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# *The Westminster* **WINDOW**

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

## **LECTIONARY READINGS** **SEPTEMBER**

### **09/03 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

### **09/10 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 149  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

### **09/17 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm 114  
Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

### **09/24 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16



## **JAZZ VESPERS BEGINS ITS NEW SEASON**



**Sunday**  
**September 17**  
**4 PM**

The Westminster Jazz Vespers service brings together amazing musicianship and holy inspiration weekly, from Sunday, September 17, through Pentecost, May 20, for a service of prayer, meditation and music.

Weekly, our sanctuary is blessed by the jazz sounds of David Hoffman, the trumpet/flugelhorn soloist and composer/arranger with the Ray Charles Orchestra, along with Dan Leahy, Piano, Make Nellis, Bass, Jason Brannon, Drums, Jamika Russell, Vocals. Rev. Denise Clark-Jones leads the service. Jazz Vespers are held in the church on Sundays at 4 p.m. We gather in the intimacy of the sanctuary for an extraordinary experience of jazz. Join us for an extraordinary celebration of joy. 🌸

## **HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE**

*Jill Bell*

Don and Jill Bell are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Jessica to Michael Rumpfelt on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Westminster Presbyterian Church. We were blessed to have many friends and family witness this much-anticipated day.

Michael's brother-in-law performed the double ring ceremony. His family came here from as far away as Portland, Oregon for this glorious day! Following the ceremony everyone gathered at the Pere Marquette for dinner and dancing.

We would like to thank the Wedding Committee for the snacks and drinks provided by Dorothy Crozier and Suellen Kirkwood. The ring bearers and flower girl took full advantage! Thanks too, to Pat Flynn for running sound. We also heard that Joyce Hakes and a few others like Dan Callahan cleaned up the landscaped areas which looked great. Thank you for that because many of the beautiful pictures were taken in the garden areas of the church grounds. Not to be forgotten, thanks to Mary Lee for keeping us on track with what needed to be done at church.

All in all, it couldn't have been a better day and we give thanks to God for his blessing for Jessica and Michael.

Finally, we were so proud that Jessica and Michael could be married at Westminster where she is a 4<sup>th</sup> generation member. 🌸



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#### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

*Anna Bussian*

The first meeting is at Mary Dill's. We will share our recently read books and share them with others. Time 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 5. Sign up paper for the future meetings will be passed around. All women of the church are welcome. For more information call Mary Dill or Anna Bussian. ☸

#### LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

*Marilyn Luman*

Everyone and anyone are invited to join us on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Rev. Denise will be leading us as we meet on September 14 and 28 to study the bible verses as listed in the Window.

On September 14, we will study the first and second lectionary readings, and then on September 28, we will study the third and fourth weeks readings.

Please join us as we further our understanding of the verses as they are read during our Sunday worship service.

Questions? Contact Marilyn . ☸

#### MAKE IT - TAKE IT FUNDRAISER

*Marilyn Luman*

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 19) we will have our annual fundraiser for our Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC). This is an opportunity for our members to show their skills by "making something" or "buying/taking something" that is hand-made to share for the upcoming holidays in November and December. You drop off your items at the Fellowship Hall PRIOR to our 10 a.m. church service. The committee will price or individually wrap (if necessary) the items (your pricing suggestions are very appreciated). Following church, we hope you will cross the street to the Fellowship Hall and find something to buy and join us for our lunch. We appreciate your support in "making and taking" the donated items that are made with love. ☸

#### FORE!

We continue to golf each week as the weather permits. We normally do not go out to play a round of golf if the temperatures get below 50 degrees. So come Join other golfers from the congregation every Monday and Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Kellogg Executive 9 Golf Course, 7716 N. Radnor Road, Peoria. Everyone is welcome to join in. Questions or to see if a round has been canceled, contact Dick Helfrich. ☸

#### MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Come and join us for a good cup of joe and good conversation. We meet at Panera Bread, 2515 N. Westlake, weekly on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Invite a friend. There is always room. ☸

