

**AUGUST
2018**

The Westminster
WINDOW

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Sunday Service Time: 10 AM Worship



**SING! Choir
Camp 2018**



An awesome year!



**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY
READINGS FOR AUGUST**

8/5 - 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 5:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6: 24-35

8/12 - 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

**8/19 - 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTE-
COST**
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 5:51-58

8/26 - 14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43;
Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

THANK YOU!

A special "Thank You" to John Jackson... Man of STIHL... Weed Wacker... Sprout Slayer... Bush Bane... and the Herb Hammer. We appreciate all your hard work in attacking the weeds and helping to make Westminster a beautiful campus.

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

Westminster Children's Choir Camp: A Mission of Peace and Hospitality and a Thank-You Note to All Who Served

Westminster's Children's Choir Camp is a mission of the church. The camp began in June of 2015, so we have four camps under our belt now. Each year the attendance and the diversity grow, which was one of my original goals.

When I arrived in Peoria I noticed immediately that Peoria is particularly segregated. It has been my vision to try to bring children together from diverse backgrounds to engage in music education and performance. I noticed that few of the summer camps offered by the school system and the Parks and Recreation department involved the fine arts. Regardless of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, all children can sing, and music is a great bonding experience. This seemed to be a community outreach program made for Westminster. Coming to Westminster in August of 2014, I quickly learned that this congregation has a unique passion for local mission and the arts.

As another part of that vision, Westminster has been having a Jazz Vespers service at 4 pm from September to May. I picked the Jazz genre because it started in this country, which was once "The Great Melting Pot" of the world. Jazz Music is a melding of many cultures and its appeal reaches across different ethnic and age groups.

From the beginning of planning for the camp, Tom, our organist and choir-master, teamed up with Sharon Samuels Reed, Director of the Heritage Ensemble and the Heritage Youth Ensemble. Her choral group is also a mission. Her motto for the group is "Tearing Down Walls and Building Bridge-

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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Gary Leonard

As one of our efforts to improve office efficiencies, effective with the September issue of this newsletter (*the Westminster WINDOW*), we may reduce the number of copies that we mail to individuals and organizations. **Be assured that if you are an active member (or regular visitor) that there will be NO CHANGE to the way that you are receiving the newsletter unless you notify us of a new preference** (e.g., email, office pickup, etc.). Also, please be aware that the newsletters are available to all on WPC's website (westminsterpeoria.org) under the "Resources" page. In fact a few members prefer to access the *WINDOW* in this way. If you have questions, concerns, or comments regarding this potential change, please contact the church office at 673-8501 or speak with any of the elders. ☸

FINANCE MEETING

The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, August 15, at 12 p.m. The meeting location has been changed to the Parlor. ☸

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION

On behalf of my sister Barbara Ann White, who passed away June 27, Joyce and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. It was more than a year ago that she was diagnosed with an unusual type of stomach cancer at stage four. Given her diagnosis Joyce asked that she be placed on the Westminster prayer chain. Throughout the course of her illness we would let her know that she continued to be included in the prayer chain, that she was also mentioned in prayer during worship and that people from the congregation would ask about her well being. This was a comfort to her as she was surprised to know that she was being remembered by others who she had never met.

Thank you all for your concern and thoughtfulness,
Brian & Joyce Hakes ☸

WICC MOSS SALE 2018 ...

A HUGE SUCCESS!

Valerie Sager

Westminster Infant Care Center held its annual fundraiser on June 9, 2018, during the Moss Avenue Day Sale. The weather was very cooperative providing a beautiful sunny day with clear skies. A day that brings people out in droves to shop until they drop! As a result, WICC had a record day in sales and all the volunteers had a wonderful time taking part in this important fundraiser for our childcare center that serves teen parents in our area. To date, we have raised \$6,197.65.... our very best year since we've been participating in the Moss Avenue Day Sale.

The WICC Sale actually begins months in advance of the sale date. Volunteers spent countless hours receiving, sorting, and pricing items before the sale. It is impossible to name all those contributing to our success, and I am amazed and humbled by the selfless acts of kindness and generosity demonstrated by church members, family, friends, and sometimes complete strangers, who just want to help our cause.

