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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**WINDOW**

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

**AN ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN'S  
VISIT TO WESTMINSTER**

*Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session*

Researching for a book he is writing about Westminster architect Ben Weese, Kevin Harrington asked Rev. Denise Clark-Jones if he might be able to tour the building and visit with members of the church rebuilding committee. He and his wife Elaine visited the church in late August.

Kevin is a professor of architectural history at the Illinois Institute of Technology. His wife Elaine, who took the image of Kevin talking with Hettie Beers, was a curator of the Frank Lloyd Wright home in Oak Brook. Hettie was very instrumental in answering Kevin's questions about the challenges and design considerations Ben worked with as he considered incorporating elements from the original church into the new building.

The book Kevin is writing is a collaboration with others. You may remember that Ben Weese is the son of the renowned Chicago architect Harry Weese. Kevin's focus is on Ben Weese's work for academic and religious institutions. The geography of Ben's work for such buildings ranged from Mills College in Oakland, California, to Williams College in Massachusetts. In the Midwest his work included

buildings on the campuses of DePauw University, Coe College, Luther College, Drake University, Grinnell College, Carleton College and Beloit College. Chapels Ben worked on are located at the campuses of Illinois Wesleyan, Wartburg College and Cornell College.

Of interest to our congregation, Westminster is the only complete church Ben Weese did that is not located on a college campus. Kevin said the publisher asked that the manuscript be submitted this fall. Once the book is in print, Kevin will inform the church so members will have the opportunity to purchase it.



**The KAIA String Quartet**

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The next deadline for submission of articles to the

**November Window is Friday, October 14.**

If there is a need to submit an article later than this date, please contact the church office at 309-673-8501 as soon as possible. Thank You.

## DEAR WESTMINSTER FRIENDS,

I wanted to write to tell you how grateful Sara, Holly, and I are for your prayers, for your gifts, and for your concern for us.

I am especially thankful for all of your cards and notes in regards to my mom's death last April.

It's been a very difficult few months. My dad suffered a nervous breakdown in response to my mom's death. I had to place him in a facility in Menlo Park. His stay there was helpful for him and he is now living in an assisted living facility here in Savanna. I am very grateful that he can live near me.

Needless to say, everything has been turned upside down for the past few months. It turns out that moving a dependent person from one state to another is a complex task demanding many telephone calls and much paperwork -- not to mention the difficulties of a two-day airplane journey.

Nevertheless, I remain very grateful for all the unexpected graces along the way -- not least the kindness of people at the care facilities in Menlo Park and in Savanna, the support of the Westminster congregation and of the congregation here at First Presbyterian.

That said -- I regret "falling off the radar screen." I hope that you all will continue to stay in touch. You can call the church office and ask for my phone number and address.

Blessings to you all,  
Gary Panetta

## COFFEE HOUR FALL SIGN UP

This has been a great start to the sign ups for coffee hour hosts. Within just a couple of weeks we have what Sundays are left of 2016 filled! Thank you for stepping up and helping.

Since the 2016 schedule has been filled, I have placed a schedule for 2017. Let's keep that momentum going. Coffee hour lasts about an "hour" and then cleanup begins. Don't worry, Jill will help out with any questions you may have and there are directions on the wall on how to make the coffee. Pat has done most of the coffee work, other than to turn on the pot for most Sundays.

Please join us for fellowship on Sunday mornings after church. You don't know what you are missing! Thanks and see you there!





**Friday,  
October 14, 2016  
5:00 PM**

**Saturday,  
October 15, 2016  
3:00 PM**

**Location:**

**United Presbyterian Church 2400 West Northmoor Road**

<b>Next Church Conference Full Registration</b>	<b>\$50.00 (+\$3.74 fee)</b>
<b>Nadia Bolz-Weber Addresses Only</b>	<b>\$15.00 (+\$1.82 fee)</b>



Join us on October 14th and 15th at United Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL for a Next Church Regional Conference featuring Nadia Bolz-Weber. Our time together will be spent reflecting and sharing on what it means to build and cultivate community within and outside the church building. The weekend will include worship, workshops, two addresses by Nadia, and round table discussions after each of the addresses.

