OCTOBER 2019

The Westminster WINDOW

Issue 10 Volume 17

Sunday Worship 10 AM & Second Sunday Jazz Vespers 4 PM

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER 6

World Communion Sunday

Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26, Psalm 137 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

OCTOBER 13

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

OCTOBER 20

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

OCTOBER 27

Reformation Sunday

Joel 2:23-32 Psalm 65 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14



October 13 at 4 PM

Blessing of the ANIMALS



SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6 - 4:00 pm

Bring all of your creatures, great and small (on a leash or in a crate), to the back yard of the William R. O'Neill building, or if it is raining, inside the Fellowship Hall for a service commemorating the Saint Francis of Assisi. We'll say a few words, give a blessing and a treat to the animals, and spend some time getting to know your pets.

If your pets do not travel well or do not play well with others, please bring photographs of them. Bring a chair and a friend! All animals are welcome.

So come, celebrate the wonders of God's creation and our relationships with its creatures, great and small!

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

The Circle of Friends will meet Tuesday, October 1, at 9 a.m. at the home of Joyce Hakes (7059 N. Fox Point Drive, Peoria, 61614). Please R.S.V.P. (309-693-7878)

Below is the 2019-2020 Hostess Schedule.

10/01/19 - Joyce Hakes	<u>03/03/20 - Host Needed</u>
11/05/19 - Sally Fitch	04/07/20 - Alice Nash and
12/03/19 - Le Peeps, Breakfast	Carol Borders
01/07/20 - No Meeting	05/05/20 - Peggy Bragg
02/04/20 - Bonnie Jackson	06/02/19 - Jean Schlesinger

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Marilyn Luman

You are welcome to join us in the church parlor starting at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons. The verses are printed in *The Window* every month, and Rev. Denise helps us understand them before they are read in church on Sunday.

In October we will meet on October 10 and 24 and we have plenty of chairs for everyone. If you have any questions or wish to be on a reminder list, call Marilyn Luman (309-691-0607).... We need YOU!

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Peggy Bragg

We had a great turnout on September 15 for our first Monthly Bible Study on "Paul, Our Earliest Christian Author."

Please join us for the next two sessions on October 20 and November 17 in the Chapel following the Sunday morning worship. If you weren't able to join us in September, don't worry. Each lesson is related but separate.

Again a light lunch will be served, so please sign up in the Narthex if you will be attending. For questions, see Peggy Bragg or contact the church office at 673-8501. Hope to see you there!

On October 13, we will have our service at 4 p.m.

There will be NO 10 AM SERVICE.

Moss Avenue will be closed for the

Peoria WhiskeyDaddle Race.

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, on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Invite a friend. It is always a good time and there is always room for more.

AUTUMN CLEAN-UP DAY

Janet Kelley

It is that time of year again - fall clean-up day at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Properties Committee needs your help to prepare the grounds for winter. We've scheduled a clean-up day on Wednesday, October 30, at 9:00 a.m.

Helping hands are always appreciated no matter the amount of time that you can fit into your schedule! Please bring your rakes, blowers, gloves, trimmers, etc.

Refreshments and beverages will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Call Janet Kelley at 692-6953 or Dan Callahan at 657-0530.

PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS

Gary Leonard

Thanks to some recent contributions, Per Capita receipts (\$34.22/member) exceeded our expectations for 2019! This greatly assists the church in meeting our financial commitment (\$4,996) in support of the General Assembly, Synod, and the Presbytery of Great Rivers. It's not too late to contribute your apportionment for 2019. If you would like to participate and are unsure whether or not you have already contributed, please contact Denise Wirth (309-439-9740; email:

financesecy@westminsterpeoria.org).

FINANCE MEETING

Gary Leonard

The Finance Committee plans to meet on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, in the Parlor at 12:15 p.m. If you are not a member of the committee but would like to join us, please call Gary Leonard.

WHISKEY DADDLE RACES

Once again this year, Moss Avenue is part of the route they will be running Sunday, October 13, 2019, for the Peoria Marathon Races. The city will have part of Moss Avenue blocked off and the church is in that part that won't be allowing vehicles. So, instead of our usual 10 a.m. morning worship, we will all meet at 4 p.m. for Jazz Vespers

WESTMARK FOOD PANTRY

Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of August we provided food to 1,228 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 YOU HELP?