A hearty "THANK YOU" to everyone who gave much needed donations, organized/sorted and priced items, and set up and took down the facility before and after the sale. The WICC Sale was a huge undertaking and we appreciate the team effort. Truly, *"many hands make light work!"* ☼

PARISH HOUSE LIFT PROJECT

Steve Sager

In the previous Window article, the Parish House Lift Project was six days in and it was April 24. Much has happened since this date.

Days 7 – 11 (25, 26, 27, 30 April, 1 May)

During this five-day period the masons completed cutting holes in the foyer floor and walls of the 1st and 2nd floors. The foyer floor was cut to enable the lift shaft to traverse through the foyer floor and the walls were cut for the lift doorways. Large steel lintels were installed above each doorway for support and the lift base was filled with concrete. This completed the mason's component of the project.

Days 12 – 23 (9, 11, 14, 15 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 May)

Dave Carlson and carpenter assistant Bill work on framing the entire lift shaft and doorways with wood and metal support beams. This also included fabricating two large wooden rails weighing 300 lbs. each. These rails were installed and lifted into place by hand. The lift vertical movement was attached to these large rails.

Days 24 & 25 (29, 30 May)

The carpenters install the drywall on the lift shaft frame. This includes mudding and painting the dry-wall.

Day 26 (31 May)

Foster-Jacobs installs electrical connections to power the lift.

Days 27, 28, 29 (5, 6, 7 June)

Lifts of Illinois installs the lift to include doors and controls.

Day 30 (8 June)

Elevator Inspector certifies the lift for operation.

Day 31 (15 June)

Foster-Jacobs installs a motion sensitive LED light in the lift shaft.

Days 32 – 34 (22, 26 and 28 June)

Dave Carlson and painter/drywaller Bob Bickelhaupt complete finishing work on the internal & external lift shaft and doorways and give everything a final coat of paint. The final step in the project was the reverse of how it began. We removed the Mr. & Mrs. John Clauson Memorial cross to start the construction process and ended the project reinstalling the cross on the lift shaft. A fitting reminder that Christ is the beginning and end of all things.

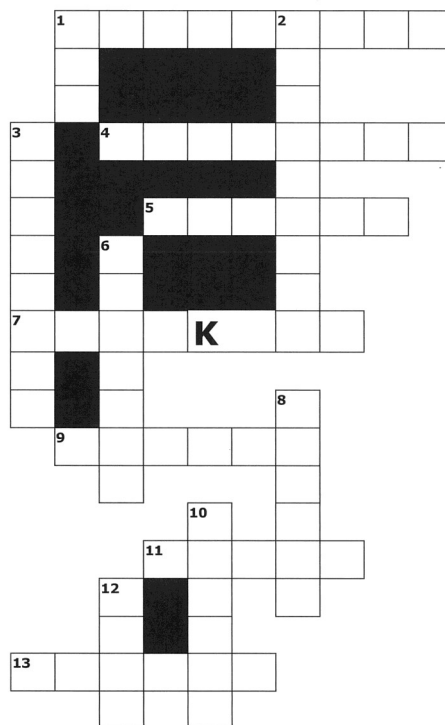
The Parish House Lift Project began on 17 April and ended on the 28th of June 2018. It took 34 work days to complete the project. And, I would like to thank the masons, electricians, carpenters and Lifts of Illinois for making the project a reality.

We opened this Window article with a quote from Charles Dickens' historic novel, "A Tale of Two Cities." It seems fitting that we should also close the Parish House Lift Project Window article with the novel's last line in recognition of all the hours of hard work and dedication to this project by all the skilled laborers and the rest they richly deserve.

"It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than I have ever known." ☼

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Use the clues below to fill in the cross word.



ACROSS

- 1 - Cousin of Mary (Luke 1:36)
- 4 - Lied about her giving to the church (Acts 5:1)
- 5 - Saved her people from total destruction in Persia
- 7 - Mother of Esau (Genesis 25:21)
- 9 - Sister of Mary (John 11:1)
- 11 - Hosea's wife (Hosea 1)
- 13 - Sister of Moses and Aaron (Exodus 15:20)

DOWN

- 1 - Mother of Abel (Genesis 4:2)
- 2 - Mother of Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24)
- 3 - Moses' wife (Exodus 2:21)
- 6 - A judge of Israel (Judges 4)
- 8 - The wife of Jacob loved (Genesis 29:20)
- 10 - Sewed clothes (Acts 9)
- 12 - Sat at Jesus' feet in conversation (Luke 10:39)

