



# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 2022

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 a.m. In-person and  
Livestream Worship Service  
[www.wpcspi.org](http://www.wpcspi.org)

#### FAITH FORMATION:

9:45 a.m. Nursery  
Children Birth – Age 3  
10:15 a.m. Summer Sunday School  
following Children's Sermon  
Children Pre-K - Grade 2  
11:15 a.m. Adult Ed Forum

June 5

PENTECOST

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Acts 2:1-21; John 21:15-19  
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

June 12

TRINITY SUNDAY

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15  
The Rev. Christian K. Choi  
Spirit of Truth

June 19

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY

1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43  
The Rev. Christian K. Choi  
My Rock

June 26

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77; 1-2, 11-20  
The Rev. Blythe D. Kieffer

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 13-17

Children ages Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5 will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and delicious snacks. Vacation Bible School Ministry Partners will meet Sunday June 12 at 11:15 to receive their packet for the week. Those who are able are invited to stay and help decorate the Parish Hall.

Registrars: Krista Steller, Pat Roller and Kathy Moore

Bible Story: Rev. Christian Choi and Dr. Blythe Kieffer

Art/Crafts: Christy Pound, Games: Abby Milhiser Music: Dale Rogers

Snack: Pat Hymans Decorations: Al Hymans, Meridith Bryans Photos: Bob Fox

Assembly Leader: Karen Sherrick

anchors: Pre-kindergarten: Sophia Choi, Julie Sundquist, Meleah, and Aaron Berkowitz Kindergarten – Grade 1: Katie Moore and Brad Steller Grades 2-3: Camille Massey and Carolyn Swanson Grades 4-5: Brad Swanson and Julie Robbs

Youth: Isaac Alt, Emily Brower, Kristianna Eastvold, Kate Eastvold, Julianna Eastvold, Abigail Eldridge, Caroline Haynor, Sophia Lohse, Mia Marcy, Macklin Metzger, Katie Mae Milhiser, Ned Moore

Mission: This year at Water All Around the World VBS, we are partnering with **Living Waters for the World**. This organization provides everyday people with training and support in forming global, clean water mission partnerships. These partnerships empower international communities to install and sustain water purification systems and health education programs that transform lives.

Contact Karen Sherrick at [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org) if you would like to join our team of VBS Ministry Partners. Register your children here: <https://bit.ly/3KgF8yD>



### THIRD ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR

TEAM BUILDING MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 14

SERVICE WEEK – JUNE 27 – JULY 1

*Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 14:58*

The steadfast team of ministry partners will gather for a Team Building meeting on **Tuesday, June 14 at 5:30 p.m.** The team leaders and projects will be presented in preparation for our service week. The team will be commissioned **on Sunday, June 26 at the 10:00 a.m. worship.**

During the service week, the team will gather each morning at 8:00 a.m. for a devotion to begin the day before arriving at our neighborhood sites. Projects include power washing, painting, landscape improvements, repairing front porches and fences. Lunches will be prepared by Pat Hymans' Hospitality Team and served at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Following lunch each day the teams will return to their sites to complete the day's work. The congregation will hear a report on Sunday, July 3. This year students and mentors from The Outlet will join our service week team.

When Westminster's Strategic Planning initiative began, the committee chose the name *Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor* because it articulates what we believe about God and affirms our commitment to the neighborhood. During this decade, Westminster plans to invest \$450,000 in the neighborhood which is one-third of the total cost of our Site and Landscape Plan completed in 2020.



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

Dear Friends:

What a delight to celebrate the Westminster Cooperative Preschool's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Founders' Sunday. I invited Silvey Barge to join us for the celebration because her husband, the late Rev. Dr. James Barge, served as Westminster's 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor when the preschool began in 1971. Although Silvey was unable to be present, she sent a lovely greeting and thoughtful message which I read on Founders' Sunday and share now:



The Barge Family in 1981

"I offer my heartiest and sincere congratulations to the entire Westminster congregation on commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our beloved preschool and for sustaining it for fifty years. Jim was always so pleased to share in and promote the congregation's wider outreach of hospitality to the Springfield community.

In 1979, during the early years of the preschool, Westminster welcomed respected theologian and Roman Catholic Priest Henri Nouwen as our Bay Weekend Speaker. Father Nouwen has written eloquently about how children are the most important guests in our home. He writes:

'What parents can offer is a home that is open, a place with safe boundaries within which the child can develop and discover what is helpful and what is harmful. There the child can ask questions without fear...can slowly start listening to his or her own inner self and discover freedom which ultimately gives the child the courage to leave the home and travel on.'

