



THE REPORTER

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 2022

WORSHIP & EDUCATION CALENDAR

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

10:00 a.m. In-person and Livestream Worship Service
www.wpcspi.org

FAITH FORMATION:

9:45 a.m. Nursery
Children Birth – Age 3
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
following Children’s Sermon
Children Pre-K - Grade 5
11:15 a.m. Jr. High Confirmation
11:15 a.m. Adult Ed Forum
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group

September 4

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 14:25-33
The Rev. Christian Choi
What God Wants from Us Part II

September 11

HOME COMING SUNDAY SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Timothy 1:12-17
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
The Tenacity of Grace

September 18

MILESTONE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

Jeremiah 8:18- 9:1, I Timothy 2:1-7
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
The Gift of Honesty

September 25

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN INTRODUCED

Jeremiah 32:1-3a; 6-15, Luke 16:19-31
The Rev. Dr. Blythe D. Kieffer
Love in Truth and Action

HOME COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Join your Westminster family for Homecoming Sunday on September 11 as we begin the 2022-2023 Ministry Year!

We will celebrate worship at 10:00 a.m., welcome the Westminster Choir back in the gallery, reinstate the Processional and Passing of the Peace, commission the 2022-2023 Education Leadership Team, and partake in Communion with bread lovingly prepared by a member of the newly formed WPC Bread Guild.

A brunch reception in Parish Hall will follow worship and include ministry displays, children’s activities, a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2021-2022 ministry year, and the opportunity to sign up for Education, Fellowship, Music, Mission, and Service.

Do not miss this new beginning at Westminster!

MILESTONE MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 DURING 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP

On Sunday, September 18 we will honor members who joined Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1972, 1967, 1962, 1957, and 1950. We are grateful for all the ways these members have enriched the life of our congregation over the years. The congregation is invited to a reception in the West Narthex following worship to express our congratulations and appreciation.

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS:

Dr. Carman Pfeiffer
Dr. Alan Stutz

Timothy Schweitzer
Marty Stutz

FIFTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERS:

Jan Baxter
Kathy Germeraad

Mark Cochran
Sandy Hockenyoos

SIXTY-YEAR MEMBERS:

Betty Dawkins
Nancy Huston

Kenneth Hollis
Al Mansson

Susan Manson
Ruth Robert-Roland

Mary Ann Nation
Elsie Unglaub

SIXTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBER:

Patricia Roller

SEVENTY-TWO YEAR MEMBER:

Margie Dobson

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

INTRODUCED SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

“let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” ~ 1 John 3:18

Love in Truth and Action: Time, Talent, Treasure is the 2023 Stewardship theme, selected by Robyn Hovey who is chairing this year’s committee. Keeping Love at the center of everything we do is one of the best ways we can follow the example of Jesus. As always, each of us bring different talents and gifts to God’s ministry to love one another. Please consider showing your Love in Truth and Action by generously supporting this year’s stewardship campaign.

Serving on the 2022 Stewardship Committee: Brownie Anderson, Becky Huston, Jay Kennerly, Kate Morthland, Julie McDonough, Gregg Swanson, Brinton Wilkey, Bob Zerfas, and Robyn Hovey, Chair

The campaign will be introduced in worship on Sunday, September 25 and the Stewardship Dedication will be Sunday, October 30. The stewardship letter will be mailed the week of September 26 following the Session’s approval of the 2023 budget.



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

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

WORSHIP PLANNING RETREAT

Dale Rogers graciously hosted Christian and me a few days in August on his front porch to plan worship for the 2022-2023 ministry year. It was a meaningful time to collaborate with trusted colleagues and to open our hearts and minds to God's Spirit in the "intelligent effort" that goes into worship planning. Our hope and prayer is to provide a meaningful and well-integrated worship service for those who gather faithfully each week. We are grateful for the privilege to lead worship as we continue to live stream our Sunday 10:00 a.m. service.



WELCOME KATIE MOORE: Last month we announced the new part-time position of Director for Children's Music. We are excited to introduce Katie Moore, who joins our staff this month. Learn more about Katie on page 8 of this Reporter.

CORRECTION: Mary Anne Singleton, rather than serve as our Children's Music Director during her tenure at Westminster was affectionately known as the "Sunday School Music Lady" leading the children in singing during class.

