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WINDOW

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

music for

Two Pianos

*John Orfe
&*

Chee Hyeon Choi

2/22/2019 - 7:30 PM

Duo-pianists will present a program of music for two pianos. A rich repertoire of master composers, **Scott, Medtner, Bernstein & Rachmaninoff**. It will be an evening of music that's sure to thrill.

- Hor d'oeuvres
- Meet & Greet of the artists
- Free Admission
- No Reservations Needed

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

February 5 - 9:00 a.m.

Peggy Bragg

Westminster Circle of Friends meets nine times a year on the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. We meet in homes, at the church, and occasionally in public places. As we join in this time of fellowship, we bring things to the group that challenge our thinking and are of a spiritual nature.

Our hostess for February 5 is Peggy Bragg. We will meet at 9:00 a.m., at her home, 5324 W. Janet Court, Bartonville. The street is a cul-de-sac off Airport Road near the old Air National Guard buildings.

Please RSVP to let Peggy know if you will or will not be coming and to get more information or specific directions if needed. Contact Peggy by email: pkbragg@yahoo.com / by phone: 697-8635

If you have any questions or would like to host a month, please contact Anna Bussian 589-0656.

MEN'S COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday's, Weekly, 7:30 PM

Mary Lee

Join us as we meet every Wednesday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., at the Panera Bread, 2515 N. Westlake Avenue.

This group is a way for men of Westminster to connect with other men over a cup of coffee, breakfast, and fellowship. We go over the sermon from the past Sunday service and dig into the Word at a deeper level. Can't commit to the hour of your morning, drop by and have a cup of coffee with us as you get your day started. Come join us. We'd love to see you.

2018 GIVING STATEMENTS

Gary Leonard

Giving Statements were issued in mid-January for members or regular visitors who contributed to the church during the year. 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 important way that we express our faith. Your contributions were used to support the church's ministry, missions, properties, and operations during 2018.



OPEN MINDS, OPEN HEARTS

Reverend Denise Clark-Jones

February is Black History Month in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. There are many more countries that created the great African Diaspora by kidnapping Africans from their home countries and selling them as slaves from the 1500's to the 1800's. With the Transatlantic slave trades millions of Africans were taken from Western and Central Africa to many regions in the Americas and the Caribbean. Few would disagree that this was a horrible consequence of racism.

Today we tend to think of racism as a mean-spirited act carried out by an individual. But racism is a systematic injustice that pervades a society. No one wants to be called a racist, but the truth of the matter is, whenever race is a factor in decisions, for good or ill, racism is in play. This goes for other "isms" as well. The word "racism" has become so charged that many who claim their race to be "white" become so defensive that they tune out, walk out, or become confrontational when they hear the word, "racism." Sadly, this perpetuates ignorance. The Apostle Paul frequently warned the early Christian congregations about the dangers of ignorance and being led away from the witness of Jesus Christ. The author of 1 Peter cautioned:

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Racism is not just a political issue, it is also a spiritual issue.

Black History Month came out of Negro History Week inaugurated in 1926 by the work of historian Carter G. Woodson. He sought to challenge racism with education. He believed that a biased history curriculum in schools and universities led to racist attitudes and institutional racism. He declared:

"There would be no lynching if it did not start in the school room... why not exploit or enslave a class that everybody is taught to regard as inferior? We should emphasize not Negro History, but the Negro in history."

In the course of my preparing liturgy a few weeks ago I found these words in a "Prayer of Confession:"

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FEBRUARY LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY 1:30 PM - THURSDAYS FEBRUARY 14 & 28

Join us on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons as Pastor Denise guides us through the scriptures for the following two Sundays. (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. Come as often as you can. Leave when you must. The study begins at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Questions? Contact Marilyn Luman.

MEET AND GREET

Dorothy Crozier

There will be a Meet and Greet the artists after the Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series concert "Music for Two Pianos" on February 22, 2019. Hor d'oeuvres and wine will be served in the parlor. Please join us after the concert for a chance to meet the musicians, Chee Hyeon Choi and John Orfe, and to socialize as a community of people who love the arts.

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of December, the WestMark Food Pantry provided food to **1188** individuals in the three Mondays we were open. We were closed on December 24 & 31 for our volunteers to have some time off to enjoy the holidays. 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, February 5 and February 19, at 11:30 a.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 14, at 1:00 p.m.
- and on the fourth Thursday February 28, at 11:00 a.m.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the church office, 309-673-8501.

GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS SERIES

Thomas Clark-Jones

Friday - February 22 - 7:30 PM Music for Two Pianos

ON Friday evening, February 22, pianists Chee Hyeon Choi and John Orfe present a program of music for two pianos. The rich, complex sounds of two pianos is most compelling and the music written by the masters for this combination of instruments was among the most popular of all musical ensembles for many years. In more recent times, with fewer places possessing multiple pianos, it has become less prevalent in the musical world, but just as glorious.

Dr. Choi and Dr. Orfe have worked together many times as duo-pianists. They presented a program of Bach Concerti for two keyboards several seasons ago. It was a huge success. This time, the pianos stand alone to give an accounting of music from Rachmaninoff to Bernstein. We look forward to hosting their concert as part of the Gretchen R Iben Arts Series. The date is February 22 at 7:30 p.m. Come and join us for a delightful evening of music.

The concert will be followed by a gala reception of hors d'oeuvres and wine in the Parlor. Food for the ears and food for the stomach is a great combination. Set the date aside and do come and be a part of this grand concert.

WICC MOSS AVENUE SALE

Steve Sager

The Moss Avenue sale committee will start accepting donations for June's annual sale beginning in March. As most of you know, this is the biggest fund raiser that the Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) does.

This year, we are accepting most everything with resale value **except NO televisions, computers, office electronics, clothing, VHS tapes, infant playpens, cribs, car seats, bed sheets or linens.**

For those of you eager to start donating now, Buildings Manager Steve Sager is available by appointment for drop-offs on Thursdays. Please call Steve at 224-6237 to arrange a time. We hope you will start finding treasures in your house that you no longer need that would be great items to sell at the Moss Avenue sale. To manage our limited storage space and get the most good from donations, we may donate some items to one of our mission partners, who can better use them. If you have questions please ask Elizabeth Richmond about this.

WICC IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY!

Marilyn Luman

This year (2019) the Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) is 45 years old. It officially opened the doors in January 1974. The 1974 Annual Report stated that the mission funding given for WICC that year was \$4,750 (the inflation calculator says the equivalent in 2018 would be \$25,346.08). The late Marge Sutherland, Chairman of WICC, stated in the 1974 Annual Report "that a dream materialized this year when the church opened its doors to the infants of high school mothers so they could complete their high school education, or participate in work training programs to become self-supporting."

This Mission Stated WAS...IS and continues TO BE the objective of the WICC Board, Staff and Westminster Presbyterian Church. In the Fall of 1972 this dream started to develop with many discussions and details to be worked out and slowly the dream came to fruition in 1974 under the guidance of many talented and driven individuals. Please continue to pray for our unique mission and outreach to our teen parents and their children in our community.

TAIJI FOR LIFE

Donna Sturm & Terrisa Worsfold

Taiji is an ancient art of meditative movement which originated in China more than two thousand years ago. Today people all over the world practice Taiji (or Chi as it is often spelled) and Qi Gong to improve their well-being.

Medical research shows that the practice of Taiji or Qi Gong can: Increase vitality / Strengthen the immune system / Improve balance / Improve circulation / Lower Blood Pressure / Restore Flexibility / Energize / Create a sense of well-being and serenity.

Through the movements involved, we learn to tune in to our



bodies. With practice we gather, store, release, and tone to ensure that our energy remains strong and balanced. An important goal is to identify and correct any imbalance as quickly as possible, and before a minor problem in one organ or area moves on to a more destructive condition. Maintaining a sense of balance, we remain calmer no matter what situation we may encounter.

Each class can be thought of as a "treatment" session. Progress for each individual will differ based on age and overall health. However, no matter what the personal circumstances, everyone can gain from the practice.

The essence of Taiji is the experience of pure self in motion, in touch, and in harmony with nature and the world around us.

Call now for your complimentary class. Donna at 303-3631 or Terrisa at 472-4119. Let them know that you saw the offer here, in the Westminster Window.

TAIJI & QU GONG CLASSES AVAILABLE AT WPC

Mondays, Weekly, 6:30 PM

Advanced

Wednesdays, Weekly, 7:30 PM

Beginners

Donna Sturm & Terrisa Worsfold

We are excited to have found this new location for our classes in the Parish House Fellowship Hall! What we do fits well with Westminster's mission in the community and our mission of healthy, safe exercise, made fun, bringing all of us a better quality of life. We will do this in a beautiful setting, with a vinyl floor, a well-lit site inside and out, no steps, close parking and even beautiful green spaces to utilize when the weather permits.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Donna at 303-3631 or Terrisa at 472-4119.

