

## The Weekly Window

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



*WELCOME! It is so good to have you with us worshipping today at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a regular attendee or a first-time visitor, we are blessed to have your presence with us today. When we open our Bibles to read the Scripture for the day and meditate on those words, we show God that we love Him with our minds. When we sing in earnest our songs of praise and adoration, we are worshipping with our heart and soul. When we pray and lift up others in prayer, we are exercising our faith and showing God we love him with all our strength. And when we treat each other with genuine kindness, respect, and interest, we are loving our neighbors as ourselves.*



**Serving God with  
Open mind,  
Open hands,  
and  
Open heart.**

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Jan 28 - Sunday Worship 10a  
Congregational Luncheon 11  
Called Member Meeting 12p  
Jan 28 - No Coffee Fellowship  
Jan 29 - WM Food Pantry Open 9-11a  
Feb 01 - Choir Rehearsal 6p  
Feb 04 - Sunday Worship 10a  
Communion observed  
Coffee Fellowship 11a  
Feb 08 - Choir Rehearsal 6p  
Feb 11 - Transfiguration Sunday  
Sunday Worship 10a  
Communion observed.  
Feb 12 - WM Food Pantry Open 9-11a

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

All bulletin announcements need to be turned in to the church office by noon on Monday for inclusion in the following weekend's bulletin. Please submit copy to [wpc@westminsterpeoria.org](mailto:wpc@westminsterpeoria.org)

Information received after deadline will be added IF the announcements are not done, otherwise it will be sent out as a separate news flash and will be included in the following week announcements.

*Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them. Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever. You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.*

## COMMUNION SUNDAY

Every first Sunday of the month and special days of the Christian calendar, we celebrate communion. It is our privilege to celebrate this and remember His death and resurrection. We serve an open communion and all who profess faith and trust in Christ as your Savior are encouraged to participate in this celebration.

**NEXT DAY OF COMMUNION IS**  
**February 4**

## LEADING WORSHIP & SERVING

### JANUARY 28

Rev. Tim Mitchell, *WPC Bridge Pastor*  
Rev. Ann Schwartz, *Lead Presbyter, Presbytery of Great Rivers*  
Doug McQueen, *organist*                      WPC Chancel Choir  
Alice Nash, *usher*                              Dick Helfrich, *greeter*  
Larry Hicks, *live streaming*  
There will be NO coffee fellowship this morning. We will have our Annual Congregational Luncheon and Member Meeting.

### FEBRUARY 4

Rev. Chip Roland  
Polly Brecht, *organist*                      WPC Chancel Choir  
Kim Mitchell, *usher*                          Dick Helfrich, *greeter*  
Larry Hicks, *live streaming*              Kim Mitchell, *coffee host*

### FEBRUARY 11

Rev. Tim Mitchell, *WPC Bridge Pastor*  
Polly Brecht, *organist*                      WPC Chancel Choir  
John & Bonnie Jackson, *ushers*          Dick Helfrich, *greeter*  
Larry Hicks, *live streaming*  
Bonnie & John Jackson, *coffee hosts*

### FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Rev. Tim Mitchell, *WPC Bridge Pastor*  
Polly Brecht, *organist*                      WPC Chancel Choir  
Peggy Bragg, *usher*                          Dick Helfrich, *greeter*  
Larry Hicks, *live streaming*              No coffee fellowship

*Have you hosted? It is really easy. Most all the work is already done and ready for you. If you would like to give it a try please sign up in the Narthex. Have questions? Please see Bonnie Jackson.*

*If you are unable to serve on the day that you are scheduled, please try to switch with someone and contact Bonnie Jackson and the church office of the change. Thank you.*

## WHAT IS REALM?

**Realm is a real ministry tool.**

Realm is an online ministry tool designed for real time connection. It helps our church connect with you and you connect with us. If you consider yourself part of this church family, you'll love it. Realm allows you to manage your personal information and who is allowed to see it, control your giving, and keep in touch with the groups that matter to you. Realm's **Connect App** is the way to access and manage all your information and connect with the groups you are involved in as part of our church family.

### **WHY USE REALM?**

**Realm strengthens church connections.**

Being the church doesn't just happen at the church. Realm helps us serve you better and leads this church well between Sundays. Everyone can be connected from anywhere at any time, right from our mobile devices using the **Connect App**. It engages everyone in the life of our church by supporting the healthy relationships essential to our church's mission. We'll stay organized, and you'll stay informed about all of the opportunities for fellowship. When we share life together, we will grow together.

### **WHAT ABOUT MY PRIVACY?**

**Realm is safe, private, and secure.**

Your privacy is one of our greatest concerns. Realm is only made up of the people in our church; it's not like a social network that's open to everyone. Realm keeps your data safe and gives you control over what information you share and who can see it.

