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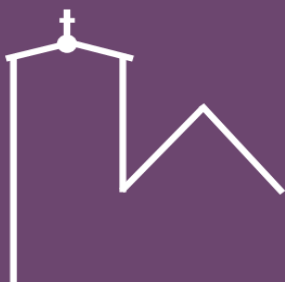
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## DEADLINE

The deadline to turn in your submissions for the February edition of the "Window" is Friday, JANUARY 10.



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*Our budget, plans, and commitments to one another.*

**JANUARY 24, 2016**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

*All are welcome. All members requested to be in attendance.*

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 4th Sunday Luncheon and the Annual Congregational meeting after worship on January 24. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2016 church budget. Copies of the budget will be available before the meeting to inform you before you vote.

It is particularly important for you to be apprised of the level of spending of the endowment funds for our operating costs. The budget also reflects areas that we propose financing for church growth. As members and ministers of Westminster, it is vital that you come to learn and share your input about our resources and the stewardship of those resources for the life of our church and its ministries.

After the meeting we will break bread together at our Fourth Sunday luncheon. Come, Christ calls you to serve and be served. ♦

January 2016						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

*mark  
your  
calendar*

# WOMEN'S BI-MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

by Marilyn Luman

The details for our Second and Fourth Wednesday evening Bible Classes were not finalized when the Window needed to be printed. Members will be contacted by Pat (693-5762) or Marilyn (691-0607) prior to January 13 on location and hostess. If the weather allows, January 13 will be Chapter 8 "The Promise of a New Covenant" and January 27 will be Chapter 9 "The Sacrifice of the Messiah" in the book of HEBREWS. Anyone is welcome to join us... Please call Pat or Marilyn for more details. ♦

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends will not meet in January. We will gather again in February at Edna Nugent's home. Watch for more information in next month's edition of the Window.

Those who have signed for the 2015-16 year are:

February:	Edna Nugent
March:	Joyce Hakes
April:	Anna Bussian
May:	Hostess Needed

MAY HOSTESS NEEDED. If you would like to host the group for this month, please contact the office (673-8501) and let Mary Lee know. ♦

## FINANCE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, January 20, at noon, in the Parlor. If you will not be able to attend or if you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Olson. ♦

## GRUMPY OLD MEN?

Not here, where the coffee is hot and the conversation flows freely. Come join us. Bring a friend or meet a new friend.

The Westminster men gather once a week on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at Panera, 2515 N. Westlake Avenue, Peoria. Come join us while we sip coffee and chew the fat. ♦

## LECTIONARY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. as we dig deeper into God's truths that are revealed in His Word. The group delves into the historical context, literary style and theological issues of the next Sunday's lectionary texts to gain a deeper understanding of Sunday's worship. ♦

This month's readings are:

### Second Sunday after Christmas—January 3

Jeremiah 31:7-14 / Psalm 147:12-20  
Ephesians 1:3-14 / John 1:(1-9) 10-18

### Epiphany of the Lord—January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12 / Matthew 2:1-12

### Baptism of the Lord—January 10

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17 / Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany—January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5 / Psalm 36:5-10 1  
Corinthians 12:1-11 / John 2:1-11

### Third Sunday after the Epiphany—January 24

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 / Psalm 19 1  
Corinthians 12:12-31a / Luke 4:14-21

### Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany—January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-10 / Psalm 71:1-6 1  
Corinthians 13:1-13 / Luke 4:21-30 ♦

## JINGLE, JINGLE, JINGLE!!!

By Jeanie Olson, Financial Elder

We can now ring in the New Year with electronic giving to Westminster. It is quick and easy. It can be done with your smartphone, your tablet, your laptop or your desktop. Just log on Westminster's website at <http://westminsterpeoria.org/support> and click the "donate" button on the main screen. The donate button is on the bottom at the right. Just give it time to come up.

You will find seven choices. The choices are: the General Fund, the Iben Sponsorships, Westmark Food Pantry, Westminster Infant Care Center, Jazz Vesper Service, Current Year Pledges and Fellowship Hall Restoration Fund. You can use a direct withdrawal from your savings or checking account or you can use a credit card. In the "TO" box, click on the down arrow to find your selection.

The session is hoping to give Fellowship Hall a much needed face lift with new carpeting, new blinds and fresh paint on the walls. The estimated cost is \$15,000. Donations would be much appreciated.

