

THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Springfield, Illinois 62704

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September 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.

September 1 & 2

1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Matthew 5:21-26
Reverend Trajan I. McGill
Communion Sermon

September 9

COMMOTION SUNDAY

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Mark 7:24-37
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Is preaching.

September 16

CANDIDACY SERMON AND
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

Reverend Christian Choi
Is preaching.

September 22 & 23

Proverbs 31:10-31; Mark 9:30-37
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Is preaching.

September 29 & 30

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; Mark 9:38-50
Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Is preaching.

COMMOTION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

COMMISSIONING OF EDUCATION LEADERSHIP
ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M.

Join your Westminster family for Commotion Sunday on September 9! We will celebrate one service of worship at 10:00 a.m. which will include: (1) a slide presentation looking back on the 2017-2018 program year; and (2) commissioning of the 2018-2019 Education Leadership Team.

A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays and children's activities.

Along with opportunities to sign up for Bible study, fellowship, mission and service, members will be able to add the Church Life app to their cell phones. This app includes the names and contact information of members. *Don't miss this new beginning at Westminster!*



CANDIDACY SERMON & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 TO CALL ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR FAMILY MINISTRY

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



The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 16 for the purpose of presenting the Rev. Christian K. Choi as the candidate for the position of Associate Pastor for Family Ministry. We will have one service of worship on September 16, and Christian will preach his candidacy sermon.

Christian is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned a Master of Divinity degree (2008) and a Master of Theology degree (2009) with an emphasis on missions and ecumenics. Prior to seminary he earned two

Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering and Biochemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2004). Christian has served the Korean Presbyterian Church in Fresno, California as their Associate Pastor and English Ministry Pastor since September 2013. He also plays the piano, violin and guitar.

Christian and his wife, Sophia, have one daughter, Diana and are expecting their second child in February of 2019. Christian and Sophia met at the University of Illinois where she earned a B.S. degree in International, Resource, and Consumer Economy.

The APNC is excited for Westminster to meet Christian. His interpersonal warmth, sincere faith, and humility won their hearts. They believe his gifts will enhance our church family and community, and complement our pastoral staff.

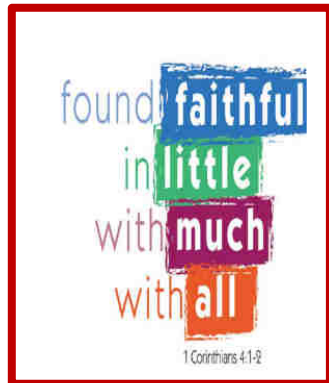
Serving on the APNC: Susan Day, Chair, Sandy Bellatti, Lucas Carpenter, Craig Morrison, Christy Pound, Emma Shafer, Karen Sherrick, Peter VanGieson and Bill Ward. We are grateful for their leadership.



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

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 trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

As we begin another year of study, fellowship, and service at Westminster, we are delighted at the prospect of welcoming the Rev. Christian Choi as our new Associate Pastor for Family Ministry. Following a fortuitous meeting at the General Assembly, we are grateful God has brought our paths together. Once again God is *found faithful in little, with much, with all.*



FOUND FAITHFUL is the 2019 Stewardship theme, selected by chair Steve Scaife. Serving with Steve are: Brian Cozadd, Bill Deemer, Anne Haaker, Nicole Magalis, Becky Martin, David Mitchell, Mary Ray, Julie Robbs, Krista Steller, Lynn McMenamin, and Dr. Will Wright,

The Stewardship letter will be mailed following the Session's approval of the 2019 budget at their September meeting. The

campaign will be introduced in worship the last weekend of September (September 29-30) and the Stewardship Dedication will be the last weekend in October, on Reformation and Harvest Sunday.

ENDOWMENT PLANNED GIVING RECEPTION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 5:30 -7:30 P.M.

On Monday, October 1, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Nancy Simpson will host an Endowment Planned Giving Reception at her home (2237 Greenside Drive). Along with hors d'oeuvres and music by the Walnuts, those attending will receive an update on the Endowment and be invited to include Westminster in their end-of-life planned giving.

Please RSVP to Lisa Runkle (lrunkle@wpcspi.org) if you are able to attend. Those serving on the Endowment Committee: Randy Germeraad, Chair, Diane Rutledge, Secretary, Dale Smith, Lucy Stafford, Jeff Wilday and Todd Wise,

DID YOU KNOW WESTMINSTER HAS TWO LIBRARIES?

