

Sunday Service Times: 10 AM Worship and 4 PM 2nd Sunday Jazz Vespers

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday | January 27 | 11:00 AM

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall in the William R. O'Neill Parish House for our Congregational Luncheon and Annual Meeting. After the lunch we will review the 2018 Annual Report, the 2019 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) or by emailing (wpc@westminsterpeoria.org) the church. The office is striving to have everybody's report to them within a week of the meeting. Please try to find the time to read it and jot down your questions before coming to the meeting. We also ask that you bring your copy of the annual report to the meeting.

NOTE: Those who need to turn in reports, we ask that you have your information into the office Friday, January 4, 2019. If you need a little more time, please try to turn it in to Mary Lee no later than noon on Monday, January 7. Email your information to her at: wpc@westminsterpeoria.org Have questions? Contact Mary Lee at 309-673-8501 after the first of the year. ❄

CONGRATULATIONS!

Submitted by Alan Willadsen



On Saturday, 12/15/18, Ben graduated from Ball State University with a BSN. He will start at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati sometime

in January after passing his nursing boards. He would like to work in the Emergency Department, but will have to spend at least 2 years in another department before being eligible to work there. He will begin working in a mental health unit and spend some time working on a med-surg floor. ❄



Photo by Alice Nash

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Submitted by Peggy Bragg

The photo above was taken on Sunday, December 2, after the 10 a.m. service. Westminster celebrated those members who have worshipped with us over the many years. They were honored for

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Peggy Carter.

Member Recognition *Continued from cover*

their participation in the mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church. As they arrived, a boutonniere was pinned to each member, helping us recognize those being honored. The Member Care Committee handed out special gifts during the coffee hour.

Westminster would like to say "Thank You!" for all of your service. The work of the ministry cannot go forward without all the time and talents of those within the family.

Those who were recognized were: Hettie Beers, 45 yrs. / Don Bell, 30 yrs. / Jim & Sue Burnham, 35 yrs. / Diane & Jeff Case, 25 yrs. / Gary Dutro, 71 yrs. / Nancee Dykstra, 25 yrs. / Kim Fisher, 30 yrs. / Sally & Dewey Fitch, Gary Leonard, Linda McDaniel, 45 yrs. / Dorothy Meyers, Sara Meyers, 25 yrs. / Rosemary McCurdy, Ruby Picl, 30 yrs. / Don Shay, 45 yrs. / Amy Streibich, 40 yrs. / Linda Webb, 35 yrs. ❁

NEW YEAR, NEW WORK, NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Another new year has begun. They seem to come faster and faster. Last year, the last month actually, brought an unwelcome surprise for my husband, Tom, and me. Tom's surgery for a brain bleed necessitated changes to our routine at home and at church, to say the least! We are very thankful for all the help and prayers given to us by the Westminster congregation. Westminster is fortunate to have much talent in the choir so that the music of the season went on as planned. Dr. Doug McQueen, from the base section, took over the organ and hand bell choir. Ashley Schlatweiler, soprano, demonstrated her ability to multi-task, filling in as the choir director while singing her soprano part and even doing solos! At the time of writing this, I do not know when Tom will return as organist/choirmaster, but rest assured, the choir's ministry of leading worship in song will continue.

One of my favorite poems to read at Christmas is Howard Thurman's, "The Work of Christmas." He writes about the period after Christmas as being the time when we focus our labors on the fulfillment of Christ's mission established when God's Word-Made-Flesh entered this world. As Christ's body in the world, as Christ's faithful disciples, the work that follows our Christmas celebration is to bring hope to others, particularly to the vulnerable and marginalized in society; to bring peace to the world, especially in our own community: to find joy and share joy with others, particularly those who mourn any kind of loss; and to practice loving-kindness in our encounters with all of God's creation. This is the work of Christmas that our faith demands the rest of the year and the rest of our lives.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.- Ephesians 2:10

May this new year bring you newfound joy and the sweet fruits of the Spirit! Pastor Denise ❁

CHURCH LIFE

Jill Bell

I am sorry to say that my time on Session is over, but I am so happy to have served all of you many wonderful meals. Thank you to the committee that has been doing this with me for years. The diehard kitchen help includes Joyce and Brian Hakes, Linda and Alan Kupper, Marilyn Luman, Wanda and John Grimes, Gary Dutro, and the entire Willadsen family Alan, Carol, and Hannah. My ladies that have helped me for years for set up are Carol Borders, Alice Nash, Marge Willadsen, and Jerrie Ruck. We could not have had any meals without any one of these people. Pat Wagner, you were such a big help calling people to volunteer. Oh, and Dan Callahan, thank you for rescuing us at the last moment with table decorations!

