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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# *the* WINDOW

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

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## DEACONS

Bonnie Jackson, Moderator  
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Peggy Carter  
Joyce Hakes  
Nancy Larimore  
Kim Mitchell  
Phyllis Rafferty  
Laura Van Riper  
Florence Welsch  
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## WE'RE HAVING A BABY SHOWER!



Join us in celebrating the birth of Julie Hill's son Cameron, born January 10, 2016. We will have a Baby Shower for Julie and her son Cameron on Sunday, February 28, during the Fourth Sunday Luncheon. Julie's biggest wish is for your love and support as she works to raise Cameron to not only know God's love, but also the love that she felt at Westminster growing up. What an honor it is to be asked to help a mother teach her child God's love, a challenge I hope we will all take very seriously.

We promise no silly Baby Shower games, but instead, we will have cards for you to write a wish you have for Julie and Cameron, a wise of funny piece of parenting advice, a quote you find inspirational, or a Bible verse you found helpful. Cards will also be available in the church office if you would prefer to write your thoughts at home, and bring them that day.

Presents, of course, are optional. If you are interested in helping contribute to some group presents that Baby Cameron will need, please make a donation by check. Checks should be to Westminster with a note on the memo line stating, "Baby Shower" by Sunday, February 21. The Missions Committee will oversee these funds and will be responsible for getting things Cameron needs.

Julie share that she is so grateful for the love and support Westminster has shown her. She continued to take classes last fall at ICC and said having the laptop we got for her out of the Vanderau Fund helped a great deal. Julie also has worked the night shift as a CAN up until Cameron was born. She laughed and said it was actually good practice for being able to be awake with Cameron as he settles into a schedule. Julie plans to pick up classes at ICC in March to continue her goal of becoming an LPN.

Please contact Jill Bell at 309.692.9203 if you would like to help with the luncheon part of the baby shower and Elizabeth Richmond at 309.697.9720, if you have questions about gifts. ♦

## COFFEE HOUR

by Jill Bell

I would like to thank all the people who were kind enough to host coffee hour the last couple of months. Thank you for providing your time and your goodies. I heard wonderful comments on the food! We still need people to sign up! I am especially appealing to the people that attend coffee hour on a weekly basis and are going to be there anyway. Please take a turn so that it is shared equally between all of us. If you are worried about making coffee, there are instructions posted on the wall. I promise you the coffee pot doesn't bite and there are usually plenty of people hanging around that can help if one runs into any problems. Coffee hour is just that, Coffee "**Hour**", you're usually done and out of there by noon or a little after.

We still have several months to go until we take a break. Sign up to help, it isn't hard to do and it is a great way to get to know everyone.

P.S. Don't tell anyone, but there is a lot of laughing that takes place at coffee hour!!

Thank you again to the following people:

Brian & Joyce Hakes\*, Linda & Alan Kupper\*, Susan Leighty, Gary & Jan Leonard, Kim Mitchell, Bill & Phyllis Rafferty\*, Don & Luanne Shay, Marge & Hannah Willadsen, and Don Bell & Jill Bell\*.

*\*These people have all hosted coffee hour more than once. ♦*

## DEACONS MEETING

by Bonnie Jackson, Moderator

Deacon's will meet on February 16, at 10 a.m. We will be go over each of our lists. ♦

## FINANCE MEETING

The Finance Committee will meet Wednesday, February 17, at noon, in the Parlor. If you will not be able to attend or if you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Olson. ♦

## PROPERTY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

by Janet Kelley

The WPC Properties' Brainstorming Subcommittee will meet on the third floor Sunday, February 21, 2016 after the morning church service. If anyone would like to join the subcommittee, please call Dan Callahan at 657-0530 or Janet Kelley at 692-6956. ♦

## HOSPITALITY NEWS

by Jill Bell, Elder

I just thought I'd say thank you to all of you that have helped in the last couple of months with the many luncheons and dinners that we have been hosting. We were really busy from the November Soup luncheon that was held in conjunction with the "Make It, Bake It, Take It" fundraiser for WICC to our very ambitious "Lessons and Carols" Christmas dinner. Right now as I write this we are in the process of planning the Congregational meal. I would like to thank the following people for all of their help:

