



# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 2020

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

*Sunday Schedule:*

10:00 a.m.

*Online Worship Service*  
[www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org)

*Sunday School:*

*Parable YouTube Video*  
*emailed to Families*  
*Children Birth-Grade 5*

*Youth Gather by Zoom*

*Junior High Youth 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.*  
*Senior High Youth 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.*

June 7

TRINITY SUNDAY

MUSIC MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED

*Genesis 1:1-5, 2:1-4, II Corinthians 13:11-13*

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Reflections on the Trinity*

June 14

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:23*

Rev. Trajan I. McGill  
*Sheep, Wolves, Serpents, and Doves*

June 21

EDUCATION MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED

*Genesis 21:8-21; Matthew 10:26-31, 37-39*

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
*Call Me Ishmael*

June 28

BACCALAUREATE AND YOUTH SUNDAY

*Genesis 22:1-14; Matthew 10:40-42*

Drew Borland, Ella Kurmann,  
Rev. Christian K. Choi  
*Here I am!*

### BACCALAUREATE AND YOUTH SUNDAY CELEBRATED JUNE 28

On Sunday, June 28, high school seniors and their families are invited to attend 10:00 a.m. worship in our sanctuary as the rest of our faith community joins us online for the live streaming service. We will highlight our youth in this service with meditations presented by Seniors Drew Borland and Ella Kurmann, and special music presented by Carolyn Lowe.



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.

*Drew Borland* from SHS attending Miami University Honors Program in Oxford, Ohio.

*Noah Bright* from Macomb HS attending U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY

*Sam Brower* from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

*Ben Brower* from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

*Ella Kurmann* from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College

*Carolyn Lowe* from SHG attending Belmont College Honors Program in Nashville, TN

*Natalie Miller* from SHS attending University of Kansas

*Jack Milliman* from SHS attending the University of Missouri

*Jocelyn Nester* from GHS attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, FL

*Lydia Pehlman* from Bentonville HS attending Baylor University Honors College in Waco, TX

*Allison Scott* from SHS attending DePaul University in Chicago, IL

*Ethan Sommer* from SHS attending Northeastern University in Boston, MA

*Mack Shepherd* from GHS attending Hope College in Holland, MI

*Eli Vogler* from GHS attending San Diego State University

*Zach Wheelhouse* from SHS attending Columbia College in Chicago, IL

### DALE ROGERS FEATURED AT

### FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN FRIDAY CONCERT ON JUNE 12 AT 12:10 P.M.



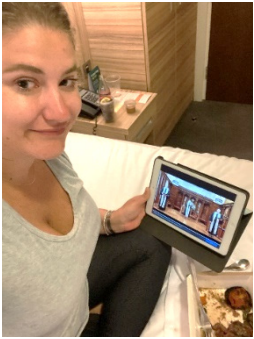
Dale Rogers has been scheduled to play a recital on Friday, June 12 at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago for well over a year. Even with the current situation, the recital will happen online through Fourth Presbyterian's website. The twist is that the recital will actually be played here at Westminster.

The program has a summer theme that started with selecting a piece called *Sunrise at Stonehenge* and a piece by Brahms called *My Heart Abounds with Pleasure in This Fair Summertime*.

If you would like to listen to this concert, go to our website for a link to Fourth Presbyterian's online concert series.

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

### WORSHIP REACHING BEYOND OUR DOORS



Our online worship is nourishing the faith of many. Brandi Hillman, an international flight attendant whom Peter and I taught confirmation at Webster Groves, is pictured watching our worship while eating dinner in a London hotel. She expressed gratitude for Rev. Choi's sermon on May 17 which spoke to her on many levels, affirming her decision to continue to work and serve those who have essential travel. She shared the gratitude

a man expressed to her on his flight to be with his dying mother. She feels at home in our worship and hopes we will continue it. With this in mind and because many of our older members will want to continue to social distance, **we will begin live-streaming worship on Sunday, June 21 and continue to provide this mission to members and friends, near and far.**

### ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

On Sunday, May 24, at 11:00 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour was initiated. Twenty-four households joined in the fellowship and we have enjoyed connecting each Sunday. Members are invited to join the link sent each Sunday morning.

### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

On Sunday, June 14, members are invited to partake of the Sacrament of Communion in their homes. Plan to prepare your own bread and juice and follow the directive during the worship service as the Words of the Institution are spoken.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEWS AND NOMINATIONS

For the first time in the history of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the denomination's General Assembly will be held online only. The 224<sup>th</sup> Assembly was to meet in Baltimore, Maryland June 20-27. Instead, the assembly will meet online Friday, June 19 for a town hall to elect the new moderator and resume on Friday, June 26 for opening worship and two plenaries. On Saturday, June 27, critical business, including the stated clerk election and budget will be on the docket.

Dr. Kieffer and Rev. Choi have been nominated to serve on two G.A. committees: Committee on the General Assembly and Committee of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations respectively, both in the Class of 2024. If elected by the assembly, they will begin their service in the fall, 2020.

### APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Through April, income continues to be above budget largely because of a strong response to the OGHs and HEAL Fund donations. Thankfully, pledge and non-pledge donations were not significantly lower even though worship services have been suspended. However, looking ahead; May donations are down. After paying for the tuckpointing completed on the east end of the exterior of the sanctuary, expenses are over budget. Our year-to-date income still exceeds expenses by \$16,195.

2020 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 390,847	\$ 346,995	\$ 43,852
Expenses	\$-374,652	\$-346,995	\$ 27,657
Net Total	\$ 16,195	\$ 0	

During this time, members and friends are encouraged to continue to donate, online at [www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org) or by mail. Please indicate the fund(s) to which you would like your gift applied on the memo line.

## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

### MUSIC MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTED SUNDAY, JUNE 7

At the close of a most unusual choir year, we will 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. In Fall and Winter, it was very busy for the Westminster Choir, singing sacred concerts at the Franciscan Mother House in October, for a celebration of St. Cecilia's Day at the Sacred Heart Church, and for our Christmas Vespers. With the onset of the sheltering for COVID-19, all choral rehearsals ceased. While it may be a good while, we all look forward to the day when we are safely able to join our voices together in worship and praise.

### CHURCH MICE:

Lincoln Becker, Benji, Junie and Sadie Berkowitz, Farrah and Naomi Doss, Geno and Joey Fleck, Becca, Magnolia Kaufman, Harrison Kemper, Duncan MacGibbon, Adi and Asher Nutt, Henry Opperman, Maxwell Spearie, Eva and Clara Volle, Theodore Von Lanken.

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR:

Lucy Bassett, Caroline Bryans, Rose DeJong, Harper Huston, Reese Huston, Carson Rockwood, and Lily Swanson

### WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS:

Sam Batterman, Kate Bryans, Maria DeJong, Juliana Eastvold, James Maeda, and Macklin Metzger

### WESTMINSTER CHOIR:

Beth Allen, Carolyn Beatty, Keith Beatty, Sandy Bellatti, Carolyn Berning, Robert Blythe, Jerry Boutelle, Jim Bryans, Jayne Cates, Ann Collins, Arlene Cooney, Linda Chronister, Scott Day, Susan Day, Sandee Deilkes, Peg DiFonso, Leah Duling, Kathy Ecton, Keith Hamilton, Jay Kennerly, Jim Kontio, Carolyn Lowe, Becky MacDonald, Becky Martin, Kay McChesney, Pat McNutt, Adam Miller, Mary Caroline and David Mitchell, Michael Nenaber, Lynne O'Shea, Jeanne Pittman, Pat Roller, Linda Shaefer, Alan Stutz, Sharon Turner, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Jeanne VanGieson, and Kate Wilson

### THE WALNUTS:

Julie Blythe, Robert Blythe, Joe Bohlen, Amanda Neubauer, (Brian Blythe, sometimes substitute) and Dale Rogers

