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November Office Hours

MAKE IT - TAKE IT BAZAAR

Marilyn Luman

Sunday | November 21 | at 11 a.m.

Our annual MAKE IT-TAKE IT fundraiser for WICC will be held following our church service on Sunday, November 21. We welcome any ...and all...home-made items to sell. Bring your items to the church Parlor prior to our 10 am church service. They will be priced and ready to sell after the service.

Here are a few items that will be available ...



Winter Table Runner

The table runner is 20" x 43"

\$20 each



Gift Bags

The gift bags are approximately 8 1/2" x 6 \$10 each



Gift Card Tree Ornaments The gift card ornaments are 3 1/2" x 3 1/2"

\$4 each

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in acco	rdance with Peoria school calendar
Email	

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By the end of the day, Monday, November 15 for the December newsletter

MAKE IT - TAKE IT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



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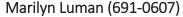
In addition to craft items there will be baked goods and spider plants just to mention few of the items that would make wonderful hostess gifts.

If unable to attend, contact the following to pre-order and make arrangements to pick up your items.

DEADLINE FOR PRE-ORDERING WILL BE SUNDAY, NOV 14.

Alice Nash (674-4308)

frozen pies (\$10/each) available 2/apple, 2/rhubarb; 2/peach



bread loaves (small \$4; large \$7) available 2/blueberry; 2/cranberry

Bonnie Jackson (696-1955)

snicker doodle cookies (6/\$2.50; 12/\$5.00)

Jeanie Olson (830-0697)

frozen pea/ham soup available 13 (2 cups /\$3.00 each)

Alan Willadsen (692-1673)

ginger cookies (6/\$2.50; 12/\$5.00)

This is just a sample of what will be in the Parlor. Your support is needed by WICC and very appreciated.

Co-chairmen: Marilyn, Alice and Bonnie



NOTABLE NUMBERS | AUGUST 2021

Brian Hakes

			Year to date			
	Se	ptember	Actual		Budgeted	
Receipts	\$	15,950	\$ 154,201	\$	141,975	
WDF	\$	15,000	\$ 139,647	\$	196,452	
Total	\$	30,950	\$ 293,848	\$	338,427	
Expenses	\$	31,613	\$ 283,475	\$	338,528	

WESTMINSTER SESSION

Clerk of Session	Jim Burnham
	Class of 2021
Christian Education	Peggy Bragg
	Class of 2021
Church Life	Open
Finance	Brian Hakes
	Class of 2022
Membership	Kim Mitchell
	Class of 2022
Missions/Outreach	Jan Leonard
	Class of 2022
Personnel	Larry Hicks
	Class of 2022
Properties	John Jackson
	Class of 2021
Worship	Open

DEACONS

Moderator	Jeanie Olson
	Class of 2022
Sue Burnham	Class of 2021
Phyllis Rafferty	Class of 2021
Marge Willadsen	Class of 2021
Laura Van Riper	Class of 2021
Alice Nash	Class of 2022
Bonnie Jackson	Class of 2023

PREPARING OUR HEARTS REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE



The Sacrament of the
Lord's Supper
will be observed
on
Sunday, November 7
and
Sunday, November 21
Christ the King Sunday

SESSION NOTES



Jim Burnham, Clerk of Session OCTOBER MEETING NOTES



As I am sure most of you are aware, the business of the Session is to oversee the activities of the church and to plan for the future. In order to improve the quality of the online broadcasts of our Sunday services and the broadcasts of our Iben series concerts the Session has decided to add a third camera in the sanctuary and to replace the wireless microphone used by Pastor Denise. The new camera will be located on the south wall of the sanctuary opposite the choir and the organ. This will give us a better view of the choir and the piano as well as a view of the faces of part of the congregation. Larry Hicks suggested these improvements, and the session is in full agreement.

