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Sunday Service Times: 10 AM Worship

GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS SERIES PRESENTS
BARNES & MARTINI
IN
ESSENTIAL JAZZ

SENIORS FROM KNOX COLLEGE,
GALESBURG, PERFORM JAZZ
STANDARDS FOR PIANO & BASS.
*A few other friends
just might join them, too!*

MAY 3 . 7:30 PM

Westminster
Presbyterian Church
1420 W Moss Avenue ~ Peoria Illinois
WestminsterPeoria.org ~ 673-8501

Free Admission
Refreshments

BILL IS ON THE GO AGAIN!



Pictured Charles Allen
and Bill Allen

Bill is on the go again! The ramp has been a wonderful blessing to him and to the family. The Allen family says, "Thank You for keeping Bill on the go."

WICC-MOSS AVENUE SALE



The Moss Avenue sale committee is accepting donations for June's annual sale.

Drop off dates are:

Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. - Noon
Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. - Noon
and any Thursday from 9 a.m. to
2 p.m. Call Steve 224-6237 to
make those arrangements.

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. We hope you will start finding treasure 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 309-697-9720 about this.



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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Tuesday | May 7 | 9 AM

Joyce Hakes

Circle of Friends will meet at the home (7059 N. Fox Point Drive, Peoria) of Joyce Hakes, on Tuesday, May 7, at 9 a.m. The topic is "The Power of Prayer." We will share Bible verses about prayer, and if willing, each person to share their thoughts on how they pray. All are welcome to join us and bring a friend. Please RSVP Joyce to let her know if you will be attending. ✝

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

Peggy Bragg

Who - All Westminster members and friends

What - A class on "Paul, Our Earliest Christian Author"

When - September 15 after coffee hour

Where - Chapel

A light lunch will be served. ✝

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP

John Jackson

The properties committee would like to thank all those who participated on Thursday, April 11, in the annual church spring clean-up. The weather cooperated and we were able to spiff up the campus. We completed the grounds work and did not need the additional clean-up day that was scheduled the following Thursday.

Special thanks to Gary D., and Janet K. for providing refreshments. Those helping were Steve, Caden, Dan, Kent, Don, Mike, Gary, Pat, Fred, Brian, Gary L., and John.

CALLING ALL CHICAGO CUBS FANS!

Valerie Sager

As part of our WICC sale this year, Westminster Infant Care Center has five Chicago Cubs game tickets for the Washington Nationals at the Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field.

Gameday - **Saturday, August 24, 1:20 p.m.**

Seating - **Section 203, Row 13, seats 3 and 4
and Row 14 Seats 3, 4, and 5.**

We are taking bids for the tickets and the highest bid wins all five tickets. To place a bid contact Valerie Sager, 309-224-6238 or email wicc1973@gmail.com.

Special thanks to Dr. Christopher Nau and Jan Nau (WICC Board member and WICC program nurse) for donating the tickets for our annual fundraiser.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Janet Leonard

"The Mission of Neighborhood House is to alleviate poverty at its root, through an array of programs that provide critical short-term relief to diverse communities, while facilitating long term recovery." www.nhpeoria.org.

In order to achieve their mission, Neighborhood House maintains a diverse set of programs, including:

- 1) meals on wheels for seniors,
- 2) a food, diaper and formula pantry,
- 3) critters' meals on wheels,
- 4) a daycare center,
- 5) summer meals,
- 6) evening meals and snacks,
- 7) a toy shop,
- 8) Santa for seniors,
- 9) snack packs, and
- 10) Sunday meals.

Countless individuals have shared their experiences of how Neighborhood House has had a profound impact on their lives. Although programs have changed over the 120 plus years, they continue to strive to meet peoples' needs. In just the past two years, they have added feeding programs for children, tutoring and other after school activities, workforce development and financial literacy. Westminster is proud to support the Neighborhood House effort. For more information, please go to: www.nhpeoria.org. †

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of March we provided food to 910 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; The first Tuesday - May 7, at 11:20 a.m. (no third Tuesday this month), Thursday, May 16, at 1 p.m., and the

fourth Thursday May 23, at 11 a.m. We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond 697-9720 or the church office 673-8501.

