



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 2016

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Westminster Jazz Trio on March 5 & 19
Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.
Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pre K-Grade 5
Adult Education 11:15 a.m.

March 5 & 6

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs
9:30 a.m. *Service of Healing and Wholeness*
Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Loving Embrace

March 12 & 13

Fifth Sunday in Lent

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth
Sacrament of Communion
Isaiah 43:16-21, John 12:1-8
Reverend Trajan McGill
The Lord, Who Makes a Way

March 19 & 20

Palm Sunday

Lift Up Your Heads,
O Ye Gates
The Sacrament of Baptism
Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29, Luke 19:28-40
Reverend Hannah Dreitcer
Shouting Stones

March 27

Easter

Hallelujah

The Trumpet Shall Sound
and the Dead be Raised
Isaiah 65:17-25, Luke 24:1-12
Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
An Idle Tale



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The sermon will be presented by the Reverend Hannah Dreitcer. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, Sunday school children and youth (Pre-K-Grade 12) will lead us in the processional with palms and their One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes. The center aisle pews will be lined with donated coats. We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. The Westminster Choir will sing *Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates* from Handel's *Messiah*, and both the Choristers and Children's Choir will sing in the 10:00 a.m. service.

LIFE OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY

March 20 – 27 in Parish Hall

Artwork depicting the life of Christ will be displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, we will witness Christ's baptism, temptation, entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week leading to His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. Special thanks to Scott Day and Dale Rogers for mounting this display. This was a gift to Westminster from Lynne Davis, a friend of Dr. Kieffer's and an elder at Webster Groves Presbyterian Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, MARCH 24

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The meditation will be presented by the Reverend Trajan McGill. Our spirits will be nourished with the *Ubi Caritas* by contemporary Norwegian composer, Ola Gjeilo. This Communion Service will conclude with the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the *Adagio for Strings* of Samuel Barber. Child care will be available.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, MARCH 25

7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The meditation will be presented by the Reverend Hannah Dreitcer. Good Friday worship will be centered on the reading of the Passion according to Mark, with music from the Taizé community in France and devotional hymns of faith. Child care will be available.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The sermon will be presented by the Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer. On Easter Sunday, the Westminster Choir will be joined with members of the Millikin Brass in Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and other festive music of the season. The Chancel will be filled with the massive cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

Easter Egg Hunt in Parish Hall follows 10:00 a.m. worship.

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

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.'*

DEAR FRIENDS,

Storytelling is alive and well at Westminster! In February, it was a delight to welcome Mark Yaconelli for the 2016 Bay Weekend, to listen to the powerful stories he told, and to deepen relationships by sharing stories in small group settings. J.R. Fralick continued the theme of storytelling as 60 gathered in the intimate setting of Parish Hall to be nourished by his beautiful tenor voice and well selected stories in song.

Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill is sharing biblical stories with our children each Sunday morning through the Young Children and Worship curriculum and joining Rev. Hannah Dreitcer in exploring biblical themes in contemporary stories with our children in Bridges Midweek Fellowship. Hannah expanded the stories of our confirmands and their sponsors by introducing them to worship with our Jewish and Islamic brothers and sisters on two consecutive Friday evenings in February. Rev. Trajan McGill is leading the Mission and Community Service Committees in exploring stories of mission as we hone our vision in 2016.

This Holy Week the story of Christ's journey will be enriched through the Life of Christ Art Display in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists we will visually witness Christ's story. This collection of artistic works depicting Christ's journey from baptism to resurrection was created by a dear friend of mine from Webster Groves Presbyterian Church. Lynne Davis recently donated this collection to Westminster in honor of my ministry. We are grateful for her creativity and thoughtful gift. It is my hope that this visual story will become embedded in our hearts and minds through the years as we celebrate time and time again the greatest story ever told.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR will sing *Lift Up Your Heads* from Handel's *Messiah* on Palm Sunday as a part of the *Messiah* series and will be joined with members of the Millikin Brass on Easter Sunday. In addition to the weekly services, the choir will sing a concert at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi on April 17.

