

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2018

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday Worship 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall
Featuring the Westminster Jazz Trio

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

October 6 & 7

WORLD COMMUNION

Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 22:14-38
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Do This In Remembrance of Me

October 13 & 14

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Mark 10:17-31
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Greatly Astounded

October 20 & 21

MISSION EMPHASIS

Job 38:1-7; Mark 10:35-45
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Political Sermon

October 27 & 28

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Mark 10:17-31
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Where Were You?

The Reverend Christian Choi Accepts Call Begins at Westminster December 1, 2018

On Sunday, September 16 the Reverend Christian Choi was elected by the congregation to serve as Associate Pastor for Family Ministry. Rev. Choi begins his journey with Westminster December 1, 2018.

We welcome Christian, his wife Sophia, and their daughter Diana and anticipate our partnership in ministry with great joy. Keep the Choi Family in your prayers as they prepare for this time of transition in their lives, and bid farewell to the congregation Christian has served since 2013.



Stewardship Dedication

Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28

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**. Our church family is made resilient when we work together, and our individual lives are enriched when we reach beyond ourselves. The Stewardship Committee is asking members who are able to increase their pledge or financial gift by 5% in 2019. The committee hopes that those who did not pledge last year will consider a pledge of \$10 per week. Please pledge by Dedication Sunday, October 28.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 14

On Sunday, October 14, the congregation will meet in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to elect church officers and approve the purchase of the 518 S. Glenwood home.



ELDERS CLASS OF 2021: Norma Adams-Johnson, Marc Anderson, Deb Coontz, John Cross, Dee Dee Duffy, Jim Kincaid, Todd Knox, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Drew Borland (Youth) **CLASS OF 2019:** Suzanne Borland

BOARD OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2021: Sarah Eldridge, Tara Fritsch, Fiona Irvin, Mary Peura, Nathaniel Brower, Gregg Humphrey, Bob Leffler, Alan Lowe, Ella Kurmann (Youth)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bill Donels, Camille Massey, Julie Sundquist,

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Beth Kincaid and Todd Wise

Thank you to the 2018 Nominating Committee: *Cathy Brower (Chair), Adam Ekstedt, Mary Jo Jenkins, Jay Kennerly, Matthew Knox, Lynn McMenamain, Stephanie Moore.*

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

...for just such a time as this. *Esther 4:14b*

At their September meeting, Session received a Landscaping and Site Plan presented by Kent Massie, who was contracted for \$6,820 at the initiative of the Strategic Planning Committee. The study was funded through the 2018 Property Committee landscaping budget line item and included proposals for the Parking Lot, East Entry Terrace, Southeast Yard and West Terrace. The Session received the report and directed the Strategic Planning Committee to appoint a taskforce of members with expertise in engineering, landscaping, and gardening to review the plans, to make revised recommendations, and to create a funding plan.

As we serve Christ in this time and place, the 20th Anniversary Legacy of Faith Endowment Campaign initiated in May of 2015 is providing financial resources that make this kind of initiative and creativity possible. As we pass the midway point of the five-year campaign, our endowment has grown from \$1.9 million to \$3.5 million. Currently, 237 families are members of the Albert Hale Circle and have made gifts or pledges or included Westminster in their planned giving.

We have received \$1.4 million in gifts toward \$1.6 million in pledges. Additionally, we have received non-pledge gifts of \$122,500. If market value continues to grow, when pledges are complete in 2020, we anticipate being within \$1 million of our \$5 million goal. This does not include testamentary or planned gifts. The Endowment Fund is providing us the opportunity to make major capital improvements to our building and to substantially increase our mission giving.

As I begin my sixth year as your pastor, I am honored to lead this competent and diverse congregation *for just such a time as this*. Thank you for being **FOUND FAITHFUL** through your disciplined and intentional stewardship,

A WORD FROM THE SESSION

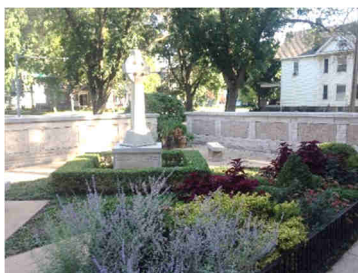
The Session would like to express their appreciation for the exemplary conduct of our members during the recent congregational meeting on September 16, 2018. All in attendance, whether speaker or listener, conducted themselves in a thoughtful, respectful manner. True to our Presbyterian heritage as “*reformed and always reforming*,” the Session was proud of the healthy and open dialogue within the meeting as individual beliefs were voiced and respected during our changing times. Session hopes each of us will continue to pray and reflect as we grow, change and mature on our faith journeys as individuals and as a congregation. May we always be a part of the progressive spirit of our founding fathers and mothers.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Owen, Clerk of Session

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.

