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

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Matthew 25:31-46

**ENHANCE THE
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS**

Chris Day, WICC Fundraiser Chair

Have you started thinking about Christmas? The stores certainly have! The Westminster Infant Care Center board would like to help you with your decorations and/or gifts. We are offering items from the Mickman Brothers as a fundraiser for our program.

The Mickman Brothers create beautiful wreaths, sprays, and a candlelit centerpiece out of live balsam. They also offer two trees: the North Star table top tree and the Holly-Berry gift tree.



Holly-Berry Gift Tree



We will be taking orders from now until November 13. You can find an order form for you to use on page 11 or you may sign up in the Narthex or with any board member. If you are placing an order to be delivered right to a friend, business co-worker, or a family member, the deadline is November 9. These orders will need to be placed with Elizabeth Richmond, Marilyn Luman, Valerie Sager, Suellen Kirkwood, or a board member.

Please make your checks payable to WICC and write wreaths on the memo line. The wreaths will be delivered to the church the week of December 4 - 9. You will be contacted for pick-up. Your continued support for this mission is GREATLY appreciated. Thank You! T

**CHURCH GROUNDS
FALL CLEAN-UP DAY**

Janet Kelley, Properties Committee

Helping hands are needed for fall clean-up day at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 4, at 9 a.m. with an alternate rain date on Saturday, November 11, at 9 a.m.

Beverages and refreshments will be served. Please bring your rakes, gloves, leaf blowers, clippers, weeders, and anything else that may help. Please know your efforts are a gift to the church as the grounds are prepared for winter.

If you have any questions, please call Janet Kelley. Hope to see you there! T



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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Anna Bussian

Circle of Friends will meet Tuesday, November 7, at 9 a.m. at the home of Bonnie Jackson (15 Waldheim Road, Morton). Bring a clip board and a pencil as we will work on fun puzzles, hear a joke or two and laugh at a story provided by Anna Bussian. See or call Bonnie (696 -1955) for directions and we can also car pool. T

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Marilyn Luman

We will meet on Thursday, November 9 and 30, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Because of Thanksgiving we have moved the 4th Thursday to the 5th Thursday. Rev. Denise leads our class with the verses that are printed on the cover of the November *Window* and increases our understanding of what is read from the pulpit on Sundays.

November 9 - we will try to cover the Nov. 12 and Nov. 19 scripture verses.

November 30 - we will cover the first two Sundays in December.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions?

Contact Marilyn. T

FORE!

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

MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

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

ATTENTION, SNOWBIRDS

Do we know how to reach you? Please make sure you alert the church office to the date when you change addresses. Thanks. T

CHURCH LIFE

Dorothy Crozier

Please join us after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Caroles on December 10 for a celebration in the William O'Neill Parish House. The menu will be fruit, stuffed pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes with sour cream, peas, salad, and buttered rolls. Dessert will be an assortment of Christmas desserts. We are asking each of you to bring one batch of your favorite Christmas dessert (cookies, pie, cake, etc.) Please bring your dessert to the Fellowship Hall kitchen prior to the event. T

GATHERING AT THE WELL: STEWARDSHIP OF THE WORLD'S WATER

Bonnie Jackson, Chair, Christian Education

On Saturday, September 30, the Christian Education Committee hosted a seminar, "Gathering at the Well: Stewardship of the World's Water," in the Fellowship Hall. Thirty-two people, mostly from the community, attended.

Our first speaker was Scott Reeise, Public Works Director for the City of Peoria. He discussed problems and solutions regarding sewer and storm water runoff, and the mandate imposed by the EPA. The goal of the city is to develop 100% green solutions to sewer and overflow problems that are currently polluting the Illinois River. The ultimate goal is to keep the river clean and improve living conditions within the city.

After an Avanti's lunch, the next speaker was Dr. Yunus Salami, Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Bradley University. He is also the head of the local chapter of Engineers without Borders. He discussed the humanitarian issues involved in water treatment and distribution in third world countries. He discussed some of the social problems experienced when people in those countries do not have easy access to clean water, as well as some of the ways water can be filtered and treated for consumption.

The audience was enthusiastic about the seminar and had many questions to ask our speakers. Many positive comments were heard afterwards.

The Christian Education Committee hopes to continue with more seminars that are open to the community. T



MAKE IT - TAKE IT

Marilyn Luman

Please mark your calendars accordingly. This is your chance to DONATE a home-made item (in any form) ... and your chance to BUY a "made with love" item to enhance the holidays. Bake anything to hopefully benefit our members that no longer are able to bake ... and to save you from baking so many different items. This is a fundraiser for the Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) and we would appreciate your support ... in any form and function.

You will drop off your donated items as you enter the church on Sunday, November 19, and upon leaving church you will be able to purchase the items donated in the Parlor. Please join us. Questions? Call Marilyn Luman or Linda Kupper. T

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Suellen Kirkwood

The merry hanging of the greens will take place after worship and coffee hour on November 26. It's a wonderful way to usher in the holiday season and to make our sanctuary inviting and festive for the celebration of our Savior's birth. The more the merrier (and the lighter the task) so please join us in fellowship for this occasion! T

2017 ADVENT CALENDAR

Published by Presbyterians Today



This year's calendar is a dual English-Spanish edition.

Let love speak: words and actions to pave the way of the Lord

Deja que el amor hable: Palabras y acciones para preparar el camino del Señor

During the holy season of Advent, we are invited to contemplate the powerful words of the Psalms. The Scriptures — and Jesus, the Word Incarnate — impel us to speak and act in more just and loving ways, especially towards the strangers and foreigners among us. Magdalena I. García, PC(USA) minister of Word and Sacrament and hospital chaplain for Vitas Healthcare in Chicago, has put together a collection of challenging daily reflections and prayers based on the Psalms to help us experience the promise and power of Christ's coming. Perfect for congregations, families and individuals, each day provides a Psalm excerpt, meditation and prayer to deepen the Advent experience. Dual English-Spanish edition. Advent Calendars will be available November 5, in the Narthex. Limited copies available. T

FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE

This is a copy of the letter from Rev. Denise Clark-Jones that was sent along with your 2018 Pledge Cards.

Dear Members and Friends of Westminster

How time flies! It is already late-October, and you are getting a stewardship letter from your pastor!