To conclude our series of movements from Handel's *Messiah*, Lyle VanDeventer will be joined with Dennis Jones, trumpet, in *The Trumpet Shall Sound*. Many thanks to the quartet of Eleanor VanDeventer, Adam Miller, Jamie Greenwald and Lyle VanDeventer, who have prepared the choral and solo movements from *Messiah* for both Advent and Lent.

A VIENNESE MUSICALE featuring music of Mozart, Schubert, Brahms and Strauss will be presented in the Music Room on Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m. by members of the "Westminster Goes to Vienna and Prague" group of travelers. This, our second gathering, is an opportunity to learn more about the food, culture and history of the places we will visit this coming June. An update of our travel plans and concert options will be shared, along with Viennese pastries and coffee.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS are working on anthems for the spring semester and on the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Rehearsals are at 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday following Bridges.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR has resumed rehearsals on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. This choir, for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, will sing at the Palm Sunday service on March 20.

CHURCH MICE continues its Saturday morning sessions at 11:00 a.m. Follow the pathway of cheese! This semester is ending March 19.

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Hannah Dreitcer

THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING raised \$933.00 for the Central Illinois Foodbank! Many thanks to all who donated.

BAY WEEKEND INSPIRATION! – Youth were inspired by Mark Yaconelli's challenge to remember "what matters" during the Bay Weekend and pooled their money to purchase food and feed the homeless in downtown Springfield. Special thanks to Becky Martin who heard their story and made a generous gift toward their endeavor.



Hugh McBarron, Stella Cole, Adam Powers, Annie Sherrick, Emma Shafer

ROAD TO EMMAUS JR. HIGH SCHEDULE:

March 6 – Confirmation Prep: King David
Confirmation Class: The Lord's Prayer

March 13 – TRIVIA NIGHT

March 20 – Confirmation Prep: King Solomon
Confirmation Class: Communion

March 27 – Easter: No Group

ROAD TO DAMASCUS SR. HIGH SCHEDULE:

March 6 – In Our Beginning: Faith

March 13 – TRIVIA NIGHT

March 19 – (Saturday) 7-9 p.m. Senior Mini-Retreat

March 20 – Holy Week: Beginnings and Endings

March 27 – Easter: No Group

CHILDREN UPDATE by Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill

BRIDGES (Grades 3-5) meets each Wednesday from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. The group just concluded six weeks of exploring biblical themes from the Harry Potter novels. This spring the group will watch Disney short films and explore faith, worship, and mission. Hannah and I extend a big thank you to Brad Steller who joins us in leading these students!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING FISH BOXES Throughout Lent, children are invited to fill their fish boxes with donations as we remember those in need and support Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) hunger and disaster assistance programs.

LENTEN COAT DRIVE Families are invited to donate coats for both children and adults to benefit those in need. Please bring coats to the designated basket in the West Narthex.

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20, AT 9:45 A.M., all children and youth are invited to meet in Parish Hall, where we will prepare to lead the processional with palms and present the children's One Great Hour of Sharing fish boxes.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27, AFTER THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE, families with children (birth – 5th grade) are invited to Parish Hall for an Easter egg hunt.

PRESBYTERIAN PLAY DATE meets on Thursdays, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., in the Nursery. All are welcome!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SECOND AND THIRD GRADERS "BIG PROJECT"

On Sunday, February 21, the second and third grade Sunday school class undertook a "Big Project" as they collaborated in creating a diorama of the Parable of the Lost Sheep. Special thanks to their teachers Sue Cull, Val Leonatti and Lynn McMenamini who led the children on this adventure. Ten children participated and worked in pairs to paint and create sheep and pasture bushes. The children are really proud of themselves...and so are their teachers!!!!

Pictured below are: Row 1: Norah Oberholtzer, Julia Musgrave, Nola Sommer, Alina Vogler; Row 2: Ben Bassett, Evan Klein, Rowan Oberholtzer, Larson Nester, Carson Doran, Carter Magalis



ASH WEDNESDAY GREAT BEGINNING OF LENT

Ash Wednesday had a new feel this year with 103 in worship and 12 in the Nursery. Children from the Bridges Midweek Fellowship and youth provided music and worship leadership. Before worship, 80 members of the Westminster family gathered to reflect on the words in our Lenten Devotional Bags and share in a delicious meal. Special thanks to our Bridges children pictured below.



