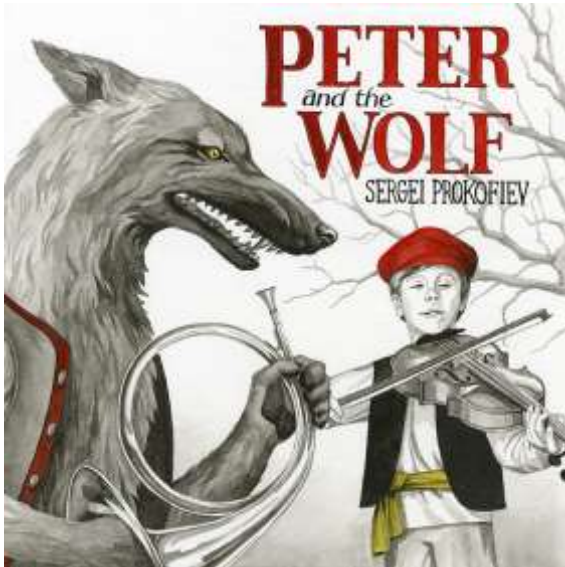


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Sunday Service Times: 10 AM Worship and Second Sunday Jazz Vespers 4 PM



**A CLASSIC TALE... MUSIC FOR CHILDREN  
SUNDAY | MARCH 24 | 3 PM**

*Tom Clark-Jones*

THE GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS SERIES of Westminster Church is pleased to announce a multi-media presentation of Sergei Prokofiev's children's classic, "Peter and the Wolf," on Sunday afternoon, March 24, at three o'clock. The afternoon starts in the Fellowship Hall of the Parish House with art projects for the children to create, and refreshments for all ... including coffee for the adults.

Upon completion of the art section of the program, all will move into the church sanctuary to hear the great music as presented by David Cyzak, oboist and woodwind professor at Bradley University, and his Woodwind Quintet. The original version of "Peter" is for full orchestra, but in this ingenious version, it is compressed into its essential musical colors using the Woodwind Quintet. Lee Wenger, on-air personality at WCBU, Peoria Public Radio, will be the narrator of the story. His enthusiastic presentation of the story will draw the children into the essence of the music while enjoying the use of the art projects made earlier in the afternoon to help express the story. *Continued on page 7 . . . .*

**ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS  
WEDNESDAY | MARCH 6 | 7 PM**

*A Service of Imposition of Ashes and Communion Celebrated*

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Historically, Ash Wednesday was a time when penitents were presented for church discipline during Lent, culminating in reconciliation on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is also the occasion when would-be disciples of Christ known as catechumens were enrolled in the catechumenate, a special time of learning the basics of the faith in preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday or during the Easter Vigil. In some traditions, Ash Wednesday is a fast day, beginning the Lenten time of fasting and preparation for the Great Three



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## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

**Tuesday | March 5 | 9 AM**

*Peggy Carter*

The Circle of Friends will meet at the home of Peggy Carter, on Tuesday, March 5, at 9 a.m. Peggy will present a program on Poetry as Religious Expression. All are welcome to join us and bring a friend. Please let Peggy know if you will attend: 685-5460 or email her at [plc@mail.bradley.edu](mailto:plc@mail.bradley.edu) ☩

## LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

*Marilyn Luman*

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 on the cover of this newsletter. 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. We will meet Thursday, March 14 and 28. ☩

## 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. It is always a good time and there is always room for more. ☩

## COFFEE HOUR

*Dorothy Crozier*

We would like to thank Bonnie and John Jackson for making Valentine Coffee Hour such a magical and successful event. Coffee Hour is a time for us to congregate and socialize after worship. Please sign up for your Sunday on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We are trying to make this event easy for those who agree to host a Sunday. You will not have to make the coffee or clean the coffee pot. That will be done for you. We are furnishing paper goods to make clean-up easy, and all the accoutrements for coffee, including cups, will already be set up for you. Dorothy Crozier is willing to assist you. If everyone signs up for one Sunday, then no one should need to sign up more than once. You can also ask another church member to

share hosting duty. As always, we appreciate all skill sets, whether you bake or are a good shopper. Let's make this community time happen! †