My husband later reflected on these words in a sermon when he wrote: 'The church that develops an atmosphere of hospitality, treating children as guests, allows searching children and youth to grow in their faith and understanding... As good hosts, we want to hear their song and see their dance so when they leave, we are thankful for what they have given us.'

I am with you in spirit and offer my congratulations with gratitude for your welcoming hospitality."

We continue to be grateful for the ministry and partnership of Silvey and James Barge, and we thank Silvey for such a thoughtful and wise greeting on this momentous occasion in our life together.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS JUNE 18 – JULY 9

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly will be held online and in-person in Louisville, KY June 18 – July 9.



Committees meet in person June 18 – July 1 and the online plenary meets from July 5-9. There will be an opportunity to meet those standing for co-moderator for the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly during a 90-minute webinar on Thursday, June 9 at 7 pm

EST. A link will be provided in the Friday email. Dr. Kieffer will be in Louisville June 19-25 to assist with the committee process as a part of her service on the Committee of the Office of the General Assembly.

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

**SUNDAYS, JUNE 19 AND 26**

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class on **Sundays, June 19 and 26, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon** in the Pastor's Study.

Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on July 3 following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.



## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

**SPECIAL MUSIC** from the timeframe of the Suffrage Play was presented by Eleanor VanDeventer and Dale Rogers as a prelude to the performances on May 6, 7 and 8. Songs included "These Boots are Made for Walking" and "I am Woman."



**THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS** concluded their season with a wonderful presentation of "Heroes of the Faith" on Founders' Sunday. Many thanks to Pat Roller for her assistance during practices and Jim Bryans for his cameo appearance as Goliath.

**THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR** The end of the choir season will again be crowned with a festive brunch on Sunday, June 5, at the home and garden of Meg and Jim Kontio.



**ORGAN RECITAL** featuring Andrew Johnson will be held Friday, June 24 at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary. Enjoy the works of Reger, Vierne, Sweelinck, Bach, and others. Andrew is a native of Bloomington, IL and a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan. Most recently, Andrew completed a Master of Music from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University where he received the Bruce R. Eicher Prize.

## ADULT ED FORUM PRESENTS:

### SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The Adult Ed Forum presents **SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE: AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION** on Sunday, June 5 at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Join us to learn more about the climate change issue, solutions, and the relative effectiveness of those solutions. As part of the exercise, participants discuss various actions that can be taken. The class is engaged to offer suggested solutions to slow climate change. The trained facilitator will show the group how each suggested action will impact climate change on a MIT/Sloan simulator that will model their proposed solution instantly in real-time.

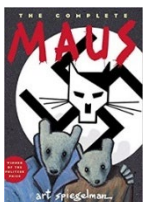


Andrew Panelli is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (BA, MBA) and has spent 3 decades with Fortune 500 companies in product development and marketing, with an emphasis on how to produce products that generate less waste, higher performance, and reduced landfill impact. Panelli is a group leader for Citizens' Climate Education, which is a non-profit and non-partisan grassroots organization dedicated to educating the public on smart climate solutions. Andy is a longtime friend of the Kieffers, and we are excited to welcome him to Westminster.

## APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, June 28, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. The June book is *The Complete Maus* by Art Spiegelman. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.





## FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

### SUFFRAGE PLAY THANK YOU

The Suffrage Play raised \$3,156 toward the 2022 Youth Summer Mission Trip. The youth are grateful to Carole Kennerly, Kelly Robertson, the performers, and the crew who made this such a successful and meaningful experience.

Pictured are Bryce Pound and Emily Brower, Youth Elders, who attended the play and collected donations.



### MANDATORY YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP MEETING

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 12 AT 11:15 A.M.

Youth Summer Mission Team will gather on Sunday, June 12 to finalize plans. Every participant will need to bring all the paperwork and fees related to this mission trip.

Our home camp will be the First Presbyterian Church of Madisonville, KY, and we look forward to visiting the PCUSA national office and Louisville Slugger Museum in Louisville as well as other historic places for women's rights/suffrage and maybe even Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historical Park! **Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade, high school youth, and college young adults are invited to join this summer's mission trip!** For more information, visit [www.wpcspi.org/2022mission](http://www.wpcspi.org/2022mission).

### MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

#### THE CAR WASH/BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 19 - 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

All Mission participants will arrive at church at 9:30 a.m. in previous years' mission T-shirts. Bring a bucket for the Car Wash and baked goods for the Bake Sale! Cars will be washed in our parking lot, so bring all the family cars along! Thanks to **Dave Leonatti and Mary Ray** for organizing the Car Wash and to **Julie Sundquist** for organizing the Bake Sale.

### WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



From left to right are Gina Solomon who served from 1989-1998, Beth Waldman who served from 1998-2010. Noel Scott who served from 2010-2015, our current Director, Emily Rowley, who has served since 2015, and Amy Bonansinga, who served from 2018-2020.

We celebrated 50 Years of Westminster Cooperative Preschool by honoring our teachers on Founders' Sunday. During worship, Sadie and Junie Berkowitz presented each teacher with a bouquet of flowers as a token of our appreciation and respect.

Session approved the revised Membership Working Manual at their May meeting in time for the celebration on Founders' Sunday. Thank you to Attorney Jeff Wilday who assisted in the newly drafted Membership Working Manual.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen H. Sherrick

### A NEW BAPTISM TRADITION AT WESTMINSTER

Theodore Eldon Ekstedt, who will be baptized on June 5, is the first child of Westminster to be the recipient of books from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Teddy will receive a book a month through age five. Thank you to Todd Wise who has committed to providing each child baptized within our faith community this gift of books, given in memory of his wife, the late Lisa Wise (a kindergarten teacher), and in honor of Dr. Diane Rutledge who brought this exciting ministry to his attention.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Republic of Ireland.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children love stories, and none are as important as those told by Jesus to his followers. Each summer we visit the parables as a way to learn about God and how God wants us to live.

*June 5: A New Church-Pentecost*

*June 12: Ten Coins*

*June 19: Two Sons and Their Father*

*June 26: The Widow and the Judge*

If you are interested in teaching contact Karen at [ksherrick@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksherrick@wpcspi.org) or check available dates at <https://bit.ly/3vhRvGr>.

### LIBRARY GUILD MEETING JUNE 21, 1:00-3:00 PM



The Library Guild will meet Tuesday, June 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Children's Library to keep our beautiful libraries stocked and maintained. Please join us or contact Karen if you have any special requests or suggestions.

### EDUCATION AND COMPASS LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The following members will be recognized Sunday, June 5 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We are grateful for their fluid and unwavering commitment during the pandemic nurturing the faith of our children, youth, adults, and Compass students. **As a token of our appreciation, we are giving the gift of clean water, Solar-powered wells, water kiosks, and irrigation systems to homes and communities in need through Heifer International.**



**Nursery Guild:** Linda Caupert, DeeDee Duffy, Carolyn Dungan, Sara Eldridge, Sally Godbey, Nancy Huston, Priscilla Kluge, Judy Knox, Meg Kontio Val Leonatti, Lynn McMenamin, Christy Pound, Mary Ray, Sue Scaife, Jan Schuermann, Julie Sundquist.

**Sunday School Teachers:** Cara Barnett, Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Meridith Bryans, Sophia Choi, Sue Cull, Adam and Chelsea Ekstedt, Sara Eldridge, Tamika and Jake Hill, Leigh Milward, Linda Purves, and Erin Winn

**Confirmation (Grades 6-7):** Jim Kincaid

**Youth Group Leaders:** Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Mary Ray

**Adult Education:** Lyle VanDeventer, Ellen Carpenter, Becky Martin, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Dr. Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Dr. Aaron Berkowitz, Dr. Peter Kieffer, Dr. Andrew Sherrick, Dr. Roy Wehrle

**COMPASS for Kids:** Cathy Allen, Cathy Brower, Emily Brower, Kris Gates, Mia Marcy, Lynn McMenamin, and Bryce Pound.



**Youth Sunday**



**Bible Presentation to Third Graders**



**Confirmation Sunday**



**Raising Butterflies Roundtable**



**Steadfast Neighbor Site Visit**





## CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM VISIT THE LITURGICAL ARTS EXHIBIT



## SUNDAY SCHOOL STORYTIME







## ALBERT HALE CIRCLE

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, Westminster dedicated the Building a Legacy of Faith Twenty-Year Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE. During the five-year campaign the market value of Westminster's Support and Endowment Fund grew from **\$1.9 to \$8.1 million**. As of March 31, 2022, the market value of the Support and Endowment Fund was **\$8,440,246**. *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 and sure foundation we are building together in the Westminster Endowment Fund.

