

# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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July 2017

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

**Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall**  
*Featuring the Westminster Jazz Trio*

**Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.**  
**Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall**  
**& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary**  
**Summer Sunday School**  
**for Pre-K – Grade 5**  
**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

July 1 & 2

Gen. 22:1-14; Matthew 9:9-13  
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*The Unexpected*

Saturday, July 8

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*A Way to Be Good Again*

Sunday, July 9

**MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION**  
1 John 3:11-17; 1 John 3:16-24  
Reverend Trajan I. McGill  
*In Truth and Action*

July 15 & 16

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**  
*Psalm 119:105-112; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23*  
Reverend Sarah Iliff McGill  
*The Water and the Seeds*

July 22 & 23

Genesis 28:10-19; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43  
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Revisiting Reverence*

July 29 & 30

**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
Genesis 28:15-28; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*The Kingdom of God*

### THE 2017 YOUTH MISSION: JULY 1-8

#### THEME: LOVE IN ACTION (1 JOHN 3:18)

On Saturday, July 1, twenty-four youth depart for Fentress County, Tennessee. They are joined by adult sponsors Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Jen DeJong, Dr. Todd Knox, Anna Koeppel, Dave Leonatti, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, and John Shafer led by Rev. Trajan McGill (Associate Pastor for Parish Life) and Natalie Knox, Interim Director for Youth. Our theme is Love In Action (1 John 3:18). Throughout the week, crews will be assigned a painting, drywall, roofing, or construction project on a specific home. The team returns on Saturday, July 8.



On Sunday, July 9 the youth will lead worship at both services. The WPC youth are grateful for the congregation's continued support and prayers. To date, we have raised a total of

\$11,986 thanks to the collaboration and teamwork of our youth, their parents, sponsors and this generous congregation: **Notecard Sales** (Nov. 2016): \$285, **Egg-tastic Annual Breakfast** (January): \$1,450, **Trivia Night and Silent Auction** (March): \$6,900, **Bake Sale and Car Wash** (June): \$1,720 and **Applebee's Fundraiser** (June): \$1,631. Along with these fundraisers, \$6,180 from the Operating Fund's mission budget and \$3,000 from the Westminster Support and Endowment Fund also support this endeavor. Each participant pays \$300.

### WELCOME NATALIE A. KNOX

#### INTERIM DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES

We welcome Natalie Knox who was approved by Session to serve as Interim Director for Youth during this program year. This is a part-time position (12–15 hours per week). Along with serving Westminster, Natalie is working as a scribe at Springfield Clinic in preparation for medical school during her gap year. Natalie graduated from Duke University in May and served as treasurer, president, and student pastor for the Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry. She also served on their search committee to select a new campus minister. We are grateful for this opportunity for both Natalie and Westminster and believe this timing to be fortuitous.



**NOMINATIONS FOR THE APNC** (Associate Pastor Nominating Committee) are being received. Forms are available online and in the West Narthex. The Nominating Committee will present their recommendations at a Congregational meeting along with elders and deacons on Sunday, October 8, 2017.

### NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS AND APNC

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, Dr. Glen Pittman at [jgpittman@comcast.net](mailto:jgpittman@comcast.net).

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

Dear Friends,



In June I had the privilege of leading the VBS Bible Story with an incredible crew of youth. The children were a joy and the leadership team outstanding. (Thank you to all and especially the Rev. Sarah McGill!)

Each day during Bible story the children crossed over a bridge (lovingly created by Al Hymans) into the land of Terabithia, a quiet, holy, safe and magical place. There we discovered the God who plants seeds of faith within our hearts. We learned that the kingdom of God has very small beginnings that grow over time with patience, persistence and wonder into the wideness of God's mercy. We learned about the God who seeks us out, who rejoices when we are found, who answers prayers, and who opens doors.

