

# THE REPORTER

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**November 2018**

### WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

*Sunday Schedule: Nursery 8:30 a.m.  
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.  
Confirmation & Adult Ed Forum  
11:15 a.m. – 12 noon*

**Remember to set your clocks back  
Saturday, November 3!**

**November 4**

#### ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

##### ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ruth 1:1-18; Mark 12:28-34  
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
The Gift of Commitment

**November 11**

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

##### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWI

Ruth 3:1-5; Mark 12:38-44  
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
Restorer of Life

**November 18**

#### THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-25  
Reverend Trajan I. McGill  
Silence and Provocation

**November 25**

#### ST. ANDREWS SUNDAY

##### ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

2 Samuel 23:1-7; John 18:33-37  
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer  
The Light of Morning

### ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE, NOVEMBER 4

#### ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

On Sunday, November 4, Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints' Remembrance in 2017. A bouquet with one white rose for each member whose life we commemorate will be placed in the chancel. The litany, which includes the reading of our loved ones' names, the tolling of our historic bell, and silence will be a part of the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Those members who will be remembered are:

Lisa Jean Layzell Wise	11/10/17	Dr. Ivan J. Birrer	05/06/18
Margot L. Kramer	11/17/17	Claire C. Priller	06/22/18
Earl Ray	11/26/17	Jane R. Barry	07/13/18
Carl J. Strand	12/09/17	Patsy L. Hibbert	09/03/18
Cynthia Wilson	12/22/17	Carol A. Bressan	09/10/18
Barbara F. Greening	12/26/17	Norma T. Pulliam	09/10/18
Laura M. Pollock	01/04/18	Grady M. Chronister	09/14/18
Lois J. Copper	02/05/18	Geraldine G. Hale	09/18/18
Arthur C. Cragoe	02/14/18	Dorothea L. Callaway	09/20/18
Martin Duling	03/22/18	Dr. Harry W. Bergmann	09/27/18
		Dr. Glen D. Pittman	10/26/18



### MEMORIAL GARDEN SOUTH WALL DEDICATED ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

On Sunday, November 4, the Memorial Garden South Wall will be dedicated in a simple liturgy during the 10:00 a.m. service. Members are invited to visit the garden prior to or following worship.

### ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

#### ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. WITH PIPES AND DRUMS

Westminster will continue the rich tradition of celebrating St. Andrew's Sunday on November 25 with a flourish of bagpipes and drums presenting traditional Scottish music. *The Little Entry* is the opening procession of the service. Along with the pipers, drummers and the pastors, youth will enter with the Bible to underscore the importance of the Word of God in Reformed liturgy, and the cross to highlight its centrality in our faith.



Westminster's Choir will sing Noel Rawsthorne's setting of the greater *Gloria*.



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

*If you can keep your head when all about you  
are losing theirs and blaming it on you;  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
but make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
and yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;*

With these words, British Nobel Laureate Rudyard Kipling begins his classic poem "If", written in 1895 and first published in 1910. I first came across "If" in the 90's during an annual Christmas Eve poetry reading at the home of a member from the first church I served in Belleville, Illinois.



First United Presbyterian Church in Belleville was where I was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on November 6, 1983, an honor and privilege which did not come easily and which I do not take lightly. As I wrote to Session in my thank you note for the

lovely gifts on the occasion of this milestone: *It is an unexpected gift to culminate many years of ministry leading such a distinguished and refreshing congregation.* I look forward to the festive reception on Sunday, November 18.

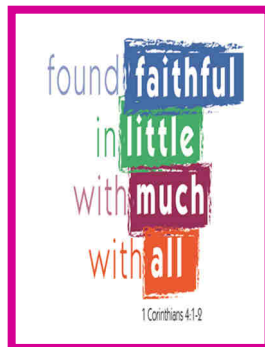
Kipling's poem has become a mantra for me over the years and is especially timely in these times. I will represent Westminster at an interfaith gathering on November 1 at 5:30 p.m. to mourn the loss of life at the Tree of Life Synagogue in a senseless act of hatred and violence. It will be held at the Lincoln Statue in front of the State Capitol. I hope many of you will join me in this gathering of strength and solidarity.

## STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION UPDATE

*Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.* 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

This year's stewardship theme reminds us of the importance of being **FOUND FAITHFUL**. As of Tuesday, October 30, we have received **179** pledges for a total of **\$644,928**. This is **77%** toward our dollar amount goal. If you have not made a pledge and intend to, please do so soon. Thanks!

**2019 Committee:** Steve Scaife, Chair, Bill Deemer, Anne Haaker, Nichole Magalis, Becky Martin, David Mitchell, Mary Ray, Julie Robbs, Krista Steller, Lynn McMenamin, and Dr. Will Wright



## MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

**CHURCH MICE**, our music experience for infants to Kindergarteners and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers, will meet Saturdays, November 9 and 16 at 11:00 a.m. No class on November 3 due to the service for Glen Pittman.

**CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM** At their October gathering we explored the things that the Jewish, Muslim and Christian faiths have in common. One of the things that we share is the use of music in our worship. For that exploration, Dale Rogers demonstrated the Westminster organ, as one of the many instruments that are used in Christian worship.



**WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR** have combined this fall to present a musical about the beloved Christmas Carol, Silent Night, as it celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This choir of singers in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade rehearses on Wednesday afternoons at 4:45 p.m. following the Bridges program. **The Choristers will sing Thank You, Lord, For Giving Us Life on Sunday, November 18 at the 10:00 a.m. service. Warm-up rehearsal for the Choristers at 9:45 a.m. on that Sunday.**



**WESTMINSTER CHOIR** provides music for the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday. The repertoire for this choir spans several centuries of choral literature and enriches the worship life at Westminster. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room on the lower level.

On Monday, November 26, members are invited to come join in the fun of putting up **Christmas Decorations at Westminster** in anticipation of the first Sunday in Advent on December 2, through the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. We will start at 10:00 a.m. that morning. If you are able to help, call Dale Rogers at 522-4415.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND DECORATIONS FUND** Members and friends are invited to make a suggested donation of \$25 to support Westminster's decorations funds, which includes the poinsettias. Please submit your donation with your desired wording and dedication for the poinsettias by December 10. Donations of \$25 or more to the Special Music Fund are accepted at this time and through the year. These funds assist us in providing pipers and drummers for St. Andrews, the Millikin Brass for Easter and other special music through the year.

### Advent Celebration is Sunday, December 2 10:00 a.m. Worship

Choristers present a musical about the beloved Christmas Carol, Silent Night, as it celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

### 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Parish Hall

Members and friends gather to create ornaments, decorate cookies, sing carols, and enjoy festive refreshments.



## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by Jen DeJong

### SPUD BAKE THANK YOU!

On Sunday, October 21, WPC youth raised \$1,300 to purchase gifts for youth at the Contact Ministries Christmas Give-away. Thanks to all who bought a spud for your support!



### CONFIRMATION PREP (GRADES 6-7) MEETS NOVEMBER 4, 11, 18 11:15 A.M.-12 NOON IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

Confirmation Prep provides a solid grounding in the Bible, allowing for more expanded areas of study in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school. This year, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are studying the New Testament through the curriculum *Echo the Story*, which offers creative responses and imaginative engagement with the biblical narratives. *Teachers: Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Anna Koeppel & Sarah Zerfas*

### CONFIRMATION (GRADE 8) MEETS NOVEMBER 4 AND 18 11:15 A.M.-12 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Confirmation class is utilizing the curriculum "Big God, Big Questions" as the young people explore church membership and their personal faith. In October they worshiped with their friends at the Mosque. On November 11, they will attend the mission informational meeting. *Teachers: Dr. Kieffer, Rev. McGill, and Jen DeJong, Confirmation Mentors: Meredith Bryans, Tara Fritsch, Sarah Illiff McGill, Dave Leonatti Charlie King, Todd Knox, and Becky Martin*



*Confirmands and Mentors pictured after worship at Mosque.*

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP MEETS NOVEMBER 4, 11, AND 18 5:30 -7:30 P.M. AT THE DEJONG'S HOME

Youth in grades 9-12 gather weekly to navigate their faith journey and build relationships. This fall we are studying *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. We will examine, discover and reflect on what we believe as Christians. *Leaders: Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Leigh Milward, & Jen DeJong*

### THE 2019 MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 11:15 A.M. IN THE YOUTH ROOM

The 2019 Mission Trip will be July 6 – 13 with youth and adults traveling to Virginia in partnership with Appalachia Service Project. Interested in joining our group? Our first informational meeting will be held Sunday, November 11 at 11:15 a.m. in the Youth Room.

