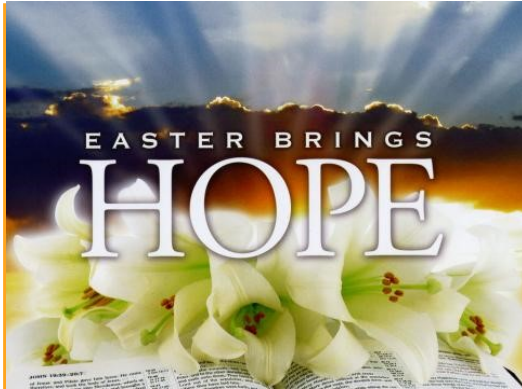


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Sunday Service Times: 10 AM Worship and 4 PM Jazz Vespers



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday - April 9

Passion / Palm Sunday

10 a.m. Worship Service

11 a.m. Coffee Hour

Breads of the World

4 p.m. Jazz Vespers

Thursday - April 13

Maundy Thursday / Last Supper

7 p.m. Communion Service

Friday - April 14

Good Friday

12 p.m. Celebrating the

Lord's Passion

Saturday - April 15

Great Vigil of Easter / Holy Saturday

Liturgy of the Word

(To be read on your own.

Scripture verses to read can

be found on page 3.)

Sunday - April 16

Resurrection of the Lord / Easter

10 a.m. Easter Jazz Worship Service

11 a.m. Coffee Hour

Easter Breads

No Jazz Vespers



COME, CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones, Pastor

Our Lenten journey is nearing its climactic end. The final week before Easter Sunday is a very important prelude to Christ's triumphant resurrection. On Palm Sunday we get a preview of Easter joy with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he spends the final days of his ministry. His last messages to the crowds and to his small band of disciples have not lost their power to challenge and transform human lives since they were spoken over 2,000 years ago because, as he promised, Christ is present with us.

Holy Week is an observance of, as well as a walking with, Jesus during his last week on earth. This is the week in Jesus' life that he suffered the most, sharing our human condition. We tend to want to skip over Holy Week, even the season of Lent, and go straight to Easter, celebrating the Resurrection. This is due to more than our idea that attending more than one worship service a week is too great a sacrifice of our time and effort. What it also demonstrates about our faith is that we want to go to restoration without first going through repentance and repair. We want "new life" without changing anything about our "old life." According to the entire bible, Old and New Testaments, this is not only impossible but also blasphemy! The Bible is clear that God wants a transformation of our attitudes and perceptions, which



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THE GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS SERIES PRESENTS AN EVENING OF J.S. BACH

Thomas Clark-Jones, Organist/Choirmaster

The Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series has two wonderful treats in store for you during April and May. We hope you will take the time to attend both concerts ... and bring a few friends along for the ride. They are sure to enjoy these concerts, too.

The first is on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. On this first Friday of April, we will host two distinguished members of the faculty of music of Bradley University playing the pianos at Westminster Church. Dr. John Orfe and Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi will offer piano concertos of Johann Sebastian Bach. Each pianist will offer a single solo concerto. Then the two pianists join together in two concertos for two pianos! Multiple piano concerts are few and far between even in big cities, so this is a special treat for those who love keyboard music. The artists will be accompanied by a Festival Orchestra drawn from the ranks of several of the distinguished orchestral ensembles of Central Illinois. The four works presented are joyous, fun pieces to hear and see performed. Often people have some negative associations with the music of Bach ... but in this concert, nothing could be further

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

April 4 - 9:00 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian's Circle of Friends meets nine times a year on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. We meet in homes, at the church, and occasionally in public places. As we join in this time of fellowship, we bring things to the group that challenge our thinking and are of a spiritual nature.

Circle of Friends will meet Tuesday, April 4, at the home of Anna Busian. The theme will be Cuba. Questions or directions? Please contact Anna. Everyone is welcome to attend. ✚

BI-MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS

April 13 & 27 - 1:30 p.m.

Marilyn Luman, Westminster Member

Our class will continue to meet Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor to continue our Study of Isaiah.

April 13, Lesson 10 "The Source of Confidence." Marge Willadsen will lead our discussion.

April 27, Lesson 11 "How Quick We are to Forget." Marilyn Luman will lead our discussion.

Call Pat or Marilyn if you have any questions. Remember to bring your Bible. We welcome anyone to join us! ✚

CHURCH GROUNDS SPRING CLEANING

April 1 - 9:00 a.m.

Janet Kelley, Properties Committee

On Saturday, April 1, at 9 a.m., the Properties Committee is hosting its annual spring clean-up day at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Come join the fun and fellowship and bring your gardening tools (rakes, weeders, blowers, clippers, etc.) and help make our church campus "shine"! Snacks and beverages will be provided.

If it rains, the alternate date will be Saturday, April 8, same time and place. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, call Janet Kelley. ✚

MEDITERRANEAN APRIL 4th SUNDAY LUNCH

April 23 - 11:00 a.m.

Dorothy Crozier, Church Life Elder

Spring has sprung and the earth's garden of delights is in bloom. Please join us Sunday, April 23, immediately following the morning worship, for a heart-healthy luncheon that takes us to the shores of the Mediterranean.

Our menu will be Salad Nicosia, Ratatouille, Spanakopita, Pasta Primavera, Braised Broccoli Rabe, Artichoke Hearts, Mushrooms, Peas in Lemon Sauce, Mediterranean Breads and Desserts.