The faith of a mustard seed gives us the courage and strength to face whatever life presents. The richness of Paul's theology is the affirmation (the nod) that even in a complicated world that is often unfair and sometimes cruel, we have a loving God who is totally for us. *For I am convinced, the Apostle Paul writes, that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

### SUMMER MUSIC

Summer Choir will sing Sunday, July 23 at the 10 a.m. service, with a rehearsal on Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 20 at the 10 a.m. service with a rehearsal on Thursday, August 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Many thanks to all who are enriching the worship life at Westminster this summer by providing special music. Kathy Fogal and Bob Mocharnuk are the organists and pianists for the days when I am on vacation or on study leave. Special music is being provided by Adam Miller, Jay Kennerly, Kelly Bassett, Carmel Fratianni, Krista Steller, the Youth Mission Trip, Peter Scales, The Westminster Choir, Baker Symes, The Walnuts: Amanda Neubauer, Julie Blythe, Joe Bohlen, Bob Blythe, Pat and Katie Moore, Eleanor VanDeventer, and Jim Bogue.

### CHORISTERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

#### Mark your calendars for the Fall:

The Westminster Choristers and Bridges will meet on Tuesday afternoons this year beginning on September 12. The Choristers will meet from 4:45 until 5:15 p.m. The Children's Choir will meet on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m. beginning in October.

### SING IN THE PARK

#### SATURDAY, JULY 15 AT 7:00 P.M. AT DOUGLAS PARK

Westminster is a sponsor for "Sing in the Park" on Saturday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. at Douglas Park. This event will feature the Land of Lincoln Chorus. 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. In the event of rain, the program will be held in the Westminster sanctuary.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES by Natalie Knox

### BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 4, we celebrated the graduation and accomplishments of our high school seniors. Each graduate received a PC (USA) Book of Common Worship for Daily Prayer and a handmade scarf from the knitters to remind them of the warmth and affection of their church family. Thanks also to the Congregational Fellowship Committee for a wonderful cake reception celebrating our graduates!



Row One: Miranda Fratianni Schneider, Alivia DuBois, Maggie Shepherd, Emma Shafer, Jenna Milward Row Two: Stella Cole, Chad Sims, Austin Robbs, Jarrett Gary, Corey Sims, Annie Sherrick.

### WESTMINSTER HOSTS

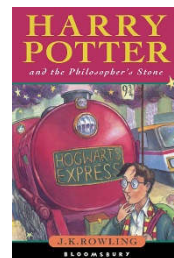
#### GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday, July 8 Westminster will host 46 youth and adults from Grace Presbyterian Church in Wichita, KS. They are on their way to Chicago to work with the Door Network, an inner city ministry. They plan to eat at Arlington's Saturday evening, spend the night in our youth room and worship with us at the 8:30 a.m. service (led by our youth returning from mission).

### COLLEGE-AGE AND YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

#### WEDNESDAYS, JULY 12, 19, 26, AUGUST 2

College students and young adults will gather on Wednesday evenings (July 12, 19, 26 and August 2) at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Natalie Knox (2004 Maryknoll Place). The topic of discussion is Harry Potter and Christianity: Magical Fiction or Christian Allegory? Contact [nknox@wpcspi.org](mailto:nknox@wpcspi.org) for more information!



### ANNUAL YOUTH KICK OFF SWIM PARTY

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 FROM 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

On Sunday, August 27, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., incoming Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to a swim party at the Knox Home as we kick off the new year together (2004 Maryknoll Place). Please bring a towel and snack! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.





## CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIGGING FOR TREASURES

A big thank you to all those that participated in Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful week with **82 children** registered and **47 youth and adults** volunteering. Out of the children participating, 56 children were a part of our community. Together we discovered the treasures revealed in Christ's parables about the kingdom of God and God. Through 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 **50 food items** Give-A-Meal-A-Month bags for the Central Illinois Foodbank and **\$253** to build a well in Africa through Marion Medical Ministry.

### MONDAY'S LESSON: IT'S A SECRET God will help us understand.

*Matthew 13:10-11a, 16*

*The disciples ask Jesus why he speaks in parables, and Jesus explains that it is so they can know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.*



Rev. Sarah McGill leads the children in the opening every morning.

### TUESDAY'S LESSON: LISTEN UP! God's word can grow in us.

*Mark 4:2-9, 13-20*

*Jesus tells the story of the farmer who sowed seeds on different types of soil. Some were unable to be fruitful while others flourished. Jesus explains that the seeds are the Word, and the soil is how people hear and experience the Word.*

Farm owner Harold Hale shares seeds with children on Tuesday.