### ST. ANDREW SISTERS:

Julie Blythe, Amanda Neubauer, and Eleanor VanDeventer

**ORGAN RECITAL CANCELLED** The organ recital of Andrew Johnson on Sunday, June 21 is cancelled due to recent developments and the construction of our parking lot.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Your Coronavirus Task Force continues to meet weekly via Zoom. **This full report (with graphs) can be found on our website and is updated every Wednesday.**

Blessings to you all, and we look forward to the time we can meet in our beautiful building. Questions? Comments? Concerns? Feel free to send us an email at [WPCCoronavirus@gmail.com](mailto:WPCCoronavirus@gmail.com). Be safe and be healthy! You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Ellen Carpenter, RN  
Virginia Dolan, MD  
Peter Kieffer, MD  
Todd Knox, MD

Michael Nenaber, MD  
Marilyn Rigney, RN  
Cara Vasconcelles, MD

## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

### YOUTH GATHER BY ZOOM ON SUNDAYS

Westminster youth group continues to gather on Zoom on Sundays throughout the summer to connect with one another. Junior High @ 4:00 p.m., Senior High @ 5:30 p.m.

### 2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS RECEIVED

The Class of 2020 met with Session via Zoom on Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. and were received by Session. The Membership Committee delivered a picnic dinner to each family that evening so they can celebrate with one another in the intimacy of their homes. Congratulations to **William Andrew Hovey, Kristianna Elizabeth Eastvold, Olivia Grace Simonson** pictured with their families.



## STEADFAST NIGHBOR ENDEAVOR

### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE WEEK: AUGUST 10-14

Although we are not heading out to Appalachia to fix people's homes this summer, we are bringing a similar opportunity to Springfield. College young adults as well as middle/high school youth are invited to bring the skills learned at ASP missions to beautify Westminster's neighborhood. Our new dates for neighborhood service week are August 10 – 14. If you wish to join this endeavor or have any questions about Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor Missions, please contact Rev. Choi at [cchoi@wpcspi.org](mailto:cchoi@wpcspi.org).

### CLASS OF 2020 YARD SIGNS



Westminster congratulates and celebrates with the Class of 2020. Personalized yard signs will be placed at their homes the first week of June.

WPC looks forward to celebrating their milestone in person as we celebrate Baccalaureate Sunday on June 28, 2020.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

**WPCONNECTIONS** - We hope our Friday newsletter continues to bring joy and creativity into the homes of our families who seek to maintain a regular worship routine during this pandemic. The 2020 Summer Sunday School focus is the Parables. Along with a video from the Saddleback Church featuring the Bible lesson, each week you will find:



### PRAY TOGETHER

Weekly prayers *Prayers for Faithful Families* by Presbyterian Minister Traci Smith are included. Our vision is to empower parents to build a repertoire of prayers to share with your children.

### PLAY TOGETHER

This includes a craft idea related to our Bible story or prayer.

### SING TOGETHER

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Get your hands clapping and your feet tapping with these child-friendly worship songs!!

You will also see the dates of any gatherings, birthdays, special notes and more. I hope this helps us to stay connected during this uncertain time and I look forward to being together soon.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### KNIGHTS OF THE NORTH: THE MONTH OF JULY

*Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Ephesians 6:10*

This summer, VBS will have a new look. In abundance of caution and meeting the health guidelines to keep the WPC families safe, we have decided not to hold an in-person Vacation Bible School this summer. Instead of meeting for one week, participants who register will pick up a VBS packet at the church June 29 and 30 which includes the craft projects. On each Wednesday in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) participants will receive an email with the lesson and activities as we join the quest with the Knights of the North to armor up with truth, justice, peace, faith and salvation.

Please register online by Sunday, June 21: [www.wpcspi.org/vbs](http://www.wpcspi.org/vbs)  
Contact Karen Sherrick [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org) if you have questions about the online at-home family VBS for the month of July.