NOVEMBER REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS (RCL)

RCL Readings for Sunday, November 7, 2021

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24:1-10

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel John 11:32-44

RCL Readings for Sunday, November 14, 2021

First Reading 1 Samuel 1:4-20

Canticle 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Gospel Mark 13:1-8

RCL Readings for Sunday, November 21, 2021, Christ the King

First Reading 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18)

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel John 18:33-37

RCL Readings for Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Luke 21:25-36

NOVEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday | Oct. 31 | 10 am Sunday Worship

Reformation Sunday

Monday | Nov 01 | 9-11 am WestMark Food Open

Monday | Nov 01

All Saints' Day (official)

Thursday | Nov 04 | 1 pm RCL Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday | Nov. 07

Daylight Saving Time ends

Sunday | Nov. 07 | 10 am

All Saints' Service Communion Sunday

Sunday | Nov. 07 | 6 pm

Gretchen R. Iben Arts Series presents: Lumieré / \$10 admission \$5 students

Monday | Nov 08 | 9-11 am WestMark Food Open

Tuesday | Nov 09 | 4:30 pm WICC Board Zoom Meeting

Tuesday | Nov 09 | 6:30 pm Session Zoom Meeting

Thursday | Nov 11 | 1 pm RCL Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday | Nov 11

Church Closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

Sunday | Nov 14 | 10 am Stewardship Sunday

Monday | Nov 15 | 9-11 am WestMark Food Open

Monday | Nov 15 | End of Day Newsletter Deadline

Thursday | Nov 18 | 1 pm RCL Bible Study via Zoom

Sunday | Nov 21 | 10 am
Christ the King Communion Service

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 Arthur Schlesinger artnjean1@gmail.com

11 Tippy Short

16 Rachel Seelye

101 Yrs Young!

18 Laura Van Riiper lriper18@gmail.com

27 Rosemary McCurdy

27 Betty Oaks

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11 Linda & Brooks McDaniel 20

blmcd2@sbcglobal.net

15 Stacey & James Neubert

20 Luanne & Donald Shay

24 Joyce & Brian Hakes bhakes02@comcast.net

NOVEMBER USHER & GREETER SCHEDULE

11.07.21 - All Saints' Sunday

11.14.21

Suellen Kirkwood Dick Helfrich

11.28.21

11.21.21

John & Bonnie Jackson
Dick Helfrich

Kim Mitchell Dick Helfrich

Alice Nash

Dick Helfrich

Serving God by Serving Others



On November 7 at six in the evening, the chamber choir, "Lumierè will present their fall concert under the direction of Dr. John Jost, retired director of Choral Activities at Bradley University. Cost for this concert is \$10.00, and students, \$5.00. The group sings a wide variety of choral music from renaissance motets to contemporary choral works. It's always a thrill to hear them. Seating will be limited, so get your ticket early.



LECTIONARY (RCL) BIBLE STUDY

We meet weekly, on Thursdays, at 1 p.m. via Zoom. To join the Zoom Bible Study, just click the link https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81181481017?
pwd=T05pdzIMblJ4ZVRGaEpmY3czQnpGUT09

Meeting ID: 811 8148 1017 Passcode: BIBLESTUDY .

You can also find the link to the Zoom Bible Study, on the Westminster website:

www.westminsterpeoria.org/worship/bible-study/ as well as the church calendar. Each week, generally on Tuesday, a reminder email will be sent, including the scriptures for that weeks study and again the information to log on with Zoom.

For the reading schedule for November see page 3...

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of your cards, prayers and support while I was recovering from surgery. I am back home now learning to walk with the use of a walker to help me get around. -Peggy Carter







All proceeds go to support WICC

NOVEMBER CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday | Nov 21 | 11 am Make It Take It Bazaar

Monday | Nov 22 | 9-11 am WestMark Food Open

Thursday | Nov 25 Church Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day Friday | Nov 26

Church Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day

Sunday | Nov 28 | 10 am First Sunday of Advent

Monday | Nov 29 | 9-11 am WestMark Food Open

November 2021						
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Every year we decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias at Christmas.

The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.

The poinsettias will be displayed through the Advent season.

You may pick them up after that service. Please, remove only the number of flowers you ordered.

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form below.

Make check payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church or WPC with "Poinsettia" in the memo line. Bring or mail to the church (1420 W. Moss Ave. Peoria, IL 61606)

The poinsettias are \$20.00 each.