1st Quarter Giving Statements

Gary Leonard

Giving Statements were issued in mid-April for members or regular visitors who have either given to the church during January, February, or March and/or submitted a pledge for 2019. If you did not receive your statement and would like to receive one, please contact our Financial Secretary, Denise Wirth, at (309) 439-9740 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 Christian faith. The Session prayerfully considers how your contributions might best be used to support the church's ministry, missions, properties, and operations. My sincere appreciation is extended to all in the community of faith who have contributed not only their financial gifts, but also their time and talents to Westminster.

NEW AUTO ATTENDANT

If you have called the office, you may have noticed that we have a new auto-attender, with all kinds of new information. Below is the tree of the extensions and each of the new umbrellas. Hopefully this will help you to get to the person you want to talk with. If you have any questions, contact Mary Lee in the office.

UMBRELLA ONE

- Press 0 - For Worship Times & Church Info
- Press 1 - For Holiday & Special Service Times
- Press 2 - For Iben and Community Arts Events
- Press 3 - For the WestMark Food Pantry
- Press 4 - Westminster Infant Care Center
- Press 5 - Church Directory (to talk to someone in the office.)

UMBRELLA TWO

- Ext. 1 - For Church Office / Dorothy Crozier
- Ext. 2 - For Break Room / Steve Sager
- Ext. 3 - For Adm. Asst. / Mary Lee Caudle
- Ext. 4 - For Finance Office / Denise Wirth
- Ext. 5 - For Music Office / Tom Clark-Jones
- Ext. 6 - For Rev. Denise Clark-Jones Office
- Ext. 7 - For Westminster Infant Care Center

Celebrating OUR GRADUATES



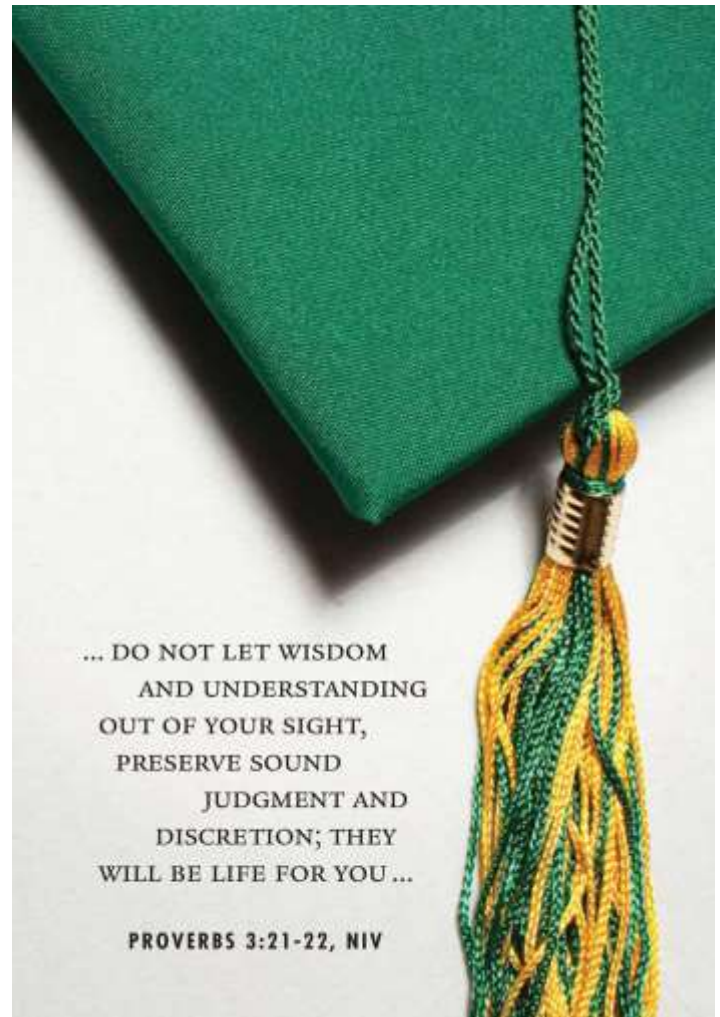
Janae Harris will graduate from Manual High School. She moved to Peoria from Denver, Colorado, in October 2016. She and her infant daughter, Imani, began with us in the spring semester of 2019. Janae will be graduating with her Nursing Assistant certification in May, and will be attending ICC this fall to study for an Associate in Science (AS) in General Education Transfer to Nursing. After earning her ICC degree, she will transfer to a four-year college to achieve her bachelor degree as a nursing major. Best wishes to Janae and her daughter Imani



D'Naja Whitelow will graduate from Manual High School. She and her son J'Ceon began with us in the fall of 2018. D'Naja will be attending ICC in the fall with a focus on getting her general education degree. Congratulations to D'Naja and J'Ceon as you go forward on the next step of your educational journey.



