

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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October 2019

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday

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

Sunday Schedule:

Nursery 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Worship 8:30 a.m. Parish Hall

& 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Sunday School for Pre-K – Grade 5

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Adult Ed Forum 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon

Junior High Youth 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Senior High Youth 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

October 5 & 6

WORLD COMMUNION

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Rev. Christian K. Choi

Rekindling the Gift of God

October 12 & 13

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Gratitude and Contentment

October 19 & 20

MISSION EMPHASIS

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Trajan I. McGill

Being Persistent

October 26 & 27

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Joel 2:23-32; Luke 18:9-14

Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer

Restorative Justice

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27

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



It takes courage to live our faith with integrity, especially as we seek to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share. 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. We have so much for which to be thankful at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Exciting changes are noticeable in the energy and growth within our congregation and our steadfast presence within the neighborhood.

The Stewardship Committee is asking members who are able to increase their pledge or financial gift by 5% in 2020. The committee hopes that those who did not pledge or give last year to consider paying the per capita cost of \$35.00 per adult member within your family. Please pledge by Dedication Sunday, October 27.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 13

On Sunday, October 13, the congregation will meet in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to elect the following church officers.

ELDERS CLASS OF 2022: Carol Bloemer, Dr. Katie Carlson-Eastvold, Adam Ekstedt, Judy Ridinger, John Stafford, Carolyn Swanson, Pete VanGieson, Bill Ward and Youth Elder Avery Pound

BOARD OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2022: Rich Canady, Bud Green, Alyssa Haaker, Rachael Hickman, Becky McDonald, Julie Pittman McDonough, Mike Sundquist, Brinton Wilkey and Youth Deacon Grace Batterman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Jim Bryans, Bill Donels, Camille Massey and Julie Sundquist

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: Pat Hildebrand-Culler, Meg Kontio

2019 Nominating Committee: *Jim Kincaid (Chair), Norma Adams-Johnson, Bill Donels, Amanda Kurmann, Camille Massey, Julie Sundquist, Dr. Phil Wheat*

CHURCH OFFICER ORIENTATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 11:15 A.M. IN PARISH HALL

Newly elected elders and deacons will meet Sunday, October 20, 11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in Parish Hall with Dr. Kieffer for orientation and a Spud Bake lunch.



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

Among the many opportunities to grow in our faith at Westminster is the Adult Education Forum which meets on Sunday mornings, 11:15 a.m. – 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom. Below is a list of courses for the 2019-2020 church year. I am grateful to those serving on the Adult Education Committee for their creative collaboration: Nichole Magalis, Chair, Jim Kincaid, Charlie King, Betsy Ruklick, Alan Wallace, Dr. Will Wright, and Lyle VanDeventer.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

11:15 a.m. - 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom

The Rosenwald Story

Sundays, October 6, 13, 20

Join us as we view and discuss the documentary of philanthropist Julius Rosenwald's remarkable life and partnership with African American communities. We welcome Rabbi Marks on October 20. Led by Jim Kincaid.

Misusing Scripture: A Pattern of Oppression

Sundays, October 27, November 3, 17, 24

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

The Early Church Councils

Sundays, January 5, 12, 19

This course will explore the first seven ecumenical church councils which were held between 325 and 787 CE and discuss the theological issues that spurred the councils as well as the major personalities who spoke at them. Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz

Civil Rights and 20th Century Music

Sundays, February 2, 9, 16, 23

During the 20th century, emerging technologies permitted musicians Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday, Jimi Hendrix and Bob Marley to develop new genres of Jazz, Rock and Reggae that would transform the music industry and lead the march of the civil rights movement. Led by Dr. Peter Kieffer

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms' Requiem

Sundays, March 1, 8, 15

This course will provide a venue to hear Johannes Brahms' Requiem and to explore the tenderness and passion of grief and hope within the Bible. Led by Dale Rogers and Lyle VanDeventer.

Liturgical Art in the Church

Sundays, March 22, 29, April 5

This course will explore liturgical art in a variety of media and the ways art creates a contemplative and prayerful environment for the worship of God. We will conclude with a visit to the Lenten Art Display and discuss the works of art. Led by Dr. Scott Day.

