

**JANUARY  
2018**

*The Westminster*  
**WINDOW**

**Issue 1  
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Sunday Service Times: 10 AM Worship and 4 PM Jazz Vespers

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY  
READINGS FOR JANUARY**

**01/06 - Epiphany of the Lord**

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

**01/07 - Baptism of the Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**01/14 - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

**01/21 - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

**01/28 - 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

**JANUARY LECTIONARY  
BIBLE STUDY - 1:30 PM  
2nd & 4th THURSDAYS**

Join us on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons as Pastor Denise guides us through the scriptures for the following Sunday. (This usually follows the Lectionary readings in the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.) Scriptures for the following month are also listed above, month to month. This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship while growing deeper in the Word. The study begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Questions? Contact Marilyn Luman.

**January Meetings are  
January 11 & 25.**

**CONGREGATIONAL  
LUNCH <sup>A</sup><sub>N</sub><sub>D</sub> MEETING**

**SUNDAY | JANUARY 28 | 11 AM**

Following worship we will gather in the Fellowship Hall in the William R. O'Neill Parish House for our Annual Congregational Lunch. After the lunch we will review the 2017 Annual Report, the 2018 Budget, and the Terms of Call of the Pastor.

To help us to better plan the meal, please RSVP in the Narthex or by calling the church office (673-8501).



Not to dismiss the *Peoria Journal Star*, which I read, I also subscribe to the *New York Times*. The *Journal Star* does not cover much international news. Reading the *Times* every day, there are usually more articles about Middle East conflict than any other region in the international news section. The Presidential decree that the United States government will now recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel has fanned the flames of resentment toward Israel. When Israel was formed after World War II, Jerusalem was to be a holy city shared by Jews, Christians and Muslims, each of which revere sites in the city.

In the past few months our scripture readings from the Old Testament have had as their historical background, conflicts in that region also. Some people believe that all the instability in that region began in 1947,

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## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

*Anna Bussian*

Circle of Friends will not meet in the month of January. We will begin our meetings again on February 6, at 9 a.m. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter and the weekly bulletin. If you haven't signed up to host a month, please get in touch with Anna Bussian, who has the available months yet to be filled. ❄

## 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. ❄

## ATTENTION, SNOWBIRDS

*Mary Lee*

Do we know how to reach you? Please make sure you alert the church office of the date when you change addresses and when you may be returning. Also, did you know that while you're away enjoying life in the sun, you can still stay up-to-date here with your Westminster family. When you go to our website: (WestminsterPeoria.org), you can read the weekly sermon as well as see the weekly bulletin and announcements. You can read the monthly newsletter, *The Window*, and also check out the church calendar of events.

## MEMBER CELEBRATION

On January 21, 2018, at the 10 a.m. service, Westminster Presbyterian Church will honor all who have been members of our church for 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 55, 65, 70, and 75 years. These members received letters of invitation to the service and will be celebrated for their membership, serving, prayers, and support of our church.

Please join us following the service for a special coffee hour where each member will receive a small gift.

Members being recognized are:

15 Years	Bill Allen, Charles Allen, Jack Allen, Tim Ashton, Jessica (Bell) Rumfelt
20 Years	Elizabeth Alt
25 Years	Peggy Bragg, Stephen Mitchell
30 Years	Carol Borders
40 Years	Bruce Andrews, Lynn Hedden
45 Years	Bill Rafferty, Phyllis Rafferty
50 Years	Richard (Dick) Helfrich, Norma Helfrich, Jerrie Ruck, Bernard Hofreiter,
55 Years	Brian Slutz, Helen Lagoda
65 Years	Byron DeHaan
70 Years	Mary Dill
75 Years	Marilyn Heubach

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## *Modern Palestine . . . .* *Continued from cover*

when the nation of Israel was formed as a Jewish homeland. But conflicts have raged in the Middle East for 3,000 years of recorded history.

Dr. John Nixon, who visited the area now referred to as Palestine, will offer a presentation on his travels there on January 21 in the Fellowship Hall after our morning worship service. Many of you will remember Dr. Nixon as one of the two presenters for our seminar on Islam in the fall of 2016.