### PEN PALS

During this time of sheltering at home, a handful of Sunday School children have begun pen pal relationships with some members of our congregation. This delightful intergenerational experience is enriching the lives of many. Pictured are Junie & Sadie Berkowitz mailing their letters.

## WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

The families and teachers were wishing that we could be together to celebrate our graduates. We are hoping that we can gather later this summer. Special good-bye videos were made for our classes, along with holding a drive-through parade for everyone to get their yearbooks and belongings. Amy and I are thankful for the wonderful preschoolers and families we had this year - even if it ended early! WCP is seeking a part-time teacher for its morning classes. If interested, please contact Board Chair Lindsey Selinger at (217) 502-2838.



Emily Rowley, WCP Director

# STEADFAST NEIGHBOR SITE AND LANDSCAPE ENDEAVOR PROCEEDS FAITHFULLY



**NEW GARAGE AT 522 S. GLENWOOD**



**NEW ROOF ON VERIZON GARAGE**



**FOUNDATION FOR PLANTER AT EAST ENTRY**



**PREPARATION FOR STORM WATER RETENTION ON WALNUT**



The Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Endeavor proceeds faithfully. Our goal is to complete the hardscape work (parking lot, west terrace and east entry) by mid-July and to install the final landscape this fall.

The parking lot light poles and fixtures have been donated to Habitat for Humanity.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN LANDSCAPING (BELOW)**



**PERENNIAL GARDEN AT SOUTH ENTRY TO WEST NARTHEX**



## STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION ENDEAVOR PROCEEDS FAITHFULLY



## WESTMINSTER'S LITTLE PANTRY LOCATED AT GRAHAM ELEMENTARY

Westminster's "Little Pantry" was installed and stocked at Graham Elementary School on Friday, May 15. The sturdy, nice-looking addition to the neighborhood, pictured above, was designed by Brad Milliman and built by Brad together with Pete VanGieson. The pantry has been checked daily by the Mission and Community Service Committee. Members can share food and other simple household supplies for people to take as needed. See page 6 for more details on getting involved.

## Worshipping in Place

## Zoom Coffee Hour



## PARISH LIFE by Rev. Trajan McGill MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

**LITTLE PANTRY** – Our free Little Pantry is now up and active, located on Cook Street on the south side of Graham Elementary (near the main entrance of the school). Members are invited to take part in this exciting opportunity to share with neighbors. To ensure it is visited regularly per week and kept clean and well-stocked, we are maintaining a sign-up list for checking on the pantry. Contact the Jennie Alt [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org) for details. Reimbursement is available for items purchased, and a supply of items is kept at the church. Donation suggestions:

- Peanut butter, jelly, bread
- Canned tuna, meats, fruits, veggies, beans, soups, pasta, sauce
- Cereal, rice, chips, crackers, and other nonperishable dry foods
- Granola bars, nuts, trail mix, and other snacks
- Apples, oranges
- Cleaning supplies, soap, shampoo, and personal toiletries
- Small containers of cat or dog food
- Books, crayons and coloring books, small toy items

### HELPING HANDS

Mary Gail Romack and Chris Smith provided the meal on May 8 and had so much fun together, they signed up for June 12 as well. Marc Anderson continues to provide the milk each month, which is much appreciated. **July through November are still open.** If you are able to help in this vital time, please email Jennie Alt at [jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org).



**GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH:** The Central IL Foodbank has a lot of need presently! Donations may be brought to the church weekdays. With many summer activities closed, a major need is food for children at home all day. Useful items include such things as cereal, fruit cups/canned, applesauce, pop-top soups, canned pasta for kids, granola bars, canned chicken or tuna, and canned beans.

### STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION

**Neighborhood Service Week:** Help take neighborliness out into the streets August 10-14! As part of the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor, homeowners have been invited to apply for help with basic exterior improvement projects, and teams from Westminster will be carrying out this work as a local mission effort all that week. So far those who have indicated the intent to join include Bob Fox, Keith Hamilton, Mal Hildebrand, Todd Knox, Bob Leffler, Lynn McMenamin, Brad Milliman, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura, Julie Robbs, Diane Rutledge, and Pete VanGieson, along with the three pastors. Contact Jennie Alt ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) to add your name to the list and help make this a powerful week of service to the neighbors immediately surrounding us!

