

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 2019

SUNDAY WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule:

Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

*Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall
& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary*

*Sunday School for Pre-K – Grade 5
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.*

Adult Ed Forum 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Junior High Youth 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Senior High Youth 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 3

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36, 37-43

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

The Edge of Lent

March 10

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

The Lord Brought Us Out

March 17

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Come to the Waters

March 24

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

YOUTH SUNDAY

Genesis 15:1-12; Psalm 27

Youth & Rev. Christian K. Choi

One Thing

March 31

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Lost and Found

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

THEME: A SEASON OF PRAYER

5:45 p.m. Pasta and Salad in Parish Hall

Free will offering will be collected.

Lenten Devotional Booklets will be shared at tables.

6:30 p.m. Communion Worship Service in Sanctuary

Bridges children and Choristers

serve as liturgists and present special music.

Child-friendly meditation presented by Rev. Christian Choi

Distribution of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Prayer Pocket Squares knitted by K2P4 Mission
will be distributed as a symbol of the season.

LENTEN GIVING

The One Great Hour of Sharing denominational offering will be received during Lent. This is an opportunity to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and empower the poor and oppressed. **Lenten Coat Drive** will be collected in the West Narthex and these coats will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday and be donated to Contact Ministries.

THE SEVENTH BIENNIAL HEALTH FAIR

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, IN PARISH HALL

FOLLOWING THE 10:00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Come learn about good health practices at interactive stations in Parish Hall. Information on many topics will be presented, and several personal screenings and assessments will be available. We are grateful to Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter, who is coordinating the fair, and thanks to former Parish Nurse Judy Ridinger and the many other health professionals from our congregation and elsewhere for contributing their time and expertise.



STATIONS WILL INCLUDE

- Healthy Snacks (presented by Pat Hymans)
- Advance Directives (Michael Nenaber, MD)
- Memorial Care Navigation (Joan Naumovich)
- Derma Scan / Cancer Education (Naomi Wands, RN)
- Skin Care (Judy Knox, MD)
- Cholesterol Screening (Cathy Cragoe, RN, MSN and Marilyn Rigney, RN)
- Blood Glucose Screening (Camille Proud, RN and Cathy Schwartz, RN)
- Osteoporosis Screening (Meleah Berkowitz, BSN, RN, CMSRN)
- Caregivers Interfaith Volunteers (Kay Alberts, Program Coordinator CIV)
- Dental Care (Elizabeth Knoedler, DMD)
- Blood Glucose Screening (Cheryl White, RN and Mary King, RN)
- Vaccine Information (Hannah Eckles, Pharm.D)

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

Recently, I was delighted to read Dr. Lee's NOTE FROM THE PASTOR in the November 2005 issue of The Reporter. It was a report outlining the work of the Strategic Planning Committee on a site plan study which was mandated by the Westminster's Comprehensive Ministry Plan. The congregation approved this plan in 2000 establishing a firm commitment to continue our ministry at this location. The site plan study process was intended to provide a blueprint for responding to future needs as a vital center city congregation.

Some of the topics to be addressed were: 1) Determine the future boundaries of WPC's site. 2) Plan for long-term uses of adjacent properties owned by WPC. 3) Improve WPC's landscaping and parking area. 4) Address the passenger drop-off and handicapped accessibility needs. 5) Design the best approach to parking expansion...7) Understand how WPC can influence the future of the neighborhood...9) Analyze the implications of WPC's debt loan. 10) Build a timeline and identify sources to implement the plan that is ultimately approved.