### WPC YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, November 25 at 11:30 a.m. Young Adults (ages 18-30ish) gather for brunch at Obed and Isaac's. If you have questions, contact Tara Fritsch (217 652-8399).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

### BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

In October, the Bridges children continued to explore their theme, "Who Am I?" They looked at the mission of WPC and how the church acts on their common purpose in the community and the world through mission and service. The children are working on their own personal mission statements.

The children met their advocates *Gale Fixmer, Sandy & Jon Hockenyoos, Camille and Tom Massey, Marilyn Rigney, Suzie Spada, Carolyn & Brad Swanson, & Sharon Turner*. They discussed stewardship and made Share, Spend and Save banks.

### CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM



On Wednesday, October 10, WPC hosted over 60 children, youth and their parents for the first gathering the Children of Abraham Interfaith Fellowship hosted by the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish

Education, Grace United Methodist Church, and Westminster.

The theme of the day was "Things We Share." Music, prayer, a calendar of holy celebrations and the desire for peace are common practices in all of our faith communities. The children rotated through stations to learn about how these concepts are practiced at WPC. A delicious vegetarian meal was prepared by Pat Hymans.



OUR NEXT GATHERING WILL BE AT THE MOSQUE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14. We will meet in the West Narthex at 4:00 p.m. to carpool. It's not too late to become a part of this meaningful journey for our children! YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12 are invited to join this interfaith journey this year. They will meet separately from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for discussions led by Jen DeJong and Rev. Susan Phillips and join the children for fellowship at the meal.

### WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



took a fieldtrip to Pumpkin Creek Farms, and visited the staff for Trick or Treating. It was a joy to see all of the smiling faces for a yummy treat!

The preschool families participated in the 2nd Annual Halloween Parade in downtown Springfield.





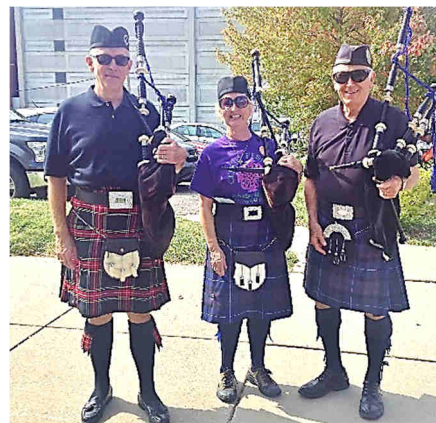
## DR. KIEFFER RECOGNIZED FIRST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER



**ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7,** Dr. Kieffer was recognized on the occasion of her fifth anniversary as Westminster's Pastor. Marilyn Rigney, Brad Swanson, and Bill Deemer (on behalf of Session) presented Blythe flowers and a lovely, engraved pewter frame with a stunning photo of Westminster taken by Bob Fox. Tom Owen, Clerk of Session and Dale Rogers were instrumental in the surprise, which Dale coined "Mission Impossible."

**DR. KIEFFER MARKS HER 35<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY** this November. We will celebrate this milestone on Sunday, November 18 at a reception following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in Parish Hall.

## 2018 CROP WALK ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



WPC provided leadership and walkers in the annual event. We brought home the lovely CROP banner, which is displayed by the Tower Door.

## 2018 "SWINGING ON A PRAYER" GOLF SCRAMBLE



Roe Stone and close friends enjoy fellowship in spite of the rain. Christie and Robyn Hovey and Sarah and Bob Zervas are a winning (and matching) foursome. Special thanks to Meg Kontio and the Congregational Fellowship Committee for organizing this event.

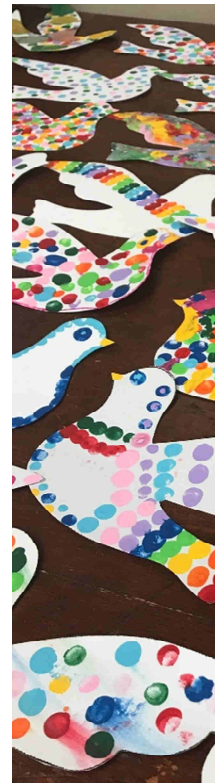
## CHURCH OFFICERS ORIENTATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21



Newly elected Church Officers enjoy "spuds" before their orientation. We are grateful for the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love they bring to the table.



## CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM ON OCTOBER 10



## CHEESE AND CIDER RECEPTION ON OCTOBER 27



The season of Saturday Worship concluded on October 27 with a festive Cheese and Cider Reception. Lyle VanDeventer joined the Westminster Jazz Trio for exceptional music and twenty-five members and friends gathered for fellowship following an intimate communion service.

## HARVEST FEST ON OCTOBER 28

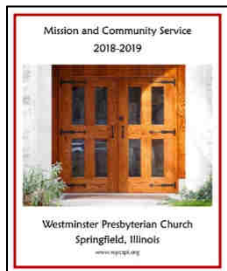


This year's Harvest Fest included a delicious meal, face painting, Storytelling, hands-on crafts, a science project and an intricate maze (designed by Al Hymans). The evening culminated with Trunk or Treat in the parking lot. Children in Compass and the Westminster Co-op Preschool got to experience the maze on October 30 and 31.



## PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

### 2018-2019 MISSION BROCHURE



The Mission and Community Service Committees are pleased to announce that a new version of Westminster's Mission and Community Service pamphlet is available at the welcome table, listing all of Westminster's current mission and community service endeavors, organized by category, with descriptions and ways to get involved. If you have not already

received a copy, pick one up at your convenience, and learn about how you can participate in mission as part of the life of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

### FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Westminster had a great turnout at the Faith Coalition yearly fundraising banquet, which Westminster sponsored with a Mission Endowment grant of \$2,770, and at which Emma Shafer received the Dynamic Youth award. Members of WPC, with other



churches, have been taking part in the FCCG's non-partisan effort to encourage voter registration and turnout. The group is involved in many efforts throughout the community to identify issues of common concern and work for the betterment of central IL, in employment, criminal justice reform, fairness in education process and funding, civic engagement, and other areas. The Faith Coalition also offers in-depth training in community organizing, raising money, conducting effective meetings, and many other fields. Anyone interested is invited to learn more or get involved.

**HELPING HANDS** meal on November 9 will be prepared and delivered by Judy Knox. Thanks to Cathy Schwartz for providing the meal on October 12.

**ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE FUNDRAISER** is Sunday, November 18. Bread will be available for sale, and donations are welcome, to benefit this area hunger ministry.

### GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH NOVEMBER MENU

**Beef-a-Roni or Canned Pasta Meal, Rice (Instant, Bagged, or Mixes) and 100% juice or water canned fruit.** 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.*

### CROP WALK THANK YOU

Twelve Westminster youth and adults walked or ran in the annual CWS CROP Walk on October 7, and several members served on the leadership team organizing the event. So far, the WPC walkers have collected **\$4,085**, with a total to-date collection of **\$15,275** across all Springfield churches.

### PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Thank you to all who gave to the Peace and Global Witness Offering during the month of October. We received **\$624**. Your special gift enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world, supporting programs locally and across the PC(USA) denomination.

## NEWLY FUNDED PROJECTS IN OCTOBER



**YOUTH FIRST** is a ministry to inner-city youth in Los Angeles which meets weekly to share the gospel, provide a meal, and build meaningful relationships. Dr. Kieffer's friend, Dawn Finch, is the Executive Director. Youth First received a \$1,000 grant.

**THE JAMES PROJECT** is a Sangamon County-based initiative that prepares and helps provide for the needs of foster families. The James Project was given \$2,500.



**A KENYA MISSION TRIP** is in the works! After an enthusiastic congregational response to a presentation from the Outreach Foundation, the Mission & Community Service Committees have decided to pursue putting together funding and a team to help build a church in Kenya in late 2019 or early 2020. Contact Trajan McGill if you would like to learn more.

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Thank you to all who have contributed to hurricane relief efforts. To date we have received \$2,790 from members, and the Mission Committee has designated \$2,500 from the Support and Endowment Fund for a total of \$5,290.

### EARTH CARE

Are you ready for the winter cold? Annual maintenance of your furnace keeps it efficient and staves off costly repairs and replacement. Check doors and windows for drafts and replace weather stripping to keep cozy and to prevent losing precious heat. A programmable thermostat can substantially reduce energy costs by giving your furnace a rest while you are not at home or while you sleep under an electric blanket.