### EARTH CARE NEWS



**JUNE EARTH CARE TIP** - Are you washing a few more dishes since all the restaurants closed? Dishwashers are actually greener than washing by hand since so much hot water can go down the drain. To save even more energy, rinse the dishes in *cold* water prior to stacking and run only *full* loads. Cancel the heated dry cycle and instead pull out the racks for a few minutes to air dry the dishes which saves energy to the heating element and to the kitchen AC!



**PENTECOST OFFERING** – Our denomination collects four annual special offerings. Throughout June, the Pentecost Offering is collected, which “helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children.” Part of this offering can be used by individual congregations in ministering to young people locally, and the rest is put into action by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

**COMPASS FOR KIDS** – The Compass 2019-2020 after-school program has drawn to a close. The ability to meet in person was unfortunately interrupted early, but the organization has still been actively connecting with the needs of area children, online and by continuing to distribute food. Their summer programs likewise will go on in much-modified form.



Congratulations and thanks to **Kate Wilson**, who earned this year’s Graham Elementary Compass site Volunteer of the Year award! Kate was a new volunteer this year, quickly jumping in with a truly caring heart and skilled leadership of children.

**UPDATE FROM KENYA MISSION TEAM**– The Kenya Mission Team has learned that present conditions in Kenya are dire. With shutdowns, lack of employment and no safety nets, this is bringing starvation. Our partners have asked for help feeding people. If you would like to donate, please write "Outreach - Kenya" in the memo line on your check. WPC will include your donation in our gift.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**CONGREGATIONAL CALLS** – The Congregational Care Committee coordinated an effort, when major quarantines first began, of Deacons and other members calling all the households of the church to check in. If we did not reach you the first time, we hope to connect with you soon, as we make another round of churchwide calls in the next several weeks. Please pass on anything you’d like us to know about or pray about, anything you need help with, or anything you’d like to help with. We hope your families are doing well and stay safe as we continue in an unusually restricted time. If you are feeling isolated or need help of some kind, please contact Jennie Alt, Church Administrative Assistant ([jalt@wpcspi.org](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)) to receive a call and/or assistance.

**HOME COMMUNION** – Home Communion is on hold until it becomes safe to visit people once again. We look forward to sharing the Lord’s Supper with you again soon.

**PRAYER CIRCLE** – If you would like members of the congregation to pray for you, or if you would like to join the Prayer Circle, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill.

**H.E.A.L. FUND** – Members not feeling the economic impact of this pandemic are invited to make a donation to the "Helpful Emergency Assistance for Living" Fund, which provides assistance to those in our church and community facing financial challenges. With many losing paychecks as the stay-at-home directive is extended, we anticipate the need for assistance will grow. If you or someone you know could benefit from this fund, please reach out to one of the pastors.



### CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES

**MOVIE NIGHT** – A small group of members gathered online May 22 and together watched 80’s film classic *Back to the Future*. We had fun chatting the night away while reminiscing about culture from the “old days” of the 1980’s. (Remember phone booths?) Maybe we will try it again! If you missed this one but have some interest in such an event, let Rev. McGill know at [tmcgill@wpcspi.org](mailto:tmcgill@wpcspi.org).

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### JUNE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS WILL NOT GATHER

By honoring the Governor's directive to "stay at home" for the well-being of our community and the safety of others in the current COVID-19 pandemic, the following fellowship groups will not meet in person.

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION** keep knitting at home!

**DMA** will resume when it is safe to gather for fellowship.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** will resume in September.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON, ELIZABETH CIRCLE, AND LYDIA CIRCLE** will resume in September.

**RUTH AND NAOMI**, scheduled Wednesday, June 3, will meet by Zoom. Please read The Letter, #8 and Church Stories from *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans and look for a link sent by email for our gathering.