Faith and Reason Series

Sundays, April 19, 26,
May 3, 10, 17, 24

Join us as we view and discuss this educational DVD set featuring noted scholars addressing theological topics in a roundtable discussion. Led by the pastors, Jim Kincaid and Lyle VanDeventer.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

WESTMINSTER CHOIR rehearses on Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. In addition to singing for 10:00 a.m. services, the Choir will sing at the Convent Church of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 20, 3:00 p.m. and for the Feast of St. Cecilia (the patron saint of music) at the Sacred Heart Church on Friday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. A special rehearsal will be Saturday, October 19, 9:30 a.m. at the Convent Church of St. Francis.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-5) rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:45 until 5:30 p.m. following Bridges and will sing on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

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

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.

CONCERT ORGANIST, 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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 6 & 13 11:15 A.M. IN PASTOR'S STUDY

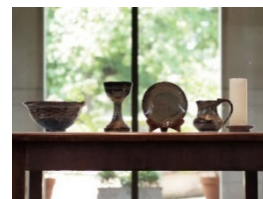


Friends and visitors are invited to a New Members Class on Sundays, October 6 and 13, 11:15 a.m. in the Pastor's Study. Anyone who has been visiting and would like to learn more about the church, its mission, and becoming a member is invited. New members will be received at the 10:00 a.m. service on October 20, following a Special Session meeting at 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAYS AT WESTMINSTER

Cheese and Cider Reception on October 26 following 5:00 p.m. worship

A cheese and cider reception will follow the service on Saturday, October 26 in Parish Hall as we conclude the 2019 season. The Westminster Jazz Trio will share some of its repertoire as we celebrate this meaningful and intimate communion service.



THE 2019 BAY WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 9-10

WELCOMES THE REV. DR. CLINT MCCANN

EVANGELICAL PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION AT EDEN UNIVERSITY

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

This year's Bay speaker is the author of several books on the Psalms including the Psalms commentary in The New Interpreter's Bible and focus on God's desire for peace and justice. RSVP in the West Narthex on Sundays or on our website.

Saturday, November 9

Welcome Reception

5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Members are invited to a welcome reception at the home of Dr. Andrew and Karen Sherrick hosted by the Adult Education Committee.

Sunday, November 10

Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Dr. McCann will preach.

Education Forum

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. "I Am for Peace" by Dr. McCann

All Church Lunch

12:30 p.m. The Westminster family will share a community meal.

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
Oct. 6	CROP Walk, no PM Youth Group		
Oct. 13	Session 5: Jacob and Esau	Session 3: What is sin and how do we turn from it?	Why Do We Pray "In Jesus' Name"? What Does the Holy Spirit Do Through us?
Oct. 20	Spud Bake Fundraiser – No PM Youth Group		
Oct. 27	Helping at Harvest Fest – No PM Youth Group		

YOUTH WALK CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 1:00 P.M.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD

WPC youth (grades 6-12) will participate in the 50-year anniversary CROP Walk as one of our fall service projects. Youth can register and collect donations online! Wear your WPC tee-shirt and meet at 3rd Pres (1030 N 7th) at 1:00 p.m.

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/springfieldil/Team/View/114983/>

CONFIRMATION VISITING MOSQUE

CONFIRMATION (GRADE 8)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 5:00 P.M.

ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF GREATER SPRINGFIELD

WPC confirmands, their parents and mentors will gather at Westminster at 5:00 p.m. to visit the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield. Thank you to *Meridith Bryans, Joe Fierstos and Beth Kincaid* for serving as mentors to our confirmands.

YOUTH GROUP MONTH'S ACTIVITY (GRADES 6-12)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:00 P.M.

Our new Youth Board comprised of Drew Borland, Clayton and Ella Kurmann, Avery Pound, Allison and Matthew Scott has initiated a monthly youth group activity. This month's activity will be Saturday, October 26, 6:00 p.m. We will gather at church and go to either a haunted house "Terror on the square" in Petersburg or Carter Brothers Haunted Hayrides.

THE ANNUAL SPUD BAKE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

On Sunday, October 20, 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!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

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 and lead the Call to Worship. The Communion table will be adorned with African textiles, a gift of the late Andrea Butler.



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 Third Presbyterian (1030 N. 7th).



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 2018-2019, the children's offering totaled \$600.00 surpassing their goal of \$500. This was enough to send 20 bee packages to families through Heifer International.

At Commotion Sunday, the children selected CHICKS for their 2019-2020 Heifer Project animal with the goal of raising \$600. Each \$20 donated will provide a family in need with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks along with training that will empower them to turn your donation into a lifetime of opportunity. Let's see how many families we can assist!

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

THE MACARONI FEST FUNDRAISER on Wednesday, September 11, raised \$1,925. We welcomed over 100 friends from the community and thank all who attended.