Two single niches remain in the East Wall at a cost of \$750 for members and their families (\$1,500 for friends of Westminster), and the cost of the 180 niches in the South Wall is \$1,000 for members and their families and \$2,000 for friends of Westminster.



MUSIC NOTES BY DALE T. ROGERS

CHURCH MICE is our music experience for infants to Kindergarteners. The program for children and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers meets on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. You are encouraged to invite friends and neighbors in your play groups to join in the fun. Church Mice is a great way for young families to enter into a fuller church life.

WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR has combined this fall to present a musical about the beloved Christmas Carol, Silent Night, as it celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. This choir of 17 singers in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade rehearses on Wednesday afternoons at 4:45 p.m. following the Bridges program.



The Choristers will sing *We Are in God's House Today*, and *We Are the Body of Christ* on Sunday, October 7 at the 10:00 a.m. service. Warm-up rehearsal for the Choristers at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday.

Westminster has acquired a 1937 Chickering grand piano that will be used in the sanctuary services. Chickering was the first piano builder in America, and built some of the finest pianos in Boston, Massachusetts until the company was sold in 1985. On Sunday, the Chorister's anthem will be accompanied by this lovely vintage piano.

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.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM PRESENTS: FAITH, ILLINOIS, LINCOLN AND THE YALE BAND SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 7, 21, 28

On Sunday, October 7, Church Historian Dale Rogers will introduce the October Adult Education Forum at 11:15 a.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Illinois, he will explore the story of the Yale Band, one of whose members was the Rev. Albert Hale. On October 21 and 28 Alan Lowe, Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library will explore the role of faith within the life of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan.

CHURCH OFFICER ORIENTATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 11:15 A.M. IN PARISH HALL

Newly elected elders and deacons will meet Sunday, October 21, 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Parish Hall with Dr. Kieffer and Rev. McGill for orientation and a Spud Bake lunch.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 28 & NOVEMBER 11 11:15 A.M. IN PASTOR'S STUDY

Friends and visitors are invited to a New Members Class on Sundays, October 28 and November 11, 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. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on November 18, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by Jen DeJong

YOUTH WALK CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Junior and Senior High will take part as one of our fall service projects. Youth can register and collect donations online! Meet at Grace Lutheran (714 E. Capitol) at 1 PM. We will grab a treat downtown after the walk. **No Youth Group that evening.**

LAKE NIGHT AT THE DAYS' SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

On Sunday, October 14, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Susan and Scott Day will host the Junior and Senior High for fellowship, a bonfire, hot dogs and chili at their lake home.



CONFIRMANDS AND MENTORS VISIT MOSQUE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 5:00 P.M.

On Friday, October 12, at 5:00 p.m. eighth graders, their parents and their mentors will gather at Westminster for their visit to the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield. Thank you to Meridith Bryans, Tara Fritsch, Charlie King, Todd Knox, Dave Leonatti, and Sarah McGill, for serving as mentors to our confirmands this year.

THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

On Sunday, October 21, Junior and Senior High Youth will gather in the kitchen from 8:00-11:15 a.m. to prepare loaded baked potatoes to raise funds for the Contact Ministries Christmas Gift Distribution. Members are invited to buy a Spud for \$5.00 and help our youth share God's love!



CONFIRMATION PREP WEENIE ROAST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

On Sunday, October 21, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. the Musgraves will host a Weenie Roast for the sixth and seventh grade Confirmation Prep class. Please text Sarah Zerfas at 217 563-2845 if you plan to attend.

WPC YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Young Adults (ages 18-30ish) gather on the last Sunday of each month for brunch following worship. On Sunday, October 28 we will meet at Obed and Isaac's at 11:30 a.m. If you have questions, contact Tara Fritsch (217 652-8399).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

BRIDGES CHILDREN PROCESS WITH BREADS OF THE WORLD

Bridges Children (Grades 3-5) will process during the 10:00 a.m. voluntary Siyahamba "a Zulu Melody" with the breads of the world as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. The Communion table will be adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.



Bridges children will also lead the Call to Worship and participate in the Children's Sermon which will highlight the Church World Service CROP Walk. Members are invited to sponsor the children and youth who will join the Springfield community in the annual walk to raise funds for world hunger. The walk begins at 1:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran (714 E Capitol).

