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

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QUILT OF VALOR

By Marilyn Luman



The mission of a Quilt of Valor is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing hand-made quilts. Specific guidelines for the size, fabric, batting, etc. are on the Quilt of Valor website.

Roger Luman served in the United States Marine Corp. 1958-1962 and we met in June 1953 and married in August 1965. Even on our honeymoon in Wisconsin, he "remembered" that his buddy Stan lived in Steven's Point. Stan's wife of three weeks was as excited as I was, but we were there two days watching slow pitch softball played by policemen (both Stan and his Dad were on the force). Throughout our married life, Roger continued his contacts with veterans.

Roger passed away on June 17, 2009, and I started to hear about Quilts of Valor (QOV) in 2011. I found a simple pattern and gradually found the fabric that "would work." My experience was

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Quilt of Valor ...continued from front page

"intermediate" but with the support of friends who quilt, I learned as I went. My goal was to finish it before August 29, 2015 (our 50th Anniversary) but it didn't quite work out.

It was machine quilted by a friend Sue (Stillwater, MN) who was in high school when we lived in St. Paul, MN (1970-73.) She also made the required label. After it was quilted, it was returned to me to put on the binding and then send to the Central Illinois QOV coordinator in Wood River, Illinois. On March 8, 2016, the quilt was presented in Marian, Illinois, to a Marine that served in Vietnam. On that day eight men and one woman, veterans from Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan, were also presented quilts. I was raised in Pinckneyville, Illinois, which is near Marian, so the quilt made a sentimental circle. 🌸

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. 🌸

LECTIONARY READINGS - MAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 1

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Ascension of the Lord - May 8

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, or Psalm 93, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53,

Day of Pentecost - May 15

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Trinity Sunday - May 22

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

Second Sunday after Pentecost - May 29

1 Kings 18:20-21, [22-29] 30-39, 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43, Psalm 96, Psalm 96:1-9, Galatians 1:1-12, Galatians 1:1-12, Luke 7:1-10, Luke 7:1-10

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

by Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of March, we provided food to 1,395 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. 🌸

FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Delivery schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 2 at 1:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 12 at 12:45 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17 at 11:30 a.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 the first Monday of the month at 1:15 p.m. 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. 🌸

BI-MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

by Marilyn Luman

Our study of HERBREWS concluded on April 27, and we do not meet during May and the summer months. Instead, we enjoy fellowship and would like YOU to join us. When there is a good movie in town, we will contact you by phone or email for a Meal and Movie night. We generally go to the late afternoon and pick a restaurant nearby. The "more the merrier" is our motto, so please call Pat Wagner or Marilyn Luman to get on the list. 🌸

CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS

by Thomas Clark-Jones



Busy cutting out the animals to be colored for the program.

We need to share a long list of people with the congregation. Please read it ... and then we will let you know why that was a good idea ... OK?

Jean Ashton, Hettie Beers, Sue Burnham, Gary Dutro, Dewey Fitch, Pat Flynn, Ashley Foster, Janet Kelley, Suellen Kirkwood, Marilyn Luman, Alice Nash, Edna Nugent, Jean and Art Schlesinger, Pat Wagner, Carole Willadsen and Marge Willadsen.

The Gretchen R. Iben Arts Committee wishes to thank each of the persons listed above who helped with the huge project of putting on the children's program for the Gretchen R. Iben Series. The wonderful music was accompanied by many activities that gave delight to our young guests ... and these persons each gave of their time and talent to make it all happen. Some were here to set up, some to help in the program, some to prepare materials and some to make snacks. If we've missed anyone, we are very sorry. When the list grows so long, sometimes someone is overlooked.

Our very special thanks to Sue Burnham, who headed up and organized this great multitude and brought this program to a successful day of fun for the children and parents ... and anyone else who came to hear. It is because of dedicated people like these that exciting things continue to happen at Westminster Church. 🌸

TOWN HALL EVENT

Meeting Will Bring Together Local Civic, Business, and Religious Leaders to Answer Community's Questions About Islam

Peace for Peoria will host a Q&A at the Peoria Civic Center Theater on **Monday, May 16**, from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** A panel of local civic, business, and religious leaders will answer questions from attendees about Islam and Muslims in an effort to promote peace and understanding through education.

