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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# *the* WINDOW

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

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Please join us during this Holy Week

## Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, March 20

10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 24

6:30 p.m.



Friday, March 25

12:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 27

10:00 a.m.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELTIC WORSHIP SERVICE

By Rev. Patricia Stetson-Warning,  
Assoc. Pastor at United Presbyterian Church

Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day in worship and communion. This year Westminster and United Presbyterian will join together for Celtic worship service at Westminster on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. Liturgists and musicians from each congregation will lead us in the Celtic song and prayers, giving glory to God for the inspiring faith of Patrick of Ireland. Wear green and join us after the service for light refreshments and fellowship.

Why Patrick? And Why Celtic? Presbyterians actually share heritage with the Celtic Christian Tradition, hence why many Presbyterian churches have a Celtic Cross. The earliest Celtic crosses were carved out of stone with the endless circle linking the upright and the crossbeams of the cross. The circle was intended to convey the ancient harmony and the relationship of all things which are held together through Christ as well as eternal life through the Risen One who is with us always.

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The Celtic church of the 5th and 6th centuries was one of the most spiritually vibrant churches in the world. It traces its origins with Patrick of Ireland. From Ireland, missionaries carried the faith to Scotland (the birthplace of American Presbyterian faith). Come, Worship and learn the story of Patrick and the origins of Celtic Christian faith.

## **GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS PRESENTS...**

*by Tom Clark-Jones*

### **CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS**

On Sunday, March 13, at two in the afternoon, our next event in the Gretchen Iben Series will be presented here at Westminster. Since our program for children centering around "Peter and the Wolf" was so successful last season, we decided to do another program specifically designed around a children's experience.

The "Carnival of the Animals" is a piece by Camille Saint-Saens (French, 1835-1921) originally written as a private joke for himself and his family. He wrote these charming pieces over a period of some thirty years, and during his lifetime the work was never performed. It was only later that friends going through his documents came across this score and performed it and had it published. The work was originally written for full orchestra and two pianos. For our version, we are using a clever transcription of the work for piano, four-hands.

Our pianists are Dr. John Orfe and Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi of the Bradley University piano faculty. Both are brilliant young artists who live and work among us right here in Peoria. They are most excited to be a part of this event, and according to John, have been having a ball learning the work together. In addition to the music, Lee Winger from WCBU radio will be the narrator for the afternoon. While Saint-Saens did not leave any narrative to the work, the brilliant poet, Ogden Nash, wrote a series of humorous verses that are used to describe each passing animal portrait.

Once again this year, Sue Burnham is heading up the efforts to provide a meaningful artistic experience for the children who attend. They will meet at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to make finger puppets and drawings. There will be some refreshments, too. Adults are invited to bring children ... or just themselves ... and enjoy the activities. Coffee and light refreshments will be available for adults.

Our big challenge is to once again get the word out to the community that we are here and presenting this fun program for kids of all ages, but particularly

for elementary-aged children, and even preschoolers. There will be posters about for the taking, and we ask that you help us put them up wherever you can find an appropriate place. We will be handing out flyers to children from various pre-school programs and several elementary schools in hopes of having another banner crowd.

If you wish to come only for the music, you should be in the sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. Please leave the seats toward the front open for the children who will be coming from Fellowship Hall with their art work and won't arrive until the last minute.

This program is made possible by the generous support of the Gretchen R. Iben Trust and sponsors from the congregation and community who help these programs to happen. Set the date aside, and come and join us for a fun afternoon!

## **IBEN BONUS CONCERT**

*by Tom Clark-Jones*

On Friday evening, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., organist Tom Clark-Jones will offer a bonus concert in the year's Iben Series. It will be an organ recital on the church's spectacular Visser-Rowland pipe organ. Featured music will be by Buxtehude, Bach, Sowerby, Near and Mulet. Assisting Mr. Clark-Jones will be a long-time collaborator, soprano Courtney Snyder Gray from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Ms. Gray and Tom worked together for 15 years as musicians at Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg, and it is his delight to present her artistry to Peoria. In addition to Tom's organ offerings, Courtney will sing the wonderful Mozart, "Exsultate Jubilate" as well as "Hear Ye Israel" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Charles Gounod's dramatic, "O Divine Redeemer."