## **HOSPITAL ADMITTANCE**

*Dorothy Crozier*

Recently, we have had people in our church community admitted to the hospital, and the hospital has not notified us when we ask. We call every morning to all area hospitals to inquire if anyone from our church family has been admitted so that we can be an active community of support. It is important when you, or a loved one, is admitted to the hospital, to let admissions know you are a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church; otherwise they may neglect to inform us when we do call. We are here to support each other as a church community, and as such, we want to know when you are in need of and desire support. †

## **WHAT IS A BUF?**

*Dorothy Crozier*

What is a Building Usage Form or BUF for short? A BUF is not created to limit your access to your church. It exists to make your event or meeting comfortable and pleasurable. When you fill out a BUF, we can reserve a room and a date for you, as long as there is no prior reservation for that space. Best of all, we can ensure that the climate in your area in use is adequate, i.e., ac in summer and heat in winter. Also, if we know your needs for the space reserved, we can help organize the room. So, a BUF is a way of making your church community experience a success. You can download a Building Use Form on our website or come by the office and pick one up. Right now, Westminster is blessed with lots of events and activities, so if you have need to use any part of the church or parish hall, please fill out one of these forms so we can

make it happen. If you haven't filled out one of these forms before, stop by the church office and we will show you how it is done. This is your church and we want your experience in our church community to be a joy. †

## **TAIJI & QI GONG CLASSES**

### **COME TO WESTMINSTER**

*Donna Sturm*

After a slow start due to our Artic Blast of winter weather, Taiji and Qi Gong classes have begun in the Fellowship Hall of the William O'Neill Parish House.

Taiji is an ancient art of meditative movement which originated in China more than 2000 years ago. Today people all over the world practice Taiji and Qi Gong and medical research shows its many benefits. Some of the benefits are increasing vitality, strengthening immune system, reducing anxiety and depression, alleviating stress, increasing breathing capacity, improving balance and coordination, improving circulation, lowering higher blood pressure, restoring flexibility, energizing, providing the lowest impact weightbearing exercises know, and can creating a sense of well-being and serenity.

Through the movements we learn to tune in to our bodies. With practice we gather, store, and 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 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 circumstance, everyone can gain from the practice.

The essence of Taiji is the experience of pure self in motion, in touch, and in harmony with

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## SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS CRITTENTON CENTERS OF PEORIA

*Janet Leonard*

This year, Crittenton Centers of Peoria is a new mission that Westminster is supporting. Since 1892 Crittenton Centers have been protecting and nurturing children and families. One of the major initiatives is a crisis nursery. It provides child abuse prevention services for children from birth to six years; through emergency intervention and respite care, crisis counseling, and support services to families facing stress related to domestic violence, parenting challenges, mental health issues, and other situations that put children at risk. In turn, parent stress levels are reduced, parenting skills increased, and children are safe. Family stability is improved while children are in a safe environment.

All services that the Crisis Nursery provides are free to parents residing in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties. The services are offered 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Children can stay up to 72 hours, depending on the situation. The Centers also offer parent education classes throughout the community and encourage parental participation. Families are frequently referred to community agencies based on individual or family needs.

For more information about Crittenton Centers of Peoria, please go to: <http://www.crittentoncenters.org>. ☛

## CELEBRATING 45 YEARS!

*Valerie Sager*

This year Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) is 45 years old. As part of our ongoing series of articles to remember WICC's past, I took the opportunity to speak with WPC member Marge Willadsen about what it was like in 1974 when WICC first opened its doors for teen parents and their children.

Marge said the location of the Infant Care Center was in the lower level of the southeast corner of the old church building. Interestingly, this location is very close to where we are currently located in this building. She remembered that the Board members painted the daycare room to prepare it for operation.

The church held Sunday School class for the kindergarten-age children as well as Vacation Bible School (VBS) during the summer in the Infant Care Center. The toys and equipment were shared by the WICC children and the church children and much care was taken to ensure that they were cleaned and put away each Friday and Sunday.