Opening remarks will be delivered by Caterpillar CEO Doug Oberhelman, OSF President Michael Cruz, Unity Point President Debbie Simon, and Bradley University President Gary Roberts, with a panel Q&A session to follow. Mayor Jim Ardis will provide closing remarks.

Peace for Peoria is accepting questions ahead of the event to determine which questions are asked most and ensure those are addressed.

To submit your question, email Questions@peaceforpeoria.com. To RSVP for the event, go to www.PeaceforPeoria.com.

Peace for Peoria is an interfaith alliance dedicated to fighting fear by opening doors and hearts, bringing people of diverse faiths together in opposition to irrational fear of Islam and Muslims, building loving relationships rooted in the traditions of each faith without denying their differences, and fellowshiping with the entire city of Peoria.

This event follows Peace for Peoria's March 7 kickoff, "Know Islam. Know Peace." Over 700 people attended the standing-room-only interfaith unity event at the Islamic Foundation of Peoria. 🌸



Just some of the cuties that Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) have taken care of over the school year. District 150 will be releasing the students on May 24 for the summer and this will also be the last day WICC will be here until school resumes in the fall.



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Stephanie Ashton
- 2 Megan Walker
- 6 Hank Stolz
- 6 Helen Healy
- 7 Jack Allen
- 8 Ashley Foster
- 8 Sara Booth
- 13 Michael Avendano
- 14 Jerrie Ruck
- 14 Susan Leighty
- 14 Isabel Muir
- 15 Elizabeth Muir
- 16 Jeff Case
- 17 Bill Allen

- 18 Rick Burns
- 22 Jacque Muir
- 22 James Ashton
- 26 Marilyn Luman
- 26 Alice Nash
- 29 Margaret Sommerfield

ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Jeff Putnam & Megan Walker
- 26 Shawn & Trisha Cullen
- 31 Stephen & Kim Mitchell

FINANCE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, May 18, at noon, in the Parlor. If you will not be able to attend or if you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Olson. ☸

PENTECOST'S NEW CREATION

by Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. - Acts 2:1-4

Here it is, the special day just right for all those people who claim to be “spiritual but not religious” – Pentecost. This feast day celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. But, Pentecost is also known as the birthday of The Church, which the “spiritual but not religious” avoid like the plague because of what business organizations call “personnel problems.”

The problem with any organization has always been that human beings are flawed - we all sin. And, it is so much easier to be “spiritual” with just yourself and your “spirit” than commit to working with and for others. But loving one’s “neighbors” is a necessary part of loving God. The first Jewish-Christians knew this from their faith of origin - Judaism. The first Gentile Christians learned this from the first evangelists who shared “the Good News” of Jesus Christ. About 500 years later, the religion of Islam became “organized.” Muslims believe Jesus was the last great prophet before Mohammad and Jesus’ name appears more often than Mohammad’s in the Koran.

The Church has struggled with organization for 2000 years, just like any large group of people. Too much organization creates an exclusive “us” against “them” – “right” versus “wrong” theology and practices. Too little organization causes loss of focus on what is important and inability to put faith into action. The new Jewish Christians were not exactly organized, but the group was totally discombobulated when Jesus’ promised gift of the Holy Spirit descended on Gentiles from far and wide. They had wanted to add more people to their group, but they hadn’t expected they would be Gentiles! The Tower of Babel curse of mixed languages described in

Genesis had been reversed. All who gathered to hear Peter’s power sermon in Jerusalem during the Jewish celebration of Pentecost (originally “Feast of Harvest” and later “Feast of Weeks”) could hear the evangelist’s words in their own native tongue.

The Jews then, as now, were defined by both their religion and their family culture. You were a Jew if your mother was a Jew. The Jewish followers of the Jewish Jesus had believed that it was necessary to follow all the religious laws and worship practices of Judaism - as Jesus had done. The Holy Spirit descending on the Gentiles (meaning non-Jews) was a major game-changer. A new religion was born that anyone who believed in Christ, as the promised savior God had sent to the world, and wanted to be Christ’s disciple could join.