### **WHAT ABOUT GIVING?**

**Realm gives you control over your giving.**

Giving should be easy, and Realm places giving right in the palm of your hands. Using **Realm** online via our church website or the **Connect App**, you can set up recurring gifts, view your giving history, and make changes at any time. Realm automatically records all electronic gifts and adds them to your giving record making it easy for you to give, and easy for our bookkeeper to track.

### **HOW DO I START?**

It's quick and easy to get started:

- **Go to** <https://onrealm.org/Westminster1420>
- Click the "Sign Up" Button
- Fill out the form
- Click "Continue" Button at bottom
- A Confirmation Email will be sent back within 24 hours
- Follow the emailed instructions to set up your username and password
- Download the app from your phone app store (android or apple)



## NEW ADDRESS

James and Jean Ashton, as well as Stephaine, their daughter, have moved and have new address information. Please update your church directory, if you are still using the old king, otherwise this information has been updated on Realm. Their new address is 5315 N. Ashford Drive, Peoria, Illinois 61615.

If your information (address, email, phone number) has changed within the last year, please notify the office to update your profile.

PER CAPITA **SUNDAY**

**2024**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-31,  
a reminder that all  
parts of the church are  
parts of one body.**

**Being a  
connectional church  
takes both the  
contribution of gifts  
to per capita and the  
work of pastors and  
elders who together  
advise,  
guide  
and govern  
our General Assembly,  
Synods, and Presbyteries.**

**The total per Capita for  
each member is \$37.25  
(\$74.50 per couple)**

**The breakdown is  
\$23.64 Presbytery  
\$ 9.80 to the GA  
\$ 3.81 Synod**





# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

How can we pray for you? Fill out a prayer card ONLINE or pick up a prayer request card from the Narthex and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests will be posted for our (4) weeks unless you request it longer.

Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

We pray for **Jerrie Ruck** who fell January 12 and fractured her wrist in several places. She had surgery at Carle Health Hospital (Proctor) and is hoping to be released this past Friday, January 19. She will need acute rehab and will be moving into Manor Court at Liberty Village for that rehab.

We pray for our **homebound** - Juliet Babbitt, Hettie Beers, Alma Fassett, David Hoffman, Norma Helfrich, Nelda Keene, Rosemary McCurdy, Betty Jean Oaks, Marilyn Walker, Pat Wagner

We pray for **ourselves**. You have called each of us to lives marked with your grace, sustained by your power, to be a blessing to the world. We all need to be inspired and sustained, and so we give you thanks for the communities of faith that have guided and nurtured us. We pray for the church universal, for the Presbyterian Church (USA), and for this particular body of faith. May each of these be the mother of faith that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

We pray today for **this church**. Strengthen and sustain them and give them the energy of your Holy Spirit so that they may give others new life and hope.

- its ministers - Rev. Tim Mitchell, Brooks McDaniel, Shepherd Emeritus
- its elders - Peggy Bragg, Jim Burnham, Larry Hicks, John Jackson, Elizabeth Richmond, and Kim Mitchell,
- its deacons - Janet Baker, Sue Burnham, Bonnie Jackson, Susan Leighty, Alice Nash, Phyllis Rafferty
- its staff - Polly Brecht, Mary Lee Caudle, and Steven Sager

We pray for those in our **community** who are sick and those who grieve. Be close to them this week.

Holy God, eternal yet immediate, beyond yet near, we praise you for all that you have made, for grace that amazes, for mercy that cleanses, and for love that never lets us go. Hear our prayers, our shouts and our sighs, our whispers and our cries, and that which we can only speak deep within. Hear our prayers, for we long for all to be well, for all to be right, for all to be whole.

Comfort the sick and encourage those who strive to heal them.

Hold the mournful and grant them peace that passes understanding.

Enlighten our leaders and give them a vision that promotes the common good.

Shelter those reeling from stormy blasts. Sustain those starting on new adventures. Satisfy those who hunger and thirst for justice.

We pray for teachers and students, for parents and children, for caregivers and care receivers, for gifts of knowledge and wisdom passed one to another.

Refresh your church. Give us a creative spirit as we travel together, sharing life and ministry. Renew our commitment to using well your abiding gifts of faith, hope and love.

You have shown us in Jesus an example of courageous compassion and risky generosity and bold truth-telling. Help us to follow in his way so that we might know the fullness of life you intend for us all.

God of each day and all days, hear us, hold us and keep us. We thank you for hearing our cries, for knowing what we need before a word is on our lips, and for holding in your loving care those people and situations known only to you. Unite us in our prayers and embolden us to follow Jesus Christ.

Loving God, we offer these prayers to you, including those that remain on our hearts, and those known only to you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Let us go from this place trusting that in Jesus Christ God is with us and for us in every place. May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you this day and forevermore. Amen.*

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## THIS MORNING

(immediately following the service)

**11 AM Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall**  
**12 PM Meeting in the Fellowship Hall**

The Annual Called Member Meeting will take place after the luncheon. The Rev. Ann Schwartz, Lead Presbyter, Presbytery of Great Rivers will be moderator for today's meeting.

