



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 2019

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.
Adult Ed Forum 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon
Junior High Youth 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Senior High Youth 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*

**Remember to set your clocks back
Saturday, November 2!**

November 3

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE
HAB. 1:1-4, 2:1-4, LUKE 19:1-10
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Risks and Benefits

November 10

BAY WEEKEND

ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.
SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION
Selected Psalms
Rev. Dr. Clint McCann
I am for Peace

November 17

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY
Isaiah 12; Isaiah 65:17-25
Reverend Christian K. Choi
Dreaming of the Day

November 24

ST. ANDREWS SUNDAY
ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Then and There

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 10:00 A.M.

On Sunday, November 3, Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints' Remembrance in 2018. 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:

Madelyn Morris Bogue	12/04/18	Darline Nebel-Gietl	03/30/19
Terry A. Wells	01/05/19	Edwin R. Davidson	04/03/19
Delilah E. Felber	01/07/19	Webster E. Bay	04/25/19
Joan E. Wheatley	01/09/19	Patricia R. Baker	05/16/19
Glenda G. Warren	01/16/19	Wilma D. Yaeger	07/15/19
Phyllis J. Collins	02/13/19	Hazen Lewis Folse	08/28/19
Paul D. MacDonna	02/16/19	William D. Ridley	09/28/19

NOVEMBER MUSIC CONCERTS

CONCERT ORGANIST DAMIN SPRITZER

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 4:00 P.M.

Damin Spritzer will present a recital at Westminster of Sunday, November 3 at 4:00 p.m. Damin serves on the faculty of the American Organ Institute, has toured extensively throughout the Continent, the United States and England, and been a featured recitalist at national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists. Prior to her recital at Westminster, she will have just played a recital at Wells Cathedral in England.



SACRED CONCERT AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Westminster Choir will present a Sacred Concert as a part of the Mass on the feast day of St. Cecilia (the patron saint of music) at the Sacred Heart Church on Friday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. This Sacred Concert is a part of the celebrations related to the new organ at the church located at 722 South Twelfth Street.

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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 24 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 a new setting of *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*, a text that first appeared in the 1883 Church of Scotland publication *Life and Work*.



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

Three weeks ago Peter and I met our son Paul halfway between Springfield and New Orleans in Memphis, Tennessee. The occasion was fall break of Tulane Law School where Paul is in his final year. We stayed at the Peabody Hotel, listened to some fabulous blues music on Beal Street, and visited the National Civil Rights Museum located at the Loraine Motel.

During the drive to Memphis I had a conversation with Karl Mattison, Vice-President of Planned Giving Resources for the Presbyterian Foundation. I reached out to Karl on behalf of the Support and Endowment Committee for guidance as we determine a 2020 spending formula from the earnings of our Endowment principal. The Building a Legacy of Faith Anniversary Campaign, introduced in 2015, increased our endowment from \$1.7 million to \$5.9 million. Mr. Mattison was amazed at what we have been able to accomplish together! As I begin my seventh year as Westminster's pastor, nothing could give me greater joy and fulfillment than to lead this gifted congregation in the collaboration of the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor—a collaboration which is possible because of our successful endowment campaign. A portion of the earnings from the General Endowment designated to the Special Church Fund will pay back the loan we will secure to complete the Site and Landscape Plan. A portion of the earnings from the General Endowment designated to the Mission and Benevolence Fund will support the neighborhood mission component.

Look for the four Red Pointe Maples which will be planted on Edwards Street to replace the gumball trees the first week of November. The preliminary drawings of the parking lot have been completed by Vasconcelles Engineering and sent to the City of Springfield for final approval. Preliminary architectural drawings of the east entrance and west terrace have been completed by John Shafer. Our renters in 517 and 519 S. Walnut were notified in June, and we anticipate all apartments will be vacated by December to provide ample time to remove the buildings.

The timeline remains steadfast: We will secure a loan in January, seek bids, and initiate hardscape work in June of 2020.