The Edward Ziegler Library is our adult library that is filled with fiction books, reference books, and books about religion. Come check out our recent fiction titles. Some books are our old favorites that you may think you have read, but really haven't!! Come in and take a look around.



The Elaine Ryder Children's Library is full of books for preschoolers, elementary readers, and junior high readers. Seasonal books are on display, along with new books that have been added to the library. Both of these libraries are open during the week when the church is open.

Why not stop by after the Sunday service and check out either or both of the libraries. Once a book is officially checked out, you may keep it as long as you would like. **Happy reading!!**

Serving on the Westminster Library Committee: Sharon Turner, Chair, Leah Duling, Melanie Green, Ann Hamilton, Pat Hymans, Val Leonatti, Nancy Scott.

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes its regular rehearsals on **Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m.** and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 8 from 1:30 until 5:00 p.m. A choir dinner in Petersburg will round out the day.

CHURCH MICE is our music experience for infants to Kindergarteners, based on the early childhood development program, *Music Together*, from Princeton, New Jersey. Through music, actions, instruments and activity, children learn many life skills and gain knowledge. The program for children and their parents, grandparents or caregivers meets on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. beginning September 16. 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 will combine in the upcoming season to present a musical about the beloved Christmas Carol, Silent Night, as it celebrates its 200th anniversary this year. This choir of singers in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade will rehearse on Wednesday afternoons beginning **Wednesday, September 12 at 4:45 p.m.** following the Bridges program.

THE WALNUTS resume rehearsal Monday, Sept. 17 at 5:30 p.m.

CHURCH MICE (our musical adventure for infants through age 4) will meet Saturday mornings beginning **Sept. 15 at 11:00 a.m.**

ADULT EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM RESUMES

The Adult Education Forum meets Sunday mornings from **11:15 a.m. to 12 noon in the Second Floor Classroom** beginning September 23. September and October offerings include:

THE SPIRITUALITY OF STRUGGLE SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 23 AND 30

We begin the 2018-2019 Adult Education Forum with **The Spirituality of Struggle**. This DVD 3-part series is based on Joan Chittister's award-winning book, "Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope." Dr. Chittister asks us to consider the benefits of struggle in life and how struggle shapes and strengthens our faith. Led by Lyle VanDeventer.

FAITH, ILLINOIS, LINCOLN & THE YALE BAND SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 7, 14, 21, 28

In celebration of the 200th anniversary of Illinois, we will explore the role of faith within the state and the life of Abraham Lincoln as well as the story of the Yale Band, one of whose members was the Rev. Albert Hale. Led by Alan Lowe, Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library, and WPC Historian Dale T. Rogers.

PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDIES

REV. MCGILL'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.

Rev. McGill's Bible Study will resume **Wednesday, September 19, 7:00–8:30 p.m.** in the Youth Room. This year's focus will be the concept of justice.

DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 20, 5:45 – 7:15 P.M.

Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, September 20, 5:45 – 7:15 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. This year's curriculum is Disciple's "Under the Tree of Life."

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS by Jen DeJong

JUNIOR HIGH AND CONFIRMATION INFO MEETING

Join Dr. Kieffer at an informational meeting on **Commotion Sunday, September 9 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Sanctuary to review the exciting curriculum as our junior high youth learn about the Bible and the Presbyterian Church in preparation for membership.

CONFIRMATION PREP (GRADES 6-7), BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16 11:15 A.M.-12 NOON IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

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



CONFIRMATION (GRADE 8), BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16 11:15 A.M.-12 NOON IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

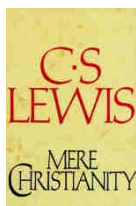
Confirmation will utilize the curriculum "Big God, Big Questions" as the young people explore church membership and their personal faith. Confirmands will visit other worshipping communities, build relationships with adult mentors, serve the community and write their own statements of faith.

Teachers: Dr. Kieffer and Rev. McGill with guests.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. AT THE DEJONG'S HOME

Youth in grades 9-12 gather weekly to navigate their faith journey and build relationships. This fall we will study *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. We will examine, discover and reflect on what we believe as Christians. Along with opportunities for community service throughout the year, our youth participate in an annual mission trip and host fundraisers to support their work. *Leaders: Susan Day, Bill Deemer, Leigh Milward, & Jen DeJong*



WPC YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Young Adults (ages 18-30) will gather on the last Sunday of each month for brunch following worship. On Sunday, September 30 we will meet at Obed and Isaac's at 11:30 a.m. If you have questions, contact Tara Fritsch who is coordinating the young adult fellowship group.

