



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

533 South Walnut Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704

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June 2018

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 2
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

June 2 & 3

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES AND
EDUCATION/COMPASS LEADERSHIP
1 Samuel 3:1-10, Mark 2:23 – 3:6
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Sabbath Work

June 9 & 10

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
VBS COMMISSIONING, NEW MEMBER
RECOGNITION AND COMMUNION
1 Samuel 8:4-11, Mark 3:20-35
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
A House Divided

June 17 & 18

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
VBS PRESENTATION
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, 12-15; Mark 4:26-34
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Goodness, Greatness

June 24 & 25

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 32-49, Mark 4:35-40
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Five Smooth Stones

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, JUNE 3

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 3, we recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will be held in Parish Hall following worship. Congratulations to these young people and Godspeed as they continue the adventure of life. Those attending will receive two gifts from their faith community: a copy of the PC (USA) Book of Common Prayer and a hand-knitted scarf.

Abigail Barris Fierstos from SHG attending Denison University
Kenny Marcel Guard from SHS attending University of Mississippi
Zayne William Ireland from North Mac attending Illinois State University
Holling D. Kniffin from SHS attending Illinois State University
Barrett Benjamin Kurmann from SHS attending St. Louis University
Julia Lauren Lakin from Rochester attending Millikin University
Mason Hart Reiff from Athens attending Illinois State University
Matthew Michael Tungett from Rochester attending U.S. Naval Academy
Adam James Vasconcelles from SHS attending the University of Illinois
Sarah Barrett Wagner from SHS attending St. Louis University
Amanda Kristen Wheelhouse from SHS attending Lincoln Land Comm. College

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - HERO CENTRAL MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 11-15



Children ages three through grade five will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, games, music and delicious snacks. Our Mission project is to buy school supplies for Harvard Park Elementary in Springfield. The leadership team will meet on Sunday, June 3, at 9:15 a.m. in the second floor classroom and will be commissioned on Sunday, June 10:

Registrars: Pat Roller, Stephanie Moore, Krista Steller, and Suzie Spada
Bible Story: Dr. Blythe Kieffer, Kelly Bassett, Drew Borland, Jack Zervas and Emma Batterman
Art/Crafts: Brad Steller, Ann Collins, Norah Oberholtzer, and Olivia Simonson
Decorations: Al Hymans
Games: Jen DeJong, Lucas Carpenter, Jack Sherrick, Avery and Bryce Pound
Music: Dale Rogers and Val Leonatti
Snack and Decorations: Pat Hymans, Nancy Canady and Jane Baudino
Hero Counselors: **3 and 4-yr. olds:-** Meridith Bryans, Austin Robbs, Mia Marcy Louisa Eldridge, Jessica Borland, and Isaac Alt **Kindergarten – Grade 1:** Carol Bloemer, Carolyn Swanson, Ella Kurmann, and Grace Batterman **Grades 2-3:** Brad Swanson, Suzie Spada, Reiley Duffy, Clayton Kurmann, Jack Milliman **Grades 4-5:** Camille Massey, Bill Deemer, Ben Brower, and Sam Brower
Photography: Bob Fox

The children will make a presentation Sunday, June 17, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service followed by a reception in Parish Hall. Register online at www.wpcspi.org or on Sunday mornings in the West Narthex.

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

But strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness.
Matthew 6:33

Dear Friends,

The 223rd General Assembly will be held in St. Louis, Missouri June 16 – 23. The theme is “Renewing the Vision: Kingdom Building for the 21st Century,” based on Matthew 6:25-33. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries. I will attend the assembly again this year and bring news from the gathering. I am grateful to Marty Sumner who will host me in her new home during my stay in St. Louis.

Members of the APNC also plan to participate in “face-to-face” interviews overseen by Church Leadership Connection. Please continue to pray for the APNC, chaired by Susan Day, as they discern WPC’s next call. Neither candidate we brought to Springfield in May worked out. We trust the process, God’s timing, and are grateful to the Reverend Trajan McGill, who will lead the 2018 Youth Mission Trip as he did in 2017.