The Circle of Friends

will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 5th.
at the home of Peggy Bragg.

Program, Matthew 25:36 given by Marolyn Wakely
on her experiences with prison ministry

"I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Directions to Peggy's home at
5324 W. Janet Court, Bartonville, IL
The street is a cul-de-sac off
Airport Road near the old
Air National Guard buildings.






Please call Peggy to let her know if
you are coming and to get more
specific directions. 697-8635



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FEBRUARY

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3 COMMUNION 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 	4 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	5 9:00a Circle of Friends 11:30a Food Delivery Committee on Ministry Meeting. Pastor will be out of the office today.	6 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	7 6:15p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	1	2 
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SESSION NOTES

From the January 8 Session Meeting

Brian Hakes, Clerk of Session



Received a thank you letter from Hettie Beers for the gift of a poinsettia plant.

Received a \$100 gift from Kevin Harrington (Iben presenter of the Religious Work of Ben Weese) in the name of Hettie Beers and Larry Hicks.

The WestMark Food Pantry served 1,188 people in December 15,629 for all of 2018.

The Session approved a Taiji program for Cancer survivors two evenings a week in the O'Neill Parish House.

The Session authorized Gary Leonard, Dick Helfrich and Brian Hakes to sign checks.

THANK YOU

Dorothy Crozier

We would like to thank the following people for their help with Adele Fleming's Celebration of Life Dinner: to Jill Bell who arranged the catering, to Marilyn Luman, Laura Van Ripper, John and Bonnie Jackson, Hannah Willadsen, Val and Steve Sager, and Elizabeth Richmond for set-up, kitchen help, and cleanup, and all of the unmentioned who responded to the need for more tables and chairs. We had a total of 75 people attending the celebration dinner for our church community's beloved Adele. A thousand thanks to all the hands that made it possible.

SECOND SUNDAY JAZZ VESPERS

Tom Clark-Jones

During 2019, the Vesper Service, which has been a weekly event for the past three and half years, goes to a once monthly celebration on the second Sunday of each month. We hope that with just one Jazz Vesper service each month, you will make a very special effort to attend. This informal service with superb jazz music has the ability to transform your worship life. Come, and bring a friend. This is an important ministry of our church and we wish for it to be successful, even if it is not a weekly event.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Anna Bussian
- 3 Jordan Case
- 6 Julie Hill
- 10 Carol Borders
- 11 Sally Fitch
- 12 Conrad Stinnett
- 16 Kim Mitchell
- 17 Alex Cullen
- 18 Dick Helfrich
- 19 Emma Cullen
- 25 Bettye Thompson
- 28 Diane Case

ANNIVERSARIES

- 16 Rev. Denise & Tom Clark-Jones

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session	Jim Burnham
	Class of 2021
Christian Education	Peggy Bragg
	Class of 2021
Church Life	Vacant
Finance	Gary Leonard
	Class of 2019
Membership	Bonnie Jackson
	Class of 2019
Missions/Outreach	Jan Leonard
	Class of 2019
Personnel	Larry Hicks
	Class of 2019
Properties	John Jackson
	Class of 2021
Worship	Suellen Kirkwood
	Class of 2020

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



WINDOW DEADLINE:

Do you have information that you would like to submit in the next newsletter? Email to: wpc@westminsterpeoria.org

**Deadline for March WINDOW will be
Friday, Noon, February 15, 2019**

**CONNECT WITH
US ON:**



"We have silenced our prophets. We have covered our ears by those who speak out for justice because it makes us uncomfortable. We ignore calls to end oppression and violence because it is inconvenient for us. We avoid the looks of the poor because they embarrass us."

It struck me that our society is luxuriating in intentional ignorance. We are fed so many lies and half-truths that can be even further from the truth. And then there are the lies of omission. During Black History month, school children will hear about a few African American heroes. If that is all that is taught, they will learn a lesson that one commentator described as: "Rosa sat down, Martin stood up, and the whites fixed everything."

I am reminded of the passage from James 2:1-4:

"My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes

also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?"