Oh, yes! It's time to make the yearly pledge once again. I know talk about money is one of those taboo issues, especially in the church. We don't like to talk about money in polite company or any other company. However, it is necessary for the church to talk about it regularly, because God's mission in this world cannot go on without the financial support of faithful members and friends.

Our scriptural theme for this year's campaign is, "with God, nothing is impossible". It's a good reminder for all of us. It's not only the church, but in our personal lives, God provides more than we deserve, more than we have any right to expect.

These words take me back a little over twenty years ago when Tom and I moved our family to Knoxville, Tennessee, as he began his job as Organist-Choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church there. I was struck when I entered the sanctuary for the first time as on the arch that separated the chancel from the nave was written in huge script letters, JEHOVAH JIREH! Exclamation point and all.

If you don't know what "Jehovah jireh" means, you are in plenty of company. Hebrew scholars laugh. The actual Hebrew spelling is "YHWH yir'e," but a misunderstanding among some English-speaking biblical archeologists created a new word that was not Hebrew at all. I add this piece of trivia because I don't want to be spreading misinformation about the bible – the Knoxville Church had it wrong, but their heart was in the right place. The mistake has perpetuated itself such that we have old, beloved hymns that use the word, "Jehovah," as a name for God.

There is a story behind the words engraved in marble in the Knoxville church. These words represented their witness to God's ability and willingness to do the impossible in and among his people. Before the Civil War, First Church, Knoxville was a vital church involved in the life of the city. With the coming of the war, Confederate soldiers commandeered the building and used the adjacent grave-

yard for the housing of their horses. The interior was used as a hospital and barracks. By 1863, the Union army had prevailed in the siege of Knoxville and the sanctuary became a hospital and a barracks for Union soldiers who were none too careful with the sacred space.

After the end of the War, the church was returned to the congregation in 1866. It was basically a burned out hulk of a building, hardly recognizable. But with a determined spirit and a faithful pastor (the Rev. James Park), the building slowly was brought back to its former glory. During the construction, one of the Elders took some black paint and scrawled on the arch the words Jehovah Jireh! - GOD WILL PROVIDE! That was a sheer act of faith. Who knew what would become of the former Confederate states and their major cities that had seceded from the Union and fought against their own countrymen? Would the United States punish the former Confederate states by hindering their rebuilding? But these faithful people made a resounding statement ... GOD IS HERE and GOD WILL PREVAIL. GOD WILL!

In a way, we at Westminster are in a rebuilding position as a congregation. Our numbers are smaller than they were – but our spirits are high. Our missions in the WICC program and the WestMark Food Pantry are living examples of our faithfulness to the needs of our community, and with this spirit – God Will Provide! I truly believe this. We may not see it right away. It took many years to rebuild and grow First Church, Knoxville back to its glory days – but it did happen, and that congregation is now a large church, taking up a whole city block and very active. It sits on a back street in downtown Knoxville – people virtually have to go looking for it, and yet it thrives. And, that happens because it knows its mission and ministry and stays faithful to its calling to be the voice of Christ and his Kingdom in the center city. It's a real example of how God can provide – and will provide if we are faithful.

Our Scripture verse for this year's stewardship theme is "Nothing will be impossible with God" from Mary's song (The Magnificat) in Luke's gospel when God gives her the incredulous news that she will bear God's child into the world. Note that she does not say "nothing is impossible for God," but "nothing is impossible WITH God. We participate in bringing God's kingdom to earth with our faith

Saturday, November 18, 2017 7:30 pm

Grace Presbyterian Church

SERENADE FOR STRINGS

George Stelluto, conductor
Orion Weiss, piano

The beauty of lush, lavish sounds envelop you with some of the most beautiful music ever written.



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and our actions to support what God is doing in the world. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we “enable miracles.”

None of us know what tomorrow brings. There’s a gospel song that says, “I don’t know about the future - but I know who holds the future, and I know He holds my hand.” Westminster is being held in God’s hand. God’s good purpose will be accomplished here if only we will be faithful – begin to believe that we are here for a purpose and that will be worked out. For that to happen, we need to remain faithful in supporting the ministry of Westminster as generously as we are able. My mentor in the ministry, the late Rev. Dr. Richard D. Adams, used to tell his congregation, “Give until it feels good!”

And that is exactly what we need to do – give until we have met the expectations of the Holy Spirit for our lives in supporting and building our church. Maybe we need to paint GOD WILL PROVIDE under the cross above the altar table! Maybe those words need to be in front of us all the time, and burned into our hearts. God will provide – through you and your commitment to God’s Kingdom. May this place continue to proclaim the Word of Life in our Peoria community for a long, long time – until Jesus himself returns for his own.

The pledge card is enclosed – give until it feels good. And may God richly bless your giving and your lives as you work for his kingdom.

In God’s faithful love, Rev. Denise Clark-Jones, October 2017 T

For nothing will
be impossible
with
God

~Luke 1:37



2018 STEWARDSHIP - "ENABLING MIRACLES"

Gary Leonard

How a visit to the William R. O'Neill Parish House resulted in a blessing to many outside of our community:

June 12, 2017

To Pastor Denise at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Peoria, IL

Denise,

When John Nixon and I came to Westminster to talk about Islam, I had the opportunity to wander the room and observe the postings on the walls. One poster told the story of your summer program that uses USDA resources to feed hungry kids. I had heard our mission committee members say that they would like to do that sort of thing in Lincoln, IL, where 80 percent of kids fall below the poverty line. But the mission committee didn't know where to get the resources. A retired farmer in the group showed interest when I told the mission committee about what you were doing and he went to work.

With support from the local school system, the program launched a week ago with over 500 people joining together for a special kick-off event. **Miracles do happen and your church was at the heart of this one.**

Thanks. It's great to be part of a connectional church.

Gary (Dr. Gary Davis, an elder within the Great Rivers Presbytery)

Thanks be to God! T

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

Gary Leonard

Recently, members should have received a pledge card to be used for indicating their 2018 financial commitment to Westminster. We hope that all will prayerfully consider their commitment to the church for next year. On November 12, we will invite those in our community of faith to bring their pledge commitments forward for a prayer of dedication. If you are not able to come forward on Nov. 12, you may place your pledge card in the offering plate on any Sunday or mail it to the church. If you have not received a pledge card, you may use the one below. T

3rd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

Gary Leonard

Giving Statements were issued during the last half of October for members or regular visitors who have either given to the church during 2017 and/or submitted a pledge for 2017. If you did not receive your statement and would like to receive one, please contact our Financial Secretary, Denise Wirth at (309) 439-7940 or email her at: financesecy@westminsterpeoria.org.

