



The Voice of Westminster

We are a servant church, nurturing each other's spiritual journey and personal gifts. All are welcome!

December 2018



Dear Westminster Church Family,

With great hope, peace, joy and love, we bring you warm greetings from Westminster Presbyterian Church. Our church family enters into this holy season with much thanksgiving and excitement as we look to our bright future. We are ready to accept the promise of new life made possible by the birth of the Christ child. Together we look forward to the journey that is ahead. Whether you come regularly, or it's been a long time, come home to Westminster this season. Join us as we welcome the Light of the World and feel God's presence.

We are thrilled to welcome guest organist Randy Walton to our 11:00 a.m. Sunday services in the Sanctuary through all of Advent and on Christmas Eve. He will be joining the Chancel Choir under the direction of our very own Damon Cole. Jason Wright and the band will continue to lead worship in the FLC at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Here is the worship schedule for the month:

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent/Communion

"What Is Our Hope?"

December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

"Promises of Peace"

December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

"What Should We Do?"

December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

"There's Something about Mary"

December 24 - Christmas Eve

"Candles & Carols: A Service of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love" featuring the Westminster Chancel Choir, Damon Cole, Guest Organist Randy Walton, and other guest musicians.

December 30 – 5th Sunday 10:00 a.m. Joint Service in the Sanctuary

Friends, there is no better time to come to church than now. Join us. We look forward to warmly welcoming you and sharing God's hope, peace, joy and love!

Congregational Meeting Jan. 20 to Vote on New Pastor!

The Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) is very pleased to announce that the Rev. Roger Grandia has accepted the call to be our next installed pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, pending approval of the Congregation.

Rev. Grandia will be here to preach on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be a joint service, followed by a congregational meeting to vote on the new pastor.

Rev. Grandia has more than 30-years experience in various pastor roles, including as an installed pastor and as a specialized transitional pastor. He's also led mission trips to Costa Rica and Mexico. Roger and his wife, Jill, currently live in Battle Creek, MI, home of Kellogg's so they're used to the aroma of cereal in the air. Please join us on Jan. 20.



Annual Meeting Notice | Jan. 27

Westminster will hold its annual meeting Jan. 27. The Session has voted to hold a joint service at 10 am. In the Family Life Center, followed by annual meeting at 11 a.m. , also in the FLC. We'll top it off with lunch! Please plan to attend! Committee reports that go into the annual report are due to Pastor Kristin by Friday, Dec. 14.

Blessed Insurance

The Property Committee would like to give a big thank you to Maggie York and church bookkeeper Tina Mueller, for spending hours and hours going through records and collecting data requested by our insurance company. Thanks to their huge efforts the church is able to maintain what are called "rehab credits". These demonstrate that the church is maintaining our property via updates and repairs and with sufficient funding. Maggie and Tina's efforts have saved the church thousands of dollars in higher premiums. Thank you Maggie and Tina! Thank you to everyone in the church that steps up and takes on a role, both big and small, this makes us the strong family that we are.

-Jan Kosowski, Property Committee Co-Moderator



Join Us for “Westminster Family Christmas”

This year’s **“Westminster Family Christmas?”** program will be Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The Hospitality Committee is planning skits, games, a sing-along, and our Sunday school kids will share the songs they’ve learned over the past few months. The Chancel Choir will perform with Damon Cole, too. We had a great time last year; we hope you’ll join us!

Christian Education Plans for December

Adult Education schedule for fall 2018 wraps up with the viewing of “The Fourth Wise Man.” The movie follows Artaban, played by Martin Sheen, who is a young wise man . He wants to find the baby Jesus, but misses the caravan. His experiences along the way make for a compelling story of the importance of love and care for people. Children’s Sunday School will focus on the Nativity and getting ready for the Westminster Christmas program.

