

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

533 South Walnut Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704

217-522-4415
www.wpcspi.org

March 2022

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 a.m. In-person and
Livestream Worship Service
www.wpcspi.org

FAITH FORMATION:

9:45 a.m. Nursery
Children Birth – Age 3
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
following Children's Sermon
Children Pre-K - Grade 5
11:15 a.m. Jr. High Confirmation
11:15 a.m. Adult Ed Forum

March 6

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Luke 4:1-13
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Daily Bread

March 13

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Luke 13:31-35
The Rev. Christian K. Choi
Take up Your Cross

March 20

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9
The Rev. Blythe D. Kieffer
Image on the Coin

March 27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 1b-32
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Take off your Shoes

*Sermon manuscripts are located in the West
Narthex and online at www.wpcspi.org.*

THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

We begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday, March 2 at 5:45 p.m. with a Chicken Alfredo and Caesar Salad dinner followed by a family centered worship service at 6:30 p.m. which includes Bridges children serving as liturgists and special music by the St. Andrew's Sisters. Rev. Choi will preach. Holy Communion will be served in the pews and ashes will be imposed as worshipers exit the Sanctuary. This year a simple ceramic dish with an engraved cross will be distributed as a reminder that God is often at work through the ordinary.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Members and friends who sign up will receive a daily devotional from Rev. Jill J. Duffield's book Lent in Plain Sight via our constant contact email. Jill draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus' final days. **Please sign up with Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org) to receive the Lenten Devotional Daily Email. Westminster will cover the copyright cost for each email recipient.**

Additionally, each Westminster family received a Lenten Devotional Bag which includes a scripture verse for each day of Lent. Families are invited to discuss the meaning of each verse as a part of a daily meal or bedtime prayer.

LENTEN CANDLE SERVICE

During Lent, Westminster's Sunday worship service will begin with a Lenten Candle Service woven into the Call to Worship. Rather than light a candle each Sunday as we do in Advent, a candle will be extinguished each Sunday of Lent leading to Easter to commemorate Christ's journey to the cross. The symbolism of these liturgies will add meaning to our worship as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

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.

A **LENTEN COAT DRIVE** will collect coats in the West Narthex. These coats will line the center pews of our Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, and then they will be donated to Contact Ministries.

DALE ROGERS' ORGAN RECITAL SUNDAY, MARCH 20

On Sunday, March 20 at 4:00 p.m. Dale Rogers will present an Organ Recital in the Sanctuary featuring the Music of Bridge, Couperin, Bach, Scarlatti, Carter, Franck, Elmore, and Saint-Saëns.

The Presbyterian calendar has designated March 20 at "Mr. Rogers' Day." Although Dale will not be playing "It's a Wonderful Day in the Neighborhood," we like the coincidence. Come, celebrate Westminster's dedicated and gifted Mr. Rogers!



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

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Lent is a time to step back, to invite silence into our lives, and to reflect on the questions that go to the heart of who we are. Lent is a time to live the questions. Living the Questions is a book of essays written in honor of the work of Dr. Parker Palmer, American author, educator, and Quaker who has spent a lifetime on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality, and exploring the dynamic interplay between the inner life of the spirit and the outer life of work. Known as one of the nation's most thoughtful voices, he calls us to ways of being in the world that honor the human heart and promote a humane society.

He contends that we cannot have one without the other. The journey to inner wholeness gives us the courage and capacity to reach out to others in need and to live with integrity. Wholeness does not mean perfection: it means embracing brokenness as an integral part of life. When we embrace our brokenness with honesty, we move toward wholeness. When we embrace our brokenness, we can accept the brokenness of others without being judgmental and pompous. Thank God for those people in our lives who keep us honest and who ask the difficult questions.

In Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus is concerned about our inner wholeness and matters of the heart, not outward appearances. Jesus warns against a public display of religion, hypocrisy and trying to impress others by acting like we are better than we really are.

During this Season of Lent, as we once again affirm the dust from which we were formed and embrace our humanity, may we take heart in the God, who created us, who joined us in our humanity, who walked the via Delarosa (the road of sorrow), and who went on to conquer death by dying on a cross.

