# THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## March
2026

## Come Join Us!

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### March 1
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**
*1 John 1:1-10; Romans 7:14-20*
*What Do You Mean By That? - Sin*
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

### March 8
**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**
**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**
*Psalm 139:22-23; Matthew 7:1-5*
*What Do You Mean by That? - Repentance*
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

### March 15
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
*Matthew 7:1-5*
*What Do You Mean By That?- Salvation*
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

### March 22
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**
*Deut. 6:20-25; Luke 10:25--37*
*What Do You Mean by That? - Sanctification*
Rev. Sarah A. Bishop

### March 29
**PALM SUNDAY**
*Matthew 21:1-11*
*Palm Sunday*
Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

## Holy Week

### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29
### 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Anne C.S. Marshall will preach. Sunday school children and youth 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. The Westminster Children's Choir will sing, and the Westminster Choir will sing *Fling Wide the Gates* from John Stainer's *Crucifixion*, and the poignant *Carol of the Hill* by Stephen Paulus.

### THE PASSION OF CHRIST ART DISPLAY
### March 29 – April 5 in Parish Hall

Artwork depicting the Passion of Christ will be displayed in Parish Hall. Through the eyes of renowned artists, we will witness Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week leading to His crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Westminster's Labyrinth will be displayed in Parish Hall during Holy Week for those who would like to practice this discipline of prayer.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, APRIL 2
### 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall will preach, and the Westminster Choir will sing *Cross Cry*, *He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word*, and *Miserere Mei*. This service will include the solemn stripping of the Chancel accompanied by the "Adagio for Strings" of Samuel Barber and the seven words of Christ.

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5
### 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Reverend Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall will preach, and the Westminster Choir will be joined by members of the Millikin Brass in the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah* and *Easter Rejoicing* of Jonathan Willcocks and other festive music for Easter Day. The Chancel will be filled with the cross of lilies, a cherished tradition at Westminster.

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

**DEACONS BRING LILIES** to members who are shut-in and who have lost loved ones since Christmas as we find comfort and strength in our Risen Lord.

## From the Pastor

The Strategic Planning Team continues its work on our Mission Study and we need your help. If you signed up to interview a specific family at Westminster or one of our mission partners, please complete those interviews and send a summary of what you learned to wpcstrategicplanning@gmail.com as soon as possible.

If you were not signed up to interview someone specifically, we encourage you to reach out to a friend, neighbor or even your grown children to find out more about what their lives are like. What brings them joy? What causes them stress? What if anything would they like to know about God or faith? If they were to consider participating in something related to church what would draw their interest or meet a need?

Through these conversations we hope to learn more and open our hearts to the needs of those around us and how our church might connect with younger generations or people who do not yet have a faith home.

At our March meeting, the Strategic Planning Team will begin compiling responses and looking for common themes that emerge regarding opportunities for expanding our welcome. Once we have identified common themes, we will bring that information back to the congregation as we move into step two of our mission study process. Step two will focus on identifying the strengths and resources we already have in place and how those might connect with our opportunities for expanding our welcome.

Peace,

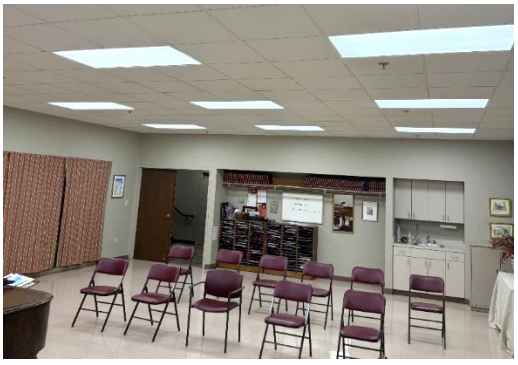
The Rev. Dr. Anne C.S. Marshall

## Nominating Elders and Deacons

Due to personal life circumstances, two elders and one deacon have stepped down from their roles. The nominating team is currently working to nominate 2 elders (class of 2026 and 2028) and 1 deacon (class of 2027) for unexpired terms. There is a particular need for elders to help lead adult formation and stewardship. If you would like to nominate yourself or another church member, please contact elder, Julie Robbs (julie.robbs10@gmail.com), with the name of the person you wish to nominate, their involvement in the church, any pertinent background on their interest or background, and whether you would like to nominate them as an elder or deacon. Please submit any nominations by March 15.