We hope to see you there! Please sign up in the Narthex, call the office (673-8501) or email (wpc@westminsterpeoria.org) if you plan on attending. ✚

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APRIL LECTIONARY READINGS



April 2 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1–14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6–11, John 11:1–45

April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1–11, Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a, Psalm 31:9–16, Philippians 2:5–11,

Matthew 26:14–27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54

April 10 - Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1–9, Psalm 36:5–11, Hebrews 9:11–15, John 12:1–11

April 11 - Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1–7, Psalm 71:1–14, 1 Corinthians 1:18–31,

John 12:20–36

April 12 - Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4–9a, Psalm 70, Hebrews 12:1–3, John 13:21–32

April 13 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1–4 [5–10] 11–14, Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19,

1 Corinthians 11:23–26, John 13:1–17, 31b–35

April 14 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13–53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16–25 or

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9, John 18:1–19:42

April 15 - Easter Vigil

Genesis 1:1–2:4a, Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26, Genesis 7:1–5, 11–18; 8:6–18; 9:8–13, Psalm 46, Genesis 22:1–18, Psalm 16, Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21, Exodus 15:1b–13, 17–18, Isaiah 55:1–11, Isaiah 12:2–6, Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4, or Proverbs 8:1–8, 19–21; 9:4b–6, Psalm 19, Ezekiel 36:24–28, Psalm 42 and 43, Ezekiel 37:1–14, Psalm 143, Zephaniah 3:14–20, Psalm 98, Romans 6:3–11, Psalm 114 Matthew 28:1–10

April 16 - Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34–43 or Jeremiah 31:1–6, Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24,

Colossians 3:1–4 or Acts 10:34–43, John 20:1–18 or

Matthew 28:1–10

Easter Evening

Isaiah 25:6–9, Psalm 114, 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8, Luke 24:13–49

April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22–32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3–9, John 20:19–31

April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36–41, Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19, 1 Peter 1:17–23, Luke 24:13–35

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begins with repentance and proceeds to a change in behavior before we can take hold of the new life offered in Christ. Holy Week is the heart of our Christian faith. Jesus suffered and died so that we might be reconciled with God. His resurrection is God's "Yes." Death has been conquered so that we might experience new life in this world, in this life, and beyond to eternity.

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

The origin of Holy Week observances dates back to the fourth century when Cyril of Jerusalem was the bishop there. Since the early days of the Christian Church, pilgrims had come to Jerusalem the week before Easter to visit the sites where Jesus spent his last week. The pilgrims visited the Mount of Olives, where Jesus taught: Bethany, where Jesus shared his Last Supper with his disciples; the Garden of Gethsemane, where he went to pray afterwards; the places in Jerusalem, where he was indicted by Jewish leaders and Roman officials; and Golgotha, where he died on the cross. The Emperor Constantine eventually had churches built at these sites.

Much of what we know about these early pilgrimages comes from the diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, who made this pilgrimage in 385. Before the end of the fourth century, churches throughout Christendom began to celebrate Holy Week, not just Easter, with special services and liturgies. Additions to Holy Week traditions continued, particularly during the Middle Ages. The Reformation did not end these practices; however in later years, some Protestant denominations lost much of their liturgical traditions, especially in America. The Liturgical Renewal Movement, which began in the 1970's, restored many of these Holy Week observances.

An unfamiliar term to Protestant laity is "Triduum," which refers to the three primary services of Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Each of these will be celebrated at Westminster. Maundy Thursday gets its name from the

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FENG SHUI? ANYONE?

Dorothy Crozier, Church Life Elder

We need volunteers to help "Feng Shui" the second floor of the Parish House. Organization of the rooms is necessary to put a new

face on our asset so we can encourage community and church use. If you have some time to donate to this endeavor, please sign up on the list found in the Narthex. When we have the help needed, Dorothy will be in touch with you to discuss times and days you are available. ✦

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of **February**, the WestMark Food Pantry provided food to **1223** individuals.

The partnership we have with St. Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those who might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks. ✦

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Elizabeth Richmond

Come help unload deliveries: every first and third Tuesday, April 4 and 18, at 11:30 a.m. Then on Thursday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m., and also on the fourth Thursday of the month, April 27, at 11:00 a.m.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the church office, 309-673-8501. ✦

CAN-A-THON SUNDAY

Elizabeth Richmond

Thanks to everyone that supported this year's Peoria County Can-A-Thon Food Drive. We had lots of can food and other food donations in addition to some monetary donations. This will allow us to buy even more! All of the food given will go to help our WestMark Food Pantry. ✦

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON HUGE SUCCESS

Dorothy Crozier, Church Life

We would like to extend a very special thanks to all the blessed hands that made our Mardi Gras event a joyful success.



Our gratitude goes out to Dave Hoffman and his jazz band for providing a festive musical atmosphere that transported us to the "Big Easy," and gave an extra sparkle to our day.

Thank you, Dan Callahan, for your artistic donation of flowers for our dessert table, which two lovely ladies were thrilled to win for their very own.



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Latin word, "mandatum," which is the root word of the English words, "mandate" and "command." Jesus' command on the night of his Last Supper with his disciples was:

***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."* - John 13:34**

The focus of Maundy Thursday is the meal Jesus hosted for his disciples to celebrate the Jewish Passover. Jesus came to Jerusalem, as did hundreds of Jewish pilgrims, to celebrate the Passover feast God commanded the Israelites to observe after they were freed from slavery in Egypt. The early Christians recreated this significant event of Jesus' final week. For Christians, it is also a celebration of freedom from slavery – humankind's slavery to sin. Originally called the "Eucharist," from the Greek word for "thanksgiving," it is also referred to today as "Holy Communion" or the "Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." The first recorded accounts of this practice of the early Church is from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Corinth:

***"For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."* - 1 Corinthians 11:26**

A more complete description of this ritual is found in the Didache, a book of worship from the late 1st or 2nd century. On Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. we will join together in the Sanctuary to worship and to celebrate the Eucharist with the ritual of bread broken and wine poured out in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice for our redemption.