Marge said that she commuted for 2 years from her home to the daycare via bike, walking, or driving her car. Marge smiled as she recalled a little daycare boy loving her bike that she rode to church. Marge served in many roles for the daycare including being a WICC Board member. But mainly she spent her time cooking for the chil-



### **WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY**

*Elizabeth Richmond*

During the month of January we provided food to 1037 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; every first and third Tuesday, March 5 & 19, at 11:20 a.m., Thursday, March 14, at 1:00 p.m., and the fourth Thursday, March 28, 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.

dren and would sometimes fill in if the daycare required help in the classroom. She would cook the food in the Parish House kitchen and bring it over to the church building at lunch time. She made lots of soups, as she knew the children needed more vegetables in their diet and that was one way she could make it happen. Once the meals were brought over, volunteers would come and help feed the children. The Director would make up grocery lists and Marge Klise, a

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# The Pastor's Corner

## LENT ... ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

Beginning on March 6, Ash Wednesday, we will begin the journey that is Lent, the forty-day liturgical season before Easter, excluding Sundays. We exclude Sundays in the 40-day count because every Sabbath Day is a celebration of the Resurrection. During this time, we follow the example of Jesus, who was led by the Spirit to a forty-day retreat into the wilderness just before he began his public ministry. During this time, he practiced the spiritual discipline of fasting, which is an ancient Jewish custom expressing repentance and devotion to God. The practice of fasting has continued in the Christian tradition as part of our Lenten journey which follows Jesus on the road he traveled from Baptism to the Cross.

Sacrifices that are not motivated by our desire to strengthen our relationship with God are not only meaningless sacrifices but can, instead, lead us further from God if those sacrifices are made for our personal gain rather than the kingdom of God. For example, one might give up chocolate or ice cream because it is a temptation to eat too much, with the unwanted consequence of gaining weight. If this sacrifice is for one's benefit alone, it is not a sacrifice for God. According to the Bible, sacrifice is not just an act of contrition, it is also an act demonstrating repentance, changing direction from self-focus to God-focus. The spirit of fasting during Lent is to give up something or to do something we have neglected to do, which is separating us from God.

In the Hebrew Bible (our Old Testament) the prophet Isaiah admonishes the people of Israel for public displays of fasting while continuing to commit sins against their neighbors in need:

*Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover*

*them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?" (Is.58:6-7)*

Jesus fasted and prayed in order to learn what God was calling him to do and to build the spiritual strength and integrity to accomplish it. Jesus also prayed fervently during his forty days in the wilderness. Prayer is another spiritual discipline which brings us closer to God. Jesus quoted the Isaiah passage to teach his disciples that fasting is adding as well as subtracting. By doing what we have neglected to do to fulfill our call to discipleship, we are sacrificing – sacrificing our time, a precious resource in our society, and resources to help those in need.

Jesus reminded his disciples that fasting, as a spiritual discipline, is not just an act of individual repentance, but also an act of corporate repentance of the sins of our society. Either directly or indirectly, with sins of commission or omission, we have responsibility for societal sins. Jesus explained that how we treat others is how we treat Him. Are we compassionate and generous, indifferent or condemning and denying?

As Jesus went into the wilderness for fasting and prayer after his baptism and call to ministry, we now begin a period of reflection and prayer so that we can learn what it means for us to be Christ's disciples, discover what God is calling us to do, and be graced by God so that we, too, can grow in spiritual strength and integrity.

May God be with you on your Lenten journey! --  
Pastor Denise ✝



## *Celebrating 45 years continued from page 4 . . .*

Board member, would do the grocery shopping for the daycare. Marge noted that volunteers were essential to keep things running. To get both the teen parents and their children from home to the daycare and on to school, volunteers and Board members would use their own cars for transportation.

Marge reminisced about WICC's 10-year celebration with Marge Sutherland acting as the principal speaker. Marge Willadsen volunteered to cook for the celebration supper and carefully prepared fried chicken and potato salad. To round out the supper, she asked people to bring a dish to share. Marge laughingly noted that everyone brought brownies. Fried chicken, potato salad, and lots and lots of brownies. Lots and lots of good memories for all! †

## *Taiji continued from page 3 . . .*

nature and the world around us.

Your teachers are Donna Sturm, practicing for 12 years, and Terrisa Worsfold with 10 years' experience. They possess experience in several disciplines, including 'Five Moving Forces,' and Circles, Yang 24 Short Form, and Fan form. These are where the bulk of the routines will be drawn. An assortment of shorter Qi Gong movements are done in classes weekly as well.