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED JUNE 3

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 3, we will recognize the following members and friends during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship for completing their respective study.

REV. MCGILL’S BIBLE STUDY: The focus of this year’s study was **good and evil, right and wrong, and Christian public life**. The class read *Unspeakeable*, by Os Guinness, and watched part of lecture series entitled *Justice*, presented by Professor Michael Sandel. Participants included: *Bob Bradford, Bill Deemer, Richard Herndon, Valerie Leonatti, Camille Massey, Leigh and Kevin Milward, Mary Caroline and David Mitchell, Pat Roller, Betsy Ruklick, Alan Stutz, Alan Wallace, Cheryl and Neville White.*

DR. KIEFFER’S BIBLE STUDY– The year’s study was the Prophets and the Letters of Paul in the Disciple III curriculum entitled **Remember Who You Are**. Participants included: *Rev. Jerry Boutelle, Ada and Stephen Cobourn, Sandee Deilkes, Tempa Dunn, Kathy and Randy Germeraad, Gerry and Harold Hale, Nancy Huston, Mary and Charlie King, Marcia Monier, Camille and Ted Proud, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Sawers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Alan Wallace, Bill Ward, Wilbur Wright*



SAFETY TEAM

BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 3

On Tuesday, May 22, Westminster’s Safety Team met for an orientation led by John Stafford, Rev. Trajan McGill and Gary Warnick. Beginning Sunday, June 3, two members of the team will provide a presence in the East and West Narthexes.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

At the close of the choir year, we recognize and celebrate those who have shared their musical gifts and enriched the worship life at Westminster over the past year and for many, over the past decades. There are several members of the Westminster Choir who have been dedicated to the music of this church for over 50 years.

CHURCH MICE: Caroline Bryans, Rose DeJong, Naomi Doss, Becca Hill, Jenna Hill, McCartney Manning, Daehler McGill, Scott McGill, Luke McNutt, Alexander Oliver, Carson Rockwood, and Selah Soria

CHILDREN’S CHOIR:

Taryn Barnett, Lucy Bassett, Kate Bryans, Harper Huston, Reese Huston, Sophie Ngoupa, Carson Rockwood, and Lily Swanson



WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS:

Ben Bassett, Maria DeJong, James Maeda, Macklin Metzger, Julia Musgrove, & Olivia Musick

Westminster Trebles: Emma Batterman, Grace Batterman, Jessica Borland, Finley DuBois, Olivia Simonson

WESTMINSTER CHOIR: Beth Allen, Carolyn Beatty, Keith Beatty, Sandy Bellatti, Mina Bentsen, Carolyn Berning, Robert Blythe, Jerry Boutelle, Jim Bryans, Ann Collins, Linda Chronister, Scott Day, Susan Day, Sandee Deilkes, Peg DiFonso, Leah Duling, Keith Hamilton, Dick Herndon, Jay Kennerly, Jim Kontio, Becky MacDonald, Becky Martin, Kay McChesney, Pat McNutt, Adam Miller, David Mitchell, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Michael Nenaber, Lynne O’Shea, Glen Pittman, Jeanne Pittman, Pat Roller, Linda Schaefer, Bill Sherrick, Alan Stutz, Sharon Turner, Eleanor VanDeventer, Lyle VanDeventer, Jeanne VanGieson, Kate Wilson

THE WALNUTS: Julie Blythe, Robert Blythe, Joe Bohlen, Amanda Neubauer, and Dale Rogers



SUMMER CHOIR WILL SING SUNDAY, JULY 1 at the 10 a.m. service, with a rehearsal that morning at 9:30 a.m., **AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 5** at the 10:00 a.m. service with a rehearsal on Thursday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. On the other Sundays, soloists and ensembles are needed. If you are able to provide music on any of the remaining Sundays, contact Dale Rogers drogers@wpcspi.org at 522-4415.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER is **Sunday, June 17!** All Mission participants need to arrive at 8:00 a.m. in clothes for washing cars. Bring a bucket and a baked good! Cars will be washed at both services, so bring all the family cars! Thanks to **Dave Leonatti** for organizing the Car Wash and **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.