### WEDNESDAY'S LESSON: IT'S GROWING! Small things can become great with God.

*Matthew*

*13:31-33*

*Mustard seeds and yeast are very small, but they produce big things. Jesus explains that they are like the kingdom of heaven.*



Dr. Peter Kieffer explains how bread rises to children on Wednesday

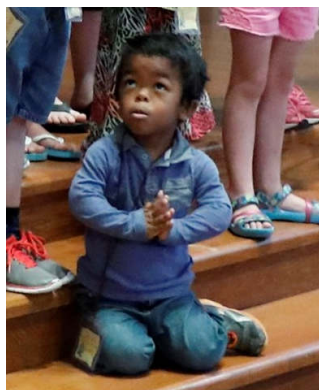
### THURSDAY'S LESSON: FOUND IT! God loves us.

*Luke 15:1-10*

*A shepherd looks everywhere for a lost sheep, and a woman searches diligently for a lost coin. They celebrate when they found what had been lost. Jesus*



*explains that there is much rejoicing when a person comes home to God.*



### FRIDAY'S LESSON: JUST ASK! When we seek and ask, God is with us!

*Luke 11:5-13*

*Those who ask will receive, thanks to their persistence. Jesus explains that the Holy Spirit is given to those who ask.*

Jericho wins the hearts of all.

## YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 FROM 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

On Sunday, August 27, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., young families (parents and children ages birth through grade five) are invited to a swim party at the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane) as we splash into a new year together. Please bring a towel and snack to share! Friends are always welcome and encouraged.



## BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

**MOVES TO TUESDAYS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12**



## NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED AND RECOGNIZED

### Sunday, June 11



Robert "Bob" Bradford joins us by Certificate of Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church. Bob is a retired structural engineer from IDOT and Bradford Consultant Engineers. Bob has two children: Steve Bradford and Susan Drake. He likes to spend time with his five grandchildren, golf, travel, read, watching the Blackhawks, the Cardinals, and the NFL.

*Bob's sponsor is Betsy Ruklick.*



Rebecca McDonald joins us by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian in Highland, Indiana. Rebecca moved to the Springfield area in 1975. She is married with four adult children and has five grandchildren. Rebecca provides childcare in her home. She enjoys books, antiques, and walking.

*Becky's sponsor is Amanda Kurmann.*



Ken Musick joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Ken grew up in Bloomington and attended the University of Chicago where he studied economics. He worked in Chicago and Connecticut before moving to Springfield in 2013 and now works for Equitrust. He enjoys golfing, working on the house, and spending time with his family.

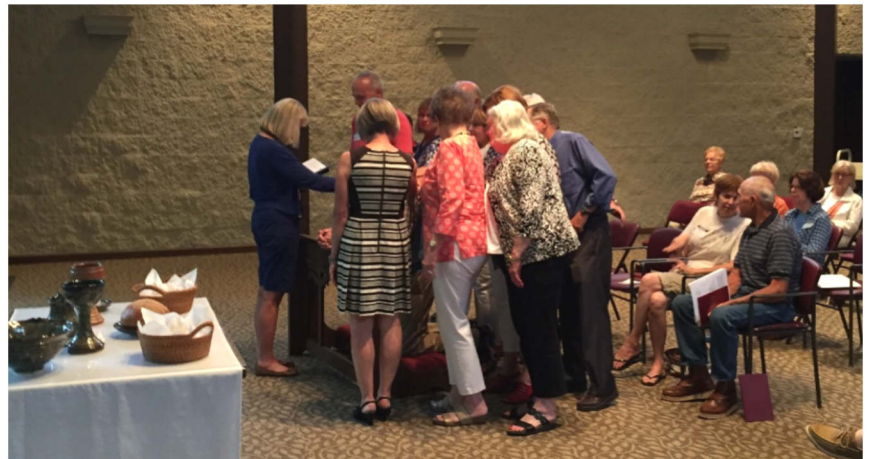
Angie Musick joins us by a Reaffirmation of Faith. Angie grew up in Heyworth, IL and attended the University of Illinois. Angie and Ken have three children: Avery, Aiden, and Olivia. Angie works from home for Accenture and is a digital marketing consultant. She enjoys reading, cooking, gardening, and loves traveling with her family.

