

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 2020

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule:
10:00 a.m.

Live Stream Worship Service
www.wpcspi.org

Sunday School:
WPConnections
Growing in God's Love
emailed to Families
Children Birth-Grade 5

November 1

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Joshua 3:7-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

A Call for Humility

November 8

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Matthew 25:1-13

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Learning our Limitations

November 15

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Children of Light and Day

November 22

ST. ANDREWS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

The Element of Surprise

November 29

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Awesome Deeds
We Did Not Expect

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

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

On Sunday, November 1, Westminster will honor members of our church family who have died since All Saints' Remembrance in 2019. 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 worship service. Those members who will be remembered are:

Donald C. Mapes	12/26/19	Marjorie A. MacPherson	05/15/20
Mary L. Schnirring	01/12/20	Jay Elliott Bell	05/17/20
James Bressan	01/12/20	Susanne H. Ripka	06/10/20
Lois C. Strom	01/25/20	Jo Ann Brown	06/11/20
William R. Schnirring	01/26/20	Grant A. Lane	07/11/20
James O. Orr, Jr.	02/11/20	Bernice L. Bay	09/10/20
William R. Donels	03/09/20	Dr. Ramona L. Schmidt	09/11/20
Barbara A. Dirksen	03/19/20	Dorothea Thrasher	09/11/20
Wilbur J. Wright	03/23/20	Jean L. Sherrick	09/15/20
Betty Mood Smith	03/25/20	Dorothy Kessler	10/02/20
Anna Coreen Collier	03/27/20	Dr. Roland D. Cull	10/17/20
Rosalee Preckwinkle	04/03/20	Donna J. Solomon	10/18/20
George B. Johnson	04/06/20		

ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22



the patron saint of Scotland.

Westminster will observe St. Andrew's Sunday on November 22, continuing a rich tradition begun in 1985, initiated by the Rev. Dr. John Kay and Joe Eby, a young bagpiper and then a Deacon. The day commemorates the feast of St. Andrew, who was the elder brother of the apostle, Peter. Relics of St. Andrew were brought to Kilrymont in Scotland (renamed St. Andrews, the location of the famous golf course) and for this reason Andrew is

the patron saint of Scotland. The Presbyterian Church was established as the Church of Scotland in 1560 by an act of the Scottish Parliament. The newly reformed Scottish Church emphasized universal education, government support of the poor, and a church that is free from interference by the crown.

In Westminster's observance, elements that remain constant are bagpipes, the flag of Scotland, singing from the Scottish Psalter, and the clergy tartan paraments presented to Westminster in 1985 in loving memory of Scott Hoff.

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. This year we welcome our Financial Administrator, Lisa Runkle, and Sammie Zimmer who will dance the Highland Fling.



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

*O give thanks to the Lord,
for God's steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136:1*



On Tuesday, October 13 I had the privilege of receiving the Springfield ICON 2020 Good Neighbor Award on behalf of Westminster. It was presented to me by Lynne and Paul O'Shea, one of several members and friends who nominated Westminster for this honor. Paul was the recipient of the award last year. The presentation took place in front of our newly renovated West Terrace. Normally, ICON presents their awards at an annual dinner in November; however, this year videos of award recipients will be posted on their website springfieldicon.org the

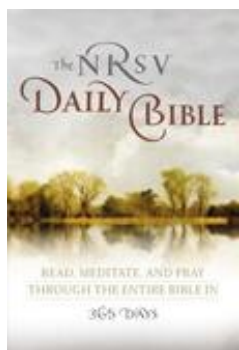
week of November 16. Westminster's video can be viewed the evening of Wednesday, November 18. We are honored to be recognized for our outreach as we seek to reflect God's steadfast love within our neighborhood.