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION UPDATE

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share...so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 1

Timothy 6:18, 19b



This year's stewardship theme, **Live Courageously**, reminds us that Christian stewardship is simply our courageous attempt, having experienced the generosity and hospitality of the God we know in Jesus Christ, to live a life that reflects that generosity.

As of Tuesday, October 29 we have received **165** pledges for a total of **\$587,039**. This is **71%** toward our dollar amount goal. If you have not made a pledge and intend to, please do so soon. Thanks!

2020 Stewardship Committee: Dr. William Wright (Chair), Nichole Magalis (Vice Chair), Norma Adams-Johnson, Dr. Jane Arbuthnot, Rick Duffy, Keith

Hamilton, Tim Kluge, Linda Shaefer, Mike Sundquist, Pete VanGieson

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) meet Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. Follow the pathway of cheese to join in a delightful musical adventure. Open to members and friends. Church Mice meets each week through November 23 and will resume in January.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Kindergarten - Grade 2) meet each Tuesday from 4:45 until 5:30 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-5) rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:45 until 5:30 p.m. following Bridges. The Choristers and the Children's Choir will join forces for the Advent Celebration.

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. They are preparing for the Feast of St. Cecilia (the patron saint of music) at the Sacred Heart Church on Friday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. as well as music for the upcoming season of Advent and Christmas. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room on the lower level.



On Monday, November 25, 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 1, 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 DECORATION FUNDS Members and friends are invited to make a donation of \$25 or more to the Special Music Fund and \$25 to support Westminster's decoration fund. The music fund assists in providing pipers and drummers for St. Andrews, the Millikin Brass for Easter and other special music through the year. The decoration fund purchased flowers including poinsettias and lilies. Please submit your donation with your desired wording and dedication for the poinsettias by December 10.

**Advent Celebration is Sunday, December 8
10:00 a.m. Worship**

Choristers present the Hanging of the Greens Musical

11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Parish Hall

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

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

**Misusing Scripture: A Pattern of Oppression
Sundays, November 3, 17, 24**

The Adult Education Forum meets Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. We will continue the four-week course "Misusing Scripture: A Pattern of Oppression" during the month of November. This course will provide an overview of the way Scripture has been used through the centuries to justify oppression based on Jack Rogers' book *Jesus, the Bible and Homosexuality*. Led by Dr. Peter Kieffer and the Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

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

Date	Confirm. Prep	Confirmation	Sr. High
Nov. 3	Session 6: Joseph	Session 4: Who is your Lord	I know We're Supposed to Love Our Neighbors as Ourselves, But What If I Don't Love Myself? Who exactly are my neighbors and why should I help them?
Nov. 10	Bay Weekend – No PM Youth Group		
Nov. 17	Session 7/8: Exodus / Commands	Session 5: Who is your Savior?	How Can I Honor My Parents When I Don't Feel Like I Love Them? (or Love others When I Don't Feel Like I Love Them?)
Nov. 24	Session 9/10: Wandering / Promised Land	Session 6: What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?	How Can I Recognize God's Signs

SPUD BAKE THANK YOU!



On Sunday, October 20, WPC youth raised \$1,468 to purchase gifts for youth at the Contact Ministries Christmas Give-away. Thanks to all who bought a spud for your support!

ASP 2020 YOUTH MISSION MEETINGS

WPC's Fifth ASP mission team met for their first informational meeting on Sunday, October 27. This year's destination is Kanawha County, WV. It is not too late to join us! Please complete a letter of intent and return it to Rev. Choi with the \$50 deposit.

FUTURE MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS AND DATES

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Youth Group Christmas Party @ Pound's residence
Due: WPC paperwork, \$100 payment #1

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Annual Meeting Egg-tastic Breakfast Fundraiser @ 8:00 a.m.
Due: ASP Volunteer Form, \$100 payment #2

MARCH 22, 2020

Trivia Night Fundraiser in Parish Hall @ 5:00 p.m.

APRIL 18, 2020

Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's

MAY 17, 2020

Car Wash & Bake Sale Fundraiser @ 8:15 a.m.
Due: \$100 payment #3

JULY 25 – AUGUST 1, 2020

ASP Mission Trip Week!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

BRIDGES MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP

In October, the Bridges children explored their theme, "Loving God, Loving Neighbor." We looked at the mission of WPC and how the church continues to be a steadfast neighbor in the community and the world through mission and service.