THANK YOU, DEB WATTS ELLIOTT: As we welcome Katie, we bid Deb Watts Elliott, Saturday Worship Pianist and Music Coordinator, a grateful and fond farewell. The Saturday Worship Service was suspended during the pandemic. With current worship attendance and staffing, we are unable to reinstate it.

THANK YOU, BILL DEEMER

In 2015, Bill Deemer began co-leading the Communion Prep team that prepares the elements for the Sacrament of Communion.

In 2016, Bill became a mentor to our youth and has attended the last five youth mission trips (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022).

This month Bill is stepping down from these responsibilities (although he will continue partnering in ministry on many other fronts). We want to give Bill a shout out and a big thank you for these labors of love. Bill Deemer served on the Pastor Nominating Committee which called me and was the first person I spoke to from Westminster. He has a special place in my heart.



JULY FINANCIAL REPORT by Lisa Runkle

Thank you for the increased donations received in response to the contribution statement mailing. At the end of July, income exceeds expenses by \$30,621 year-to-date. Revenue from pledges and Ukraine relief donations brought income more than \$36,000 above budgeted revenue, and expenses including the funds sent for Ukraine relief are more than \$5,800 over budget.

2022 Operations	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	\$ 633,668	\$ 597,203	\$ 36,465
Expenses	\$- 603,047	\$- 597,203	\$- 5,844
Net Total	\$ 30,621	\$ 0	

MUSIC NOTES by Dale T. Rogers

WESTMINSTER CHOIR resumes its regular rehearsals on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. and will have its annual Choir Retreat at Indian Point Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 10 from 1:30 until 5:00 p.m. Following the retreat, the choir is invited to share dinner at the home of Meg and Jim Kontio. If you have considered joining the choir, now is a great time.

CHURCH MICE (infants through age 4) will meet Saturday mornings beginning Saturday, September 17, at 11:00 a.m. Follow the pathway of cheese for a delightful musical adventure. Open to members and friends. Mr. Rogers leads Church Mice.

THE WESTMINSTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Kindergarten - Grade 2) will begin Wednesday, October 5 led by Katie Moore, our new Director for Children's Music, and meet weekly 4:15 -5:00 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER CHORISTERS (Grades 3-5) will begin their Wednesday rehearsals on October 5 led by Katie Moore, our new Director for Children's Music, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. **following the Bridges after school fellowship.**

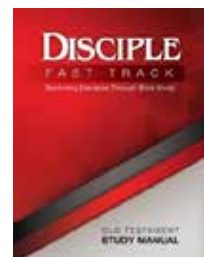
WESTMINSTER ON MY OWN TIME EXHIBIT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Calling All Members—The Worship, Music and Arts Committee will host a Westminster **On My Own Time** Exhibit on Sunday, October 9 following worship in Parish Hall. Start thinking of the things that you do as a hobby and are willing to share with the congregation.... from Precious Moments, Barbie Dolls, to Woodcarving or your collection of arrowheads. If you would like to participate, contact Dale Rogers (drogers@wpcspi.org).

PASTOR LED BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES IN 2022-2023

DR. KIEFFER'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Dr. Kieffer's Bible Study resumes **Thursday, September 15, 6:00–7:15 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. This year's curriculum **Disciple Fast Track Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study** meets for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants read 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily and view a brief, illustrated review video each week. Books are available in the Church Office and on Homecoming Sunday, a set of two for \$30. New members are welcome!



SYMPOSIUM ON CURRENT ISSUES

Thursdays, October 27 and November 3, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Join Dr. Roy Wehrle for a two-week symposium "U.S. Policy on China and Taiwan" Thursday, October 27 and November 3, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in Parish Hall.

APOSTLES READ LIBRARY BOOK GROUP TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

The Apostles Read Library Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Ziegler Library. In September the group will discuss Ta Nahesi-Coates, Between the World and Me. New members are always welcome! Led by Dr. Aaron Berkowitz.



FAMILY MINISTRY by Rev. Christian K. Choi

CONFIRMATION (GRADES 6 - 8)

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

11:15 A.M. – 12:00 NOON 2ND FLOOR CLASSROOM

Confirmation is the process through which youth affirm the vows made at their Baptism and become active members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Three-year Confirmation class provides a comprehensive review of our faith based on the Scripture. We will integrate two curriculums, "Big God, Big Questions" and "Echo, The Story" to connect our confessional faith statements and the Scripture.