### Cornerstone (\$250,000 and above)

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

### Foundation

(\$150,000 to \$249,999)  
Kathy & Randy Germeraad  
Lynne O'Shea †  
Mary & William Schnirring Estate

### Tower (\$100,000 to \$149,999)

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

### Keystone (\$50,000 to \$99,999)

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

### Pillar (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Silvey & James Barge  
Frances Batcheldor Estate\*  
Bennett Estate\*  
**Betty & Bill Denham Estate**  
Mina & Harry Bentsen  
Velda & George Finney\*  
Kathy & Randy Germeraad\*  
Gerry & Harold Hale  
Alice Lambert Estate\*  
Ruth Langdon Estate\*  
Emma Mae Large Estate\*  
Ann & Bill Lienemann

Trudy M. & Douglas C. Nelson  
Karen & Andrew Sherrick  
Hannah Morrow Siebert Estate\*  
Marty & Alan Stutz  
Barbara Sutton Estate\*  
Eleanor Wahlbrink\*  
Martha & Jeff Wilday  
Martha & Jeff Wilday †  
Lisa & Todd Wise  
Sharon & Elvin Zook

### Samaritan (\$15,000 to \$24,999)

Jane & Steve Arbuthnot  
*Honor of Julia & Steven*  
*Arbuthnot's marriage*  
Kathie & Michael Nenaber  
Rebecca & Lionel Stirrett  
Dorothea Thrasher Estate

### Advocate (\$10,000 to \$14,999)

Anonymous  
Frances & Edwin Bay\*  
Dorothy D. & William Black Trust\*  
Carolyn & Keith Beatty\*  
Mark Beatty\*  
Leah & Martin Duling  
Chris & Butch Elzea  
Sharon & Matthew Gilmour  
Helen Hansen Estate\*  
Irwin & Becker Estate\*  
Evelyn Jensen Estate  
Priscilla & Tim Kluge  
Margot Kramer  
Carol & Walter Lohman\*  
LaVerne Marlowe Estate\*  
Bev & Jim Orr †  
*Honor of Our Family*  
Dorothy Park Estate\*  
Holly Howe Parker\*  
Jeanne & Glen Pittman  
**William Schultz**  
*Memory of Kyle G. Schultz*  
Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer  
Dorothy Temple\*  
Don Thompson Estate\*  
Marjorie VanNattan Estate\*

### Counselor (\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
George Adams Estate\*  
Katrina Archer  
Jan & Cliff Baxter

Sandy Bellatti  
Carolyn Berning  
Don Blackburn Estate\*  
Meridith & James Bryans  
Eleanor Copper Foundation\*  
William Deemer, Jr.  
Linda N. Dillard  
Sue & Bill Donels  
Hazen & Roland Folse  
James S. Francis Estate\*  
Barbara Greening  
*Memory of Gershom K. Greening*

**Joseph A. Harrison**  
Christie, Robyn & Will Hovey  
Louise Kuehn Estate\*  
Eleanor & Richard Leary  
Barbara & Lonnie H. Lee  
Judith & Tom Lewis  
Ann & Bill Lienemann\*  
Mary Caroline & David Mitchell  
Robyn Newton  
Sally & Stan Papp

*Memory of Dr. & Mrs.*  
*W. J. Trainor*  
Judy & Fred Prillaman  
Patricia Albrecht Purdy Estate\*  
Mary Ray  
*Memory of Doris Ray*  
Julie & Randy Robbs  
Ruth Robert-Roland\*  
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 Zerfas

### Companion (\$2,500 to \$4,999)

Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Carolyn & Keith Beatty  
Catherine Brower  
Jo Ann & Doug Brown\*  
Ellen & Rance Carpenter  
Ann W. Collins

