTMINSTER WENT TO VIENNA AND PRAGUE** June 7-16 and arrived home safely following a fabulous journey. In Vienna, they shared a meal at Beethoven's house, saw the Hofburg Palace, the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire from the 13th century until 1914, visited Schonbrunn Palace, the Belvedere Palace, Mozart's home and various museums and churches. Some members heard the Vienna Boys' Choir in their own concert hall, saw a Strauss Opera, and heard lots of Mozart and Haydn. Some attended service at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna and visited St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague. In Prague, we were profoundly moved at the Jewish Quarter, attended the theater, and ate at a restaurant that had been in business since the 1490's.

## VIENNA-PRAGUE TRIP PHOTOS



Keith Beatty, Joyce Evans, Priscilla Kluge, Bill Evans, Tim Kluge, Carolyn Beatty, Matt Nachtwey, Sharon Turner, Susan Harris, Carole Kennerly, Sandy Bellatti, Susan Day, Dee Dee Gain, Scott Day, Jamie Greenwald, our Viennese guide, Margit Hajak, Jim Turner, Dale Rogers and Jay Kennerly at Schloss Loosdorf, a country palace of a noble Italian/Austrian family. Pat Roller is not in the picture.



Exterior of the Vienna State Opera



Restaurant near Beethoven's house  
Those plates will not stay empty for long



Synagogue entrance, Prague

## ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT

On Friday, June 17, over 110 members gathered at the Kieffers' for the third annual "All-Church Cookout" to welcome new members. Since we gathered in 2015, the following new members joined our family of faith:

**Abigail Bentsen, Kellie and Brian Cozadd and Jennifer McCarrey, Kara, Eddie, and Alivia DuBois, Kate Jamruk and Michael Morthland, Anna Koeppel, Meg and Jim Kontio, Vicki Lock, Brad Milliman, Katie and Pat Moore, Judith Pensoneau-Feurer, Suzi and Tom Spada, Lisa, Todd, Morgan and Eric Wise.**



*The Kontio Family*



*Tom Owen (Clerk of Session) and Debbie Becker*



*Pat and Phil Wheat*



*Bob Fox at the helm*



*The Susan and Scott Day team*



*Phil Wheat making a turn*

**THANK YOU** to the Membership Committee: Jeanne, Chair (and Pete) VanGieson, Peg (and Lou) DiFonso, Pat (and Al) Hymans, Becky Martin, Mary Ray, Emma Shafer (and the youth team she brought), Krista (and Brad) Steller for the great teamwork, food and flowers. Thank you to Elsie and Bob Fox, Susan and Scott Day, and Pat and Phil Wheat for boat rides. Thank you to Dale Rogers for coming home from Vienna and Prague to accompany us on **"CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY,"** and thank you to Peter Kieffer, who attended to details too many to mention to prepare the Kieffer home for this gathering.

More photos are available at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org).

## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

### FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** (ages 21 – 40) takes a break in July. Rejoin us Monday, August 1, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at Obed and Isaac's (500 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St.). This group is led by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer and the first round of appetizers is on us!

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE; ALL AGES WELCOME)** More than 30 people enjoyed Christian McWhirter's presentation at the June 17th DMA gathering. He generously donated a signed copy of his book, "Battle Hymns; the Power and Popularity of the Music of the Civil War", for our church library.

Join us Friday, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and a program: "Monarch Butterflies in Trouble (Canary in the Cornfield)." Presenter: Brenda Larison, Certified Master Naturalist. The program will be of interest to all ages.



Above Right: Bill Post and Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins

Above: Al and Pat Hibbert (Enjoying a DMA gathering.)

### SING IN THE PARK

**SATURDAY, JULY 16, 7:00 P.M. AT DOUGLAS PARK**

Westminster is a sponsor for "Sing in the Park" on Saturday, July 16, 7:00 p.m. at Douglas Park. This event will feature the Land of Lincoln Chorus and Springfield's Sound Celebration Chorus, an affiliate of the Sweet Adelines International, which includes Westminster members Sue Baker, Mary Gail Romack, and Chris Smith. The concert will also include an old fashioned "ice cream social" beginning at 6:30 p.m. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own comfortable lawn chairs and to arrive early in order to get a decent parking spot. If inclement weather should occur, the concert will move to Westminster's Sanctuary.