Thank you to Steve Cobourn, who participated in our adopt-a-street ministry on October 29.

### ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE GOES UP NOVEMBER 18

Westminster will again sponsor families through Contact Ministries. Please take a tag from the tree in the West Narthex and return gifts to the church unwrapped (the mothers of each family will wrap their children's presents, and volunteers will wrap the presents for each mother).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

### WESTMINSTER PRAYER CIRCLE

Westminster's Prayer Circle consists of members who are committed to lifting those with special joys and concerns in prayer. Thank you to the following members who are a part of this important ministry: *Norma Adams-Johnson, Katrina Archer, Sandy Bellatti, Carolyn Berning, Jim Bryans, Lynne Cleverdon, Linda Dillard, Sue Donels, Gail Fixmer, Mary Jo Jenkins, Kathy Kenyon, Judy Knox, Karen Kraft, Ann Lienemann, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Ray, Judy Ridinger, Sue Sawers, Sue Scaife, Cathy Schwartz, Krista Steller, Cheryl White, Kate Wilson, and Nance Woodward.*

If you have joys, concerns, hopes, or needs for yourself or anyone else that you would like included in the prayers of this community, please complete the Prayer Card in the pews, speak to a pastor or call the church office so that your prayer requests can be shared with the prayer circle.

**HOME COMMUNION** Our next Communion Sunday is November 11. If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Jennie Alt. Many thanks to those who serve the Lord's Supper. If you are an Elder or Deacon (currently or formerly serving) and you would enjoy visiting other members in this way, 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 also meet for a brown bag lunch in the kitchen Tuesday, November 13 at noon (dessert provided). Please contact Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**PW LUNCHEON** will meet **Friday, November 2** at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Nancy Canady and Chair of the Day is Anne Haaker. The program will be "Feeding the Hungry – A Community in Need" presented by a panel of community service providers: Elaine Albrecht of Central Illinois Food Bank, Cindy Thayer of COMPASS & Backpacks, Erica Smith of Helping Hands, Shawna Harris of St. John's Bread Line, and Cindy Drum of Contact Ministries.

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet **Tuesday, November 20 at 9:30 a.m.** in the home of Carolyn Beatty (244 Maple Grove 62712). Carolyn will serve as hostess and give the devotions. Sharon Zook will lead Bible Study, Lesson 7 "God With Us As Emmanuel."

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE** will meet **Monday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m.** in Second Floor Classroom. Lynne Cleverdon will lead the discussion on Chapter 5 "Bathing Beauty." If you would like information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

**RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE** will meet **Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Meg Kontio (3508 Briana Dr., Spfld.) and lead the discussion of Chapter 8-14 in *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. If you would like info, call Stephanie Moore at 217-522-4415.

### PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Presbyterian Men will meet **Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 a.m.** for a breakfast gathering. Kelly Grant, Chairman of Mel-O-Cream Donuts International will give a presentation on "The History of Mel-O-Cream". David Mitchell will lead devotions, and Pete VanGieson will provide the food.



### DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM**

Our program will be with musician Gelbach- "Sing Along with Ed", which will feature him playing ukulele & guitar. Ed invites all in attendance to listen or sing-a-long as he plays a fun set of "Tin Pan Alley" songs. This is our final DMA meeting until March of 2019. If you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship, please come for the program.

### SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We are grateful for the congregation's response to the 2019 Found Faithful Stewardship Campaign and for your continued faithfulness in 2018! At the end of September, income is above our budget and expenses are below budget. Our net total is \$37,244 income over expenses.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 783,605	\$ 774,458	\$ 9,147
Expenses	\$-746,362	\$-774,458	\$-28,097
Net Total	\$ 37,244	\$ 0	

## WESTMINSTER NEWS

### MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Pat & Roy Baker celebrate 66 years on November 26.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Henry Austin Opperman was born on October 9 to Katrina and Doug Opperman.

### WEDDINGS

Chloe Neisler and Kyle Lucca were united in marriage on October 6. Chloe's parents are Bev and Joe Neisler.

Claire Kontio and Nathen Ham were united in marriage on October 13. Claire's parents are Meg and Jim Kontio.