As the Kieffer Family anticipates Peter undergoing open heart surgery on Monday, November 9, we are grateful for God's steadfast love and the steadfast prayers and support of our beloved Westminster. As I shared with Session in October, we have been mindful that a surgery to replace Peter's bicuspid aortic valve and repair his ascending aorta would take place at some point. His annual echo this summer indicated a partial flail in his mitral valve which mandates surgery sooner rather than later. His surgery will take place at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis where he has been under the care of a cardiologist for over 20 years. Our son Paul will be with us for the surgery.

ADULT EDUCATION

YALE BIBLE STUDY COURSE

Members and friends gather each Wednesday by Zoom (led by Rev. McGill) and each Thursday in person (led by Dr. Kieffer) to study the book of Genesis. The class will not meet the week of Thanksgiving and will resume for their final lesson the first week of December.



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Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Katie and Jonathan Carlson-Eastvold, Ellen Carpenter, Sophia and Christian Choi, Ann Collins, Deb Coontz, Carol and Dick Cordier, Bill Deemer, Sara Eldridge, Mary Colleen Garrett, Blythe and Peter Kieffer, Beth and Jim Kincaid, Charlie King, Linda Knibbs, Nichole Magalis, Trajan McGill, Meg McGrew, Pat McKenzie, Dale Rogers, Pat Roller, Diane Rutledge, Karen and Andy Sherrick, Krista Steller, Lyle VanDeventer, Kayla and Jess Weitzel.

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

During this unexpected time, a group will share a meaningful Bible Study experience without physically gathering by reading a portion of Scripture each day and sharing thoughts and reflections on a private Facebook page. We will utilize The NRSV Daily Bible: Read, Meditate, and Pray Through the Entire Bible in 365 Days. If you want to join those listed below, contact Jim Kincaid at

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

Beginning on Monday, November 23 and through Wednesday, 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 November 29. If you are able to help, call Dale Rogers at 522-4415 and set up a time so that we can be responsibly distanced while getting the job done as we decorate the chancel and tree. This year, the Parish Hall and West Narthex will not be decorated.

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 purchases flowers including poinsettias and lilies. Please submit your donation with your desired wording and dedication for the poinsettias by December 10.

LANDSCAPE GUILD

The Landscape Task Force which was formed by the Strategic Planning Committee as part of the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor will be co-chaired by **Peter Kieffer and Andy Sherrick**. Serving on the guild are **Linda Chronister, Sue Cull, Scott Day, Bill Deemer, Sue Donels, Ann Hamilton, Todd Knox, Jim Kontio, Becky McDonald, Nichole Magalis, Jim and Julie McDonough, David & Mary Caroline Mitchell, Jeanne Pittman, Dale Rogers, and Diane Rutledge**.



The Landscape Guild will be responsible for trimming, weeding, dividing, planting bulbs, and primping and will also be responsible for the Memorial Garden. The guild would be task driven and Mark Sexton of Sexton Landscape Design has agreed to be our consultant. The **custodial staff** will continue to be responsible for grass cutting, lawn waste/leaves, fertilizing lawn and mulching. Our first endeavor is the planting of over 400 daffodil bulbs from Holland during the first week of November.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Because a member of Westminster's staff had a positive COVID-19 test October 21, our task force recommended we cancel in-person worship on Sunday, October 25. The COVID-19 Task Force met to ensure the guidelines of the CDC are being followed with testing of those who were in direct contact, notifying those who may have been exposed, and cleaning the church building thoroughly. Closing the church building was not indicated. A new sign-in procedure for staff and contractors has been initiated, a stricter mask-wearing policy is in place, and daily cleaning checklists enacted for the custodial staff.

In-person church services resume this Sunday, November 1, in compliance with state guidance and with the self-determined limit of 50 worshippers.

Weekly messages can be found on the home page of our website. If you have a specific question for us, do not hesitate to reach out on our email: WPCCoronavirus@gmail.com

Ellen Carpenter, RN
Virginia Dolan, MD
Peter Kieffer, MD
Todd Knox, MD

Michael Nenaber, MD
Marilyn Rigney, RN
Cara Vasconcelles, MD

FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi
YOUTH GROUP NOVEMBER GATHERINGS
(GRADES 6 -12)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 11:15 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8	NO GATHERING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 11:15 A.M. 5:00 P.M.	CONFIRMATION & YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 10:00 A.M.	ST. ANDREW'S WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 (HAPPY THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NO GATHERING

YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS GOING BLENDED!