Krista Steller was our guest speaker October 9th to share information about the CROP Walk and Jen DeJong joined us October 16th to discuss her mission experiences in Kenya.

We continue to study Matthew 7:12 and what it means to love thy neighbor and be a good neighbor. Through Luke 10:25-37, we visited the story of The Good Samaritan and found what the Bible has to say about compassion. We look forward to exploring scripture and bringing these teachings to practice in our lives.

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM



On Wednesday, October 2, the children of WPC attended the first gathering for the Children of Abraham Interfaith Fellowship hosted by the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield.

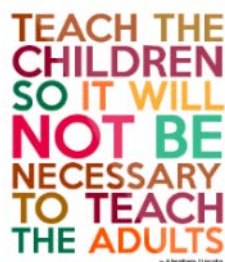
The theme this year is *Being a Good Neighbor*. The children brainstormed what it means to be a good neighbor, played

games, sang songs, shared a vegetarian meal and prepared a service project of snack bags which was presented to Molly Berendt, Director of Compass for Kids.



WESTMINSTER HOSTS THE NEXT GATHERING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 4:30-6:00 P.M.



Westminster will host the second gathering of the 2019-2020 year on Wednesday, November 6, 4:30-6:00 p.m. We will continue the theme "Being a Good Neighbor" through games, a craft project, and reflections on the "Good Samaritan Law." A mac and cheese dinner will be served.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS



October is such a fun month in preschool! We loved playing outside during the beautiful fall days and visiting Pumpkin Creek Farms for our field trip.

Special thanks to the staff who indulged our preschoolers with treats as we paraded around the building and to the Hyman's family for letting us enjoy the wonderful maze that they created for Harvest Fest.



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM INTERFAITH FELLOWSHIP HOSTED BY ISLAM SOCIETY OF SPRINGFIELD

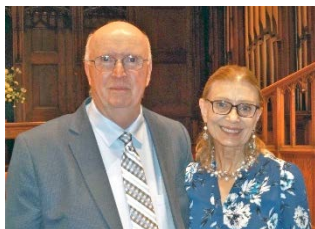


50TH ANNIVERSARY CROP WALK ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Forty-two members of the Westminster participated in the 50th Church World Service CROP Walk on October 7. Fifty-one members and friends donated \$50. Nineteen members and friends donated \$100. So far, the WPC walkers have collected **\$4,865!** Thanks to all who contributed and to Krista Steller, Becky Martin and Linda Shaefer.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20



Arlene and Michael Cooney by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Springfield. They moved from Chicago to Springfield in 2013 following retirement and are active in the Springfield Art Association. Arlene is also a member of the Westminster Choir.

Sponsors: Susan and Dr. Scott Day



Erin Ekstedt by Reaffirmation of Faith. She grew up in Altona, IL, where she attended Bethany Baptist Church. Erin earned her nursing degree from Western Illinois Univ. and works at Memorial Medical Center.

Sponsor: Adam Ekstedt



Millie McNutt by Profession of Faith and the Sacrament of Baptism. Millie's husband, John McNutt, III, is a member of Westminster and they have one son, Luke. Millie was born in India. She attended a Catholic high school, earned her first degree in dentistry and a master's degree in hospitality management at a school in France. Millie met John while working at the St. Louis Hyatt Hotel.

Sponsor: Meleah Berkowitz.



Mervice Alah Abung by Reaffirmation of Faith. A member of the Cameroon Presbyterian Church, Mervice moved to the USA this summer and lives with her bother Edison Zohfonyi. She earned a master's degree in accounting and finance in Cameroon and is currently working at JBS in Beardstown, IL. She and her husband, Donatus Ateh Afeseh, are expecting their first child in February.