## FARM TO TABLE!

*Dorothy Crozier*

Please join us Sunday, September 24, for our 4th Sunday Luncheon, "Farm to Table." We will have marinated grilled chicken and lots of delights from summer gardens in the way of fruits and vegetables. Please join us after worship so we can get caught up on everyone's summer vacation. Just bring yourselves, as the food will be provided. Please let us know if you plan on joining us. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex or give the church office a call (673-8501) and we'll add you to the list. Just let us know how many. ☸

## SAVE THE DATES FOR CHURCH LIFE

*Dorothy Crozier*

**September 10 - Meet the Artists!** Please join us after the Gretchen R. Iben Arts Concert, "Two Piano Jazz," for wine and hors d'oeuvres in the Parlor and patio garden areas below the sanctuary.

**October 14 - Grand Tamale!** Saturday morning, we will have a grand tamale making session for those who wish to learn how to make tamales. We will meet in the Parish House kitchen from 9 a.m. to noon. Tamales will be part of the menu served in our Hispanic Heritage Luncheon.

**October 22 - Hispanic Heritage 4th Sunday Luncheon.** We will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage with a menu from our Latin neighbors and enjoying the yummy tamales that were made October 14.

**October 27 - We say Good-Bye.** Please join us after the Gretchen R. Iben Arts, Ashlie Schlatweiler's concert, for refreshments in the Parlor. We will all want to see Ashlie off to her new life in New Orleans in style, and let her know how much we appreciate her. ☸

## COFFEE HOUR FALL SIGN UPS

It's that time of the year when we all gather after the Sunday morning worship with family and friends and a good cup of coffee, tea, or juice to visit and share what has been happening in our lives. To continue to have a successful coffee hour there needs to be someone who will be our host for that morning, start the coffee, set out the refreshment's, and a very small clean up after. If we could encourage each member to sign up for a Sunday, then we would have all the Sunday's filled until next spring. That would be awesome and then nobody would have to volunteer for multiple Sunday's. Questions? Want to host but don't want to do it alone? Let Dorothy know. She's happy to help. ☸

## GRETCHEN IBEN ARTS SERIES 2017 FALL SEASON MAILED

A few weeks ago Westminster mailed out the 2017 Fall Season lineup of the Gretchen Iben Arts Concerts planned for this fall. If you haven't received it and would like to have it, contact the church office with your name and address or email address and we will get a copy out to you. ☸

# GATHERING at the WELL

**September 30, 2017**

**10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

GUEST SPEAKER

**Dr. Yunus Salami**

Engineering Professor

Bradley University



GUEST SPEAKER

**Scott Reeise**

Public Works Director

City of Peoria

*Register today: online at [WestminsterPeoria.org](http://WestminsterPeoria.org)  
or call the church office 309.673.8501*

# PROCLAIM THE PEACE OF CHRIST.



**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS - SEPTEMBER 3 - OCTOBER 1, 2017**

**Jan Leonard**

As we rush into the new year of school and church programs, it is easy to lose sight of the peace Christ promises. We get busy, overworked, and anxious. Beyond the stress and difficulty of our own lives, we look around and see a world marked by violence around the corner and across the globe. That is why I'm grateful for the *Season of Peace* (September 3 - October 1) we are in, which culminates with the Peace and Global Witness offering on World Communion Sunday (October 1). The ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation witness to the Prince of Peace. It is good to be reminded that, with all the discord, pain, and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.

This is why we give to the Peace and Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace. From our congregation, where we retain 25 percent of this offering to support The Center for Prevention of Abuse and its important role in our community; to the region, where 25 percent is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50 percent is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

We will hear more about this important work in the weeks leading up to the offering.