Pictured above are: Row 1: Will Hovey, Aiden Musick, Braden Barton, Finley DuBois, Julia Musgrave, Olivia Simonson, Norah Oberholtzer; Row 2: Louisa Eldridge, Mia Marcy, Evan Klein, Emily Brower, Jade Robinson

YOUNG CHILDREN AND WORSHIP

The Young Children and Worship class on Sunday mornings for children ages 3 to 1st grade continues to be an exceptional experience that invites children to experience the wonder and mystery of God through a unique storytelling format and multi-sensory materials. Thank you to all the parents that attended the informational class on February 21 after 10:00 a.m. worship. Rev. Sarah Iloff McGill is happy to walk families through an orientation of this spiritual formation and answer any questions. Please contact the church office to set up a time to meet.



SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 13-17

iGo GREEN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Westminster's 2016 VBS will be June 13 - 17. Our theme is "iGo Green." This summer, we will teach kids the biblical foundation for taking care of creation. Kids will understand that going green entails much more than just making good choices about the environment. They will learn the biblical concepts that drive the whole idea of creation care for Christians.



WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, MARCH 10

The Westminster Cooperative Preschool Open House is Thursday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. WCP offers classes for children 2 ½ to 5 years old, and is the only NAEYC accredited preschool in Springfield.



JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Westminster's Operating Fund ended the month of January with income above and expenses below our monthly budgeted amounts. Total income exceeded expenses by \$49,285.

| 2016 Operations | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Income | \$ 119,834 | \$ 81,418 | \$ 38,416 |
| Expenses | \$ -70,549 | \$ -81,418 | \$ 10,869 |
| Net | \$ 49,285 | \$ 0 | |

PER CAPITA: This year, Westminster will pay \$28 per member as a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to support the work of our denomination in the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Your special per capita contribution of \$28 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget.

2016 BAY WEEKEND MEMORIES

Storytelling: Remembering What Matters

Westminster Presbyterian Church hosted an intergenerational retreat led by Mark Yaconelli February 5-7. The weekend began Friday evening with 40 members and friends welcoming Mark at a reception at the Kieffer home. In the spirit of storytelling, Jay Kennerly sang "Moon River" accompanied by Ann Collins.

In the Saturday morning seminar "What Matters for Adults" Mark invited the 90 members and friends who attended to remember the thoughts, feelings, and fears experienced as youth. He also made distinctions between the actions that flow from anxiety and the actions that flow from love in how we relate to one another and live out our faith. Remembering our own stories in the context of Christ's stories provides healing and strengthens our understanding and love for one another.

Following the morning seminar, participants gathered for worship, storytelling in small groups, and lunch from Café Moxo. The afternoon provided an opportunity for Mark to share more powerful stories and through spiritual discipline, help us to explore some of our own stories which form who we are as children of God.



Jay Kennerly accompanied by Ann Collins.



Peter Kieffer, Nichole Magalis, Carolyn Proctor and Blythe Kieffer at Friday's reception.



Mark leads us in morning worship on Saturday.



Mark makes distinction between anxiety and love in "What Matters for Adults."



Vallery Huston, Gloria St. Lawrence and Jen DeJong share stories from their childhood and youth.



Carolyn MacDonna shares a memory with Jack Sherrick and Rev. Hannah Dreitcer.



Mark and Hannah mingle with the 29 who attended the afternoon seminar "What Matters for Youth."



James Bond, Adam Powers, Annie Sherrick, Hugh McBarron, Stella Cole, Elsie and Bob Fox listen to Mark's presentation following worship.

Saturday afternoon concluded with Mark and Rev. Hannah Dreitcer gathering with our young people in the Youth Room for mixers, fun and continuing the theme of storytelling in "What Matters for Youth." The youth explored their own stories and inner lives along with how they can bring their gifts and selves to the work of the church.