Reverend Hannah Dreitcer and Adam Castelli were united in marriage at the Mango Farm in Pevely, MO on October 20.

### IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Glen Pittman died October 26, 2018. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his wife, Jeanne, their children Susan Travis, husband Jeff, Julie McDonough, husband Jim, Dr. David Pittman, wife Anna, and their families. Visitation will be Friday, November 2 at Butler from 4-7 p.m. and a memorial service celebrating his life will be held Saturday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. in our sanctuary with a lunch reception following in Parish Hall.

### SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Sandee Deilkes on the death of her niece, Kennedy Freese, on September 29.

Cathy Schwartz & John Shafer on the death of Cathy's father, and to Emma Shafer on the death of her grandfather, Frank Schwartz, on October 18.

Virginia and Jim Dolan on the death of Jim's aunt, Barbara Jenkins on October 22.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

George Preckwinkle, who was one of the finalists for the First Citizen Award. Butch Elzea chaired and Kathy Germeraad served on the Selection Committee. Dr. Kieffer provided the Invocation and Benediction at the event.

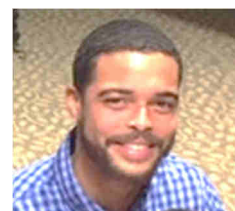
Emma Shafer, who received the Dynamic Youth Award from Faith Coalition for the Common Good at their Annual Fundraiser. Rev. McGill provided the Invocation at the event.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Charles Robertson who has served on the custodial staff since May 2016. We wish him well with his new full-time position working with the Chatham School District.

### WELCOME

This month we welcome Eddie Hubbard-Williams to our custodial staff. Eddie has been employed at the State Capital since 2012. He began as a Senate Page prior to becoming a Senate Custodian. Eddie is a sports enthusiast, and we are delighted he is joining our staff.



### 2018 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thank you to all who were photographed for the 2018 Pictorial Directory. We anticipate their arrival in December and hope to distribute them at the Advent Celebration. A special thank you to Krista Steller for her expertise in creating this meaningful resource.



## THE 2018 BAY WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 3-4

### WELCOMES DR. TOM SCHWARTZ

#### Director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum

As we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I, Dr. Schwartz will highlight the humanitarian efforts of Mr. Hoover during the war.

#### Saturday, November 3

Welcome Reception 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

At the Home of Karen and Andy Sherrick (1608 S. Wiggins Ave.)

Members are invited to a welcome reception at the home of Karen and Andy Sherrick hosted by the Adult Education Committee. All are invited for a time of fellowship and a brief introduction to the topic of the weekend.

#### Sunday, November 4

One Service of Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Schwartz will participate in worship.

Education Forum 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall

"Am I my Brother's Keeper?" by Dr. Schwartz

*Childcare will be provided through 12:30 p.m.*

All Church Lunch 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall

We will share a community meal following Dr. Schwartz presentation.



*Please RSVP at [wpcspi.org](http://wpcspi.org) by Friday November 2 for the Welcome Reception and/or the All Church Lunch.*

In 2011, Dr. Tom Schwartz was appointed by the Archivist of the United States to become the Director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum (West Branch, Iowa.) He received his Ph.D. in History/International Relations from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Tom served as Illinois State Historian from 1993-2011 and from 2005-2011 as Director of Research and Collections at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. During his Springfield years, Tom worshiped at Westminster. We are delighted to welcome him as our 2018 Bay Weekend speaker.

## 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I COMMEMORATED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Westminster will commemorate the end of World War I on **Sunday, November 11** during our 10:00 a.m. Service of Worship. Along with special music "O How Amiable" and "In Flander's Field," our worship service will conclude with the ringing of our historic bell at 11:00 a.m. to observe the end of the war on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.



The Military Plaque in the East Narthex will also be highlighted and post-Civil War names appearing on the plaque will be included in the bulletin.

## ADULT EDUCATION FORUM HIGHLIGHTS THE END OF WWI SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

On Sunday, November 11, the Adult Education Forum will meet at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Rev. Trajan McGill will present some of the memorabilia from the Westminster Archives and other historical documents as we commemorate this milestone anniversary. Special thanks to our archivists, Sue Cull and Carol Bloemer, for their diligent research.

### Westminster Staff

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