## Property Update

The property committee approved the re-lamping of the choir room this month. B & B Electric completed the job, and they also replaced some outside landscape lights on the building.



## Music Notes by Dale T. Rogers

**The Westminster Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. to prepare for each Sunday morning's service. In the coming weeks special music will be *O Lord, Most Holy* of Franck, *We Shall Walk Through the Valley*, a Spiritual; *Tender Mercy* of Lee Dengler, with 'cellist Audra Davison; and Raymond Brown's setting of *Softly and Tenderly.*

**The Westminster Children's Choir** meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Music Room following Bridges. The Children's Choir is currently preparing music for Palm Sunday and Mother's Day.

**Church Mice,** our free musical experience for infants to age four, meets on Saturday mornings at 11:00. Encourage neighbors and friends in your play groups to join. Follow the pathway of cheese to music, fun, and friends.

BIG BAND

**The Capitol Big Band** will play an upbeat, bold and brassy program with undertones of smooth and jazzy music from the Swing-Era on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This program will be a great remedy for the winter blahs.

**THE EASTER MUSIC AND DECORATION FUND** provide resources for seasonal guest musicians, the palms and lilies used during Holy Week, and Easter decorations. A suggested donation is $25 for each fund. For both giving opportunities, a list of donors and those whom they honor with their gift 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, March 29.

## Adult Ed Forum

Join us Sundays at 11:15 in Parish Hall. All are welcome! If you have suggestions for future forums, please contact Aaron Berkowitz or Rev. Sarah Bishop.

**Law and Faith – March 1**
This class will explore the historic impact the church has had on American Law.
Led by Jack Sherrick, J.D.

**Women and the Law– March 8**
Using the scholarship of the book, "Equal: Women Reshape American Law," this class will learn more about the history of women who sought legal degrees.
Led by Rachel Hickman J.D.

**Understanding Psychological Defense Mechanisms – March 15**
This class will discuss psychological defense mechanisms which are unconscious psychological strategies that protect individuals from anxiety and stress.
Led by Dr. Brian Richardson

**Women and Literature – Jane Austen – March 22**
This class will discuss the legacy of women in literature, especially Jane Austen following the 250th anniversary of her birth.
Led by Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold

**Mary Magdalene, The Tower – March 29**
An exploration and discussion of the forgotten and blurred Biblical history of Mary Magdalene and recent scholarship to reset her place as The Tower, a faithful follower of Christ.
Led by Dr. Richard Leary

## Apostles' Read Library Book Group

### Tuesday, March 24

The Apostles' Read Library Book Group meets Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library to discuss Unoffendable by Brandt Hansen. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.

# Family Ministry by the Rev. Sarah Bishop

## Youth Ministry by Mary Ray

### The Souper Bowl of Caring Thank You!

We are very appreciative of the generosity of our congregation. We continue to fight hunger, and we are grateful for the $1,248 collected on Sunday, February 8. These funds were shared equally with Grace Lutheran Church and Kumler Outreach Ministry food pantries.

### Jr. High Confirmation March Schedule

**Grades 6-7 Confirmation Prep** meets during worship (10:15 – 11:00 a.m.) on Sundays, **March 1, 22, and 29** as they continue their exploration of the Old Testament. Their last day is April 19.

**Grade 8 Confirmation** meets following worship (11:15 a.m. – 12 noon) on Sundays, **March 1 and 22**. Their last day of class is Sunday, April 12, as they prepare their Statements of Faith.

Confirmation Class 2026 will meet with Session on **Wednesday, April 15 at 6:15 p.m.** in preparation to confirm membership on **Confirmation Sunday, May 3.**

### Sr. High Youth Group Gatherings

Senior High youth meets Sunday, **March 8** and **29**, in Parish Hall for a deeper study on *Why Do We Worship* and prepare for Youth Sunday, April 26. The March 8 meal to be provided by **Meridith and Jim Bryans. Cara and Chris Barnett** will provide the meal on March 29.

Eighth graders (especially those attending the 2026 Mission Trip) are invited to participate as we build community in preparation for our mission adventure. Leaders: Rev. Sarah Bishop, Cathy Brower, Susan Day, Mary Ray and Jack Sherrick.