## **SCHEDULE:**

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14**

5:00 - 6:00 pm	Check-In ( <i>Lobby Area</i> )
6:00 pm	Welcome and Opening Prayer Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Nadia Bolz-Weber Address ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )
8:00 - 9:00 pm	Round Table Discussions ( <i>Fellowship Hall w/ Refreshments</i> )

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**

8:00 am	Check-In And Light Breakfast ( <i>Lobby and Fellowship Hall</i> )
8:30 am	Morning Prayer Service
9:00 - 10:30 am	Nadia Bolz-Weber Address
10:30 - 11:30 am	Round Table Discussions ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
11:30 - 12:00 pm	Break and Book Signing ( <i>Fellowship Hall and Lobby</i> )
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Workshops ( <i>Classrooms</i> )
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Break, Snacks, Reflection ( <i>Fellowship Hall</i> )
3:00 pm	Closing Prayer Service ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )

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**NADIA BOLZ-WEBER is the author of two New York Times bestselling memoirs:**

*Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner & Saint* (2013) and *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* (2015). She is an ordained Lutheran pastor (ELCA) and still works as the founding pastor of House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado. Nadia travels domestically and internationally as a speaker and has been featured on NPR's Morning Edition, On Being with Krista Tippett, Fresh Air, CNN and in the Washington Post, Bitch magazine, The Daily Beast, More magazine and The Atlantic. International media coverage includes BBC World Service and The Guardian and magazine features in Germany, Poland, and Switzerland. Nadia lives in Denver with her family and her Great Dane, Zacchaeus.

*"Nadia Bolz-Weber has probably done more than any other pastor in recent times to poke therapeutic fun at the misdemeanors and flaws of overly-churched Christianity and Christians. The passion behind her words, however, is as deeply pastoral as it is God-drenched and liberating....thus the affection as well as the respect*

*that attend her and her work wherever she goes."* - Phyllis Tickle, author of "The Great Emergence"

*"Unforgettable, hilarious, insightful, self-effacing, ironic, and Lutheran - not words that go together every day. Pierced and tattooed, theologically deep, a mom, a fire-and-Pentecost progressive preacher, a stand-up comic ... also an unlikely list of descriptors. A gifted writer, a liturgical acrobat, an honest and outspoken sinner-saint, the person you should invite to your next event where you need a deep, engaging, and surprising speaker - I could only be talking about Nadia Bolz-Weber."* -Brian McLaren, author of *A New Kind of Christianity*

*"Nadia Bolz-Weber is what you'd get if you mixed the DNA of Louis C.K., Joey Ramone and St. Paul. She is by far my favorite tatted-up, cranky pastor ever."* -A. J. Jacobs, author of *The Year of Living Biblically*

Organizer of Next Church Regional Conference: The Presbytery of Great Rivers.

To learn more, visit [greatriverspby.org](http://greatriverspby.org) or to see conference schedule, go to our website [westminsterpeoria.org](http://westminsterpeoria.org) and under "resources" you will find a link to open schedule.

THE GRETCHEN R. IBEN  
**Art Series**

**IBEN SERIES opens on Friday, October 14, at seven-thirty**

Sixteen pieces of wire, some wrapped with catgut ... four beautiful wooden boxes to hold them ... and four talented, young players ... and what do you have??? A String Quartet! In this case, the KAIA String Quartet ... a group of young artists based in Chicago, participating in its vast musical scene in

many different ways, and coming together to concertize as a string quartet that has seen much of the world already! This makes for a stunning ensemble. Victoria Moreira and Naomi Culp play violin, Sixto Franco Chorda plays viola and Hope Shepherd is the 'cellist. Together they play a repertoire that spans music from Mozart to Piazzolla and much between!

The evening will be graced by this fine quartet, playing an exciting program that begins with Mozart's Quartet, Opus 20, Nr. 4. It is followed by a Spanish work of Joaquin Turina, the "La Oración Del Torero", Op.34. Finally five Tangos by the contemporary Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla. These are wonderful expressive works in a unique

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....continued Gretchen R. Iben Arts

style that is both dazzling and inspiring. Never before has the string quartet form met such an innovative composer as Piazzolla. He is a master of the form as well as having a masterful understanding of the traditional dance of his homeland.