Deborah & David Coontz  
*Memory of David M. 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\*  
 Renee Housel Estate  
 Nancy & Keith Huston  
 Marci & Bill Irvine  
 Mary & Charles King  
 F. Wells Langbehn  
 Mary & Bob Leffler  
 McGaugh Estate\*  
 Patricia McKenzie  
 Mary Ann Nation  
*Memory of James Nation*  
 Richard Newton Estate\*  
 Stan & Barbara Papp  
*Memory of  
 Sally Trainor Papp*  
 Sharon Reynolds  
 Judy Ridinger  
 Leona Sangster Estate\*  
 Robert A. Stuart  
 John Thompson Estate\*  
 Alan J. Wallace

#### **Friend up to \$2,499)**

Anonymous  
 Anonymous  
 Norma Adams-Johnson  
 Marc Anderson  
 Charlotte Bailey  
 Jane R. Barry  
 Neil Bassett  
 Ella Grace & Robert Bengel Estate\*  
**Lynnette Berdoll**  
 Meleah & Aaron Berkowitz  
 Meggan & Brady Bird  
 George Botanga  
 Jo Ann Brown Estate  
 Nancy & Richard Canady  
 Linda & Ed Caupert  
 Alexander Moore Chipman  
 Sophia and Christian Choi  
 Stephanie Churchill  
 Ada & Stephen Cobourn  
*Memory of Loved Ones*  
**Memory of Betty Denham**  
 Marilyn Cohen  
 Robert Copper Estate\*  
 Robert Cordier  
 Catherine Cragoe  
 John Cross  
 Betty Dawkins  
 Judy & Dan Dees  
**Margery Dodds**  
 Virginia & Jim Dolan  
 Hannah M. Dreitzer  
 Tempa Dunn  
 Betsy Dye  
 Chelsea & Adam Ekstedt  
 Helen Evenson

Joseph Fierstos  
 Donna & Francis Foster  
 Carmel Fratianni  
 & Michael Schneider  
 Deanna & Donald Funk  
*Honor of Dale Rogers*  
 Melanie & Bud Green  
 Anne & David Haaker  
 Roberta & Richard Hendee  
 Mal Hildebrand  
 Pat Hildebrand-Culler  
 Tamika & Jacob Hill  
 Sandy Hill  
 Sandy & Jon Hockenyos  
 Katharine M. Hughes  
 Thomas H. 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*  
 Valerie & Dave Leonatti  
 Naomi & Robert Lynn  
 Katie & Carl Matteson  
 Teresa & Terry McElwee  
 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  
 Bev & Ken Morey  
 Madelyn Morris Bogue  
*Memory of Richard Morris*  
 Joyce Newcomb Family  
 Tom Owen  
 Mary & Harold Perkins  
 Michelle Power  
 Claire & Richard Priller  
 E. L. Pruitt Co.  
 Linda & Mark Ranck  
 Marilyn & James Rigney  
 Kelly Robertson  
 Mary Gail & Steve Romack  
*Memory of  
 Helen & Clyde Knock*  
 Kim Leistner Root  
*Memory of Dorothy Irvine*  
 Debra (Pollock) Rudis  
*Memory of Laura Pollock*  
 Betsy Ruklick  
 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\*  
 Bruce Strom  
 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  
 Marlene Zimmerman

#### **Testamentary (Amount Unknown)**

Janie & Clay Bahlow †  
 Sandy Bellatti †  
 David Becker †  
 Virginia & Jim Dolan †  
 Carolyn & Daniel Dungan †  
 Gale Fixmer †  
 Kathy & Matt Fogal †  
 Donna Garman †  
 Kathy & Randy Germeraad †  
 Sharon & Matt Gilmour †  
 Anne & David Haaker †  
 Elaine Hoff †  
 Judy & Dale Huston †  
 Thomas H. Janeway †  
 Vivian Keithley †  
 Dorothy Kessler †  
 Rebecca Martin †  
 Bonnie Millard †  
 Robyn Newton †  
 Tom Owen †  
 Jeanne Pittman †  
 Richard Priller †  
 Mary Ray †  
 Sharon Reynolds †  
 Pat Roller †  
 Diane Rutledge †  
 Timothy Schweizer †  
 Susan R. Shea †  
 Nancy Simpson †  
 Kay & Gerald Smith †  
 Karen Springer †  
 Marty & Alan Stutz †  
 Julie & Mike Sundquist †  
 William Wright †

#### **New since last published**

\* Pre-campaign gift  
 † Planned gift



## Founders' Weekend – Garden Party, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WCP, Children's Musical, History Plaque Dedication, and Earth Care Planting Activity



Founders Weekend began with an “indoor” garden party on Saturday morning at the lovely home of Kathy and Randy Germeraad. Ruth and Naomi Circle served as hostesses and welcomed 25 women on a rainy morning. Sunday’s worship included a special recognition of the Westminster Cooperative Preschool teachers who joined us for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Choristers presented a delightful musical “Heroes of the Faith,” and the Steadfast Neighbor History Plaque was dedicated with a special litany. The celebration continued in Parish Hall with a Founders’ Reception celebrating the milestone anniversary of our preschool and an Earth Care Planting Activity led by Westminster’s Earth Care Team.



**WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE PLAY, MAY 6-8, 2022**  
**RISING UP OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES' AIDE SOCIETY**



Thank you to the creative and talented Carole Kennerly, Kelly Robertson, the exceptional performers, and diligent crew. Over 200 church and community members witnessed this powerful Suffrage Play at Westminster Mother's Day Weekend raising \$3,156 for the Youth Mission Trip.

When Walter Morthland (son of Kate and Michael) tested positive for Covid Friday morning, Pediatrician Peter Kieffer (and Blythe) took care of him so the Friday show could go on!





## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Christian K. Choi

### MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



PENTECOST  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

This is the third year Westminster will support the Pentecost offering of our denomination which unites the church by helping youth begin their life with a solid foundation of faith. Forty percent of all gifts stay within Westminster and our portion will support the 2022 Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky.



### HELPING HANDS AND COOLING CENTER MONTHLY MEALS

Thank you to Melanie Green and Pat Hymans for the Helping Hands meal on May 13. Melanie Humphrey and Krista Steller will provide the June 10 meal. **We are in need of ministry partners October 14, November 11, and December 9.** If it is your first time, we have members that will partner with you. If you would like to help and do not cook, you or a group can have food catered/delivered from the area grocery stores or restaurants. Please contact Jennie Alt with any questions.



The Hunger Action Team prepared a monthly meal for the Springfield Cooling Center on **Wednesday, May 25**. The next meal will be on **Wednesday, June 22**. Please contact Krista Steller [ksteller@wpcspi.org](mailto:ksteller@wpcspi.org) to participate.

### SPECIALTY DAILY BREAD MEALS ON WHEELS DELIVERIES

**SAVE THE DATE - JULY 18 - 22 AND JULY 25 - 29!**

Westminster is collaborating with Senior Services of Central Illinois by delivering food to eligible senior citizens as part of their Specialty Daily Bread - Meals on Wheels program. There will be 1-3 routes on each day and will take 45 minutes to an hour for each route. We will have an online sign-up in July.



### LITTLE PANTRY THANK YOU

Thank you to the devoted ministry partners who regularly stock and clean Westminster's Little Pantry located at Graham Elementary School daily. Ministry Partners are needed to join the team of dedicated members as we enter the summer months. Please contact Jeanne or Pete VanGieson at 217-652-1310 and they will arrange for you to be mentored.

**JUNE GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH JUNE MENU** Canned tuna, boxed meals to use with tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, toilet paper, dry cereal, toothpaste, soap, laundry and dish detergent. Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

### FAIR TRADE SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Coffee, tea, and chocolate are for sale in the West Narthex Sunday, June 26 after worship to support economically just, environmentally sound farming practices. Ministry Partners: Becky Martin and Jeanne VanGieson



### JUNE EARTH CARE TIP

Sometimes less is more. Rather than buying all the chemical products for spring cleaning, consider adding just a few drops of dish soap (like Joy or Dawn) into a reusable spray bottle full of vinegar. The biodegradable detergents in the soap and the natural disinfecting acid in the vinegar along with a reusable washcloth and a little elbow grease can clean floors, counters, outdoor furniture, windows, and bathroom fixtures and keep God's creation cleaner too!



*Dr. Peter Kieffer, Chair*

### FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD



On Thursday, May 19, 180 supporters of The Faith Coalition for the Common Good gathered in Westminster's Parish Hall for their Annual Breakfast Fundraiser. The guest speaker was Jamar Scott, Chief Equity and School Improvement Officer for District 186. Breakfast was prepared by Pat Hymans and the hospitality team and Dr. Kieffer gave the invocation. Westminster supports the Faith Coalition with a \$900 annual membership fee and Dr. Peter Kieffer serves on their Environmental Justice Taskforce.