**KNIT 2 PURL 4** continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Among their many projects are knitting scarfs for our high school seniors and the families our youth serve on their mission trip.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**HOME COMMUNION** If you are unable to attend worship and would like to take part in the Lord's Supper on the second Sunday of each month, please contact Connie Brown, Church Admin. Assistant. Fourteen members received the Sacrament delivered by six teams of elders and deacons on June 12.

### WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA



Above: Betty Ritchie-Birrer, Dr. Ivan Birrer, Betty Smith and Ruth Roland

Right: Dr. Bill and Mrs. Jean Sherrick listen as the Reverends Dreitcer and McGill share some stories from their faith journeys.



### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER COOKOUT SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, AT 5:30 P.M.



Men of the congregation are invited to a summer cookout at the Hale Farm on Sunday, August 7, at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Liz Maxey at [lmxey@wpcspi.org](mailto:lmxey@wpcspi.org) and let her know whether you will bring a side dish or dessert. Those who would like to assist in set

up on Saturday, please contact Charlie King (217 371-1928). Wives and friends of those attending will gather for their own fellowship at the Los Rancheros restaurant in Petersburg.

### PW RETREAT LED BY DR. KIEFFER

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**

The theme of this year's PW retreat is **The Unforgiving Streets that Trip Us: Learning to Forgive**. Dr. Kieffer will lead us as we explore forgiveness, its development in biblical faith and in our personal lives. We will talk about some of the myths around forgiveness, some of the unforgiving streets that trip us, and the importance of understanding forgiveness as a journey. We will gather at Rock Creek Presbyterian Church which is in a beautiful rural setting and offers historic grounds for conversation and meditation. Lunch will be prepared by their PW. Registration information will be available on Commotion Sunday.



### WESTMINSTER HOSTS "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

The Historic West Side Neighborhood Association (which Westminster recently joined) asked if we would host this annual event. The neighborhood gathers for ice cream cones, lemonade, tea, cookies and the opportunity to tour a fire engine.

## MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

**GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JULY MENU:** *Canned Spaghetti, Peas, Peaches, Pudding Mix.* Thank you to those who place items in the West Narthex baskets for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

**HELPING HANDS** - Thanks to Nichole Magalis for the June 10 meal.

**COMPASS FOR KIDS MOVED!** Previously a part of the Family Service Center, it is now launching as an independent nonprofit agency, and its office will now be located at Central Baptist Church, who partners with us in providing this after-school program here at WPC to serve Graham Elementary School. Consider joining these hard-working volunteers who serve at-risk children attending Graham Elementary School. Note that our own Cathy Allen was named Volunteer of the Year!



## WESTMINSTER HOSTED SEVENTH BIKE AND BUILD TEAM



From June 25 – 27, Westminster hosted 30 bicyclists visiting Springfield as part of their cross-country Bike & Build tour. These young adult riders are spending their summer pedaling across the country and supporting

affordable housing along the way. During their time here, they assisted Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County with several construction projects.

On June 26, WPC members and staff joined the cyclists for dinner and a presentation on their program. Following the presentation, families went outside to the WPC parking lot, where the Bike & Builders gave demonstrations and assisted with



basic bicycle maintenance, and children navigated a bike obstacle course under their instruction. The following morning, the riders departed for the next leg of their 4000+ mile journey from Connecticut to California.



**CALLING ALL DAY LABORERS!** Last August members picked sweet corn at the Hale Farm, where in collaboration with Rock Creek 4-H Club, several acres were planted for donation to needy people in the region. Local food pantries were the recipients of thousands of ears of corn picked by our members. We hope you will join us again this year when the corn is ripe!

## MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERED AUGUST 15-18 AND 22-25!

For two weeks in August, Westminster will be helping Senior Services of Central Illinois deliver food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested and able to help make deliveries August 15-18 or August 22-25, please sign up in the West Narthex throughout the month of July. More details to come in a July Ministry Moment.