Thank you, too, to Dorothy Crozier, who helped when she could, and Mary Lee, who kept me on track with everything that had to be done for the newsletter and all the signup sheets she made for me. I know many of you also helped whenever we had a meal and when it was time to clean up and do the dishes. Westminster is a great congregation! I really appreciated any and all help we received!

Last but not least, thank you to all of you that volunteered to host coffee hour. I am happy to report that Dorothy Crozier will be overseeing that for 2019.

I will be staying on through January 2019 so that I can do Adele Fleming's funeral dinner on Wednesday, January 9, and also the Congregational Meal, which of course falls on January 27. Please let me know if you can help with either of these meals.

Thank you again, I will miss having a great time with the kitchen crew and making a great meal for all of you! ❄️

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Lynn S. Hedden

Adele Fleming passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018. A service celebrating Adele's life will be held on January 9, 2019, at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m. Visitation will be prior to the service from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church. All are welcome to attend. ❄️

CALENDAR NEED

Elizabeth Richmond

Do you have extra 2019 calendars? The WestMark Food Pantry clients could use them. Please drop them off in the Narthex in the green round tubs. Calendars are super helpful in getting organized, but on a tight budget they may not be affordable. ❄️

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 2019

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of **November** the WestMark Food Pantry was open three (3) Mondays providing food to **1099** individuals. The one Monday, we were closed.

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: There will be no delivery the first Tuesday in January (1/1/19) but will **need help** on the third Tuesday, **January 15, at 11:30**, Thursday, **January 17, at 1 p.m.** and the fourth Thursday, **January 24, at 11:00 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. ❄️



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 home-bound members. Thank you for the 2018 Christmas Poinsettia donations.

Peggy Bragg

In memory of her husband,
Norm Bragg.

Jeff & Diane Case

In memory of their parents,
Raye & Rusty Tyler and
Harry & Jane Case.

Margaret (Peggy) Carter

In memory of her son, Brian, and
daughter-in-law, Carol Carter.

Richard & Norma Helfrich

In honor of their children, Karen, Lisa
and Steve.

Susan & Roger Leighty

In memory of all their family members,
Leighty and Schonewise, who have
passed away.

Marilyn, David, and Douglas Luman

In memory of husband and father,
Roger Luman.

Marilyn (Roethe) Luman

In memory of her parents, Carl and
Edna Roethe, and son, Richard.

Karen, Lisa, and Steve

In honor of their parents,
Richard and Norma Helfrich.

EYE GLASS / HEARING AIDES / CELL PHONES

Elizabeth Richmond

We are still collecting used eye glass, hearing aides, and cell phones, which we give to the Lions Club. The Lions Club uses our donations to help people both here and abroad. Place your donations in the white bins in the coat room. Thank you. ❄



2018 FLOWER DONATIONS

Mary Lee

The 2019 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 2018 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.

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 to let us know, so we can update our information sheet. ❄

Feb. Alice Nash,
Tom & Denise Clark-Jones

April OLLI, Hettie, Scott, Mitch
and Andy Beers

June Dick & Norma
Helfrich

Sept. Mary Dill,
Bettye Thompson

Oct. OLLI, Marge Willadsen
Anna Bussian &
Horst Prohaska

Nov. Alan & Carole Willadsen
Brian & Joyce Hakes

Dec. Abbie Alexander
Janet Kelley
Virginia McNeer
Don & Jill Bell
Wendy Bowles





SESSION NOTES

From the December 10 Meeting

Respectfully,
Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session



- Received a thank you letter from Kemmerer Village for our mission gift of \$346.63
- The budget includes a 3% increase in salaries for 2019.
- New accounts for the 2019 budget include \$3,300 for the Storm Water Utility tax and \$500 for the Peoria Pension tax.
- Capital allocations for the 2019 budget include:
 - HVAC pump at \$800
 - Various concrete and painting repairs at \$10,000
 - Dishwasher at \$3,000
 - Morgan Room AC unit at \$800
 - New mower, cart and leaf blower at \$3,500
- The food pantry served 1,099 people in November.
- Adele Flemings funeral service will be January 9.
- Our financial secretary, Denise, is out of the office, during the week of 12/9 to 12/14 due to a fall at home.
- Due to Tom Clark-Jones hospitalization, Doug McQueen and Ashley Schlatweiler will fill in as organist and choir director.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Helen Lagoda
 5 Linda McDaniel
 6 Marilyn Walker
 6 Brian Hakes
 8 Peggy Bragg
 8 Holly Panetta
 10 Cameron Randle
 11 Jake Fisher
 14 Dorothy Meyers
 17 Gary Leonard
 20 Ann Stinnett
 21 Gary Dutro
 21 Roger Leighty
 25 Tim Ashton
 29 Carole Willadsen
 31 JoAnne Gibson

