



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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May 2019

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday

Worship 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Featuring the Westminster Jazz Trio
(No service on May 18)

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
(Through May 5)

May 5

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
CHILDREN'S MUSICAL
Rev. Trajan I. McGill

May 12

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
The Gift of Hospitality

May 19

FOUNDERS' SUNDAY
(ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.)
Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Steadfast Neighbor

May 26

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY
Acts 16:9-15; John 5:1-9
Rev. Christian K. Choi
Expecting the Unexpected

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT SUNDAY, MAY 5, 8:30 AND 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, May 5, the Westminster Choristers will present "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at both the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. services. Written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, this uplifting, clever, and enduring musical tells the story of Joseph and his brothers, a story of betrayal and forgiveness. This musical was first written for the Colet Court School in 1968 as a pop style cantata telling the familiar story of Joseph from the book of Genesis. For decades, each class of the Westminster Choristers have presented Joseph. *Choristers are Taryn Barnett, Ben Bassett, Sam Batterman, Kate Bryans, Juliana Eastvold, Kate Eastvold, James Maeda, and Macklin Metzger.*



2019 FOUNDERS' SUNDAY, MAY 19 THEME "STEADFAST NEIGHBOR" ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. PICNIC RECEPTION IN PARISH HALL AT 11:15 A.M.

Join us on Founders' Sunday, May 19 for worship at 10:00 a.m. and a picnic reception following in Parish Hall. This year's theme is "Steadfast Neighbor." We will present the Strategic Planning Committee proposal and celebrate surpassing the goal of the Building a Legacy of Faith Anniversary Endowment Campaign which is making this endeavor possible. We welcome The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lonnie and Barbara Lee to Founders' Day. Drawings rendering the future Site and Landscape Plan will be displayed. During the picnic reception, a short musical program will be presented by The Walnuts featuring Fred Rogers' song "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood."

The Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor includes a Site and Landscape Plan to renovate the east entrance, west terrace, parking lot and general landscaping upgrade as well as a mission component for our neighborhood. A minimum of 1/3 of the cost of the Site and Landscape Plan is to be designated for mission. Following input from the congregation, the proposal was presented by Dr. Todd Knox and approved by Session in April. The "Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor" will be funded by the earnings from the Westminster Support and Endowment Fund.

In May of 2015, on the 180th Founders' Sunday, we dedicated the BUILDING A LEGACY OF FAITH Anniversary Endowment Campaign and established the ALBERT HALE CIRCLE with a goal to grow Westminster's Endowment from \$1.7 to \$5 million by 2020. To date, we have received \$1,440,272 from the 101 pledges totaling \$1,643,350. Additionally, we have received gifts of \$2,546,056. The current market value of the Support and Endowment Fund is \$6,523,874. *This does not include planned gifts.*

Each year on Founders' Sunday, the Endowment Committee thanks those who have given and invites those who would like to join. Those who make a gift or pledge by Sunday, May 12, will be included in the Albert Hale Circle that will be published in the bulletin on May 19 and in the June Reporter. Randy Germeraad will provide a ministry moment on Founders' Sunday. Other members of the committee which Randy chairs include Jim Bryans, Dr. Diane Rutledge, Lucy Preckwinkle Stafford, Jeff Wilday and Todd Wise, with Steve Arbuthnot serving as Treasurer and Dale Smith serving as an advisory member.

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

MEMORIAL GARDEN



Westminster's Memorial Garden added a south wall in 2018. It is parallel to Edwards Street and perpendicular to the east wall providing an additional 180 niches for members and friends of our faith community.

The East Wall is sold out. The cost of an individual inurnment in the South wall is \$1000 for a member or their immediate family and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster. Persons desiring to reserve space may complete an application form located

in the West Narthex. In 2016, the Memorial Garden Committee added a webpage to the Westminster Presbyterian Church website with pertinent information about those inurned in the garden.

Our Memorial Garden is a place of peace and repose for the ashes of those interred within its wall. Paved paths and benches offer opportunity for private meditation. A traditional Celtic cross, donated by Mary Alice Davis in memory of her husband, depicts the post resurrection appearances of Christ when he appeared in the garden.

The Memorial Garden Committee: *Bill Donels; Chair, Chris Elzea, Mary Jo Jenkins, Jeanne Pittman, and Lionel Stirrett.*

SATURDAY WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER



Saturday worship begins at 5:00 p.m. at Westminster in Parish Hall. Innovative music is provided by Deb Watts and the Westminster Jazz Trio. Members are encouraged to join us for this meaningful worship experience!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS, MAY 26 AND JUNE 2 AT 11:15 A.M.