Sunday morning, Mark preached two powerful sermons to 300 members and friends as we celebrated the Transfiguration of our Lord and prepared for the Journey of Lent. He reminded us of the importance of honesty and vulnerability in living our stories and faith. Through the gift of humor and storytelling he highlighted "what matters" and nourished our spirits.

Following worship, 70 gathered in Parish Hall for Mark's final presentation and a potluck lunch before his departure. Mark and his family moved to Wales in February for six months to teach parish priests the art of storytelling in their ministries. How grateful we are for the privilege of learning from Mark at the 2016 Bay Weekend and for those whose thoughtful generosity have made such a weekend possible through the years. What an honor it was to continue this rich Westminster tradition and meet a man who is a part of Rev. Dreitcer's story and faith formation.



Stella Cole, Emma Shafer, Rev. Hannah Dreitcer, Mark Yaconelli, Hugh McBarron, Annie Sherrick, Jack Sherrick, James Bond, Adam Powers gather following a potluck lunch.

The Bay Weekend was established in 1974 by the family of Frances and Ed Bay with the formation of the Frances M. Bay Lay Education Fund. This fund has provided the Westminster congregation and community with educational weekends for over 40 years. We are grateful to the Bay Family whose generosity and legacy have nourished our faith for more than four decades, and for the Westminster Endowment Fund which has also contributed to these endeavors.

WESTMINSTER'S NEWEST MEMBERS

CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY



Kathryn (Kate) Jamruk joined Westminster by Re-affirmation of Faith. She is a third year law student at SIU-Carbondale currently working with the Illinois House of Representative's legal staff. In December 2015, she moved to Springfield, IL with her fiancé, Michael Morthland, and orange tabby cat, Sunny. Her hobbies include cooking with Michael, working out, singing, and visiting museums. Kate is also looking forward to becoming an active

member at Westminster Presbyterian Church!



Anna Koeppel joined Westminster by Letter of Transfer from Peace UCC in Webster Groves, MO. She was born and raised in Jacksonville, IL, and graduated from the University of Missouri in 2010 with dual degrees in advertising and political science. She then lived in St. Louis for four years before moving to Springfield in May of 2014. She is a researcher for the Midwest Region of the Laborers' International Union of North America, a construction workers' union. Her

interests include exercising, reading, and cooking.



Michael Morthland joined Westminster by Letter of Transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Decatur, IL. He currently works as a clerk for the Fourth District Appellate Court and is engaged to Kathryn Jamruk. Michael is from Decatur and grew up in the Presbyterian Church; first being baptized and later ordained as an elder. He enjoys music (being a music major), hiking, cooking, eating, and volunteering with children. Michael

very much looks forward to growing within the Westminster Presbyterian Church community in Springfield.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAYS, APRIL 10 AND 17

Friends and visitors are invited to our next New Members class on Sundays, April 10 and 17, 11:15 a.m. 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 to attend. The class will be led by the pastors. New members will be received and welcomed at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 24.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Elder John P. Fixmer III died January 30 in Springfield. Condolences are extended to his wife, **Gale Fixmer**, their children, Susan Dyer, John Fixmer IV, David Fixmer, and their families. A memorial service will be held April 30 at 11:00 a.m. at Westminster.

Elder Harry R. Bentsen died January 31 in Springfield. Condolences are extended to his beloved wife, **Mina Bentsen**, and their daughter, Molly and sons, Ross, Todd, and Perry. A memorial service was held February 13 at Westminster.

Frances Mathewson-Black died February 2 in Urbana. Condolences are extended to her children, Brad Mathewson, Ted Mathewson, Wendy Schmitz, and Mark Mathewson. A memorial service will be held March 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Westminster.

SYMPATHY TO

Kathy and Tim Moore on the death of Kathy's mother, Erma Koessel, who died Tuesday, January 19, in Auburn, Illinois.

Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer, Sharon Manning on the death of Lyle's father, David Lyle VanDeventer, Sr. who died January 30.