The General Fund represents the everyday operating expenses of Westminster. The other ones are self-explanatory. ♦

## 2016 PLEDGES

Do we have your 2016 Pledge yet? If you haven't turned in your Pledge for 2016, please do it now.

Pledge at <http://westminsterpeoria.org/support> -OR- mail a pledge card to the church, -OR- drop one in the offering plate, -OR- send an email with your name, address and pledge amount to our financial secretary, Denise Wirth, at:

denisewirthwpc@hotmail.com

or if you have lost your pledge card and would like a new one, you may contact Denise Wirth at 439-9740 and one will be mailed to you. ♦

## FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Delivery schedule is as follows:

Monday, January 4 at 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 14 at 12:45 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19 at 11:30 a.m.



How can you help? Make food donations in the Narthex or a check in the offering marked WestMark Food Pantry in the memo line. Come help unload deliveries; every first and third Tuesday at 11:30 and a new delivery date of the first Monday of the month at 1:15 (this replaces our Friday delivery) so that is January 4 at 1:15 and Thursdays 1/14, and 2/11 and 3/17 at 1:00 p.m. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the church office at 309-673-8501. ♦

## NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!

Your 2016 offering envelopes are available for you to pick up on the table in the Narthex. Those who have requested offering envelopes have been assigned a number. If you did not request offering envelopes but you would like to have them, there are some available without numbers for you to pick up in the Narthex. If you would like 2016 offering envelopes and there are none left, please contact Denise Wirth, Financial Secretary, at the church office. Her direct line is 309-439-9740, or email her at denisewirthwpc@hotmail.com. Denise is available to take your calls Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you. ♦



## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

by Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of November we provided food to **2,209** individuals. The partnership we have with St. Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those that might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks. ♦

### THANK YOU

to everyone who helped decorate our Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas Season. Your efforts are most appreciated!

### Stewardship for 2016 Pledge Card

*With a grateful heart for God's grace and as an expression of Christian stewardship, I/we make this commitment to the ministry and mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church.*

I/we commit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

I understand that I may adjust this pledge at any time due to change in my circumstances by contacting the financial secretary, Denise Wirth.

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

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

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

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

☐ Check here if you do NOT want to receive envelopes. Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Clip and mail this form to:**

*Westminster Presbyterian Church,  
1420 W. Moss Avenue,*



# THE HUNGRY BULLETIN

by Ashley Foster

Heart of Illinois Harvest is a non-profit organization that transports food from grocery stores and restaurants in the Peoria area to local churches and shelters that give it out to those in need. The organization first began in 1992. In 1994 and 1996, Harvest won first place in the Governor's Hometown Awards. It was recognized as a volunteer organization that helps contribute to Illinois' "economic progress and quality of life." Harvest is "powered by volunteers." There are around fifty volunteers altogether. Harvest uses what they are given from grants and donations to run their food truck, which runs six days a week, usually for about four hours. It takes approximately twenty dollars to run the truck each day.



Harvest collects between six and seven tons of food each week. The food that they are given consists mainly of bread, baked goods, canned foods, and produce. Some of the grocery stores that donate food to Harvest are

Kroger, HyVee, Shop N Save, and Schnucks. A few of the local restaurants include Panera, Einstein Brothers, La Gondola, and Pizza Hut. Waugh Foods in East Peoria donates items as well. The food that is picked up is taken a number of different places, including Southside Mission, Sophia's Kitchen, Ward Chapel, Hurlburt House, Friendship House, and Benevolence. Some of these places use the food to prepare meals for the needy. Others give out food by the sacksful. Harvest is an extremely successful organization that helps those in need on a daily basis. ♦