And join they did! The book of Acts tells us that 3,000 people joined on that Pentecost day. I doubt there were ushers there doing a head count, but it appears that a whole lot of people joined the movement, known as “The Way,” that day. Christianity spread like wildfire after that.

The Church, as new and as disorganized as it was, opened its doors to people from ‘all nations, tribes, and languages’ and it grew, not just in numbers, but in mission and mutual love. As a church in Peoria, reputed to be one of the most segregated cities in America, Peter’s vision should inspire us and all churches trying to be the body of Christ in this community. Peter was initially disturbed by the challenge of the vision, but God showed him that the vision was an opportunity for a new creation. Peter then looked upon the city, not as Jerusalem, but as the New Jerusalem, the shining city on the hill of the kingdom of God. ☸

WICC Donation Drop Off Dates

If you need to have your items picked up, please call the church office to make arrangements.

Please drop off your antiques and gently used items (please no clothing) at Westminster during one of the following Drop Off Dates:

- Saturday, May 7, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- Wednesday, May 11, 9:30 a.m. to noon
- Saturday, May 21, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Westminster's proceeds will go to the Westminster Infant Care Center

For additional information or questions, please contact Jill Bell at (309) 673-8501

ANNUAL "ATTIC TREASURES" SALES

By Jill Bell, Sale Chairperson

Have we mentioned that we are having a "BIG" sale! Just kidding! We are gearing up and getting excited to see what the people of this church and their friends send our way.

We have two drop off days coming up on Wednesday, May 11, and Saturday, May 21, from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. We would like to have any furniture dropped off Saturday, June 4, from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. That way we will have the appropriate man power to help with that. I am very willing to pick up items that are too heavy or cumbersome to deal with, just let me know.

Please don't forget to ask family and friends if they have things they would like to donate. Last year I put this on Facebook and I had many of my friends donate. Plus they had no idea we even had this program available to teen moms. When they donate anything, I can give a receipt if they want it for tax purposes.

Here are some more suggestions of donations: china and crystal for the bride; games and puzzles; outdoor equipment; baby items, (i.e. Strollers, bassinets, changing tables, high chairs, toys); art work; décor. Don't forget, it is always Christmas in June! We always tend to sell a lot of good Christmas items. Just a reminder, we have our Ladies Boudoir and our Father's Day table. Not sure, just ask, but more often than not you name it we'll take it!

Thank you for all your continued support. I can't tell you all how very important this is to this program.

If you have a big desire to help set up and price the week before the sale, let me know. Thanks Again! 🌸

PEORIA BACH FESTIVAL OPENS AT WESTMINSTER CHURCH

By Thomas Clark-Jones

This year's Peoria Bach Festival celebrates its opening concert here at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Bach Festival has been a part of Peoria life for more than a dozen years, bring-

ing some of the master's greatest works to life. Martin Dicke of Trinity Lutheran Church and John Jost of Bradley University are the movers and shakers of this Festival, and between them have built a distinguished celebration of the works of Bach and his close associates.

The Festival always features a major organ recital since this was Bach's main instrument, and he wrote a large opus for organ. We are particularly pleased to host this event of the Bach Festival since Westminster's magnificent organ is the most appropriate instrument in the area on which to play the works of Bach. Our instrument is built in the classic German tradition of mechanical key action and an enclosed free-standing instrument voiced with clarity and a genuine singing quality. Thus, coming together on this program is only logical.

The event is scheduled for Sunday evening, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. and features the internationally acclaimed organist James Kibbie. Dr. Kibbie is a native of Iowa and took his undergraduate degree at the University of North Texas at Denton, one of the country's top schools training organists. From there he went on to the University of Michigan earning Masters and Doctoral degrees from Michigan. Upon his graduation, he was invited to join the faculty at U of M and has continued there ever since. In recent years he has been Chair of this legendary organ school, succeeding Marilyn Mason, whose tenure exceeded fifty years. James continues that great tradition.