We will observe Good Friday with a service at noon at Westminster. The title, "Good Friday," sounds like an oxymoron. We come to church to remember Jesus' tortuous death, nailed to a cross. What's good about that? But, we are not celebrating a funeral, we are remembering the sacrifice Jesus made that made the celebration of Easter possible. Before the 4th century Good Friday and Easter were observed together. Three whole days were observed as a fast and a vigil from Friday through Sunday evening. Many Christians



today, most notably Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans, hold services throughout this three-day period today. Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the only days in which

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the Eucharist is not celebrated. At Westminster our worship will resemble a Tenebrae service. "Tenebrae" is the Latin word for "shadows." The service starts with lit candles illuminating the sanctuary. The service is made up of scripture readings from the Gospels' Passion narratives, separated by hymns. After each scripture passage is read, a candle is extinguished so that at the end of the service the sanctuary is in darkness and the congregation leaves in silence. No, it is not a joyful service, but it does help us to "feel his pain." We do not come near experiencing the joy of Easter if we have not experienced the journey to the cross. At the cross with Jesus, we can feel the bitter-sweet relief Jesus experienced when he uttered the words:

"It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." - John 19:30

And finally, the day of joyous celebration – Easter. This is when the empty pews earlier in the week are filled. Since the early days of the Christian Church, Christians have gathered for worship on Sunday morning, rather than the traditional Jewish Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, which Jesus and the Jewish people before him had observed for centuries. We worship on Sunday morning because the empty tomb was discovered on Sunday morning. It was on Sunday, the risen Jesus appeared to the women who came to his tomb and the reality of God's fulfilled promise in Jesus Christ was made known to his disciples. Traditionally, Christians greet each other on Easter with the words, "Christ is risen!" and "He is risen indeed!"

The message of Lent is that the only way to get a new self is to get rid of the old self. There is no easy way out, though we might deceive ourselves by ignoring Holy Week until Easter Sunday morning. "The Way" is hard, but not impossible, because Jesus has already created a path for us to follow.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.—John 14:6

So, this is the reason all the events of this week are so important, and why we cannot just go from the glory of Jesus' triumphal parade on Palm Sunday to the glory of his Resurrection a week later. Christ is not king because he waves a magic wand over us and makes us new creations – wouldn't that be great! In fact, we end up making a lot of people kings when they promise to do the easy thing for us. Following Jesus, making Christ the Lord of our lives is not easy. But, if we are willing to walk with the one who, in going through death, gives us life, we are offered the gift of new life, a better life.

So come to Westminster for all of the Holy Week services. Let us, through this week, walk with Christ as he walks with us.

May God bless you on your journey. Pastor Denise ☩

A special thanks to Chris Hovey for recording our event.

We are fortunate to have the creative mind and hands of Mary Lee Caudle who promotes our events and works behind the scenes to ensure our success. Her enthusiasm and ideas are heartening.

Our very own Pat Flynn, who worked tirelessly to set up this event, to "set the scene as it were," and his cheerful willingness to satisfy our every need is a blessing we appreciate.

To all the hands that set up and decorated the dining hall, that prepared the delicious cuisine, and to those who worked tirelessly to clean-up afterwards, a hearty thanks from all of us!

These are as follows:

Pat Wagner, Alice Nash, Carol Borders, Anna Bussian, Joyce & Brian Hakes, Jack Allen, Don Bell, Linda & Alan Kupper, Wanda Grimes, Marilyn Luman, Ashley Foster, Oliver Woodman, Sue & Jim Burnham, and the many who helped to voluntarily clear the tables.

I would like to give a personal thanks to my predecessor and mentor, Jill Bell, who is always only a phone call away for any little question or grand emergency.

Blessed are the hands that serve the church. ☩

2017 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT

Gary Leonard, Financial Elder

Every member shares in the benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)'s system of Government, so all churches within the PC(USA) are asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating the functions of that system. As a result, each church is apportioned a share (based on membership) of the expenses incurred by the PC(USA). For 2017 this apportionment is **\$32 per member**. I encourage each member to consider a \$32 contribution as your share of Westminster's 2017 "per capita" payment in support of the higher governing bodies (The Presbytery of Great Rivers, The Synod of Lincoln Trails, and The General Assembly). Our previous Finance Chair, Jeanie Olson, provided good information about these governing bodies in the June 2016 issue of the WINDOW. (This issue remains accessible on Westminster's website, westminsterpeoria.org.)

By contributing your share of our "per capita" expense, Westminster avoids using funds that are received from regular offerings for this support of the PC(USA). A designated envelope for the "per capita" contribution can be found in your box of offering envelopes. If you do not have this envelope, merely indicate "per capita" on your

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from the truth. These are happy, uplifting works that will delight your ears and heart. Come and enjoy. ✚



VIVA VIVALDI!

Festive Music of the Italian Baroque ***Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series Event***

Thomas Clark-Jones, Organist/Choirmaster

The second Gretchen R. Iben Concert is on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. In this offering, the Choir of Westminster Church will present music of Handel and Vivaldi accompanied by a Festival orchestra conducted by Tom Clark-Jones. The concert opens with the brilliant “Coronation Anthem I: Zadok the Priest” by G.F. Handel. This is one of the composer’s most dazzling works. It was written for British coronations, and is the music sung during the actual crowning of the new monarch. Its joy is unbounded and is delightful.

Following the Handel opening work, our guest soloist, Jonathan Manley Hudson, countertenor from Central Pennsylvania, joins the orchestra for a performance of the dramatic setting of the “Stabat Mater” by Antonio Vivaldi. It is one of Vivaldi’s most stunning works for solo voice and orchestra. The ‘Stabat Mater’ is one of the few sequence hymns still recognized by the Roman Church as a crowning glory of Good Friday services. Its text is about the Blessed Virgin standing at the foot of the cross of her son as he gives his life for the whole world. The voice is as stunning as the music itself. It was written for male alto, or countertenor. This unusual voice part is used by choirs of men and boys and as a solo voice in Baroque oratorios rather than the female alto. It is a difficult art aspired to by very few artists. Mr. Hudson is a native of western North Carolina and began his education at Appalachian State University in Blowing Rock, N.C. Graduating with honors, he moved on to the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, where he honed his skill as a countertenor, as well as a standard tenor, earning his Master of Music degree in vocal performance. He is extremely talented, and his voice is amazing.