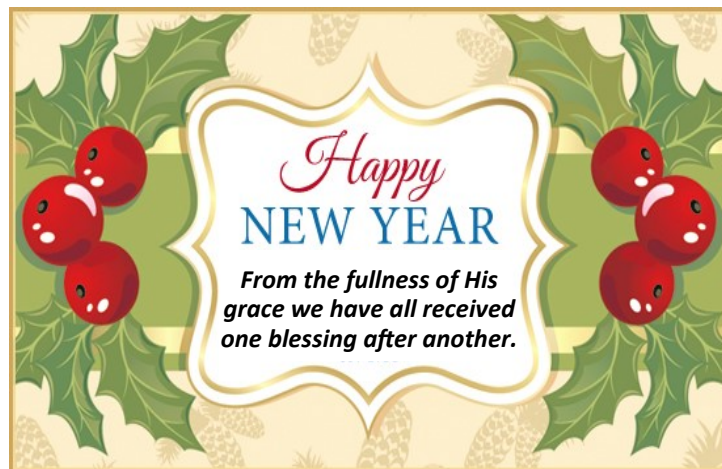
## January Birthdays

3	Sarah Flannery
4	Fred Brotherson
6	Donald Glover
6	Brian Hakes
6	Stephen Mitchell
6	Marilyn Walker
7	Nancy Lindsey
8	Holly Panetta
8	Peggy Bragg
11	Jake Fisher
17	Gary Leonard
20	Ann Stinnett
21	Roger Leighty
21	Gary Dutro
23	Myrtle Kent
29	Carole Willadsen
30	Samuel Willadsen
31	JoAnne Gibson

## January Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries in the month of January.

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office at 673-8501.



# january



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Office Closed	2
<b>3 Communion</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>4</b> 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry  1:15pm WestMark Food Delivery	<b>5</b> 11:30am WestMark Food Delivery	<b>6</b> 7:30 Men's Coffee (Panera at Westlake)  10am Staff Meeting (3rd Flr)	<b>7</b> 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study (P)  6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal (S)	<b>8</b> 10am WestMark Food Delivery	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>11</b> 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry	<b>12</b> <b>4pm WICC Meeting (P)</b>  <b>6:30pm Session (P)</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 Men's Coffee (Panera at Westlake)  10am Staff Meeting (3rd Flr)  6:30pm BiMthly Bible Study Class	<b>14</b> 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study (P)  <b>12:45pm WestMark large food delivery</b>  6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal (S)	<b>15</b> Window Deadline	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Jazz Vespers Begins</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hr.  <b>4pm Jazz Vespers</b>	<b>18</b> 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry	<b>19</b> 11:30am WestMark Food Delivery	<b>20</b> 7:30 Men's Coffee (Panera at Westlake)  10am Staff Meeting (3rd Flr)	<b>21</b> 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study (P)  6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal (S)  7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Annual Congregational Luncheon &amp; Meeting</b>  10am Worship  <b>4pm Jazz Vespers</b>	<b>25</b> 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry  10am Prepare Newsletter for mailing	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 Men's Coffee (Panera at Westlake)  10am Staff Meeting (3rd Flr)  6:30pm BiMthly Bible Study Class	<b>28</b> 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study (P)  6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal (S)  7:30pm Choir Rehearsal (CR)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour  <b>4pm Jazz Vespers</b>	<b>FEB 1</b> 9-11am WestMark Food Pantry	<b>FEB 2</b> 11:30am WestMark Food Delivery	<b>FEB 3</b> 7:30 Men's Coffee (Panera at Westlake)  10am Staff Meeting (3rd Flr)	<b>FEB 4</b> 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study (P)  6:15pm Handbell Rehearsal (S)	<b>FEB 5</b> 10am WestMark Food Delivery	<b>FEB 6</b>

## After Christmas...

*"Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." - Matthew 2:13-23*

### Excerpts from "The Refugees"

by Anne Weams

Into the wild and painful cold of the starless winter  
night

came the refugees,  
slowly making their way to the border.

The man, stooped from age or anxiety,  
hurried his small family through the wind.

Bearded and dark, his skin rough and cracked from the  
cold,

He looked like a man who could take care of whatever  
came at them  
from the dark.

Unless, of course, there were too many of them.

One man he could handle...two, even...,  
but a border patrol...

they wouldn't have a chance.

His eyes, black and alert, darted from side to side, then  
over his shoulder,

then back again forward.

Had they been seen?

Had they been heard?

Every rustle of wind, every sigh from the child,  
sent terror through his chest.

Was this the way?

Even the stars had been unkind—

had hidden themselves in the ink of night  
so that the man could not read their way.

Only the wind...was it enough?

Only the wind and his innate sense of direction...

What kind of a cruel judgment would that be,  
to wander in circles through the night?

Or to safely make their way to the border  
only to find the authorities waiting for them?

He glanced at the young, his bride.

No more than a child herself...

Oh, how the homelessness had taken its toll on her!

Her eyes were red, her young face lined,  
her lovely hair matted from inattention,  
her clothes stained from milk and baby,  
her hands chapped from the raw wind of winter.