Also contact Denise if you have any questions about your statement. Financial support of Westminster is one way that we express our faith. Your contributions are used to support the church's ministry, missions, properties, and operations. On behalf of the session, I extend a "thank you" to all contributors of time, talent, and financial gifts to the church. T

Westminster Presbyterian Church Stewardship Sunday November 12

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

I/we pledge: \$ _____ per week or
\$ _____ per month or
\$ _____ per year

☐ Check here if you do **NOT** want to receive envelopes.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email (optional): _____

LUKE 1:37

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We hope that you will present this card on **Stewardship Sunday, November 12**, or you may mail it in the envelope provided.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER YTD OPERATING BUDGET

Gary Leonard

	September YTD Actual	September YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Revenues			
General Offering	\$ 153,790	\$ 127,500	\$ 26,290
WDFund	150,230	320,699	(170,469)
Other Revenues	9,986	6,675	3,311
	<u>\$ 314,006</u>	<u>\$ 454,874</u>	<u>\$ (140,868)</u>
Expenses			
Operating Expense	\$ 302,190	\$ 371,907	\$ (69,717)
Major Prop. Improve.	7,083	82,500	(75,417)
	<u>\$ 309,273</u>	<u>\$ 454,407</u>	<u>\$ (145,134)</u>
Net: Rev. less Exp.	<u>\$ 4,733</u>	<u>\$ 467</u>	<u>\$ 4,266</u>

Notes:

1. Restricted contributions and the off-setting expenses like for WICC, Food Pantry, PDA, etc., are not included. Also not included are the expenditures for the new restroom in the Parish House that were funded by a designated gift.
2. **Revenues** - General Offering includes \$12,100 of pre-paid pledges actually received in 2016.

Tips:

1. You can monitor your Giving throughout the year by requesting access to the church's database (Realm) from the church office.
2. You may write "WPC" as the payee on checks payable to Westminster. T

HUNGRY BULLETIN

Ashley Foster

Hunger ministry is the biggest area of outreach of Mt. Washington Presbyterian Church (MWPC) in Cincinnati, Ohio. This church helps feed the hungry in a variety of ways. One Sunday a month, a free dinner is held. Anyone is welcome to attend. There is also the SEM Food Pantry, which is right next door to the church that 13 other churches help contribute to. It is a "choice pantry," which means that the people who come to it "shop" for the items that they want. Therefore, it is more likely that everything they take will be eaten. Also unlike most food pantries, SEM is open for at least a few hours five days a week. Food pantries are typically only open one day a week. There are more than 40 volunteers that help out at SEM on a regular basis. MWPC also has a mobile food pantry that serves approximately 150 families per year. Each family can choose up to 50 pounds of food, which generally includes meat and fresh vegetables, things that are not normally found at most food pantries. Those who volunteer for the mobile food pantry have the "opportunity to connect one-on-one with guests, helping them select and pack their food." Every other month, members of the church have the chance to volunteer for an organization called Tender Mercies. This organization provides food and housing to homeless adults who have mental illnesses. MWPC also has a garden project. There is a garden behind the church that is tended by some of the members. The produce that is grown there gets donated to local food pantries. In addition, MWPC is one of the sponsors for the Freestore Food Banks Power Packs Program, which takes place at Mt. Washington School. This program provides food for children from low-income families to eat on the weekends. With all the various ways that MWPC helps feed the hungry, you can definitely see why hunger ministry is its main area of outreach. T

SANTA'S HELPERS NEEDED

Elizabeth Richmond

This year we will again be providing gifts to the young ones and their Moms in our WICC program in addition to some youth from Common Place. The Giving Tree (Christmas tree) will be up in the Narthex by Sunday, November 26, for you to choose your young people to shop for. This year there will be a place for you to put the child's name you have chosen, and your name, just to help us keep track

of each child. Please have your wrapped gift to Church no later than Sunday, December 17. If you would really like to help but can't shop for a young person, we have a solution for you. You can "adopt" a child from the tree and some of Santa's Elves will shop for you. Just take an envelope off the tree and complete the information and enclose a check by Sunday, December 10. You can also mail a check to Church with "giving tree" in the memo line. Questions? call Elizabeth Richmond. T



REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Denise Clark-Jones

It is no coincidence that most festivals of Thanksgiving, both religious and secular, are observed at the time of the year when crops are harvested. Our national observance of Thanksgiving is this month. As Christians we are called to give thanks to God always, in our worship, our prayers, and our daily living.

This Fall, from the last Sunday in August until the fourth Sunday in October, our Old Testament lectionary readings have been from the book of Exodus. This book, one of the five “Books of Moses” or “the Torah” as it is called in Judaism, gives an account of the Israelites’ escape from slavery in Egypt and their 40-year trek in the wilderness on the way to the Promised Land. Throughout these readings, we read that the Israelites were encouraged to “remember” what God had done for them. This emphasis on remembering becomes clearer when we realize that these words in Exodus were written hundreds of years after the event. The Exodus story was handed down, orally, through the centuries. The words were written down after the Babylonian Exile in around 700 BCE. The words were written to exiles living in Babylon, who were struggling with retaining their faith and identity as Jews in a pagan society. The author(s) invoked the authority of Moses, the true founder of the nation, to remind his 7th-century fellow citizens what they needed to be doing to fulfill God’s commands.

Remembrance is essential for thanksgiving. Remembering what God has done for them is a dominant theme for the Israelites in the bible and throughout the history of Judaism. This theme is taken up by the New Testament writers. Like the Israelites, Christians have been freed from slavery – slavery to sin by the reconciling atonement of Jesus Christ. The writer of Matthew’s Gospel, which we have read paired with the Exodus readings, took great pains to portray Jesus as the new Moses for his Jewish-Christian audience. The liturgy of our sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (the Eucharist) recalls Jesus’ saving act and his command on the night he celebrated the Passover with his disciples to “do this in remembrance of me.”