May we have the courage to take that journey of the heart and may we continue to pray for peace in our world, the people of Ukraine, and those in positions of leadership confronting this broken and unprovoked aggression.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MARCH 27



New members will be recognized at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 27 following a special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Dr. Kieffer.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Westminster's Ministry Information Form (MIF) was activated on the Presbyterian Church Leadership Connection website Tuesday, February 15. Eleven matches were initially made. The APNC is reviewing these matches and will follow up with interviews in the coming months. Members are welcome to review the MIF which can be found on our website wpcspi.org.

The congregation is asked to remember the members of the committee and perspective candidates in your prayers as we seek God's spirit in the discernment process and search for the Associate Pastor for Family Ministry.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Parish Hall. On Sunday, March 13, the choir will sing *Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs* with Matt Nall playing the piano part, and Michael Morthland playing the Bassoon obligato. On Sunday, March 20, Adam Miller and Lyle VanDeventer will join forces with the Westminster Choir in singing the *Agnus Dei* of Puccini.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS, our choir for Grades 3-6, rehearses on Wednesdays, from 4:45– 5:30 p.m. to prepare for the Spring Musical "Heroes of the Faith," which will be presented on Founders' Sunday, May 22. Choristers will not meet on March 9, so they can attend Children of Abraham nor on March 23 for District 186's Spring Break.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, our choir for Kindergartners through second grade, rehearses on Tuesdays at 4:45 p.m. This choir will sing on Palm Sunday. No rehearsal on March 22 for Spring Break.

CHURCH MICE, our musical experience for infants through age four gathers on Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m.

THE EASTER MUSIC and DECORATION FUND provides funds for our guest musicians for the season, for the palms and lilies used during Holy Week, and for Easter decorations. A suggested donation is \$25 for each fund. 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 or by credit card on our website with the wording for the bulletin by Palm Sunday, April 10.



ADULT ED FORUM: GIANTS

SUNDAYS, MARCH 6, 13, 20, 11:15-12 NOON

This three-session course will behold the lives of the three nineteenth century giants Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Elijah Lovejoy, who led abolitionists in our congregation and across the land towards emancipation. Dr. Peter Kieffer will lead the class and is grateful to Archivists Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer for their extensive research. The Adult Ed Forum meets

Sundays, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom.

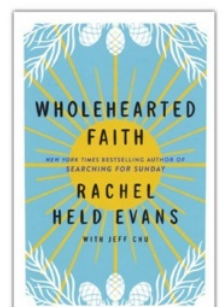
LENTEN COURSE: MINDFULNESS, MEDITATION, & RESILIENCY MONDAYS, MARCH 7, 14, 28, APRIL 4, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Virginia Dolan will lead a Lenten Course: *Mindfulness, Meditation, and Resiliency* as we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. This class is the evidence-based program from Benson Henry Institute at Mass General in partnership with Harvard Medical School. The books have been donated so there is no cost to participants. **If you are interested, please contact Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter at ranell@comcast.net.**

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, March 22. 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. Participants are invited to sign up on the church website and are responsible for purchasing their own books.

The March book is *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans with Jeff Chu. New members are always welcome!



FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

BIG THANK YOUS



Thank you to all who enjoyed the English Breakfast in support of the 2022 Youth Mission Trip. Prepared by Pat Hymans and her team and served by the youth attending the mission, we raised **\$2,426** after expenses.

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 6 We raised **\$1,420** which was donated to Kumler Outreach Ministries and Grace Lutheran Church food pantries.



CONFIRMATION & SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

Date	Confirmation	Sr. High
3/6	BGBQ: Session 2 & 4: Who is your Lord and how do we know and trust God?	Theme: How are we called to make a difference?
3/13	Echo session 11: Judges	No Gathering
3/20	No Gathering: Enjoy Spring Break	
3/27	Echo session 12: Ruth	Preparing for the Fundraisers

CONFIRMANDS VISIT TEMPLE B'RITH SHOLOM FRIDAY, MARCH 18 AT 6:30 P.M.



On Friday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. junior high youth and their parents will gather at Temple B'rith Sholom in Springfield for worship and a visit with Rabbi Lynn Goldstein. She is the first female Rabbi in Springfield area. Afterwards, we will have dinner together and share what we have learned and experienced.