### BLANKETS+ OFFERING

PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets+ (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Service collaborates with local communities to help identify people with critical needs and secure resources to help them build a more viable future. Thank you to all who contributed. This year, **\$745 has been collected to date.**

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

**Nathaniel Fierstos:** BA in International Relations from the University of San Diego

**Alexandra Hemberger:** BS, summa cum laude, in Marketing, BA in Merchandising Apparels and Textiles from University of Kentucky

**Jack Sherrick:** BA, magna cum laude, in Political Science from Carleton College attending Columbia Law School, NYC in JD

**Paul VanDeventer:** BS in Physics from the University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign (UIUC). He will work for a Defense Contractor in Bloomington, IN

**Cressa Wagner:** BS in Kinesiology from UIUC. Currently working for Innocence Project and studying for LSAT

**Megan White:** BA in Psychology from University of Dayton



## POST GRADUATE DEGREES

**Collin Innis:** MD from SIU Medical School. He begins his transitional intern year at OSF Hospital in Peoria, IL followed by radiology residency at Wake Forest in NC in 2021.

**Paul D. Kieffer:** JD, magna cum laude, from Tulane University Law School. He will work for Skadden Arps Law Firm in Houston, TX.

**Amber Robbs:** MS in Architecture from the University of Maryland and received the Certificate of Historic Preservation. She will work for Gensler in Washington, D.C.

## REV. CHOI ENROLLS IN DOCTORATE PROGRAM

In January 2020, Reverend Choi enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Degree Program at Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. He completed his first course "Pastoral Care and Theology in the Public Arena" in May. He is currently taking "Biblical Interpretations for Welcoming Ministries." Christian will complete his doctorate in 2024.

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Vivian Keithley will celebrate 98 years June 2.

Joyce Olson will celebrate 91 years June 12.

June Baker will celebrate 91 years June 15.

June Flood will celebrate 99 years June 30.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Ann Lienemann celebrate 65 years June 4.

Dr. Richard & Mrs. Eleanor Leary celebrate 59 years June 18.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Jean Sherrick celebrate 65 years June 18.

Donna & Ben Foster celebrate 67 years June 20.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Eleanor Maeve DiFonso was born to Debi and Hunter DiFonso on April 25 in Urbana. Her proud brother and sister are Caleb and Evelyn and grandparents, Dr. Peg and Lou DiFonso.

Theodora Marie Duckworth was born to Jocelyn and Kory Duckworth on April 28. Her proud grandparents are Cynthia and AG Taylor and great grandmother, Mary Ann Nation.

### IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie A. Macpherson died on Friday, May 15, 2020 in Tualatin, OR. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to her children, Robert Macpherson and Ann (David) Rice, and their families.

J. Elliott Bell died on Sunday, May 17, 2020 in Springfield. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to his wife Velma McLaurin-Bell and extended family.

### PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Lynne and Paul O'Shea on the death of Paul's brother, Patrick O'Shea on May 12, 2020 in Wilbraham, MA.

Bob Bradford on the death of his daughter-in-law, Robin Bradford on May 24, 2020 in Springfield.

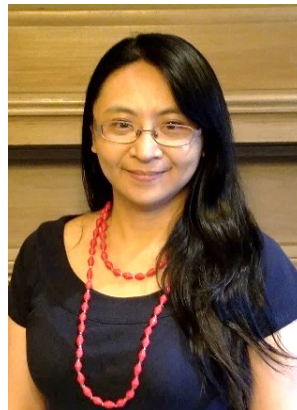
### NEW ADDRESS

Mal Hildebrand, 6504 Christine Ct, Springfield, 62712

### THANK YOU

Washington Street Mission appreciates the donation of 100 coffee cups for their daily Coffee Hour held from 6:30 – 11:30 a.m. *Larry Aldag, Board Vice President*

## THANK YOU HAOFANG CHUANG



Haofang Chuang completed her tenure as part-time Administrative Assistant on May 31, 2020 to begin her new position as International Admissions Specialist for the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign. We are grateful for the year she served our congregation on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. In addition to her excellent work as an administrative assistant, she shared her musical gifts on several occasions including our online worship service in May. She has

agreed to return to sing from time to time.