### WOODEN IT BE LOVELY HOME BLESSING THURSDAY, JUNE 2 AT 3:00 P.M. HOME TOURS - JUNE 3, 4 AND 5

The Mission and Community Service Committee will represent Westminster at the Be Lovely Home Blessing. Westminster has committed a \$7,000 grant for seven years to support this meaningful ministry offering hope and employment to women healing from lives of poverty, addiction, and abuse.

**HOME TOURS** will be held **Friday, June 3**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., **Saturday, June 4**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., **Sunday, June 5**, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The "Be Lovely Home" is located at 801 South Grand Avenue West in Springfield. It is uniquely designed with colorful refurbished furniture, hand-made curtains and decorative pillows, as well as hand-painted wall hangings. The cost of the tour is \$10 per person. All proceeds benefit Wooden It Be Lovely.



### CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

**HOME COMMUNION**— Thank you to the elders and deacons who brought **ten members** home communion on May 8. If you would like to receive Communion at home on June 12, please contact Jennie Alt.

**PARISH NURSE ELLEN CARPENTER** will be available for blood pressure checks and consultation the first Sunday of the month, June 5.



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP** gathers every **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The brown bag lunch will not meet in June and resume on July 12. Beverages and a dessert will be provided. Please let Sue Cull know what and how many knitted items you are donating.

**PW LUNCHEON** will resume in September. We thank the chairs of the day, kitchen chairs, the board, and those who helped along the way for a successful year. We appreciate your commitment.



At the May luncheon, Dr. Kieffer conducted the installation of the 2022-2023 PW Officers:

<b>Co-Moderators:</b>	Brownie Anderson Carolyn Beatty Nancy Canady
<b>Secretary:</b>	Camille Degner
<b>Corresp. Secretary:</b>	Marci Irvine
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lynne Cleverdon Eleanor VanDeventer
<b>Mission:</b>	Nancy Canady Pat Hyman
<b>Chair of the Day</b>	
<b>Kitchen Chair</b>	
<b>Circle Contacts</b>	
<b>Elizabeth:</b>	Sue Baker
<b>Ruth &amp; Naomi:</b>	Christy Pound Marilyn Rigney
<b>Lydia:</b>	Nancy Canady

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** meets **Wednesday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Christy Pound (100 Pinehurst Dr., 62704). We will discuss Lesson Eight "Mary 3 and 4." RSVP directly to Christy at 217-971-3082

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** will resume in September.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will resume in September.

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST** will resume in September. Pete VanGieson is the chair of the Men's Breakfast, whose duties consist of finding speakers, persons to bring breakfast, and persons to do the devotions. We appreciate Pete's leadership.

**DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)** will meet **Friday, June 10 with a 6:30 p.m. potluck and a 7:15 p.m. program.** Bill Link, from The Pollinators, will speak to us on the four main pollinators – Bees, Bats, Butterflies, and Beetles – and their benefits to our environment. Please bring a side dish to share. Please RSVP with our weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office by May 18.

## APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

As we enjoy the summer months, please remember to continue to send your offering in support of Christ's work at Westminster. We continue to show income above budget as pledge and Ukraine relief donations brought income to nearly \$65,000 above budgeted revenue. Expenses including the funds sent for Ukraine relief are nearly \$5,300 over budget, so total income over expenses is \$59,665 at the end of April.

2022 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 406,215	\$ 341,259	\$ 64,956
Expenses	\$-346,550	\$- 341,259	\$ - 5,291
Net Total	\$ 59,665	\$ 0	

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Vivian Keithley celebrates 100 years on June 2.

Bev Orr celebrates 91 years on June 3.

Dr. Bill & Mrs. Ann Lienemann celebrate 67 years on June 4.

Jan & Jim Pinkerton celebrate 62 years on June 11.

Joyce Olson celebrates 93 years on June 12.

June Baker celebrates 93 years on June 15.

Dr. Richard & Mrs. Eleanor Leary celebrate 61 years on June 18.

Donna & Ben Foster celebrate 69 years on June 20.

June Flood celebrates 101 years on June 30.

### WEDDING

Natalie A. Knox and Zachary D. Heater will be united in marriage on June 4, 2022, in our Sanctuary. Natalie's parents are Drs. Todd and Judy Knox, and her brothers are Gregory Knox and Matthew Knox.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Ryan Oaklyn Weitzel was born to Kayla and Jess Weitzel. She was born on May 18, 2022, in Springfield, IL.