2022 YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP JULY 10-16, 2022

This summer, youth group mission team is preparing to go to a new destination: Upstate New York. We hope to visit Women's Rights National Historical Park, which is one of ten National Parks that celebrate women's history. **Current 8th grade, high school youth, and college young adults are invited to join this summer's mission trip!** For additional information, visit www.wpcspi.org/2022mission



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen H. Sherrick

PREPARING FOR LENT

Lenten Devotional Bags were mailed to each family the week of February 14 in preparation for Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. The booklets will contain Bible verses for daily reflection.

One Great Hour of Sharing Calendars and Boxes were also included in the mailing.



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.

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP (GRADES 3-5)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In March, we will continue to combine the Sunday School classes into one room. There are age appropriate activities for our children to interact with the Bible story and an opportunity for mentoring and multi-age collaboration. (*Grades 3-5 stay in the Sanctuary for Communion Sunday.*) If you would like access to the WPCConnections on our website, please contact Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org to receive a log-in for access to our archives.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM GATHERING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.

TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS

Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to join us **Wednesday, March 9, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.** as we gather with our friends from other faith communities as we continue to explore our theme "Be the Light." Parents and children are welcome to drive directly to Temple B'rith Sholom (1004 S. 4th St.) If your child needs transportation, please email Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 13-17 WATER ALL AROUND THE WORLD

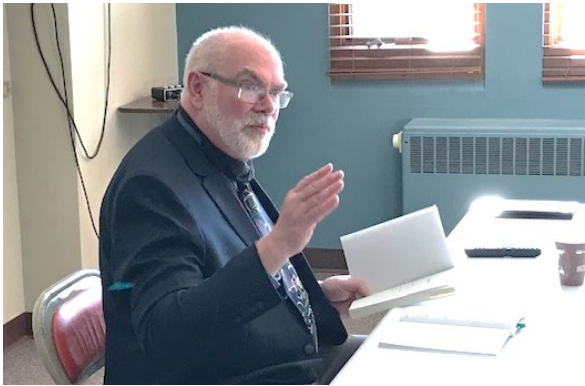
June 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon, children ages 3 to grade 5 will gather to experience God's love while exploring scriptures that refer particularly to God's use of water as an agent of creation, salvation, healing, blessing, and health. We will learn about the way in which access to water effects the everyday lives of children in other parts of the world, and some suggestions about ways we can help.



WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL The snow may have caused us to miss a couple of days of school in February, but we found great joy stomping and playing in it out on the playground! This month we studied clothing and have enjoyed examining our clothes, seeing how they're put together, and designing our own clothes. We have a space station in our dramatic play center which has resulted in several interstellar trips. Valentine's Day was especially fun; the students handed out cards to all their friends, made neat heart crafts, and had special Valentine snacks. We're looking forward to a field trip to the Illinois Horse Fair in March!

General registration for the 2022-23 school year is now open through the end of March. Please spread the word and let any interested families know we will be having an Open House in the classroom on Wednesday, March 16th, from 6:00-7:30. Applications are available on our website and in the church office.

TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER



Top row: Rev. Choi led Westminster ministry partners in the Illinois Mandated Reporting Training on February 13. Second row: Lyle VanDeventer taught "The Difficult Words of Jesus" during the Adult Ed Forum February 6, 13 and 27. Third row: Presbyterian Men welcomed County Clerk Don Gray on February 10. Fourth Row: Pat and Al Hymans surprised staff with breakfast at their February 8 meeting and Lydia Circle met in the Ziegler Library on February 15.

EGG-TASTIC BREAKFAST YOUTH MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER



Seventy members gathered for the 5th Annual Egg-tastic Breakfast on February 20. What a delight to have our youth serve the delicious breakfast prepared by Pat and Al Hymans, Krista Steller, Jeanne Pittman, and Mary Ray. Youth who participated in the mission trip fundraiser were Emily Brower, Luke Elston, Will Hovey, Clayton Kurmann Sam and Carter Magalis, Macklin Metzger, Bryce Pound, Matthew Scott. Also pictured are Amanda Kurmann, Rev. Choi, Diana and Zachariah. The youth raised \$2,426 thanks to the generosity of so many!!!

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Christian K. Choi

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

THIRD ANNUAL STEADFAST NEIGHBOR OUTREACH

The Strategic Planning Committee and Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force continue to address the mandate to invest \$450,000 in our neighborhood within the decade. These investments include matching grants, service week projects, and the Little Pantry at Graham Elementary School. We spent \$27,506 in 2020 and \$35,794 in 2021 on these outreach projects.