Confirmants will meet on Sundays following worship, beginning September 18. It is our hope that amid uncertainty, God's steadfastness will be explained, exemplified, and experienced by being together in this class.

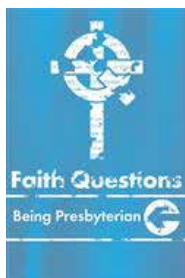
Teachers: Rev. Choi, Sally Godbey, Jim Kincaid, Karen Sherrick

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00-6:30 P.M. PARISH HALL/YOUTH ROOM

Senior High youth will meet two Sunday evenings each month, beginning September 11. High School youth will gather in Parish Hall for dinner and fellowship/games during the first hour, followed by discussion on current topics from Christian perspective, based on PC(USA) resource "Faith Questions."



Mentors: Susan Day, Michael Morthland, Mary Ray, Rev. Choi

YOUTH & PARENT PARTICIPATION NEEDED:

YOUTH: We encourage every youth to participate in worship by being an acolyte, worship leader, and Bible/Cross carrier. Please sign up using the link below.

Junior High (Acolyte), Senior High (Worship Leader, Bible/Cross Carrier): <https://bit.ly/3brBcjk>

PARENTS: Youth Group will gather 12 times this school year, plus other fundraising events. At each youth group gathering, a home cooked meal helps foster a deeper fellowship over dinner. Plan to host a dinner. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3JrGZSp>

WESTMINSTER COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are so excited to begin our new school year **September 6th and 7th**. Parents meet other parents and get to know them better during our first days as they attend first day coffees together. We will begin the year learning about our new friends and enjoying books by David Shannon. Each child will have a turn being "Friend of the Day" and sharing their favorite things with us.

Our annual **MACARONIFEST** will be **Thursday, September 22**. Let us do the cooking for you for dinner that evening and enjoy a macaroni craft and music. Hope you can join us! More information and ticket purchasing will be available on our Facebook page.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY by Karen Sherrick

FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Parents are asked to register their children through [KidCheck](#) on or before Homecoming Sunday, September 11. The following classes begin Sunday, September 11:

PRE-KINDERGARTENERS will gather in the **Nursery**, located on the lower level, following the children's sermon for a lesson from the **Frolic Preschool Sunday School** curriculum, which is play-based and helps our youngest children experience Bible stories and faith-based storybooks in meaningful ways. Our Nursery is staffed by **Leigh Milward, Nursery Coordinator, Caroline Haynor, Nursery Worker, and members of the Nursery Guild.**

KINDERGARTENERS - GRADE 5 will gather in the **Third Floor Chapel** following the Children's sermon for a lesson from the **Feasting on the Word** curriculum, which is a lectionary-based, multi-aged curriculum. This resource is designed to encourage cooperative learning across a wide age range. Children will experience Scripture through storytelling, drama, and a variety of activities that appeal to various learning styles. **Teachers: Meleah and Aaron Berkowitz, Cathy Brower, Sophia Choi, Chelsea and Adam Ekstedt, Kate Morthland, Linda Purves, and Julie Robbs.**

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

September 4: Disciples and Followers Luke 14:25-33

September 11: Lost and Found Luke 15:1-10

September 18: Streetwise Luke 16:1-13

September 25: Be Warned Now Luke 16:19-31

BRIDGES MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



Children in Grades 3-5 are invited to Bridges on Wednesdays beginning September 14, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. This program bridges friendships among our children and across generations. It also includes mission projects and interfaith gatherings.

We will use **Feasting on the Word** Curriculum. **Feasting on the Word** shapes learning experiences that address the many ways God's Word shapes the identity of members of the body of Christ. This after-school program precedes Westminster Choristers which begins October 5 from 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. **Leaders: Karen Sherrick and Pat Roller.**

CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM

GATHERS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Children and Youth (Kindergarten through High School) are invited to the first gathering of The Children of Abraham on **Wednesday, September 28, 4:30-6:00 p.m.** at the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield (3000 Stanton Street). This year's theme is **"Caring for the Earth."**

Mark your calendar for the quarterly Wednesday Gatherings:

SEPTEMBER 28 AT THE MOSQUE

NOVEMBER 9 AT WESTMINSTER

MARCH 8 AT GRACE UNITED METHODIST

MAY 10 AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

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

- Abraham Lincoln

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – SUNDAY, AUGUST 21



The children of Westminster received a blessing for the new school year on Sunday, August 21 followed by a swim party at the Kieffer Home.