Due to the rising number of COVID-19 in our county and varying opinions of in-person gathering, we will have hybrid gatherings (in-person & zoom) for both confirmation and youth group gatherings. Our preference would be to gather in person with a media device capable of having zoom (laptop, ipad, phone, etc).

SPUD BAKE

Thank you for Westminster for your amazing support of youth group and Spud Bake Fundraiser. We have raised \$1,278 to share the gift of love to other youth this Christmas. Special thanks to Mary Ray, who organized the fundraiser along with Suzanne Borland and Bill Deemer.



2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Claire Wallace is the daughter of Alan Wallace and Rev. Carolyn Watkins. She graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, IN and received International Baccalaureate High School Diploma. She is currently attending Indiana University – Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI) studying art.

Amalia Schneider is the daughter of Drs. Michael Schneider and Carmen Fratianni. She graduated from Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. She is currently attending Cornell University in New York.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick
FALL II SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS MATTHEW 25

The **WPConnections** is emailed each Friday and includes a lesson from **Growing in God's Love: A Bible Story Curriculum**, activities, prayers and music. It is designed to be used all at once or over the course of the week as you choose a timeframe that best fits your family's schedule. Parents are invited to post photos and connect on the private Facebook Page. If you have not received an invitation to join our WPConnection Facebook page, please contact ksherrick@wpcspi.org



NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS:



The November supplemental Sunday School workbook was mailed to each family the last week of October. This includes background information on each Bible story and additional resources highlighting the Matthew 25 Initiative which includes Creating Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty.

11/1: Matthews 22:36-40 Remember to Love

11/8: Matthew 25 Families-Creating Congregational Vitality

11/15: Matthew 25 Families-Dismantling Structural Racism

11/22: Matthew 25 Families-Eradicating Systemic Poverty

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

BEGINS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Advent, the season of waiting, is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of baby Jesus. As 2020 comes to a close and families have fewer obligations and activities, we hope to fill the "Silent Nights" with a few fun family activities to prepare us for this day. We are assembling "Advent Kits" for your family to accompany our Sunday school lesson to be delivered the week of November 23. We hope you enjoy the opportunity to slow down, rest, and wait together.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR...

This year's Harvest Fest was cancelled out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of our children. It is one of the favorite events at Westminster and we look forward to next year as we exploring the maze, storytelling, crafts, and many other fun activities!

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

Even as the weather cools, we are continuing to enjoy our time outside as we study trees and squirrels, dig in the mulch, and paint on our outdoor easel. We enjoyed an outdoor field trip to Pumpkin Creek Farms, and we have explored all kinds of different tree materials from our students' homes and visits to parks.

As the early mornings get chillier in November, we are moving back to indoor classroom setting. Thank you for your prayers and support during this time of creatively engaging with the preschool children.

-Emily Rowley



YOUTH SPUD BAKE FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020



Thank you to all who partook in the Annual SPUD BAKE FUNDRAISER hosted by our youth last Sunday. We raised \$1,278 to purchase gifts for the Contact Ministries Christmas distribution, thanks to your loyal support.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020



Deborah Orr Fritsch was received by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Springfield, is the daughter of the late James Orr, and has been a business owner of H.F. Fritsch and Sons with her husband Wendel for many years.

Debbie is the proud mother of Matthew & Tara Fritsch. She has attended WPC since her daughter joined in April 2008 through Confirmation. Debbie enjoys spending time with family, traveling, cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals, and doting on beloved family dog, Boomer, and horse, Wyatt.

Debbie is pictured with her sponsor: Tara Fritsch



Jess and Kayla Weitzel were received by Reaffirmation of Faith. Jess received a BS from the University of Illinois and a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Texas. She works in community and affordable housing development, specifically in finance, for Local Initiatives Support Corporation.