This year the committee leadership decided to expand our boundaries to include additional homes on West Governor and to increase the matching grant to \$1,500. **Letters with application forms were mailed to neighbors February 15.** Applications are due April 15, and a reminder letter will be sent April 1. New task force members Jim McDonough, Tom Owen, Julie Robbs, Dr. Diane Rutledge and Pete VanGieson join Keith Hamilton, Bob Leffler, Brad Milliman, Jess Weitzel and chair Dr Todd Knox.

SERVICE WEEK

JUNE 27 – JULY 1, 2022



The dates for this year's neighborhood outreach are **June 27 – July 1**. Once again, we will assist with exterior repair and improvement projects. Please consider joining us for one or more days of the fourth week of June as we spread goodwill in the neighborhood! If you are interested, contact Todd Knox at hardknox1@mac.com.

MATCHING GRANTS

Local homeowners are invited to apply for matching grants toward simple property improvements, especially addressing certain needs such as safety, security, and energy efficiency upgrades. We awarded 12 grants in 2020 and 18 grants in 2021. With the program in place and the news spreading, we anticipate the applications will continue to grow.

COMPASS FOR KIDS RESUMED FEBRUARY 22

WELCOMES NEW SITE COORDINATOR

Compass for Kids in-person gatherings at Westminster resumed **Tuesday, February 22 at 3:00 p.m.** This weekly tutoring after-school program also offers a life skills class and a healthy snack. We are grateful for the 2021-2022 ministry partners who work with Compass: *Cathy Allen, Emily and Cathy Brower, Rance Carpenter, Kris Gates, Carole Kennerly, Mia Marcy, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Bryce Pound, Lynn McMenamin, and Matthew Scott.*



Tyves Gardner or "Ty" for short is the new Site Coordinator for Graham and Dubois Schools. Ty grew up in Springfield and is a graduate of Ball Charter and Southeast High School (where he played varsity basketball for three years). He also played basketball at Millikin University where he earned a B.A. in Sports Management. Ty coach's freshman

basketball at Southeast and works with children under Lutheran Child and Family Services as a Case Work Specialist. From participating in mentoring programs in high school to conducting case/social work in the professional field, children have always been a part of his life. We welcome Ty's leadership and are grateful for his experience.

FEBRUARY HELPING HANDS MEAL

Thank you to the Ann Collins and Sue Sawers for the meal on February 11. The Marcy 11 meal will be prepared by Krista Steller and Melanie Humphrey. **The months of April to December are available and we are in need of Ministry Partners.** If this is your first time, we have members that will guide you through the process. Please contact Jennie Alt with any questions.



FEBRUARY WARMING CENTER MEAL

The Hunger Action Team prepared a monthly meal for the Springfield Warming Center on **Thursday, February 17.**



Thank you to Kathy Germeraad, Pat Hymans, Marilyn Rigney, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Sue Sawers, Sue Scaife, Krista Steller, and Jeanne VanGieson. The next meal will be on Wednesday, March 30. Please contact Krista Steller at ksteller@wpcspi.org if you would like to participate.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH MARCH MENU

Canned Ravioli, Canned Veggies, 100% Juice Canned or Boxed, feminine hygiene products, diapers, toilet paper, toothpaste. (No baby food, please.) Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex and to Jess Werner who delivers them to the Central Illinois Foodbank.

MARCH EARTH CARE TIP

Spring cleaning or downsizing? Others can reuse what we no longer need and, in so doing, save natural resources and space at the landfill. Get cash for gently used adult or kids clothing at Plato's Closet or Once Upon a Child. Donations to Goodwill or Salvation Army (clothes and household items), Restore (building materials, hardware, and tools), or Wooden It Be Lovely (wooden furniture) not only promotes reuse but also gives the less fortunate meaningful work and bring us a tax deduction! - **Dr. Peter Kieffer**



WOODEN IT BE LOVELY SPRING SHOWCASE FURNITURE SALE

MARCH 26, 2022, 9 AM-1 PM

**DOUGLAS AVE METHODIST CHURCH-
501 S. DOUGLAS AVE**

Westminster provided a \$7,000 grant to this community outreach in 2021. Serving on their board are members Cindy Davis, Jen DeJong, Kathy Germeraad, and Dr. Diane Rutledge. Come out and see the creative work!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – Thank you to the elders and deacons who visited seven members on February 13. If you are unable to attend worship on March 13 and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers every **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. On the first Tuesday of the month, bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship from 12:00 – 1:00p.m. in the same location.