Donna and Terrisa came to the practice of Taiji as cancer survivors and are convinced that this practice has restored health and hope in their lives. It is for this reason they offer the class to cancer survivors free of charge.

We also want to invite you to come to your first class as our guest. Try it and see if it fits your lifestyle. Classes are \$5 per session.

A class for **beginners** is offered on **Wednesdays** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This is the best place to start as a beginner with little or no experience. Movements are done slowly and are cued by the instructors. Soft music is played to help create a peaceful experience.

Our **Monday** class is also offered at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This class is a more **advanced** version that has built and expanded from the beginning class. We hope to see you in class! †

## **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Sunday | March 3 | 10 AM**

Transfiguration Sunday celebrates the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and

the prophets. Jesus' radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the devouring fire of the glory of the LORD at Mount Sinai (Exodus 24.17). Here, as at Jesus' baptism, God claims him as a beloved child, in whom God is well pleased.

In their account of this event, the synoptic gospels offer an enlightening *tableau vivant*, with Christ flanked by Moses, representing the law, and Elijah, representing the prophetic tradition. With this vivid image, the gospel writers demonstrate the relationship of the human Word of God to the tradition of Israel and set forth the hermeneutic by which they read the Hebrew Scriptures.

### **HOPE OF THE AGES**

An excerpt from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 148-149)

The Sunday immediately prior to Ash Wednesday is an appropriate time to celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord, because this event marked a transition in Jesus' ministry in which he "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51), where he would die.

In Jesus' transfiguration, we are assured that Jesus is the hope of the ages. Jesus is the One who fulfilled the Law given through Moses, the one dreamed of by the prophets, of whom Elijah is the greatest.

In celebrating this event, we rejoice in the divine majesty of Christ, whose glory shone even when confronted with the cross. It is given us for our journey through Lent toward the agony of the cross and the victory of the empty tomb.

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### Peter & the Wolf continued from cover

Sue Burnham is in charge of the various details of the program ... most particularly the art projects that will draw the children into the story.

This program is an outreach to our community to provide quality children's programming and a chance to visit Westminster Church. Please speak to those you know who have children from Kindergarten through fifth or sixth grade and invite them to join us. There will be posters and post cards with all the details of the program in the Narthex as the date draws nearer. These pieces of PR will allow you to share all the details without having to have a long, involved discussion with your friends and relatives whom you invite to join us.

Your invitations to friends and family will help us achieve the various goals set for this project. It has been presented on previous occasions, and each time it has met with great enthusiasm, both by children and parents. Come and enjoy the music! ✚

### Ash Wednesday continued from cover

Days that culminate in Easter.

#### **A TIME TO TURN**

*An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 109-110)*

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one's forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures, always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Ashes on the forehead is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is

not to show off one's faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

Trusting in the "accomplished fact" of Christ's resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of the church's Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem and the cross. Our Lenten journey is one of *metanoia* ("turning around"), of changing directions from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

**An Ash Wednesday Service** of imposition of ashes and communion will be held Wednesday evening, **March 6, at 7:00 PM** in the sanctuary. ✚



LECTIONARY  
BIBLE STUDY READINGS  
FOR MARCH

**MARCH 3**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD  
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

**MARCH 6**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**MARCH 10 - FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b - 13

Luke 4:1-13

**MARCH 17 - SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

**MARCH 24 - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

**MARCH 31 - FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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We celebrate this mystery in order that our faith may be renewed. We are transformed into the new being in Christ as we join Christ in his death and resurrection in Lent and Easter. †

**2019 PRESBYTERIANS TODAY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**

***Awakening to God's Beauty***

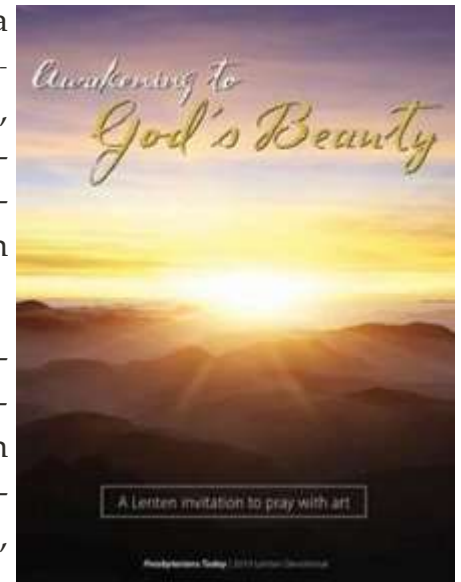
***A Lenten Invitation to Pray with Art.***