Kayla received her BA from Arizona State University and works in Human Resources at Lincoln Land Community College.

Jess and Kayla were married in 2016. They have three fur babies: Gus (boxer), Oliver (pit mix) and Casserole (cat). They enjoy reading, listening to Podcasts, and cooking.

Jess and Kayla are pictured with their sponsor: Lynn McMenamin

CROP WALK AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020



Nine members joined Rev. Choi and Rev. McGill in the Westminster route designed to visit the many Little Pantries in Westminster including ours at Graham Elementary School. Participants brought food to the pantries on their walk to raise funds to alleviate hunger.

CROP Walk contributions continue to be received. As of Tuesday, October 27 Westminster contributed \$4,105 to Crop Walk and citywide the walk raised at least \$11,802. We continue to be grateful to Becky Martin and Krista Steller for their leadership in this community outreach and to H.D. Smith for their generous support providing facemasks this year.



A WORD FROM CHAIR OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE -

Dear Friends,

I want to thank the following individuals for their service on the 2021 Stewardship Committee:

Marc Anderson, Bill Deemer, Tanya DeSanto, Virginia Dolan, Tara Fritsch, Mary King, Dave Leonatti, Becky Martin, Sally Godbey, Will Wright, and Pete VanGieson. Throughout these past five weeks you have heard and read their words and stories both in the Friday mailing and on Sunday morning during Ministry Moments. Their words and stories reflect and recall the impact of Westminster along with the vibrant and devoted members of our congregation who have shaped each person both individually and collectively as a church family.

This year has been a year like no other. Each of us has been changed, shaped and reshaped by the challenges and experiences of 2020. The way we work and play, shop, engage with friends and family, educate our kids, and, of course, worship. ***What has not changed is God's steadfast love for us.*** Something else that has not changed is the strong and faithful leadership of Blythe, Trajan, Christian, Dale, Karen and the entire amazing Westminster team including numerous members. They have pivoted many times over the past seven months pouring their hearts and minds into keeping us together as a congregation, enabling us the time and ability to feel God's love, and enduring sustenance whether we are in Westminster's sanctuary or the sanctuary of our own home.

Thank you to the many who have pledged already helping to sustain and robustly lead Westminster in the future. For those who have not quite gotten there, fear not! There is still time and your prayerful consideration is appreciated. Pledges can also be made online at www.wpcspi.org. **Nichole Magalis**

As of Tuesday, October 27, we have received 176 pledges for a total of \$625,947. This is 75% toward our dollar amount goal of \$840,000.



PARISH LIFE by Rev. Trajan McGill


MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2020-2021 MISSION BOOKLET

The newest version of our annually updated Mission and Community Service pamphlet was presented on Mission Sunday, October 20, and is available in printed form and on our website. This booklet lists all of Westminster's current mission and community service endeavors, organized by category, with descriptions and ways to get involved.



COMPASS FOR KIDS EXPANDING

 This year's Compass after-school program has successfully begun virtually, with 67 students enrolled so far. With a few weeks of online programming under their belts, Compass is now looking to double the number of children they reach. **This means they need more class leaders and class helpers!** High schoolers are welcome, too, and would be partnered with adult leaders or are welcome to partner with their own parents or grandparents if they wish. Compass is also considering adding another Club Compass session on Thursday afternoons, so if you did not participate before because Tuesdays were not open for you, now may be your chance! **To find out more, RSVP for one of the online informational sessions being held each Monday at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m., at <https://www.compass4kids.org/volunteer/>**

ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2020

This year, Westminster will again sponsor the nine families living in the Contact Ministries transitional shelter, helping supply Christmas gifts for people working their way toward independence. **In 2020, because in-person worship is limited, instead of having a tree with physical tags, the gift needs and signups will be available online through the month of November.** Gifts can be dropped off or ordered for direct delivery to Westminster (make sure to notify Jennie Alt to expect a package!), and all gifts need to be at the church by December 6. **Watch our weekly email newsletter for a web link to where you can see what is needed and sign up!**



LITTLE PANTRY

Thanks to those who continue keeping up our neighborhood micropantry, on the grounds of Graham Elementary School. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennie Alt at jalt@wpcspi.org for more details. Reimbursement is available for items purchased, and an assortment of pantry goods is kept at the church in the lower level outside the elevator. Suggestions for specific needs and a link to sign up are on our website.