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

CLASSROOM OPEN HOUSE AND POPSICLES ON THE PLAYGROUND will be **Friday, August 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Classes begin Tuesday, September 4.

MACARONI FEST is **Wednesday, September 12, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The community is invited to join us for pasta crafts, a yummy noodle dinner, and a performance by the kids' music duo Tator Tots. Tickets are \$5 per person at the door. All are welcome! WPC is the only privately operated preschool in the Springfield area that is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT SACRAMENTS

Summer Sunday School culminated with three lessons on Worship, Communion and Baptism August 12, 19, and 26. Thanks to Sue Cull for writing and leading this series.



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

REGISTER ON WPC WEBSITE

Parents are asked to register their children for fall Sunday School on or before Commotion Sunday, September 9. Online registration can be found on the Home page of wpcspi.org (bottom center Quick Links). The following classes begin Sunday, September 9:

Pre-Kindergarten (Lower Level Preschool Room): Bible stories based on lectionary, play and preparation for Young Children and Worship. *Teachers: Leigh Milward, Valerie Leonatti*

Kindergarten - Grade 2 (Third Floor Chapel): *Young Children and Worship*, a spiritual formation approach which invites children to experience the wonder of God through a storytelling format and multi-sensory materials. *Teachers: Rev. Sarah Illiff McGill, Cara Barnett, Meridith Bryans*

Grade 3-5 (Third Floor Classroom): *Following Jesus*, a spiritual formation approach which invites children to experience the wonder of God through a storytelling format, multi-sensory materials and personal response journal to reflect on the meaning of the story in their lives. *Teachers: Cathy Brower, Sue Cull, Dr. Marc DeJong, Sara Eldridge, Tom Klein, Mary Ray.*

On Communion Sundays Grade 3 meets for Bible instruction in preparation for receiving their Bibles in the spring, and Grades 4 and 5 remain in worship or are welcome to participate in *Exploring the Bible*.

Youth Assistants Grade 6-12 (to date): *Drew Borland, Jessica Borland, Ella Kurmann, Clayton Kurmann, Matthew Knox, Avery Pound, Samantha Magalis, Gabi Huston, Grace Batterman, Emma Batterman, Jack Zervas, Ben Brower, Sam Brower, Olivia Simonson, Emily Brower, Louisa Eldridge, Mia Marcy, Bryce Pound*

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

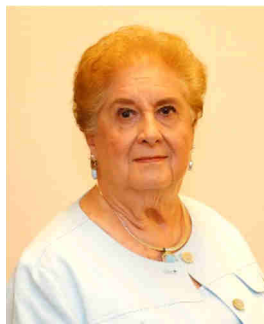
Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays beginning September 12, from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. This fellowship bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission projects. **The 2018-2019 theme is "Who Am I?"** This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which meets from 4:45 – 5:30 p.m. Leaders: *Dr. Kieffer, Karen Sherrick and Brad Steller*



New Members Received Sunday, August 5



Dr. Aaron and Meleah Berkowitz by Certificate of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Springfield, IL. Meleah went to Millikin, is an RN at Memorial, and loves game nights. Aaron earned his PH.D in history from U of I Chicago and is a professor of history at Lincoln Land Community College. They have two daughters, Sadie and Juniper. *Sponsors: Christie Hovey and Ellen Carpenter*



Pat Hildebrand-Culler by Certificate of Transfer from Elliott Avenue Baptist Church. Pat is retired as Assistant to the Executive Director from the Illinois Association of School Boards where she served 50 years and currently manages the Hurst Townhouse Association. Pat is an avid reader, enjoys exploring new places, and to learn about different cultures, their philosophies and differences. *Sponsor: Mal Hildebrand*



Dr. Roland and Hazen Folsie by Certificate of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Springfield, IL. Hazen is a retired music/vocal teacher from Blackburn college, loves to read/write, and is a portrait/landscape artist. Roland is retired from SIU School of Medicine as the Chair of Surgery, and he was a pioneer in founding the medical school. He enjoys Bonsai, art, ceramics, woodworking and fishing. They have been married 64 years, and raised four children. *Sponsors: Elsie and Bob Fox*