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. †



**LENTEN DEVOTIONAL**  
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in the Narthex. Limited  
copies available.*



**NEW CHAMBER CHOIR TO PERFORM  
DEBUT CONCERT SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019, 6 PM  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY**



Lumière, a new semi-professional Peoria-Area 16-voice chamber choir founded in the fall of 2018 by Dr. John Jost for the purpose of presenting concerts of engaging choral music of all types.

The choir is comprised of trained Central Illinois singers and most all of the members have sung with the Peoria Bach Festival Choir, all have had voice training, and almost all are instrumentalists as well as singers. Most of the members are directors themselves, of high school, college, and/or church ensembles, and about half the group formerly sang with the Bradley University Chorale under Dr. Jost's direction. Dr. John Jost, recently as a retired Bradley University Director of Choral Activities.

The concert will consist of both early and contemporary settings of psalms, hymns, and spirituals, featuring music of Palestrina, Sweelinck, Duruflé, Mechem, and others, both unaccompanied and with organ and strings.

**Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Call (309) 691-8768 for more details.**

**Personnel:**

**Soprano:** Stephanie Bartman, Leigh Grizzard, Maria Hercik, Rachel Retz

**Alto:** Catherine Barnett, Emma Boulton, Christine Fletcher, Jennifer Marquette

**Tenor:** Tim Fredstrom, Aaron Ganschow, Mark Grizzard, Caleb Mackinder

**Bass:** Russel Boulton, Andrew Corbin, Gregory Etzel, Steve Williams



**John Jost**, director, is professor emeritus of music at Bradley University, where he directed the Bradley Chorale, Community Chorus, and Chamber Singers, and taught conducting from 1989 until his retirement last summer. He received his bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from Stanford University. Before joining the Bradley faculty, he directed ensembles and taught in California, New York, and Haiti, where for several decades he directed a summer music camp for Haitian youth. He has held both principal viola and principal second violin positions in the Peoria Symphony Orchestra, has served as president of the Illinois Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, and is co-founder and artistic director of the Peoria Bach Festival. He has won awards for teaching and service from Bradley University, the American Choral Directors Association, the Haitian Ministry of Culture, and the Haitian Episcopal Church. ✝

## WESTMINSTER SESSION

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**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
Laura Van Riper .....	Class of 2021



## SESSION NOTES

From the February 17 Meeting



Respectfully,  
Jim Burnham, Clerk of Session

Received a thank you letter from The Peoria Dream Center for money that we contributed during the year 2018.

Agreed to give financial support to the group Camp Kesey which provides support to children whose parents now have or have had cancer. Randy Sherry is one of the local directors of this nation wide program. He has asked for our help in this effort. You will recognize Randy as one of the Bradley students that have been singing in our choir this year.

Opened a dialog on the topic of church safety. While it is recognized that emergency situations are relatively rare, everyone agrees that it is a good idea to have plans for dealing with problems that could arise. Watch for more about this in the future.

The WestMark Food Pantry served 1037 people during the month of January. ☩

## WICC - MOSS AVENUE SALE

*Elizabeth Richmond*

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 televisions, computers, office electronics, clothing, VHS tapes, infant playpens, cribs, car seats, bed sheets or linens.

For those of you eager to start donating, Buildings Manager Steve Sager is available by appointment for drop-offs on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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 that one of our mission partners could get better use from. If you have questions, please ask Elizabeth Richmond 697-9720 about this. ☩



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER USA

*Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*



Growing in faith as part of a faith community is integral to life with Presbyterian Women and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). In addition to Presbyterian worship and participation in PW, many Presbyterian Women groups and individuals nurture their faith ecumenically through World Day of Prayer.

World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of Christian women who pray and act for peace and justice. On the first Friday of March every year, Presbyterian Women join their prayers and voices with women in more than 170 countries and regions.