Remembering is not automatic or an unconscious act. Whether we are aware or not, memory is often a choice. We tend to remember what is important to us. We can also forget to remember. How does this tie in with thanksgiving? We remember what God has done for us and are moved to gratitude. If we do not remember what has been done for us, how can we be grateful and express our gratitude? And, if we are not grateful, we fall into the delusion that we do everything ourselves and

have only ourselves to thank. The 20th century theologian, Karl Barth, has been extremely influential to the Reformed faith by which Presbyterians identify. He wrote:

Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice of an echo. Gratitude follows grace like thunder lightning. . . We are speaking of the grace of God who is God for man, and of the gratitude of man as his response to this grace. . . The two belong together, so that only gratitude can correspond to grace, and this correspondence cannot fail.
-- Karl Barth, *Church Dogmatics, IV.1*

Memory is at the heart of our gratitude and our stewardship. Stewardship is remembering what God has done for us and expressing our gratitude by giving back, so that God may be glorified and all that belongs to God is nurtured and protected.

The model of the “Offering” taken during our worship service can be found in the story of the ancient Israelites. In Deuteronomy we read that Moses instructed the Israelites to offer the first fruits of the harvest to God’s service when they reached the Promised Land. The offering would go to supporting the Levites (those that did the work of ministry) and those in need in their community. Moses declared to the Israelites:

The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me. You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. - Deut. 26:8-11

The subject of Moses’ sermon is proper thanksgiving—what it means to be thankful and how to enact true thanksgiving. This authentic thanksgiving to God for our blessings is to be a blessing to others. Moses said ALL shall share in the feast, including the “aliens” – the ones that they might not have thought of as being “one of us.”

As you prepare for the national celebration of Thanksgiving, ask yourself: What memories make me thankful? Where might I be a living blessing in the weeks ahead?

Blessings! Pastor Denise T

***“Whatever you do,
in word or deed,
do everything in
the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God
the Father
through him.”
Colossians 3:17***

NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR
5 Sun AM	Kim Mitchell Alice Nash Anna Bussian Horst Prohaska	Dick Helfrich	Chris Hovey	Bonnie Jackson	Kim Mitchell	Dorothy Crozier
5 Sun Jazz	John & Bonnie Jackson	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
12 Sun AM	Gary Dutro Marge Willadsen Alan Kupper Linda Kupper	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Peggy Bragg	Alan Kupper	Carole & Hannah Willadsen
12 Sun Jazz	Marge Willadsen Allen Willadsen	Suellen Kirkwood	Don Bell	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
19 Sun AM	Jeff Case Diane Case Susan Leighty Laura Van Riper	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Conrad Stinnett	Jeff Case	Susan Leighty (Make It-Take It)
19 Sun Jazz	Alice Nash Dick Helfrich	Suellen Kirkwood	Chris Hovey	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
26 Sun AM	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Jeanie Olson	Gary Leonard	Dorothy Crozier (Hanging of the Grns)
26 Sun Jazz	Linda & Brooks McDaniel	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 / NOVEMBER 5

Bread - Kim Mitchell
Wine - Jeff Case
Bread - Diane Case
Wine - Pastor Denise
Traveler - Brian Hakes



JAZZ VESPERS / NOVEMBER 5

Bread - Bonnie Jackson
Wine - Pastor Denise
Traveler - Suellen Kirkwood



MORNING WORSHIP / NOVEMBER 26

Christ the King Sunday

Bread - Jan Leonard
Wine - Pastor Denise
Bread - Bonnie Jackson
Wine - Dick Helfrich
Traveler - Gary Leonard



Local Missions
**WESTMINSTER
CARES SPOTLIGHT**
Jan Leonard

One of our missions is donating to the **Greater Peoria Boys & Girls Club**. Below see some information from their website about their mission to help children in our area.

The primary mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria is to enable all young people, especially those in at-risk circumstances, to realize their full potential. Support guidance and hope is given to 1500+ youths ages 6 to 18.

Staffed by trained youth development professionals, Boys & Girls Clubs provide character development, educational enhancement and career exploration, working within neighborhoods where youths live. For many of the children who attend, the staff is the most influential positive adult role models in their lives.

One of the services is Power Hour, an after school academic help program. Making Minutes Count is an interactive program using adult staff and volunteers to supervise the completion of club members' homework. The long-term goals are to ensure that youth graduate from high school, pursue post secondary educations and become life-long learners. Through Power Hour, Boys & Girls Clubs can continue their support and commitment to helping children reach the true "Power of their Potential."

2017-2018 Presbyterian Giving Catalog



Westminster has received this catalog, outlining giving opportunities, both large and small, throughout our world. To learn more, please go to <https://presbyteriangifts.org/>. T



Westminster HOLIDAY

Wreath	CLASSIC CHRISTMAS	Spray
	\$32 This Classic Wreath and Spray is as traditional as Christmas itself - with selected, white tipped cones, festively accented with jingle bells and trimmed with a gold-backed red velvet bow. Celebrate the holiday season with this traditional symbol of world peace.	

Wreath	VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS	Spray
	\$36 The Victorian Wreath and Spray offers a taste of Old World craftsmanship to your Holiday Décor. Handcrafted from Minnesota Balsam Fir, the Victorian is trimmed with an exquisite burgundy bow with imprinted wired edges. Natural bronze pine cones accented with gold jingle bells and unbreakable satin finished Christmas Bulb Ornaments complete this enchanting wreath.	

North Star Tree	LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREES	Holly Berry Tree
	\$38 Christmas Tree is perfect for use where a full size tree is too large: Children's Rooms / Home Entryways / Office Settings / Elderly Facilities and more. It arrives with seven frosted and glittered pine cones, a star garland accent, an LED Light Set, and the perfect northern star tree topper. The container is wrapped in burlap with a generous matching ribbon for tying into a bow. These nursery grown Dwarf Alberta Spruce Trees are about 22" tall. They will remain fresh through the holidays with regular watering as per the instructions. These trees can be planted outdoors after the holidays to enjoy for years to come!	

Wreaths can be shipped as gifts to different addresses for a small additional price. See Elizabeth Richmond for more details or call Valerie during the day at 674.6701 for more information.

Last day to order is Monday, November 13.

Payment is due on delivery.

- Three ways to order:**
- 1) in the Narthex**
 - 2) Mail in order form (to the right) to: WICC 1420 W. Moss Ave, Peoria, IL 61606**
 - 3) Order from Suellen Kirkwood, Marilyn Luman, Elizabeth Richmond, Val Sager, or another board member.**

Westminster Infant Care Center thanks you for your support.