The final work of the evening is the “Gloria” by Vivaldi. This is the famous work that was the first of the composer’s works to be found toward the end of World War II. Until this time, the name Vivaldi was known only because of several Vivaldi concertos that were transcribed for organ by Bach. With new scholarship beginning after 1945, the works of this superb Italian

were discovered, slowly at first, and then in huge volumes of works ... all superb. Vivaldi was known as the “Red Priest” because of his shock of bright red hair. Even though he was ordained as a Priest, Vivaldi seldom celebrated mass, but instead chose to work in a school for orphaned girls, where he taught them music ...both playing instruments and singing. This wonderful concert setting of the Gloria from the Ordinary of the Mass is a true masterwork. The choir brings its fine musicianship to the work, and soloists Ashlie Schlatweiler and Margaret Blackwell, sopranos, and Alencia Norris, alto, will grace the performance as well. You will be familiar with much of this music and it will still be a great delight. Come and enjoy!



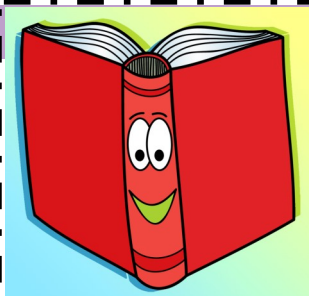
Both concerts are free. The public, as well as the church family, are invited to be a part of the gathered assembly to hear this music. As you leave the church, a voluntary offering plate will be available to accept gifts for the support of the concerts and the Iben Series. Both are made possible by the Gretchen Iben Arts Series Endowment of Westminster Church. Your generous donations to the series help us extend the life of the endowment so we can enjoy great concerts for many years in the future.

If you have questions or comments about these concerts, please contact the church music office or seek out Tom Clark-Jones. We would love to hear your comments and suggestions as we move forward with the series. ✚



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contribution (payable to: Westminster Presbyterian Church). Through March 15, four members have contributed their share of the 2017 apportionment. I sincerely thank you for your consideration of this request. If you would like additional information about the history and purpose of this “per capita” apportionment, I encourage you to visit the website of the General Assembly at the following address: (<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/>). ✚



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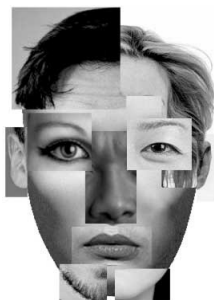
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GIVING UP RACIAL PREJUDICE FOR LENT

(even if we don't think we have any)

Denise Clark-Jones, Pastor



"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get." - Matthew 7: 1-2

The fact is -- we love judgment. The Bible tells us 'let God be the judge -- God alone,' but we just cannot help ourselves. To take the "high ground" we like to justify our judgments with facts. Yet in our society

today "facts" have become very suspicious. We even have a new moniker for baseless facts or outright lies -- "Alternative Facts." Yet, the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, is the time we are asked to give up what is separating us from God and to take on spiritual disciplines that will bring us closer to God in preparation for our celebration of the Resurrection. One of those points of separation is our proclivity for judging and "otherizing" our sisters and brothers who appear different from us. A consequence of our, the racial majority, distancing ourselves from racial minorities is the injustice of racial inequality. This Lenten season is a fitting time to examine ourselves as to how we may be unaware of our own behaviors that perpetuate racial inequality.

The issue of racial inequality has become a topic of much discussion in Peoria since the 24/7 Wall Street website listed our city as the "worst U.S. city for African-Americans" to live last October. Since this negative rating has been widely publicized, Peoria has been seeking input from the public to come up with possible solutions to the problem. Regardless of whether or not Peoria is the absolute worst or not, that is subjective, based on the criteria chosen to rate cities. We do know that racial inequality is an issue in Peoria. When I moved here, about two and a half years ago. It only took me a week to realize that Peoria was very segregated. I have lived in many different cities and Peoria definitely stands out in this regard.

The City of Peoria has held two group discussions on racial inequality in Peoria at the Civic Center, one in December and another in January. Each of these meetings brought in over 300 people. From these discussions, attendees have signed up for small group discussions. I signed up for the Education committee. Other groups include: Asset development (improving financial literacy, building savings, home

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WICC BOOK CLUB

Elizabeth Richmond, Mission Committee

The little ones are enjoying their new books. This will be an ongoing project so we hope to keep adding to these Book Boxes with contributions from you. The WICC staff will also be working with the moms in our program, encouraging them to understand the importance of reading to their children. If you would like to help support this new project, please send a check to Westminster with "WICC Book Club" in the memo section. Another fun idea is if you have an upcoming birthday, you could ask your friends to give you Board Books instead of gifts, for you to donate to this project. Questions? Need book ideas? Please contact Elizabeth Richmond 309-697-9720 or WICC Director Valarie Sager 309-674-6701. ✦

WICC
DROP
OFF
DATES

Saturdays 9 a.m. to Noon
April 29 and May 20

**In addition to Saturdays, you may drop off
your items during the week on
Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**If you need a different day during
the week, please contact
Pat Flynn (309-253-7030)**

**or
the church office (309-673-8501)
to make these arrangements.**

ownership strategies), Workforce development (skills development, job placement, job advancement), Economic development (increasing opportunity through economic growth), Infrastructure, Justice (helping those who have been incarcerated), and Health (improving health outcomes correlated with high poverty).

As Christians, we have a responsibility to follow Christ's example in relationships and in justice issues. We are called to act like the Good Samaritan, not like the religious leaders who walked past the beaten and bleeding man lying on the road. We are called to give aid to the marginalized and most vulnerable people in our society. In the past few months I have joined a clergy group of both black and white pastors who meet to make the first step toward Racial Reconciliation. Clergy are called to set an example, so the clergy that first conceived of this idea decided that before we start trying to come up with solutions to major social issues, we should first get to know one another and form relationships with each other.

The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. has been discussing the issue of racial inequality for years. At the 2016 General Assembly Meeting, the following were documents presented and accepted by the 222nd General Assembly:

10-03 On Taking Specific Action to Address the Worsening Plight of the African-American Male

11-10 On Reconciliation and Engagement in a New Civil Rights Movement

11-12 On the PC(USA) Continuing Its Efforts to Dismantle Racism within our Denomination and the Larger Society

11-22 Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community

11-24 Churchwide Conversation on Race, Ethnicity, Racism and Ethnocentricity Report

Within the P.C.U.S.A. there has been much discussion – articles, workshops, lectures – on understanding “White Privilege” in our society. At the February meeting of Great Rivers Presbytery, which Elder Jan Leonard and I attended, the moderator introduced us to a new book entitled: “Waking Up White: Finding Myself in the Story of Race” by Debbie Irving. Congregations throughout the P.C.U.S.A. have been encouraged to read and discuss this book to start conversations that will, hopefully, lead to positive actions.