MISSION TRIP LETTER WRITERS A huge thank-you to the members who have agreed to serve as letter writers to this year's mission team. For seven days, each youth and adult leader will receive a homemade note of encouragement from their congregational partner. **Letter writers are asked to turn in their letters to Karen Sherrick by Sunday, June 24th.**

THE YOUTH END OF THE YEAR PARTY was hosted by the Days at their Lake Home on May 20. A great time was had by all!



CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Regan Duffy - BS in nutrition and dietetics from Northern Illinois University

Claire Kontio - BS in early childhood education from Illinois State University with plans to teach kindergarten at Benjamin Elementary in Bloomington

Amber Robbs - BS in architecture from the University of Illinois with plans to continue her MA at the University of Maryland

Ryan Vasconcelles - BS in biological sciences from the University of Missouri with plans to take a gap year before attending medical school.

Danielle Zervas - BS in accounting from Miami University in Ohio with plans to work at Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LLP, accounting firm in Springfield.

MASTERS' DEGREE

Alexander Moore Chipman - Masters of Counseling from the University of Illinois at Springfield with plans to work as a counselor at Locust Street Resource Center in Carlinville.

Matthew Kluge - Masters of Architecture from the University of Illinois



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

BRIDGES END OF THE YEAR GATHERING

On May 15, Bridges children ended the year with their Advocates and honored the graduating fifth graders Norah, and Julia who will continue their faith journey in Confirmation Prep next year. Special thanks to leader **Brad Steller** and to Advocates: **Suzie Spada, Lynne Cleverdon, Gale Fixmer, Jon Hockenynos, Sandy Hockenynos, Camille Massey, Tom Massey, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Baker, Brad Swanson, Carolyn Swanson and Sharon Turner.**



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday children grades preschool through finishing grade two, will gather in the Second Floor Classroom following the Children's Sermon to learn stories from the Bible using the SparkHouse curriculum *Holy Moly*. In August, children will explore the wonder of worship!



Children finishing third grade thru those finishing fifth grade will remain in worship for the summer. Thank you to summer teachers: Carolyn Beatty, Lucas Carpenter, Sue Cull, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Dr. Judy Knox, Lynne McMenamin, Dr. Andy, Jack and Annie Sherrick. If you are interested in teaching contact Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org or check available dates at signupgenius.com.

NURSERY POSITION OPENING

Westminster is seeking two part-time nursery workers to provide nurture and care to our youngest members on Sunday mornings beginning in mid-July. If you are interested in the position, please contact Karen Sherrick ksherrick@wpcspi.org. We are grateful for our current Nursery Workers, Abigail Cline and Lizzy Olmsted, who plan to retire.

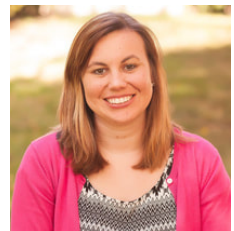
WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Registration is open for the two-day, three-day, and four-day classes for 2018-2019! Email westminstercoop@gmail.com for more information.

THANK YOU KARI SORIA

Kari will be missed by the WCP family. She has taught since 2011 and served as co-director since 2015. Kari is moving to Arizona to be closer to family. We wish her well and are grateful for her teaching ministry.



FOUNDERS' SUNDAY CELEBRATED "HAIL ABIAH HALE"

On Founders' Sunday, we celebrated "Hail Abiah Hale!" as we marked our third year since the dedication of the Building a Legacy of Faith Anniversary Endowment Campaign. Dale Smith provided the ministry moment on behalf of the Endowment Committee and Carole Kennerly played Jane Wright who talked enthusiastically about her dear friend, Abiah.