We've had a wonderful start to our year! Both our 3 and 4 Day classes are full with 15 students each. Our 2 Day class has 12 students. In August, parents put in over 30 hours of work during two Help the Teacher Work Days. This month, we will be taking field trips to Pumpkin Creek Farms and have conferences with parents to set goals for our students for the year. Come support us on October 30th at 11:00 am and on October 31st at 11:00 am and 2:30 pm, we will be parading through the building in our costumes!

Children of Abraham Begins Wednesday, October 2, 4:30-6:00

At The Islamic Society of Greater Springfield (3000 Stanton Road)

Children and Youth in Grades K-12 are invited to quarterly Wednesday gatherings to foster interfaith fellowship and understanding. We begin our fourth year in this endeavor hosted by the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield, Springfield Board of Jewish Education, Grace United Methodist Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church. The evening will include mixers, games, a service project for Compass for Kids and a vegetarian meal.

The theme of the 2019-2020 year is "Being a Good Neighbor."

TEACH THE
CHILDREN
SO IT WILL
NOT BE
NECESSARY
TO TEACH
THE ADULTS

September Highlights

Commotion Sunday – “We are the clay, and you are our potter...” Isaiah 64:8b



Stephanie Bess Leads Ten Years of Fair Trade

Stained Glass Children's Sermon Series Introduced



Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor Update

LANDSCAPE AND HARDSCAPE UPDATE: The sprinkling system for the southeast lawn and south side of the church has been installed. The wood chips left following the removal of the trees on Edwards have been replaced with soil. Green View slip seeded the southeast lawn and south side of the church. The landscape plan designed by Bill Donels' has been installed by Green View this week. Four Red Pointe Maples will be planted on Edwards by Paul's Tree Farm in October. The preliminary drawings of the parking lot are near completion and will be sent to the City of Springfield for final approval.

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



50, 55, 60, 65, & 70 Year Members Recognition



Adult Education Forum Presents “The Rosenwald Story”

We began the 2019-2020 Adult Education Forum with a six-week course on “The Rosenwald Story.” We are presenting the documentary of philanthropist Julius Rosenwald’s remarkable life and partnership with African American communities.

On Sunday, September 29 we welcomed Carolyn Blackwell of Springfield who shared her story of attending a Rosenwald School in Province, KY. On October 20, Rabbi Marks will join us for the final class.



Sixth Annual Women’s Salad Supper



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Trajan McGill

MISSION EMPHASIS IN WORSHIP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

On October 19 and 20, mission will be the emphasis of our worship. Many thanks to everyone in the WPC family who continues to contribute time, effort, and expertise to the mission of the church. Westminster continues to grow our commitment to mission. Looking to get involved? For a list of work in which we participate, see our mission brochure, an updated version of which will be available on Mission Emphasis weekend. Additionally, one at-large seat on the Mission and Community Service Committee is currently open. If you sense the call to become involved in the mission direction of Westminster, please talk to Rev. Trajan McGill or committee chairperson, Carole Kennerly.



Also worthy of note is the new growth connected to the Steadfast Neighbor Endeavor. A team has begun work to explore ways to enhance our mission in this neighborhood.

Mission and Community Service Committee: Carole Kennerly (Chairperson), Brad Milliman (Vice Chairperson), Joe Fierstos, Kathy Germeraad, Julie James, Bob Leffler, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura, Kevin Simonson, Roe Stone, Alan Wallace. Staff: Rev. Trajan McGill,

Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force: Dr. Todd Knox (Chair of Strategic Planning), Keith Hamilton, Carole Kennerly, Matt Kluge, Brad Milliman, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Mary Peura. Staff: Rev. Dr. Blythe Kieffer, Rev. Trajan McGill, Rev. Christian Choi,

FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Thanks to all those who attended the Faith Coalition for the Common Good banquet on September 28, where retired U.S. Attorney Jim Lewis spoke eloquently about how we should answer the question from Genesis 4:9—"Am I my brother's keeper?" Westminster sponsored the event, with a \$2,500 grant from the endowment's mission funds.



HELPING HANDS

The October 11 Helping Hands dinner will be prepared by Dr. Cara Vasconcelles and Camille Proud. Thanks to Jeanne Pittman and Julie Pittman McDonough for serving in September.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH OCTOBER MENU

Canned Chili or Canned Soups with Pop Tops, Crackers, and Biscuit Mix. High-Demand Items: personal hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, diapers & wipes size 3 & up, granola / nutri-grain / breakfast bars, individual cereal packs, soap. Thank you to all who place items in the West Narthex for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

KENYA 2020 – The Kenya mission team's preparations are underway! Prior to traveling overseas, the group is having a series of meetings to prepare for cross-cultural ministry and build strong bonds within the team. After-worship meetings are planned for October 6, 13, and 20, November 3 and 17, and December 15. Thanks to everyone whose gifts to the Westminster Endowment Fund have made this project possible.