ANSWERS: 1 Across: Elizabeth / 1 Down: Eve / 2 Bathsheba / 3 Zipporah / 4 Sapphira / 5 Esther / 6 Deborah / 7 Rebekah / 8 Rachel / 9 Martha / 10 Dorcas / 11 Gomer / 12 Mary / 13 Miriam

HUNGRY BULLETIN

Ashley Foster

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is one of the biggest outside missions that we contribute to here at Westminster. There are three main programs that make up OGHS. You have probably heard a lot about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), but the one that you might be most unfamiliar with is the Self Development of People (SDOP). The SDOP recently gave a grant to the Front Porch Café, which is located in Akron, Ohio, that helped to renovate and provide better equipment for the building that the café is in. People who are recovering from addictions and people who have recently been released from prison can come to the Front Porch to receive a “good meal, grow and learn alongside others who share their struggles, and receive guidance on housing and employment opportunities.”

A lady named Diretha had been in recovery from drugs and alcohol for one year, but was having trouble finding a job because she had not had one for ten years. She was spending her time volunteering at the café and attending the various support groups that were offered. The Front Porch staff members helped her write a resume and helped her with interviewing skills. As a result of their assistance and Diretha’s persistence, she found a job working for a catering company. According to Joe Tucker, the executive director of Front Porch, their main mission is to give people hope. If you try, you CAN succeed. “The consistent reminder of hope is probably the deepest area we have.” Diretha believes that it’s a strong possibility that, had she not ever gone to the Front Porch, she would have started using again, and would have either gone to prison or died. OGHS “helps people move themselves from the depths of despair toward vistas of hope.”

If you would like more information, you can go to: www.presbyterainmission.org/sdop ☎

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JUNE YTD OPERATING BUDGET

Gary Leonard

	June YTD Actual	June YTD Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Notes:
Revenues				1. Most restricted contributions and the offsetting distributions like for WICC, Food Pantry, OGHS, etc., are not included.
General Offering	\$ 132,898	\$ 97,500	\$ 35,398	
WDFund	129,825	182,097	(52,272)	2. Revenues - General Offering includes \$12,100 of pre-paid pledges actually received in 2017.
Other Revenues	4,048	5,125	(1,077)	
	266,771	284,722	(17,951)	
Expenses				Tips:
Operating Expense	218,389	241,722	(23,333)	1. You can monitor your Giving throughout the year by requesting access to the church’s database (Realm) from the church office.
Major Prop. Improve.	41,373	43,000	(1,627)	2. You may write “ WPC ” as the payee on checks payable to Westminster.
	259,762	284,722	(24,960)	
Net: Rev. less Exp.	\$ 7,009	\$ -	\$ 7,009	

2nd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

Gary Leonard

Giving Statements were distributed in mid-July for members or regular visitors who have either given to the church during the first 6 months of 2018 and/or made a pledge commitment to WPC for 2018. 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. I encourage everyone to support the church by giving cheerfully, of their time, talent, and financial gifts. If you have not yet pledged for 2018, and would like to do so, please be assured that pledge commitments are graciously accepted at any time of the year. ☎

Choir Camp continued from cover . . .

es for All People.” Sharon’s career in two local school districts embodies that motto. In the 1970’s, she was the first black teacher in the Pekin School district, serving as the high school choral director for ten years during turbulent times in this country’s struggle to break down barriers to equal civil rights for all Americans. She returned to the Peoria School district and worked as the Director of Fine Arts until she retired.

Each summer, Westminster’s camp provides a great music and visual arts experience for children in the Peoria area. Ryan Rashad Reed, local artist and sculptor, owner of “Creativity Uncorked” in downtown Peoria, and member of Bethel United Methodist Church, has served as our visual arts instructor. During its four years, our camp has added more volunteers and staff from other churches. Sharon and her son, Ryan Reed’s church, Bethel United Methodist, has supported the camp since its beginning. Bethel’s Men’s group has donated money for many camper scholarships. Ethan Tyler served as the art assistant. Vivian Willingham, also from Bethel (and the grandmother of three boys who have attended camp all four years) was the camp Recreation Director. She was dynamite! The children enjoyed games that were fun, creative, and well-organized. With two one-hour and a half sessions of choir rehearsal, the children needed a chance to play!