Adult Education

Dec. 9, 16 & 23 | “The Fourth Wise Man”

“The Fourth Wise Man” is a Hollywood film, which tells a gripping story of the importance of love and care for people. We will watch this movie over three Sundays during the Advent season.

Sunday School

Dec. 2 | The Birth of Jesus | Barb Read & Julie Schlader

Dec. 9 | Rehearse for Christmas Program

Dec. 16 | Rehearse for Christmas Program (Dec. 16, 3 p.m.)



WPC's Newest Citizen (and Voter)!

★ Did you know know that our own Veronica Ndungu became an American citizen this
★ year? Veronica came to us from Kenya many years ago now and chose to stay at WPC and
★ raise her children Felix, Susan and Josphat (Jojo). Susan, now in high school, participated in
★ Logos when she was younger and has been our most faithful Camp Wyoming at-
★ tendee. Felix was active in Sunday school and Logos. Jojo is currently attending Sunday
★ School and loves the treats at the 9 a.m. service. In November, Veronica proudly cast her
★ first vote as an American citizen! We are so proud of American citizen , Veronica Ndungu,
★ one of our own!

DEACONS CORNER

Hospital Calls

Calling on members of the church who are hospitalized is one of the most important duties that the Deacons perform. Calls are made every weekday to Pastoral Offices at each hospital to inquire about members of our church who may be hospitalized. If they are identified as Westminster members, the office will tell us who is in the hospital and what room they are in. The deacon who has made the call will then visit the member that day and ask if they need anything. Sometimes by the time we get there the member has already been discharged or they may be taking a test in another part of the hospital or in some cases the nursing station will tell us that it would be inappropriate for us to visit at that time. If we cannot see them, we leave a card identifying ourselves. We offer prayers when we visit and ask them if they would like to take communion or have the pastor visit them.

Please remember to identify yourself as a member of Westminster when you check in at the hospital or, if you know of someone who is in the hospital and has not provided the hospital with church information, and you think they would like a visit from the deacons, please contact any one of us.

- Tom Read, Moderator



Loaves & Fishes Pantry Serves 182 for Thanksgiving

Volunteers at Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry served 182 people, many with families during their Thanksgiving food giveaway. There were old, young and people with young children. The pantry was packed with turkey, brought in from HyVee, potatoes, green beans, canned pumpkin, breads and pastries. Oh yes, and milk! Many, many thanks to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving drive.

For Christmas, we will have ham from HyVee. Our donation list includes : sweet potatoes, canned corn, pineapple, corn bread mix, eggs, margarine, jello, cookie mix, hot chocolate and candy canes. Please put your food donations in the grocery carts outside the FLC and in the Large Parlor by Dec. 16.

The pantry will not be open on Christmas or New Year's Day. Both fall on Tuesdays.



A Special Visit

Antoinette Mukakabanda got an early Christmas gift. She visited her husband Ken Ngombwa at the federal penitentiary in New Mexico.

Three of the couple's children, Josiane, "young" Antoinette and Louise were also able to visit. The family flew in from different locations, but planned the trip to meet up at the federal facility.

According to Antoinette, the visit was all day Saturday, face-to-face in a large room with vending machines. Five people were allowed to visit Ken at once. Antoinett

e said it was good to see Ken again, but that, "It's hard when you do not get to see your family for such a long time." She said his health seemed good, better than when he was housed in New Jersey. She is grateful for that.

Antoinette said her message to Ken was, "Be strong, pray and don't worry. Jesus is with you." She asks that people pray for Ken and the entire family.

We asked if there was anything we could get for Ken. She said he had to leave his Kinyarwanda (Rwanda language) Bible when he left New Jersey. Westminster Deacons have graciously agreed to use their funds to purchase a Bible. We're circulating cards for Ken at both services for members to sign and we'll send it to Ken in time for Christmas!