## READY FOR SUCCESS BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

is being hosted by Contact Ministries on Tuesday, August 9, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Members are invited to purchase backpacks for the children in our community who attend this event. Last year we collected 132! A basket is located in the West Narthex. Please purchase standard size in unisex colors.



## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### NEW ARRIVALS

Rosalind Lucille Huff was born March 22 to **Jessica** and Josh **Huff**. Her brother is Rowen Maurice and her proud grandparents are **Pat and Phillip Wheat**.

### IN MEMORIAM

**Neva C. Keith** died June 10. The condolences of the congregation are extended to her daughter, Sheila Jones, and her family. Services were held June 20.

**Phillip C. Bradley** died June 27. The condolences of the congregation are extended to his wife, Sylvia. Services will be held Thursday, July 7, 11:00 a.m. at the Boardman-Smith Funeral Home with a lunch reception following in Parish Hall.

A memorial service for **Kinley (Ken) Perrings** will be held Saturday, July 30, 11:00 a.m. at Westminster with a reception following.

### SYMPATHY TO

**Jim Dolan** on the death of his father, Jack Dolan on June 16. A memorial service was held June 19.

**Gaynell Peters** on the death of her husband, James "Jim" A. Peters on June 4. A memorial service was held June 10.

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

Wilbur Wright celebrates 102 on July 5.

Elaine Hanley celebrates 92 on July 6.

Darline Nebel-Gietl celebrates 93 on July 17.

Barbara Greening celebrates 91 on July 23.

### MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES

Mary and Robert Leffler celebrated 50 years on June 19.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Cathy Allen was named Compass Volunteer of the Year. Thank you to Cathy and to all those whose work makes this mentoring ministry to the children at Graham Elementary School possible.

Henry Dale Smith, Jr., received the 2016 Nexus Award for Lifetime Achievement from the HDA Research Foundation. This award recognizes exceptional character, professional accomplishments, and leadership in HDA, the industry and community. The award was first presented in 1956.

### NEW ADDRESS

Lizzie and Joe Knoedler, 5020 Dogwood Hills, 62711.

Michelle and Tom Power, 4821 Chestnut Dr, 62711.

Ruth D. Schmitt, 41780 Butterfield Stage Road, Temecula, CA 92592. Ruth has been a member of Westminster for over 50 years and moved to be closer to her children. Godspeed to Ruth!

Clara Tucker, Jackie Pettis and Jerry Sanders, 519 S Walnut, 62704

## MAY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Although donations received during the month of May were down, income year-to-date is still above the budget by more than \$14,000. We are maintaining a positive net total of \$2,845 income above expenses.

2016 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 421,253	\$ 407,089	\$ 14,164
Expenses	\$-418,408	\$-407,089	\$- 11,319
Net	\$ 2,845	\$ 0	

Watch the mail for your contribution statement showing donations received and the balance remaining of any pledge through June 30.

## THANK YOU TO REPORTER "CREW"

We are grateful for this team of women who fold and stuff our Reporter envelopes each month:

Front Row: Helen Evenson, Lynne Cleverdon, Sue Baker.  
Back Row: Judy Ridinger and Sharon Gilmour. Not pictured: Mary Barringer, Jane Barry, Judy Huston, Pat Hymans, Robyn Newton, Lynne O'Shea, Sue Sawers, and Gloria St. Lawrence.



## EMAIL OPTION FOR MONTHLY REPORTER



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## WESTMINSTER HOSTS DR. AMY-JILL LEVINE THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, AT 7:00 P.M.

Westminster is honored to host Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University, on Thursday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. The Presbytery of Great Rivers is partnering with the Jewish Federation to bring Dr. Levine to Springfield.

Dr. Levine is a graduate of Smith College with a Ph.D. from Duke University. She is an expert in the Bible, Jewish and early Christian culture, and the study of Jesus in the light of his Jewish roots. Levine is an award-winning teacher who combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor with a commitment to eliminating anti-Jewish, sexist, and homophobic theologies.



## NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

Names, together with the office for which they are being nominated, may be placed in the Nominating Committee box in the church office, or emailed to the committee chair, Deb Turnbull, at [dkturnbull@aol.com](mailto:dkturnbull@aol.com).

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Custodians

**August Reporter Deadline  
is Wednesday, July 27**