### BAPTISM

Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt present their son, Theodore Eldon, for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 5. Teddy's big brothers are August and Rosco.

Drs. Jonathan and Katherine Carlson-Eastvold present their son Everard Lamstedt for the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 26. Everard's siblings are Aerwynna, Kristianna, Kate, and Julianna Eastvold.

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Linda Cisco on the death of her longtime companion John Betts on May 3, 2022 in Springfield.

Tempa Dunn on the death of her sister Lucretia Stoelzle on May 6, 2022 in Carbondale.

Conner and Lily Hill on the death of their mother, Angela Rodems, on May 21, 2022 in Springfield.

Dee Tozer on the death of her daughter-in-law, Dr. Beverly Sue Tozer, on April 22, 2022 in Scottsdale, AZ.

### IN MEMORIAM

Linda Lee Janus died May 1, 2022 in Des Moines, IA. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children, Dr. Todd Janus, his wife, Peggy, Mark Janus, Anne-Marie Thrasher, her husband Jeff, and their families.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold on her new instructor position with the Capitol Scholars Honors Program at UIS.

### NEW ADDRESS

Bob Wire, Illinois Presbyterian Home, 2101 W. Lawrence #608, Springfield, IL 62704

### THANK YOU

The Presbyterian Women and Springfield's Church Women United thank Westminster for the generous gift of \$670 collected in May for Church World Service Blankets + Offering.

PW also thanks the women who contributed \$700 to the Birthday Offering at the Garden Party. Established in 1922, women across the country give in honor of their birthdays and the funds support five projects selected by the national PW organization.



## BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY IS JUNE 5

On Baccalaureate Sunday, June 5, we will recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will follow worship in Parish Hall. 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 Worship, Daily Prayer, and a hand-knitted scarf.



**Harrison L. "Hank" Beatty** from RHS attending University of Illinois  
**Jessica Suzanne Borland** from SHS attending Miami University in Ohio  
**Madison Elizabeth Kruger** from SHS attending University of Missouri  
**Clayton Maddox Kurmann** from SHS attending SIU Edwardsville  
**Samantha Nichole Magalis** from SHS attending University of Kentucky

## CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Abigail Fierstos** from Denison University - B.A. in Educational Studies with a minor in History - will continue with a Juris Doctor degree at the University of Illinois in Chicago

**Reaney Gaines** from University of Kentucky – B.S. with a focus in Actuarial Science – will continue with her master's in business analytics at Drake University

**Barrett Kurmann** from St. Louis University - B.S. in Mechanical Engineering  
**Ella Kurmann** from Lincoln Land Community College – A.A. in Liberal Arts – transferring to IL State University for Design and Construction Management  
**Julia Lakin** from Millikin University with a B.A. of Fine Arts in Studio Art  
**Mason Reiff** from Illinois State University – B.S. in Finance

**Matthew Tungett** from U.S. Naval Academy - B.A. in Aerospace Engineering - moving to rank of Ensign in the U.S. Navy and attending grad school at Naval Postgraduate School and CBY flight school

**Adam Vasconcelles** from the University of Illinois - B.S. in Kinesiology – will continue with his master's in occupational therapy at DePaul University

**Sarah Wagner** from St. Louis University with a degree in nursing

## DOCTORATE, GRADUATE, AND SPECIALTY DEGREES

**Dr. Natalie Knox** from Loyal University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine – M.D. – will begin her residency in Internal Medicine at Northwestern

**Dr. Daniel O'Keefe** begins his Fellowship in Infectious Disease (Internal Medicine) at SIU School of Medicine

**Austin Robbs** from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign – M.S. in Accounting – will work for KPMG in Chicago

**Annie Sherrick** from Institute of Culinary Education with a concentration in health and wellness

## CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY

### ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 17

The Eighth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members and to recognize milestone members will be Friday, June 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffer Home.

**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED!** Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides. Please RSVP on SignupGenius or by calling Jennie Alt at 217-522-4415 and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

<https://www.wpcspi.org/fmrsvp-all-church-cookout.html>

**NEW MEMBERS AND MILESTONE MEMBERS** will be recognized at the gathering and will be our guests.



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*Reporter folding and mailing will be  
Wednesday, June 29.*