Sponsor: George Botanga



Lois and Bruce Strom by Reaffirmation of Faith. Lois and Bruce met at Eastern Illinois University and raised their two daughters in Springfield. Bruce worked for the State of Illinois and Lois for the Southern Illinois School of Medicine in the Department of Surgery. Bruce also served as an alderman for the city of Springfield and sings in a barber shop quartet.

Sponsors: Sue and Bill Donels

CHEESE AND CIDER RECEPTION ON OCTOBER 26



The season of Saturday Worship concluded on October 26 with a festive Cheese and Cider Reception. Eleanor and Lyle VanDeventer joined the Westminster Jazz Trio for exceptional music and thirty-five members and friends gathered for fellowship following an intimate communion service.

HARVEST FEST ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27



This year's Harvest Fest included a delicious meal, face painting, storytelling, hands-on craft, a science project and an intricate maze. The evening culminated with Trunk or Treat in the parking lot provided by the Board of Deacons. Children in Compass and the Westminster Co-op Preschool got to experience the maze on October 29 and 30. Over 100 participated. Special thanks to Pat and Al Hymans! There are additional photos on our website at www.wpcspi.org/photo-gallery-2019.

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

2019-2020 MISSION BROCHURE



The fourth annual Mission and Community Service pamphlet was presented on Mission Sunday, October 20 and 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.

COMPASS FOR KIDS RESUMES

Westminster hosts a Compass after-school site at which children from Graham Elementary School weekly receive tutoring and life skills training, a hot, healthy dinner, opportunities to take part in fun activities with their peers and adult mentors, and healthy meals to take home. The 2019-2020 year began on October 29, and WPC ministry partners include *Cathy Allen, Carolyn and Keith Beatty, Nancy and Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, Barbara Dirksen, David Haaker, Pat Hymans, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMenamin, Linda and Bill Schlosser, Sue Sawers, and Allison Scott, and new this year are Kathy Ecton, Mary Peura and Kate Wilson.*



HELPING HANDS meal on November 8 will be prepared by Rebecca & Nancy Huston. Thanks to Camille Proud and Dr. Cara Vasconcelles for providing the meal on October 11.

ST. JOHN'S BREADLINE FUNDRAISER will be Sunday, November 24. Look for the table full of bread and the opportunity to donate to help 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.*

ADOPT A FAMILY GIVING TREE GOES UP NOVEMBER 17



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.)

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING will be received through November. This denominational fund promotes peace at local, regional, and worldwide levels.

THE UNICEF OFFERING received during the month of October at PW, DMA and the Harvest Fest totaled \$393.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR MISSION TASK FORCE UPDATE

A matching grant application was created and presented by Keith Hamilton, Mary Caroline Mitchell, and Mary Peura for those who rent and/or own in our neighborhood.

Westminster plans to form teams of members to take on minor repair work on homes in the neighborhood of the church during the week of July 13-17, 2020. Please consider devoting a day or even the whole week to this exciting service project!

FIRST WPC INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP LED BY REV. CHOI



JANUARY 14-30, 2020

Our January mission trip to Kenya will be led by *Rev. Christian Choi*. Team members are *Dr. Jane Arbuthnot, Jen and Dr. Marc DeJong, Tara Fritsch, Bob Fox, Harold Hale, Mary and Charlie King, Drs. Todd and Judy Knox, Kevin Milward and Mary Ray.*

The group has been meeting regularly for team-building and preparing for faithful cross-cultural ministry. Upcoming Kenya team meetings are Sunday, November 3 at 11:15 a.m., Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. (led by Stu Ross, East Africa Mission Consultant of The Outreach Foundation), and Sunday, November 17 at 11:15 a.m.

This is Westminster's first full-scale international mission trip. The team will serve as ambassadors as we partner with the Outreach Foundation to fund, construct, and dedicate a church and classrooms. \$15,000 designated to mission from WPC's Support & Endowment Fund is making this possible.

FUNDED PROJECTS IN OCTOBER

THE JAMES PROJECT is a Sangamon County-based initiative that prepares families for fostering and helps provide for the needs of foster children. The James Project was given \$1,000.