Almost 15 years later we are at an exciting crossroads to address these topics. Because of the successful "Building a Legacy of Faith" Anniversary Endowment Campaign, we have the financial resources to move forward with this vision. Please join the Strategic Planning Committee on Sunday, March 24, 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall or Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom, to hear their exciting tentative proposals for parking expansion, landscaping improvements, and mission outreach options within our neighborhood.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR ENDEAVOR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 AND TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Plan to attend a presentation by the Strategic Planning Committee on Sunday, March 24, 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall or Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Learn about the preliminary plans of the "Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor." Your input and insight is welcomed by the committee, which is chaired by Dr. Todd Knox and includes Susan Day, Sally Godbey, Keith Hamilton, Beth Kincaid, Kelvin Owens, Karl Pound, Todd Wise, Cheryl White

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM:

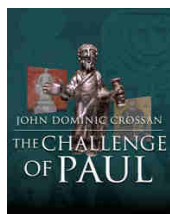
DISCOVER ISLAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

This Sunday, March 3, Dr. Aaron Berkowitz will conclude his informative and fascinating presentation of Islam. During the five-week presentation he has shared the history, context, beliefs, practices, and misconceptions.

THE CHALLENGES OF PAUL

SUNDAYS, MARCH 10, 17, 31, APRIL 7, 14, 28, MAY 5



Beginning Sunday, March 10 the Adult Education Forum will begin a seven-week study of "The Challenges of Paul," which is a Faith and Reason DVD. The presenter is New Testament Scholar John Domini Crossan. Join Lyle VanDeventer and the pastors as we explore the Apostle Paul, one of the most impactful, yet misunderstood figures in our faith. In "The Challenge of Paul," John Dominic Crossan gives us the benefit of his lifelong search for the Paul of history to create a new understanding that sheds new light on Paul and why he is more relevant than ever today.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS has reverted back to the old pattern of this musical group being for students in third through fifth grades. Choristers rehearses at 4:30 p.m. following the Bridges program. The project for the coming months is the preparation of music for the Ash Wednesday service and the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR celebrated Bill Post's birthday on January 6 and Mina Bentsen on February 17. (See page five for photos.) Rehearsals of the choir are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH MICE, our musical experience for infants through age four, meets in the second floor classroom on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. We are excited about the big classes that have been following the pathway of cheese and joining in the musical fun. Church Mice will meet each Saturday through April 13.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, our choir for Kindergartners through second grade, has resumed rehearsals and meets each Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Note the time change and the reversion back to Tuesdays. This choir will be a part of the celebrations on Palm Sunday.

ORGAN RECITAL

On Sunday, March 3 Dale Rogers will play an organ recital at St. John's Episcopal Church in Decatur at 3:00 p.m. The church is located at 130 Eldorado Street in Decatur. The repertoire for the program is varied and includes music of Bridge, Lubeck, Rinck, Mendelssohn, Oxley, Langlais, Weaver, and others. The program is open to the public with no admission charge.

THE EASTER MUSIC FUND needs your generous consideration as it provides for the brass quartet for both Easter Day services in addition to other special music offerings through the season. A suggested donation is \$25.

THE EASTER DECORATION FUND provides for the palms and lilies for Holy Week and Easter decorations. A suggested donation is \$25.

For both of these giving opportunities, a list of donors and those whom they are remembering are printed in the Easter bulletin. Make checks payable to WPC with the appropriate designations. The deadline for the bulletin wording is Palm Sunday, April 14.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Westminster's Operating Fund ended the month of January with income exceeding expenses by \$11,025.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 87,309	\$ 86,346	\$ 963
Expenses	\$-76,284	\$-86,346	\$-10,062
Net Total	\$ 11,025	\$ 0	

PER CAPITA: This year Westminster will pay \$35 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 \$35 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget. **Currently, we have received Per Capita donations from 119 members.**

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3rd. We raised \$824 which was donated to First Presbyterian and Grace Lutheran food pantries.



YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

4:00 PM: Confirmation / Confirmation Prep
 5:00 PM: Youth Group Worship (Junior & Senior High)
 5:30 PM: Youth Group Dinner
 6:00 PM: Senior High Bible Study

Date	Confirmation Prep	Confirmation	Sr. High
Mar. 3	Session 32 Signs & Wonders	Session 12 Are You Ready to Cross Over?	Session 6 Living in a material world
Mar. 10	Session 33 Persecution & Growth	Review of the Lessons	Session 7 Letting go of anxieties
Mar. 17	Session 34 & 35 Peter & Paul	Review of the Lessons	Session 8 Judging others and ourselves
Mar. 24	Youth Sunday / Trivia Night (All youth invited!)		
Mar. 31	Spring Break (No evening gathering)		

2019 YOUTH MISSION



All Team Meeting will be held **Sunday, March 10th from 11:15 a.m. – noon** in the Youth Room. We will participate in team building and talk more about Appalachia. Dr. Richard Leary will join us and speak on "Understanding Virginia." *Final payment is also due.*

WPC YOUNG ADULTS RESUME THIS SUMMER

WPC Young Adults will take a short break from their Sunday brunches this spring. A summer gathering will be planned. Please contact Rev. Christian Choi (cchoi@wpcspi.org) if you are interested in being a part of this fellowship group.



THANK YOU to all who participated in Trivia Night ('90s theme) on February 9. We raised \$6,600! Thanks to everyone who donated, helped, and attended.

On March 7th from 5:30-7:00 pm, we will have an open house for prospective families. If you know anyone who is looking for a preschool, please let them know! Board members and teachers will be available that evening to give tours and answer questions. We are thrilled that our classes are beginning to fill for next year! We will be accepting applications through March 31st, and will send class confirmations out after that date.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

BRIDGES

Bridges Midweek Fellowship for children in grades 3-5 meets Wednesdays from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. prior to Choristers.

3/06: Ash Wednesday Communion Worship Service
 3/13: Children of Abraham gathering at Temple Israel (1140 W. Governor's Street)
 3/20: Regular Fellowship – The Lord's Prayer
 3/27: Regular Fellowship – Explore Seder Meal

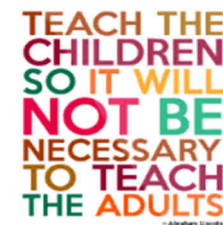
PREPARING FOR LENT: THE SEASON OF PRAYER

Lenten Devotional Booklets were mailed to each family the week of February 24 in preparation for Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. The booklets will contain lectionary readings and prayers for daily reflection.

One Great Hour of Sharing Calendars are also included in the mailing. The Fish boxes will be distributed on Sunday, March 3. Throughout Lent, children are invited to fill their fish boxes with donations as we remember those in need and support the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) hunger and disaster assistance programs.



CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13



Children and youth (K-Grade 12) will gather at Temple B'rith Sholom (1004 S. 4th St.) We will join friends from other faith communities to build friendships, learn about one another and share fellowship over a meal. This year's theme is "What We Share."

If your child needs transportation, please email Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

MEET OUR NEW NURSERY WORKER

We are delighted to welcome Kimberly Hollinshead to our team of Nursery Workers on Sunday mornings. Kimberly begins Sunday, March 3 and joins our team of Victoria and Jaymie.

Kimberly will graduate from Blackburn College in May with a BA in Psychology and a double minor in Art and Gender & Women's studies. Kimberly comes from a large, loving family and is excited for the opportunity to care for our youngest members.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 10-14

BLAST OFF WITH OUR VBS: TO MARS AND BEYOND



This summer, June 10-14 from 9 a.m. to noon, children ages 3- grade 5 are invited to join us *To Mars and Beyond* where we will discover the wonders of God's universe. We'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take us.

SUPER BOWL GATHERING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3



Youth gathered at the Pound's for a fun evening together. Special thanks to Christy & Karl for hosting the event.

Ruth and Naomi Circle February Gathering



Ruth & Naomi Circle showers Sophia Choi with baby gifts before the birth of their son, Zachariah Young Choi on February 11.



Knit 2 Purl 4 Mission Surprise Rev. Choi



On February 5, K2P4 Mission presented Rev. Choi with a knitted scarf to welcome him to Westminster. They also gifted a scarf for Sophia and a hat for Diana.

Zachariah is pictured in the blue knitted hat he wore home from the hospital. K2P4 Mission welcomes all new infants of Westminster with these hats knitted with love and affection.