### Jr. High Youth Group Gatherings

Junior High youth meet **Wednesday, March 25, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room to continue our study on the Bible. Meal to be provided by **Jeanie Hill.**

Leaders: Rev. Sarah Bishop, Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Tara Fritsch, and Mary Ray.

### Youth Mission to Charleston, SC 2026
### Saturday, July 11 – Saturday, July 18

All youth and adults interested in attending the 2026 Mission Trip are invited to complete the Intent to Participate forms, for youth as well as adults, and submit a $50.00 deposit for this exciting week of service, care, and education. Forms and deposits are due by April 12.

### NEXT MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER – SAVE THE DATE!
### Trivia Night Fundraiser is Sunday, April 12

All youth mission trip participants, please arrive by **4 p.m.** Trivia Night for all will begin at **5:00 p.m.** See the back page for more information and to sign up a team!

**Sunday Youth Schedule**

10:15 a.m. Grades 6 -7 Confirmation – Conference Room
11:15 a.m. Grade 8 Confirmation – Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group – Bi-monthly

# Children's Ministry by Meleah Berkowitz

### Bridges Mid-week Fellowship

Children of Bridges (Grades 3-5) have continued learning the stories of the Old Testament, with lots of activities and art along the way! Youth from across WPC also attended the February Children of Abraham gathering at Grace United Methodist Church, where we shared in crafts and activities, and supported the services of Springfield's Ronald McDonald House. Bridges students and Children's Choir led a meaningful worship on Ash Wednesday.

### Lenten Family Devotions and One Great Hour of Sharing Calendars

This year's Lenten Family Devotion is a weekly "Beatitudes at Home" devotion with art as well as the OGHS calendars and Fish boxes. Continue your Lenten journey by weekly gathering around the artwork and scripture, and share in the reflection materials. There are also opportunities to create your own family art, then closing in prayer. To download a copy now, scan this QR code to see the entire devotional.

### 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. Filled Fish boxes will be collected on **Palm Sunday, March 29.**

**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. Coats will line the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, March 29 as well.

### Dungeons & Dragons

A group of intrepid adventurers have been meeting with Dungeon Master Aaron Berkowitz on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays (March 4th and 18th) at 6:30 p.m. in the Ziegler Library** to explore the 1st century AD ancient Near East. They recently finished a quest in ancient Nineveh and Teredon inspired by the deuterocanonical Book of Tobit. They recently acquired their own ship and are about to set sail from the Persian Gulf. If you are interested in joining in, contact Aaron at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.

### Pokémon Club

The Pokémon Club meets with Aaron Berkowitz Sunday, **March 22**, from **12:30-2:00 p.m.** in the Children's Library. All children and the young at heart are welcome. No experience necessary and all supplies will be on hand.

### Westminster Cooperative Preschool News

WCP has had a wonderful month of February! Students have loved our new dinosaur study, with lots of dinosaur toys, blocks, crafts, and even masks to wear. Our imaginative play area is currently a dance studio, which has been very popular. Our WCP Trivia Night on Saturday, February 21 was incredibly successful, raising $9,250.

### SAVE THE DATE – Vacation Bible School
### VBS will be June 8-12- theme and volunteer requests to come!

**Sunday Children's Schedule**

9:45 a.m. Nursery for Children Birth – Age 3
10:15 a.m. Sunday School follows the Children's Sermon for ages Preschool - Grade 5

## Children of Abraham

## Egg-tastic Breakfast and Youth Group

Thank you to all who supported the Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser – Egg-tastic Breakfast that raised $2,033 on February 1. The youth enjoyed serving up breakfast biscuits, various pastries and fruit salads prepared and donated by Pat and Al Hymans.

The youth also entered into the Lenten season in prayer with Prayer Stations on The Lord's Prayer at youth group on February 22. In the background, you can see their almost completed mural of Youth Mission Trips.

## Ash Wednesday Service– February 18

Lenten Prayer stations are pictured with Rev. Sarah and Dr. Marshall. Over fifty members joined together for sliders, coleslaw, chips, and homemade cookies on Ash Wednesday for dinner in Parish Hall prepared by Pat Hymans and her team of dedicated cooks.

Bridges children and Children's Choir joined Rev. Sarah, Dr. Marshall, and Dale Rogers in leading the congregation in Ash Wednesday worship. The Children's Choir, directed by Meleah Berkowitz, sang "Standing in the Need of Prayer" and "Create in Me a Clean Heart" before the congregation received the imposition of ashes and communion.