Going further into the issues facing reconciliation efforts between Israel and her Arab neighbors, Dr. Michael Gizzi from Illinois State University will be here at 11:15 Sunday, Feb. 4, to give a talk on Arab-Israeli peace initiatives. In 2014, the Presbytery of Great Rivers established a Visioning Council to promote Presbyterian, Jewish, and, Muslim dialogue in communities throughout the presbytery. Dr. Gizzi is the moderator of the Council, which has co-sponsored events with inter-faith partners, brought speakers in to address issues of mutual concern, and develop service projects bringing people together across faith lines and developed service projects bringing people together across faith lines.

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE**

*Jan Leonard*

One of the missions that Westminster contributes to is Neighborhood House. Located on Matthew Street on Peoria's south side, Neighborhood House has been in existence for 120 years. During that time multiple generations have ensured its success by sharing their gifts: financial support, volunteering, or providing expertise in certain areas.

Neighborhood House offers several ongoing programs and services, including: 1) Meals on Wheels, 2) childcare, 3) a food, formula and diaper pantry, 4) summer meals, 5) Sunday meals, 6) snack packs for children, a toy shop, and 7) Santa for Seniors. In addition there are many special events throughout the year to help with fundraising – Tee off Fore Charity Golf Outing, a charity soccer tournament, Rockin' the House dance competition, a 5K run and fun run, and a culinary competition. 744 volunteers donated their time and talents in 2016 for 4,750 hours of service.

There are multiple opportunities to volunteer at Neighborhood House. For more information about Neighborhood House, please go to:

<http://www.nhpeoria.org/> or call 674-1131. ❄

## **WICC THANKS YOU!**

*Elizabeth Richmond & the WICC Board*

Thank you from Westminster Infant Care Center for all of your support this last year. Whether you donated items for the Moss Avenue sale, got baked goods from Make It-Take It, ordered a wreath, got the Hard-to-Shop-for person a WICC Coupon, purchased a Christmas gift for one of our teens or little ones or kept us in your prayers throughout the year, ***We Say, Thank You! Thank you for your support!*** ❄

## **WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY**

*Elizabeth Richmond*

During the month of **November** the WestMark Food Pantry was open three (3) Mondays and provided food to **1806** 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, cereal. **Our highlighted items for the month of January are paper items, paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers of all sizes.**

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, **January 2 & 16, at 11:30 a.m.** Then on Thursday, **January 11, at 1 p.m.** The fourth Thursday is our larger delivery of the month, **January 25, at 11 a.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. ❄

## **THANK YOU SANTA'S HELPERS!**

*Elizabeth Richmond*

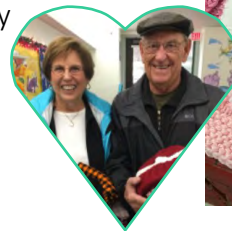
The children and youth of both Westminster Infant Care Center and Common Place had wonderful gifts thanks to the caring members of Westminster. ❄



## PROVIDING WARMTH FOR WINTER

**WICC Staff**

The Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) children and parents received hats, scarves, blankets, and sweaters which were handknitted by Joe and Char Rickey, the parents of Valerie Sager, WICC Director. This is the seventh year they have provided these warm and beautiful heartfelt gifts for the WICC parents and children. Thank you for your generosity!



## POINSETTIA DONATIONS

**Mary Lee**



As in years past, the congregation was invited to honor or remember loved ones this Christmas with a donation of a poinsettia while also helping with the decorating of the sanctuary and various places throughout the church during this Advent Season. This year we were able to provide seven poinsettias to some of our homebound members. Thank you for the 2017 Christmas Poinsettia donations.

### **Peggy Bragg**

*In loving memory of Norm Bragg*

### **Peggy Carter**

*In loving memory of Brian Carter & Carol Carter*

### **Sandra Gebhardt**

*In loving memory of her son, Ted Gebhardt and Forster Herman*

### **Dick & Norma Helfrich**

*In honor of our children: Karen, Lisa, & Steven*

### **Susan & Roger Leighty**

*In loving memory of the family members who have passed away.*

### **Marilyn Luman & sons, David & Douglas**

*In loving memory of Roger Luman*

### **Marilyn Luman**

*In loving memory of her parents, Carl & Edna Roethe*

### **Alice Nash**

*In loving memory of husband, Arlo, and our parents*

### **Karen, Lisa, Steve Pratt**

*In loving honor of Richard & Norma Helfrich*

### **Frank Streibich & Marlee, Amy, & Matt**

*In loving memory of Doris Streibich*



## 2017 FLOWER DONATIONS

**Mary Lee**

The 2018 Flower Schedule has been placed in the Narthex. If you would like to give flowers that will decorate the sanctuary for a Sunday service, we use one arrangement each week, please sign up for the Sunday of your choice. Flowers are usually given in memory of or/and in thanksgiving for loved ones or to commemorate special occasions in our lives. We ask that you sign up on the

flower schedule at least one week in advance so your name will appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin.