*The Musick Family's sponsors are Christie, Robyn and Will Hovey.*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

On Saturday, June 17 elders gathered for the laying on of hands in the service of ordination and installation for Bill Simpson. It was a joyous gathering and especially meaningful on Father's Day weekend with Nancy and Bill's daughter and her family in worship for the occasion.

Members are encouraged to join us for this intimate communion service that features the Westminster Jazz Trio. Worship begins at 5:30 p.m. in Parish Hall.



## LIBRARY COMMITTEE LED BY SHARON TURNER

We are delighted to introduce the Westminster Library Committee which began meeting this spring. We welcome Sharon Turner, Chair, Leah Duling, Melanie Green, Ann Hamilton, Pat Hymans and Nancy Scott who meet on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons. They are organizing the adult books located in the Rev. Dr. Edward Ziegler Library and the children's books in the Elaine Ryder Children's Library.

Look for Library News in the 2017-2018 program year as we highlight reading gems and new additions to the shelves.





## ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT JUNE 9, 2017

On Friday, June 9, over 120 members gathered at the Kieffers' for the third annual "All-Church Cookout" to welcome new members. Since we gathered in 2016, the following new members joined our family of faith:

**OCTOBER 2016** - Joseph D. Burgess, Pamela Greening Cox, Keith Huston, Laura E. Kruger, Kaitlin Kruger, Maribeth Norton, Beverly E. Neisler, Andrew R. Smith, Erika Trello, Wilbur Wright, Zayne Ireland, Edison Zohfonyl

**MARCH 2017** - Ada and Steve Cobourn, Tomika Glover and Jacob Hill, Fiona Irvin and Doug St. Clair, Jennifer and Craig Morrison, Rachel Vivian Gordon, Jessica Robinson, Nancy and Lon Scott, John Stafford, Roseann "Roe" Stone

**APRIL 2017** - Grace Batterman, Carter Formea, Kristina Hemberger, Avery Pound

**JUNE 2017** - Bob Bradford, Becky McDonald, Angie and Ken Musick



**THANK YOU** to the Membership Committee: Dr. Peg DiFonso, Chair (and Lou), Pat (and Al) Hymans, Becky Martin, Maribeth Norton, Mary Ray, Krista (and Brad) Steller, Jeanne (and Pete) VanGieson for the great teamwork, food and flowers. Thank you to Elsie and Bob Fox, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, and Susan and Scott Day for boat rides. Thank you to Dale Rogers for accompanying 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.



## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

### MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

#### House Dedication

Friday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m.



The dedication will take place at 2112 Black Avenue. Members are invited to attend. Dr. Kieffer and Brad Milliman will participate in the dedication. Brad will present the keys of the house to the new homeowners, Kyla Overby and Tim Anders.

Over 30 members were a part of the build, and Westminster donated \$10,000 to the construction project through the Support and Endowment Fund.



Thank you to all who have given to the endowment to support our mission and community service, and thanks to the following members for joining in the work- along with others whose names never made it onto a sign-up sheet but who pitched in anyway!

Sandy Bellatti  
Sylvia Bradley  
Nancy Canady  
Ed Caupert  
Kathy Germeraad  
Pat Hymans  
Julie James  
Richard Leary  
Valerie Leonatti  
Mary Ray  
Sue Scaife  
Doug St. Clair  
Mike Sundquist  
Pete VanGieson

Bob Bradford  
Mina Bentsen  
Ellen Carpenter  
Marc DeJong  
Randy Germeraad  
Fiona Irvin  
Tim Kluge  
Dave Leonatti  
Brad Milliman  
Betsy Ruklick  
Pat Shafer  
Julie Sundquist  
Brad Swanson

Special thanks goes to Brad Milliman, who offered his professional expertise and put in many extra hours of work as a part of the project's Steering Committee.



## READY FOR SUCCESS BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT BACKPACKS NEEDED!



Contact Ministries will host this important event again this year on Thursday, August 10, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Members are invited to purchase backpacks for children in our community. **Last year we collected 170!** A basket is located in the West Narthex. Please purchase standard size in unisex colors.