He has won major prizes in organ competitions across Europe and has recorded widely. His annual recital appearances include major venues in North America and Europe. James brings a torrential technique to the service of this great music. His reputation for nearly perfect execution of the great literature is legendary and there are few audiences not moved by his tremendous musicianship.

The program will feature the music of Bach, obviously. But Bach's output for the organ is so varied that a program will be anything but stagnant. As we take on this commitment to the Bach Festival, we hope that you will be particularly supportive of the effort. Make your plans now to be part of this great evening of music. Westminster participates in the Festival courtesy of the Gretchen R. Iben Fund and others who support the Iben Art Series throughout the year. 🌸

HUNGRY BULLETIN

By Ashley Foster

The Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry began in 1983 by members of the Yorkfield Presbyterian Church in Elmhurst, Illinois. The members of the church saw how important it was to provide assistance for hungry people in their “own back yard.” This food bank was not utilized by many people at first, but it now helps an average of 300 families per month. Some people use the food pantry only temporarily, while others visit it on a regular basis. A great deal of the food that is available at the bank is bought from the Northern Illinois Bank. Other donations include items that are donated from food drives by local churches and businesses. This food bank has longer operating hours than a lot of food banks, which makes it convenient for visitors to come when they are able to. People can visit the pantry on Monday evenings, Thursday afternoons and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings. Items at the pantry are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors are allowed to come as often as once a month. The items that are generally available include canned and boxed food items, produce, baked goods, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. Frozen meat is often available as well, which is something that a lot of food banks do not offer. Every family that visits the food bank is given a shopping cart to “shop” the shelves in the pantry. Each family is allowed a certain number of items, so the more members there are in a household, the more items they may select. Because this food pantry has the resources to offer more options than many other food pantries, it is no wonder why it has become so successful. 🌸

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY EVENTS

Submitted by Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

Event: Unto Every Person There Is A Name

Date: Thursday, May 5

Time: 11:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Place: At the front entrance of the Peoria Riverfront Museum.
A unique project designed to perpetuate

the memory of the six million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. Many of the names will be read from the Yad Vashem pages of testimony.

Event: March of the Living:

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Gather at the Peoria County Courthouse Plaza (by the Main St. entrance) We will walk in unison to the Holocaust Remembrance Day Program.
Park at the museum, shuttle service will be provided.

Event: Holocaust Remembrance Day Program:

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Peoria Riverfront Museum
222 SW Washington St., Peoria, IL

Guest Speaker Agnes Schwartz:

Agnes Schwartz is from Budapest, Hungary. During Allied bombings Agnes was sent underground to hide for months. Agnes' father was saved by Raoul Wallenberg and hid in one of his safe houses. Her grandmother, grandfather, and aunt drowned in the Danube. Her mother was deported and perished at Bergen-Belsen.

Winners of the White Rose Society Essay Contest will be announced during the program. 🌸

KUDOS

by Janet Kelley

Kudos to the WPC Spring Clean-up Day Volunteers

Many thanks to Don Bell, Carol Carlson, Gary Dutro, Brian Hakes, Janet Kelley, Alan Kupper, Gary Leonard, and Michael Link for helping with the WPC spring grounds clean-up day on April 9. And many thanks to the Westlake Paneras for providing coffee and hot chocolate on a brisk day, and to Gary Dutro for supplying the refreshments as well! We couldn't have done it without you! Gratefully, The WPC Properties Committee.



SESSION NOTES FROM THE MARCH SESSION MEETING AND THE MARCH SESSION RETREAT

By Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session

Received a thank you from the Center for Prevention and Abuse for our continued support.

Received a thank you from Rev. Patricia Stetson-Warning for our efforts in the Celtic Worship on St. Patrick's Day service with United Presbyterian Church.

Received a thank you from the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA for the 2015 Christmas Joy Offering which was applied towards the Assistance Program.

The session is considering having an outdoor Jazz Service.

In April more than \$70,000 has been drawn down from the development fund for budgeted expenses associated with the air condition system for the church.

\$475 in gifts have been received for the Peace for Peoria event.