Westminster would like to thank everyone who donated flowers in 2017 for our Sunday worship services. As always, the Worship Team is thankful for the many ways in which friends and family of the Westminster congregation contribute to meaningful worship throughout the church year.

January	Dan Callahan	Marge Willadsen
March	Dorothy Crozier	Abbie Alexander
April	OLLI Dan Callahan	Hettie Beers Peggy Carter
May	Kent Nyblin & Dan Callahan	
June	Dick & Norma Helfrich Dorothy Crozier	
August	Dan Callahan	
Sept.	Bettye Thompson	
October	Don Axt, OLLI, Anna Bussian, & Horst Prohaska	
Nov.	The Willadsen Family Brian & Joyce Hakes	



Also, thank you to anyone that we may have overlooked. Please contact the office at 309.673.8501 or email us at [wpc@westminsterpeoria.org](mailto:wpc@westminsterpeoria.org) to let us know, so we can update our information sheet.



## CHURCH LIFE NEWS

Jill Bell

Do we I don't know if everyone knows yet that Dorothy Crozier had to step down as Church Life Elder because of family commitments. I personally want to thank her for all of her hard work that she has put into all of the meals and special events that required a lot of preparation on her part. I am sorry we lost her and all of that marvelous food she brought to the table, literally! So, that being said, Joyce Hakes and I are back in the saddle for the next year. We know we can't compare to Dorothy's cuisine choices and preparations, but we will still try to make wonderful meals for all of you.

I also want to say a quick thank you to everyone that came to my rescue when we had to plan a large luncheon for Helen Healy's funeral. Marilyn Luman was a trooper considering she was there the whole day! Carol Boarders and her sister Merriam set tables, Alice Nash and Marge Willadsen came later and helped in the kitchen. Thank you so much!!

Lessons and Carols, where do I start?! There are so many people that helped with that meal. I probably won't remember everyone that helped and if I leave you out please forgive me but my mind was a bit muddled at the time. First I have to mention Joyce Hakes and Carole Carlson for making all of the table decorations. People helped prepare for the evening by doing many different jobs and those people are: Carol Boarders, Marge Willadsen, Alice Nash, Marilyn Luman, Linda and Alan Kupper, Carole and Alan Willadsen, Hannah Willadsen, Wanda Grimes, Sue and Jim Burnham, Bonnie Jackson, Denise Clark-Jones, and numerous others that helped clear tables that evening. Thanks too, to Dan Callahan for last minute sprucing up of fellowship hall because we lacked a Christmas tree. And last but by no mean least, my saving grace Pat Wagner! Pat is kind enough to call people to volunteer because I just don't have time to do that. I am forever grateful!! Thank you again everyone!!

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and please try and make it to the Congregational Meal, your church needs you!!

Thank you again. Jill Bell



## SESSION NOTES

From the December 12 Meeting

Respectfully,  
Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session



The church received a thank you note from Neighborhood House for our gift of \$250.

Approved a letter of transfer for Steve and Ann Trower to Stanwood United Methodist Church in Stanwood, Washington.

Rev. Clark Jones continues to meet with the Peoria Clergy Racial Reconciliation group.

The food pantry served 1,806 people in November.

WICC has outsourced book keeping functions to Ramsey and Associates.

WICC received \$480 from the Bergner's Community Days coupon book sales.

Over \$600 was raised for WICC from the Make It-Take It sale.

Commercial Grounds Maintenance (CGM) is contracted for snow removal for church parking lots.

Exhaust filters for the hoods over the stoves in the kitchen have been ordered. The expense is \$530. The insurance company suggested this modification to us to bring us up to code.

Peoria Public Schools is interested in expanding the Wrap Around after school program and is evaluating the Parish House as a potential site.

The Session voted to remove from the rolls:

Janet Avendano, John Avendano, Michael Avendano, Sara Booth, Holly Panetta, David Byrkit, Sharon Byrkit, Rick Burns, Debbie Burns, Brion Kupper, John McLean and Cindy McLean.

Member recognition is during the January 21, 2018, Worship service.