Currently, 240 families are members of the Albert Hale Circle and have either made gifts, pledges or included Westminster in their planned giving. We have received \$1,342,971 toward pledges of \$1,623,450 and gifts of \$118,890. We need \$1.15 million to reach our goal of increasing Westminster's Endowment from \$1.9 to \$5 million by 2020! *This does not include planned gifts!*



The **Albert Hale Circle** is listed below and includes pledges, gifts, pre-campaign gifts and planned gifts. *Reverend Hale, pastor from 1839-1866, laid the cornerstone for the legacy of faith we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund.* Pledge/donate online at www.wpcspi.org or by contacting Lisa Runkle (and add your name to the Albert Hale Circle.)

ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

Cornerstone

Fern Garrett Estate*
Betty & Henry Dale Smith, Sr.
Dale Smith, Jr.

Foundation

Kathy & Randy Germeraad
Richard Herndon †
Lynne O'Shea †
Mary & William Schnirring †

Tower

Harry Bergmann*
Memory of Ruth Bergmann
Garvey Estate*
Alice Stuart Payne Estate*

Keystone

Paul Bowman Estate*
Linda & Grady Chronister
Louise & Arthur Cragoe †
Sue & Roland Cull
Linda Culver Memorial*
Carolyn & Dan Dungan
Evelyn & John Jensen †
Blythe & Peter Kieffer
Judy & Todd Knox
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee †
Preckwinkle Families
Jean & William Sherrick
Jean & William Sherrick*
Nancy & Bill Simpson
Marty Sumner

Pillar

Frances Batcheldor Estate*
Bennett Estate*
Mina & Harry Bentsen
Velda & George Finney*
Kathy & Randy Germeraad*
Gerry & Harold Hale

Alice Lambert Estate*
Ruth Langdon Estate*
Large Estate*
Ann & Bill Lienemann
Karen & Andrew Sherrick
Hannah Morrow Siebert Estate*
Marty & Alan Stutz
Barbara Sutton Estate*
Eleanor Wahlbrink*
Martha & Jeff Wilday
Martha & Jeff Wilday †
Sharon & Elvin Zook

Samaritan

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
Honor of Julia & Steven
Arbuthnot's marriage

Silvey & James Barge
Kathie & Michael Nenaber
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett
Dorothea Thrasher †

Advocate

Anonymous
Jane & Steve Arbuthnot
Frances & Edwin Bay*
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust*
Carolyn & Keith Beatty*
Mark Beatty*
Chris & Butch Elzea
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour
Helen Hansen Estate*
Marci & Bill Irvine
Irwin & Becker Estate*
Priscilla & Tim Kluge
Margot Kramer
Valerie & Dave Leonatti
Carol & Walter Lohman*
LaVerne Marlowe Estate*
Robyn Newtonson

Bev & Jim Orr †
Honor of our Family

Dorothy Park Estate*
Holly Howe Parker*
Jeanne & Glen Pittman
Mary Ray
Memory of Doris Ray
Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer
Dorothy Temple*
Don Thompson Estate*
Marjorie VanNattan Estate*
Lisa & Todd Wise

Counselor

Anonymous
Anonymous
George Adams Estate*
Katrina Archer
Carolyn & Keith Beatty
Sandy Bellatti
Carolyn Berning
Don Blackburn Estate*
Meridith & James Bryans
Eleanor Copper Foundation*
William Deemer, Jr.
Linda N. Dillard
Leah & Martin Duling
James S. Francis Estate*
Barbara Greening
Memory of Gershom K. Greening
Christie, Robyn & Will Hovey
Louise Kuehn Estate*
Eleanor & Richard Leary
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee
Judith & Tom Lewis
Ann & Bill Lienemann*
Mary Caroline & David Mitchell
Mary Ann Nation
Memory of James Nation
Sally & Stan Papp
Memory of Dr. & Mrs. W. J. Trainor
Judy & Fred Prillaman
Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate*
Ruth Robert-Roland*
Julie & Randy Robbs
Diane Rutledge
Elaine Ryder Estate*
Sue & Steve Scaife
Schemmerhorn Estate*
Linda & Bill Schlosser
Linda Shaefer
Mary Anne & James Singleton
Julie & Michael Sundquist
Carolyn & Brad Swanson
Eleanor & Lyle VanDeventer
Jeanne & Peter VanGieson
Sue & Jesse Werner
Cheryl & Neville White
Jean Williamson Estate*
Sarah & Bob Zervas