I have ordered books. They are \$11 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who wish to participate in a group discussion or if you would just like to purchase the book. In April, I will lead a couple of book discussion groups on Monday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. or Wednesday, April 19, at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining the group discussion, just mark the sign-up sheet which time you'd like to come, or perhaps you'd like to come to both. If you just want to read the book, you are not committed to coming to the discussion group. Also, if you have not read, you are still welcome to join the discussion groups.

The following information on the author and her book comes from her “author page” on Amazon.com:

“For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in

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HUNGRY BULLETIN

Ashley Foster, Westminster Member



One Great Hour of Sharing has been a successful fundraising organization in the PC (USA) for more than 75 years. This program raises money for disaster relief, self-development of people who are undergoing major struggles in life, and also for the Presbyterian Hunger Program. They have water projects going on in more than 20 different countries right now. In Mbangulo, Kenya, there were people going hungry because they did not have enough water to cook food with. The people there had to travel a long way in order to get water, and children often had to miss school in order to help with this. Thanks to One Great Hour of Sharing, a sand dam was built, which made it much easier for people to have access to water. In Indonesia, there was a family who was having difficulty affording packages of seeds to grow vegetables with. The foundation provided them with seed packets. They were then able to grow more than enough vegetables to feed the whole family, and they had enough leftover to sell fresh vegetables at their local market. There were people in Bolivia who were so poor and hungry that they were living in tents. One Great Hour of Sharing provided them with training in the agricultural industry so that they could get better jobs. These are just a few of the things that this wonderful foundation has accomplished. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Special offering envelopes can be found in the pew holders as well as in the Narthex. ✦



Isaiah 58 describes a new kind of fast, not to give up bread but to share it. Isaiah calls us to “loose the bonds of injustice,” to “let the oppressed go free,” to “share bread with the hungry” and to “invite the homeless poor into our homes.” We are called to offer help to those in need and restoration to those who have been broken down. One way we answer this call is through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

2017 One Great Hour of Sharing Minute for Mission – “Restoring the Streets of Syria”

In 2012, civil war broke out in Syria, where ISIL’s presence continues to create violence and fear. More than 250,000 people have been killed, and 13.5 million others have had to leave their homes to seek safety in Lebanon, Europe, and the United States.

Thanks to our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) was able to respond to this refugee crisis soon after it began. Working with churches in the region, primarily the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon, PDA helps Syrian refugee children in Lebanon continue their education and provides refugee families food, shelter, and heating oil. Across the denomination, PDA assists efforts by congregations to resettle Syrian refugees. Their welcoming hands bear witness to our biblical imperative to extend hospitality to the stranger and the foreigner.

But One Great Hour of Sharing gifts do more than help refugees build new lives in a new country—they enable PDA to assist displaced Syrians seeking to return to the country they love. Though the threat of ISIL remains and the civil war still rages, a number of Syrians are replanting their lives in their homeland. Some live in Homs, where more than 40 houses and apartments have been rebuilt through a partnership between PDA and the National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon. This project allows families to begin the long process of building new lives.

PDA’s director, Laurie Kraus, recently met with a displaced couple—an engineer and pediatrician—

whose apartment was rebuilt. “Their block is dark at night. There is no one else in their building or on their street,” Kraus says. “The wife goes out at 3:00 in the morning to make house calls on children. They’re living like pioneers at a frontier outpost, because they believe it’s the only way to bring back their city.”

Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing played a part in bringing hope to this family in Syria. With our contributions to this important offering, more homes will be rebuilt, and the streets of that dark city block will again be filled with light, with people living in peace. Our gifts support this continuing work and the many other essential ministries made possible by our support of One Great Hour of Sharing.

Please give generously.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

A special One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken on Easter Sunday. Please use the OGHS offering envelopes provided or write One Great Hour of Sharing on the memo portion of your check. ✦

Let us Pray: *God of restoration, you call us to support the world’s most vulnerable. Help us provide assistance to those who have become refugees through violence and war, so your restoring love would be made known to all. Amen.*

The WICC Board has Changed their Meeting time for April.

**They will meet on
April 4th at 4:30.**

**Please make note of change on your schedule.
(Westminster Infant Care Center)**

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

**Changed
DATE!**



SESSION NOTES

From the March 21 Session Meeting

Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session



Westminster received thank you letters from:

- Kemmerer Village for a mission gift of \$150.
- Common Place for a mission gift of \$1,000.
- Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association for a mission gift of \$250.
- Neighborhood House for a mission gift of \$250.
- Dream Center Peoria for a mission gift of \$500.
- Lutheran Social Services for a Mission gift of \$150.

The Session approved the membership transfer of Nelvie Anderson to the First Reformed Church of Ravenna, Michigan.

Rev. Clark-Jones attended a committee meeting of the Peoria Racial Disparity Conversations.

Rev. Clark-Jones attended a meeting of the Peoria Clergy for Racial Reconciliation with the next meeting scheduled at Westminster on April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

The third annual Choir Camp is set for June 19-23.

The Program topic of Water Resources is scheduled for September 30 at Westminster.

April and May will be the last months for a 4th Sunday Luncheon until the fall.

There will be a coffee hour on Easter Sunday.

The WestMark Food Pantry served 1,223 in February.

Enrollment of WICC children has dropped to five students and two more will be added in April.

As part of the WICC Book Program, the WICC staff will be working with the moms to help them understand the importance of reading to their children.

The Session approved the new personnel policy of combining vacation and sick time into paid time off and with a buy-back provision of up to ten days for the staff.

The cost to replace the sewage pump in the church is \$2,833, the contractor is Dillon.

The closet in the Fellowship Hall can be converted into a handicap accessible restroom at a cost of \$12,081.