In divisive times, such as we are now experiencing, remaining intentionally ignorant of the events in the world around us becomes a spiritual problem. Christ was sent into the world to reconcile all people to God and to one another. Reconciliation between people is a spiritual issue. There are many admonitions in the New Testament against being intentionally blind and deaf. In John 12:40, Jesus cites this passage from Isaiah 6:10 in which the ancient prophet warned the wayward leaders of Israel who had ceased to care for the most vulnerable in society and enhanced their own privilege. Isaiah saw that Israel needed a spiritual healing. To be healed required open hearts, open eyes, and open ears. Sounds a lot like Westminster's Mission Statement. From the prophet Isaiah:

"Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts; and turn and be healed." - Isaiah 6:10

Recently, I participated in a "webinar" sponsored by the Presbyterian Outlook. Amy Julia Becker, author of "White Picket Fences," recalled a panel discussion she had with an African-American author, Natasha Sistrunk Robinson, who wrote "A Sojourner's Truth: Choosing Freedom and Courage in a Divided World." The discussion included an observation of the "cognitive dissonance" that exists between the reality of our lives and the ideal of a life of liberty and justice for all. The responses to that dissonance include cynicism, anger, despair, bitterness, ignorance. Opening our hearts and minds, our eyes and our ears gives us another option and can move us toward the ideal that Jesus described as the kingdom of God on earth.

One step we can take is to read. At the end of the lecture, Becker offered the following suggestions that may appeal to a variety of reading tastes from memoirs to textbooks. If you are not interested in reading something that may open your heart, mind, eyes and ears, you should explore the reason why. The book list Becker gave is as follows:

White Fragility, by Robin Diangelo



Do This in
Remembrance
of Me

Altar Servers are:

Bread - Brian Hakes
 Bonnie Jackson
Wine - John Jackson
 Pastor Denise

February 3

I'm Still Here, by Austin Channing Brown

Becoming, by Michelle Obama

A Sojourner's Truth: Choosing Freedom and Courage in a Divided World,
by Natasha Sistrunk Robinson

Waking Up White, by Debby Irving

Men We Reaped, by Jesmyn Ward

Real American, by Julie Lythcott Hayes

Disunity in Christ, by Christena Cleveland

Between the World and Me, by Ta Nehisi Coates

Educated, by Tara Westover

Hillbilly Elegy, by J.D. Vance

My First White Friend, by Patricia Raybon.

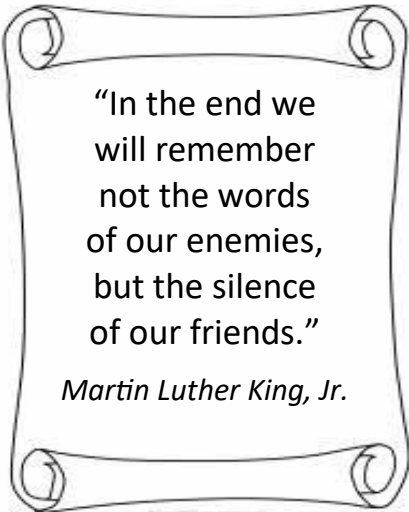
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, by Michelle Alexander

Seeing White: An Introduction to White Privilege and Race, by Jean Halley

I contacted Rev. Tony Pierce, who participated in a small group book discussion at Westminster on Waking Up White, by Debby Irving, a few years ago. He strongly recommended White Fragility, by Robin Diangelo and I am reading it now. With the issue of immigration and the backlash against people of color by whites in the U.S. and Western Europe, it is critical for the Church to be an instrument of healing and reconciliation in these times.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." - Colossians 3:3-5

We, as the Church and as individual Christians, are witnesses for our faith. The Christian Church in America has wounded itself in the past with acts of racism and the inaction of indifference to the suffering of racism's victims. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had this to say about the struggle for civil rights for all: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."



"In the end we
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of our enemies,
but the silence
of our friends."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

We can change ourselves and our world, even if it is just a small corner of the world and Christ has called us to do so. With prayer and small steps of love, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. To do the work we have been called to do – to uphold and promote justice in God's world – we must start with ourselves. We must recognize a problem before we can work toward a solution. Education is a great start.

*"Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered."
- Proverbs 28:26*

Blessings! – Pastor Denise

WEATHER RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Lee

First off, allow us to thank you for your understanding in the call we made in January to cancel service. This is never an easy decision. However, given the number of volunteers it takes to do what we do and their inability to get here safely, we felt for safety sake it was better to call it than end up wishing we had.