HELPING HANDS MEAL

Thanks to Leigh Milward, Mary Ray, and Cathy Schwartz for providing the Helping Hands shelter meal on October 9. The Green, Hymans, and Steller families are preparing the meal on November 13. Thanks to Marc Anderson for providing milk. Meal providers are now also needed to sign up for the second Friday of each month in the upcoming year.



BREADLESS BREADLINE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22

For decades, each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, churches in Springfield have sold bread donated by a local grocery store in order to raise money for St. John's Breadline, which serves hot food 365 days a year to those who need it. This year, the pandemic has prevented the usual fundraiser, and the organization is having a "Breadless Breadline Sunday." WPC Members are encouraged to provide additional donations on Sunday, November 22 marked for St. John's Breadline.



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. High-Demand Items: *personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

THE PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

RECEIVED THROUGH NOVEMBER

The annual denomination-wide Peace & Global Witness Offering "enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world," advocating for people in places of cultural violence. Please consider marking a donation in November for this special offering. To date we have received \$395.

UNICEF

The United Nations Children's Fund works in over 190 countries and territories to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential, from early childhood through adolescence, helping children since 1946. Normally in October, Presbyterian Women, DMA, and Harvest Fest hold collections for this cause, but this year most of these normal gatherings have not happened. An individual donor has **provided \$350 this year**, and you are encouraged to add to this by marking a gift for UNICEF.



DISASTER RELIEF

Members of the church are invited to contribute to the victims of our many recent natural disasters. **So far members have contributed \$3,700.** Checks marked for disaster relief will be shared with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, our denomination's disaster relief agency.

EARTH CARE NOVEMBER TIP

Fall is the perfect time to put the car to rest and to get out the bike for the sake of cleaner air, personal fitness, and a little outdoor break from shelter-in-place. Cooler and dryer weather permits comfortable commuting in street clothes rather than all the Lycra and Spandex. Consider a ride to Westminster and lock up to our new bicycle rack, constructed from recycled plastic!



CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

PRAYER CIRCLE – If you would like members of the congregation to pray for you, or if you would like to join the Prayer Circle, please contact Rev. Trajan McGill.

H.E.A.L. FUND – The "Helpful Emergency Assistance for Living" Fund provides resources to church and community members facing financial challenges. If you or someone you know could benefit from this, please reach out to one of the Westminster pastors.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

Knitters - find your yarn and needles and join us at Westminster on Tuesdays in the month of November from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. In consideration of the COVID-19 guidelines, we have a few changes:

- Seating will be spaced per the guidelines.
- The monthly luncheon will not be held.
- Please bring your own beverage.

Contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 622-8657 if you have questions.

DMA will not resume in November and resume in March 2021.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN are looking into ways to carry on their fellowship during the present time. Contact Rev. McGill or Pete VanGieson for more info on this group.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON, RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE, AND ELIZABETH CIRCLE will decide on a month by month basis. Check with your circle for updates.

LYDIA CIRCLE INVITES ALL PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN to meet **Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 p.m.** on Zoom. Carolyn Beatty will lead Lesson 3 “Women’s Lament” based on the theme scripture of Psalm 137 in the 2020-2021 *PW Horizons Bible Study: Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynn Miller. **For those who are not in Lydia Circle and want to receive an email Zoom invitation, email Jennie in the church office at jalt@wpcspi.org.**

THANK YOU TO WESTMINSTER

Thank you for your generous gift. We are thrilled with your support and are able to continue providing care for the many children of Kemmerer Village.