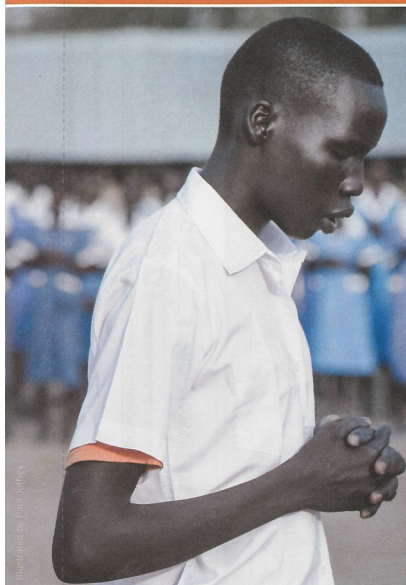
You are invited to visit the Peace and Global Witness website ([www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global)) to find out more information on how your support of this offering helps.

Yours in the Peace of Christ

Jan Leonard

Elder in charge of Missions & Outreach 

## Christ Is Our Peace



PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

If you would like to donate to the *Season of Peace*, there will be a special offering taken on World Communion Day, October 1, or you may mail it to:

Westminster Church Peace Offering  
1420 W. Moss Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois 61606

Please mark the memo portion of your check with *Season of Peace*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

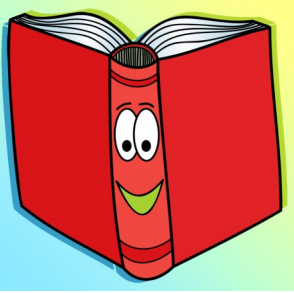
Gift Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your donation.*

*"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near..."*

*-Ephesians 2:14-17*





## WICC BOOK CLUB DONATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:  
Westminster Presb. Church**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Write on memo line:  
WICC BOOK CLUB**

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clip and mail this form to:  
WICC Book Club**

**Westminster Presb. Church  
1420 W. Moss Avenue**

☐ **YES. I want to  
give to reading!**

Enclosed you will find my donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## WICC BOOK CLUB

*Elizabeth Richmond*

We are continuing the Book Boxes this year with contributions from you for our new infants in WICC. Again this year this project will be an ongoing one so we can continue to add to the Book Boxes. The WICC staff will be working with the moms in our program to encourage them to understand the importance of reading to their children.

If you would like to help support this, please send a check to Westminster with "WICC Book Club" in the memo section of your check and mail it to WICC Book Club, 1420 W. Moss Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61606

If you would like to buy some books for the children, may we suggest the following titles...

- Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Mr. Brown can Moo can You by Dr. Seuss
- On the Night you Were Born by Nancy Tillman
- What makes a Rainbow by Betty Ann Schwartz
- The Nose Book by Al Perkins
- Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rothman

Questions? Please contact Elizabeth Richmond 309-697-9720 or WICC Director Valarie Sager 309-674-6701. ☎

## WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

*Elizabeth Richmond*

During the month of **July**, the WestMark Food Pantry provided food to **2057** 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, September 5 and September 19, at 11:30 a.m. Then on Thursday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m., and also on the fourth Thursday of the month, September 28 at 11:00 a.m.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday mornings. With volunteers going on vacations during the summer months, we need the extra hands.

The food pantry will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day.

Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the church office, 309-673-8501. ☎

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1



Come worship with us on this special day of unity.  
Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m. Jazz Vespers 4 p.m.

## BECOME A FRIEND OF THE GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS SERIES

This year's series is possible through the generous endowment set up by the donor and gifts of those who enjoy the events. We invite you to become a Friend of *The Gretchen R. Iben Arts* at Westminster Presbyterian Church and support the series through your financial gift. Please fill in the coupon below. Mail it, along with your gift, to:

Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series  
1420 W. Moss Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois 61606

### 2017 FALL ARTS SERIES

- 09/10/17 - Two Piano Jazz with John Campbell and Derel Monteith
- 10/27/17 - Ashlie Schlatweiler, Soprano
- 12/10/17 - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
- 12/17/17 - The Third Annual Jazz Christmas

### GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS SERIES

*Please print exactly as you wish it in the program of sponsors.*

☐ *Please do not list my name.*

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Enclosed is my check for the following level:

- ☐ Whole Note ..... \$500 & above
- ☐ Half Note ..... \$250 to \$499
- ☐ Quarter Note ..... \$100 to \$249
- ☐ Eighth Note ..... \$ 50 to \$ 99
- ☐ Sixteenth Note ..... \$ 25 to \$ 49