### *Modern Palestine . . . .*

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Dr. Gizzi, an elder at First Presbyterian Church of Normal, Ill. Has stated that the purpose of the Visioning Council is "to help equip our churches to understand the complex dynamics of the Middle East conflict, providing educational materials aimed to inform, but not indoctrinate."

Dr. Gizzi is the co-author R. Craig Curtis of Bradley University. of a recently published book entitled: The Fourth Amendment in Flux: The Roberts Court, Crime Control, and Digital Privacy.

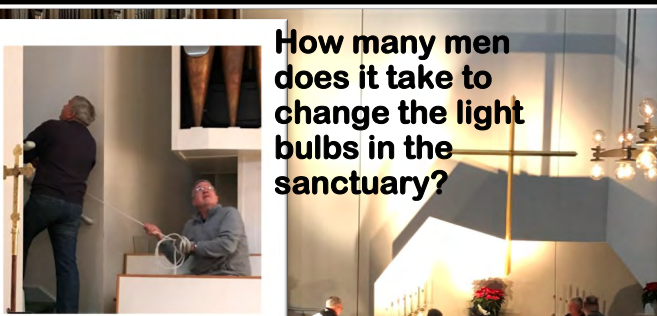
I hope you will take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to learn more about the region called Palestine. After morning worship, grab some coffee and snacks at the Coffee

# Setting Text to Music THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE

Mary Lee



Oh what a wonderful day Westminster had on December 14, 2017, at 10 a.m. Planning started weeks in advance coordinating the special event with the Fine Arts Society and the Peoria Symphony. It's the first one the two organization's have held together and what a huge success! Over 275 people attended and there was standing room only. This concert was the World Premiere an this original composition by Dr. John Orfe, with narration by Lee Wenger. Every-one gave high reviews of the event while enjoying refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars now for a repeat performance in the spring! You won't want to miss it a second time. Thank you to those who stayed after to help put away tables. Steve did an awesome job setting up to accommodate all those who stayed for refreshments.

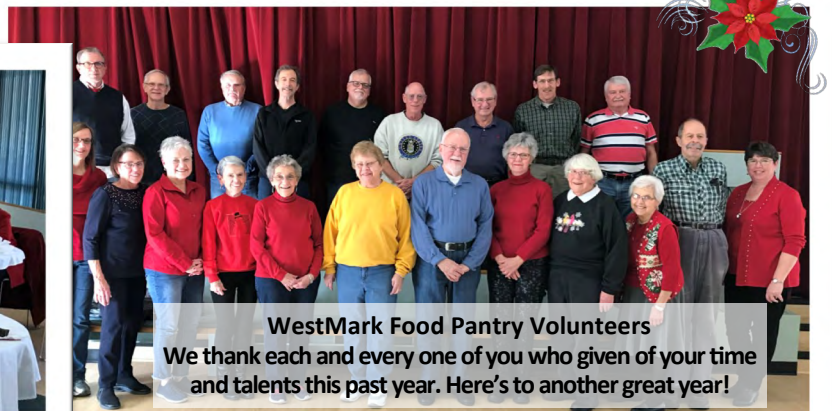


How many men  
does it take to  
change the light  
bulbs in the  
sanctuary?



A LOT!

WestMark Food Pantry Christmas Party.  
Lot's of fun! Excellent food from Basta, E. Peoria!  
Great door prizes! Thank you Elizabeth for  
putting together a great meal.



WestMark Food Pantry Volunteers  
We thank each and every one of you who given of your time  
and talents this past year. Here's to another great year!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> WICC Winter Break	<b>1</b> Church Office Closed WestMark Food Pantry Closed WICC Winter Break	<b>2</b> NO Circle of Friends WICC Winter Break <b>11:30 AM</b> Food Pantry Delivery	<b>3</b> WICC Winter Break <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Coffee Fellowship <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Moss Bradley Res. Assoc. Mtg	<b>4</b> WICC Winter Break <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>5</b> WICC Winter Break	<b>6</b> WICC Winter Break
<b>7</b> Epiphany / Communion Sunday NO Jazz Vespers WICC Winter Break <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Coffee Hour	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> WICC Returns <b>9:00 AM</b> WestMark Food Pantry <b>12:00 PM</b> Annual Report Deadline	<b>9</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> WICC Meeting <b>6:30 PM</b> Session Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Coffee Fellowship <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Food Delivery <b>1:30 PM</b> Lectionary Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>12</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> WINDOW DEADLINE	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>4:00 PM</b> Jazz Vespers Resumes	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day <b>9:00 AM</b> WestMark Food Pantry	<b>16</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Food Delivery <b>6:00 PM</b> Lockdown COP Training	<b>17</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Coffee Fellowship <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting <b>12:00 PM</b> Finance Mtg	<b>18</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Member Recognition Sunday <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Special Coffee Hour <b>4:00 PM</b> Jazz Vespers	<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> WestMark Food Pantry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Coffee Fellowship <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Mtg	<b>25</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Food Pantry Delivery <b>1:30 PM</b> Lectionary Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>26</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Window Mailing	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>1:00 AM</b> Coffee Hour <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Congregational Lunch <b>11:30 AM</b> Annual Congregational Meeting <b>4:00 PM</b> Jazz Vespers	<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> WestMark Food Pantry	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> WICC Half Day <b>7:30 AM</b> Men's Coffee Fellowship <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Meeting	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