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Member Class on Sundays, May 26 and June 2, 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. The class will be led by the pastors. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9, following a special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.



CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE FAMILY

ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 7



The Sixth Annual All-Church Cookout to welcome new members will be Friday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Kieffers'. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this festive evening hosted by the Membership Committee.

The congregation is invited! Please

RSVP soon (online or Sunday mornings) and let us know whether you will bring a salad, side dish or dessert. New members will be our guests. The evening will include a sing-along and boat rides.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, our choir for Kindergartners through second grade, sang on Palm Sunday and led the procession of Palms.



THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS will meet Wednesday, May 8 at 4:45 p.m. in the kitchen for the annual Ice Cream Pig-Out, celebrating their successful musical presentation and year's end.

ORGAN RECITAL

SUNDAY, MAY 12 AT 3:00 P.M. AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

The cathedral has a new digital organ that has sound samples of six different instruments from various periods and national schools of organ building. My assignment is to show off the new organ and its variety of sounds. To do this, I will play two representative pieces for each of the six styles ranging from English Cathedral style to Theater Organ sound. The recital is open to the public with no admission charge. A reception will follow.



THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR will sing each Sunday through June 9. Following the 10:00 a.m. service, the choir will gather at the home and garden of Jeanne Pittman for the annual Choir Brunch. In the coming weeks, I will be seeking to fill the Sundays with special music for the 10:00 a.m. services from June 16 through Labor Day.

ADULT EDUCATION

On Sunday, May 5, 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom, the Adult Education Forum concludes the seven-week study of "The Challenges of Paul," presented by New Testament Scholar John Dominic Crossan.

Dr. Kieffer's Disciple Bible Study will culminate the 2018-2019 Study of The Writings, John and Revelation with a potluck on Thursday, May 16 at the Kieffers.

Rev. McGill's Bible Study will culminate the 2018-2019 study of good and evil with a potluck on Wednesday, May 22. Both classes will celebrate of the Sacrament of Communion at their final gathering.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Library Committee continues to add new books to the collection. Have you read [A Gentleman In Moscow](#) by Amor Towles? This best-selling book tells the story of Alexander Rostov, the thirty-year old Count who is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal in 1922, and sentenced to house arrest in a grand hotel (The Metropol) across the street from the Kremlin. Checkout this book and read what happens. Both libraries are open on Sunday mornings and during the week. Library Committee: Sharon Turner, Chair, Leah Duling, Melanie Green, Ann Hamilton, Pat Hymans, Val Leonatti, Nancy Scott.



FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

In the month of May, Youth Group will not gather for Bible Study and worship on Sunday evenings. Come worship with us on Sunday mornings!

Youth Group End of Year Party is **Sunday, May 19 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** at Susan and Scott Day's home (47 Fairview Lane on Lake Springfield). Junior and Senior High Youth and their families are invited to gather for a potluck dinner to celebrate the end of the year. Please bring a dish to share!

2019 YOUTH MISSION



During the week of July 6-13, the 2019 Youth Mission will be repairing homes, building relationships, and deepening their faith in Wise County, Virginia with Appalachia Service Project. We will be staying at Appalachia High School and going out into the county each day to do the work of home repair. Thank you to the following adults who will be leading this project: **Nathaniel Brower, Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Kyle Duffy, Jen DeJong, Anna Koepfel, Dave Leonatti, Elizabeth Marcy, Leigh Milward, and Mary Ray.**

2019 PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM

PURDUE UNIVERSITY JULY 16 - 20

Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a gathering of high school youth (2018-2019 8th to 12th) from the PCUSA and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

It is five days of fun and worship, packed with rich and diverse theology in Presbyterian tradition.

This year, PYT is gathering with a theme "Here's My Heart." Participation fee is \$185 per youth, and the application is located at the west Narthex. For more information, visit <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org/> or email Rev. Christian Choi cchoi@wpcspi.org.



WPC COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULTS SUMMER GATHERINGS SUNDAY, MAY 26, 12 NOON

College and Young Adults are invited to join Rev. Choi for lunch on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 26 at 12 noon. We will walk to Boones. Lunch is on Westminster! Please rsvp with Christian at cchoi@wpcspi.org. Mark your summer calendars for Sundays, June 23, July 21 and August 18.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL



On Friday, May 24th, Westminster Co-op Preschool will hold our annual Celebration of Our Stars. This special morning is for children who have completed their preschool journey and are headed to kindergarten. We will celebrate 13 students from our afternoon class and 2 students from our morning class with star balloons, a slideshow of pictures, and lunch afterwards. We are so thankful these families have been part of our preschool family! The preschool will be on break for the summer and will resume classes on September 3rd. Our enrollment for the 2019-20 school year is excellent, and we are excited about the upcoming year and new families joining us.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick



BRIDGES IN MAY

On Wednesday, May 8 the children will welcome Second Graders to learn about Bridges in preparation for next year!