Infant Care Center

BAZAAR



WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of **September**, the WestMark Food Pantry provided food to **1245** individuals.

The shelves are a bit bare. Any help in filling them up again would be greatly appreciated. We can always use peanut butter, applesauce, canned meat and fruits, macaroni and cheese, and cereal.

The partnership we have with St. Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those who might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks. ☺

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Elizabeth Richmond

Come help unload deliveries: every first and third Tuesday, **November 7 and 21**, at **11:30 a.m.** Then on Thursday, **November 16** at **1 p.m.**

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday mornings. If you are interested in helping once-in-awhile but cannot commit to every Monday, let Elizabeth Richmond know. We will add you to the list of volunteers to call when needed. We always can use an extra hand or two.

Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond at 309-697-9720 or the church office, 309-673-8501. T

Wreath CRANBERRY SPLASH CHRISTMAS Spray



\$37

This traditionally festive wreath and spray is made from natural Balsam Fir boughs and is decorated with a generous, 4" wide, fabric bow with gold wired edges. The ornamental trimmings include faux Cranberry sprigs and gold Juniper twigs. Three naturally bronzed Ponderosa Pine cones laced with gold jingle bells set the finishing touches for this addition to your Holiday Décor.



\$23

Wreath Hook EVERGREEN ENHANCING ACCESSORIES



\$1.75

Every wreath needs the **EZ Hanger** to display your wreath or spray in seconds. No Nails. No Hammers. Easy Installation. Use as an over the door hook to hang your towel, robe, and many other items when not in use.

A set of **Dazzling Accent Lights** adds that final touch that makes your wreath or spray stand out from your neighbors. These are battery operated LED Lights, including Pulsating feature and automatic timer, 6 hrs on and 18 hrs off. (Uses 3 AA Batteries) Controller box is small and easy to hide in foliage.



\$3.75

Holly Berry Tree The Candlelit Centerpiece

This living, table top tree is a 'real' holly plant with shimmering, forest green foliage with seasonal red berries and is about 22' in height. The Holly-Berry Tree is accessorized with the trendy burlap container liner accented with the festive bow and jingle bell ornament.



\$27

This seasonal centerpiece is bursting with naturally scented mixed evergreens which stay fresh and moist from the floral foam base. The festive decorations are certain to delight your guests and lend a joyful air to your Holiday Celebrations! It comes with a high quality LED candle, perfectly safe for use, centered in a bed of fresh evergreens - and can be used in a variety of applications throughout the year. (uses 3 AAA batteries (not included), the candles' timer stays lit for 6 hours, turns off, and then turns on again 18 hours later.)

ORDER FORM (cut and return)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

		QTY	Total
Classic Wreath	\$32		
Classic Spray	\$19		
Victorian Wreath	\$22		
Victorian Spray	\$36		
Cranberry Wreath	\$37		
Cranberry Spray	\$23		

		QTY	Total
North Little Tree	\$38		
Holly Berry Tree	\$38		
Candlelit Centerpiece	\$27		
EZ Hanger	\$1.75		
LED Light Set	\$3.75		
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			

IT'S A NOVEMBER ANSWER
KEY FOR PUZZLE ON PAGE 19

1. New Hampshire / 2. Napoleon / 3. Nevada / 4. Nebraska / 5. New York City / 6. Nile / 7. Nero / 8. Nairobi / 9. Nashville / 10. Netherlands / 11. Nazareth / 12. Norway / 13. Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia / 14. Nantucket / 15. didn't give

Spirit of Christmas: an Alternative Gift List

• Give from the heart.

• Simplify shopping.

• Honor a loved one.



Do you know someone that has everything they could ever need or want?

Do you struggle to figure out what to give them for Christmas?

We have the solution for you, and it supports our Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC). Below is a coupon that you can purchase to give a gift to WICC in the honor of that hard-to-shop for person's name.

There are specific items to choose from, like books, or educational toys, to practical items like diaper wipes, or assistance with the cost of transportation. You can also just pick a dollar amount you would like to give and the WICC staff will get what the nursery needs most.

What a great way to honor a family member or a friend that has everything and help WICC at the same time.

You can find additional "Gift Tag Coupons" in the Narthex or contact the church office (673.8501) and more will be mailed out to you.

1) Choose from a list of gift items below.

2) Make a contribution to WICC.

3) Complete both parts of the coupon.

4) Return the smaller stub portion to the church with your check.

5) Give the "Gift Tag" to the person you are buying for.

6) Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond (697-9720)



Gift No. 1
\$5.00
Baby
Wipes

Gift No. 2
\$10.00
Children's
Books

Gift No. 3
\$10.00
Children's
Puzzles

Gift No. 4
\$15.00
Transportation
to/from school
and WICC

Gift No. 5
Any Amount
General donation
to WICC to help
with any need.

Keep this portion and give it to the recipient.

Fill out and return this stub to:

TO:

In your honor I have donated: _____
_____ to the Westminster Infant Care Center.

Merry Christmas!

From: _____

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1420 W. Moss Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606
along with your check.

Gift in honor of: _____

Gift No. _____ Amount \$ _____.

Given From: _____

8 WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY THIS WINTER

A Consumer Report Submitted by Mary Lee

Now that we're heading into the season when colds, flu, stomach bugs, and other infections can run rampant, it's an ideal time to review strategies that can help us stay healthy this winter.

Picking up the germs that cause these infections is as easy as touching a contaminated person or surface and then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. That's something we do an average of 15.7 times an hour, according to a study at University of California, Berkeley.

Frequent hand-washing is the leading expert-recommended infection-prevention strategy. But a few additional steps can also help you stay healthy this winter. Here, a quick rundown of the other strategies everyone should adopt and how to keep your germs to yourself if you do get sick:

1. Use the Right Soap

You can skip the antibacterial stuff - which has ingredients such as triclosan, which was recently banned by the Food and Drug Administration. The agency declared that there's no evidence antibacterial soap eradicates bacteria any better than regular soap, and it may contribute to the rise in antibiotic-resistant superbugs as well as disruptions in hormonal regulation.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends scrubbing with basic soap and water for a full 20 seconds to reduce the number of bacteria or viruses you may have picked up on your hands.