Her husband Weilun Lee is the Director of the China Institute at Lincoln Christian University. With Haofang's new position, their family will move to Champaign.

## EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

The following members will be recognized virtually Sunday, June 21 during the 10:00 a.m. online worship service. In their honor, we will purchase **ten flocks of chicken gift donations**, which include a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks along with the training that will empower them to turn this donation into a lifetime of opportunity. We are grateful for their “eggtastic” work nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Graham Elementary School students.



**Nursery:** *Sophia Choi, Meleah Berkowitz, Tamika Hill*

**Pre-Kindergarten:** *Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Valerie Leonatti, Leigh Milward*

**Young Children and Worship:** *Cathy Brower, Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans, Erin Winn*

**Grades 3-5:** *Sue Cull, Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Mary Ray*

**Youth Assistants (Grade 8-12):** *Braden Barton, Grace Batterman, Jessica Borland, Ben Brower, Emily Brower, Sam Brower, Charlie Eastvold, Louisa Eldridge, Caroline Haynor, Clayton Kurmann, Ella Kurmann, Mia Marcy, Avery Pound, Bryce Pound, Mack Shepherd*

**Cut & Copy Crew:** *Camille Massey, Mary Peura, Carolyn Proctor, Amy Xanders*

**Bridges Fellowship Advocates (Grades 3-5):** *Gale Fixmer, Camille & Tom Massey, Marilyn Rigney, Pat Roller, Suzie Spada, Carolyn & Brad Swanson, Sharon Turner*

**Children of Abraham:** *Sandy Bellatti, Peg DiFonso, Bob Fox, Pat Hymans, Mary Ray, Pat Roller, Brad and Carolyn Swanson*

**Confirmation Prep (Grades 6-7):** *Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel, Sarah Zerfas*

**Confirmation Mentors:** *Meridith Bryans, Joe Fierstos, Beth Kincaid*

**Youth Group:** *Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Jen DeJong, Leigh Milward, Mary Ray*

**Adult Education:** *Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Dr. Peter Kieffer, Jim Kincaid, Lyle VanDeventer,*

**COMPASS for Kids (Graham Elementary School):** *Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy and Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, the late Barbara Dirksen, Melanie Green, David Haaker, Pat and Al Hymans, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMenamain, Mary Peura, Sue Sawers, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Allison Scott, and Kate Wilson.*

### BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS RECOGNIZED JUNE 21

On Sunday, June 21, we will recognize the following members and friends during the 10:00 a.m. service of worship for completing their respective study.

**DR. KIEFFER'S BIBLE STUDY**— This year's Disciple Bible Study of **Jesus and the Gospels** took a closer look at Jesus including his relation to the Jewish religion he inherited. Participants included *Rev. Jerry Boutelle, David Barber, Velma Bell, Ada and Stephen Cobourn, Sandee Deilkes, Kathy and Randy Germeraad, Mary and Charlie King, Beth and Jim Kincaid, Marcia Monier, Camille and Ted Proud, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Marilyn Rigney, Sue Sawers, Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Alan Wallace, Bill Ward, the late Wilbur Wright.*

**REV. MCGILL'S BIBLE STUDY:** The focus of this year's study was **The Gospel of Mark**. The class spent time with the earliest Gospel, Mark, in its breathless telling of the story of Jesus, and with C.S. Lewis and others in exploring the eye-opening implications of that story. Participants: *Bob Bradford, David Barber, Cathy Brower, Joe Burgess, Adam Ekstedt, Erin Ekstedt, Valerie and Dave Leonatti, Sharon Manning, Becky Martin, Leigh and Kevin Milward, David Mitchell, Pat Roller, Betsy Ruklick, Alan Stutz, Cheryl and Neville White, and Kate Wilson.*

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