Dr. Meredith Volle by Reaffirmation of Faith and **Darren Volle** by Certificate of Transfer from Central Baptist Church. Meredith is a Chief Resident pediatric physician at SIU, advocates for children and their families for safe sleep providing support for newborn parents, and looks forward to future WPC volunteer opportunities. Darren works for Springfield Electric. They have one daughter, Evangeline, and love to walk their dog in Washington Park, and swim. *Sponsors: Lynn McMenamin and Randy Germeraad*



Kathy and Alan Lowe and their daughter Carolyn Lowe by Certificate of Transfer from Farragut Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN. Kathy has her master's in education and has worked in PR and Advertising. Alan is the Executive Director of the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and has worked previously at Presidential libraries and the National Archive. Carolyn is a junior at Sacred Heart Griffin, and is involved with their choir and musicals. *Sponsors: Jeanne and Glen Pittman*

Brinton Geoffrey Wilkey by Certificate of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Springfield, IL. Brinton has worked for Xerox for 38 years. He and his wife Susan have three children: Megan, Brinton Jr., and Allison. Brinton enjoys golf and the Chicago Cubs. *Sponsors: Dee Dee and Rick Duffy*

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM LEADERSHIP EXPANDS TO INCLUDE YOUTH IN 2018-2019 PROGRAM YEAR



WPC HOSTS COA GATHERING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 4:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Children in Grades K-5 and Youth in Grades 6-12 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 Presbyterian Church.

This year a youth dimension will be added to our gatherings. **Sandy Bellatti** and **Mary Caroline Mitchell** will join Karen Sherrick, Jen DeJong, Dale Rogers, and Dr. Kieffer in leading the October 10 gathering. **Pat Hymans** has graciously agreed to provide the meal, nourishing our spirits as well as our bodies.

Pictured to left: On July 11, the CoA leadership honored Umbreen Jabaar from the Mosque before her move to Florida. She will be greatly missed and we will always be grateful for her vision of CoA.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Reverend McGill with the children following the blessing of the backpacks on August 19 and Dr. Kieffer baptizes Evangeline Anne Volle, daughter of Dr. Meredith and Darren Volle on August 26. Also baptized was Easley Wain Thomas, daughter of Emily and Ryan Thomas.



YOUNG FAMILIES “SPLASH” INTO THE NEW YEAR



On Sunday, August 26 young families enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and reconnecting at the Kieffer Home before Fall Sunday school and the “commotion” begins on September 9.

YOUTH “SPLASH” INTO THE NEW YEAR



Junior and Senior High youth kicked off the new school year with the annual swim party at the home of Drs. Tanya DeSanto and Craig Batterman. Adult leaders Nathaniel Brower, Susan Day, Leigh Milward, and Sarah Zervas joined Transitional Director of Youth, Jen DeJong.

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MEALS ON WHEELS



Mary Caroline Mitchell, Olivia Simonson and Mary Ray delivering meals.

“On behalf of Senior Services of Central Illinois, as well as myself, I would like to thank you and your parishioners for your service in delivering meals for Springfield Specialty Meals in Wheels. We look forward to future opportunities to work with your staff and congregation. We could not provide this service without volunteers like you and your generosity with your time.” – Sara Powell, Coordinator

WESTMINSTER DAY LABORERS



THANK YOU to our day laborers, the Rev. Jerry and Judy Boutelle, Bob Bradford, Rich Canady, Dick Cordier, Ed Caupert, Scott Day, Bob Fox, Harold Hale, Charlie King, Mary King, Jay Kennerly, Matthew Knox, Val Leonatti, Scott McGill, Lynn McMenamain, Joe McMenamain, Mike Sundquist, and Brad Swanson. Bob Fox, Rev. Trajan McGill and Gary Warnick served as coordinators for our corn pickers.

“To Dr. Kieffer and the Westminster Day Laborers – A huge Thank You from our family to those who drove out & picked corn on three different days! The timing is always last minute depending on when the corn is ready, yet WPC always springs into action at a moment’s notice! We are so thankful to you all for helping us pick and distribute corn to Central IL Foodbank, Menard County Housing Authority, and the Petersburg community. An extra thanks to Trajan, Gary, and Bob Fox who helped coordinate and get everyone to the farm. This project is very near and dear to my dad’s heart! Many Thanks” – Christy Pound

THANK YOU WESTMINSTER FOR THE BACKPACKS!



We donated 203 backpacks to Contact Ministries. We are grateful to Sue Baker, Camille Degner and George Johnson, who volunteered to fill the bags with supplies and include a Bible verse.

HELPING HANDS

Thanks to Fiona Irvin for providing the meal on August 10th. The September 14th meal will be prepared and delivered by Kathy and Randy Germeraad.