Andy and Karen Sherrick welcomed over 30 members at their 108-acre farm to view the stunning prairie fields Andy has transformed from farmland over the last 20 years. Participants enjoyed a box lunch followed by a personal tour through the property.

The pastors and Dale Rogers led a Communion Service followed by lunch at Concordia. This was our first service since February 2020 and it was a delight to be together, partake of communion, and share in fellowship.

SPLASH INTO THE NEW YEAR SWIM PARTY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 21



SHERRICK FARM VISIT - SUNDAY, AUGUST 7



CONCORDIA COMMUNION SERVICE AND LUNCH – THURSDAY, AUGUST 25



DAY LABORERS PICK CORN AT GRIGSBY FARM Wednesday, August 3



YOUTH MISSION TRIP REUNION Saturday, August 6

Above: Thank you to all who responded to the call to pick August 3. We gathered 2,782 lbs. of corn which were distributed to food banks in Springfield and Petersburg by Harold Hale and Christy Pound.

Right: Thank you to Susan and Scott Day who hosted the Youth Mission Trip Reunion at their home on August 6.

Below: Members of Northminster Presbyterian Church in Evanston, IL greet a Burmese family from Myanmar at O'Hare on August 11. We are partnering with NPC through RefugeeOne to host this family of seven: 2 parents, 5 children (ages 7, 8, 14, 16, 18). We donated \$5,000 to RefugeeOne and an additional \$2,000 for setting up their apartment. (Learn more at wpcspi.org.)



WESTMINSTER PARTNERS TO HOST REFUGEE FAMILY



PARISH LIFE NEWS by Rev. Christian K. Choi

MISSION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

190 BACKPACKS DONATED TO CONTACT MINISTRIES

Thank you, Westminster family, for donating **190** backpacks to the Contact Ministries Annual Back to School Event.



We appreciate the Ministry Partners who attached a Bible verse to each backpack following worship on Sunday, August 14: Nancy and Rich

Canady, Camille Degner, Georgina Hudspeth, Beth Kincaid, Glenna Kniss, Lynn McMenamin, Kathy Meriwether, Judi Mier, Kathy Moore, and Lynne O'Shea.

HELPING HANDS MONTHLY MEAL



Thank you to Eleanor VanDeventer, Brownie Anderson, Glenna Kniss, Mary Moore, and Ann Collins for preparing the August 12 meal. The September 9 meal will be prepared by members of the Elizabeth Circle. We are still in need of ministry partners for December. To sign up, please go to our website or call Jennie Alt.

COOLING CENTER MONTHLY MEAL

The Hunger Action Team prepared a monthly meal for the Springfield Cooling Center on Wednesday, August 24. Thank you to Linda Folse, Pat Hymans, Mary Caroline Mitchell, Sue Sawers, Jeanne VanGieson, and Shelby VanGieson. The next meal will be on Wednesday, September 28. Please contact Krista Steller ksteller@wpcspi.org to participate.

GIVE -A- MEAL -A- MONTH SEPTEMBER MENU

Spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned or bottled 100% juice, 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.

FAIR TRADE MINISTRY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

On Sunday, September 18, following worship, Equal Exchange coffee, chocolate, tea, olive oil, nuts and other items will be sold in the West Narthex to support just, environmentally sound products, and small producers.



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace." Isaiah 55:12
Each September and October WPC receives the Peace & Global Witness Offering which enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

STEADFAST NEIGHBOR NEWS!



During the Steadfast Neighbor Service week in June, Pulliam Masonry donated \$2,500 in masonry work to stabilize a porch at 627 W. Edwards. Westminster members Coleman Moore, Keith Hamilton, and Pete VanGieson completed the carpentry work on the porch August 8-10.

Steadfast Neighbor Mission Task Force approved a \$9,700 grant towards restoring the foundation of the home at 637 W. Edwards.



The City of Springfield plans to begin demolition on the back building on 626 S. Glenwood which WPC purchased for \$34.00. It is the site of the 2023 Presbyterian Habitat Build.