Below - Dr. Marshall led an Exploration Class during the Egg-tastic Breakfast.

## Adult education forums in February

We are grateful to the presenters at Adult Education forums on Sunday mornings in February. Dr. George Godfrey's monologue as a 19th century Potawatomi elder on the Trail of Death in 1838, Dale Rogers' in-depth exploration of the Underground Railroad in Sangamon and Menard counties, and interactive Thank you to the many who joined in.

## Welcome New Members!

**Suzie Spada is rejoining by Transer** from Rochester UMC Suzie is retired from the Illinois Dept. of Revenue. She enjoys volunteering for the Springfield Art Association, and currently sits on the Board of Directors. Suzie is a member of the DAR – Seargent Caleb Hopkins Chapter. Suzie enjoys spending time with her family and has two step-daughters, three grandchildren, and one great grandson. Her other loves are reading and baking.

**Emily Standley and Ben Reinhart by Reaffirmation of Faith** – Emily is a native of Springfield. She teaches 6th grade for District 186 at Lincoln Magnet. She enjoys participating in theatre, teaching ballet, working with her students in extracurricular activities, and hanging out with her fiancé Ben. Emily has participated in our Steadfast Neighbor program as a homeowner.

Ben has been a proud member of the Air National Guard for over 10 years, including two deployments. Outside of uniform, Ben is passionate about football and the Rams!

He values service, family, loyalty, and making the most of every chapter of life. Emily and Ben have two dogs, Bruno and Bandida that keep them busy.

# Parish Life News

## Mission and Community Service

### Solar Energy Investment Tax Credit

In 2024, Westminster invested in rooftop solar panels to strengthen the footprint of our environmental stewardship as an Earth Care Congregation. The 30-year-old roof on the education wing was replaced prior to the solar panel installation. The initial investment totaled $116,121 from Endowment funds. To offset the cost, we received $6,500 in September of 2025 from our Illinois Shines SREC Incentive Contract, and on February 24 after Lisa Runkle filed a 2024 Form 990-T tax return in October of 2025, we received a solar energy investment tax credit of $34,836 from the U. S. Department of the Treasury.

### Hunger Ministries at Westminster

#### Helping Hands Lunch & Dinner Prepared

Members of Westminster's Hunger Action Team met Friday, February 13 to prepare bagged lunches that were delivered to Helping Hands Shelter. Kris Gates, Judy Huston, Pat Hymans, Becky Martin, Judy Prillaman, Sue Sawers, Eleanor VanDeventer, and Jeanne Van Gieson prepared and delivered the lunches.

On Wednesday, February 25, Mary Ray, Pat Hymans, and Krista Steller prepared a hot meal serving 70 consisting of chicken pot pie, coleslaw, cheesy potatoes, fruit, and cookies. Westminster has committed to continue providing one hot meal and one bagged lunch per month in 2026. Call Pat Hymans to get information about preparing a meal.

Join the many Westminster members who share responsibility for filling the Graham School Little Pantry. Signup is on the website or this QR code. There are many days available in March.

#### Give -a- Meal -a- Month March Menu

Canned Ravioli, Canned Veggies, 100% Juice canned or boxed; Optional: Toothpaste, Dry Cereal, Granola/Breakfast Bars, toothpaste and brushes, feminine hygiene, and travel sized deodorant. (No baby food, please.)

#### Fair Trade Sunday, March 15

Shop at the Fair Trade table on Sunday, March 15. Come check out our chocolate and other Equal Exchange items following worship! Despite the increased cost of coffee, chocolate, and olive oil, Westminster's Fair Trade prices remain unchanged. Shop after the service in the West Narthex. Becky Martin and Jeanne Van Gieson oversee this mission.

### 2026 Steadfast Neighbor Outreach

The dates for next year's neighborhood outreach are **June 22-26.** 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.