With greater geographic diversity this year, transportation was needed for some campers from a much wider area than before. Lisa Waibel volunteered her 12-passenger van and picked up and dropped off nine children in the South side of Peoria. Lisa’s son, Terren Waibel, served as Sharon’s music assistant and supervisor for the grades 5-8 group. Lisa also served as a class supervisor in that group during morning rehearsals. Westminster’s Steve Sager drove the WICC van to the North end of Peoria with Valerie Sager, WICC director, volunteering as the chaperone. Ralph Davis, substitute driver for WICC, drove the church bus with me as the chaperone.

Class supervisors played a vital role since we had two age groups totaling over 50 children. Special thanks go to Westminster’s Bonnie and John Jackson who served as the class supervisors for the grades 2-4 group and to Suelen Kirkwood, kitchen assistant and class supervisor, who served at the camp all day for all 5 days. Thanks also to Edna Nugent and Jan Leonard who served several days as kitchen assistants and class supervisors. Thank you!

Peoria Public Schools provided the food for the campers Monday through Thursday. On Friday evening Westminster hosted a family dinner with spaghetti from Avanti’s for over 200 people. As you might imagine, serving food for over 50 children and all the staff for four days and then overseeing the set-up, serving and clean-up for the family dinner was a huge responsibility. Dorothy Crozier took on

that role for the second year. Dorothy Holesome, from Bethel, served as her assistant. Kitchen volunteers during the week included: Joyce and Brian Hakes, Diane and Jeff Case, Laura Van Riper, Marilyn Luman, Peggy Bragg, Phyllis Rafferty, Alan and Linda Kupper, Steve and Valerie Sager, Jack Allen and Hannah Willadsen. Thank you!

Throughout the planning and administration of the camp, we are deeply indebted to the Westminster staff. Mary Lee Caudle handled all the logistics, as well as the advertising. Ashley Foster assisted Mary Lee. Without being in the thick of it, it is hard to imagine all the details they took care of before and during the camp. Steve Sager drove the bus every day with Camden Richmond as his afternoon bus monitor. Steve and Camden did the set up for the meals, camp classes and activities. Thank you!

Thank you also to those of you who gave money for scholarships and to those who attended the Family dinner to greet our guests and the concert to support the children. When I looked out at the Fellowship Hall, packed with people of all ages, many ethnicities and a broad range of socio-economic classes I thought: “This is what the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was like when the Apostle Paul described the Eucharistic meal served after the worship service. This is how the Bible describes the Heavenly Banquet.”

The kingdom of God can break in any time and any place, even in our small community of faith. God is always willing to “stretch out his hand,” as the bible says, to cross the boundary between heaven and earth, the boundary between the kingdom of God and the world. When we stretch out our hands and cross the boundaries between neighbors, our hands meet God’s. Holiness happens! Peace breaks out! Joy abounds!

May Westminster continue to serve as a light in the city of Peoria, a bridge between neighbors and a place of welcome for all God’s children. May God bless our shared ministry. ☸

2018 - 2019 CHOIR SEASON

Tom Clark-Jones

As we enjoy the summer months, I have been thinking about music for the Westminster Choir for the coming season. One might say ... ‘so much great music, so little time’. And it really is true. As the choir rehearses we realize that it takes a good deal of time and effort to present really challenging works for the Glory of God, and for the enjoyment of our congregation. But even though it takes some time (Thursday rehearsals) it is indeed gratifying when a beautiful piece of music comes together on a Sunday morning and enriches our services.