We will gather for lunch first, immediately following the morning service which will be led by Rev. Ann Schwartz. This is a catered lunch provided by Avanti's. The menu is sub-sandwiches, chips, dessert, coffee or tea. *This dinner has been made possible by the Rosalie and Jon H. (Booty) Eisele fund.*

Following the luncheon, members will be invited to stay for the Called Member Meeting. A Zoom option (*see below*) will be available for those members who will not be able to join us in-person but want to attend the meeting. At the Annual Meeting we will be electing Deacons, Elders, reviewing the 2024 budget, and the ministry reports.

**Deacons** are charged with the ministry of compassion, witness, and service to our congregation. In a very real way, Deacons are the hands and heart of Westminster in our ministry of caring.

**Elders** are charged with the oversight of the life of our congregation in three primary areas: the use of our resources, our strategic priorities, and how the church responds to new opportunities. Elders are so named because they are chosen by the Church to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life.

Join Zoom Meeting [CLICK HERE](#) | Meeting ID: 430 390 0108 | Passcode: MEMBERSMTG

## WHO IS TIM MITCHELL?

*Written by Kem Mitchell, elder*

Pastor Tim Mitchell grew up on a farm in a small unincorporated area in southeastern Ohio known as Ava, Ohio. The current population is 63. He

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the Revised Common  
LECTIONARY

YEAR B

RCL Readings for January 21

**First Reading** [Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

**Psalm** [62:5-12](#)

**Second Reading**

[1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

**Gospel** [Mark 1:14-20](#)

RCL Readings for January 28,

**First Reading**

[Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#)

**Psalm** [111:1-10](#)

**Second Reading**

[1 Corinthians 8:1-13](#)

**Gospel** [Mark 1:21-28](#)



## CHURCH CLOSING POLICY

Here is a reminder about our Church Closing Policy: From time to time Westminster might be forced to close its doors. The obvious reason would be due to the bad weather/dangerous driving conditions. Other reasons might be a power outage, water issues, etc. When the decision is made to close the building, all events for that day will be canceled. We will make every attempt to make sure you know when the decision is made to close. Church closing will be posted on Facebook, the website and TV stations. Church app notifications and a group email will also be sent.

# JANUARY

## Birthdays

Click if they are underlined and send them an email birthday wish.

- 3 [Julie Herridge](#)
- 5 [Linda McDaniel](#)
- 6 [Marilyn Walker](#)
- 8 [Peggy Bragg](#)
- 10 Cameron Randle
- 11 Jake Fisher
- 20 [Ann Stinnett](#)
- 21 [Roger Leighty](#)
- 29 [Carole Willadsen](#)

There are NO January Anniversaries

January 2024						
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Who is Pastor Tim continued . . .

has fond memories of growing up with his 5 siblings. He was the first born and his parents had 4 boys in 8 years. His parents also adopted two others-one girl and one boy. His mom cared for "so many foster kids and they were treated the same as the rest". Some of his favorite childhood memories were fishing with his siblings on a couple of farm ponds and horseback riding. His maternal grandfather was the only grandparent he knew as the others had already passed away before his birth. He cherished this man and was drawn to him due to his "love and compassion for his grandchildren". He enjoyed picking berries and working in the garden with him.

His parents were "very active" in the church where he was raised from the time he was 5 or 6. His father was a leader/church elder and his mom taught Sunday School "for years". Tim described his parents as "very Godly folks". They were involved in church activities Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesdays after school. He credits growing up in this church as the reason he was drawn to the ministry.

Tim met his wife, Kathy, at the Clinical Pastoral Education Program held in Bloomington. They have a blended family of her two sons and his two daughters, who are all about the same age. His daughters are both nurses. One works at OSF in Peoria in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and the other one is a Nurse Practitioner in an ICU in California.

Tim enjoys woodworking and his "masterpiece" was the hardwood floors he installed in the living room, dining room, and hallway of his home. He also enjoys home remodeling, and his most challenging project was replacing siding and windows on his house.

His favorite food is lobster, and his favorite dessert is "anything apple", such as apple pie. He has many favorite books, but a recent favorite is Molokai,

a book about a leper colony in Hawaii. His favorite vacation spot is "any beach", but one outstanding one is Molokai in Hawaii.



**Reflective service of prayer, repentance, worship, communion, and imposition of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.**

# 7 PM | February 14, 2024

# FEBRUARY

## Birthdays

- 2 Anna Bussian
- 3 Jordan Case
- 10 Carol Borders
- 11 Sally Fitch
- 12 Conrad Stinnett
- 18 Dick Helfrich
- 28 Diane Case

There are NO February Anniversaries

February 2024						
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