On Wednesday, May 15 our advocates will join us for the end of the year party as we honor our outgoing fifth graders:

Ben Bassett, Kate Eastvold, Rowan Oberholzer, Ruby Klein. They will each receive a copy of *The World Jesus Knew* by Marc Olson, Illustrated by Jemima Maybank. *Pictured: Advocate Sharon Turner with Macklin Metzger view Holy Week Art Display.*

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday school begins on May 26! Children preschool age thru those finishing second grade will gather in the Third Floor Chapel to learn stories from the Bible using the SparkHouse curriculum *Holy Moly*. Children finishing third grade and older will remain in worship for the summer. Thank you to summer teachers: Lucas Carpenter, Sue Cull, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Becky Huston, Lynne McMenamain, Erin Winn. If you are interested in teaching contact Karen at ksherrick@wpcspi.org or check available dates at signupgenius.com.



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.

Online registration: www.wpcspi.org/vbs.html
To volunteer, please sign-up online (use registration link) or email Karen Sherrick at ksherrick@wpcspi.org.

NORTHSIDE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 24-28

WPC will join VBS with Grace UMC and four AME churches, June 24-28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. John AME (1529 E. Capitol Ave). Thank you to Pat Hymans who is coordinating the first meal. For additional information, please contact Rev. Christian Choi cchoi@wpcspi.org

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM FINAL GATHERING

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

The final gathering this school year for CoA is May 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Grace UMC (1612 E. Capitol Ave). We will make swim care packages for the Matthew Project which serves homeless children of District 186.

We will also present the finished art work created from the crafts children have made at the gatherings throughout the year.



This collaborative art work will be in three-month rotation among CoA's faith communities, starting with Grace UMC.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM – SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019



The Choi and Knoedler Families

EARTH AWARENESS DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019



Earth Care Team members Becky McDonald, Susan Shaw, Peter Kieffer, Brad Steller, Maribeth Norton and Keith Hamilton host display,

BRIDGES CHILDREN WELCOME ADVOCATES FOR COMMUNION DURING HOLY WEEK



2019 CONFIRMATION CLASS DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, APRIL 28



Welcome to 2019 Confirmands Braden Barton, Emily Brower, Charlie Eastvold, Louisa Eldridge, Caroline Haynor, Mia Marcy, and Bryce Pound

HOLY WEEK AT WESTMINSTER
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14



Holy Week began with the Palm Sunday Processional led by our children and Director of Children's Ministry Karen Sherrick.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 18



Maundy Thursday was enriched by the music of the Westminster Choir. Youth read the Passion on Good Friday with Drew Borland extinguishing the candles in a solemn and moving service.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21



We welcomed close to 600 in worship on Easter. The service was complete with butterfly processional and Handel's Halleluiah Chorus.

The Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt followed worship on a beautiful spring day.



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN'S BUILD

Westminster is mobilizing a volunteer team of painters for the "1000 Women Strong" house on **Saturday, June 8, 8:00 – 11:30 a.m.** We may also supply lunch that Saturday. Please sign-up on Sundays in the West Narthex or contact Sue Sawers at ssawers@comcast.net.



HABITAT'S NEXT PROJECT IS AN INTERFAITH BUILD, bringing together diverse faith communities from across Springfield to join their labor to help their neighbors. Westminster took a significant role in the last interfaith build several years ago, and we hope to bring a lot to this one, as well. Be on the lookout for ways to get involved! The project will start at the beginning of July.

CONTACT MINISTRIES

Please consider supporting this valuable area ministry by attending their upcoming golf fundraiser on May 20. It will be a 2-person scramble format, and the entry fee is \$750 per team. Check with Dr. Kieffer for more details.

HELPING HANDS

The May 10 meal will be prepared and delivered by Ellen and Rance Carpenter. Thank you to Kay Smith, Diane Rutledge, Carolyn Proctor and Marc Anderson who provided the April 12 dinner. July through December are still open also. Please consider volunteering to provide one of these meals. More information is available from Rev. McGill or Jennie Alt.



GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH MAY MENU Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Canned Soups with Pop Tops, and Granola Bars. 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.*

KEMMERER VILLAGE

Supporters of Kemmerer Village have been sending box tops in for years, and they really add up! Funds from box tops have purchased many items including library books, school decorations, and PE equipment. Find box tops on items you are already using, including such brands as Ziploc, Paper Mate, Nature Valley, Hefty, Green Giant, Yoplait, Reynolds, Cheerios, Wheaties, and many more, listed at <https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>

Box tops can be brought to the West Narthex and placed in the Kemmerer Village bag on the Mission Board. Thank you to Sue Cull who mails the tops on our behalf.



General Mills Box Tops Provide \$32,000 to Kemmerer Village!

KENYA MISSION TRIP

JANUARY 14-30, 2020

We are working to identify and solidify our participant team for this exciting opportunity for international mission next January. If you have interest but have not yet let us know or gotten a packet from us with detailed information, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill at tmcgill@wpcspi.org right away to learn more.

MAY EARTH CARE TIP

WPC is one of the only places in town that accepts both rechargeable *and* single-use batteries for recycling! Since reusing is better than recycling, for frequently-used electronics consider replacing single-use AAA, AA, D, or C cells with rechargeable batteries. The batteries and recharger will soon pay for themselves, will last for years, and can eventually be recycled too!



YOUTH FIRST

Last year Westminster provided an endowment mission grant to Youth First, a Los Angeles-based organization that engages with at-risk teens through a large after-school program.



We recently received a note of thanks from Director Dawn Finch (a friend and mentor to Dr. Kieffer) for having helped sponsor a training weekend, during which now-graduated students from the program learned how to become mentors themselves. Thanks to all of you who have given to Westminster's endowment which makes such grants possible.

COATS A-PLENTY

It was wonderful to again see donated coats lining the aisle for our Palm Sunday processional. **Seventy coats** were brought in by members and are being shared with those who need them through Contact Ministries.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

One Great Hour of Sharing is an annual offering collected nationwide by Presbyterians and others during Lent to provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help empower the poor and oppressed. This year our congregation gave **\$3,799.93** to this offering. Special thanks to the children of the congregation, who collected \$93.93 in the fish banks they offered on Palm Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

HOME COMMUNION If you are unable to attend worship on the 2nd Sunday of the month and would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Jennie Alt. Nine members received the sacrament in April from four teams of elders and deacons. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing the Lord's Supper. We are also looking for more volunteers to take part. If you are an elder or deacon and would consider this valuable monthly ministry of visitation, please talk to Rev. Trajan McGill.

EASTER LILIES

Many thanks to members of the Board of Deacons for delivering Easter lilies around the town, taking the time to share a message of Easter hope and fellowship with members grieving recent losses and others unable to join us in worship.

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 May 14.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON Join with us **Friday, May 3 at noon** in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Krista Steller and Chair of the Day will be Nancy Canady. Barbara Kienzler will speak about the Northside Children's Library at Third Presbyterian Church. Please RSVP by May 2 with the office, or on the website.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Peg DiFonso (17 N. Old Covered Bridge Lane, Spfld.) and lead the discussion of Chapters 1-7 in *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. If you would like info, call Meg Kontio at 330-472-4135.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, May 13 at 5:30 p.m.** for their annual Spring Dinner at Long Bridge Golf Course. Guests are welcome. Please contact Mary King for reservations by May 11 at 217-370-0224. The circle will resume meetings on September 9. Enjoy your summer.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Ziegler Library. Nancy Canady will host and lead devotions. Carolyn Beatty will lead the discussion on Lesson 9 "God With Us." The circle will take the summer off and will resume meetings on September 17. Enjoy your summer.

PW SPONSORS BLANKET + SUNDAYS DURING MAY

PW and Springfield's Church Women United sponsor Blankets + (formerly Blanket Sunday) during May. Church World Services collaborates with local communities to help identify people with critical needs and secure the resources to help them build a more viable future. Items provided include blankets, tents, and food in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields; wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens; literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential. During May, checks payable to Westminster may be placed in offering plate (memo: Blankets+) or donations may be attached to the Church World Service Blanket in the West Narthex on Sundays.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Presbyterian Men will meet **Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 a.m.** for a breakfast gathering. Darren Volle will speak on "Modern Energy Efficiency Practices". Charlie King will provide devotions and Wells Langbehn will be providing breakfast. Come share in good food and great fellowship!

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, MAY 17 AT 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM



We welcome Rev. Christian K. Choi, Associate Pastor to Family Ministry, who will present a program on "My Spiritual Road Traveled from Korea to America." All ages are welcome.