EARTH CARE TIP AND UPDATE

"I think that I shall never see / A poem as lovely as a tree," praised poet Joyce Kilmer a century ago, but did he rake and bag the leaves? Reduce your work, reduce hauling costs, save soil nutrients, and repurpose the leaves into free mulch! Grind them up with your lawn mower to dime-sized pieces that fall between the blades, winterize perennial beds with smaller leaves, or stir leaves into your compost pile to create more nourishing mulch for springtime. Consider collecting leaves with an eco-friendly "push leaf sweeper" which saves arms tired from the rake and ears tired of the blower.



The Earth Care Team recently met with the Rev. Cindy Shepherd from Faith in Place, an ecumenical coalition of environmental stewardship groups from houses of worship throughout Illinois. Thank you also to Steve Cobourn and Dr. Peter Kieffer, who picked up trash for Adopt-a-Street on Wednesday, October 2.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive Communion at home on November 10, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Three teams of elders and deacons made visits to seven home-bound members in October. Thanks to those who participated.



FLU AND SHINGLES SHOTS – Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter is coordinating flu shots and shingles vaccines. **The second vaccination date has been moved to December 1.** Please speak to Ellen or call the church office to sign up and get insurance information submitted prior to that date.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

K2P4 Mission gathers for fellowship and knitting every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. We currently are knitting winter hats, scarves and mittens for local charities. Knitters meet at noon on Tuesday, November 12 for a brown bag lunch. For more information contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON will meet **Friday, November 1** at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chairs are Jeanne Pittman and Julie McDonough. Chair of the Day is Suzie Spada. The program will be given by Kimberly Banister-Fuiten, Superintendent, will speak on the Sangamon County Veterans Assistance Commission.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, November 6** at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Meg Kontio (3508 Briana Dr., Spfld.) and lead the discussion of *The Well* and *Deliverance Stories* in *Slaying Giants*, *Walking on Water*, and *Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. If you would like info, call Meg Kontio at 217-670-2052.



ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, November 11** at 5:30 p.m. in Second Floor Classroom. Mary King will lead the discussion of Chapter 3 "God with Us in Our Discouragement" in the *2018-2019 PW Horizons Bible Study: God's Promise - I Am with You* by Sutherlin. For Information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, November 19** at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Carolyn Beatty (244 Maple Grove, Spfld.) Carolyn will give devotions and teach Lesson 3 "Words of Love; Keep Sabbath" from the Bible study *Love Carved In Stone: A fresh look at the Ten Commandments*. Carpooling is suggested, due to limited parking.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN
Presbyterian Men will meet **Thursday, November 14** at 7:00 a.m. for a breakfast gathering. Retired Col. Paul Fanning, director of the Illinois Military Museum, will be presenting a program on the museum's mission, its collection, and current exhibits. David Mitchell will provide devotions and Brad Swanson will provide breakfast.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM

Our program will be with musician Ed Gelbach- "Sing Along with Ed", which will feature him playing ukulele & guitar. Ed invites all in attendance to listen or sing-a-long. This is our final DMA meeting until March of 2020. If you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship, please come for the program.



WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Jo & David Jenkins celebrate 50 years on November 27.

WEDDINGS

Rebecca Britton and Brendan Summers were united in marriage on October 26, 2019.

NEW ARRIVAL

Dr. Jim and Mary Anne Singleton welcomed their great-grandson, Henry Albert Lazarus, on October 25, 2019 who was born in New York. Henry's parents are Jessie and Ben Lazarus.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

The Rev. Sarah Iliff McGill, who was invited to serve nearby Buffalo Hart Presbyterian Church as their Supply Pastor during the church's present transition period.

Will Hovey who was voted September Student of the Month by his history teacher at Franklin Middle School.

THANK YOU

Heifer International thanks Westminster for the recent gift of \$750.00 to provide bees for families.

Many thanks for all the kindnesses shown to me during my yearlong illness and surgeries. I especially appreciated the card ministries from individuals, DMA, and Elizabeth Circle. It was very helpful to have someone shopping, praying and sending positive thoughts. Hospital visits by Rev. Kieffer made my day! It's good to be back. *Sharon Manning*

Thank you to those who have knitted hats, gloves, and scarves donated to Kumler Outreach Ministries, M.E.R.C.Y. Communities, and Washington Street Mission. Please keep knitting, so we can get ready for the mitten tree and the wonderful scarves in a high school senior's bag for next spring!



SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT BY LISA RUNKLE

We are grateful for the congregation's response to the 2020 Live Courageously Stewardship Campaign. We are hoping to bring the income up closer to our budgeted amount for 2019. At the end of September, income is under budget and expenses are also under budget. Expenses exceed income by \$29,016.

2019 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 745,883	\$ 777,112	\$- 31,229
Expenses	\$-774,899	\$-777,112	\$- 2,213
Net Total	\$ - 29,016	\$ 0	

COMMUNITY NEWS

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME VETERANS DAY CONCERT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Illinois Presbyterian Home will host a fundraiser at First Presbyterian Church featuring Mark Gifford at the piano and a sing-a-long. Call 217-546-5622 for tickets.

INDIAN POINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH QUILT SHOW

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

Quilts of all types, both old and new, will be exhibited during Christmas in the Country at Indian Point Presbyterian. If you are interested in lending a quilt for display, please pick up a form in the West Narthex or email ostermeier@att.net by Friday, November 8. For more info, please call 217-341-4842.

THE 2019 BAY WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 9-10

WELCOMES THE REV. DR. CLINT MCCANN

Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Seminary

Presentation: "I Am for Peace" (Psalm 120:7)
The Psalms for Justice-Seekers and Peacemakers"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Welcome Reception 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

The Home of Dr. Andrew and Karen Sherrick (1608 S. Wiggins Ave.)

Members are invited to a welcome reception hosted by the Adult Education Committee for a time of fellowship and a brief introduction to the topic.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

Dr. McCann will preach. The Westminster Choir will sing Psalm 117 of Mozart with soprano Haofang Chuang.

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

"I am for Peace" by Dr. McCann

Description: Taking Psalm 120:7 as a short summary of the psalmists' spiritual commitment, we shall see how the Psalms portray the divine will as justice and righteousness, which are the foundation for shalom, "peace" (or perhaps better, "comprehensive well-being"). Crucial in this regard are Psalms 82, 96, and 98, the latter two of which proclaim that God "has come into the world to establish justice with righteousness" (Psalms 96:13; 98:9). In ancient times, God's work of pursuing justice, setting the world right, and establishing peace was entrusted to the earthly kings of God's people (Psalm 72). Now that mission is ours! And the Psalms can be an indispensable inspiration and resource.



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

We will share a community meal following Dr. McCann's presentation.

J. Clinton McCann, Jr. (Clint) is the Evangelical Professor of Biblical Interpretation at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO and a Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He is a graduate of Davidson College (A. B.), Union Presbyterian Seminary (D. Min., Th. M.), and Duke University (Ph. D.).

He was chair of the Psalms Section of the Society of Biblical Literature from 1989 to 1998, and much of Clint's research and writing has focused on the Book of Psalms). He is the author of several books on the Psalms and other biblical material, including the Psalms commentary in The New Interpreter's Bible and Judges in the Interpretation series, along with numerous articles and interpretive essays. He also works closely with Eden Seminary's international travel program; and over the past twenty years, he has led groups of students to Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Cuba. Clint is an Associate Member of the Iona Community, which is based on the Isle of Iona and Glasgow, Scotland, and which is committed to justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

Clint's wife, Sarah, is the pastor of Hope UCC in St. Louis, MO. He has three daughters – Jennifer, Sarah, and Annalise – and a son, Ian.

**Please RSVP at wpcspi.org by Friday November 8
for the Welcome Reception and/or the All Church Lunch.**

The Bay Weekend was established in 1974 by the family of Frances and Ed Bay with the formation of the Frances M. Bay Lay Education Fund. This fund has provided the Westminster congregation and community with educational weekends for over 40 years. We are grateful to the Bay Family whose generosity and legacy have nourished our faith for more than four decades, and for the Westminster Endowment Fund which has also contributed to these endeavors.

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