### Mission Sunday Celebration February 8

On Sunday, February 8, mission was highlighted in a Ministry Moment by Rachael Hickman, who serves as the committee chair. Thanks to all in the WPC who contribute time, effort, donations, and expertise to the church's mission. Westminster's mission giving has increased over the years because of the Westminster Support and Endowment Plan, which designates 50% of earnings to mission and benevolence. In 2025, total mission giving was $314,862. This is a total of giving from the Operating Fund, Special Offerings, Presbyterian Women, and the Support and Endowment Mission Funds. The 2025 Mission and Community Service Booklet containing a comprehensive list is available in the church office.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

We are receiving donations toward this multi-denominational annual collection throughout Lent. Since 1949, this ecumenical special offering goes to alleviate people's lack of access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunities.

If you would like to receive a fish box, please contact Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz at berkowitz@wpcspi.org.

## Congregational Care at Westminster

**Home Communion** – If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive Communion at home on March 8, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Thank you to those who made visits to twelve shut-in members on February 8.

**Are You Interested?** – Have you ever considered serving home communion? Would you like more information on how to serve home communion? Please contact Rev. Sarah Bishop by phone or email (sbishop@wpcspi.org) with questions. Members may deliver communion on Sunday after the worship service or later in the week. We would love to have you!

## Earth Care Committee

### Earth Day

The 33rd Annual Earth Fair will start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26th, at Union Square Park. The City of Springfield, along with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM), presents this event, bringing city departments, organizations, and non-profits together to showcase and encourage Earth stewardship, resilience, and sustainability in and around Springfield. Westminster will have an exhibit there on plastic recycling.

### Recycling

Westminster continues to recycle batteries, Christmas lights, ink cartridges, toothbrushes, and toothpaste tubes. Bins are near the Edwards Street door in the West Narthex.

### March Earth Care Tip

It's still cold outside, but seed catalogs are arriving, or have arrived, in our mail. It's fun to think about the vegetables and flowers we can plant in our gardens. Yummy tomatoes, green beans, lettuce, or whatever you enjoy, there are lots of choices. When thinking about what to plant, especially flowers, opt for native plants. Natives often need less water (a plus during a hot, dry summer), do well without fertilizer, and attract and support many pollinators. The Illinois Native Plant Society and Lincoln Memorial Garden hold plant sales where a wide variety of both sun-loving and woodland plants are sold. *Susan Shaw, Earth Care Committee*

## Fellowship Opportunities

**Knit 2 Purl 4 Mission and Fellowship** gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.

**Presbyterian Women's Luncheon** will be Friday, March 6 at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Becky Martin will speak on Hunger and Homelessness. Mary Ray is the Kitchen Chair and Pat Hymans is the Chair of the Day. Please RSVP on the website or with Jennie Alt in the church office.

**Ruth and Naomi Circle** meets on Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sarah Zerfas (2701 Kipling Dr, 62711). Vonnie Hinesley will lead the discussion of Chapter 7 in Becoming Spiritually Intelligent by Paul M. Burns. RSVP directly to Sarah at 217-553-2846.

**Elizabeth Circle** meets on Monday, March 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Mary Peura will lead Lesson 7 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter.

**Lydia Circle** meets on Tuesday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ziegler Library. Sharon Turner will lead Lesson 6 in *Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by The Rev. Dr. Rhashell D. Hunter.

The PW Board hosted the February brunch and wanted to feature friendship and fellowship while they enjoyed a fun festive menu.

**Presbyterian Men's Breakfast** will meet on Thursday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish Hall. Anthony Salvo, retired from CWLP, will speak about the CWLP Power Plant. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

In the picture Mike Murphy, CEO of the IL Chamber of Commerce spoke to the men in February.

### Return of DMA - Friday, March 20

DMA (Don't Mention Age) meets on Friday, March 20, with with a potluck at 5:30, then a program that starts at 6:15 p.m. Bring a side to share with others. Kathryn Harris, retired director Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, will portray Elizabeth Keckley who was Mary Todd Lincoln's seamstress and confident. This will be an amazing program and you don't want to miss it. An RSVP is suggested but not required. Go to the WPC website under fellowship or by calling the church office. If you should find yourself with time to attend and did not call or email, please come.

## Westminster News

### Milestone Birthdays

Pat Picchi celebrates 100 years on March 20.
Nancy and Rich Canady celebrate 67 years on March 13.
Nancy Scott celebrates 90 years on March 20.

### In Memoriam

Dr. Diane K. Rutledge died Tuesday, February 3, in Springfield. The prayers and sympathies of the congregation are extended to her husband, Steve, and their families.