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Parish House Lift Project



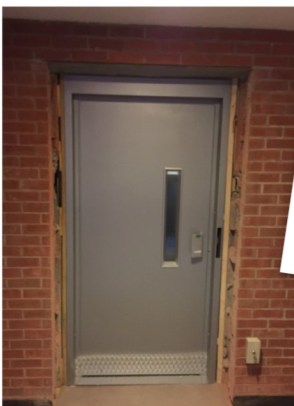
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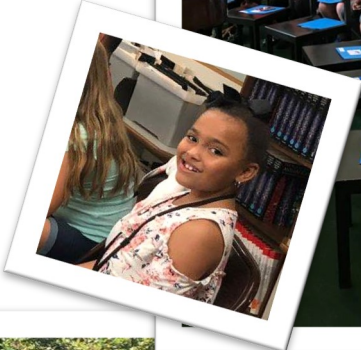


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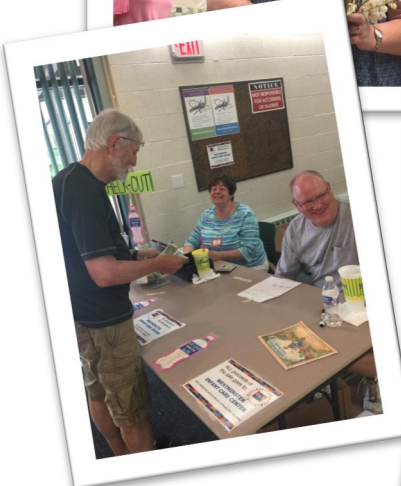


Westminster

SUMMER PHOTO ALBUM



WICC Moss Avenue Day Sale



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Our congregation is blessed with beautiful musical instruments ... the organ, of course, and the pianos, and hand bells and hand chimes ...all bring glory to God, but the tremendous inspiration of choral music is indeed the crowning glory of any church music program. And choirs take people. We are blessed to have a fine group of singers from the congregation, and from the professional musical community to bring us the anthems so appreciated by the congregation. One might say, oh, it's already wonderful, why do you need me? But the truth is that anyone who can sing can participate in the choir and make a difference. It is one place where the size of your musical gift is not a problem. Some are greatly talented, others, less so, but they all come together in the great harmonies of the universe to praise God.

If you have had a thought about joining the choir ... come and just jump into the deep end! It takes a while to settle into the routine, but once that awkward time is over, the great joy of the music and the sense of accomplishment will enrich your life.

If you would like to join us ... please speak to Tom Clark-Jones so he can set some music aside for you and make sure there is a chair in the choir room just for you. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. We work hard ... but it is also deeply enjoyable to work together. The starting date for the 18-19 season will be announced in mid-August.

If you would like a different opportunity ... the HAND BELL CHOIR might be of interest to you. You do need a basic understanding of musical notation. Not so that you could sing an opera or play in a symphony ... just basic reading of the musical staff and the difference between a



SUMMER HYMN SING

Tom Clark-Jones

Here we are at the beginning of August already! How did that happen? The longer we live, the shorter the seasons seem. I clearly remember as a youngster going to the city pool every day from mid-June to the end of August. It was glorious, and it truly seemed like forever. By the end of the season, I was ready to go back to school ... and so were most of the other kids in the neighborhood. It was a grand time, and I remember it fondly.

As adults, that forever summer just doesn't exist. The weeks fly by and we almost have to make time for recreation. I am thankful at this time, to be able to get away occasionally and not feel too guilty!

While you are in Peoria this summer, we are having hymn sings before the service each week. A number of you have even come early to sit in the front of the church, a rare occurrence among Presbyterians ... we like a bit more distance from the pulpit! But we have had a great time together exploring our congregation's favorite hymns and songs. Some we sing fairly regularly and some rarely. But all have been great suggestions, and I will keep them in mind as we choose music for services year-round.

If you've not been to one of our sings, they start at 9:45 every Sunday morning through the end of August, or until we run out of hymns ... not likely! If you would like your favorites included, there is a green card in the pew racks on which to request your selections. If your choices are in the Blue Hymnal or the Supplement in the pew racks, all I need is a number with the title. If it's not in these two resources, if you could attach, or send to me, a copy of the music so it can be printed in the service leaflet ... that would be most helpful.

There is a great joy in this congregation in singing together. Even when the hymns are triumphant, and the organ goes a bit crazy, I can always hear our congregation singing out and making joyful music together. Come and join us! ☺



Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.

Get Certified! Sign up today for one of two class times being offered.

Wednesday, August 1, 1-3pm or Thursday, August 9, 6-8pm

Cost: \$22.50

Sign up in the Narthex. Call the Office, 673-8501, or Suellen, 383-2321.