CHILDREN'S OFFERING: HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

The children's offering is received at the beginning of the Children's Sermon each Sunday. By doing so, we honor and dedicate the contributions of our children and share in the joy of giving with the church. Each child received a box of children's offering envelopes, with one envelope for each Sunday of the year. Offering boxes are available during Sunday school so be sure to pick yours up!



In 2017-2018, the children's offering totaled \$480. This was enough to send 5,000 fish fingerlings to families through Heifer. At Commotion Sunday, the children selected honeybees for their 2018-2019 Heifer Project animal. Each \$30 donated will provide 10,000-20,000 bees (plus one queen) and all the necessary equipment to help a family yield the best results. Let's see how many families we can assist!

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who attended Macaroni Fest! It was a fun night and a great help to our preschool raising \$1,516.



In October, we will be taking a field trip to Pumpkin Creek Farms on October 1st. On October 4th & 5th, class is cancelled for our Goal-Setting Parent & Teacher Conferences. We will end the month with a costume parade through the building on October 30th at approximately 11:00 am and October 31st at approximately 11:00 am and 2:30 pm. If your group is at the church during one of these times and you would want us to stop by, please let us know.

Children of Abraham

WPC Hosts Wednesday, October 10, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

Children in Grades K-5 are invited to quarterly Wednesday gatherings to foster interfaith fellowship and understanding, hosted by the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish Education, Grace United Methodist Church and Westminster. The theme of the October 10th gathering is "Things We Share." Children will explore music at the organ with Dale Rogers, prayer at the Labyrinth with Mary Caroline Mitchell, the liturgical year with Dr. Kieffer and create a peace craft with Karen Sherrick. Pat Hymans will provide the meal.

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.

TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS
- Abraham Lincoln

Commotion Sunday, September 9



Candidacy Sunday, September 16



Highlights in September

Westminster Choir Retreat September 8



Bridges Welcome Advocates September 26



Women's Salad Supper September

Presbyterian Men's Cookout September 22



Fifty- and Sixty-Year Members September 23



Endowment Planned Giving Reception October 1



*Pictured above: Rev. McGill, Cathy Cragoe, Jan Schuermann, Stan Papp, Gloria St. Lawrence, Dr. Kieffer
Unable to be with us: David Mitchell, John Schroeder and Phyllis Collins*

PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION EMPHASIS IN WORSHIP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

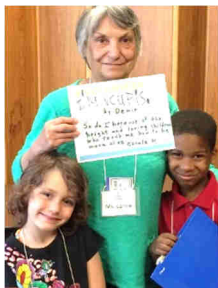
On October 20 and 21 mission will be the emphasis of our worship. Westminster has been growing our level of mission work over the past two years, both in financial commitment and in personal involvement. You are invited to explore how you can be involved



in carrying Christ's love to the whole world. Many thanks to everyone in the Westminster family who continues to care about living out our mission and contribute to our ability to do so. **Mission Committee:** Joe Fierstos, Kathy Germeraad, Julie James, Carole Kennerly, Judi Mier, Alan Wallace
Community Service Committee: Emma Batterman, Jacob Hill, Fiona Irvin, Brad Milliman, Kevin Simonson

COMPASS FOR KIDS RESUMES OCTOBER 23

Central Baptist Church partners with us in providing this after-school program on Tuesdays for at-risk children from Graham Elementary School. Children are tutored and helped with homework, given snacks and fun activities, provided with life skills, and share a healthy dinner together. Consider becoming part of the team and building relationships with children in need of caring adults in their lives! Thanks to new and returning classroom and kitchen volunteers



Cathy Allen, Carolyn Beatty, Keith Beatty, Nancy Canady, Rich Canady, Rance Carpenter, Ann Collins, Barb Dirksen, David Haaker, Carole Kennerly, Lynn McMenamin, Linda Schlosser, Bill Schlosser, Allison Scott, and Jack Zervas.

LET EVERYONE'S VOICES BE HEARD

In a non-partisan effort to encourage voter turnout for the November election, WPC members are joining other congregations through the Faith Coalition for the Common Good in a Voter Engagement project. Our assignment is to engage with blocks having low voter turnout in WPC's Westside Neighborhood. Participants will gather 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, Saturday, Oct. 13, and Sunday, Oct. 14. There will be training at the church before going out to share information about registering and early voting. Please let Mary Caroline Mitchell know the dates you can help, at marycarolinem@gmail.com or (217) 553-4688.