We hope you will set the evening aside to join us. Bring some friends with you. Westminster will be alive with sounds of great music all through the 2016-2017 season. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce friends and family to Westminster's excellent program, and perhaps ask them to come back to church services. There will be an offering received to help support the series. No donation is required. We hope to see you on October 14.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 William Baker
- 1 Candy Brotherson
- 1 John Avendano
- 2 Fisher Stolz
- 3 Jean Ashton
- 5 John Jackson
- 7 Marge Willadsen
- 13 Florence Welsch
- 20 Elizabeth Richmond
- 24 Matthew Stolz
- 24 Nancy Larimore
- 27 Bonnie Jackson
- 29 Lauren Hicks

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- 9 Horst Prohaska & Anna Bussian
- 13 Sarah & Kevin Flannery
- 14 Gary Panetta & Sara Booth
- 15 Rick & Debbie Burns



## HUNGRY BULLETIN

*Ashley Foster*

October 16 is World Food Day, which is a day that reminds us how many hungry people there are in this world. Although there is still a very long way to go before world hunger is eradicated, there are a few accomplishments that we can help celebrate on this day:

In 2015, 9494 acres of coastal lands and farmlands were taken back by Sri Lankan fishermen and farmers. They had been evicted by force because of war, various tourist projects, and the formation of large industrial areas.

90% of tomato growers in Florida are now participating in what is known as the Fair Food Program. This program involves a partnership between tomato growers, farmers, and more than 12 major food companies. This agreement means that the participants can only buy products from those who "meet a worker-driven Code of Conduct."

There are 119 "Earth Care Congregations" who use only organic and/or locally grown food for their congregational meals. This is a great way for them to support the workers in their communities, as well as promote healthy eating.

The Food Agricultural Organization has recently announced that the gender gap is beginning to close. Therefore, there is better nutrition for women around the world.

For the past 15 years, the Presbyterian Hunger Program has aided many communities in planting Moringa trees. They have been planted in approximately 20,000 gardens, mostly in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Senegal, Malawi, and Liberia. These trees are the source of a great deal of protein and other important nutrients, and they provide medicinal uses as well. Approximately 1 million children have "benefited from these trees."

There has been a lot of success this past year in alleviating world hunger. The WestMark Food Pantry certainly does a tremendous job on a monthly basis. In the month of August the food pantry provided food for 1908 individuals. Let's keep it up!

## PEORIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH GETS JAZZY

*Interview done by Judith Valente  
89.1/103.5 FM WGLT Radio*

Vesper services to mark the passing of day and the onset of evening are a tradition that derives from monastic life, and dates as far back as the 6th century. Much Vesper music is based on the melodic lines of Medieval Gregorian chant.

If you pop in Sundays for 4 p.m. Vespers at the beige brick Westminster Presbyterian Church on West Moss Street in Peoria, you're like to hear something that sounds more like the music of Dave Brubeck. In fact, the motto of Westminster's evening's prayer service is "Swing A New Song Unto the Lord."

Westminster is taking an ancient prayer tradition and renewing it with contemporary jazz. David Hoffman, a local jazz icon who for 13 years was once the composer-arranger for the Ray Charles Orchestra, leads the Sunday combo.

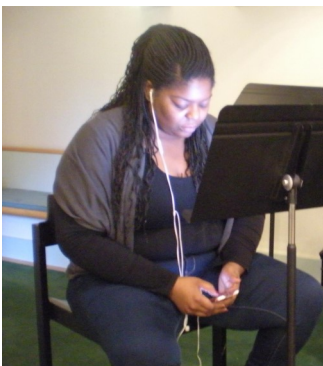
"The act of making music is intrinsically spiritual, at least for me. It all goes together, at least in my sensibilities," Hoffman said, seated at his piano one Sunday before the Vespers service began.

A soft-spoken man with a long beard and silver hair that reaches below his collar, Hoffman plays both trumpet and piano at the church. He also teaches at Knox College and Bradley University.

"There is usually a theme every week. This week's theme is light, and I do try to evoke something about the spiritual theme involved. I like the feeling of a Vesper service having roots in that monastic feel and so I try



Jazz artist David Hoffman, who played with the Ray Charles Orchestra, leads the Jazz Vespers service at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Peoria.



Vocalist Jamika Russell practices Ray Charles' "Light Out Of Darkness" before Sunday evening Jazz Vespers service.



Bob McIntyre, a medical doctor, drives in from Bloomington to play drums in the Jazz Vespers combo.