She'd hardly had time to recover from childbirth  
when word had come that they were hunted,  
and they fled with only a little bread,  
the remaining wine,  
and a very small portion of cheese.

Suddenly, the child began to make small noises.

The man drew his breath in sharply;  
the woman quietly put the child to breast.

Fear . . . long dread-filled moments. . .

Huddled, the family stood still in the long silence.

At last the man breathed deeply again,  
reassured they had not been heard.

And into the night continued

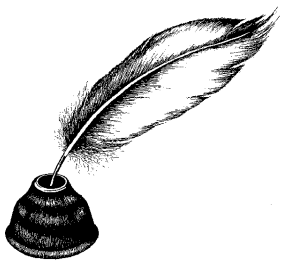
Mary and Joseph and the Babe.

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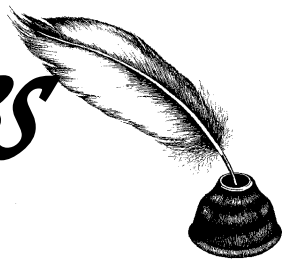
JANUARY 24

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON AND MEETING.

Important  
DATE!



# Session Notes



## from the December 8 Session Meeting

- ♦ Approved the letter of transfer for Bill Thomas to Crossroad Christian Church.
- ♦ Approved the letter of transfer for John and Gayle Porter to First Federated Presbyterian.
- ♦ Received a thank you for mission support from: The Boys and Girls Clubs, Kemmerer Village and Common Place.
- ♦ Rev. Bill Carter Jazz CD's containing jazz music and conversation of integrating the music into worship is for sale at a price of \$5 per CD.
- ♦ The food pantry received a generous financial gift through the website from a donor in Boston, Massachusetts.
- ♦ The revenue projection for the 2016 budget is \$582,683 with \$415,388 coming from the development fund.
- ♦ The food pantry served 2,207 people in November.
- ♦ Instead of the expected 10 children from WICC there are only 3 enrolled. These three children and others from Common Place will be recipients of the Christmas Tree Fund.
- ♦ WICC is considering expanding its boundary north to include students from Richwood High School.
- ♦ WICC is considering accepting babies from private payers.
- ♦ Oliver Woodman has accepted an invitation and will join the personnel committee.
- ♦ Personnel committee and Mary Lee Caudle will pursue hiring a temporary employee after the first of the year.
- ♦ Ruhl will replace the sanctuary AC unit in the spring.
- ♦ Cambridge Home Improvement will replace the flat roof and skylight in the spring.
- ♦ Meister will install a water line and faucet in green space behind the parish house.
- ♦ The properties committee is working on recommendations from the church insurance company regarding loss control opportunities.
- ♦ Work was completed on the sanctuary boilers. This included replacing a leaking expansion joint, a pump and valve at a cost of \$2,460.
- ♦ A kitchen dishwasher was repaired at a cost of \$217.
- ♦ The worship committee is working on a task list for the worship service.

Respectfully,  
Brian Hakes - Clerk



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## A NEW YEAR PRAYER

*Submitted by Mary Lee Caudle*

*May God make your year a happy one!*

*Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;*

*not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path;*

*not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart;*

*not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;*

*not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.*

*God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.*



## A GENEROUS AND GRACIOUS GIFT

We wish to thank Bernie Hoffreiter for his generous gift to Westminster in late November. A beautiful Yamaha baby grand piano arrived at the church, thanks to Bernie, and was placed in the Fellowship Hall of the Parish House. This much-used room had no good instrument and it is a perfect place to house Bernie's gracious gift.

It had been our hope to have a small dedicatory recital after the November fourth Sunday lunch, but with many other things happening at the time, that did not work out. In the new year, we are going to find the time to schedule a dedicatory recital. This is a very generous gift from Bernie. It has been in his home for the past twenty years and even though he has enjoyed playing it regularly, it is still in pristine condition. If you happen to be in the Fellowship Hall, take notice of it. We played it just for a short while during the Christmas Dinner that followed Lessons and Carols and folks enjoyed it immensely.

Bernie has presented this piano in memory of his dear wife, Mary Ann, who loved to hear Bernie play all kinds of music on it. It will be in Fellowship Hall as a memorial to her, and will remind us of Bernie each time we use it. Thank you, Bernie for such a generous and beautiful gift.