Prayer Squares: Do you have small amounts of yarn (approximately 20 yards) to replenish our supply of squares? A pattern is available upon request. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins about knitted items needed at 217-544-8657.

PW LUNCHEON will be **Friday, March 4 at 12 noon.** The program will be presented by the Westminster Archivists, Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer. Ann Collins will be the kitchen chair. Sharon Zook is the chair of the day. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE meets **Monday, March 14 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Mary 1 and 2.” Contact Sue Baker at 217-299-5216.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets **Tuesday, March 15 at 9:30 a.m.** in Third Floor Classroom. The lesson is on “Mary 1 and 2.” For more information, contact Nancy Canady at 217-899-9890.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Dee Dee Duffy (3400 Elderberry, 62711). We will discuss Lesson Six “Bathsheba.” RSVP to Dee Dee.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S BREAKFAST is **Thursday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Todd Wise, Support and Endowment Committee Chair with present on Westminster’s Support and Endowment Plan. Richard Leary will provide breakfast. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

DMA (DON’T MENTION AGE) will meet **Friday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Dr. Diane Rutledge will speak about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five. The meal will be provided in March. RSVP with weekly email link, website, or by calling the church office.

Upcoming Date: Friday, April 22 – Preventing Senior Scams by Brad Ware of our local FBI office. We will return to our potluck style meal in April and May.



LAYETTES FOR KUMLER

Join the women of Westminster in donating layette items during March and April in the box in the West Narthex. Items will be given to Kumler Outreach Ministries in early May. If you would like to shop online, you can have them shipped directly to the church.

Attention Knitters: If you are donating knitted items, please let Sue Cull know what and how many items you have donated.

COVID-19 TASK FORCE REPORT

Since our last report: (1) case numbers in Sangamon County have continued to decline, and (2) the state’s mask mandate has ended in most public places and schools.

- WPC will follow the governor’s directive and will no longer require masks to be worn indoors at the church; this includes during our church services, the first of which will be Ash Wednesday on March 2.
- Masks will continue to be worn in the nursery and at the church’s preschool, as these children are not yet eligible for vaccination.
- The choir will continue to sing their weekly anthem without masks. This is acceptable because of the vaccination status of the choir members and the congregation, as well as the distance between them.
- Meals will be served as planned. -Dr. Todd Knox

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Lawley celebrates 91 years on March 8.

Nancy & Rich Canady celebrate 63 years on March 13.

Pat Picchi celebrates 96 years on March 20.

Mary Anne Singleton celebrates 94 years on March 21.

Donna Foster celebrates 91 years on March 21.

Elsie Unglaub celebrates 96 years on March 23.

NEW ARRIVAL

Theodore Robert Clancey was born to Lindsey and Robert Clancey on December 16 in Kansas City. Theodore’s big brother is Andrew Steven and his proud grandparents are Steve and Dr. Jane Arbuthnot.

IN MEMORIAM

Frank Wells Langbehn died on January 30 in Springfield. The prayers of the congregation are extended to his daughter Amy Elizabeth Langbehn, daughter-in-law Marilynne Cunningham (husband Ron), five grandchildren Courtney Babiak (husband Mike), Jeffrey Joseph Langbehn, Jessica Hurley (husband Jimmy), Olivia Wells Langbehn and Elizabeth Claire Dawe and four great grandchildren.

The Memorial Service honoring the life of Barbara Dirksen will be Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Sara and David Eldridge on the death of Sara’s mother and to Louisa and Abigail Eldridge on the death of their grandmother, Margaret Kockick, on Saturday February 12 in Jackson, Mississippi.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Springfield High School swimmers, Will Hovey and Cort Sommer, who won many events in the Boys City Swimming and Diving Meet Championship over Sacred Heart Griffin.

Matthew Knox, whose Men’s 200 Freestyle and 500 Freestyle times placed him in the all-time top ten for Duke University.

Matthew Tungett, Midshipman 1/C at the U.S. Naval Academy, who was named to the Superintendent’s List for Fall 2021.