Elizabeth Richmond

Come help unload deliveries:

every first and third Tuesday, October 1 and 15, at 11:20 a.m. Thursday, October 17, at 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 23, at 10:45 a.m.

We also can use some help filling in for our regular volunteers on Monday morning. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Richmond (309-697-9720) or the Church office (309-673-8501 Opt. 5 / Ext. 1)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 6 -

Pastor Denise Clark-Jones

The month of October is filled with Jewish holidays this year. Foremost is Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. One would assume that the first month of the Jewish calendar would be in the fall, but, in fact, it is in the spring. The Torah indicates that God proclaimed the celebration of

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THE IBEN SERIES IN OCTOBER

Thomas Clark-Jones

In the fall of 1989, the new Westminster Church was dedicated along with its stunning new pipe organ built by the firm of Visser-Rowland in Houston. It stands as one of the finest instruments produced by this firm. Far from being its largest ... an instrument of forty-two ranks (sets of pipes) ... it could easily be suspected of being much larger. Its versatility and purity of tone, along with its magnificent ensemble in which the various stops pull together into a grand whole, make it among this builder's finest examples of organ building.

Twenty years earlier, Tom Clark-Jones, presented his undergraduate organ recital in the fall ... deciding to get it over sooner than later. So to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the organ, and the fiftieth of the organist's concertizing, we present this program of organ masterworks drawn, in part, from the same repertoire he played in concert for the first time fifty years ago. Among those works ... Pachelbel's 'Dorian Prelude', Cesar Franck's 'Finale' and the 'Litanies' of Jehan Alain. These are all old musical friends and show, in some measure, a musically mature approach to this literature.

The glorious voice of this organ beautifies each liturgy celebrated in this church. Come and hear it played in concert featuring a number of works not really suitable for services, but most worthy of hearing. Come, enjoy, and leave an offering that benefits the Iben Series.

All this happens on Friday evening, October 11, at 7:30 PM.

GRETCHEN R. IBEN ARTS SERIES PRESENTS



AN ORGAN EXTRAVAGANZA

10/11/19 Friday Evening 7:30 PM

Thomas
Clark-Jones
organist

Enjoy the sounds of Pachelbel, Bach, Franck, Peeters, Sowerby and Alain on this spectacular Visser-Rowland Pipe Organ.

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the Passover would be the first month of the year.

Liberation from slavery in Egypt is the defining story of the Hebrew people becoming the nation of Israel. Moses and the Exodus story figures prominently in the New Testament as symbolic of freedom from sin, which was attained for us with the death and Resurrection of Iesus Christ. Recently, I attended a lecture in which three Peoria clergy, a rabbi, a pastor, and an imam, addressed the importance of Moses in their sacred texts and theology. To my surprise, I learned that Moses is mentioned in the Koran more than any other prophet. Muslims fast on the day of the Passover. This is the day that Moses freed an oppressed people for whom God had mercy. We celebrate Jesus' last Passover meal with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, which is the prelude to Good Friday and Easter.

When we share The Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday, we remember what Jesus has taught us about how to live out the commandment 'to love our neighbors as ourselves.' We remember the promise Jesus made that we will all share in the heavenly banquet in the kingdom of God, ushered in when Iesus first came into the world. World Communion Sunday highlights the unity of Christians at Christ's table. It is a table without borders. As one in Christ, we are liberated from all that would separate us from our neighbors. At the Lord's Table we envision the peace and unity God envisions for all. Come taste and see that the Lord is good!



WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session Jim Burnham
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Christian EducationPeggy Bragg Class of 2021
Class 61 2621
Church LifeVacant
FinanceGary Leonard
Class of 2019
MembershipBonnie Jackson
Class of 2019
Missions/Outreach Jan Leonard
Class of 2019
PersonnelLarry Hicks
Class of 2019
PropertiesJohn Jackson
Class of 2021
WorshipSuellen Kirkwood

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

Class of 2020

DEACONS

Moderator	Jeanie Olson Class of 2019
Anna Bussian	Class of 2020
Sue Burnham	Class of 2020
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

Jim Burnham, Clerk of Session



The August 13 Session meeting was canceled due to lack of a quorum. The September 10 meeting was held as scheduled. The only official action this month was to approve the idea of a Blessing of the Animals Service to be held in October. Details of this service will be available elsewhere. In case this strikes you as not much to be accomplished, let me remind you that session meetings always include a review of all of the regular activities and business of the church. Our financial situation has to be monitored, our buildings and other property needs to be maintained, activities and services must be planned and carried out, mission and outreach efforts need to be created and nurtured, and on and on. You are probably aware that Westminster has been fortunate over the years to find volunteer and professional staff who carry out these tasks with competence and energy. We all need to be thankful for their services.

SERVANT SCHEDULE

You may have noticed that the October Servant Schedule is not in this newsletter. We have recently put together a Servant Schedule Booklet that was mailed out to each person serving, with your appointed Sunday for which you are scheduled. There will also be a few in the Narthex if you need to pick up another copy. This booklet has the schedules for the month of September through January of next year. As the holidays approach us, this will give you ample time to switch dates with someone else or to find a replacement if you are unable to serve your scheduled Sunday.

The opportunity for anyone to serve is always open. We are looking for anyone who would like to learn how to run sound, substitutes to step in when we are short of ushers, or even if you would like to read the liturgy for service. If this is something you'd like to know more about, please contact Suellen Kirkwood, 383-2321, or call the office.

We hope by giving you this booklet, you will feel more at ease and prepared.

Thank you for ALL who serve here at Westminster. Your willingness to use your gifts and abilities has strengthened the mission and ministry of this church. You have also been an example of servant-leadership and giving. For all your time, effort, handwork, and prayers, please accept thanks and appreciation. This ministry of serving/volunteering is not only a blessing, but it's a way that we all come together as a body of believers here at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the schedule, contact the church office at 673-8501.

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On September 1, Peace and Global Witness season begins. This offering "encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission with those around the corner and around the world." Your gift to Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. **25% of the Offering stays with Westminster.** Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

On October 6, we will take up an offering for the Peace and Global Witness. You will find special offering envelopes in your pew. Please, take one home, pray about what kind of offering you should make and bring it with you to the 10 am service on Sunday, October 1 (World Communion Day) to put in the offering or feel free to fill out the offering slip below.

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everyone. 25%	t to help more people experience the freedom and of this Offering stays with our congregation to su Enclosed you will find my donation in the amount	ipport peacemaking in our own
	Clip and mail this form along	with your contribution to: Westminster Church
Name:		Peace & Global Witness
Phone:		1420 W. Moss Avenue Peoria, Illinois 61606
Email:		Make checks payable to: WPC or Westminster Church

Thank you for your participation in the Peace and Global Witness Offering



22" Table

\$40

Top Tree

Westminster Infant Care Center HOLIDAY BAZAAR



The Classic Wreath



The Cranberry Wreath

The Wintergreen Wreath





Name:





The Candlelit Centerpiece





40" Live **Christmas Tree**



The holidays are just around the corner and Christmas will soon be here! The Westminster Infant Care Center board of directors would like to help you with your decorations and gifts. We are again offering seven items from the Mickman Brothers as a fundraiser for the child care center. We will be taking orders from now until October 20.

All wreaths will be delivered to your home address or gift recipient's address. All wreaths come with an EZ Wreath Hanger. Wreaths will be delivered between the dates of November 18 to December 10 just in time for the holidays.

There are several ways to order. 1) You can pick up an order form in the Narthex, 2) call Val Sager at 309-674-6701 or 3) order online at MickmanHolidayGifts.com using fundraising code WESTMIIL001.

Payment is due upon ordering and checks must be made payable to WICC. You must use one order blank per item ordered and place payment with your order in the envelope in the Narthex.

Thanks for everyone's continued support for this valuable mission of Westminster Presbyterian Church! Happy Holidays to all and God bless!