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP

## JAZZ AT WESTMINSTER

*Tom Clark-Jones*

Just want to remind everyone that jazz will begin its joyous proclamation of the Love of God early in September. The Gretchen R. Iben Series opens the 2017 – 2018 season on Sunday, September 10, at four o'clock. The program features Jazz for Two Pianos with Derel Monteith and John Campbell, jazz pianists on the two pianos in the Westminster sanctuary. It will be a great program of jazz standards, pop tunes and some of David Hoffman's original pieces for the ensemble. The pianists will be joined by David Hoffman on the trumpet and Larry Harms on reeds, as well as a supporting section of bass and drums. It should be a 'cool' concert at Westminster.

Following the concert, Dorothy Crozier has a reception planned of hors d'oeuvres and coffee, tea and wine. If weather permits, the reception will flow out into the garden and give those attending a delicious time of fellowship and gourmet food. Please come and join us for the music and the reception, and bring along friends and family who might enjoy this concert that promises to be a highlight of the Peoria Jazz season.

The Sunday following ... the Jazz Vespers Service begins its new season. Already this service is becoming known in the region as a special treat for those who love this music and wish to worship with this uniquely American art form, whose roots lie deeply in the church. As in past seasons,

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## TWO PIANO JAZZ

**John Campbell**

*professional jazz  
pianist from  
Bloomington*

**Derel Monteith**

*professional jazz  
pianist of the  
Derel Monteith  
Trio*



**and jazz musicians:**

**Jason Brannon, Andy Crawford, Larry Harms,  
and Westminster's lead jazz musician David Hoffman**

**4 PM ♦ SEPTEMBER 10**



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## 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



## SESSION NOTES

### From the August 8 Meeting

**Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session**



- \* The Westminster family received a thank you note from the Dream Center for our mission giving.
- \* A thank you note was received from the Hebron Youth group for letting them stay one night in the Fellowship Hall while on their mission trip on June 25.
- \* The Session received the Annual Report of the Deacons.
- \* Rev. Clark-Jones will serve on the presbytery's committee on ministry, a second, three year term.
- \* Friends of the Riverfront is sponsoring a Jazz festival as a fund raiser on Saturday, September 16, from 2 to 5 PM. If it should rain that day, the venue would be moved into the Fellowship Hall in the William R. O'Neill Parish House.
- \* Choir camp expenses were \$5,570. Choir camp contributions were \$2,890 with another \$1000 earmarked from the Eisele Fund.
- \* The WestMark Food Pantry served 1650 people in June.
- \* Westminster Infant Care Center has a cash balance of approximately \$77,000.
- \* WICC has hired a new van driver. WICC is fully staffed.
- \* A church sprinkler pipe was repaired at a cost of \$159.
- \* Illinois American Water Co. replaced the William R. O'Neill Parish House water meter at no cost to the church.
- \* Ameren Illinois replaced the gas meters to the William R. O'Neill Parish House and church at no cost to Westminster.
- \* Two of five commercials have been completed. Commercials will begin airing in September.
- \* Central States Media is preparing a website page promoting the water seminar, September 30, "Gathering at the Well." 🌿

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

*Mary Lee*

The more information I get for the newsletter and for the church calendar, the more up-to-date it is! So please email me your information.

Send me your submissions for our monthly newsletter and the church calendar. You can submit news, share a good story, or give a personal testimony! We want to hear from YOU!