### CALLING ALL WESTMINSTER DAY LABORERS!

Last summer members picked sweet corn at the Hale Farm for donation to needy people in the region. Local food pantries, always in need of healthy, fresh vegetables, 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! Keep an eye out in late July for this event.

**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. **Items in High Demand:** feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap (bar or body).

**HELPING HANDS:** Thanks to Mary Caroline and David Mitchell for providing the meal on June 9th. **Volunteers are still needed to deliver dinners to the Helping Hands Shelter on Friday, December 8.** Costs are reimbursable. Please contact Rev. Trajan McGill at [tmcgill@wpcspi.org](mailto:tmcgill@wpcspi.org) to volunteer or find out more.

### MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERED

**JULY 31 – AUGUST 4 AND AUGUST 7-11!**

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 **JULY 31 – AUGUST 4 AND AUGUST 7-11** please sign up in the West Narthex throughout the month of July.



**BENEFIT RIDE:** Jim Bogue took part in an annual 300-mile bike ride from Bondville, IL to Harrod, OH to benefit the **Haitian Interdenominational Shelter (H.I.S. Home for Children)**, a refuge for orphaned children in Port-au-Prince. The Westminster Endowment Fund donated \$500 to sponsor Jim's ride. We are grateful for Jim's perseverance and heart.



### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**HOME COMMUNION** Home Communion was delivered on June 11 to nine members by five teams of elders and deacons. If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, July 16 and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON AND CIRCLES resume in the fall.



**K2P2 KNITTERS** gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Their next brown-bag lunch will be on July 11 beginning at 12:00 p.m. Dessert will be provided. Many of our knitters are unable to attend Tuesdays and knit at home, bringing their knitted items to the church office. We are now knitting for winter: scarves, hats for all ages, mittens, children's sweaters - think cold days. We knit to give warmth to people primarily at Kumler Neighborhood Ministries, Washington Street Mission, M.E.R.C.Y. and Contact Ministries. If interested you may contact Mary Jo Mattern Jenkins or Sue Cull.

### DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

**FRIDAY, JULY 21 - 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM**

We welcome Tom Fitch, Sangamon Valley Collection at Abraham Lincoln Public Library. He will present a program entitled "History of the State Fair." Please come for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.



### 'HOLY ROLLER' BOWLING NIGHT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.**



Join the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons on Sunday, August 13 at Strike 'N Spare Lanes (2660 W. Lawrence Ave.) and enjoy unlimited bowling for the whole family. Sign-up forms will be available in the West Narthex and online. Come out for this "religious" experience with your Westminster family!

### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUMMER COOKOUT

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, AT 5:30 P.M.**

Men of the congregation are invited to a summer cookout at the Hale Farm on Friday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Stephanie Moore and let her know whether you will bring a side dish or dessert. Those who would like to assist in set up, 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.



## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Wilbur Wright celebrates 102 years on July 5.

Elaine Hanley celebrates 92 years on July 6.

Darline Nebel-Gietl celebrates 93 years on July 17.

Barbara Greening celebrates 91 years on July 23.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reverends Trajan and Sarah McGill present their daughter Daehler Emilia on July 16. Daehler's brother is Scott.

### WEDDING

Collin Innis and Julia Nichols will be married on July 22 at Westminster. Collin's mother is Pam Innis.

### NEW ADDRESS

Margery Dodds moves to 2775 Village Point Apt. B-134, Chesterton, IN 46304 on July 5.

### IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Lawrence "RL" Moore died on June 6, 2017. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to RL's wife Carolyn, Sarah, Jason and Julia Musgrave.

Bonnie J. Millard died on June 9, 2017. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her sons: Rick R. Millard and Jeff J. Millard and their families.

James W. Wilday died on June 18, 2017. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to Jim's sons: Jeff and Jay Wilday and their families.

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Pam Innis on the death of her niece and Collin Innis on the death of his cousin, Colleen Marie Hoogheem, on May 10 in Iowa.

Beth and Tad Allen on the death of Tad's dad, Barry Allen on June 4 in Taylorville.