Companion

Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Catherine Brower

Joann & Doug Brown*
 Ellen & Rance Carpenter
 Deborah & David Coontz
Memory of David Matthew Coontz
 Carol & Dick Cordier
*Memory of John S. &
 Theda Muirhead and
 George & Dorothy Cordier*
 Lois Davis Memorial*
 Gale & Jack Fixmer
 Elsie & Robert Fox
 Ione Hermann Estate*
 Nancy & Keith Huston
 Mary & Charles King
 F. Wells Langbehn
 Mary & Bob Leffler
 McGaugh Estate*
 Patricia McKenzie
 Bev & Ken Morey
 Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson
 Richard Newton Estate*
 Sharon Reynolds
 Judy Ridinger
 Leona Sangster Estate*
 Robert A. Stuart
 John Thompson Estate*
 Alan J. Wallace

Friend

Anonymous
 Norma Adams-Johnson
Marc Anderson
 Charlotte Bailey
 Jane R. Barry
 Kelly Bassett
 Neil Bassett
 Ella Grace & Robert Bengel Estate*
 Meggan & Brady Bird
 George Botanga
 Nancy & Richard Canady
 Linda & Ed Caupert
 Alexander Moore Chipman
 Ada & Stephen Cobourn
Memory of Loved Ones
Memory of Theresa Presley
Memory of Eugene Carter

Marilyn Cohen

Robert Copper Estate*
 Robert Cordier
 Catherine Cragoe
John Cross
 Betty Dawkins
 Virginia & Jim Dolan
 Hannah M. Dreitzer
 Dee Dee & Rick Duffy
Tempa Dunn
 Betsy Dye
 Helen Evenson
 Joseph Fierstos
 Donna & Francis Foster
 Carmel Fratianni & Michael Schneider
 Deanna & Donald Funk
Honor of Dale Rogers
 Anne & David Haaker
 Joseph A. Harrison
 Roberta & Richard Hendee

Mal Hildebrand
 Tamika & Jacob Hill
 Sandy Hill
 Sandy & Jon Hockenyos
 Renee Housel
 Katharine M. Hughes
 Thomas Janeway
 Minnie Lee Jones Estate*
 J. M. Keller
 Kathleen H. Kenyon
 Paul Denham Kieffer
 Beth & Jim Kincaid
 Clyde Knock*
 Karen Kraft

Memory of Amolee McIntyre

Naomi & Robert Lynn
 Katie & Carl Matteson
 Sarah & Trajan Iliff McGill
 Jack McKee Estate*
 June McKee Estate*

Kathy & Bill Meriwether

Lisa Metzger
*Memory of
 Mary & Edmond Metzger*
 Leigh & Kevin Milward
 Carolyn & R. L. Moore
 Kathy & Tim Moore
*Memory of the Koessel
 & the Moore Families*

Stephanie S. Moore
 Madelyn Morris Bogue
Memory of Richard Morris

Tom Owen
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 Claire & Richard Priller
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 Marilyn & James Rigney
 Mary Gail & Steve Romack
Memory of Helen & Clyde Knock

Kim Leistner Root
Memory of Dorothy Irvine

Betsy Ruklick

Debra (Pollock) Rudis

Memory of Laura Pollock
 Susan & Grant Russel
Memory of Joseph Dawkins
 Jo Ann & Eric Schmidt
 Susan R. Shea
 Rebecca Sherrick
*Honor of Dr. & Mrs. William
 Sherrick's 60th Anniversary*

Donna Solomon
 Suzann & Thomas Spada
 Krista & Brad Steller
 Paula Stewart
 Strawbridge Estate*
 M. Jill Sullivan
 Debbie & Skip Turnbull
 Sharon Turner
 Mary Waddell Estate*
 Rosemary Schussle*