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WESTMINSTER SESSION

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Christian Education.....	Bonnie Jackson Class of 2019
Church Life	Jill Bell Class of 2018
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Missions/Outreach	Jan Leonard Class of 2019
Personnel.....	Larry Hicks Class of 2019
Properties	Don Bell Class of 2018
Worship	Suellen Kirkwood Class of 2020

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

DEACONS

Moderator	Jeanie Olson Class of 2019
Anna Bussian.....	Class of 2020
Sue Burnham.....	Class of 2020
Mary Dill	Class of 2018
Kim Mitchell	Class of 2019
Alice Nash	Class of 2019
Edna Nugent	Class of 2019
Phyllis Rafferty	Class of 2020
Marge Willadsen.....	Class of 2020



SESSION NOTES

Respectfully,
Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session



From the June 12 Session Meeting.

- The Session voted to remove David Luman from the rolls.
- The Session voted to receive the resignation of Carol Carlson as a ruling elder.
- It was reported to the Session that there were 118 people in attendance at Westminster for the Peoria Bach Festival.
- Pastor Clark-Jones has been invited to write the clergy column for the *Community Word* newspaper for a three-month period.
- Rev. Clark-Jones and Elder Jan Leonard attended the South Side Mission Fund Raising Dinner at the Civic Center.
- As part of an estate the Olson House in Morton has sold. Westminster will receive a small percentage of the estate.
- The WestMark Food Pantry served 893 people in May.
- The new lift in the Parish Hall is operational.
- The Worship Committee is investigating CPR/AED training for staff, ushers and others.



From the July 10 Session Meeting.

The church received a thank you from Hebron Church in Pittsburgh, PA, for allowing their youth group to stay over one night in the parish house during their mission trip.

Kevin Harrington, a professor of architectural history at the Illinois Institute of Technology, who is collaborating on a book about the work of Ben Weese, the Architect of Westminster, says his manuscript is with the senior editor and expects that it will be published soon. Kevin and his wife Elaine visited Westminster and met with Hettie Beers and Brian Hakes two years ago to research material about Ben Weese.

Pastor Clark-Jones reported her first clergy column for the *Community Word* newspaper for a three-month period will be in the next issue.

Elder G. Leonard reported that WPC has not yet received the distribution expected from the estate of Doris Olson as the result of the house sold at 10 Tall Oaks in Morton.

The City of Peoria denied the Children's Home the use of space in the O'Neill Parish House as the space would be used for offices for their community out-reach program.

The food pantry served 1,344 people in June.



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

Vanderau Fund Distribution

Jan Leonard



Included in the Westminster Development Fund is a restricted gift identified as the Frank Vanderau, Thelma Vanderau, and Barbara Vanderau Memorial Trust. Income from this trust is to "be distributed for the benefit of persons who are either mentally or physically handicapped giving preference to members (of Westminster) who are in need of financial assistance..."

There is some income from this gift that is available for distribution in 2018. The Missions & Outreach Committee is accepting requests or suggestions for such distributions. All such requests or suggestions should include the name of the member to receive the distribution, the amount of the request and a brief justification of financial need.

Requests should be submitted to: Jan Leonard, Chair of Mission and Outreach, in care of Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1420 W. Moss Avenue, Peoria, IL, 61606, or email to: janleonard2000@gmail.com. All requests received by August 31, 2018, will be considered by the committee for 2018. The committee will acknowledge the receipt of each request. ☺

HELP MAKE WPC A SAFER PLACE TO WORSHIP

Suellen Kirkwood

Westminster is joining many other churches in its concern for the safety of its members. In August, we will be addressing medical emergency situations, and in September we will consider safety in the event of an active shooter situation. A choice of two classes in August will be offered (Wednesday, August 1, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., or Thursday, August 9, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Classes will cover CPR, AED and first aid. Everyone completing a class will receive certification. The cost of the class is \$22.50 (\$20 for the certification and \$2.50 for the book).

If you're interested in becoming certified, you can sign up in the Narthex, notify the church office (673-8501) or contact Suellen Kirkwood. Be sure to watch for more information on further safety classes in September! ☺

NEWS FLASH

Pastor Denise will be writing a commentary for the *Community Word* for the months of August, September and October. You can pick up copies of the *Community Word* in the Narthex if you are interested in reading the commentaries. ☺

CHOIR SEASON *continued from page 5 . . .*

whole note and a half note! We can teach you the rest, and it is great fun! We meet on Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. or so and have a grand time. Again, speak to Tom if you would like to ring. The spaces in this choir are limited ... so first come, first ringing!