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

No January Anniversaries

2019 STEWARDSHIP

Gary Leonard

"Therefore, encourage one another..." -1 Thessalonians 5:11

As of December 9, 2018, we received 44 pledges representing a financial commitment of \$184,043. This pledge information was an important input into the preparation of the church's 2019 Budget. (The budget will be included in the 2018 Annual Report.) The Session is grateful to all members and friends of WPC for their expression of faith and for their support of the ministry, missions, and operations of Westminster.

The above total is within \$2,500 of the amount pledged for 2018. If you have not yet submitted a pledge for 2019, I "encourage" you to do so. With just a few more commitments we will likely exceed last year's total. If you do not have a form, you may complete the one below and mail it to the church or place it into the offering plate on any Sunday. The church provides all who enter it with opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, service to others, and fellowship. I hope that all of us are able to commit a portion of our financial assets to sustaining these opportunities. ❁

Westminster Presbyterian Church Stewardship

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 : _____

December 2018						
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February 2019						
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24	25	26	27	28		

JANUARY CALENDAR

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Church Office Closed

No Circle of Friends

2

7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship

10a Staff Meeting

3

7:30p Choir Rehearsal

4

ANNUAL REPORT DUE

9a WestMark Food

Pantry open to 11a

6

EPHYPHANY OF THE LORD

10a Morning Worship

11a Coffee Hour

7

ANNUAL REPORT FINAL

DEADLINE AT NOON

9a WestMark Food

Pantry open to 11a

8

4:30p WICC Board Mtg

6:30p Session Mtg.

9

7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship

10a Staff Meeting

3-5p A. Fleming Visitation

5p Adele Fleming Memorial

10

7:30p Choir Rehearsal

1:30p Lectionary Bible Study

11

Pastor out of the office, today.

12

13

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10a Morning Worship

11a Coffee Hour

4p Jazz Vespers Resumes

14

9a WestMark Food

Pantry open to 11a

15

11:30a Food deliver for food pantry

16

7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship

10a Staff Meeting

17

7:30p Choir Rehearsal

1:00p Food deliver for food pantry

18

19

20

10a Morning Worship

11a Coffee Hour

21

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY. CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED

9a WestMark Food

Pantry open to 11a

22

Pastor out of the office, today.

23

7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship

10a Staff Meeting

24

7:30p Choir Rehearsal

11:00a Food deliver for food pantry

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10a Morning Worship

11a Congregational Luncheon

12p Annual Meeting

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9a WestMark Food

Pantry open to 11a

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30

7:30a Men's Coffee Fellowship

10a Staff Meeting

31

7:30p Choir Rehearsal

... Blessings to you in 2019

SERVICES	LITURGISTS	GREETERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	SOUND	COFFEE HOUR
6 Sun AM	Dorothy Crozier	Dick Helfrich	Bonnie Jackson Alice Nash John Jackson Suellen Kirkwood	John Jackson	Don Bell	Dorothy Crozier
13 Sun AM	Joyce Hakes	Dick Helfrich	Alan Kupper Linda Kupper Gary Dutro Marge Willadsen	Alan Kupper	Steve Sager	NEED
13 Sun - Jazz	Pastor Denise	Suellen Kirkwood & Conrad Stinnett		Suellen Kirkwood	Alan Willadsen	NA
20 Sun AM	Carol Willadsen	Dick Helfrich	Jeff Case Suellen Kirkwood Diane Case Laura Van Riper	Diane Case	John Grimes	NEED
27 Sun AM	Diane Case	Dick Helfrich	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Gary Leonard	Steve Sager	Congregational Lunch & Annual Mtg

January 2019

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

MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 6

COMMUNION SERVERS

Bread - Diane Case

Wine - Jeff Case

Bread - Suellen Kirkwood

Wine - Pastor Denise

Traveler - John Jackson

MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 13

COMMUNION SERVERS

Bread - Janet Kelley

Wine - Alan Willadsen

Bread - Brian Hakes

Wine - Pastor Denise

Traveler - Dick Helfrich

Coffee Hour - Dorothy Crozier / Worship - Suellen Kirkwood

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JOIN US SUNDAYS

10 AM Traditional Worship

Jazz Vespers will resume on
January 13, 2019, at 4 PM



Please Deliver to our Friends at

"From Our Hearts to Yours....



.... Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"