Elizabeth E. Unglaub

Memory of Margot Kramer
 James Wilday
 Charles Wilkin
Memory of Rebecca Wilkin

Kate Wilson

Amy & Sam Xanders

Testamentary

(Amount Unknown)
 David Becker †
 Virginia & Jim Dolan †
 Carolyn & Daniel Dungan †
 Gale Fixmer †
 Kathy & Matt Fogal †
 Donna Garman †
 Kathy & Randy Germeraad †
 Sharon & Matthew Gilmour †
 Anne & David Haaker †
 Elaine Hoff †
 Judy & Dale Huston †
 Thomas H. Janeway †
 Vivian Keithley †
 Dorothy Kessler †
 Bonnie Millard †
 Robyn Newton †
 Tom Owen †
 Linda Phillips †
 Jeanne & Glen Pittman †
 Mary Ray †
 Sharon Reynolds †
 Pat Roller †
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 Nancy & William Wright †

New since last published

* Pre-campaign gift
 † Planned gift

*Amounts for the categories can be found
 on our website at wpcspi.org.*



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

WESTMINSTER ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS KEMMERER VILLAGE



Kemmerer Village
Helping Today's Child

The Mission and Community Service Committees at their May meeting approved financially supporting the work of Kemmerer Village, granting \$2,000 to support their summer work, which includes a special Summer Enrichment program

and an Equine Therapy program. Kemmerer Village is a Presbyterian Child Care Agency which helps troubled children and youth attain skills and dignity to become well-adjusted members of family and society. Numerous Westminster members have been and continue to be involved in Kemmerer's work. Thanks to Board Member Lynne Cleverdon for bringing this worthy proposal to our attention.

AIDING HAITIAN ORPHANS

This month Jim Bogue is once again taking part in an annual 300-mile bike ride from Bondsville, Illinois to Harrod, Ohio, raising funds for H.I.S. Home for Children, an orphanage in Port-au-Prince. The Mission and Community Service Committees gladly supported this effort again with \$500 from the mission endowment fund.

GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH JUNE MENU

Canned Tuna, Boxed meal to prepare tuna, Canned Fruit in juice/water, Canned Veggies Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank. **High-Demand Items:** *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

EARTH CARE TEAM NEWS

EARTH CARE TIP – Are the dog days of summer starting to brown your green grass? If you cannot easily push a screwdriver several inches into the soil, then your lawn is thirsty. Save time, conserve precious water, and improve lawn health by running the sprinkler for about an hour once a week at dawn. More frequent watering encourages weeds and disease while much of afternoon sprinkling ends up evaporating.



Earth Care Team: *Dr. Peter Kieffer, Keith Hamilton, Charlie King, Tim Kluge, Lynn McMenamin, Maribeth Norton, and Brad Steller*

FAITH COALITION PUBLIC MEETING

On May 17, the Faith Coalition for the Common Good, along with several other affiliates of the Gamaliel network from Illinois and Iowa, hosted a meeting at Monroe Street Christian Church, attended by numerous political officeholders and candidates, along with hundreds of members of the public there to hear what those leaders stand for. WPC member Emma Shafer was a featured speaker at the event, eloquently encouraging people to participate in public life and vote.



HELPING HANDS – Thanks to Pat Hymans for providing the May 12th meal. **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 to volunteer or find out more.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS – We have a need for volunteers to answer phones during the week to help cover meetings and lunches. Some volunteer weekly, others monthly, and some fill in here and there where needed—it's up to your availability. There are other helpful tasks available if you'd like to keep busy while at the phone desk...or you can just bring a book to read! Feel free to volunteer once or twice to see if it is something you would like doing. Please contact Jennie Alt at the church office to find out more.



HOME COMMUNION – If you are unable to attend worship on the second Sunday of the month, whether temporarily or on an ongoing basis, and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Ten members received the sacrament in May from four teams of elders and deacons. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper.