Andy Crawford plays bass at the Sunday night jazz service.

to do something appropriate, he said.

This particular service features a composition co-written by his old boss, Ray Charles, called "Light Out of Darkness."

Hoffman also creates an original composition for each service. This week, it's a meditative piece he titled "Wave Particle Duality."

"I started out with a simple chord progression that goes from A to F with that F being in one of the ancient modes called the Lydian mode. It kind of sounds expansive," Hoffman said as he played the chords on the grand piano in Westminster's sanctuary.

"And if I put that in a jazz context of say three-four time, then you can come up with little themes with that," he added. "You don't just take a hymn and put a jazz rhythm to it. That to me is kind of an easy way out. We want to do things in a way that creates a little more depth."

There are spoken prayers and a sermon in between songs, but it's clearly the music that brings people in.

In addition to Hoffman, the Vespers combo includes Andy Crawford on bass, Jamika Russell on vocals and Bob McIntyre, a medical doctor from Bloomington who drives in to accompany the group on drums.

Hoffman says the jazz service has put him back in touch with his own religious roots.

"I was raised in Springfield, and went to the First Christian Church, which I don't even know what kind of denomination it was. I was an irregular church goer, on the road for 13

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## WESTMINSTER INFANT CARE CENTER Special "Snap Shot" Moments



## Westminster Hosts Workshop on Islam

*Pastor Denise Clark-Jones*

On Saturday, October 29, Westminster will host a workshop led by Dr. John Nixon and Dr. Gary Davis. Together Dr. Nixon and Dr. Davis have been doing workshops which are designed to give Christians a deeper understanding of both Islam and Christianity, two of the three "Abrahamic religions" of the world. Those who attend the workshop will leave with an understanding of Muslim history, practices and beliefs. Topics include: Jesus and the Koran, parallels between Christianity and Islam, and reading the Koran. Participants are offered an opportunity for discussion, and questions are both invited and encouraged. If you'd like to know whether what you've heard about Islam is true, this is the event for you.

Dr. Nixon and Dr. Davis are members of the Presbytery of Great Rivers' Interfaith Committee. The Committee is devoted to strengthening mutual understanding of peoples of different faiths in West-Central Illinois.

A veteran of the war in Vietnam, Dr. Nixon returned home to attend medical school and subsequently specialized in pathology. He spent much of his career as a pathologist at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria and taught part time at the medical school in Peoria. In retirement he continues his involvement in the medical school, has been active with the Wana Wa Mola project at First Federated Church in Peoria and has traveled extensively. His travels have taken him to numerous Muslim majority countries in the Middle East and Asia.

Dr. Gary Davis studied world religions at Duke University and the University of Iowa before beginning a teaching career at several Midwestern universities and colleges. He also worked as the Executive Director of the Illinois Community Col-

lege Trustees Association. In retirement he has taught comparative religions at Heartland Community College and the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At noon we will break to enjoy a Middle Eastern lunch. We will resume with the second half of the presentation from 12:30 until 2:00 p.m.

You can make reservations for the luncheon by signing up in the Narthex or by calling Westminster at 309-673-8501.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors. You will not want to miss this!



**17th Congressional District  
Patrick Harlan (R)**

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**Peoria County Coroner  
Jamie Harwood (D)  
Johnna Ingersoll (R)**

## WESTMINSTER INFANT CARE CENTER Special "Snap Shot" Moments





## Investing in the Future

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

*"Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land." – Jeremiah 32:14-15*

In the 6<sup>th</sup> century BCE, during the reign of King Zedekiah, Israel was in a tough spot. The army of the Babylonian empire surrounded Jerusalem. In the midst of this desperate situation, Jeremiah, who was jailed for prophesying Israel's demise, bought a piece of land in the soon to be conquered land. Was he that foolish that he did not know that property values are all about location? No, he trusted in God's promise that one day the Israelites would return to their own land. Jeremiah was not just preparing for the future, he was making a statement to his community that he was so certain of God's promise that he was willing to put his money where his mouth was. Jeremiah was investing in a better future.

In our society, preparing and investing in the future take a back seat to immediate gratification and quick profit. But, as Christians, we know that God's kingdom takes the long view. While we believe in eternal life, Christ also taught that the eternal begins now. When we work toward a brighter future for all, a future we may not see fulfilled in our lifetime, we are investing in God's kingdom on earth.