NEW ADDRESS

Judi Mier, 2101 W. Lawrence Ave. Unit 609, IL Presbyterian Home, Springfield, IL 62704

Gloria St. Lawrence, 2101 W. Lawrence Ave. Unit 403, IL Presbyterian Home, Springfield, IL 62704

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 \$36,067.

2022 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 107,617	\$ 85,315	\$ 22,302
Expenses	\$- 71,550	\$- 85,315	\$ 13,765
Net Total	\$ 36,067	\$ 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.

DANCING WITH THE STARZ FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

To keep everyone safe, the 15th Annual Dancing with the Starz, Color Compositions, will be taking place virtually on **Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.**

This year, **Drs. Jonathan and Katie Carlson-Eastvold** will represent WPC, sponsored by James J. Greenwald, D.D.S., Becky and Rich Owens, and Marty Sumner. A week-long silent auction filled with original art, fun experiences, gift cards, and more will also take place March 4-12.

Members are invited to watch and take part in the silent auction. You can vote for Katie and Jonathan and support the Springfield Art Association at: <https://www.springfieldart.org/dwts.html>



TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS SUNDAY, APRIL 3

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. Each year, members support our youth at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. **Questions begin at 5:30 p.m.** This year we are excited to welcome Aaron Berkowitz and Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions. Sign-up yourself or your team online at our website or at <https://bit.ly/3lxTdYv>. **Childcare is available in the nursery.**



2019 Winning Trivia Team

TICKETS ARE \$15.00 and can be purchased on our website, from a youth or in the West Narthex each Sunday.

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

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

RISE UP OF THE SPRINGDALE LADIES AIDE SOCIETY SUFFRAGE PLAY CASTING COMPLETE

Thank you to all who participated in the auditions on February 12. We are excited to announce the parts have been cast and rehearsals will begin March 7. Westminster members in the play include *Lucy Bassett, Carolyn Beatty, Ann Collins, Jay Kennerly, Kate and Michael Morthland, Bill Ward*. Music will be provided by *Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer and Dale Rogers*.

The Women's Suffrage Play **Rising Up of the Springdale Ladies Aide Society** written by Carole Kennerly and directed by Kelly Robertson will be presented **MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND** with a Friday and Saturday evening performance for the community at 8:00 p.m. and a 12 noon Sunday performance in Parish Hall. There will be a Tea Reception following worship on the West Terrace on Mother's Day.

All proceeds will support the 2022 Youth Mission Trip. whose theme will be the Women's Suffrage as they journey to Seneca Falls, NY.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS TAKEN

APRIL 28-30, MAY 17-18, MAY 24-25

Westminster's last Pictorial Directory was published in 2018. This year's directory will be published by Unique Church Solutions of Universal Church Directories. Photos are scheduled for April 28-30, May 17-18 and May 24-25, 2022.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR, gather your family members and don't miss this opportunity for a family portrait! Thank you to the Board of Deacons for coordinating this important endeavor.

Westminster Staff

The Reverend Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Pastor and Head of Staff

bkieffer@wpcspi.org

The Reverend Christian K. Choi

Associate Pastor for Parish Life

cchoi@wpcspi.org

The Reverend Gerald W. Boutelle

Parish Associate

Dale T. Rogers

Director of Music and the Arts

drogers@wpcspi.org

Deb Watts Elliott

Saturday Worship Pianist and

Music Coordinator

deb.watts@live.com

Karen H. Sherrick

Director for Children's Ministry

ksherrick@wpcspi.org

Leigh Milward

Nursery Coordinator

Caroline Haynor

Nursery Worker

Emily Rowley, Kacey Belitsos

Cooperative Preschool Teachers

emily@westminster-preschool.org

kacey@westminster-preschool.org

Ellen Carpenter

Parish Nurse

ranell@comcast.net

Pat Hymans

Hospitality Coordinator

alnpat5@yahoo.com

Lisa Runkle

Financial Administrator

lrunkle@wpcspi.org

Jennie Alt

Church Administrative Assistant

jalt@wpcspi.org

Krista Steller

Communications Coordinator

ksteller@wpcspi.org

Gary Warnick

Building and Property Manager

gwarnick@wpcspi.org

Terry Gietl, Bill Hibbert,

Eddie Hubbard, Steve Stapleton

Part-time Custodians

*Reporter folding and mailing will be
Wednesday, March 30.*