Kendrea Lewis and her daughter A'aliyah have been with us for three years. Kendrea will be graduating from Peoria High School in May. Kendrea will be attending Methodist College of Nursing this fall. Her daughter A'aliyah will also be attending school at Valeska Hinton beginning in July. We wish them the very best as they both continue their education!



... DO NOT LET WISDOM
AND UNDERSTANDING
OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,
PRESERVE SOUND
JUDGMENT AND
DISCRETION; THEY
WILL BE LIFE FOR YOU ...

PROVERBS 3:21-22, NIV

Easter Lily Dedications

Abbie Alexander

In Memory of all my family who died around Easter.

David and Jan Baker

In Memory of David's parents, Roy and Laurel Baker

In Memory of Jan's parents, John and Evelyn Spurny

Peggy Bragg

In Memory of her husband Norm Bragg

In Memory of her parents.

Peggy Carter

In Memory of Carol Rooney Carter

In Memory of Brian Carter

The Fleming Kids, Dave, Carol, Bob, Barb, & Lynn

In Memory of Adele and Walt Fleming

Sandra Gebhardt

In Memory of Forster Herman

In Memory of Ted Gebhardt

Dick & Norma Helfrich

In Memory of Dick's parents, Jacob and Gertrude Helfrich

In Memory of Norma's parents, Herbert and Jean Dickson

Steve Helfrich

In Honor of Richard and Norma Helfrich

Nelda & Erin Keene

In Memory of Walter Keene

In Memory of Howard and Florence Keene

Gary & Jan Leonard

In Memory of Wilbur and Irene Kirk

In Memory of Larry and Kathleen Leonard

Virginia M. McNear

In Memory of her mother, Nancy M. McNear

In Memory of her sister, Nancy J. McNear

Andrew & Mary Muir

In Memory of Louis and Selma Neumiller

In Memory of Tony and Clara Semsel

Alice Nash

In Memory of her husband Arlo, our parents, and siblings

Karen and Lisa Helfrich-Pratt

In Honor of Richard and Norma Helfrich

Thank you to those who donated a lily for a loved one or in a special celebration. Your contribution is appreciated.



SESSION NOTES

From the April 9 Meeting

Respectfully,
Jim Burnham, Clerk of Session

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones reported that plans for the 2019 Summer Music Camp are under development.

After investigation, the Properties Committee has determined that the small raised planting area near the front door of the Parish Hall should be removed. The brickwork on the planter has deteriorated to the point where any attempt at repair or replacement will probably just result in an ongoing maintenance problem. What will replace the planter has yet to be determined.

The Properties Committee is also looking into ways to rehabilitate the pillars in front of the Malvern Lane entrance to the church. It is obvious that this area needs attention.

The Session has been discussing ways of raising the profile of the church through advertising. Billboards, newspaper advertisements, and social media postings are among the methods that have been used recently. The effectiveness of these efforts is unknown at this time, but it is clear that the "Westminster Message" needs to be more visible.

Nine hundred ten people were served by the food pantry during the past month. ✚



The Pastor's Corner

REMEMBERING BOTH CROSS AND RESURRECTION

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

As I am writing this, it is the start of Holy Week. Yesterday we celebrated a memorable Palm Sunday – 5 inches of snow! In mid-April! It is hard to think about May and post-Easter Sunday when your spiritual journey is taking you to the cross. And so it is for us. We already know the end of the story, we celebrate it every Sunday; yet, during difficult times the joy of resurrection, which is fueled for us by hope, loses its power when faced with the harsh realities of the world – most particularly imminent death. This week family friends are waiting for the end of the life of a brave, bright and beautiful daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother - her first grandchild is to be baptized on Easter. Her cancer is doing its worst to her physical body at the end. I am reminded of my mother, who died shortly after Easter more than 20 years ago, and the many hospital and hospice rooms I have visited with the whole family crowded around their loved one, waiting for the inevitable end. When resurrection is the final and only hope, it is hard to feel joy.