DANCING WITH THE STARZ
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23



Meridith and Jim Bryans won the 2019 Dancing with the Starz. Jim's family (pictured above) from as far away as California joined Westminster friends to support the Springfield Arts Association. Special thanks to their sponsor, Marty Sumner, and all who whose generous donations made the evening such a success!

WESTMINSTER CHOIR HONORS MINA BENTSEN
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17



THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR hosted a party for Mina Bentsen on February 17 celebrating her birthday and her 53 years of singing in the Westminster Choir. For this celebration, we had two 'cellists from the Illinois Symphony join in the festivities called "Chili, 'Celli, and Limoncello." The evening was a truly collaborative effort by the choir, but particular thanks go to Mike Nenaber, Carolyn Berning, Glen, and Jeanne Pittman.

Mina is pictured above surrounded by her fellow sopranos. Mina is moving to Champaign this March to be closer to her daughter.

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE



FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD BREAKFAST – All are invited to the Faith Coalition's 8th annual fundraising breakfast on **Thursday, March 21, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**, hosted by Westminster this year in our Parish Hall. The featured speaker this year will be State Representative Sue Scherer.

Rev. Trajan McGill will be serving as MC, and Dr. Kieffer will offer the closing prayer. Breakfast is complementary, but those attending will be invited to invest in the organization. If you know ahead of time that you will be attending, pre-registering would be helpful for food planning purposes (217-544-2297 or fccg2208@gmail.com).

MISSION RETREAT

At its February 10 retreat, the Mission and Community Service Committee came together to kick off the year with an introduction to one another, to current mission activities and budgeting at WPC, and to the committee itself, gathering for motivation, team-building, and discussion of mission as a broad concept and mission as the work of Westminster. Members discussed their own hopes and priorities for Westminster's mission and for the functioning of the committee and talked through some goals for 2019. All of us on the Mission and Community Service are excited for the work ahead of us this year, and we hope that you will feel encouraged to share your mission hopes and ideas for Westminster with anyone on the committee.

This year's Mission and Community Service Committee membership: Carole Kennerly (chairperson), Brad Milliman (vice chairperson), Emma Batterman, Joe Fierstos, Kathy Germeraad, Julie James, Bob Leffler, Trajan McGill, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura, Kevin Simonson, Roe Stone, and Allan Wallace.

2020 KENYA MISSION TRIP

Our recent informational meeting on Sunday, February 24 drew 20 people! We are excited about the enthusiasm as Westminster partners with the Outreach Foundation on an adult mission trip to Kenya in January 2020. We will help construct a new church building and classrooms.

If you have interest in joining us and would like more information but haven't already let us know, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill to hear more.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY –

Two major Habitat for Humanity builds may be of interest to Westminster members this year. Speak to Rev. Trajan McGill if you would like to know more or get involved in either or both of these projects.



Ongoing right now: "1,000 Women Strong" was so successful last time, they are doing it again! The goal is to have 1,000 women contribute \$100 each to fully fund a home, and to encourage women to get involved in the building project as well. The fundraising deadline is March 31, and construction will begin soon thereafter.

Coming up soon: The 2019 Interfaith Build will bring together religious communities from multiple faiths and denominations to join forces and develop affordable housing in Springfield. Fundraising is underway now, and the construction work is expected to start in July.

MARCH EARTH CARE TIP



As we approach the season of Lent and remember how Christ lived simply in the wilderness for forty days, let us consider how we might begin new routines dedicated to simplicity and environmental stewardship, such as eating less meat, giving up disposable tableware, or starting a compost pile.

The Earth Care Team will host a table at the Earth Awareness Fair on Saturday, April 27 at the Old State Capital.

HELPING HANDS

Westminster provides the dinner meal for the Helping Hands homeless shelter on the second Friday of every month. Have you ever considered volunteering but were not sure what was involved? The church office can supply all the details, but here are some of the basics:

- **What is needed:** Hearty food for about 50 grown men.
- **When:** 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month.
- **Where:** Helping Hands, 1023 E Washington St.