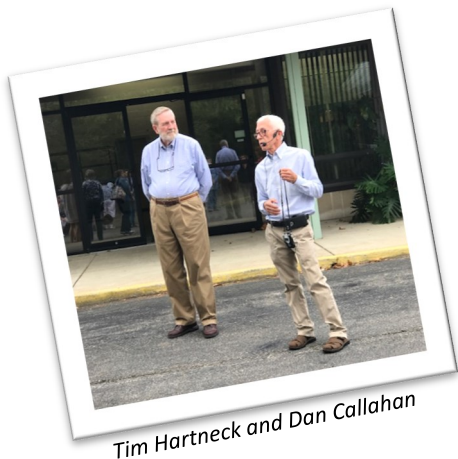
**Submissions for the October Westminster Window  
are due SEPTEMBER 14 - Share that Good News!**

\*Thanks to all who have submitted and do every month. It really helps others know all the great things our church has going on. 🌿



# WALKING TOUR OF WESTMINSTER

Dan Callahan



Tim Hartneck and Dan Callahan



Pat Bensing and Dan Callahan

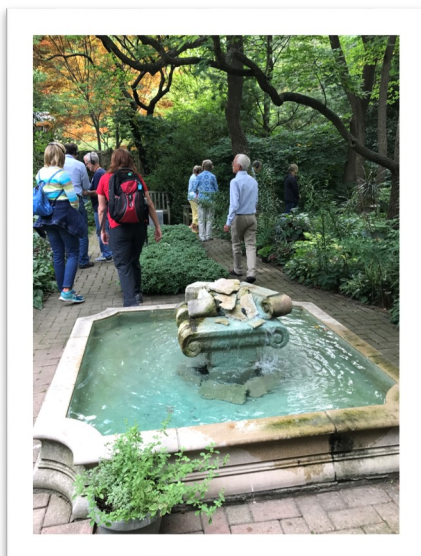
The Bradley University Lifelong Learning Group (OLLI) visited the Westminster Campus on August 24. This was part of a walking tour of the Moss-Bradley neighborhood. Dan Callahan and Tim Hartneck led a group of 33 participants around the exterior and through parts of the interior of William R. O'Neill Parish House. On hand was Pat Bensing, daughter of Cletis and Margaret Foley. Pat offered reminiscences of growing up attending Westminster and of her father's career as an architect. Mr. Foley's projects included the O'Neill Parish House, completed in 1957. Tim and Dan noted signature features of this facility, many of which were innovative at the time. Flexible classroom spaces, connection to its surroundings (sanctuary building, Frank Lloyd Wright designed home opposite, Moss Avenue and Malvern Lane streetscapes, etc.) and simplicity of design all were highlighted on the tour. 🌸



Dan Callahan and OLLI Tour Group



Painting of Westminster by Dean C. Howard





## MOVING AHEAD . . . By Faith . . .

*Pastor Denise Clark-Jones*

When we got home from our visit back east today, Tom showed me the newsletter from St. Stephen's Church in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. This is a church dear to his heart as he sang there as a boy chorister, and later studied with his Choirmaster, Clifford Balshaw, who also was the professor of organ at Wilkes College down the street.

Over many years, St. Stephen's moved from being the most affluent church in the entire area to a place where they were using more and more of their endowment funds just to stay afloat. After their last Rector left a couple years ago, Father Brian Pavlac became the "Priest-in-Charge, working quarter time. In this recent letter to his parish he had to admit that this wonderful church, that generously gave of itself to its community had been on the list of churches that could close within the next year or two. It was that serious.

His article was about 'manna from heaven'. It seems that two parishioners from St. Stephen's went to the Church Eternal in the past year and left a very substantial amount of their estates to the church - enough that it will now be possible for them to seek a new full-time Rector and revitalize many of the mission projects that have lain fallow for many years because of the fiscal crisis. Father Brian called it a miracle. But he also acknowledged that these persons had been deeply moved by the worship and witness of the church and felt it had a right, indeed, an imperative to not only survive, but thrive. There may no longer be a full church every Sunday at St. Stephen's, but the worship of God and the mission of the church would continue for many years because of their gift. It would give St. Stephen's a time of respite to find new ways to grow, serve and minister.