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING – Our denomination annually promotes a Peace & Global Witness Offering. Westminster will receive donations during the months of October and November. This fund "enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world," advocating at local, regional, and worldwide levels for people at in places of cultural violence. Please consider supporting this fund by marking a donation for the Peace and Global Witness Offering.



DISASTER RELIEF – In response to recent storms that have ravaged several regions, WPC has shared funding with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. \$5,000 was provided from the new Betty Smith Mission Endowment Fund, and members of the congregation generously provided another \$1,485 to help with recovery efforts. Thanks to everyone who contributed and made this possible.

COMPASS FOR KIDS – Congratulations to Compass for Kids for winning a \$25,000 grant from State Farm! This will support the Compass backpack feeding program in making sure over 300 food-insecure elementary school students are provided with sufficient food to make it through every weekend without going hungry. Westminster hosts one of the Compass after-school sites, at which children weekly receive (in addition to the above-mentioned backpacks full of food) tutoring and life skills training, a hot, healthy dinner, and opportunities to take part in fun activities with their peers and adult mentors.



Compass at WPC begins Tuesday, October 22. Those serving this year will meet October 15, 4:00 p.m. for Orientation.



EARTH CARE TIP – How about saving cash and God's creation as you clean? Vinegar (acidic cleaner & disinfectant) and a few drops of Dawn (biodegradable detergent) in a spray bottle can clean many household surfaces. With this simple green cleaning solution and no paper towels, we can scrub the tubs and toilets with a microfiber rag, wipe mirrors with a dry washcloth, or clean windows with a squeegee.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION – If you are unable to attend worship and would like to receive Communion at home on October 6, please contact Jennie Alt at the church office. Four teams of elders and deacons made visits to seven home-bound members in September. Thanks to those who participated.



FLU AND SHINGLES SHOTS – Parish Nurse Ellen Carpenter is coordinating flu shots and shingles vaccines. 14 members were vaccinated on September 28. **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. Knitters meet at noon for a brown bag lunch on Tuesday, October 8. If you have questions on our current projects and items needed, contact Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEON will meet **Friday, October 4** at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair is Carolyn Beatty and Chair of the Day is Judy Ridinger. The program will be given by Tamara Doyle, Executive Director of the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE resumes on **Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.** at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane 62712). Our discussion will center on the Introduction, The Temple, and Chapter 1: Origin Stories of Rachel Held Evans book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. For info, call Meg Kontio at 217-670-2052.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, October 7 at 5:30 p.m.** in Second Floor Classroom. Sue Sawers will lead the study on Chapter 2 "God with Us in Our Uncertainty" in the *2018-2019 PW Horizons Bible Study: God's Promise – I Am with You* by Amy Poling Sutherland. For Information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032. *Additionally, Elizabeth Circle members assist at Contact Ministries every third Monday from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.*

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m.** Deb Coontz will be hostess and give devotions. Sharon Turner will lead Lesson 1 from the 2020 PW Bible Study. Carolyn Beatty will review the art and authors for this year's Bible Studies. For information, call Nancy Scott at 217-891-3902.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

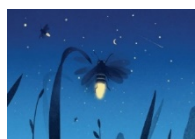
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 7:00 A.M. MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The men's group will meet on **Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 a.m.** David Johnson, Retired Sangamon Co. Deputy & Committee President, will present a program on the Illinois Police Officers Memorial and Annual Fallen Peace Officer ceremony held in May of each year. Tim Kluge will lead devotions, and Dave Leonatti will provide breakfast.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 -6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:15 P.M. PROGRAM



We welcome Tracy Evans, Illinois State Museum Research Associate, who will present a program on "Fireflies." If you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship, come for the program.

WELCOME STEVE STAPLETON

Steve Stapleton returns to the Westminster custodial staff on a part-time basis. He previously served WPC from 1997-2003, and currently, works as a full-time custodian at Springfield's Ball Charter School.

Welcome Steve!



WESTMINSTER NEWS

MLESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Dee Tozer celebrates 90 years on October 1.

Nancy & Lon Scott celebrate 66 years on October 10.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Gloria St. Lawrence on the death of her husband, Donald St. Lawrence, and to their daughter Denise, husband, Thomas, and family. He passed on September 22 in Quincy, IL.