- Autumn Warren, Director of Financial Development

The IL Coalition Against Domestic Violence deeply appreciates the generous donation they received. The funds will be used to help victims leave violent situations. *Vickie Smith, CEO and Executive Director.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Springfield Art Association Collective Artist Holiday Sale starts November 20 to January 16 in the main (700 N. 4th St.) and new gallery (105 N. 5th). WPC members participating in this sale are Scott Day, Roland Folse, Priscilla Kluge, Bob Leffler, and Sue Scaife.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

At the end of September, year-to-date expenses exceed income by almost \$29,900. Similarly, last year at this same time expenses exceeded income by a little over \$29,000 for the year. The difference is that both income and expenses in 2020 are less than each were in 2019. We continue to look toward making up the shortfall in income in the next few months.

2020 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 729,002	\$ 780,739	\$-51,737
Expenses	\$-758,895	\$-780,739	\$-21,844
	\$ -29,893	\$ 0	



**TURN CLOCK BACK SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31
BEFORE YOU GO TO BED!!!**

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Char Barker celebrates 92 years on November 2.

NEW ARRIVAL

Jackson Bradford Schey was born October 8 in Chicago, IL. His parents are Erin and Mike Schey and his proud grandparents are Krista and Bradford Steller.

Brooks Jameson Duffy was born on October 17 in Springfield, IL. His mother is Kirsten Duffy and his proud grandparents are DeeDee and Rick Duffy.

BAPTISM

Jennifer Ayana McNutt, daughter of Millie and John McNutt and sister of Luke, will be baptized on November 1.

Cora Ann James, the daughter of Erica and Andrew James, will be baptized on Sunday, November 29.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to Brenda Berry-Olmsted and Tim Olmsted on the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Olmsted to Dr. Dan Schuh on October 2, 2020

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ramona L. Schmidt died September 11 in Glendale, AZ. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children Mike Taylor, Debra Taylor Vaughan, Brent Taylor, Karen Taylor Coffman, Nathan Kent Taylor and their families.

Dorothy Kessler died on October 2, 2020 in Springfield. The prayers and sympathy are extended to her niece Kathy Nichols, five nephews, and their families.

Dr. Roland D. Cull died on October 17, 2020. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his wife, Susan Cull, their daughters, Sarah Pehlman, husband Derrick, Deborah Sanders, husband Robert, and their grandchildren, Lydia and Andrew Pehlman and Elaine Sanders.

Donna Solomon died October 18. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children, Rob Solomon, wife Cathy, Rich Solomon, wife Gina, Stacy Bowman, husband Frank, Valerie Nester, husband Mark, and her grandchildren, Sasha, Shelby, Skylar, and Sloan Solomon, Adam and Kimberly Solomon, Corianna and Wells Bowman, and Jocelyn and Larson Nester.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Edith Irwin on the death of her son, Scott Irwin on October 20 in Springfield, IL.

NEW ADDRESS

Aggie & Don Harmon, IL Presbyterian Home – 2101 W. Lawrence Apt. 204, Springfield, IL, 62704 (as of Nov. 15)

Char Barker, Concordia Village, 4101 W. Iles Ave, Springfield, IL 62711

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Cathy Schwartz, who received Volunteer of the Week from Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service.

Dr. Tanya DeSanto and Dr. Lizzie Knoedler, who became Diplomates in the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. Dr. DeSanto was also featured in the November issue of the Good Housekeeping Magazine.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR FINAL TOUCHES - LIGHT AND LIMESTONE



The final touches of the Steadfast Neighbor Site and Landscape Plan are almost complete.

The lighting of Westminster is spectacular. It highlights the architectural design of our rural early English gothic church and the sculptural nature of the ashlar cut stone. We are grateful to Darren Volle for his professional expertise and to Randy Germeraad for his oversight of the project.

The limestone on the East entry planter and steps are complete. We anticipate the installation of the limestone landing and the handrails during in the coming weeks.

Please note the white picket fence across the street, compliments of Tom Sawyer and Team Michelangelo during the Neighborhood Service week.

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