## WRAPPED IN GOD'S LOVE (WIGL)

Marilyn Luman

This is a mission to make comfort covers for anyone who needs the warmth of comfort. Our supply of knitted and crochet items is down to a very few. With the bad weather during the winter months, please consider making a prayer shawl to give. These are made by anyone and handed out by our pastor and deacons when they are needed by our members to show that "we care." If you have any questions, call Marilyn or go online to get pattern ideas.

### DO YOU HAVE EXTRAS?

If you receive more calendars than you know what to do with, then we have your solution. Our food pantry participants request calendars, as many do not receive any and need one for the new year. Please bring your extra calendars to the church and place them in the green tubs in the Narthex. We can put them to good use.

### 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE

Your 2018 offering envelopes are available for you to pick up in the Narthex. If you did not request offering envelopes but you would like to have them, you will find them located in the Narthex. If there are none left, please contact Denise Wirth, Financial Secretary, at the church office. Her direct line is 309-439-9740, or email her at [financesecy@westminsterpeoria.org](mailto:financesecy@westminsterpeoria.org). We have more in the office. Denise is available to take your calls Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you.

**SUDOKU** Directions: Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must have one of each digit, as must every column and every 3x3 square. Try not to look at the solution found on page 10.

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## THE MEANING OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. It gets its name from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning "to appear, to show or to manifest." The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter. Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the coming of the Magi to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by non-Jews. The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus - a truth that justifies his perfection as the model of real life. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity, which are all characteristics of the Epiphany emphasis.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Sarah Flannery  
5 Helen Lagoda  
5 Linda McDaniel  
6 Marilyn Walker  
6 Brian Hakes  
6 Stephen Mitchell  
7 Nancy Lindsey  
8 Peggy Bragg  
8 Holly Panetta  
10 Cameron Randle  
11 Jake Fisher  
17 Gary Leonard  
20 Ann Stinnett  
21 Gary Dutro  
21 Roger Leighty  
29 Carole Willadsen  
30 Sam Willadsen  
31 JoAnne Gibson

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

There are no anniversaries in January.



## SAVE THE DATE

Submitted by the Fine Arts  
Society of Peoria

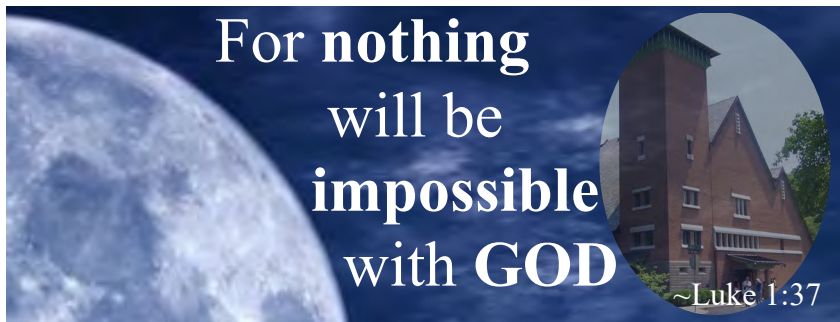
Tuesday, January 16, 2018  
at 7 PM. A special evening  
documentary at the Peoria  
Riverfront Museum. A jazz  
documentary on the giant screen theater presented by the Peoria  
Fine Arts Society. R rating, Admission \$10, Students Free.