*"For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."-- 1 Corinthians 1:25*

Westminster has a treasure that is not being used for maximum benefit. Although the Parish House needs some investment to update it, it has been well-maintained and is well-suited for a variety of purposes. After the Congregational lunch on Sept. 25, the church Session invited members and guests to stay to brainstorm ideas for using the Parish House. Currently, we are spending a considerable sum of money to maintain a building that is being used well below capacity. Part of the basement floor is used to house the WestMark Food Pantry and serves as storage for the pantry. The food pantry is a much needed resource for the community. Yet, most of the building, which is ideal for class-

rooms, arts studios, and meeting rooms, remains empty. The Fellowship Hall has a great kitchen and a stage. How could we use those in a way that we could help to finance the cost of keeping the building open as well as serving the community?

The question facing Westminster is: do we invest in the future and let God lead us to a new ministry there or do we leave it empty, continuing to pay for its upkeep, until we run out of money to do so? Do we dare to trust that God will lead us to a new way to do God's work in the world here in the community we pledged to remain and serve? Westminster is the only Presbyterian U.S.A. church in Peoria that is not in the suburbs. When the Westminster worship building burned down in 1985, the congregation made the decision to remain in this community rather than move to the suburbs where most of the congregation lived. Westminster chose local mission over convenience.


We are located in a beautiful historic residential area within walking distance of Bradley University. We have lots of parking. We also border one of the poorest neighborhoods in the country. There are so many opportunities for service, outreach and ministry. The task before us will be to decide which of the many possibilities can we accomplish (the building is large enough to be used for multiple purposes simultaneously). Are we willing to invest in the future of Westminster, of Peoria, in God's kingdom?

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Denise

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?

- A. Matthew
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Proverbs
- D. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)



## BI-MONTHLY BIBLE CLASS

*Janet Kelley*

On Wednesday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. we will meet at Joyce Hakes' home. Read Lesson 2, "Longing and Living That Day" from the study book *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times*.

On Wednesday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. we will meet at Mary Dill's home. Read Lesson 3, "A Song of Injustice" from the study book *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times*.

If you haven't picked up the study book, *Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times*, it is available in the church office for \$7.00. There are four (4) copies left. Make sure you add your name to the money envelope when you pick up and pay for the book.

Meetings are held monthly on the second and fourth Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you need directions or have questions, please call the hostess or Pat or Marilyn.

## WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

*Elizabeth Richmond, Missions/Outreach Elder*

During the month of **August**, we provided food to **1,908** 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?  
Come help unload and  
put away deliveries:



Every first and third Tuesday,  
October 4 and 18 at 11:30 a.m.  
Thursday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. and  
on the fourth Thursday, October 27, at 10 a.m.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning.  
Questions??? Call Elizabeth Richmond.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

*Edna Nugent*

Circle of Friends will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 4, at the home of Edna Nugent.



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## FOR PANCAKES FOR YOUTH!

*Elizabeth Richmond, Missions/Outreach Elder*

Westminster provided the opportunity for 50 children in foster care, living in residential settings, to get out and enjoy breakfast at Applebee's. These youth/children had the opportunity to eat pancakes at a restaurant, a real treat for them, and all thanks to the great support at Westminster. Thanks All!

## HELPING HANDS NEEDED

### Fall Grounds Clean-up Day

### At Westminster Presbyterian Church

*Janet Kelley*

On Saturday, November 5, at 9:00 a.m. the Properties Committee is hosting a fall grounds clean-up day.

If it rains, Saturday, November 12, will serve as the alternate date starting at 9:00 a.m. Fall clean-up day provides great exercise and fun fellowship, so come join us and bring your gloves, rakes, shovels, clippers, weeding tools, etc.

Snacks and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Janet Kelley.

## EVALUATION TIME

Once again, it is time to complete our staff evaluations. Evaluations for the five members to be evaluated, Denise Wirth, our financial secretary, Mary Lee Caudle, our office administrator, Ashley Foster, our office assistant, Pat Flynn, our buildings manager, and Reverend Denise Clark-Jones, our Pastor, will be available in the Narthex, along with envelopes addressed to Mary Dill, who is the head of Personnel. If you would like to participate in this process, please mail your completed forms by October 23. If you have any questions, please call Mary Dill.