Hettie Beers, Don Bell, Carol Boarders, Jim & Sue Burnham, Carol Carlson, Mary Dill, Gary Dutro, Ashley Foster, Kim Fisher, Sally Fitch, John & Wanda Grimes, Joyce & Brian Hakes, Suellen Kirkwood, Alan & Linda Kupper, Susan Leighty, Jan & Gary Leonard, Marilyn Luman, Kim Mitchell, Alice Nash, Jerrie Ruck, Art & Jean Schlesinger, Steve & Ann Trower, Gary Vannaken, Laura Van Riper, Pat Wagner, Alan & Carol Willadsen, Hannah Willadsen, and Marge Willadsen. ♦

## PLEDGE CARDS

by Jeanie Olson, Elder

Many thanks for your pledges, your loose offerings, your contributions to the special offerings and to the various mission activities of Westminster Presbyterian Church. Denise Wirth tried very hard to record them as you have indicated. But we have changed to a system called REALM in mid-year and we want to be sure all the information came over correctly. Please check the year end statements you will be receiving shortly (if you have not received them already) and be sure that all the information is correct. Thank you very much. ♦

## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

by Elizabeth Richmond

During the month of November we provided food to **1,656** 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. ♦

## LECTIONARY WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join us Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. as we dig deeper into God's truths that are revealed in His Word. The group delves into the historical context, literary style and theological issues of the next Sunday's lectionary texts to gain a deeper understanding of Sunday's worship. ♦

This month's readings are:

### **Transfiguration of the Lord - February 7**

Exodus 34: 29-35 / Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

### **Ash Wednesday - February 10**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 / Isaiah 58:1-12 / Psalm 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10 / Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### **1st Sunday in Lent - February 14**

Deuteronomy 26:11 / Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13 / Luke 4:1-13

### **2nd Sunday in Lent - February 21**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 / Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1 / Luke 13:31-35

### **3rd Sunday in Lent - February 28**

Isaiah 55:1-9 / Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 / Luke 13:1-9

Corinthians 13:1-13 / Luke 4:21-30 ♦

## FOOD DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Delivery schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 2 at 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 11 at 12:45 a.m.

Tuesday, February 16 at 11:30 a.m.

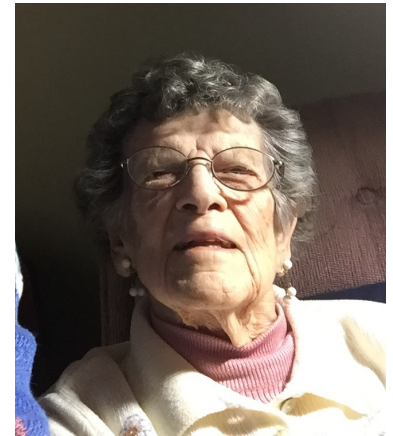
Monday, March 7 at 1:15 p.m.

How can you help? Make food donations in the Narthex or a check in the offering marked West-Mark Food Pantry in the memo line. Come help unload deliveries; every first and third Tuesday at 11:30 and a new delivery date of the first Monday of the month at 1:15 (this replaces our Friday delivery) so that is January 4 at 1:15 and Thursdays 1/14, and 2/11 and 3/17 at 1:00 p.m. Questions? Call Elizabeth Richmond or the church office at 309-673-8501. ♦

## LOOKING GOOD HELEN!

*Submitted by Dan Callahan*

Helen Healy will be turning 100 in May.



## CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS

*by Tom Clark-Jones, Gretchen Iben Chair*

On Sunday, March 13 at two in the afternoon, our next event in the Gretchen Iben Series will be presented here at Westminster. Since our program for children centering around "Peter and the Wolf" was so successful last season, we decided to do another program specifically designed around a children's experience.

The "Carnival of the Animals" is a piece written by Camille Saint-Saens (French, 1835-1921) originally written as a private joke for himself and his family. He wrote these charming pieces over a period of some thirty years, and during his lifetime the work was never performed. It was only later that friends going through his documents came across this score and performed it and had it published. The work was originally written for full orchestra and two pianos. For our version, we are using a clever transcription of the work for piano, four-hands.

Our pianists are Dr. John Orfe and Dr. Chee Hyeon Choi of the Bradley University piano faculty. Both are brilliant young artists who live and work among us right here in Peoria. They are most excited to be a part of this event, and according to John, have been having a ball learning the work together. In addition to the music, Lee Wingert from WCBU radio will be the narrator for the afternoon. While Saint-Saens did not leave any narrative to the work, the brilliant poet, Ogden Nash, wrote a series of humorous verses that are used to describe each passing animal portrait.