Visit <http://www.fineartssociety.net> or contact 309-686-6886 for  
more details ❄



## 2018 STEWARDSHIP - "ENABLING MIRACLES"

Gary Leonard



"Thank you" once again to all members and friends of Westminster who either presented their 2018 pledge commitments at the morning worship service on Stewardship Sunday, November 12, or otherwise mailed/submitted their pledge to the church. I am heartened by the pledges that have been received to date. **With just a few more commitments, I'm confident that we will exceed**

**the amount that was pledged for 2017!** So, if you have not yet submitted your pledge, we encourage you to do so. You may mail it to the church or place it into the offering plate on any Sunday. If you do not have a pledge card, you may use the form below. There should also be pledge cards available in the pews.

## A FACEBOOK MOMENT



## 2018 Pledge Commitment to Westminster Presbyterian Church

*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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Please mail to the church or place into the offering plate at any worship service.

## WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session .....	Brian Hakes Class of 2018
Christian Education.....	Bonnie Jackson Class of 2019
Church Life .....	
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!**

## 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

## HUNGRY BULLETIN

Ashley Foster

According to Marlysa Gamblin and Margot Nitschke, co-authors of the article "Getting to Zero Hunger by 2030," putting an end to hunger here in the United States is within our grasp. In order to eliminate hunger completely, we must be able to identify the people who are the most likely to be hungry. There are a number of different groups of people who are more likely to be hungry than others. Military veterans are one of these groups. More than 1.4 million veterans are living at poverty level. Adults who have disabilities are twice as likely to live with poverty and hunger than those who do not have disabilities. Older Americans, women, and children have higher risks of hunger than men and younger Americans. One of the biggest obstacles to achieving zero hunger is that there is racial inequality in the high hunger and poverty rates among communities of color. For example, schools that are 90% white spend \$773 more per student than schools that are 90% minority. This definitely needs to change. We need to work together to tackle these inequalities in communities, work places and schools.

## SUDOKU

Answer Key for page 8

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8	7	6	4	3	2	9	5	1
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2	9	1	8	6	5	3	4	7
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## WORSHIP

**Celebrating God as a church family.**

10 a.m. Sunday Morning  
Jazz Vespers resumes 1/14/18

## 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**

- HELP with the Congregational Luncheon. Saturday morning set-up. Sunday dishes and clean-up. (cover)
- HOST Circle of Friends for a month. (pg.2)
- DONATE food for the West-Mark Food Pantry (pg.3)
- FILL IN on occasion when the food pantry needs help.
- VOLUNTEER to serve (run sound, usher, host coffee hour)
- PLEDGE to the church ❄

## PRAY

**Humble Yourself before God**

- Pray for WPC, our elders, deacons, and for our homebound 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: Brooks M., Janet, Marcy M., Jack A., Charles A., Dorothy C., John G., Dave H., Julie H., Renny, Ron, Lynne, Erika, Barbara, Brian H., Jim C., Jan Z. Jim Z. Anne, Laura, Eric, Elizabeth S., Linda, Marilyn W., Julie, Bruce A., Jan A., Eunice S., Joan R., Joe, Keith, Zoe, Brad B., Jane C., Tom, Sylvia, Carolyn, Diana ❄

# JANUARY SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR
7 Sun AM	Kim Mitchell Horst Prohaska Alice Nash Suellen Kirkwood	Dick Helfrich	Chris Hovey	Jim Burnham	Kim Mitchell	Don & Jill Bell
14 Sun AM	Alan Kupper Linda Kupper Gary Dutro Marge Willadsen	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Peggy Bragg	Alan Kupper	Don & Jill Bell
14 Sun Jazz	Brooks McDaniel Linda McDaniel	Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Willadsen	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
21 Sun AM	Jeff Case Diane Case Laura Van Riper	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Carol Carlson	Laura Van Riper	Don & Jill Bell
21 Sun Jazz	Conrad Stinnett Alice Nash	Suellen Kirkwood	Chris Hovey	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood	
28 Sun AM	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Dan Callahan Janet Kelley	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Conrad Stinnett	Janet Kelley	Carole & Hannah Willadsen
28 Sun Jazz	John Jackson Bonnie Jackson	Suellen Kirkwood	Don Bell	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

SUNDAY | JANUARY 7 | 10 AM

Bread Suellen Kirkwood

Wine Pastor Denise

Bread Jeff Case


Wine Diane Case

Traveler Brian Hakes



Ministry Elders: Coffee Hour - Jill Bell / Worship - Suellen Kirkwood



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10 AM Traditional Worship

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*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, New Year's Day  
and Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**