WESTMINSTER GATHERING AT CONCORDIA

THURSDAY, MAY 30 11:30 A.M.

Members and friends of Westminster will gather **Thursday, May 30 at 11:30 a.m.** with the pastors and Dale Rogers for communion and lunch.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Theresa Davison celebrates 94 years on May 21.
Mary Schnirring celebrates 90 years on May 24.

IN MEMORIAM

Edwin Davison died April 3, 2019. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to his wife Theresa, their daughters Kathy Davison and Linda Kleiss, and families.

Webster Bay died April 25 in Fort Myers, Florida. He will be buried in Madrid, Iowa. The sympathy and prayers of the congregation are extended to his wife Bernice.

The Memorial Service for Phyllis Collins will be Saturday, June 1 at 11:00 a.m. in Westminster's Sanctuary.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Joseph Harrison on the death of his mother Dorothy Harrison April 20 in Lincoln, IL.

NEW ADDRESS

Mina Bentsen, Clark-Lindsey Village. 101 W. Windsor Rd, Urbana IL 61802

THANK YOU WESTMINSTER

The women of the AAUW thanks WPC for the use of Parish Hall for their annual Afternoon Tea on April 6th and are appreciative of the staff for all they did to help with the event. The fundraiser raised more than \$9,000 for endowing a women's scholarship at UIS. -*Becky Stirrett, Tea Coordinator*

The Miss Illinois Scholarship Organization thanks WPC for the hosting of their Spring Kick Off. Miss East Central, Ariel Beverly, appreciated how welcoming everyone was and looks forward to future opportunities at Westminster.

Thank you to all who contributed **200 items** to the May Kumler Layette Collection. They will be delivered at the Church Women United May Friendship Day on Thursday, May 2.



CONGRATULATIONS

Nancy Canady received the Heart of Gold Award at the 11th Annual Springfield Volunteer Awards for her work with the COMPASS 4 Kids program.

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We received strong support in the first quarter of 2019. Annual pledge donations received in full early in the year increased income to \$39,000 above budgeted revenue. Expenses are nearly \$10,000 under budget, so total income over expenses is \$49,233.

Contribution statements for the first quarter of 2019 were mailed in early April. Contact Lisa Runkle if you have any questions.

2019 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 298,889	\$ 259,037	\$ 39,852
Expenses	-\$249,656	-\$259,037	\$ -9,441
Net Total	\$ 49,233	\$ 0	

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY, MAY 26

On Baccalaureate Sunday, May 26, we recognize our graduating high school seniors during the 10:00 a.m. service. A reception in their honor will follow worship in Parish Hall. Congratulations to these young people and Godspeed as they continue the adventure of life. Those attending will receive two gifts from their faith community: a copy of the PC (USA) Book of Common Prayer and a hand-knitted scarf.



Emma Batterman from SHS attending Loyola University.
Claire Bess from SHS attending Augustana College.
Will Formea from SHS attending University of Illinois - Springfield
Gabi Huston from Williamsville attending Butler University
Matthew Knox from SHS attending Duke University
Kaitlin Kruger from SHS attending University of Iowa
Ross Lochbaum from SHS attending Lincoln Land Community College
Olivia Pennell from Williamsville attending Kansas University
Talen Vogler from GHS attending San Diego State University
Jack Zerfas from SHS attending Miami University

CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Edison Zohfonyi AS from Lincoln Land Community College attending Southern Illinois University School of Engineering
Jacob Lakin: BFA in Graphic Design from Millikin University
Reiley Duffy: BA in Theatre and BS in Communications from Southern Illinois University
Brooke Dunn: BA in Political Communications from Illinois State University
Lindsay McElwee: BBA in Marketing with a concentration in Finance from the University of Oklahoma
Seth Owens: BS in Biology: Wildlife and Conservation from Southeast Missouri State University (December, 2019)
Jacob Pennell: AS from Lincoln Land Community College attending Southern Illinois University
Caitlin Alyse Sims: BS in Nursing with honors from Illinois State University
Collin James Kontio: BS in Civil Engineering with a minor in Mathematics from Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville



THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO
A GARDEN PARTY AT THE HOME OF DR. JANE ARBUTHNOT
2306 AUGUSTA DRIVE
SATURDAY, MAY 18 AT 9:30 A.M.
SHARED RIDES ARE ENCOURAGED

RSVP TO [JALT@WPCSPI.ORG](mailto:jalt@wpcspi.org)



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June Reporter deadline is
Sunday, May 26
Reporter folding and mailing will be
Wednesday, May 29