The Month of December

Offering Stewards

Dec. 3—Pat Teig & Mark Tyler

Dec. 10—Barb & Bill Moss

Dec. 17—Maggie York & Ann Buckheister

Dec. 24—Warren Feerer & Tom Read

Dec. 31—Pat Teig & Mark Tyler

9 a.m. Liturgists

Dec. 2—Leslie Wright

Dec. 9—Val Neubauer

Dec. 16—Ed Mumford

Dec. 23—Audrey Fashimpaur

10 a.m. Liturgist (Joint Service)

Dec. 30—Signe Henderson

11 a.m. Liturgists

Dec. 2—Barb Moss

Dec. 9—Barb Mumford

Dec. 16—Barb Read

Dec. 23—Ann Buckheister



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Schuettpelz	6
Douglas Horton	7
Audrey Fashimpaur	8
Bryant Conkling	12
Bob Richardson	13
Jerry Hewitt	14
Char Les Klouda	17
Jordan Ripley	18
Barb Moss	19
Evan Hataway	22
Maggie Lampe	24
Brenda Warner	25
Scott Olson	28
John Conkling	29
Carol Ferguson	29

Ushers, Greeters & Liturgists, Oh My

We're making a list and checking it twice. No naughty or nice about it. We need to put together our liturgist, usher and greeters list for 2019. Have you ever thought about being a liturgist? Usher? This year, we'd like to add ushers/greeters for our 9 a.m. service in the Family Life Center, too. Please give these ministries some thought and let the office know by Dec. 14.

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Communion Sunday 8:30-10:30 Breakfast-Old Dining Rm. 9 am – FUEL Worship-FLC 10 am – Adult Ed – Atrium/Sunday School 11 am – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary	3 10:30 am-Bridge Club	4 3 – 5 pm- Loaves & Fishes – Mission House	5 7:30 am-Men's Breakfast Group 7pm Chancel Choir	6 11 am-Bridge Club	7 Church Closed	8
9 8:30-10:30 Breakfast-Old Dining Rm. 9 am – FUEL Worship-FLC 10 am – Adult Ed – Atrium/Sunday School 11 am – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary 5:30 pm Chorale Midwest	10 10:30 am-Bridge Club	11 3 – 5 pm- Loaves & Fishes – Mission House	12 7:30 am Men's Breakfast Group 9:30 am-Prayer Shawl Ministry 7 pm-Chancel Choir	13 9:15 am – Kindred Sisters 11am-Bridge Club-FLC 5:30-Personnel	14 Church Closed	15
16 8:30-10:30 Breakfast-Old Dining Rm. 9 am – FUEL Worship-FLC 10 am – Adult Ed – Atrium/Sunday School 11 am – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary 3 pm - Christmas Program-FLC	17 10:30 am-Bridge Club 4:30 pm-Finance Comm.	18 3 – 5 pm Loaves & Fishes – Mission House 6:30 pm-Session	19 7:30 am-Men's Breakfast Group 7 pm Chancel Choir	20 11am-Bridge Club-FLC	21 Church Closed	22 (Gale Gone through Dec. 26)
23 8:30-10:30 Breakfast-Old Dining Rm. 9 am – FUEL Worship-FLC 10 am – Adult Ed – Atrium/No Sunday School 11 am – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary	24 Office Open 5:30 pm-Christmas Eve Service Sanctuary	25 Merry Christmas! Church Closed No L&F	26 1pm-Prayer Shawl Ministry*(?)	27 9:15 am – Kindred Sisters (?) 11am-Bridge Club-FLC (Kistin Gone through Jan. 1)	28 Church Closed	29
30 8:30-10 am – Breakfast-Old Dining Rm. 10 am-Joint Service-Sanctuary	31 New Year's Eve 10:30 am-Bridge Club	* (?) Means holidays may change meeting dates. Check with other members.				

Please visit www.crwpc.org/calendar to stay informed of changes to this month's calendar.

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Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Worship Times

9:00 a.m. FUEL service in the Family Life Center
11:00 a.m. Traditional service in the Sanctuary

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