CHOOSE what	happens to v	your flowers:
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☐ I will pick up after the Christmas Eve 4 PM service OR ☐ Please give to one of our Homebound Members.

Honor of	Memory of	Name flowers are for:	From (How your name(s) will be listed)

Quantity of Arrangements at		
\$20 each equals \$	_ Total Due	(check payable to WPC)
Name:		

Email: _____

Thank you for your donation.

Phone: _____

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near..." -Ephesians 2:14-17

SCAM ALERT: "Request for Gift Cards"

Just a friendly notice that members of presbyteries across the country are continuing to be targeted for scam requests for gift cards. The way they work is they come in someone's familiar name, like the pastor but from fake email addresses, often gmail. Sometimes they say "I have an emergency!" (that needed gift cards?), other times "I want to host a surprise appreciation event"--this week when it happened again it was "I am in a meeting and need them." This continues to be a regular issue. Please know you don't even have to ask: it is not Pastor Denise.

She will NEVER personally request random financial assistance outside of normal channels through email. Please verify the email address and then promptly delete. Thank you!



Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column to discover the sentence that begins and ends Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150.

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ALL SAINTS' SERVICE - NOVEMBER 7, 10 AM

Presbyterian Mission

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs.

The Faithful of Every Generation

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 150-151)

All Saints' Day is a time to rejoice in all who through the ages have faithfully served the Lord. The day reminds us that we are part of one continuing, living communion of saints. It is a time to claim our kinship with the "glorious company of apostles ... the noble fellowship of prophets ... the white-robed army of martyrs" (Te Deum). It is a time to express our gratitude for all who in ages of darkness kept the faith, for those who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth, for prophetic voices who have called the church to be faithful in life and service, for all who have witnessed to God's justice and peace in every nation.

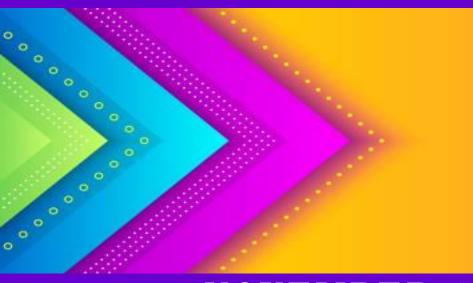
To rejoice with all the faithful of every generation expands our awareness of a great company of witnesses above and around us like a cloud (Hebrews 12:1). It lifts us out of a preoccupation with our own immediate situation and the discouragements of the present. In the knowledge that others have persevered, we are encouraged to endure against all odds (Hebrews 12:1-2). Reminded that God was with the faithful of the past, we are reassured that God is with us today, moving us and all creation toward God's end in time. In this context, it is appropriate for a congregation on All Saints' Day to commemorate the lives of those who died during the previous year.

Join us Sunday, November 7 at the 10 a.m. service, where we will remember those who have gone on to the Church Triumphant.

Robert Oaks	03/28/1932 to 01/25/2021	Gary Dutro	01/21/1947 to 04/15/2021
Helen Lagoda	01/05/1923 to 02/07/2021	Ruby Picl	08/13/1927 to 04/24/2021
Bill Olson	09/04/1928 to 03/29/2021	Donald Axt	08/13/1927 to 10/07/2021

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

- Matthew 25:40 -

NOVEMBER 14, 2021

Dear Members and Friends of Westminster:

Here we are in mid-October once again, and to paraphrase an old movie title, "If this is October it must be Stewardship time." The church year makes it continuous round and inevitably brings us back to the reality that we must pay for this ministry. But this year, we need to be mindful of stewardship in a greater way than we usually have in the past.

Campaigns sometimes center around the pledge of both time and talent. That is where we are this year, only the stewardship of time may well be more important than sharing our worldly wealth to this ministry.

The Covid-19 pandemic brought the whole world to a seeming halt. Indeed, for the first year, we were paralyzed by the idea of this dreaded plague descending on our homes and families; and thus, found ourselves taking extra precautions that would keep us as safe as possible. Those precautions included the moving of the entire church program from our usual 10 a.m. Sunday services at 1420 West Moss, to worship shared on the Internet, essentially turning our worship space into a television studio. It has been a great blessing to have this miracle of modern technology to aid us in staying together as a cohesive worshipping community. Our constant thanks and gratitude go to Elder Larry Hicks who used his mastery of the Internet to make the broadcast of the service possible.