MISSIONS FUNDRAISERS

Two of the major ministries we support are hosting important fundraisers in October. Please consider attending one or both and supporting these valuable organizations:

Contact Ministries Fall Concert, on **Thursday, October 11**, featuring comedian Michael, Jr..

Faith Coalition for the Common Good Fall Banquet on **Saturday, October 27**. A Westminster member will receive an award! Come find out who!

HELPING HANDS

Thanks to Kathy and Randy Germeraad for providing the meal on September 14th. The October 12th meal will be prepared and delivered by Cathy Schwartz. We are in need of a family or group of families for upcoming meals on February 8, March 8, or any time beyond that in 2019.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH OCTOBER MENU:

Canned Chili or Soup with Pop Tops, Biscuit Mix, and 100% juice or water canned fruit. Thank you to those who place items in the West Narthex baskets for the Central Illinois Foodbank. **Items in High Demand:** *feminine hygiene products, shampoo, diapers & wipes, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap.*

KNITTING MISSIONS... WORLDWIDE!

K2P4 member Mary Ann Nation takes an exotic transportation option on a recent trip—perhaps in search of camel's hair for a new knitting project?



CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP AT WESTMINSTER
4TH ANNUAL "SWINGING ON A PRAYER" GOLF SCRAMBLE will be this **Sunday, October 7, 3:00 p.m.** at Long Bridge Golf Course. Thirty-five members will participate in this Deacon sponsored event.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY AT WESTMINSTER

Westminster Presbyterian Church maintains a list of members who have committed to praying for the needs of the church. 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 contact the church office or Rev. Trajan McGill so that your prayer requests can be shared with the prayer chain. If you have a desire yourself to take part in remembering others' needs before God in prayer on a regular basis, we'd also be happy to add you to the list!

HOME COMMUNION Home Communion will resume on **October 7** for World Communion Sunday). **If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, and would like to receive Holy Communion**, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Many thanks to those who participate in bringing 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.

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for your faithfulness to the ministry of Westminster. At the end of August, our income exceeds expenses by \$51,498. Donors will be receiving a **contribution statement in early October**. We encourage each one to check your giving compared to the pledge amount, and to catch up, if needed, before the December rush.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 722,524	\$ 688,407	\$ 34,117
Expenses	\$-671,026	\$-688,407	\$-17,381
Net Total	\$ 51,498	\$ 0	

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, October 9 (dessert provided). Please contact Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON will meet **Friday, October 5** at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Carolyn Beatty and Chair of the Day is Nancy Canady. The program will be "Sending Hope and Empowerment around the world & around the corner" presented by Chantel Corrie, Director of Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Library. Phyllis Lowrey will serve as hostess and give the devotions. Leah Duling will lead Bible Study, Lessons 2 & 3, "God With Us In Our Uncertainty" and "God With Us In Our Discouragement," beginning on pages 19 and 27 of the Horizons Bible Study.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE met Monday, October 1 in Second Floor Classroom and discussed Chapter 4 "Blood Will Tell". They will return to the Second Monday in November. If you would like information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE met **Wednesday, October 3** at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane 62712). Their next meeting will be Wednesday, November 7. This year we are reading *The Great Divorce* and *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. If you would like info, call Stephanie Moore at 217-522-4415.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The men's group will meet for a breakfast gathering on **Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 a.m.** Scott Day will give a presentation on "The Art of Bonsai". David Mitchell will lead devotions, and Pete VanGieson will provide the food.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE) *Date Change

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12- 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM

DMA welcomes Barbara McKean, world traveler, who will present a program on "From the Amazon to the Northwest Passage". If you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship, come for the program.

THIRD ANNUAL PHOTO WALK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 9:15 A.M.



Join Bob Fox at the Illinois State Museum (502 S. Spring Street) on **Saturday, October 6 at 9:15 a.m.** for a morning of photography including the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, State Capitol Building,

and lunch at Boone's. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Register at worldwidephotowalk.com, locate your city, and complete the sign up form. Participants are also invited to donate to the Springs of Hope Orphanage in Kenya! gofundme.com/2018-worldwide-photowalk-donations.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Nancy & Lon Scott celebrate 65 years on October 10.

Charlaine Barker celebrates 90 years on November 2.

NEW ARRIVAL

June Rae Himes was born on August 29 to Corinne and Jeff Himes in the Chicago area. June's proud grandparents are Dr. Peg and Lou DiFonso.

WEDDINGS

Brandice Hull and Tyler Armstrong were united in marriage at Westminster on September 15.