2. Avoid the Handshake

It's becoming more common—and less socially awkward—to skip hand-to-hand contact (and the subsequent germ exchange) during cold and flu season.

"Fist bumps and elbow bumps are replacing the handshake in many settings," says William Schaffner, M.D., professor of preventive medicine and infectious disease at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. "Among my infectious-disease colleagues I see a version of the South Asian 'Namaste,' where we put our hands together at our chests, make eye contact, and give a little bow."

3. Cover Coughs and Sneezes Properly

If you're the one who's spewing germs, one way to keep them to yourself is to sneeze or cough into the crook of your elbow. "When you cough or sneeze, that air comes out with a good degree of force, spreading virus particles to anyone within a 3- to 6-foot range," says Lisa Grohskopf, M.D., a medical officer in the Influenza Division at the CDC.

Sneezing or coughing into your hand will help keep the germs from going airborne, but if you don't wash your hands immediately, you'll spread the germs the minute you touch anything or anyone.

4. Keep Your Distance

Respiratory viruses, like colds and flu, can spread easily through the air. "When someone who's sick exhales, they breathe out microscopic droplets of fluid containing the virus," Schaffner says. "And anyone else within their 'breathing zone' can then breathe in

that infected air."

To stay healthy this winter, put about 6 feet between you and any sick person who is likely to breathe, cough, or sneeze in your direction.

5. Know That Germs Can Linger

Another reason to wash your hands frequently is that surfaces stay germier for longer than you might think. A study from the University of Buffalo found that stuffed toys, books, and cribs at a day care tested positive for bacteria that cause ear infections and strep throat even after the facility had been closed overnight.

And according to the CDC, flu viruses can live on hard surfaces (such as doorknobs or phones) for 2 to 8 hours.

A 2013 article published in the American Journal of Infection Control noted that the bug that causes norovirus—an extremely contagious viral infection that brings diarrhea and vomiting—can survive for up to seven days on a hard, dry surface. It also found that the bacteria that cause MRSA—a type of staph infection—have been found to survive for months. Even cold germs can live for anywhere from two hours to seven days on hard surfaces, and for about two hours on skin.

6. Clean Often-Touched Surfaces

Because those bacteria and viruses stick around on surfaces for hours or even days, cleaning is key. "I recommend an approach called 'targeted hygiene,'" says Elizabeth Scott, Ph.D., co-director of the Simmons Center for Hygiene and Health in Home and Community at Simmons College in Boston, and co-author of the 2013 study. "This means targeting cleaning and disinfection practices when and where there is a risk of infection transmission."

Say, for example, that a coworker or family has a respiratory infection. At the office, it would be wise to regularly (at least daily) wipe down shared workspaces and equipment, such as copy machines that everyone in the office touches. At home, focus on hard surfaces—like doorknobs, faucets, and TV remotes—on which bacteria live the longest.

Just as with hand-washing, you can skip the antibacterial cleaning products. Experts say any household cleaner—or a diluted bleach solution—will do the trick.

7. Get Vaccinated

Although there's no guaranteed protection against influenza, the annual flu vaccine is still your best defense. Experts can't predict the effectiveness of this year's vaccine, but for 2016, getting the shot resulted in a 42 percent lower risk of coming down with the flu.

"And if you do get sick, you may have milder symptoms," Grohskopf says. It takes two weeks after the shot for your immune system to build up the necessary, protective antibodies, so going for your vaccine in the fall—before flu activity ramps up—is ideal.

8. Know When to Stay Home

"At the height of your symptoms, you need to stay home for one or two days in order to not get other people sick," says Aaron E. Glatt, M.D., chairman of the department of medicine at South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside, N.Y.

And while you're home recovering, take precautions to help the rest of the household stay healthy this winter. Don't take charge of the family's food prep while you're sick, and try to hole up in one room as much as possible in order to keep your germs to yourself. T



Every year we decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias at Christmas.

The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.

The poinsettias will be displayed through the Advent season.

You may pick them up after that service. Please, remove only the number of flowers you ordered.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form below.

Make check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church or WPC with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. Bring or mail to the church (1420 W. Moss Ave. Peoria, IL 61606)

The poinsettias are \$15.00 each. T

CHOOSE what happens to your flowers:



- ☐ I will pick up after the Christmas Eve 4 PM service OR
☐ Please give to one of our Homebound Members.

Honor of	Memory of	Name flowers are for:	From (How your name(s) will be listed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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Quantity of Arrangements at

\$15 each equals \$ _____ **Total Due** (check payable to WPC)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Thank you for your donation.

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

-Ephesians 2:14-17



March 20, 2017

Thank you so much for your contribution to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria. With your gift we can continue to provide local disadvantaged youth with the resources they need to succeed in school and in life. Our mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring responsible citizens. At the Clubs' - Great Futures Start Here!

Boys and Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environment in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.

Clubs serve youth ages 6 to 18, providing them with enriching after-school and summer programs in the following areas, that support their future success.

Education & Career Programs: These programs help youth create aspirations for the future, providing opportunities for career exploration and educational enhancement. **Health & Life Skills:** These initiatives develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors that nurture their own well-being, set personal goals and live successfully as self-sufficient adults. **Character & Leadership Programs:** Helping youth become responsible, caring citizens and acquire skills for participating in the democratic process is the main thrust of these programs. They also develop leadership skills and provide opportunities for planning, decision-making, contributing to the Club and community and celebrating our national heritage. **Arts Programs:** Programs in this core area enable youth to develop their creativity and cultural awareness through knowledge and appreciation of the visual arts, crafts, performing arts and creative writing. **Sports, Fitness & Recreation:** These Club programs help develop fitness, a positive use of leisure time, reduction of stress, appreciation for the environment and social and interpersonal skills. **Backpack and Food Programs:** The Clubs provide children with health out-of-school time meals and snacks, supporting education and enrichment programs that keep children learning, engaged and safe. For many youth, these are the only nutritious meals they will have on a normal day.