Each year, a different country that participates in World Day of Prayer serves as host country, writing the worship materials and compiling resources about their region's culture, history and faith traditions to educate women in other parts of the world. As women unite in prayer—asking God to relieve suffering, bring healing, mend brokenness, overcome barriers and bring peace, justice and well-being—they give to an offering that funds grants for the host country. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world.

### **World Day of Prayer 2019 is Friday, March 1, Slovenia**

The host country for World Day of Prayer 2019 is Slovenia. The focus is on Jesus' parable of the Great Dinner (in Lk. 14:15–24) with the theme "Come – Everything is Ready". One phrase in the worship service especially captures the ideas we will explore: "Welcoming God, in your love, you have prepared a table for all, and you inspire us to open our hearts and our homes to offer a place to the ones who are not yet at the table." Who isn't at your table yet? The women of Slovenia challenge us all to widen our circles, to expand our communities. ✝

#### **HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

**WDP - 2019**

*The importance of prayer is affirmed throughout the Bible. As a church, we are committed to pray - your needs are important to us and we are happy to join with you in praying for your specific prayer intention. Please write your request and place it in the offering plate or mail it to: WPC Prayer; 1420 W. Moss Ave., Peoria, IL 61606*

Name: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

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## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The four churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings collectively participate in ministries of compassion, justice, Christian formation, education, peacemaking, and global witness. ☩

### Support Presbyterian Mission year-round

#### - Offering Seasons in 2019 -



#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

[presbyterianmission.org/oghs](http://presbyterianmission.org/oghs)



#### PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

[presbyterianmission.org/pentecost](http://presbyterianmission.org/pentecost)



#### PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

[presbyterianmission.org/peace-global](http://presbyterianmission.org/peace-global)



#### CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

[presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy](http://presbyterianmission.org/christmasjoy)





# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations and reflect the call of Isaiah to become repairers of the breach.

This Special Offering is received during the season of Lent, especially on Palm Sunday, April 14, and Easter, April 21, 2019. Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. If we all do a little it adds up to a lot.

Westminster Presbyterian Church will take up this Special OGHS Offering at the Easter morning worship. You can find special offering envelopes in the pews or you may use the form below. Write OGHS on the memo line of your check. Bring your gift on Palm Sunday or Easter morning and place it in the offering plate or you may also mail it using the form. ☩

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Please give generously. Thank You!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ My Gift Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
Westminster Presb. Church or WPC

Clip and mail this form to:  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
1420 W. Moss Avenue  
Peoria, Illinois 61606

Write on the memo line:  
One Great Hour of Sharing or OGHS

*You shall be called repairers of the breach. - Isaiah 58*

## Easter Lily Dedication

We invite the congregation to participate in decorating the church for Easter morning. If you would like to give a beautiful lily plant in memory of loved ones or to honor family or friends, please fill in the information below. Your names and all those being honored or memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21 and in the May newsletter. Each lily plant costs \$16. Please write Lilies on the memo line of your check. Make checks payable to WPC or Westminster Presbyterian Church and mail along with form below.

**Choose what happens to your Lily Plant**

☐ I will take home after the Easter Service. ☐ Please deliver it to one of our Homebound Members.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name (Given By): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of 1. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16 per lily plant. Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place in offering plate or drop off at the church office to Mary Lee or mail to:  
WPC LILIES; 1420 W. Moss Avenue; Peoria, Illinois 61606**

**DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019**

February 2019						
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April 2019						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3 COMMUNION</b>  10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 6p Lumière Concert 	<b>4</b> 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	<b>5</b> 9:00a Circle of Friends 11:20a Food Delivery	<b>6 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>7:30a Men's Coffee Hr.</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.) 7:00p Ash Wed. Service 	<b>7</b> 7:30p Choir	<b>1 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019</b>	<b>2</b> Bettye Thompson Funeral 10a Visitation 11a Funeral 12p Luncheon 
<b>10</b> 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 4p Second Sunday Jazz Vespers 	<b>11</b> 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	<b>12</b> 4:30p WICC Board Mtg 6:30p Session Mtg	<b>13</b> <b>7:30a Men's Coffee Hr.</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	<b>14</b> 1:00p Food Delivery 1:30p Lectionary Bible Study 7:30p Choir	<b>15 WINDOW DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b> 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour 	<b>18</b> 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	<b>19</b> 11:20am Food Delivery	<b>20</b> <b>7:30a Men's Coffee Hr.</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	<b>21</b> 7:30p Choir	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour GRETCHEN R. IBENARTS Peter & the Wolf 3PM 	<b>25</b> 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	<b>26</b> Committee on Ministry Meeting. Pastor will be out of the office today.	<b>27</b> <b>7:30a Men's Coffee Hr.</b> 10:00a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	<b>28</b> 11a Food Delivery 1:30p Lectionary Bible Study 7:30p Choir 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour		<b>BIRTHDAYS</b> <b>1 Shawn Cullen</b> <b>12 Jeff Putnam</b>	<b>21 Charles Allen</b> <b>23 Robert Fisher</b>	<b>28 Robert Oaks</b> <b>31 Norma Helfrich</b>	<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b> <b>12 Jill &amp; Don Bell</b>	

# MARCH SERVANT SCHEUDLE

SERVICES	USHERS	GREETERS	SOUND	LITURGIST	ACOLYTE	COFFEE HOUR
<b>3 SUN AM</b>	Bonnie Jackson Alice Nash John Jackson Kim Mitchell	Dick Helfrich	Don Bell	Conrad Stinnett	John Jackson	Host Needed
<b>6 WED PM</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>Janet Kelley Marge Willadsen</b> <b>Dick Helfrich Suellen Kirkwood</b>	<b>Dick Helfrich</b>	<b>John Grimes</b>	<b>Jan Leonard</b>	<b>Suellen Kirkwood</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>10 SUN AM</b>	Gary Dutro Marge Willadsen Alan Kupper Linda Kupper	Dick Helfrich	John Grimes	Diane Case	Alan Kupper	Wanda Grimes
<b>10 SUN JAZZ</b>	<b>Dave Baker Jan Baker</b>	<b>Suellen Kirkwood</b>	<b>Tom Clark-Jones</b>	<b>Pastor Denise</b>	<b>Jan Baker</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>17 SUN AM</b>	Diane Case Dick Helfrich Jeff Case Laura Van Riper	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Dan Callahan	Jeff Case	Host Needed
<b>24 SUN AM</b>	Gary Leonard Jan Leonard Janet Kelley Dan Callahan	Dick Helfrich	Steve Sager	Bonnie Jackson	Janet Kelley	Host Needed
<b>31 SUN AM</b>	Alice Nash Suellen Kirkwood Conrad Stinnett Dick Helfrich	Dick Helfrich	John Grimes	Jim Burnham	Laura Van Riper	Host Needed

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

## MARCH 3 / SERVERS MARCH 6 / ASH WEDNESDAY

**10:00PM**

Bread John Jackson  
Wine Bonnie Jackson  
Bread Brian Hakes  
Wine Pastor Denise  
Traveler Gary Leonard

**7:00PM**

Bread Dorothy Crozier  
Wine Pastor Denise  
Traveler Suellen Kirkwood

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Rev. Denise  
Clark-Jones

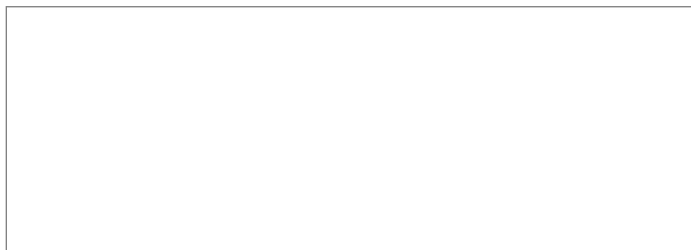
JOIN US  
SUNDAYS

10 AM  
Traditional Worship

4 PM  
Second Sunday  
Jazz Vespers

*Serving God with  
Open Mind,  
Hands, and Heart*

*Jesus Loves....*



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## THE SOUND OF LIGHT



PSALMS, HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS

MUSIC OF PALESTRINA, SWEELINCK, SCHEIN, CHARPENTIER,  
DURANTE, HOWELLS, DURUFLÉ, MECHEM, AND OTHERS

*Directed by JOHN JOST*

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019 6:00 P.M.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1420 W MOSS AVE, PEORIA

ADULTS: \$10.00

STUDENTS: 5.00