Useful things to know:

- Many people team up with friends or family members for this volunteer opportunity.
- Reimbursement is available from WPC for the expense of the meal (check with the church office for details).
- Helping Hands requires disposable tableware, which (along with ice for the drinks) can be picked up at Westminster the day of your delivery.
- Drinks are needed also, and milk (regular and chocolate) are always especially appreciated.
- Salads and fruits are received well. The individuals love most anything, but really appreciate "homemade"-type items. Crock pots or cold salads can be dropped off earlier in the day if arrangements are made in advance.

The February meal was provided by Mary Ray, Leigh Milward, and Cathy Schwartz. March is provided by Pat Hymans. May through December slots are still open. Please consider volunteering to provide one of these meals.

GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH MARCH MENU Canned Ravioli, Canned Veggies, 100% Juice Canned or Boxed. Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank. **Items in High Demand:** *feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes size 3 and up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

CAREGIVER INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER SERVICES is an organization with which Westminster has partnered since 1996 and Mina Bentsen has served as our coordinator from the beginning. Mina takes the calls every week to find those in our church who have received the orientation and training and who are on the Westminster team to provide transportation for community members. Mary Caroline Mitchell was the founding Director. This Sunday, March 3, Mina will be recognized for her service and a gift in her honor will be donated to the Caregiver Interfaith Volunteers.

HOME COMMUNION will be served to members unable to attend worship on Sunday, March 10. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill.



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE SECOND FLOOR CLASSROOM

K2P4 Mission gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Knitters will meet for a brown bag lunch in the kitchen at 12:00 p.m. on March 12.

This year, our Lenten worship will focus on the theme of prayer. Prayer pocket squares made by this group will be featured prominently in Ash Wednesday worship and will be provided to worshippers. Many thanks to those who handmade these squares and other items for the community!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON Join with us Friday, March 1 at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Ann Collins and Chair of the Day will be Nancy Canady. In lieu of a program, we will attend the CWU World Day of Prayer starting at 1:30. This will be held at Laurel United Methodist (631 S. Grand Ave) immediately following the luncheon.



RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet on **Wednesday, March 6** for the Ash Wednesday service. The meal starts at 5:45 p.m. with the service following at 6:30 p.m.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m.** in Second Floor Classroom. Pat McNutt will lead the discussion on Chapter 7 "Veiled Threat." If you would like information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Ziegler Library. Sharon Zook will host and lead devotions. Nancy Canady will lead the discussion on Lesson 6 "God With Us: As the Holy Spirit." If you would like information, call Nancy Scott at 217-891-3902.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

Cake donations are needed for the Presbyterian Home's monthly Birthday Celebration. If you would like to be part of this & help out, please contact Nancy Canady 546-8469.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN



Presbyterian Men will meet **Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 a.m.** for a breakfast gathering. David Swihart, Executive Director of the Washington Street Mission, will speak of programs offered at the mission: coffee hour, clothing shop, and the summer children's program. Jay Kennerly will be providing breakfast. Come share in good food and great fellowship!

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 AT 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Eleanor and Richard Leary who will present a program titled "Our Trip to Northern Greece, Albania, and Macedonia". Reservations are not needed, so please join us for the program even if you are unable to attend the potluck. Guests and youth are always welcome.



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO RSVP FOR EVENTS ON THE FELLOWSHIP WEBPAGE AT WPCSPI.ORG.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Schnirring celebrates 90 years on March 1.
Dorothea Thrasher celebrates 98 years on March 2.
Nancy and Rich Canady celebrate 60 years on March 13.
Patricia Picchi celebrates 93 years on March 20.
Mary Ann Singleton celebrates 91 years on March 21.
Elsie Unglaub celebrates 93 years on March 23.

NEW ARRIVAL

Zachariah Young Choi was born on February 11 to the Rev. Christian and Sophia Choi. His proud sister is Diana.