It will be an evening of great music in a relaxed atmosphere and we hope you will come and join us. More information about this concert will be forthcoming as the date nears. In the meantime, please set the date aside, and tell your family and friends to join us here at Westminster for more great music!

## **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.

## FINANCE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, March 16, at noon, in the Parlor. If you will not be able to attend or if you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Olson.

## BI-MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

by Marilyn Luman

We will meet at Joyce Hakes' house on Wednesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Chapter 10 "Come to Worship" in our study book HEBREWS.

On Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m. we will meet at Janet Kelley's house to continue our study of HEBREWS with Chapter 11 "What Faith Really Means."

We invite you to join us in an exciting journey as we seek Him with all of our hearts, minds, and souls. Please bring your Bible and join us. ♦

## A FRESH NEW LOOK

by Jeanie Olson

Let's make the Fellowship Hall brighter and more cheerful. The walls need a coat of paint. The windows need new blinds to make it easier to see projected power points and to control heat loss. The floor needs new carpeting. Pat has scrubbed and scrubbed, but there is only so much scrubbing can do. New carpeting would be a wonderful blessing.

The Finance Committee has set up a special account to accept your contributions for the refurbishing of Fellowship Hall. Make your checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and put "fellowship hall" on the memo line. The account has some dollars in it, but those dollars are lonely and can't do the job. They need your help!!

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Join other women in a relaxed setting to enjoy great teaching, discussion, prayer, and to build friendships. This month's event will be held March 1, at 9 a.m., and your hostess will be Joyce Hakes.

## FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Delivery schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, March 1 at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, March 7 at 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 17 at 12:45 p.m.

How can you help? Make food donations in the Narthex or a check (payable to "Westminster Presbyterian Church") in the offering indicating "WestMark Food Pantry" on the memo line.

Help unload deliveries: every first and third Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. and a new delivery date of the first Monday of the month at 1:15 p.m. (this replaces our Friday delivery) and Thursday of the second full week of the month at 12:45 p.m.

Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the church office at 309.673.8501. ♦

## FOODSHARE CAN-A-THON

by Elizabeth Richmond

This year we will be helping collect can goods for our WestMark Food Pantry as part of the Peoria County Canned Food Drive on March 6. Brown paper Can-A-Thon bags will be available at the church starting on February 21. Please collect cans and encourage co-workers, neighbors, and friends to participate; even children and grandchildren can begin to learn the value in helping others. Return all bags to church on Sunday, March 6. We will count our items and deliver them to the food pantry.

## EASTER LILY DEDICATION

*Please Print*



*Help decorate the Sanctuary by dedicating an Easter lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$13. Please return this form to the office or place it in the collection plate by **Sunday, March 20**. After Easter worship, plants may be taken home and replanted, or left to be delivered to shut-ins.*

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13 for each lily

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In ☐ Honor ☐ Memory of (check one):

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

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

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Open Hearts,  
Open Minds.

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**St. Patrick's Day  
Celtic Worship Service  
March 17 🍀 6:30 p.m.**

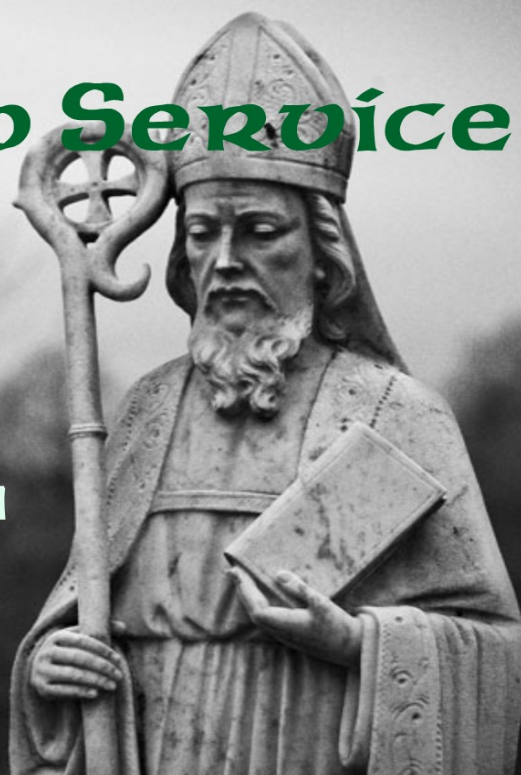
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