IN MEMORIAM

Patsy L. "Pat" Hibbert died September 3 at her home. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her husband Al Hibbert, their children Al Hibbert, Bill and Mary Hibbert, Scott Hibbert, Stacey and Jeff Lochbaum, and their grandchildren Natalie and Olivia Hibbert, Christian and Ross Lochbaum, Dylan and Matthew Hibbert.

Norma T. Pulliam died on September 10 at Concordia Village. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her children Elizabeth Mendelhall, Robert Pulliam and their families.

Carol A. Bressan died on September 10 in Burlington, WI, where she recently moved. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her brother, Jim Bressan, sister, Sharon Wiest and their families.

Grady M. Chronister died September 14 in Chicago. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his wife, Linda Chronister, to their daughters, Wendy Chronister (Peter Rogers), Julie Chronister (Mark Myers), Amy Ridley (John Ridley) and to grandchildren, Caroline and Carter Rogers, Wyatt Myers, Emma and Grady Ridley.

Geraldine "Gerry" Grigsby Hale died on September 18 in Springfield. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her husband, Harold Hale, to their children Christy Pound (Karl), Jaymie Ngoupa, and to grandchildren, Avery and Bryce Pound, Sophie and Elodie Ngoupa.

Dorothea L. Callaway died on September 20 in Springfield at the age of 104. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her sister, Maxine Curry and her niece, Deb Knoles and family.

Dr. Harry W. Bergmann died on September 27, 2018 in Chatham at the age of 99. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his daughters, Judy Dalsin and Linda Cisco, his son, David (Anne) Haaker, his grandchildren Hillary and Alyssa Haaker.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Ellen and Rance Carpenter on the death of Rance's step-mother, and to Lucas Carpenter and Lindsay Young on the death of their step-grandmother, A. Nikki Carpenter, on August 16 in a northwest suburb of Chicago.

Rev. Jerry and Judy Boutelle on the death of Judy's mother, Hilda Miller, on September 8 in Chandler, North Carolina.

Kate and Brad Milliman on the death of his father and to Jack, Luke, and Elle on the death of their grandfather, Paul Milliman, on September 22 in Columbus, IN.

Laura and Chad Kruger on the death of his grandmother, Lillie Coats, and to Katie and Madison Kruger on the death of their great-grandmother on September 24 in Springfield.

Leigh and Kevin Milward on the death of his mother, and to Kara and Jenna Milward on the death of their grandmother, Joan Milward, on September 28 in Normal.

Church World Service CROP Walk World Communion Sunday, October 7

1:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church



Join the Springfield community as we address hunger in our world and community. The walk begins at Grace Lutheran Church (714 E. Capitol). Check-in is at 1:00 p.m. with a start time of 1:30 p.m. The 3-mile walk passes several of our supported food pantries. Walkers are welcome to park in the Grace Lutheran parking lot at Capitol and 7th. Thank you to the youth who are walking this year. Sponsors are welcome. Sign up in the West Narthex with Bill Deemer. Donations welcome: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/springfieldil/Team/View/83042/Westminster-Presbyterian-Walker> or you can write Westminster a check with a note on the memo designating it for CROP Walk.

Saturdays at Westminster Cheese and Cider Reception on October 27 following 5:00 p.m. worship

A cheese and cider reception will follow the service on Saturday, October 27 in Parish Hall as we conclude the 2018 season. The Westminster Jazz Trio will share some of its repertoire as we celebrate this meaningful and intimate communion service.



The Harvest Festival Sunday, October 28, 5:00 -7:00 p.m.

Families of the community are invited to be our guests at Westminster's Annual Harvest Fest! DINNER is served at 5:00 p.m. followed by a COSTUME PARADE at 5:30 p.m. All are encouraged to wear a costume.



Following the costume parade, children enjoy an elaborate maze, hands-on activities, and story-time. The evening will culminate with Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot coordinated by the Board of Deacons. The evening will conclude at 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP by Thursday, October 25, so we know how many to expect. Donations to support UNICEF will be collected to assist families in developing countries.

The 2018 Bay Weekend, November 3-4

Welcomes Dr. Tom Schwartz, Director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum

As we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I, Dr. Schwartz will highlight the humanitarian efforts of Mr. Hoover during the war. RSVP in the West Narthex on Sundays or on our website.

Saturday, November 3

Welcome Reception 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Members are invited to a welcome reception at the home of Dr. William Wright hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 4

Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Dr. Schwartz will participate in worship.
Education Forum 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" by Dr. Schwartz
All Church Lunch 12:30 p.m. The Westminster family will share a community meal.

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November Reporter Deadline is Sunday, October 28