Generous donations, such as yours, allow the clubs to provide the life enhancing guidance and programs that help children transform themselves, our community and America for the better. We are most grateful for your donation that helps us, help kids. Warmest regards, Lesley Matuszak, Chief Professional Officer T

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session	Brian Hakes Class of 2018
Christian Education	Bonnie Jackson Class of 2019
Church Life	Dorothy Crozier Class of 2019
Finance	Gary Leonard Class of 2019
Membership	Carol Carlson Class of 2017
Missions/Outreach	Jan Leonard Class of 2019
Personnel	
Properties	Don Bell Class of 2018
Worship	Suellen Kirkwood Class of 2017

**SESSION MEETS ON THE
SECOND TUESDAY, MONTHLY,
6:30 PM, IN THE PARLOR!**

WORSHIP

Celebrating God as a church family.

10 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

4 p.m. Sunday Jazz Vespers Service

CONNECT

Engaging as a Follower of Christ

Men's Coffee Fellowship: weekly, Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m.

Circle of Friends: monthly, September - May, 9 a.m.

DEVELOP

Growing as a Follower of Christ

Bible Study: monthly, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.

SERVE

Honoring God by Serving Others

- MAKE items for the bazaar (see pg. 3)
- SHOP for missions (The Giving Tree, Wreath Fundraiser, food for the WM Food Pantry)
- VOLUNTEER to serve (run sound, usher, host coffee hour, help at food pantry)
- PLEDGE to the church

PRAY

Humble Yourself before God

- Pray for WPC, our elders, deacons, and for our home bound members (Wanda T., Shirley K., Helen H., Dorothy M., Hettie B., Florence W., Marge S., Marilyn H.)
- Those we serve through the food pantry and the Infant Care Center.
- Pray for needs of our family, friends, and loved ones. Dave, Ron, Lynne, Erika, Barbara, Brian, Jim, Jan, Charles, Jim, Anne, Laura, Eric, Elizabeth, Nelda, Bill, Jack, Charles, Dorothy, Linda, Marilyn, Bruce, Julie, Jan, Eunice, Joan, Renny, Joe, Keith, Zoe, Brad, Jane, Tom, Julia, Sylvia, Carolyn Diana. T

DEACONS

Moderator	Jeanie Olson Class of 2019
Anna Bussian	Class of 2017
Sue Burnham	Class of 2017
Mary Dill	Class of 2018
Kim Mitchell	Class of 2019
Alice Nash	Class of 2019
Edna Nugent	Class of 2019
Phyllis Rafferty	Class of 2017
Marge Willadsen.....	Class of 2017

November Birthdays

8 Arthur Schlesinger
11 Tippy Short
14 Kairi Grant
14 Brion Kupper
16 Rachel Seelye

November Birthdays

18 Laura Van Riper
27 Rosemary McCurdy
27 Betty Jean Oaks
28 Tim Cullen
30 Gregory Neubert
29 Lauren Hicks

November Anniversaries

11 Linda & Brooks McDaniel
15 Stacey & James Neubert
20 Luanne & Donald Shay
24 Joyce & Brian Hakes
26 Glennis & William Brunner

October 2017						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE WITH 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	6 9a WestMark Food Pantry Open	7 ELECTION DAY <i>Vote</i> 6a Polls open at WPC 9a Circle of Friends 11a Food Pantry	1 7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship 10a Staff Meeting	2 6:15p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	3 	4 9am Fall Church Grounds Clean-up
10a Coffee Hour 					10 VETERAN'S DAY 	11 RAIN DATE 9am Fall Church Grounds Clean-up
FALL BACK 1 HR.					CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
12 PLEDGE SUNDAY 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	13 9a WestMark Food Pantry Open	14 4:30p WICC Meeting 6:30pm Session Mtg <i>Reports due by noon for copying.</i>	15 7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship 10a Staff Meeting 12p Finance Meeting	16 WINDOW DEADLINE 1p Food Pantry Delivery 6:15p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	17 	18
19 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 11a Make It - Take It Bazaar 4p Jazz Vespers	20 9a WestMark Food Pantry Open	21 11:30a Food Pantry Delivery	22 WICC Closed 7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship 10a Staff Meeting	23 THANKSGIVING DAY Nothing Scheduled. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! 	24 	25
26 CHRIST THE KING COMMUNION 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 11:30a Hanging of the Greens 4p Jazz Vespers	27 9a WestMark Food Pantry Open	28 Pastor will be out of the office. COM (Committee on Missions Mtg)	29 7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship 10a Staff Meeting	30 1:30p Lectionary B. Study 6:15p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	Dec. 1 	Dec. 2
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AUTUMN IS HERE AND SO IS THE TIME WE FALL BACK NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Mary Lee

Set your clocks back one hour and enjoy some extra sleep or use that time to do your semi-annual chores. It's easy to forget regular home maintenance checks. But make them a part of your time-changing routine, and you can help protect your family and house from a host of preventable problems. Here are a few tips of things to check around your home while you're switching your clocks and smoke alarm batteries.

A SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

- ☐ Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Then test each detector according to the maker's instructions.
- ☐ Replace batteries in your flashlights. The last thing you want if the power goes out is a dead flashlight. Also, do this for any weather alert radios you may have.
- ☐ Flip the mattresses in the Fall and Spin/Flip the mattresses in the Spring.
- ☐ Give light fixtures some attention. Remove light globes and clean them to remove dust and bugs. Also consider replacing incandescent bulbs with more energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights (CFLs).
- ☐ Close off unused rooms. It could help save money on heating costs during winter and air conditioning costs in the summer. Energy.gov suggests keeping the rooms at least 55 degrees F, though, to prevent any pipes from freezing.
- ☐ Check your meds. Get rid of expired medicines — but before you throw them in the trash, research safe, responsible disposal methods for each medication. Restock basic over-the-counter items like cough syrups, decongestants, antihistamines, and fever and pain reducers.
- ☐ Whip appliances into shape. Get the best performance from your kitchen appliances by cleaning them according to the manufacturer's directions. Spot problems by using inexpensive oven and fridge/freezer thermometers to check temps.
- ☐ Check your pantry for any expired foods.
- ☐ Clean out your dryer duct for any lint that has accumulated.
- ☐ Change the baking soda in the refrigerator and freezer.
- ☐ Change your water filters.

- ☐ Check your furnace filter. Energy.gov states that a clogged air filter can restrict airflow and increase energy consumption between 5 and 15 percent. Depending on the type of filter your furnace uses, clean or replace it now — and at least one to three months thereafter.
- ☐ Reprogram your thermostat. Be sure to change it from summer to winter settings before you turn the heat on, and vice versa.