Once again this year, Sue Burnham is heading up the efforts to provide a meaningful artistic experience for the

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# THE HUNGRY BULLETIN

by Ashley Foster

Paper for Water is an organization that helps raise funds for the installation of water wells in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. The organization was first developed in 2011 by Isabelle Adams, who was only eight years old at the time, and Katherine Adams, who was only five. Katherine and Isabelle discovered that there were many girls in developing countries who had to spend their time helping haul water for their families rather than attending school. The water was not always very clean, causing the deaths of a great number of children.

Katherine and Isabelle had the idea to make Christmas ornaments and sell them in order to raise money for water wells in poor countries. Their first ornament sale was held at a Starbucks in their hometown of Dallas, Texas in 2011. In just one night, they raised over \$700. This encouraged them to have more ornament sales and other locations, and in just a short amount of time, they raised over \$10,000. As a result, they were able



to sponsor the installation of a well in Ethiopia.

Soon afterward, family, friends, schoolmates, and members of the church Isabelle and Katherine attended offered their help by making ornaments and sponsoring sales at local fairs and businesses, as well as taking matching donations. Five years later, Paper for Water has now raised \$675,000. More than ninety wells have been installed in developing countries including Mexico, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, and India.

In 2013, the girls had the opportunity to visit some of the places where people had been helped as a result of their efforts. The schools that they visited had dirt floors and no electricity. The children did not even have desks to sit at. They still acted extremely

grateful to be getting an education. According to Katherine, the children “have so little, but are so happy and content. We have so much, but are often discontent.” Two years ago, Katherine and Isabelle were given the honor of being inducted into the Caring Institute Hall of Fame, which was certainly well deserved. ♦

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children who attend. They will meet at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to make finger puppets and drawings. There will be some refreshments, too. Adults are invited to bring children ... or just themselves ... and enjoy the activities. Coffee and light refreshments will be available for adults.

Our big challenge is to once again get the word out to the community that we are here and presenting this fun program for kids of all ages, but particularly for elementary aged children, and even preschoolers. There will be posters about for the taking, and we ask that you help us put them up wherever you can find an appropriate place. We will be handing out flyers to children from various pre-school programs and several elementary schools in hopes of having another banner crowd.

If you wish to come only for the music, be in the sanctuary at 2:30 p.m. Please leave the seats toward the front open for the children who will be coming from Fellowship Hall with their art work and won't arrive until the last minute.

This program is made possible by the generous support of the Gretchen R. Iben Trust and sponsors from the congregation and community who help these programs to happen. Set the date aside, and come and join us for a fun afternoon! ♦

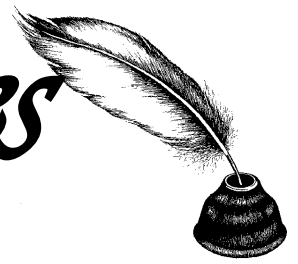
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# Session Notes



from the January Session Meeting

- ◆ Received a thank you letter from Tom Clark-Jones for his honorarium.
- ◆ Approved the orders including an expanded communion schedule.
- ◆ An information line has been added to the home page of the website. It will provide tag line for announcements.
- ◆ The food pantry received \$18,692.84 gift from the Bill Hardin Estate.
- ◆ The food pantry served 1,656 people for the 3 Mondays in December.
- ◆ WICC received a generous gift from the Bill Hardin estate.
- ◆ WICC has enrolled 6 more children.
- ◆ Because Christmas falls on Sunday this year the church office is closed 1/2 day on December 22 and closed all day on the December 26th.
- ◆ Ashley Foster has been hired temporarily to assist Mary Lee while she is coordinating an advertising program.
- ◆ Properties chair Don Bell met with the Hay Insurance Company agent to review the risk analysis for loss control on January 13th.
- ◆ Sure Seals have been install in bathroom floor drains to mitigate the methane order.
- ◆ A properties subcommittee formed to evaluate/improve the church property and grounds.
- ◆ The worship committee is working on guidelines for ushers.

Respectfully,  
Brian Hakes - Clerk



## February 10

## 6:30 p.m. Service

## Ash Wednesday



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**MARCH 6**

**FOODSHARE CANATHON**

*by Elizabeth Richmond*



This year we will be helping collect can goods for our food pantry as part of the Peoria County Canned Food Drive on March 6. Brown paper Can-A-Thon bags will be available the church starting on February 21. Please collect cans and encourage co-workers, neighbors and friends to participate, even children and grandchildren can begin to learn the value in helping others. Return all bags to church on Sunday, March 6. We will count our items and deliver them to the West/Mark Food Pantry.