As the vaccines have become available and widely distributed in our own church, we have reopened the doors of the sanctuary to worshippers, always keeping some distance between worshippers and having all wear masks. Even the choir finds it possible to make great choral music to praise God and lead us in worship with the masks we need for maximum safety. This fall, it has been great to add choir members to the quartet that continued to lead worship for the past year.

Those of us who have returned to 'in person' worship have commented on the great gift that gathering as a community is to our spiritual lives. The church was never meant to be a 'spectator' event. It was meant to be a liturgical event -- an event in which the 'work of the people' is taken seriously, and the blessings gained from being together outweigh the now lessened threat of the Covid virus for those of us who are vaccinated.

Nothing is completely safe; however, at this point, it seems that it is likely more dangerous to go to the grocery store, eat at a restaurant or go to any other indoor public event than it is to come to church. The Session and staff have done everything possible to make this a safe event. And so far, we have been blessed with the fact that none of our gatherings have spawned an outbreak of Covid.

It is easy to fall into the comfortable pattern of drinking coffee and having a donut while we worship in front of our computers. I realize that there are particularly vulnerable members, due to age or underlying medical condi-

tions, who are being just as cautious about all public activities as they are about coming to church and continue to worship at home. But, if you have not completely quarantined yourself and are physically able, why not come back to church for an hour of worship in community with your church family?

When you deliberate your financial contribution, I encourage you to consider a pledge for yourself for the number of Sundays you will come to church each month in the coming year. The number 52 would be ideal, but not realistic. But how about aiming for three of every four Sundays or two of every three Sundays? Think about the support of the church as you promised to give it when you joined Westminster – think about the pledge you made, or your parents made for you at your baptism. I read the following comment on the "Happy to be a Presbyterian" Facebook page:

"You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofas. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together on your sofas. Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

The church needs you. And you need the church."

So, pray, and bring your gift of yourself back to the church for worship. Even if every member who is able came every week, we would likely have between 60 and 80 people, and that is the capacity we have set for the room until the all-clear is signaled by the health community. So, we have room for you – and it is room to come safely.

Once you consider your participation, then open your wallet as you see fit. Thanks to your contributions for 2021, Westminster has continued worship and supported our mission to the needy in Peoria, and beyond, when there were no people in the pews and now when we have fewer people there. The investment in equipment has allowed us to reach more people than before the pandemic began. At present, we may be a small fellowship, but we do have the ability to grow and to do important things for the Kingdom of God. So, please, be generous in your worship time and your financial sharing. If we do our very best on each front, I believe we can have a most fulfilling and fruitful ministry in 2022. Blessings!

Denise M. Clark-Jones, Pastor

As you deliberate your Stewardship pledge to Westminster for 2022, Jan Leonard, our Elder for Missions, offers the following examples of what your 2021 pledges were used to support: Westminster Missions

Westminster has a proud history of making mission giving a major priority. This past year has been no exception. In addition to denominational missions of the Presbyterian Synod, General Assembly and Presbytery, our dollars have gone to the following missions:

- · Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service
- · The Center for Prevention of Abuse
- · Crittenton Centers
- · Westminster Infant Care Center
- · Lutheran Social Services' Storybook Project
- · Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria
- · South Side Mission
- · Dream Center
- Neighborhood House
- · WestMark Food Pantry (In addition to donating dollars, members of the congregation have continued to volunteer at the WestMark Food Pantry on Monday mornings and with unloading food deliveries.)
- Whittier Little Free Food Pantry (Westminster partners with the Moss Bradley Residential Association and the Uplands and fills the pantry four months during the calendar year.)

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Westminster Presbyterian Church - Stewardship Sunday - November 14

With a grateful heart for God's grace and as an expression of Christian stewardship, I/we make this commitment to the ministry, missions, and operations of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

 I/we pledge:
 \$ _____ per week or ____ per month or ____
 Name: _____

 Address: _____

\$ _____ per year City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _______
I understand that I may adjust this pledge at

any time due to changes in my circumstances
by contacting the financial secretary.

thankyou

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We hope that you will present this card on Stewardship Sunday, November 14, or you may mail it in the envelope provided.