# january

## SERVING

### MORNING WORSHIP SERVERS

#### **GREETER for January:**

Dick Helfrich

#### **USHERS:**

01/03 - Steve Trower, Anna Bussian,  
Horst Prohaska, Alice Nash  
01/10 - Gary Dutro, Alan Kupper,  
Linda Kupper, Marge Willadsen  
01/17 - Diane Case, Jeff Case  
01/24 - Gary Leonard, Jan Leonard  
01/31 - Janet Kelley, Dan Callahan,  
Peggy Bragg, Suellen Kirkwood

#### **LITURGISTS:**

01/03 - Suellen Kirkwood  
01/10 - Peggy Bragg  
01/17 - Joyce Hakes  
01/24 - Jim Burnham  
01/31 - Bonnie Jackson

#### **ACOLYTE for January:**

Norma Helfrich

#### **COFFEE HOUR for January:**

Jill and Don Bell

No Coffee Hour 01/24  
Congregational Luncheon

#### **SOUND for January:**

Pat Flynn

#### **COMMUNION SERVERS - JANUARY 03:**

01/03 - Wine - Ann Trower / Bread - Steve Trower  
Wine - Pastor Denise Clark-Jones  
Bread - Peggy Bragg / Traveler - Bonnie Jackson

### JAZZ VESPERS SERVERS

#### **GREETERS:**

01/03 - No Service  
01/10 - No Service  
01/17 - Conrad Stinnett  
01/24 - Alan Willadsen  
01/31 - Suellen Kirkwood

#### **USHERS:**

01/03 - No Service  
01/10 - No Service  
01/17 - Laura Van Riper, Linda McDaniel,  
Kim Mitchell, Suellen Kirkwood  
01/24 - Ann Stinnett, Conrad Stinnett,  
Jean Ashton, Suellen Kirkwood  
01/31 - Marge Willadsen, John Jackson,  
Bonnie Jackson, Suellen Kirkwood

#### **LITURGIST for January**

01/03 - No Service  
01/10 - No Service  
Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

#### **ACOLYTE:**

01/03 - No Service  
01/10 - No Service  
01/17 - Hannah Willadsen  
01/24 - Suellen Kirkwood  
01/31 - Hannah Willadsen

#### **SOUND :**

01/03 - No Service  
01/10 - No Service  
**01/17 -**  
01/24 - Don Bell  
01/31 - Alan Willadsen

### WEDNESDAY OFFICE HELP

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

01/06 - Marilyn Luman  
01/13 - Peggy Carter  
01/20 - Suellen Kirkwood  
01/27 - Peggy Bragg

**Sunday Services**  
**Morning Worship 10 a.m.**  
**Jazz Vespers to begin**  
**January 17 - 4 p.m.**

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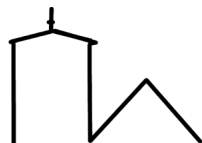
**ELDERS**

Don Bell, Properties  
Jill Bell, Church Life  
Peggy Bragg, Membership  
Mary Dill, Personnel  
Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session  
Suellen Kirkwood, Worship  
Jeanie Olson, Finance  
Elizabeth Richmond, Missions  
Carole Willadsen, Christian Ed.

**DEACONS**

Sue Burnham  
Anna Bussian  
Peggy Carter  
Joyce Hakes  
Bonnie Jackson  
Nelda Keene  
Nancy Larimore  
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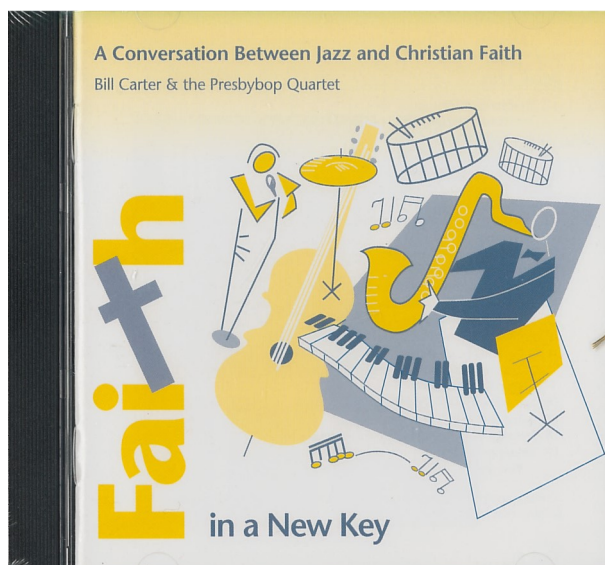
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