Cathy Schwartz and John Shafer on the death of her aunt, Mary Ann Wood on September 22 in Springfield.

IN MEMORIAM

Hazen Lewis Folse died on August 28 in Springfield. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to her husband, Dr. Roland Folse and their children, Gwen Jensen, Dr. Jack Folse, Lynn Attig, Dick Folse, and their families.

William D. Ridley died on September 28 in Florida. The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to his wife, Jo Ridley, their sons Mark (wife Amy), John (wife Amy E.), David and their families.

NEW ADDRESS

Betsy Ruklick, 2101 W. Lawrence Ave. Apt 202, Springfield, IL 62704

Dr. Ramona Schmidt, 6541 W. Alice Ave, Court 7-67, Glendale, AZ 85302 *She no longer uses email.

Caitlin (Dungan) and Mark Simhauser, 1630 Wiggins Ave., Springfield, IL 62704

Carrie (Germeraad) and Nick Walden, 518 Walker Ridge, Rochester, IL 62563

THANK YOU

Thank you for the visits, cards, prayers, & meals prepared and delivered to Larry and me. We want you to know how much we appreciate everything you have done. *Sharon Reynolds.*

Thank you for the use of the church for the Historic Westside Neighborhood Association's 2019 National Night Out. Westminster's contribution made the event a success & we are blessed to have WPC as a member. *Sharon Diffy, Treasurer*

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your time and hard work picking sweet corn. We donated multiple truck loads to five different food pantries and organizations in Cass, Menard, Logan, and Sangamon counties. We feel truly blessed to be a part of the WPC family! *Harold Hale and Christy Pound*

Thank you for the 190 backpacks donated to our Contact Ministries Back to School Event that helped around 250 students get prepared for school. *Cindy Drum & Staff*

AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Our income through the end of August is under budget by \$19,887. With expenses under budget by \$4,924, our 2019 net total has expenses exceeding income by \$14,963 year-to-date.

2019 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 670,880	\$ 690,767	\$ -19,887
Expenses	\$-685,843	\$-690,767	\$ -4,924
Net Total	\$ -14,963	\$ 0	

Third quarter contribution statements will be mailed in early October. We encourage each one to check your current donations compared to your pledge amount, and to catch up, if needed, before the December rush.

50TH ANNUAL CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP WALK WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

1:00 P.M. AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Join the Springfield community addressing hunger in our world and community. The walk begins at Third Presbyterian (1030 N. Seventh). Check-in is at 1 p.m. with a start time of 1:30. The 3-mile walk passes several area food pantries. Walkers are welcome to park in the Third Presbyterian parking lot at Bergen and 7th Streets.

The final total for the Springfield 2018 Walk was \$15,720.11. Of the money raised, 25% goes to our local food pantries. Church World Service uses the remainder to fight hunger worldwide. Local food pantries receiving funds include First Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, Kumler Outreach Ministries and Pleasant Plains Food Pantry.

On CROP WALK's 50th anniversary, Westminster is invited to celebrate this milestone with the goal of 50 walkers, 50 members donating \$50, and 50 members donating \$100. Please sign up in the West Narthex this Sunday. Krista Steller is an event coordinator, with Becky Martin organizing the Westminster walkers. Donations can be made online at:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/springfieldil/Team/View/83042/Westminster-Presbyterian-Walker> or write WPC a check with Crop Walk in the memo line.

SACRED CONCERT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 3:00 P.M.

CONVENT CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Westminster Choir, the Walnuts, and the St. Andrew's Sisters will present a Sacred Concert at the Convent Church of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m. in celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi. Founded in 1844 in Telgte, Germany, the sisters came to Springfield, Illinois in 1845, the same year that they established St. John's Hospital.



To celebrate this milestone anniversary, the Westminster Choir was invited to sing a festival concert. For the concert, the choir will open with the *Te Deum* (We Praise Thee, O God) of C. V. Stanford, written for the coronation of Edward VII.

New Anthems of Elaine Hagenberg, Philip Stopford, Mark Miller, Helen Kemp, and Bob Chilcot will be included in the program by the Westminster Choir, the Walnuts, and the St. Andrew's Sisters. Dee Dee Gain will serve as accompanist, and oboe parts will be played by Krista Steller and one of her students. Dale Rogers will conduct and present an opening voluntary by C. V. Stanford.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 27, 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.

Children will also 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 24, so we know how many to expect. Donations to support **UNICEF** will be collected to assist families in developing countries.



Westminster Staff

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