Sarah, Jason and Julia Musgrave on the death of Jason's mom Marilyn Musgrave on May 16 in Robinson, Illinois.

Ada and Steve Cobourn on the death of Ada's brother, William Eugene Carver on June 20 in Missouri.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Olivia Hibbert, who graduated from SHG and is attending the University of Kansas.

Nicholas Schneider: who received BA degree in psychology from Vanderbilt University.

### THANK YOU

The Salvation Army would like to thank WPC for joining hands and partnering with them to purchase the Living in Balance curriculum. This curriculum will be put to good use in helping our men onward to a more stable and sober lifestyle. Respectfully, *Stephanie Austin, Director of Rehabilitation Services*

Thank you for your generous donation to the Kemmerer Village Equine Therapy Group. The children at Kemmerer Village benefit greatly from this program. *Amber Miller, Equine Therapist.*

### WESTMINSTER ARCHIVES

As you clean, sort, and/or downsize your homes, please share any church papers/documents with us. These items may be taken to the office with a note stating the items are for the archives. Thank you! *-Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer*

**INFORMATION UPDATES NEEDED** such as cell phone, email, addresses, name changes, etc. If your children have moved, married, or have gone off to college, we would love to have their correct information to keep in touch. Please send to Jennie Alt via email [jalt@wpcspi.com](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.com) or call 522-4415.

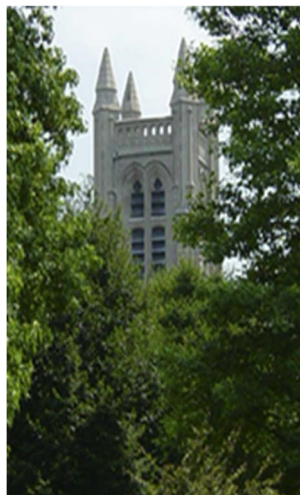


## PROPERTY UPDATE

### BELL TOWER

#### RINGS IN A NEW ERA OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Springfield City Council has approved the variance authorizing Verizon to install a stealth cell antenna within Westminster's Bell Tower. The lease agreement had been successfully negotiated. We anticipate construction to commence in September 2017. Thank you to Bob Stuart who provided legal counsel and to the Property Committee for their oversight: Mal Hildebrand, Chair, Marc Anderson, Rich Canady, Susan Day, Randy Germeraad, Robyn Hovey, Dale Huston, Dave Leonatti, Susan Shea, and staff Gary Warnick



### DON'T PUT YOUR LIGHT UNDER A BUSHEL LED LIGHTING IN PARISH HALL AND KITCHEN

During the month of July all light fixtures in Parish Hall and the Kitchen will be replaced with state of the art LED fixtures and controls. We thank Springfield Electric for providing the fixtures and controls at cost and to the Support and Endowment Fund for financing this project! Westminster continues to improve its environmental footprint thanks to this initiative by the Property Committee.



### LET THESE DOORS BE A WAY TO SERVICE EAST NARTHEX SANCTUARY DOORS REFINISHED

The Property Committee is delighted to announce that the East Narthex Sanctuary doors are currently being stripped and refinished. Siciliano Construction is providing the service, and it is being funded through the Operating Fund's property budget.



### THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The congregation is grateful for the gardeners among us who lovingly tend to Westminster's landscaping. Cheryl White (pictured weeding on the north parking lot) is among this very special group of people. Others include Jeanne and Glen Pittman who care for the terrace and the plantings in the Memorial Garden (which they also donate) and Susan and Scott Day who trimmed the bushes and trees around the fountain this spring. Bill Deemer sweeps, rakes and bags gumballs year around.

### MAY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithfulness and financial support. Please be sure to continue to send your offering in support of Christ's work at Westminster through the summer months. Our income for the first 5 months of the year is above budget by \$26,530. Pledges paid in full early in the year gives our income a head start. We have not yet incurred expected repair expenses, so year-to-date expenses are under budget by \$9,229. The net total is \$35,759 income above expenses at the end of May.

2017 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 436,894	\$ 410,364	\$26,530
Expenses	\$-401,135	\$-410,364	\$ 9,229
Net	\$ 35,759	\$ 0	

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