Dr. Peter Kieffer on the death of his uncle, Dr. David Kieffer, who died on February 14 in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Michelle Power and Whitney Spearie on the death of Robert J. Power, father-in-law and grandfather, who died on February 28.

Mary and Bob Leffler on the death of her sister, Laurel Moore, in Muskegon, Michigan on February 28.

THANK YOU

To the **Dungan, Germeraad, and Schnirring families** for their gift of updated exterior and parking lot lighting.

To **Kelvin Owens** for the gift of stainless steel airpots.

To my friends at Westminster for the prayers, cards and calls during my recovery. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. **Camille Degner**

To **Dr. Tanya DeSanto** and her daughter **Emma Batterman** who are serving on a medical mission in Haiti March 2-10 through IAMM. Westminster Endowment provided support toward their mission.

2016 MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

Roy Baker celebrated 90 on January 4

Dorothea Callaway celebrated 102 on February 3

Cliff Tozer celebrated 91 on February 5

Margie Dobson celebrated 95 on February 16

Dorothea Thrasher celebrates 95 on March 2

Mary Jane Dunn celebrates 99 on March 3

Dr. Harry Bergmann celebrates 97 on March 5

Patricia Picchi celebrates 90 on March 20

Elsie Unglaub celebrates 90 on March 23

Dr. Ivan Birrer celebrates 98 on March 24

Donald Bertram celebrates 91 on March 29

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mary Caroline Mitchell who became a Paul Harris Fellow "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for furthering understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world." Thank you to **Drs. Naomi and Bob Lynn** who nominated her.

Jake Freer, Drew Harmon (grandson of **Agnes and Don Harmon**) and **Matthew Knox** who qualified for state in swimming and diving.

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER

THEOLOGY ON TAP (ages 21 – 40) gathers on Monday, March 7, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., at Casa Real (3100 W. White Oaks). This group is led by Rev. Hannah Dreiter.

PARENTS' FELLOWSHIP GROUP meets on Sundays in the Ziegler Library following the 10:00 a.m. service. The next social gathering is the Adult Picnic to Danenberger Family Vineyards on Sunday, May 22, from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m. Parents will enjoy wine tasting and food by the local chef. Child care will be provided at the church. Meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. to carpool together. Contact Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill with any questions and RSVP to Imaxey@wpcspi.org.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE; ALL AGES WELCOME) Join us Friday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for a potluck dinner before moving into the Sanctuary to hear the Roxbury Latin School of Boston Glee Club and Latonics Concert.

KNIT 2 PURL 4 continues to gather for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom.



Pictured on the left is the Rev. Trajan McGill in the lovely scarf Knit 2 Purl 4 presented to him earlier this year. Each pastor has received a knitted item upon their arrival.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 a.m. Bob Wire will present a program on the Hunter Lake project. Dale Hedrick will coordinate breakfast, and Tim Kluge will lead in devotions.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON is Friday, March 4, at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen chair is Leah Duling. Chair of the day is Lynne Cleverdon. Please make your reservation by Wednesday, March 2, at 522-4415. CWU World Day of Prayer will be observed at 1:30 p.m. at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 524 E. Lawrence.



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet March 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of our hostess, Sue Scaife. We will discuss Chapter VI; *The Truth Told Slant: The Power of Metaphor* and Chapter VII; *Deep Speaks to Deep: Learning to Speak and Listen*.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet March 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Our program will be *Absence of Water-Thirst and Longing* and our leader is Judy Ridinger.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet March 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Our hostess will be Sharon Turner, who will also give devotions. Our program will be Lesson 6, *Reconciling Paul*.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK STUDY will meet March 23 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, by Mark Haddon.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



CONTACT MINISTRIES has been an integral part of Westminster's mission since 1978 when we joined four other churches in founding it as an informational, referral and advocacy agency for the needy in our community. On Friday, February 19, several members supported their Masquerade Fundraiser. The Fierstoses and Sherricks attended along with those pictured above (Alan and Marty Stutz, Blythe Kieffer, Alex Chipman, Stephanie Moore, Trajan McGill, Vallery Huston, Scott Hibbert). Westminster members contributed \$5,075 toward this fundraiser. The 2016 Westminster Mission line item for Contact Ministries is \$8,500, and the Endowment contributed \$800 for the evening. Joe Fierstos joins Dr. Kieffer on the Board of Directors.