SECOND HELPINGS

"O taste and see that the Lord is good, happy are those who take refuge in God." **-Psalm 34:8**



If you know of someone sick, recently home from the hospital, with a recent life change, or who could otherwise use a visit with love in the form of a casserole; or if you would enjoy making and bringing a dinner or two to people on occasion, please contact the church office, or talk to Trajan McGill or Cathy Schwartz.

OTHER PARISH LIFE EVENTS

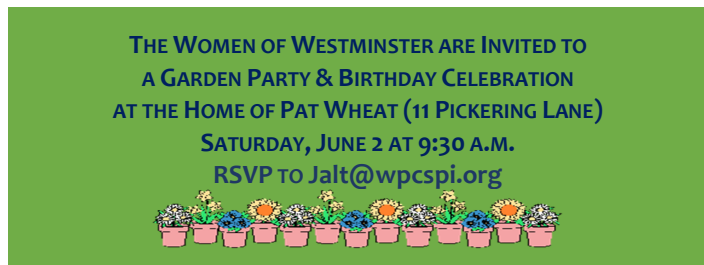


PHOTOGRAPHY AND FELLOWSHIP – Creve Coeur Camera, a local camera shop in Springfield, conducts hands-on classes teaching different aspects of the art and craft of taking photographs. Church buildings offer unique and interesting opportunities for photography, and their instructor immediately wanted to bring their class to Westminster after visiting our beautiful Sanctuary. They will be teaching a group of their own customers here soon, and have also agreed to offer the exact same class to Westminster members on another date for free! If you are interested in practicing your photography and getting some neat shots of Westminster's building, please contact Trajan McGill at tmcgill@wpcspi.org to get on the list. They can take up to 12 people, and we will set a date once we have a group of interested people. No particular experience is needed, and any type of camera is welcome. We are hoping for a June date, so please let us know right away if you would like to take part!

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Knitters are also invited to meet for lunch and fellowship at Hardee's (corner of Walnut and Jefferson) at noon prior to going to WPC. If you are unable to attend & would like to donate knitted items, please contact Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins for current needs at 217-544-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Dr. Judy Knox (2004 Maryknoll Pl.) We will discuss Chapter 10 "In Control of Our Death" from *Imperfect Control: Our Lifelong Struggles with Power and Surrender*, by Judith Viorst.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will resume on September 10. If you would like information on this program call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE will resume on September 18. If you would like information on this program call Nancy Scott at 217-891-3902.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will host their annual meeting on Friday, June 8 at 12 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. CWU review the budget, install new officers, and recognize the newest Valiant Woman: Lynne Cleverdon.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, JUNE 15



DMA meets Friday, June 15 with a potluck at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7:15 p.m. We welcome Vernon Kleen, Ornithologist and President of the Inland Bird Banding Association, who will present a program on "A Virtual Birding Day in Springfield, IL" It is a unique program in which he will be doing various calls of Illinois birds. Please join us for the program, even if you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship. Guests and youth are always welcome.

LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thank you to all who were photographed for the 2018 Church Directory. If you did not get your picture taken and would like to send a photo along with \$10, you will receive a copy of the directory. Also, please contact Jennie Alt jalt@wpcspi.org with updated contact information for the directory.



*Elder Jim Kontio
arrives for photo!*

LifeTouch

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Vivian Keithley will celebrate 96 years on June 2.

June Flood will celebrate 97 years on June 30.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Ann Lienemann celebrate 63 years on June 4.

Jo & William Ridley celebrate 61 years on June 7.

Marilyn & Ted Babcock celebrate 50 years on June 8.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Jean Sherrick celebrate 63 years on June 18.

Donna & Ben Foster celebrate 65 years on June 20.

WEDDING

Kylie Allen and Levi Douglas will be married on June 2 in Nashville, TN. The proud parents are Cathy & Bill Allen, and grandparents Nancy & Rich Canady.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Kayla and Jon Medina on the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Elise on May 15. Aubrey's brother is Nolan and proud grandparents are Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ivan J. Birrer died May 6. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his step-children Leslie Musch and Stephen Ritchie, his daughter-in-law Penny Birrer and their families.