GIVE-A-MEAL-A-MONTH SEPTEMBER MENU:

Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta, canned or bottled 100% juice, and 100% juice or water canned fruit. Thank you to those who place items in the West Narthex baskets for the Central Illinois Foodbank.

**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.



The final total for the Springfield 2017 Walk was \$12,148. Of that amount, 25% goes to our local food pantries. The remainder is used by CWS to fight hunger throughout the world. Food pantries receiving funds include First Presbyterian Food Pantry, Grace Lutheran Food Pantry, Kumler Outreach Ministries and Pleasant Plains Food Pantry.

Members are invited to support Westminster youth walking this year or join them on this meaningful and symbolic journey. Krista Steller is one of the event coordinators and Becky Martin is organizing the Westminster walkers. Donations can be made online at:

<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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION Home Communion was delivered on August 12 to twelve members by four teams of elders and deacons. **If you are unable to attend worship on Sunday, September 9 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.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN WORSHIP Dr. Kieffer & Rev. McGill lead worship each Thursday in September at 4:00 p.m.

PRAYER MINISTRY

This September, Prayer Ministry at Westminster Presbyterian Church resumes. Throughout the year, each member of our congregation is remembered in prayer by the pastors. A letter is sent to members three weeks prior to the week they are being lifted up in prayer. We welcome prayer requests.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION

TUESDAYS AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

K2P4 Mission gathers every Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Knitters also meet for a brown bag lunch in the kitchen Tuesday, September 11 (dessert provided). If you are unable to attend, please contact Mary Jo Mattern-Jenkins at 217-544-8657.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SUMMER READING DISCUSSION on *The Red Tent* will be held Wednesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m. at (427 ½ E. Washington) hosted by Stephanie Moore.

PW LUNCHEON will meet **Friday, September 7** at noon in Parish Hall. Kitchen Chair will be Mary Ray and Chair of the Day is Lynne O'Shea The program is a presentation about the PW Church-wide Gathering.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE will meet **Monday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m.** in Second Floor Classroom. Mary King will lead our program "Peculiar Grace" based on Chapter 3 of the book *Really Bad Girls of the Bible*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. If you would like information, call Eleanor VanDeventer at 217-341-4032.

LYDIA CIRCLE resumes **Tuesday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Library. Sharon Turner will host and give devotions. Carolyn Beatty will lead the study on Chapter 1 "God With Us Wherever We Are" in the book *God's Promise - I Am With You* by Amy Poling Sutherland. If you would like information, call Nancy Scott at 217-891-3902.

RUTH AND NAOMI CIRCLE meets the **first Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 3** at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane 62712). 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 RESUMES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The men's group resumes its breakfast gatherings on **Thursday, September 13 at 7:00 a.m.** Mal Hildebrand will share his experience with a long-term deployment to Texas doing hurricane relief work with FEMA. Brad Swanson will lead devotions, and Dave Leonatti will provide the food.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S COOKOUT

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 5:30 P.M.,



The Fourth Annual Presbyterian Men's Cookout will be held at the Schnirring Farm (9951 Old Indian Trail Rd, Chatham) on Friday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m.

Spouses & significant others are invited! Please bring a dish, either a side, salad or dessert. The meat will be provided. RSVP online at wpcspi.org homepage link.

DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - 6:30 P.M. POTLUCK & 7:00 P.M. PROGRAM

We welcome Judy Williams, Certified Professional Dog Trainer, who will present a program on "Service Dog Training". If you are unable to attend the potluck and fellowship, come for the program.



WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Anne & Jim Singleton celebrate 65 years on August 8.

Cindy & Bill Ruesink celebrate 50 years on September 8.

Mary & Bill Schnirring celebrate 68 years on September 30.

NEW ARRIVAL

Nolan James Young was born on July 28 to Lindsay and Calvin Young in Indianapolis, IN. Nolan's grandparents are Ellen and Rance Carpenter and his uncle is Lucas Carpenter.

Noah Tate Hill was born on August 2 to Dr. Tamika and Jacob Hill on August 2 in Springfield. Noah's big sisters are Jenna and Becca.

Brady Joseph Rockwood was born August 9 to Sarah and Richard Rockwood in Springfield. Brady's brother is Carson, grandmother is Pat McNutt, his aunt & uncle Millie and John McNutt, and uncle Bill McNutt.