Enjoy your summer ... but think about joining a musical group this season. It will be more than a fun activity ... it will bring you a very special blessing! ☺



WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of May we were open three Mondays (closed for Memorial Day) and provided food to 893 individuals and in June we served 1,344 individuals. The partnership we have with St. Mark's Church creates an amazing opportunity to help those that might otherwise be hungry. This makes for lots of work for our volunteers but it is great to help hungry, grateful folks.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Elizabeth Richmond

Come help unload deliveries: Tuesday, August 7, at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 23, at 11 a.m. We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Richmond or the Church office.


AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Edna Nugent
- 3 Hannah Willadsen
- 6 Linda Kupper
- 10 Joyce Hakes
- 11 Jean Schlesinger
- 12 Monte Gibson
- 13 Ruby Picl
- 17 Emily Stinnett
- 20 Rosalie Youngman

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Carole & Alan Willadsen
- 6 Kim & Larry Hicks
- 17 Kim & Bob Fisher
- 23 Jean & Art Schlesinger

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30a Men's Coffee 10a Staff Mtg	2 1p Golf Exec. 9	3	4
5 COMMUNION 9:45a Hymn Sing 10a Worship	6 9a WestMark Food Pantry Open 1p Golf Exec. 9	7 11:30a Food Pantry Delivery	8 7:30a Men's Coffee 10a Staff Mtg	9 1p Golf Exec. 9	10	11
12 9:45a Hymn Sing 10a Worship	13 9a WestMark Food Pantry Open 1p Golf Exec. 9	14 6:30p Session Meeting 	15 7:30a Men's Coffee 10a Staff Mtg 12p Finance Mtg	16 1p Golf Exec. 9 1p Food Pantry Delivery	17 Window Deadline 	18
19 9:45a Hymn Sing 10a Worship	20 9a WestMark Food Pantry Open 1p Golf Exec. 9	21 NO Food Delivery	22 7:30a Men's Coffee 10a Staff Mtg	23 1p Golf Exec. 9 11a Food Pantry Delivery	24	25
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AUGUST SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETER	SOUND	ACOLYTE	LITURGIST
5 Sun	Kim Mitchell John Jackson Bonnie Jackson Alice Nash	Dick Helfrich	Don Bell	Alice Nash	Joyce Hakes
12 Sun	Gary Dutro Alan Kupper Linda Kupper Marge Willadsen	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Linda Kupper	Dorothy Crozier
19 Sun	Susan Leighty Diane Case Jeff Case Laura Van Riper	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Susan Leighty	John Jackson
26 Sun	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Janet Kelley	Jan Leonard

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 FOR AUGUST 5

Bread - Kim Mitchell Bread - Bonnie Jackson
Wine - John Jackson Wine - Pastor Denise
Traveler - Brian Hakes

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

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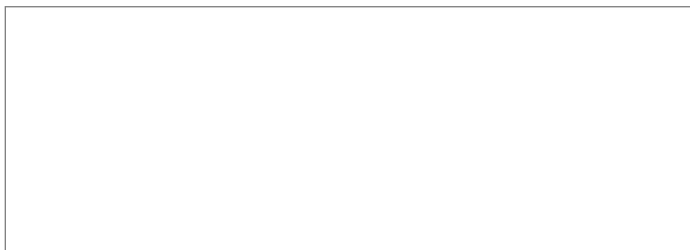
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WICC BOOK NOOK NEWS

Valerie Sager

Last autumn, William Leitch (father of Elizabeth Richmond) generously provided funding for the much needed Book Nook in Westminster Infant Care Center. On May 18, 2018 William Leitch made a visit to the Center to see for himself how the children and staff loved the new Book Nook. Mr. Leitch's donation funded new books, puppets, flannel boards, comfy child-sized furniture and new soft carpeting for the children. Further, funds were used to purchase resources for the teen parents and children to promote literacy in the home. This valuable resource will help the teen parents build a solid foundation for their child's future success in school. Thank you Mr. Leitch from all the WICC children and staff who will enjoy the Book Nook for many years!

Mr. Leitch, Olivia Richmond and A'aliyah enjoy the new Book Nook.