A Presbyterian youth group from Pittsburgh will be staying in the Parish Hall on the night of June 25. The group of 20 needs only a place to sleep and access to bathrooms.

The remaining two front rows of pews in the front of the Sanctuary are being removed.

Respectfully, Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session ☩

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session	Brian Hakes Class of 2018
Christian Education	Bonnie Jackson Class of 2019
Church Life	Dorothy Crozier Class of 2019
Finance	Gary Leonard Class of 2019
Membership	Carol Carlson Class of 2017
Missions/Outreach	Jan Leonard Class of 2019
Personnel	Oliver Woodman Class of 2019
Properties	Don Bell Class of 2018
Worship	Suellen Kirkwood Class of 2017

**SESSION MEETS ON THE
THIRD TUESDAY, MONTHLY,
12:00 PM, IN THE PARLOR!**

DEACONS

Moderator	Jeanie Olson Class of 2019
Anna Bussian	Class of 2017
Sue Burnham	Class of 2017
Mary Dill	Class of 2018
Kim Mitchell	Class of 2019
Alice Nash	Class of 2019
Edna Nugent	Class of 2019
Phyllis Rafferty	Class of 2017
Marge Willadsen	Class of 2017

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EASTER LILY DEDICATION



Help decorate the Sanctuary by dedicating an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$16. Please return this form to the office or place it in the collection plate by **Sunday, April 9**. After Easter worship, plants may be taken home and replanted, or left to be delivered to homebound members.

Qty _____ x \$16 for each lily

Total Enclosed \$ _____

In ☐ Honor ☐ Memory of (check one):

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Mail to: WPC Lilies, 1420 W. Moss Ave., Peoria, IL 61606

☐ Deliver to a shut-in.

EASTER LILIES

Suellen Kirkwood, Worship Elder

Looking for a way to remember someone special at Easter? By purchasing one of the glorious Easter lilies that will decorate Westminster's altar on Easter morning, you will not only add to the morning's service but your dedication will be listed in the bulletin. After the Easter service you can take home the plant and enjoy it or decide to leave it and it will be delivered to one of our homebound members.

The lilies are \$16 each. Just fill out the coupon above and mail along with your check to: WPC Lilies, 1420 W. Moss Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61606. Please write Easter Lilies on the memo line. You can also find special Easter Lily order envelopes in the Narthex that you can use. Happy Eastertide! ✚

DEACON NEWS

Jeanie Olson, Deacon Moderator

Mary Lee and Ashley have done a wonderful job creating handbooks for each of your deacons. By the time you read this, all but one will have been delivered and that one will happen later in April. You should know shortly who your deacon is, if you do not know already.

Please communicate your joys and concerns with your deacon.

Mary Lee has been cleaning out

closets and drawers and discovered all kinds of wonderful pamphlets and brochures to help in times of trouble and stress. They are on a wonderful curved rack hanging on the Narthex wall. They include such titles as "Talking with your Doctor;" "When love gets tough: The Nursing Home Decision;" and others on addiction, grief, illness, healing, prayer, and many more. Please help yourself. If you don't see what you need, let your deacon know and she can check with the office to see if we have any pamphlets on what you seek. There are many pamphlets and not all would fit in the rack. If you are unable to get to church, let your deacon know if a particular pamphlet might be helpful. Your deacon can bring it to you. ✚

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!

Anna Bussian, WICC Chairman

Spring Cleaning? Downsizing? Don't know where to get rid of books you have read/used? Let us help you!

Part of the Moss Avenue June Sale is our Westminster Infant Care Center Rummage and Book Sale, which draws many many shoppers.

For the book sale part, we especially need easy reading, romance, mysteries, and children's books, which are very popular. Also popular are travel, humor, sports, history, biography and auto-biographies, cook-

books, self help, religious, science fiction and so on. Any and all are welcome. Drop them off during any of the special drop-off days, or contact Pat to make arrangements for a time during the week. ✚

PREPARING FOR THE BIG DAY - JUNE 10

Chris Day, WICC President

Valerie Sage, WICC Director

What did you give up for Lent this year? I chose to give up my "treasured stuff," with the hopes that someone else will enjoy them and it will ultimately benefit WICC. Please remember our annual fundraiser for WICC is on June 10, 2017 during the Moss Avenue Day sale.

We have several drop off dates coming up and hope you will help us out with our sale this year. We need donations of vintage, unique, and antique items. In addition, attic treasures, dishes, holiday, household items, jewelry, toys, books, puzzles, and other miscellaneous items are needed. We have two drop-off dates: April 29 and May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon. In addition, you may drop off your items on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., but please call Pat (253-7030) to give him a heads-up that you are coming.

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For those who have more time than items to donate, we would like to invite you to join the WICC Board! We meet the second Tuesday of the month (August through May) for approximately an hour. Come and make a difference in the life of a child. We appreciate your prayerful support and consideration in helping this valuable mission. ✚

MISSION PAYMENTS

Jan Leonard, Mission Elder

Semi-annual mission payments were made to the following agencies in late February:

- Boys and Girls Clubs
- Center for Prevention of Abuse
- Common Place
- Dream Center
- Friendship House
- Kemmerer Village
- Lutheran Social Services
- Neighborhood House
- South Side Mission
- Story Book Project ✚



TEN WAYS TO PREPARE FOR TORNADOES, STRONG WINDS & HAILSTORMS

Content provided by Allstate

Don't wait for a storm to come, take these steps to protect your home and family from severe weather.

Is your home ready to withstand powerful gusts of wind and pounding hail? While damage from strong storms is often inevitable, there are steps you can take to minimize harm to your property and protect your personal safety. You shouldn't wait until severe weather is predicted in your area to take action – plan ahead for hailstorms, wind storms and tornadoes by following these steps.

Facts about storms

About 3,000 hailstorms occur annually in the United States, and hail that develops during severe storms can reach softball size. An average of 1,000 tornadoes a year causes \$1.1 billion in property damage, 1,500 injuries and 80 deaths. Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms, and while the vast majority of them are weak and short in duration, they can cause significant damage. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), about 2 percent of tornadoes fall under the most violent classification, meaning they can reach wind speeds of 205 miles per hour or more.