During the winter months, not only heavy snow, but also icy conditions or a power failure can cause a cancellation.

We will attempt to alert you of any closings. However, sometimes that is impossible, so here are a couple of tips you may use to prevent coming here to a closed building.

Tips to avoid arriving at a closed building

On Sunday:

If weather conditions seem questionable, you may check the home page for the "Red Box" of our website:

www.WestminsterPeoria.org

This will be the first place we will announce if the church office is closed or if church activities or a morning service has been cancelled.

During the week: The church office closings are linked to the Peoria Public Schools. If they close the school due to inclement weather, Westminster will also close the church office and cancel all activities for that day.

Other ways in which we will try to contact you

Our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/westminsterpeoria>

Our Twitter Page

<https://twitter.com/westminsterpeo>

You can go to the church website,

WestminsterPeoria.org and on the main page we will post the latest updates in the "Red Box" for any services canceled or if the church office or ministry meetings have been cancelled.

You will receive an app notification for those of you that have downloaded the "Realm Connect" App.

You will receive an email notification for those of you that have requested access to your profile on "Realm Connect."

In the case of bad weather, the most important thing is for everyone to be safe. Please do not travel to the church for worship services or activities if you feel that doing so would be unsafe because of ice or snow conditions.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR WINTER

Mary Lee

Winter storms can cause power outages that last for days. They can make roads and walkways extremely dangerous and also negatively affect critical community services including public transportation, childcare, and health programs. Injuries and deaths may occur from exposure, dangerous road conditions, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other winter storm conditions. Be better prepared this winter, and learn more at ready.gov/prepare.

ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 6

*Render your hearts
and not
your clothing.
Return to the
LORD,
your God.*

Joel 2:13, NRSV



2019 PRESBYTERIAN TODAY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Awakening to God's Beauty – A Lenten invitation to pray with art

This year's stunning devotional invites us on a spiritual and visual pilgrimage through the holy season of Lent . . . through the final days of our Lord's ministry . . . his passion . . . his death on the cross . . . and finally his glorious resurrection at Easter.

Relying on the powerful words of the Psalms, we peer at the heartbreaking ravages of the world through Jesus' eyes: poverty, racism, sexism, corruption, violence and so many other social ills that afflict God's beloved children. For those of us intent on bending the arc of history toward justice, it might be tempting to become agitated and exhausted. But with God, there is always hope.

So, through magnificent photography and a spiritual discipline called *visio divina* — praying with art — we open our eyes with new awareness and gratitude for the beauty of creation. The devotional offers a dazzling smorgasbord of soul-stirring original photographs, each with a short, guided meditation to lift our hearts and fortify us for the rest of our Lenten journey.

The text, meditations and original photography are all the loving work of the Rev. Krin Van Tatenhove, long-time Presbyterian pastor, hospice chaplain, substance abuse counselor, traveler, photographer, and amazing storyteller.

These devotionals will be available in the Narthex before the end of February.

FEBRUARY SERVANT SCHEDULE

SERVICES	LITURGIST	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR
3 Sun AM	Jeanie Olson	Bonnie Jackson Alice Nash John Jackson Dick Helfrich	Dick Helfrich	Don Bell	Bonnie Jackson	Dorothy Crozier
10 Sun AM	Laura Van Riper	Alan Kupper Linda Kupper Gary Dutro Marge Willadsen	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Alan Kupper	Bonnie Jackson
10 Sun Jazz	Pastor Denise	Linda McDaniel Brooks McDaniel	Suellen Kirkwood	Tom Clark-Jones	Suellen Kirkwood	N/A
17 Sun AM	Peggy Bragg	Jeff Case Diane Case Laura Van Riper Dick Helfrich	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Jeff Case	Carole Willadsen
24 Sun AM	John Jackson	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	John Grimes	Gary Leonard	Laura Van Riper

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, February 03, 2019



Bread - Brian Hakes

Wine - Pastor Denise

Traveler - Suellen Kirkwood

Bread - Bonnie Jackson

Wine - John Jackson



Ministry Elders: Coffee Hour - Dorothy Crozier / Worship - Suellen Kirkwood

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Please Deliver to our Friends at

JOIN US SUNDAYS

10 AM Traditional Worship
4 PM Second Sunday Jazz Vespers
with David Hoffman
and Friends



Our mission is to *Serve God*
with *Open Mind, Open*
Hands and Open Heart.

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