ORDER FORM (clip and return)

		QTY	Total
Classic Wreath	\$37		
Victorian Wreath	\$43		
Cranberry Wreath	\$43		
Wintergreen Wreath	\$43		
Candlelit Centerpiece	\$38		
22" Table Top Tree	\$38		
40" Live Christmas Tree	\$58		
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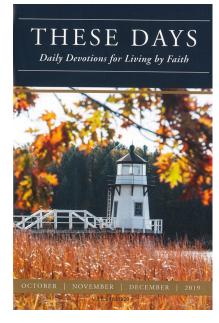
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THESE DAYS

Daily Devotions for Living by Faith

The French say that a great meal begins with a great hunger. We hunger for many special meals throughout this season of the year, don't we? We crave the sugar candies that Mexican bakeries produce for Day of the



Dead (All Saints') celebrations; we eagerly await the succulent turkey and stuffing at Thanksgiving dinner; we can almost smell the lutefisk and lefse served on Christmas Day (okay, some holiday meals are not *exactly* great!).

Add to this list our deeper hunger that will be gratified on World Communion Sunday in October, when we are fed by our connection to Christians around the globe, as well as by Jesus' gifts of bread and wine. "You satisfy the hungry heart,"* we sing of Jesus that day.

We essentially come to every experience of prayer and devotion hungry for words that will fill us and send us off to feed others. May the sustenance of daily devotions in this issue of *These Days* keep you fed during a hungry season. *Bon appetit!*

These Days, Daily Devotions for Living by Faith has been the concrete expression of the church's witness to the love of Jesus Christ to the world for more than three decades.

Featuring daily mediations and devotions wonderfully written by clergy and lay leaders, *These Days* continues to be the source of comfort and hope throughout the world and has been for 36 years.

The devotional booklet *These Days*, for October, November, and December is available in the Narthex. Pick up your copy and a copy to share. They are available in regular or large print.

MAKE-IT. TAKE-IT WICC FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Marilyn Luman

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving (November 24) we will have our annual *Make-It Take-It* fundraiser for our Westminster Infant Care Center (WICC) following our church service. This is an opportunity for our members to show their skills by "making something" or "buying/taking something" home that is handmade to share with others for the upcoming holidays.

More details will be in our November WINDOW on where and when to drop off your items in Fellowship Hall. We NEED YOUR SUPPORT to make this fundraiser a success. Please give some thought to what you can contribute.

We NEED YOU to make this annual event a success for WICC. If you have any questions, call Marilyn Luman at 691-0607.



ANNIVERSARIES

Horst Prohaska and
Anna Bussian

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 William Baker
- 3 Jean Ashton
- 5 John Jackson
- 7 Marge Willadsen
- 20 Elizabeth Richmond
- 24 Nancy Larimore
- 27 Bonnie Jackson
- 29 Lauren Hicks





Everybody loves a good laugh. As Proverbs 17:22 declares, "a joyful heart is good medicine."

There's something about laughter that can restore the soul and provide some much-needed relief from stress and pain.

#1 – A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today." After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

#2 – A pastor's wife baked cookies for a party she was giving, and left them to cool while she went to do some errands. Before leaving, she put sign next to the cookies that read: "Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15."

When she arrived home again, half the cookies were gone, and next to the plate was a note in her husband's handwriting: "The righteous man eats to his heart's content, but the stomach of the wicked man goes hungry. Proverbs 13:25."

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests. Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

H A C B R Y E B R V E N
G A U A S N O L E M S U
R L C R F I G S T A T T
A M U L I M B E H A N S
P O M E G R A N A T E S
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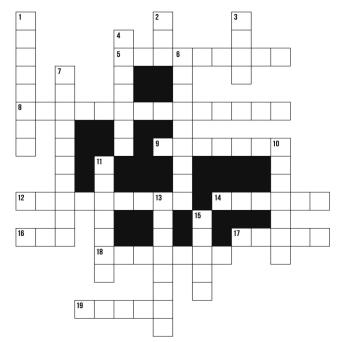
apples barley beans cucumbers figs gourds grapes herbs leeks lentils melons nuts olives onions pomegranates rye wheat

almonds



SIRI ... SAY GRACE

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



- 1. windy snowstorm
- 2. thick, obscuring mist
- frozen rain pellets
 an area's normal
- weather conditions
- sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky
- 6. violent tropical storm7. shaking of the earth's crust
- 8. northern lights
- partial or full blockage of the sun or moon
- 10. wearing away of the soil
- large mass of snow and ice

- mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain
- 13. the degree of moisture in the air
- 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam
- 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere
- frozen water
- 17. deluge
- 18. when day and night are of equal length
- 19. frozen dew or vapor

02-06-2015 ANSWERS: 1. L 10. erosion 11 NoweRS: 1. blizzard 2. erosion 11. glacier 12. fog avalanche 3. hail 4. climate 5. li alanche 13. humidity tning 6. hurricane . geyser 15 cloud 7. earthquake 8. 16. ice 17. flood . Aurora Borealis 9. eclipse 18. equinox 19. frost equinox 19. fros

DO YOU DO SOCIAL MEDIA?

If so, you can help us!

FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook User, you can help the church by doing three very simple things.

- 1. Please "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church page.
- 2. Give us a 5-star rating with a brief little note on why you like the church, and
- 3. Recommend the page to other.

These three easy things will greatly help visitors when they look at the page to get a sense of our church and they will be more likely to view the content on our Facebook page. You can do the same steps for the Gretchen R. Iben Facebook page, too.

TWITTER

If you like to Tweet, you can follow us on Twitter.

- 1. Click the "Search Twitter" text field. It is a text box at the top of the Twitter page.
- 2. Enter @westminsterpeo
- 3. Select a user by clicking the name of the church to add in the resulting drop-down menu. This will take you to the church's page.
- 4. Click "FOLLOW". It is in the upper-right corner of the page.

GOOGLE SEARCH

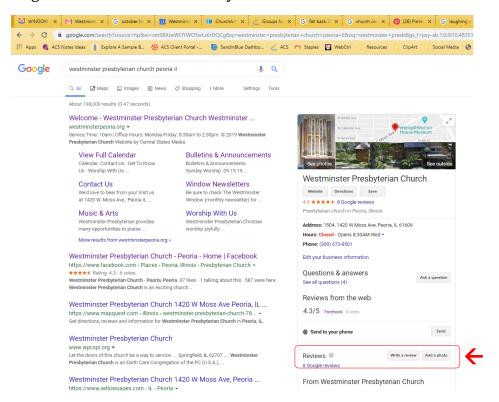
Do you use a computer, laptop, or iPad? Do you ever search for anything? If you do, you can really help the church by doing a simple search.

1. Go to google.com

2. in the search bar, type in: Westminster Presbyterian Church Peoria IL



3. You will be taken to a page that looks very much like the image below. Scroll down until you see "Write a review"

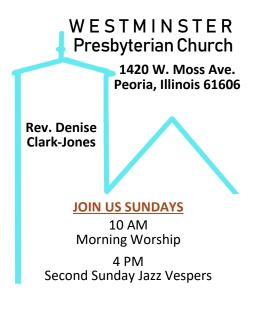


- 4. Once you have clicked on "Write a review" a window will open up for you to give us a 1 to 5 star rating and to write your review of the church. Share with others what you like best about WPC. Why should others come here? etc. Doing this gets us more exposure when others are doing a search for a Presbyterian church.
- 5. Click on the "POST" button when you are done.

It is just that easy to help spread the word about what a loving group of people attend here.

Under that is a whole lot of information of events and happenings at Westminster. Click on the "See All" and it will open up to the latest event. Share with others by Facebook, Twitter, or even send them an email. Now how easy is that to invite family and friends to all of the great services and events at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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Peace is ACTIVE,
not Passive
Peace is Doing,
not Walting

May Peace be with

WICC SHOWCASE

Valerie Sager



The Westminster Infant Care Center would like to showcase a WICC parent and their child each month in order for the Westminster Church members to get to know the parents and children who are participating in this important mission

of the church.

This month we would like to introduce to you Terriana and her daughter, Amira. Terriana is the President of her Senior class at Manual. She hopes to attend Bradley University and study prelaw. Terriana has the ultimate goal of becoming a criminal justice lawyer. Her daughter Amira was born on April 30, 2019 and is a joy for us all. Please keep them in your prayers for a successful school year!