Planning ahead

Prior to the arrival of a storm, you should take the following steps:

Build an emergency kit. Your kit should include: A three-day supply (minimum) of water and non-perishable food for each family member, First-aid supplies, Personal hygiene items, Portable radio, Flashlight, Fresh batteries, Basic tools, Work gloves, Portable lanterns, Signaling device (such as an air horn), Prescription medications, Extra car keys, Extra eyeglasses, Cash, Important contact numbers (such as medical centers, insurance agents, utilities, neighbors and fami-

TORNADO SPOTTED... GET TO SAFETY!

John Grimes, Westminster Member

My name is John Grimes, and I am a ham radio operator. I also am a weather spotter and work with the Peoria Emergency Management during weather events. Sometimes I operate the radios at the EOC and sometimes I am out in the field.

With spring coming on, I'm writing this to ask you to do me a big favor. Please locate a safe area in your basement and place in it a pair of heavy shoes or boots, a jacket, heavy gloves, a heavy blanket, a flashlight and a battery-operated radio. A gallon of drinking water and a whistle might also be useful.

The lowest area of the house is suggested because it provides the safest area to avoid the flying debris. In a recent weather seminar, pictures of a house in which 2x6x12 foot boards were shown, which had traveled over a mile and then punctured the outside wall, an inside wall and then a second inside wall.

I was working the EOC on November 17th, 2013. We were watching 3 bands of storms which were moving West to East at about 30 MPH. However, the winds within the bands were South to North at 60 MPH. Spotters were out. At the EOC, our interpretation of the radar suggested the third band would be the bad guy.

As the first band crossed the river, suddenly the radar showed rotation and a spotter radioed FUNNEL CLOUD! Six minutes later it was all over. Please remember that at that stage, you have no time to prepare – please, please do it now. Regards, John Grimes N9JFG ✚

ly members), Copies of important documents (such as identification, insurance policies, ownership certificates and banking information).

Create and practice a plan of action for your family. Discuss where and how you will seek shelter during a storm, ensure that everyone is aware of the location of first-aid kits and fire extinguishers, and choose a place for your family to meet if you get separated. Establish a contact person to communicate with concerned relatives, and ensure that you know where and how to shut off utilities at the main switches or valves in the event of a disaster.

Consider installing shingles rated by UL 2218 or FM 4473 as Class 3 or 4 to protect your roof from hail damage. These shingles have been proven to withstand harsher hail damage.

Maintain trees and shrubbery in your yard, removing weak branches and eliminating trees that could fall on your home during a storm. Falling trees and blowing debris in storms often cause fatalities and severe structural damage.

Replace rock or gravel landscaping material in your yard with shredded bark, which won't cause damage if it is blown around by strong winds. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) offers additional information for protecting your property from strong winds.

Stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for important weather updates. Tornadoes often accompany thunderstorm warnings, and the sooner you're aware that a storm is on the way, the sooner you can get your family to safety.

Identify the safest area of your home, a place where you can take shelter when the storm hits. In most structures, this will be the basement or a small interior room without windows, such as a bathroom. In a high-rise building, seek out a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible. Close interior doors, and put as many walls between you and the storm as possible.

Identify escape routes from your home or neighborhood, and note whether you need any additional equipment such as a rope ladder.

Secure top-heavy furniture that could topple over, such as bookcases, to the walls. Before a storm arrives, move furniture away from doors and windows, if possible.

Stay away from windows and doors when the storm arrives, and keep all exterior doors and windows closed to prevent rain and falling debris damage in your home's interior.

We encourage you to make emergency preparedness part of your home safety program. ✦

2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her-and ultimately for all of us.

Debby Irving is an emerging voice in the national racial justice community. Combining her organization development skills, classroom teaching experience, and understanding of systemic racism, Irving educates and consults with individuals and organizations seeking to create racial equity at both the personal and institutional level.

Irving grew up in Winchester, Massachusetts, during the socially turbulent 1960s and '70s. After a blissfully sheltered, upper-middle-class suburban childhood, she found herself simultaneously intrigued and horrified by the racial divide she observed in nearby Boston. Her career began in a variety of urban performance-art and community-based non-profits, where she repeatedly found that her best efforts to "help" caused more harm than the good she intended. Her one-step-forward-two-steps-back experience of racial understanding eventually lead her to dig deeply into her own white privilege, where she found truths she never knew existed. *Waking Up White* describes that journey and the lessons learned along the way.

Now a racial justice educator and writer, Irving works with other white people to transform confusion into curiosity and anxiety into action. She's worked in private and public urban schools, both in the classroom and at the board level, to foster community among students, teachers, staff, and families by focusing on honest dialog that educates and connects people through shared interests and divergent backgrounds. A graduate of the Winsor School in Boston, she holds a BA from Kenyon College and an MBA from Simmons College. *Waking Up White* is her first book."

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise." --Galatians 3:28 ✦





MEET JULIA MITCHELL-HOFFMAN A NEW MEMBER OF WESTMINSTER

Ashley Foster

Julia Elizabeth Mitchell-Hoffman is one of the newest members of the congregation here at Westminster. Julia was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the middle child in her family, with two older sisters and two younger

brothers. Her mother was a waitress. She attended Frankford High School in Philadelphia. She then went on to attend the Community College of Philadelphia, where she received her Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. After that, she attended Cabrera College, earning a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood and Special Education and Administration. She then earned her Master's degree in Behavioral Sciences from the National University of California, which was an online program.

Julia has always had a special love for children. For twenty-five years, she was a teacher and director at Headstart in Philadelphia. She also worked for the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia as a parent educator and behaviorist. Since then, she has started her own foundation called Gentle Steps. The purpose of this organization is to strengthen the bonds

of families, to encourage parents and children to work together, and also to use arts as a means of reaching out to families, schools, communities, and especially youth.

In addition, she is also a court-appointed child advocate in cases where there has been abuse and neglect. Being in this position enables her to be the child's voice in the courtroom.