This is why we pray our second prayer in the communion liturgy. The first prayer is for praise and thanksgiving to God. The second prayer is called “The Anamnesis” from the Greek word meaning “reminiscence” or “memorial sacrifice.” This Greek word was used in Luke’s gospel (22:19) when Jesus instructed his disciples to continue the practice of breaking bread and sharing a common cup with the words: “Do this in ‘remembrance’ of me.” We sing after the prayer

these words: “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.” We remember his painful death, we rejoice in the Resurrection, and affirm our hope that Christ will come again, ushering in the full kingdom of God on earth. After Easter we do not forget Good Friday, which seemed to have nothing “good” about it. But we remember, with the knowledge of the whole story.

When we use the word “remembrance,” we are referring, as Jesus did, to the whole story of Jesus – why he came, what he did on earth, and what his Resurrection and continued presence means for us. The Passover meal, which Jesus and his disciples shared the night before his arrest and crucifixion, remembered not just the night of the first Passover meal, but the whole story of God’s presence in the life of the people Israel. In the same way, Jesus asked his disciples to remember the whole story of his presence on earth for the sake of reconciliation with God and neighbor. Jesus lived God’s commandment to love God and neighbor in a way people could see, imitate, and allow God’s revelation in Christ to transform their lives.

During the weeks of the Easter season, we will continue to follow Christ’s command to share the communal meal he sanctified while we hear and study the book of “The Acts of the Apostles,” which continues Christ’s story with the birth of the Church. There were more crosses in the story, more persecutions, more injustices committed by the empire; but, remembering what Christ had done and instructed them to do, the apostles and the new disciples knew the whole story and were given the power of the Holy Spirit to face all challenges, even death. Alleluia!

May God bless you and Westminster!
Pastor Denise

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
BIRTHDAYS 2 Stephanie Ashton 2 Megan Walker 7 Jack Allen 14 Susan Leighty 14 Isabel Muir	BIRTHDAYS 14 Jerrie Ruck 15 Elizabeth Muir 16 Jeff Case 17 Bill Allen 22 James Ashton	BIRTHDAYS 22 Jacque Muir 26 Alice Nash 26 Marilyn Luman ANNIVERSARIES 26 Trisha & Shawn Cullen	1 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	2 6:15 p Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	3 7:30 PM ESSENTIAL JAZZ Gretchen R. Iben Event	4
5 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	6 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	7 9:00a Circle of Friends 11:20a Food Delivery	8 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	9 1:30p Lect. Bible Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	13 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	14 4:30p WICC Board Mtg 6:30p Session Mtg	15 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	16 1:00p Food Pantry Delivery 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	17 WINDOW DEADLINE	18 WE NEED YOUR TREASURES! WICC-Moss Drop off Day
19 PENTECOST 10a Worship 11a Potluck Fellowship Special Offering	20 9-11a WestMark Food Pantry Open 6:30p Taiji Class (Adv.)	21 No Food Delivery	22 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	23 11 Food Pantry Delivery 1:30p Lect. Bible Study 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hour	27 MEMORIAL DAY CLOSED: WestMark Food Pantry & The Church Office NO Taiji Class (Adv.)	28 Committee on Ministry Meeting. Pastor will be out of the office today.	29 7:30a Men's Coffee Hr. 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Taiji Class (Beg.)	30 6:15 p Hand Bell Rehearsal 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	31 OPENING CONCERT BACH FESTIVAL 7:30 PM Gretchen R. Iben Event	JUNE 1 WE NEED YOUR TREASURES! WICC-Moss Drop off Day

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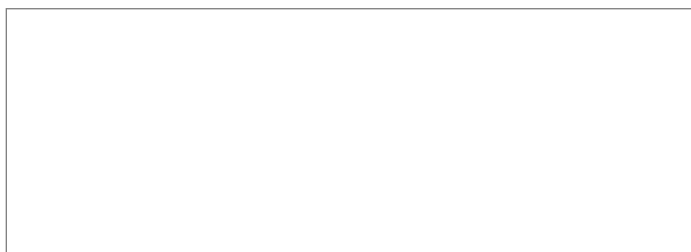
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