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

WEDDINGS

Kelly Bassett and Charles Robertson were united in marriage at Westminster on August 3. Kelly's parents are Pat and Al Hymans.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Dee Dee and Rick Duffy on the death of his mother, and to Kirsten, Regan, and Reiley on the death of their grandmother, Patsy Duffy, on August 16 in Springfield.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME will host a Jigsaw Puzzle Contest and Silent Auction on Sunday, September 9, 2-4 p.m. This fundraiser replaces the annual fall bazaar that is normally held in October. Silent auction items are needed. Please contact Anne Haaker at 217-652-4817.

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

We have received strong support through the month of July, and our income is higher than the budget expectations to date. Since our expenses are under budget, the income exceeds expenses by \$65,648. Thank you for continuing your financial support through these summer months. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Lisa Runkle.

2018 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 653,491	\$ 602,356	\$ 51,135
Expenses	\$-587,843	\$-602,356	\$-14,513
Net Total	\$ 65,648	\$ 0	

FOURTH ANNUAL "SWINGING ON A PRAYER"

GOLF SCRAMBLE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 3:00 P.M.



The Congregational Fellowship Committee will host the Fourth Annual "Swinging on a Prayer" Golf Scramble Sunday, October 7, 3:00 p.m. at Long Bridge Golf Course. It will be a four-person scramble and players of all skill levels are welcome.

Non-golfers are welcome for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Sign up in the West Narthex or online at www.wpcspi.org for an afternoon of fellowship, frolic and fun. *The committee is collecting prizes to present at this event. Those who are able and willing to make a prize donation, please contact Meg Kontio for more information.*

FIFTY-YEAR AND SIXTY-YEAR MEMBER RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, September 23, during 10:00 a.m. worship, we will honor members who joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1968 and 1958. We are grateful for all the ways these members have enriched the life of our congregation over the years and we look forward to this opportunity to celebrate their milestone anniversary. The congregation is invited to a reception in the West Narthex following worship to express our congratulations and appreciation.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS: Cathy L. Cragoe Jacqueline Schroeder
Thomas J. Janeway John Schroeder
David L. Mitchell Jan B. Schuermann
Stan L. Papp Gloria St. Lawrence

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBER: Phyllis B. Collins

THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER WOMEN SALAD SUPPER WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

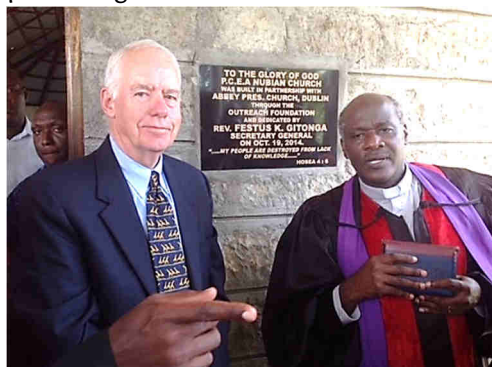
PROGRAM
JOURNEY TO KENYA
Churches, Orphanages, Pastors & Safaris - Oh My!
BY JEN DEJONG

Enjoy an evening with your Westminster sisters and bring your favorite salad. Join us as we travel to Kenya with Jen DeJong to learn more about the natural beauty of this country and its people. Kenya is a country rich in tradition and resources, yet unfortunately juxtaposed with crime and poverty. Jen will share pictures and stories about her multiple experiences (building a church, volunteering in an orphanage, partnering with a social enterprise, training Kenyan pastors, and of course safaris) along with ways that you can pray, support, and encourage the Kenyan people.

Sign up on Commotion Sunday or RSVP to Jennie Alt 217-522-4415 or jalt@wpcspi.org.

MISSION PRESENTATION BY STUART ROSS OF OUTREACH FOUNDATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 11:15 A.M. IN PARISH HALL

Potential Kenya Mission Trip -- Our congregation has been invited to consider partnering with the Outreach Foundation, which constructs church buildings throughout East Africa. This could be an opportunity for international outreach in our missions and partnerships, involving not only funding but assembling a team to go to Kenya and take part in the work and dedication of the new building. Are you interested in the possibility of helping a growing congregation achieve a building in which to worship? Intrigued by the idea of a mission trip to Kenya? Come hear Stu Ross present information about this opportunity following worship on September 30, in Parish Hall.



Stu Ross, of the Outreach Foundation, stands with Festus Gitonga, Secretary General of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, outside a new church building in 2014.

October Reporter Deadline is Sunday, September 30

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