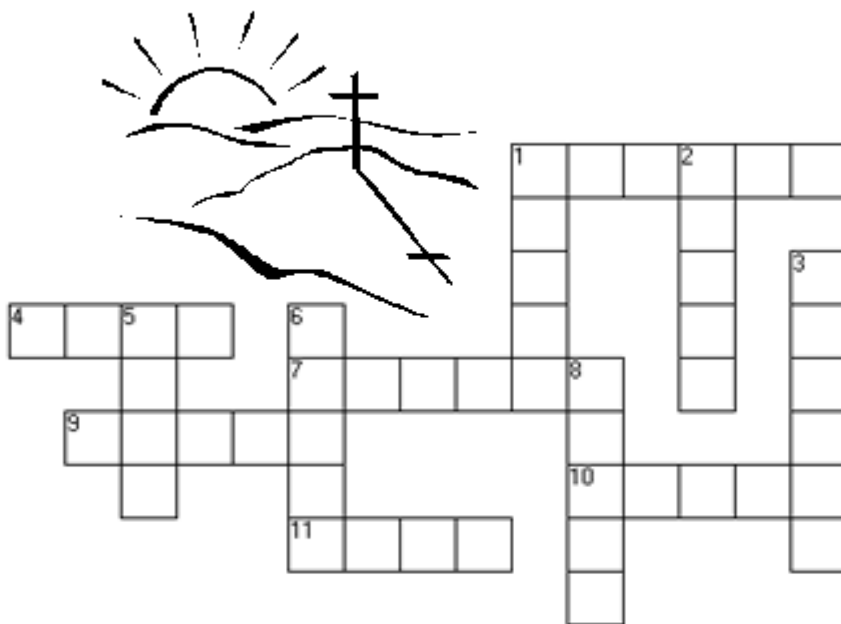
Julia married her husband Dave in 2009, and she moved from Philadelphia to Galesburg, Illinois, in 2012. The two of them met through mutual friends. Julia has one adopted son, Reginald, who moved to Galesburg along with Julia and Dave. Julia's hobbies include drawing and writing- both creative and technical. She also enjoys spending time with her cat, whose name is Fred Blackcat. She has a special appreciation for trees. She believes that they are "full of spirits." Also in her spare time, she is on the committee for Knox County Human Service. She is on the board for Knox County United Way, as well. Prior to joining Westminster, Julia had been in search of a church home for a long time. She feels that Westminster is the most welcoming and accepting of any church that she has ever been to. She is very interested in Christian Education, and hopes to get more children into the church. Julia's faith is extremely important to her. Recently she has had some difficulties in her life, but she has "come to understand the love of God," which brings her great hope and comfort. Westminster is very pleased to have Julia as a member of our congregation. ✠

ACROSS

1. The guards were ____ when they saw the empty tomb.
4. A place where the dead body of a human being is deposited; a grave; a sepulcher.
7. The day we celebrate the resurrection is called ____.
9. Jesus was crucified on the ____.
10. When the women came to the tomb, the ____ had been rolled away.
11. The angel's clothes were as white as ____.

DOWN

1. Opposite of dead.
2. The tomb was opened by an ____.
3. The angel came down from ____.
5. The name of the two women who came to the tomb.
6. The Savior of the world.
8. "He is not here. He has ____ as he said."



APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			OLLI using our parking lot on Wednesdays			1 9am Church Grounds
2 COMMUNION 10am Worship Service Alan Willadsen 11am Coffee Hour Breads of the World	3 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry Open	4 6am to 7pm Polls Open 9am Circle of Friends 11:30am Food Delivery	5 7:30am Men's Coffee Hr. 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Moss Bradley	6 1pm Food Delivery 6:15pm Bell Choir Prac.	7 7PM An Evening of J.S. Bach  	8 9am RAIN DATE FOR Church Grounds Spring Cleaning
9  PALM SUNDAY 10am Worship Service 11am Coffee Hour Breads of the World	10 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry Open	11 11:30am Food Delivery	12 7:30am Men's Coffee Hr. 10am Staff Meeting	13 MAUNDY THURSDAY Window Deadline 1pm Food Delivery 7pm Maundy Thursday 	14 GOOD FRIDAY 11am Church Office closed in observance of Good Friday 	15
Westminster Infant Care Center Closed April 10 - 17 for Spring Break. Infant Care will resume on April 18.						
16  10am Easter Jazz Worship Service 11am Coffee Hour Easter	17 EASTER MONDAY Church office & WICC are closed. 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry Open 7pm "Waking Up White" Book Discussion Group	18 12:00pm Session Mtg 11:30am Food Delivery	19 7:30am Men's Coffee Hr. 10am Staff Meeting 7pm "Waking Up White" Book Discussion Group TBA Finance Meeting	20 6:15pm Bell Choir Prac. 7:30pm Choir Practice	21	22
23 10am Worship Service No Coffee Hour 11am Mediterranean	24 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry Open	25 Committee on Missions Meeting. Pastor will be out of the office today.	26 7:30am Men's Coffee Hr. 10am Staff Meeting	27 11am Food Delivery 7-9pm Bradley University Chorale Concert at WPC	28	29 9am - 12pm WICC SALE Drop-Off Date
30 10am Worship Service 11am Coffee Hour	MAY 1 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry Open 11:30am Food Delivery 	MAY 2 9am Circle of Friends 11:30am Food Delivery	MAY 3 OLLI using parking lot. Registrations today. 7:30am Men's Coffee Hr. 10am Staff Meeting	MAY 4 NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER	MAY 5	MAY 6



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June 19 - 23, 2017



This year we have included two new classes of music that we are sure you'll enjoy.

We are back this year with the same great staff:

- Dr. Sharon Reed will be our principal conductor.
- Tom Clark-Jones, our Organist-Choirmaster at Westminster.
- Visual arts classes will be offered.
- Planned recreational time.

It will be a full week of fun and arts.

Tuition is \$45 for the week. That includes everything (breakfast, lunch, supplies, music and a camp t-shirt). If the tuition is a hardship for your family, we offer scholarships so you can participate.



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