And, since it is Fall, add these to your chores list:

- ☐ Remove debris from gutters and downspouts.
- ☐ Have your chimney inspected and cleaned.
- ☐ Check for cracks in doors and windows. Use caulk or insulation stripping to seal any gaps you find.
- ☐ Drain your garden hoses and store them away.
- ☐ Check the expiration date on your fire extinguishers. If it's past its time, research the proper way to dispose of it and pick a new one up pronto.
- ☐ If you have a programmable home security system (say, the motion detectors are only on while you're at work) make sure you not only update the time, but check your programs to make sure they're still applicable as we head towards warmer weather.
- ☐ Lastly, double-check your door locks. The winter weather may have taken a toll on them, causing the locking mechanisms to jam up, handles to become loose, or keys to corrode or rust. While you're outside, check your exterior lights and replace any bulbs that are dimming or have burned out.

Follow this list and you'll not only make sure your home and family are safe and sound, but you'll be just a few steps closer to being prepared for that long-awaited spring and summer weather. And, don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. T

MAKE IT - TAKE IT



Sunday, November 19

Following the Morning Worship



Greek icon of saints and angels around Christ's throne (c. 1700).

ALL SAINTS' SERVICE - NOVEMBER 5, 10 AM

Presbyterian Mission

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs. T

The Faithful of Every Generation

An excerpt from the [*Companion to the Book of Common Worship*](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year. T

*Join us Sunday, November 5, at the 10 a.m. service,
where we will remember those who have gone on to the Church Triumphant.*

Alicia Verhake



1930 - 2016

Gilbert 'Doc'
Hammond



1919 - 2017

Nancy Lindsey



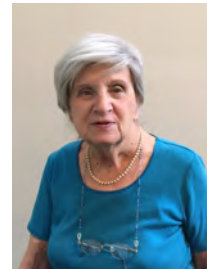
1925 - 2017

Margaret Sommerfield



1921 - 2017

Doris Streibich



1930 - 2016



SESSION NOTES

From the October 10 Meeting



Respectfully,
Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session

- ◆ Received thank you letters for our mission giving from :
Common Place
Boys and Girls Clubs
Lutheran Social Services
South Side Missions
- ◆ \$8,325 has been received for hurricane and storm disasters and it will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief mission.
- ◆ The theme for the 2018 Stewardship campaign is "Enabling Miracles."
- ◆ Once the Scott Trade merger with Ameritrade is complete, the church will open an account with Ameritrade so members can gift stock to the church through Ameritrade.
- ◆ The food pantry served 1,245 people in September.
- ◆ There are 4 children presently enrolled in WICC with 3 more expected.
- ◆ Steve Sager has been hired as the new church custodian.
- ◆ Kindermusik will be using the chapel Wednesday mornings for 2 hours, Thursday evenings for 2 hours and Friday evenings for 2 hours. The fee for the space is \$15/hr.
- ◆ Dave Carlson will begin the resurfacing of the Fellowship Hall floor in the next few weeks. T

REMINDER OF COMING IBEN EVENTS

Tom Clark-Jones

In no time it will be December and the Advent Season which prepares us for the Christmas celebration. There are two events in the Iben Series scheduled for December. The first is on December 10 at four in the afternoon when we gather for our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols led by the Westminster Choir and Hand Bell Choir. Wonderful bell music, beautiful choral carols from the choir and the singing of the great traditional carols of Christmas by the congregation make this a perennial favorite, not just at Westminster, but around the English speaking world. Following the Festival we will again have a festive Christmas dinner in the Parish House. Information about the reservation process for the dinner will be in forthcoming Sunday service leaflets and on line.

Then, the next week, we will look toward a more contemporary Christmas celebration with an event that is becoming a new tradition at Westminster ... "A Jazz Christmas" featuring David Hoffman and his friends from the Central Illinois Jazz community. The program will feature traditional Christmas music, some original

compositions by David along with some contemporary poetry of the season and, of course, the reading of the Nativity Narrative from the Scriptures.

Set these two dates aside now and plan to attend. Music is just a natural part of Christmas, and you won't want to miss these outstanding programs. Also, don't forget that the Sunday following the Jazz Christmas will be Christmas Eve. Once again our Christmas Eve service will be at four o'clock, giving everyone time to get home and have a Christmas Eve meal with family and friends and enjoy this holiday, which is as much a cultural celebration as a wonderful religious holiday celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. T

IT'S 'N' OVEMBER

Can you name the answers to these geography questions where all answers begin with 'N'?

1. Its capital is Concord.
2. The tomb of this former resident of the isle of Elba is located in Paris.
3. It is bordered by California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona and Idaho.
4. The origin of this state's name derives from an Oto Indian word meaning flat water.
5. It is the most densely populated city in the United States.
6. At 4,180 miles, it is generally regarded as the world's longest river.
7. This notorious Roman emperor ruled in Rome during the lifetime of the apostle Paul.
8. It is the capital and largest city of Kenya in Africa.
9. It is called the country music capital of America.
10. It used to be Holland.
11. Jesus lived here as a boy.
12. This country is famous for its fjords.
13. These provinces are in eastern Canada.
14. This Massachusetts island used to be a whaling center.
15. The words "code talkers" are strongly associated with this Native American nation, and the bilingual speakers who were specially recruited during World War II to send tactical messages. T

Answers are found on page 11.



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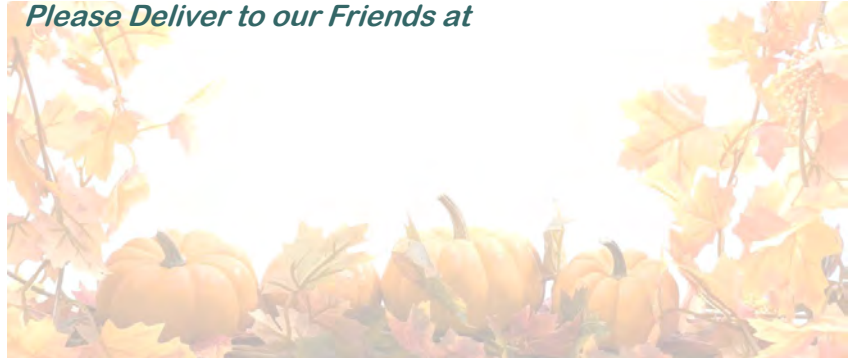
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Friday, **November 24**,
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