We here at Westminster, Peoria, are not quite where St. Stephen's has found itself in the past few years. We still have some significant funds upon which to draw. But they will not last forever, and I occasionally hear some of our folk comment that it might be five or ten years, but the day is coming to lock the door for the last time. But, Westminster has a vital ministry and outreach in this community. Our WICC program is among the best child care ministries anywhere. Our WestMark Food Pantry is depended upon by an average of 1500 people each month. Our outreach in our ministry of music draws capacity audiences, and our Summer Choir Camp gives excellent musical instruction and a wholesome place to learn and play for a week each summer to many children who are among the neediest in our city. This year we were successful in drawing

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## GATHERING AT THE WELL:

### ***Our Stewardship of the World's Water***

*Pastor Denise Clark-Jones*

On Saturday, September 30, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Westminster will host a seminar on issues surrounding this most critical natural resource in the Fellowship Hall of the William R. O'Neill Parish House (across from the church building on Malvern Lane.)

Two speakers will address water issues at both the local and global level. Scott Reeise, chief engineer from the City of Peoria, will address local concerns. Dr. Yunus Salami, an engineering professor at Bradley University and head of the local chapter of "Engineers Without Borders," will address global water issues. After each presentation, there will be a question and answer period. There will be a 45-minute break between the two speakers for lunch, catered by Avantis.

This seminar is free, but donations will be accepted to help with the cost of the lunch. To register, call the church office 309-673-8501 or sign up online at [WestminsterPeoria.org](http://WestminsterPeoria.org) ☸

**Saturday, September 23 , 2017 7:30 pm**

**Peoria Civic Center Theater**

## REFLECTIONS

**George Stelluto, conductor**  
**Jorge Federico Osorio, piano**

**Celebrating the music, art, and  
anniversaries of the PSO, Bernstein,  
Brahms, and Bradley University!**



children black and white, poor and affluent, to come together to make music and make new friends. This was the original concept for the choir camp. I hope that Westminster becomes known for its hospitality and inclusive fellowship here in Peoria.

It is my prayer that these ministries and more that are now in the planning stage (for the Parish House, particularly) will continue to bring hope and caring to this area that sits so dramatically between the opulence of Moss Avenue and the poorest zip code in the state just down our bluff at the back of the parking lot. We

are a church that needs to survive even when days of paying our own way are not always possible. As you think about the ways you might structure your estate, think about the difference your gift to the ongoing mission of Westminster would make long after you start playing your golden harp and living in your mansion in heaven! The here and now is so very important. By helping Westminster to survive and thrive, even if only for a few more years – it gives God the time needed to bring new life and new ministries to our church, which means so much to us. This is one parish I am sure deserves to have a bright future. The stewardship of your worldly goods after you no longer

need them is as important as making an honest and substantial pledge every year, as almost everyone in this congregation does already.

Think about this. There are days when I realize that a little 'manna from heaven' given by those no longer earthbound would do a great deal to further the Kingdom of God here in Peoria. Think about it as you plan your future. And as we look toward the beginning of yet another program year – through your generosity, we well might not have to think that there would be an end to new program years for a long, long time.

- Pastor Denise and Tom Clark-Jones



## Community Shred Event Coming to a City Near You.

**Confidential document destruction** is not just for businesses. Residential consumers have a need to destroy personal documents as well.

Below we share some consumer tips on privacy and how you can take advantage of our **paper shredding events in the surrounding Peoria area.**

Identity theft has been the number one complaint to the FTC for fifteen consecutive years. It is a lucrative business. Reportedly earning more money than the illegal drug trade. Victims can spend weeks and months trying to recover their reputation.

The number one source for thieves to obtain information is physical items such as paper records, lost or stolen credit cards, wallets, and computers.

A majority of the responsibility lies with the companies that collect your information, but you must also take an active approach to protect your identity.

### Consumer Tips

- **Be careful with your info.** Be aware when you're giving out personal information, especially on the phone or online.
- **Keep passwords private.** Use strong passwords with your laptop, credit cards, bank accounts and other important websites.
- **Be wise about Wi-Fi.** Before you send personal information over your laptop or smart phone on a public wireless network public place, see if your information will be protected. If you use an encrypted website, it protects only the information you send to and from that site. If you use a secure

wireless network, all the information you send on that network is protected.