THANK YOU

If you sent a card, called on the phone, visited at the hospital, or said a prayer... my heartfelt thanks to all of you. I know your caring helped to make me well again.

Sincerely, Barb Dirksen

My heart is full of gratitude as I reflect on what a fantastic year this has been at Westminster. I am thankful for the beautiful gifts I received from the congregation. Moreover, I am touched by the way this experience has broadened my horizon of the definition of "church family." It has been an honor to serve among you this year. Many blessings to each of you.

Joyfully, Natalie Knox

CONGRATULATIONS TO

The Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, who was guest preacher at the baccalaureate for her alma mater, Augustana College.

Ann Collins, who received Westminster COMPASS Site's Volunteer of the Year award for her work with the students.

Lynne Cleverdon, who received the Valiant Woman award from Church Women United.

Patrick Noonan, who was honored for raising the bar in community service with a proclamation by former County Board Chairman and State Senator Larry Bomke, a letter from Mayor Jim Langfelder, and a certificate from United Way Central Illinois at a gathering hosted by his sons.

Will Hovey, who received Student of the Year for sixth grade math at Franklin Middle School. Also receiving awards from Franklin Middle School are Jessica Borland, Finley Dubois, Louisa Eldridge, Mia Marcy, Aiden Musick, Bryce Pound, and Olivia Simonson.

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EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION SUNDAY, JUNE 3



The following members will be recognized Sunday, June 3 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. **Five shares of fish fingerlings have been donated to the Heifer International Project in their honor.** We are grateful for their good work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.

Nursery: Abby Cline, Lizzy Olmsted, Jen DeJong, Dr. Marc DeJong, Meridith Bryans, Kara DuBois, Sally Godbey, Chelsea Ekstedt, Lynn McMenemy, Mary Gail Romack

Young Children and Worship: Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, Cara Barnett, Cathy Brower, Matthew Knox, Emma Shafer, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward

Grades 2-3: Sue Cull, Dr. Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Meridith Bryans, Brenda Berry and Dr. Tonya DeSanto

Grades 4-5: Tom Klein, Priscilla Kluge, Lisa Metzger, Mary Ray, Angie Musick

Teen Helpers: Drew Borland, Jessica Borland, Clayton Kurmann, Ella Kurmann, Matthew Knox, Barrett Kurmann, Avery Pound, Samantha Magalis, Gabi Huston

Cut & Copy Crew: Mary Jo Jenkins, Camille Massey, Carolyn Proctor, Amy Xanders

Bridges Fellowship for Grades 3-5: Brad Steller

Confirmation Prep for Grades 6-7: Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel, Sara Zerfas, Sally Godbey

Confirmation for Grade 8: Dr. Marc DeJong

Youth Group: Susan Day, Jen DeJong, Bill Deemer

Adult Education: Becky Martin, Lyle VanDeventer

COMPASS for Kids (Graham Elementary School): Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy and Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ada Cobourn, Ann Collins, Barbara Dirksen, Kathy Germeraad, David Haaker, Hillary Haaker, Mary and Bill Hibbert, Pat Hymans, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMenemy, Judi Mier, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Sue Sawers, Jack Zerfas.

FIFTH ANNUAL "ALL CHURCH COOKOUT" FRIDAY, JUNE 8 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE KIEFFERS'



The congregation is invited! Join Westminster's new members on Friday, June 8, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers' (26 Island Bay Lane). Last year, over 120 attended. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee.

Please RSVP (online at www.wpcspi.org or this Sunday morning) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish or dessert. **NEW MEMBERS WILL BE OUR GUESTS!** The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithfulness and financial support. During the summer months, even as you may be away, please remember to continue to send your offering in support of Christ's work at Westminster. Income in April was strong, so our net income over expenses is \$43,572 at the end of April.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 370,661	\$ 344,203	\$ 26,458
Expenses	\$-327,089	\$-344,203	\$ 17,114
Net	\$ 43,572	\$ 0	

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*July Reporter Deadline
is Sunday, June 24*