Piper Olivia MacDonna was born on February 19 to Katy and Keegan MacDonna. Her grandparents are Debbie and the late Paul MacDonna and Erin and Josh Masters her aunt and uncle.

IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Collins died February 13 in Springfield. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to her children Stephen, wife Sharon Collins, Kathleen, husband Robert Hernandez and their families.

Paul MacDonna died February 16 in Springfield. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to his wife, Deborah, their children Keegan and Erin, and Paul's sister Virginia Dolan.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Tyron Pettit, Jr. on the death of his father, Tyron Pettit, Sr. on February 9 in Springfield.

Mary and Morley Peura on the death of her mother, Jean Quigley on February 13 in Springfield.

Dee Dee Gain on the death of her brother, C. Bennett Stephens on February 25 in Lake Forest, IL.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ben Bassett and Olivia Simonson for their roles in the musical Junie B. Jones with the Springfield Theatre Centre.

Pat Wheat placed first place for her pastel "Reflections" at the Marco Island Center for the Arts Members Only Exhibition.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PASTORS



Stephanie S. Moore will complete her tenure as Administrative Assistant to the Pastors on Friday, March 8, 2019. She has served Westminster in this capacity since October 31, 2016.

We are grateful for the breadth of experience she brought to this position. Before joining Westminster's staff Stephanie owned her own consulting business and served on numerous boards and organizations. She recently concluded a term on our Board of Deacons and serving as the leader of Ruth and Naomi Circle.

Stephanie will remain active in the life of our congregation and looks forward to pursuing other opportunities to serve Westminster and the community.

Please express your appreciation to Stephanie for the skills and expertise she has shared so generously during her time serving on the Westminster administrative staff.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, MARCH 3

The following new members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 3 following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. Learn more about our newest members in the April Reporter.

Jamie Powell and Thomas Bilyeu – Jamie Powell joins us by Certificate of Transfer from Trinity Lutheran Church and Thomas Bilyeu by Reaffirmation of Faith. Sponsor: Scott Hibbert

George Botanga by Reaffirmation of Faith. Before moving to the USA, George worshiped at a Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, Africa. Sponsor: Dr. Peter Kieffer

Drs. Katie and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold – Katie joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith and Jonathan by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL. Their children are Charles, Kristianna, Katherine and Juliana Eastvold. Sponsors: Carolyn and Brad Swanson

Jayne D. Cates by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. Sponsor: Kate Wilson

Sophia Choi by Certificate of Transfer from Fresno Korean Presbyterian Church. Sponsor: Susan Day

YOUTH SUNDAY IS MARCH 24 THEME: FOCUSING ON CHRIST

On Sunday, March 24 our youth will lead us in both worship services. This year's theme is *Focusing on Christ*. Seniors Emma Batterman, Matthew Knox, Jack Zerfas, and Rev. Christian Choi will present the meditations. Junior and senior high youth will serve as liturgists and ushers. Special music to nourish our spirits will be provided by the Westminster Choristers and our talented youth accompanied by Dale Rogers.



TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER IS SUNDAY, MARCH 24 DOORS FOR TRIVIA OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

We welcome Trivia masters Kelly Robertson & Derik Hymans for the first time this year. We are grateful for this sister-brother duo who graciously stepped up when Todd Knox announced his retirement.



There will be an opportunity during the evening to thank Todd and his partner, Dave Leonatti, who have led us in Trivia for 8 years! *Questions begin at 5:30 p.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.*

DINNER IS \$5.00

Dinner is available for purchase at 5:00 p.m. (\$5.00) thanks to Mary Ray, Pat Hymans and their kitchen team. Participants are welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

TICKETS ARE \$15.00

Purchase tickets on our website, from a youth or in the West Narthex each Sunday in March.

SPONSOR A ROUND \$100

This year you or your business can once again sponsor a round for \$100! Contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for details.



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April Reporter deadline is
Sunday, March 31.
Reporter folding and mailing will be
Wednesday, April 3