- **Safeguard your stuff.** Use a locked mailbox and keep your personal documents in a secure place. Don't carry personal documents (passport, Social Security card) that you don't need on a daily basis.
- **Don't leave information behind.** Take your receipts when you leave a store or a restaurant.
- **Check your credit.** Take a look at your credit report every year and report problems right away.
- **Shred to stay secure.** Destroy envelopes, return address labels, unwanted receipts, checks, pre-approved credit card applications and old tax returns that are no longer required to be retained.

AAA Certified Confidential Security Corp partners with businesses in Central Illinois to offer Community Shred Events.

### SHREDDING DATES

#### September 16

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Landmark Recreation Center  
North Parking Lot  
3225 Dries Lane - Peoria

#### October 14

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Tazewell Country School  
Employees Credit Union  
1470 Valle Vista - Pekin

#### September 30

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Morton Community  
Bank  
721 W. Jackson -  
Morton

This Event is FREE and Open to all. Limit: 10 Boxes per household or business. Bring your old tax returns, files, and other sensitive documents to be destroyed by a Secure Shredding Vendor.

Accepted Materials: Sensitive Documents, Computer Disks, Cassette Tapes, and Hard Drives 

Pastor Denise will bring a short homily on passages from Scripture that will touch on making faith a part of your daily life. David Hoffman continues as our lead musician and many of the area's best musicians will join him during the season to provide some truly cool worship.

The Jazz Service is an outreach to our community ... a service for those seeking a meaningful worship experience that is a bit different from Sunday morning worship, but which is just as biblically centered as our more traditional worship in the morning. This is a real opportunity for Westminster to grow and witness to the love of God in this community, but it will not succeed without those of us who love and care about this ministry taking the time and effort to come by on Sunday's at four to bring a great worshipping community to those who come to visit and hopefully stay. Sometimes we think that an hour a week is enough to focus on worship and our relationship with God ... but God's blessings come to us 24/7 without exception. It is possible to find the time to come and make this service all it can be ... if we want to. All of us who work to make this a meaningful experience hope you will join us and give witness to your dedication simply by showing up and enjoying this time together. As in past seasons, Pastor Denise and Tom will be going out to supper following the service and inviting all who enjoy the fellowship to join them around a table to break bread in one of our restaurants here in Peoria. The Jazz Crew looks forward to seeing you all. ☸

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## NOW'S THE TIME

*Thomas Clark-Jones*

As the new church year begins and we get ramped up for the church to be in full swing in the next few weeks, we want to let you know that if you have been thinking about being a part of the music program ... this is the time. By the time you receive this publication, the choir will have had their first practice at the end of August ... but there is still plenty of time to come on board. We are open to accepting members in all voice parts, and truly, all you need to do is be willing to sing ... come to rehearsals and services regularly to learn the music. It's a simple deal. If you have thought about this, but just have never gotten around to putting Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings into your regular schedule, there will not be a better time all year. As we get started we re-form our ensemble and voices change, and scholars come and go. So it's a great time.

I think you will also find the choir most welcoming. They are a group of folks who truly enjoy each other's company. It's funny how working hard on a good piece of music brings us closer together as a choir family. Everyone needs a small group experience in church ... it's the way the church stays alive and the way we get to know one another as more than a friendly face.

The Bell Choir is also most welcoming of new folks. We have one particular need ... ONE RINGER! If you can read basic musical notation ... can find a note on the G or F clef and can count to six ... mostly four ... we can teach you to do the rest. The most tricky

part is realizing that you are just two notes of a much larger ensemble, and picking out your notes among the many being rung is occasionally a real challenge ... but one all of us have met and learned to deal with ... so please, if you would like to fill this space ... be in touch with Tom Clark-Jones as soon as possible! You can contact Tom. It's looking to be a really lovely year in the choir loft ... so please, come join us!

And if you have suggestions, or a special hymn or anthem you would like to hear sometime ... let us know. We'll do our best to accommodate! Peace. T







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## ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL...

We had four little ones,  
Three teachers teaching,  
Two van drivers driving,  
And one awesome start to a great year!

So by the time you read this  
Little ones, five and six, will be here.  
Our hands are nearly full  
Rocking and cuddling and loving them so!