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years, so my going to church was basically visiting whatever I could."

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones says her mostly white, middle-aged, and elderly congregation hopes the jazz service will appeal to a broader group of people -- especially those seeking a spiritual community.

"Jazz is uniquely American, but it also crosses cultural boundaries. Virtually every ethnic community has its form of jazz, sort of the melting pot of music. And I think that's what we're all about in terms of the gospels, breaking down barriers," Clark-Jones said.

Hoffman called the Vespers service "an outreach to try to reach as many people as you can and bring them into a community that's supportive and where people like being here."

Westminster has a long history of supporting local and regional artists and musicians through its Gretchen Iben Arts Series.

It will soon be a year since the church started its Jazz Vespers. Brooks McDaniel said the service has grown from attracting mainly people like him, a longtime church member, to bringing in outsiders who hear about the jazz through word of mouth.

"I think jazz creates a context in which you can hear new things in old doctrine and you can hear some stuff you've never heard before," McDaniel said.

Presbyterian churches are traditionally known for their rectitude and seriousness. So have any congrega-



gation members objected to giving this ancient prayer practice some new varnish?

Not so, said longtime congregation member Marge Willadsen.

"I have not heard anything negative and that's unusual. When there's a change usually somebody is going to complain about it, but I have not heard any," Willadsen said.

Pastor Clark-Jones agrees.

"Jazz is an interesting format. Much of the music comes out of a religious background from gospel music and it's very participatory and free-flowing and that lends itself to a faith experience and worship," she said.

Hoffman has performed on five continents and with such musicians as Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight, Willie Nelson and Randy Travis. He says he's content to be home again in central Illinois, and has found a spiritual base at Westminster Church.

"I was thinking about this a couple of weeks ago when I walked in and managed to get the alarm off without setting it off -- which the first time I came here I did that -- but I walked in and thought this is feeling like home. The congregation makes me feel very much at home and I'm making music here."

And making music, Hoffman said, is what he was born to do.

To Listen to the radio interview go here:  
<http://www.tinyurl.com/h6f69mw>

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## SESSION NOTES

### From the September 13th Session Meeting



Received a thank you note from David Trillizio of Bradley University for participating in support at Bradley's first Christian Fellowship fair.

Rev. Clark-Jones, with the help of Ashley Foster, participated in Bradley University's first Christian Fair. They provided packets of information introducing Westminster to the student body. From this event, Bradley provided the names and emails of nineteen teens who expressed an interest in Westminster.

Chicago architect Kevin Harrington, who is a contributing author of a book about Ben Weese, met with Hettie Beers to glean information about the reconstruction of Westminster and the influence of Ben Weese on the design of the new church.

There are six deacons to be replaced and five elders scheduled to go off session in 2016.

The Bradley-Moss home owners will sponsor a meet the "Candidates' Forum" for their October association meeting on the 5th. This meeting is open to the public and will be moved from Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary.

Rev. Clark-Jones will be taking personal time to be with her ailing father as he relocates. She will be gone from September 14 to September 19.

Rev. Clark-Jones reported that three Bradley students have been attending Westminster because of the church website.

Yard signs promoting the church are available to members.

The web site is currently being updated by Central States Media.

Rev. Brooks McDaniel is preparing an advent study group.

Retired Presbyterian Ministers Gary Davis and John Nixon have prepared a lecture on Jesus and the Koran. This lecture is tentatively scheduled for a Sunday luncheon.

The first 4th Sunday luncheon will be a pot luck and cook out on September 25.

The food pantry served 1,908 people in the month of August.

On September 24 there will be a pancake breakfast at Applebee's benefiting the youth 'Speak Out Program.' Individuals are invited to buy a ticket for themselves or for youth.

WICC needs blinds for the South Windows to darken the room at nap time.

The personnel committee will not mail out personnel evaluations. They will be either handed out or available in the Narthex.

Morgan Room A/C cost \$1,000 to repair.

The Choir robes are clean at a cost of \$16.50 per robe.

New paraments will be ready for the Advent season; the cost for the paraments is \$900. This is half of the funds reserved for paraments.



Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Hakes - Clerk of Session



September 2016						
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November 2016						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			OLLI Bradley University using parking lot every week, Wednesdays, 7am to 4pm			<b>1</b>
<b>2 COMMUNION</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>3</b> 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	<b>4</b> 9am Circle of Friends - <i>E. Nugent</i> 11:30am WestMark	<b>5</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowship 10am Staff Mtg	<b>6</b> 9:30am Lectionary B.Study 1pm Golf at Kellogg's 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>10</b> 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	<b>11</b> 4:30pm WICC Meeting <b>6:30pm Session Mtg</b>  <i>Reports due by noon for copying.</i>	<b>12</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowship 10am Staff Mtg. <b>6:30pm BiMonthly Bible Study - J. Hakes</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30am Lectionary B.Study 1pm Large Food Pantry Delivery 1pm Golf at Kellogg's 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> <b>7:30pm KAIA String Quartet</b> Window Deadline Cultivation Community	<b>15</b> Regional Conference
<b>16</b> <b>NO Morning Worship</b> <b>Peoria Marathon</b>	<b>17</b> 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	<b>18</b> 11:30am WestMark Food Delivery	<b>19</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowship 10am Staff Mtg. <b>12pm Finance Meeting</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30am Lectionary B.Study 1pm Golf at Kellogg's 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10am Worship <b>11am 4th Sunday Luncheon</b>	<b>24</b> 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	<b>25</b> Pastor will be out of the office. COM (Committee on Mis- sions Mtg)	<b>26</b> 7:30am Men's Coffee Fellowship 10am Staff Mtg. <b>6:30pm BiMonthly Bible Study - M. Dill</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30am Lectionary B.Study 10am WestMark Food Delivery 1pm Golf at Kellogg's 6:15pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Workshop at WPC 10:30am - 2pm
<b>30</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	<b>31</b> 9am WestMark Food Pantry 1pm Golf at Kellogg's	 <b>Happy Halloween</b>				

# OCTOBER SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR
<b>2 Sun AM</b>	Kim Mitchell Alice Nash Horst Prohaska Anna Bussian	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Bonnie Jackson	Kim Mitchell	Linda & Alan Kupper
<b>2 Sun AM</b>	Marge Willadsen Conrad Stinnett Suellen Kirkwood	Suellen Kirkwood	Don Bell	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
<b>9 Sun AM</b>	Gary Dutro Marge Willadsen Alan Kupper Linda Kupper	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Carol Carlson	Alan Kupper	Mary Dill & Edna Nugent
<b>9 Sun Jazz</b>	Marcus Foster Ashley Foster Suellen Kirkwood	Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Kupper	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
<b>16 Sun AM</b>	No Service	Peoria	Marathon	Peoria	Marathon	No Service
<b>16 Sun Jazz</b>	Linda McDaniel Laura Van Riper Suellen Kirkwood	Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Willadsen	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
<b>23 Sun AM</b>	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	Marcus Foster	Dan Callahan	Jan Leonard	
<b>23 Sun Jazz</b>	Joyce Hakes Marge Willadsen Suellen Kirkwood	Suellen Kirkwood	Brian Hakes	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
<b>30 Sun AM</b>	Marcus Foster Ashley Foster Marge Willadsen Peggy Bragg	Dick Helfrich	Patrick Flynn	Joyce Hakes	Norma Helfrich	Don & Jill Bell
<b>30 Sun Jazz</b>	Marcus Foster Ashley Foster Suellen Kirkwood	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	

*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 / OCTOBER 2

Bread Jeff Case  
Wine Pastor Denise  
Bread Diane Case  
Wine Dick Helfrich  
Traveler Gary Dutro

### JAZZ VESPERS / OCTOBER 2

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Wine Pastor Denise  
Bread Brooks McDaniel  
Wine Suellen Kirkwood  
Traveler Tom Clark-Jones



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Clerk of Session .....	Brian Hakes
	Class of 2018
Church Education.....	Carole Willadsen
	Class of 2016
Church Life .....	Jill Bell
	Class of 2016
Finance.....	Jeanie Olson
	Class of 2016
Membership .....	Carol Carlson
	Class of 2017
Missions/Outreach .....	Elizabeth Richmond
	Class of 2016
Personnel.....	Mary Dill
	Class of 2016
Properties .....	Don Bell
	Class of 2018



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