Dr. William H. Lienemann died Sunday, February 8 in Springfield. The prayers and sympathies of the congregation are extended to his wife, Ann, their children, Clark Lienemann, Cris Ingram, and their families.

### In Sympathy to

Pat and Al Hymans on the death of her brother, to Kelly Robertson, Derik Hymans, Allyson Hutcher on the death of their uncle, and to Ben and Lucy on the death of their great-uncle, Rick Jackson, on February 7 in Normal, IL.

Cameron Hudgins on the death of his father, Ronald Eugene Hudgins, in Springfield, IL on February 13.

### New Address

Kathy Kenyon, 3089 Old Jacksonville Rd, Springfield Suites, Springfield, IL 62704

### Congratulations to

LTJG Matthew Tungett (US Navy) recently completed advanced flight training at Naval Air Station Kingsville, TX and earned his "Wings of Gold." LTJG Tungett was selected to fly the E-2D Hawkeye. He will be assigned to Naval Station Norfolk, VA. His proud parents are Michelle and Mike Tungett.

### Thank You from Contact Ministries

Contact Ministries would like to recognize Pete Van Gieson, Bob Leffler, and Tom Owen for their generous support. Their expert repair of the cabinets in our Transitional Shelter has greatly improved the living conditions for the families currently in our care. This kind of community-led maintenance allows us to direct more resources toward supportive services like mental health counseling and job training. We truly appreciate your time and talent!

### January Financial Report by Lisa Runkle

The Operating Fund income for the month of January traditionally experiences income higher than expenses, and January 2026 was no exception. Income was over budget as we received a number of annual lump-sum pledge donations and expenses were under budget in the first month of the year. This resulted in a $11,400 positive net total.

| 2026 Operations | Actual | Budget | Difference |
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| Income | $ 107,529 | $ 98,900 | $ 8,629 |
| Expenses | $ - 96,135 | $ -98,900 | $ 2,765 |
| Net Total | $ 11,394 | $ 0 | |

### Closer to Reaching our Per Capita Goal

Thank you to the 78 members who have given Per Capita donations so far this year totaling $3,042. We are 61% toward our $5,000 goal.

This year Westminster will pay $39 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 $39 for each confirmed member in your household will help to offset this cost in Westminster's budget.

## Thank you to Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter

Ellen Carpenter is retiring from her role as parish nurse as she and her husband, Rance, move to Indianapolis to be closer to their grandchildren. We give thanks for the faithful service Ellen has provided since 2015 through blood pressure checks, organizing our biennial health fair, and calling on members who were facing health challenges with caring support. We will miss Ellen and Rance's regular presence in our community even as we bless them as they enter this new chapter of their lives.

If you are a registered nurse who has interest in learning more about parish nurse ministry, please contact Pastor Anne amarshall@wpcspi.org. Otherwise, we are looking into alternative models of enhancing our congregational care ministries, including opportunities to train members to visit those who are in care facilities or experience health challenges that make it difficult for them to attend church. If you would like more information on how you might participate in congregational care ministry, please contact Pastor Anne.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

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The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering invests in the PC(USA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People ministry.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes with funds from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent, this Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. Last year, we collected $3,775. To date we have received $2,110.

You may donate by check, noting "One Great Hour of Sharing." To give online, view the QR code with your phone camera. Once you accept the web location, choose One Great Hour of Sharing from the dropdown list of funds.

## Trivia Night Sunday, April 12
### Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Each year, members support our youth mission trip at the Trivia Night Mission Trip Fundraiser. Sign-up yourself or your team online. Childcare will be available in the nursery.

**Doors open at 5:00 p.m.** Dinner is available for $5.00 and prepared by Pat Hymans and her kitchen team. Participants are also welcome to bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

**Questions begin at 5:30 p.m.** Once again, we welcome Aaron Berkowitz and Mark Luttrell who will create and present the questions.

**Tickets are $20.00** and can be purchased on our website or at the door.

**Round Sponsorship is $100** - You or your business can sponsor a round and be featured on the screen between rounds. This does not include the cost of individual tickets. Contact Jennie Alt (jalt@wpcspi.org).

Gather your friends and join us for a fun, competitive evening supporting our mission-minded youth.

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*Reporter folding and mailing will be on Wednesday, March 25 at 12:30 p.m.*

Don't forget to change your clocks on Sunday, March 8