The session authorized up to \$250 from the Peacemaking offering to be applied towards Peace for Peoria event if needed.

The food pantry served over 1,700 people in March.

The session approved Ashley Foster to be hired for 15 hours per week at \$12 per hour.

Ruyle has begun the work on the sanctuary cooling systems and installation is almost complete.

Because the lawn mower has been repaired, Pat Flynn, our maintenance manager, will mow the lawn this spring.

The cleaning of Malvern Lane has been contracted to LJ's Lawn Service. Westminster's portion of the fee is \$300 with adjacent neighbors making up the difference.

Dan Callahan arranged for 3 loads of mulch to be delivered to the church.

In memory of her mother, Kathie Jamieson Palmer has offered to cover some of the cost associated with landscape by the church along Malvern Lane.

A survey will be administered asking congregants questions about the Jazz Worship.

The session elders received a handout "Worship Gifts of God"; this is a study guide from the PCUSA for the sacrament of communion. The handout is also on the table in the Narthex. ☸



WESTMINSTER CHOIR CAMP IS COMING BACK

JUNE 20 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2016

Scholarships are available at \$35 each.

To contribute, please make your check payable to
'WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'

And please write "CHOIR CAMP" on the memo line.

YES! I want to help! Here is my donation to help send children to the Westminster Sing! Choir Camp.

Name: _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Mail to: WPC, Westminster Choir Camp, 1420 W. Moss Avenue, Peoria, IL 61606

Thank You!

MAY SERVANT SCHEDULE							
SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR	WED. OFFICE VOLUNTEER
1 Sun AM	Kim M. Anna B. Horst P. Alice N.	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Ashley Foster	Norma Helfrich	Don & Jill B.	May 4- 10 AM Marilyn Luman
1 Sun Jazz	Linda M. Peggy B. Alan W. Suellen K.	Suellen Kirkwood	Don Bell	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	N/A	
8 Sun AM	Linda K. Alan K. Marge W. Gary D.	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Anna Bussian	Norma Helfrich	Don & Jill B.	May 11- 10 AM Mary Dill
8 Sun Jazz	Ashley F. Marcus F. Conrad S. Suellen K.	Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Willadsen	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	N/A	
15 Sun AM	Diane C. Jeff C. Dick H. Suellen K.	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Joyce Hakes	Norma Helfrich	Don & Jill B.	May 18- 10 AM Peggy Bragg
15 Sun Jazz	Bonnie J. John J. Jean A. Suellen K.	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	N/A	
22 Sun AM	Gary L. Jan L. Laura V. Gary D.	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Dan Callahan	Norma Helfrich	N/A	May 25- 10 AM Peggy Carter
29 Sun AM	Janet K. Dan C. Ashley F. Marcus F.	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Jim Burnham	Norma Helfrich	Don & Jill B.	





If you are unable to work on your scheduled date, please try to find your replacement or switch with someone, before contacting the Ministry Elder of the changes.

COMMUNION SERVERS

MORNING WORSHIP / MAY 1	MORNING WORSHIP / MAY 8	MORNING WORSHIP / MAY 15
BreadSuellen K.	BreadSuellen K.	BreadSuellen K.
WinePastor Denise	WinePastor Denise	WinePastor Denise
BreadJan L.	BreadJill B.	BreadBrian H.
WineBrian H.	WineKim M.	WineBonnie J.
TravelerGary L.	TravelerDon B.	TravelerAlan W.

JAZZ VESPERS / MAY 15	MORNING WORSHIP / MAY 22
BreadGary D.	BreadSuellen K.
WinePastor Denise	WinePastor Denise
TravelerAlan W.	BreadDick H.
	WineKim M.
	TravelerGary D.

MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion AM 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hr. 4pm Jazz Vespers	2 9am WestMark Food Pantry Open 1:15pm Food Delivery for food pantry	3 9:00 Circle of Friends 11:30 Food Delivery for the food pantry 4pm WICC Meeting (P)	4 7:30am Men's Coffee Hour 10am Staff Mtg	National Day of Prayer 5 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	6  Window Deadline 7:30pm The Music of John Rutter Iben Arts Series	DONATION DROP OFF 7 9:30am WICC Sale
Mother's Day Communion AM 8 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hr. 4pm Jazz Vespers	9 9am WestMark Food Pantry Open	10 6:30pm Session Mtg	DONATION DROP OFF 11 9:30am WICC Sale 7:30am Men's Coffee Hour 10am Staff Mtg	12 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study 12:45pm Food Delivery for Food Pantry	13  Window Deadline 7:30pm The Music of John Rutter Iben Arts Series	14
Day of Pentecost Communion Both 15 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hr. 4pm Jazz Vespers & Communion	16 9am WestMark Food Pantry Open	17 11:30 Food Delivery for the food pantry 	18 7:30am Men's Coffee Hour 10am Staff Mtg 12pm Finance Mtg	19 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	20	DONATION DROP OFF 21 9:30am WICC Sale 9am Set up for Luncheon
Trinity Sunday 22 10am Worship 11am 4th Sunday Lunch 4pm Jazz Vespers	23 9am WestMark Food Pantry Open	24 Last Day for WICC	25 7:30am Men's Coffee Hour 10am Staff Mtg	26 9:30am Lectionary Bible Study 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	27	28
29 10am Worship	Memorial Day 30 Closed: WestMark Food Pantry Church Office 	31				

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Bountiful Basket Garden

By Great Rivers Presbytery
Submitted by Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

On March 30, volunteers Jim Holler and Dan Ortgesen tilled the ground in preparation for the Bountiful Basket Garden's 5th year of providing fresh produce to low-income residents and those in need. On the same day, a small, but dedicated group of volunteers wasted no time in planting 230 seed potatoes. Once again, community businesses have stepped up to help: Harold Humphres at R&H has donated seed potatoes, plus seed packets for various vegetables, and onion sets to be planted this spring. Seaney Farms has agreed to provide the pepper and tomato plants; the Holliday family farm has provided bales of straw to be used as mulch, and to protect the plants; the PORTA school district continues to provide the garden-ing space. Without the generosity and support of these local enterprises, the story of the Bountiful Basket would be quite different.

The garden's success over the last 4 years is an example of what can happen when civic-minded people work together. In the 4 years of its existence, the Bountiful Basket Garden has produced and distributed a total of 16,570 pounds of fresh produce to over 4,868 residents. Talk about much being accomplished by a few!!

With nature's help, 8 board members and volunteers will once again provide healthy, fresh vegetables from a small plot of ground. New volunteers are needed for the garden to continue serving the community.

Volunteers for the garden are primarily needed on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings. Each day's work is usually accomplished in less than 2 hours; however, it is not necessary for volunteers to stay the entire time. Any amount of time devoted to the garden will be appreciated. Help is needed in preparing the ground, planting, harvesting, and fall clean-up. No experience is required! Aside from working in the garden, there are less physical, but important ways to be a part of the Bountiful Basket Garden mission. Vegetables need to be weighed, recorded, and then distributed at the Food Pantry in front of the Presbyterian Church. Please consider how much time you can commit to helping others in our community. If not you, then who?

If you would be willing to help this worthwhile cause, please call the church office (673-8501) for a phone number to reach any of the garden members.

Together we will continue this mission. 

WE STAND TOGETHER FOR PEACE

Many Faiths, All American

If you would like to make a donation to help with the costs of advertising, food, and possibly space rental, for the "Peace for Peoria" event, please make your checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church, and mark memo line: Peace for Peoria.

Name: _____

Donation Amount \$ _____

Mail to: WPC, Peace for Peoria, 1420 W. Moss Avenue, Peoria, Illinois 61606

Thank You!



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Open Hands,
Open Hearts,
Open Minds.

JUNE "WINDOW" DEADLINE - FRIDAY, MAY 9

Congratulations On Your 100th Birthday

If you would like to send a Happy Birthday card out to Helen, and you need her address ... just give the church office a call at 673-8501.



On your birthday
We wish for you that
whatever you want most in life,
it comes to you,
just the way you imagined it,
or better.

**Happy
Birthday!**