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In addition, the Westminster Development Fund maintains dollars in the Vandereau Handicapped Fund to assist a Westminster member in need. Also, there are dollars placed in a discretionary fund to help when an urgent need in our community, state, country, or world arises. For example, during the pandemic in summer, 2020, The Dream Center posted a need on their website for dollars to help feed families. Westminster donated dollars from the discretionary fund to supply dinner to over 100 families for several days.

Finally, Westminster has become an adopt a school partner to Whittier School. This past summer

incoming Whittier kindergarten students were housed in Fellowship Hall along with their teachers for a "Jump Start to Kindergarten" program as the school building was being equipped with air-conditioning and could not house any students or staff. We are looking forward to helping the students, staff, and families of Whittier on a continuing basis.

Many thanks to the members of our congregation who donate their time, talents, and dollars to help those in need. It is truly appreciated!

Jan Leonard, Elder, Mission and Outreach



NOVEMBER 7 - AUTUMN IS HERE AND SO IS THE TIME WE FALL BACK

Set your clocks back one hour and enjoy some extra sleep or use that time to do your semi-annual chores. It's easy to forget regular home maintenance checks. But make them a part of your time-changing routine, and you can help protect your family and house from a host of preventable problems. Here are a few tips of things to check around your home while you're switching your clocks and smoke alarm batteries.

A SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

detectors. Then test each detector according to the maker's instructions.	clogged air filter can restrict airflow and increase energy consumption between 5 and 15 percent.		
Replace batteries in your flashlights. The last thing you want if the power goes out is a dead flashlight. Also, do this for any weather alert radios you may	Depending on the type of filter your furnace uses, clean or replace it now — and at least one to three months thereafter.		
have.	☐ Reprogram your thermostat. Be sure to change from summer to winter settings before you tur		
☐ Flip the mattresses in the Fall and Spin/Flip the mattresses in the Spring.	the heat on, and vice versa.		
☐ Give light fixtures some attention. Remove light	And, since it is Fall, add these to your chores list:		
globes and clean them to remove dust and bugs.	lacktriangle Remove debris from gutters and downspouts.		
Also consider replacing incandescent bulbs with more energy-efficient compact fluorescent lights	lacktriangle Have your chimney inspected and cleaned.		
(CFLs).	☐ Check for cracks in doors and windows. Use caulk or insulation stripping to seal any gaps you find.		
I Close off unused rooms. It could help save money on heating costs during winter and air conditioning	☐ Drain your garden hoses and store them away.		
costs in the summer. Energy gov suggests keeping the rooms at least 55 degrees F, though, to prevent any pipes from freezing.	☐ Check the expiration date on your fire extinguishers. If it's past its time, research the proper way to dispose of it and pick a new one up pronto.		
□ Check your meds. Get rid of expired medicines — but before you throw them in the trash, research safe, responsible disposal methods for each medication. Restock basic over-the-counter items like cough syrups, decongestants, antihistamines, and fever and pain reducers.	☐ If you have a programmable home security system (say, the motion detectors are only on while you're at work) make sure you not only update the time, but check your programs to make sure they're still applicable as we head towards warmer weather.		
☐ Whip appliances into shape. Get the best performance from your kitchen appliances by cleaning them according to the manufacturer's directions. Spot problems by using inexpensive oven and fridge/freezer thermometers to check temps.	☐ Lastly, double-check your door locks. The winter weather may have taken a toll on them, causing the locking mechanisms to jam up, handles to become loose, or keys to corrode or rust. While you're outside, check your exterior lights and		
☐ Check your pantry for any expired foods.	replace any bulbs that are dimming or have		
☐ Clean out your dryer duct for any lint that has accumulated.	burned out. Follow this list and you'll not only make sure your		
☐ Change the baking soda in the refrigerator and freezer.	home and family are safe and sound, but you'll be just a few steps closer to being prepared for that long-awaited spring and summer weather. And,		

☐ Change your water filters.

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fore you go to bed Saturday night.

don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour be-





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