COMPASS FOR KIDS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13

Compass for Kids begins Tuesday, September 13 at 3:00 p.m. Westminster hosts this weekly tutoring after school program for the Graham Elementary School site. Additional mentors are welcome to join ministry partners Cathy Allen, Cathy and Emily Brower, Kris Gates, Mia Marcy, and Bryce Pound. Contact Jennie Alt, or sign up on Homecoming Sunday, September 11. New Compass Site Coordinator is Sam Lipp.

ANNUAL CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP HUNGER WALK WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

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). Krista Steller is an event coordinator, with Becky Martin organizing the Westminster walkers.



The final total for the Springfield 2021 Walk was **\$16,245**. (Of this amount, WPC contributed **\$7,793**) 25% of money raised goes to our local food pantries, the remainder fighting hunger worldwide. Food pantries receiving funds include Grace Lutheran, Kumler Outreach Ministries, and Pleasant Plains Food Pantry.

SEPTEMBER EARTH CARE TIP

Remember carrying to school reusable lunch boxes with a sandwich and fruit before all the disposable bags, single use wrappers, and processed single-serving snacks? Get green again and leave the disposables at home: choose healthy, buy in bulk, and pack that old lunch box with reusable napkins, cutlery, and containers. Please come with your children to the Earth Care Team table on Homecoming Sunday (September 11) to show them how we can help save creation and nourish our bodies while bringing a favorite lunch to school!

Dr. Peter Kieffer, Chair



Peter picking up trash on Walnut for Adopt-A-Street on August 10.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNIT 2 PURL 4 MISSION AND FELLOWSHIP gathers every **Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.** in the Second Floor Classroom. A brown bag lunch is held at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Beverages and a dessert will be provided. Questions – call Mary Jo Jenkins at 217-622-8657.



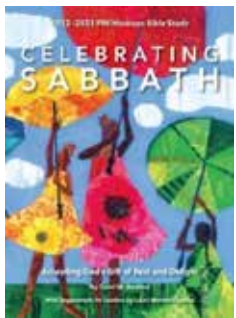
Sue Cull hosts knitters at her home for lunch in August.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW LUNCHEONS will resume on October 7, 2022, at 12 noon in Parish Hall. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.

PW SALAD SUPPER will be held Wednesday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Bring a salad of any kind to share. **All women are invited!**

PW HANDBOOKS will be available at the Salad Supper. They will be available the following day in the church office if you are unable to attend.



All Presbyterian Women 2022-2023 Circles have chosen the Horizon's Bible Study **"Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"** by Carol M. Bechtel. Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives. Please request a book through your circle leader. If you are not in a circle, please contact the church office for information.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE resumes on Monday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the Second Floor Classroom. Call Eleanor VanDeventer (217-341-4032).

LYDIA CIRCLE resumes on Tuesday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Call Nancy Canady (217-899-9890) for details.

RUTH AND NAOMI will resume on Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Pat Wheat (11 Pickering Lane, 62712). Call Christy Pound (217-971-3082) if you are interested in joining.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST

resumes on Thursday, **September 8 at 8:00 a.m.** in Parish Hall. Ky Ajayi of Straight Up Solar will speak on solar projects in residential solar, the process, the costs, environmental impacts, and what to expect with a solar installation. Rich Canady will provide breakfast and Jay Kennerly will provide devotions. Join us for devotions, breakfast, and great fellowship. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting the church office.



DMA (DON'T MENTION AGE)

POTLUCK 6:30 P.M. & PROGRAM AT 7:15 P.M.

DMA welcomes Dr. Andy Sherrick for a program called "Sea of Grass; A Prairie Restoration" on **Friday, September 16**. Bring a side dish to share. If you are unable to attend the potluck, please join us for the program. RSVPs are not required but encouraged. You can call/email the church office or RSVP through our website at www.wpcspi.org.

WESTMINSTER NEWS

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Charlotte Brown celebrates 91 years September 1.
Sue & Jess Werner celebrate 63 years September 6.
Judy & Harvey Stephens celebrate 63 years September 12.
Judy & Dan Dees celebrate 67 years September 15.
Virginia & Neil Lee celebrate 62 years September 16.
Sharon & Larry Reynolds celebrate 61 years on September 24.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Mary and Coleman Moore on the birth of their granddaughter, Ruth Ellenor Kuriniec, on August 19 in Springfield. Ruth's parents are Jennifer and David Kuriniec and her proud big brother is Abraham.