SENIOR SACK LUNCHEAS MARCH 4 AND 11 Special thanks to Sandy Bellatti and Mary Caroline Mitchell who initiated this creative and spontaneous mission on behalf of seniors within our community in light of the Illinois budget crisis, to the volunteers who gathered each Friday morning to prepare and deliver lunches, and to the sources of funding provided which included individual donations and the Westminster Endowment. The week of March 14, Senior Services of Central Illinois will resume five-day delivery.

HELPING HANDS – Thanks to Julie James, Sally Godbey, and Amy Xanders for preparing and delivering the February 12 meal.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Thanks to Mike Sundquist and Peter VanGieson who joined Rev. Trajan McGill the last weekend of February in volunteering with Habitat for Humanity to build wheelchair ramps for people who cannot afford the high costs of hiring a contractor. Work days will be available on both weekdays and weekends during the month of March. Interested volunteers are invited to contact Rev. Trajan McGill.

GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH MARCH MENU: *Beef Ravioli, Peas, Peaches, Pudding Mix*. Thank you to those who place these items in the baskets in the West Narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION is available the second Sunday of each month. If you are unable to attend worship and would like to take part in the Lord's Supper, please contact Connie Brown, Church Administrative Assistant. Twelve members received the sacrament delivered by seven teams of elders and deacons on February 14.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING has moved to the third Sunday of each month, effective February 21.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS will be Sunday, March 6, at 9:30 a.m. in Parish Hall. This simple service gathers people for prayer and music and is led by our pastors and accompanist Karen Kraft. Prayer cards are in the pew pockets and at the Visitors' Table.

TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION
SUNDAY, MARCH 13 AT 5:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL
DINNER IS \$5.00 AND TICKETS ARE \$10.00

Each year, the members of Westminster have an opportunity to support our youth at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser hosted by Triviamaster, **Todd Knox**, ably assisted by **Dave Leonatti**! Dinner is served at 5:00 p.m. (\$5.00) and questions begin at 5:30 p.m. This year we are excited to present a SILENT AUCTION. Tickets can be purchased from a youth or in the West Narthex. Special thanks to **Mary Ray** and **Mary Gail Romack** for preparing the dinner and **Becky Huston** for organizing the Silent Auction.

*Your support helps the youth travel to Appalachia
for a week of mission and service this summer (July 23-30, 2016)!*

Pictured is the 2015 Trivia Night winning table which consisted of the Klein, Bryans, Simonson, Metzger, Andre and Hovey Families.



The Roxbury Latin School of Boston Concert
Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary



The Roxbury Latin School of Boston Glee Club and Latonics in Concert will present a program on Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Rob Opdyke, Director of Music, was a classmate of Rev. Trajan McGill at Harvard, and they sang together in an a cappella group. This outstanding choir is in Illinois to perform at the American Choral Director's Association meeting in Champaign. Founded in 1645, Roxbury Latin is the oldest boys' school in the U.S.

“HOLY ROLLER” BOWLING NIGHT
SATURDAY, APRIL 16 FROM 6:30 – 9:00 P.M.

Join the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons on Saturday, April 16, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., at Strike 'N Spare Lanes (2660 W. Lawrence Ave.) for unlimited bowling for the whole family. Cost is \$13.50 per person. Sign-up forms will be available in the West Narthex and online beginning Sunday, March 13. Come out for this “religious” experience with your Westminster family.



EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATIONS FUND

Each year, members and friends provide palms, lilies, and Sanctuary decorations, as well as special music during Holy Week. The list of donors and those whom they are remembering are printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The suggested donation is \$20. Please make checks payable to WPC. **The deadline for bulletin wording is Palm Sunday, March 20.**

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 13!

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**Church offices will close at noon on
March 25 for Good Friday.**

**April Reporter Deadline is
March 27**