Congratulations to Kathy and Gary Brown on the birth of their grandson, Kayden Elijah Brown, on August 9. Kayden's parents are April and Tim Brown.

IN MEMORIAM

Agnes L. Harmon died August 24, 2022. The prayers and sympathy are extended to her daughter Diane Harris, son Michael Harmon and their families.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO

Elisabeth and Mark Luttrell on the death of Mark's father, Allen W. Luttrell August 2 in Springfield.

Joanne Roderick on the death of her brother-in-law, the Rev. John Stevens, on August 10 in Sacramento, California.

Drs. Todd and Judy Knox on the death of Todd's uncle, and to Neva Knox on the death of her brother-in-law, Allen Warkentin, on August 10 in Shafter, CA.

NEW ADDRESS

Deb and Dave Coontz, 98 Cravens Rd, Springfield, IL 62712
Amy & Sam Xanders, 7629 Southport Ln., Springfield, IL 62712

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Meleah Berkowitz for being nominated for the "Best Nurse" award in the Illinois Times Best of Springfield 2022.

ILLINOIS PRESBYTERIAN HOME

The Westminster pastors will lead worship each Thursday in September, 4:00 p.m. at the Illinois Presbyterian Home.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AT WESTMINSTER

HOME COMMUNION– Thank you to the elders and deacons who brought **seven members** home communion on August 7. If you would like to receive Communion at home on September 11, please contact Jennie Alt.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY -Ellen Carpenter will provide blood pressure checks on the first Sunday of the month, September 4. Ellen is also coordinating flu and shingles shots this Fall. Sign up on Homecoming Sunday. Vaccines will be provided by Pharmacist and member, Dr. Tamika Hill.

PRAYER CIRCLE continues to hold members in prayer. Call or email Christian or Blythe with a prayer request.

WESTMINSTER PRESCHOOL STAFF LUNCHEONThe WCP Board showed their appreciation for the WPC staff at their annual staff luncheon on Tuesday, August 24.





WESTMINSTER'S WELCOME BROCHURE

The Welcome Brochure includes inserts offering introductory information about the history and architecture of WPC and outlining the church's ministries and activities in Children and Youth, Adult Education, Worship and Music, Mission and Community Service and Congregational Life. It features photos of the Life of Christ stained-glass window located above the choir loft and contains a welcome letter from Dr. Kieffer.

Look for the updated brochures on Homecoming Sunday in the pew pockets or at the Welcome Table.

ADULT ED FORUM: "THE BREAD OF LIFE" SUNDAYS, SEPTEMBER 18, 25 AND OCTOBER 2

We begin the 2022-2023 Adult Education Forum on Sunday, September 18 at 11:15 a.m. in Parish Hall with a three-week course "The Bread of Life." Join Dr. Peter Kieffer for a presentation of the microbiology, history, and theology of bread based on the book Sourdough and Culture: A History of Bread Making from Ancient to Modern Bakers by Eric Pallant.

This course is a prelude to forming a WPC Bread Guild whose bakers will lovingly provide bread for the Sacrament of Communion. Peter will bake sour dough bread for Communion on Homecoming Sunday, September 11. Members are invited to sign up for the Bread Guild on our website. Guidelines will be provided.



DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN'S MUSIC



We welcome Katie Moore as Westminster's Director for Children's Music. She will provide music ministry for children (Kindergarten through Grade 5) by directing the Children's Choir and the Westminster Choristers. Katie is the Music Educator at Cantrall Elementary School, a position she has held since 2012. She earned a Bachelor of Music Education-Instrumental Degree from Illinois State University and graduated with honors. Katie is proficient in piano and flute.

Katie and her husband Pat have provided flute and euphonium duets for our worship services and have three children, Ned, Charlotte, and Amelia. Katie will work in collaboration and under the supervision of Dale Rogers, Director of Music and the Arts.

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Part-time Custodians

THE WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER ARE INVITED TO
THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WESTMINSTER WOMEN'S SALAD SUPPER
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
6:00 - 8:00 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

PROGRAM
A HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN GLOBALLY
Presented by Brownie Anderson
Co-Moderator of the Presbyterian Women

Enjoy an evening with your Westminster sisters and bring your favorite salad.

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

Reporter folding and mailing will be
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