

THE SPARE

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pittsburgh, PA

Both of my parents were raised on farms in the Midwest and tended an orchard in central California when they became empty nesters. Your mind may conjure bucolic images of lush fields or hear “tend” as a gentle act to prune trees, yet farming always gets you dirty. Spend any time around farmers and you develop an awareness of dirt.

While I was growing up, we moved several times to new states to follow my dad’s job in sales. But the farmer remained within him. Before my dad plowed a portion of the backyard for a new garden, he would take a handful of dirt, compress it, and release it several times over. Would it fall through his fingers or remain in a dense ball? What did it smell of?

In February we begin our Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday, a milestone to remind us of our mortal existence. Typically, we impose ashes as a visceral reminder of this by tracing a cross on someone’s head or wrist while saying “from the earth you came and to the earth you will return.” To gaze in another’s eyes and encounter them within an arm’s length creates such vulnerability, I usually add “always in the care of a loving God.”

Over the years with my parents, I recall many Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers to mark the eve of Lent and not one Ash Wednesday worship service. Honestly, most

Protestants shun this practice as compared with Orthodox Christians, and our services are thinly attended. Avoiding this service grieves my heart since getting in touch with the ground of our being also invites us to be close to Christ. When we begin the 40 habit-reflecting days of Lent in such humility, the gift – truly the gift – of Easter shines more brightly. No matter our past or present, Jesus invites us to examine our hearts and minds, and then pattern our lives to his so as to receive his promised grace.

This year, under COVID constraints, we cannot gather with one another in such an intimate service. And the irony is that COVID reminds us of the frailty of our existence, with the visual reminders of masks and social distance or the daily drumbeat of new cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Staring at the face of death, we need even more to be with one another in whatever safe gathering space possible.

Creativity abounds at Westminster as we have imagined ways for us to observe Lent as we examine our lives through common elements. We begin with dirt on Ash Wednesday.

"From the earth you came and to the earth you will return ... always in the care of a loving God."



You’ve got dirt. We all have dirt. Join us on Wednesday, February 17, online as we gather to follow Jesus to his cross and throughout our Lenten season.

In faith,
Jo

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Worship at Westminster

Westminster is currently offering both contemporary and traditional worship services online only. Visit our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/WestminsterUSC or our website for links to the livestream services. The Bridge Contemporary Worship livestreams at 9:00 a.m. and Traditional Worship livestreams at 11:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Or, you can watch the recording of either service anytime later on YouTube.

Bridge Contemporary Worship

	Sundays
	9:00 a.m.
	YouTube Livestream

Traditional Worship

	Sundays
	11:00 a.m.
	YouTube Livestream

The Lord's Supper is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

Westminster Seminars Online

Live on Sundays 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Please join us for the live Zoom meeting or watch the video later on the Westminster website. The Zoom meeting will open at 9:40 for greetings and conversation. See page 7 for details about February's series.

	Sundays
	10:00 a.m.
	Zoom <i>(links available on the church website and in the Friday email)</i>

Upcoming Events

14 FEB Transfiguration of the Lord

17 FEB Ash Wednesday Virtual Service
7:30 p.m. on YouTube

21 FEB Blood Drive Fellowship Hall

A Single Word

February seems like a good time to begin something new!

Recently, I started a new daily spiritual practice, offered by Marilyn McEntyre in her devotional book *Word by Word*. She invites us to focus on a single word for an extended time. Her series of meditations on a single word is an invitation to dwell with, and reflect on, a single word over the course of a week. She says in this process we focus on the word in new ways as we consider the word's personal, biblical, and literary context. She challenges us to be more attentive to the word in conversations and in our prayers. "There is a power in a single word to open a window or path, to incite an epiphany or an insight, or let in a feeling we did not know had been buried."

Over the past year, lots of new words have been introduced into our lives: *pandemic, coronavirus, distancing, masks, isolation*. You may feel like Lucy in the Peanuts cartoon when she grumbled to poor Charlie Brown about the awful New Year she was having. She complained that problems abounded, and she felt that difficulties were around every corner. Then she said, "I don't think this is a New Year at all – I think we've been stuck with a USED year!!!" Given the serious nature of the pandemic and ongoing restrictions, we need to be creative in connecting with each other. Our words used to encourage and support each other mean more than ever. Words of kindness, compassion, unity, steadfastness, perseverance are aspirations we desire.

Some churches on Epiphany Sunday give out star words to people. These serve as an abiding presence of God's light

in our lives and our opportunity to participate. If you want to check out a "star word" for yourself, here is a link: <https://epiphanystars.neocities.org/>. For 2021, my "star word" is *boldness*.

The apostle Paul recognized that to remain faithful in times of trial is grueling. His encouraging message to the Romans says, "And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:2-5).

Hope does not disappoint! Every day when we put on our mask, navigate the new normal of day-to-day living, we are strengthened by the Spirit who resides with us and in us. As a faith community, we long to sing, worship, learn, pray, and share a cup of coffee together. Until this becomes a reality, we continue to move forward, "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

"You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word."

– Psalm 119:114

Together on the journey,

Louise



Ash Wednesday — A Time to Turn

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one’s forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures, always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Ashes on the forehead is a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to show off one’s faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

Trusting in the “accomplished fact” of Christ’s resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of the church’s Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast, and proceed “on the way” to Jerusalem and the cross. Our Lenten journey is one of metanoia (“turning around”), of changing directions from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

From the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship* (Geneva Press, 2003, 109-110)



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator, acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God’s Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Ash Wednesday Virtual Service
Wednesday, February 17
7:30 p.m. Livestream on YouTube

Visit www.westminster-church.org for links.

BETWEEN HERE AND THERE



Just a few months ago, in the article I wrote for the December issue of the *Spire*, I asked the following question: “If we place all of our hope in “getting through 2020,” what will we do when we stub our proverbial toes in 2021?” Needless to say, our toes are pretty banged up after these first few weeks of the new year. Just as the first week of January had wrapped up, I stumbled across these words, with their mix of levity and insight: “I’ve experienced the seven-day trial of this year and I’d like to unsubscribe.” I think that plenty of people feel similarly; we’ve become a people who are quick to move on, or maybe (more pessimistically) “give up on.” Not to say that there haven’t been boatloads to be concerned about in this year, but when we so quickly move beyond something, we neglect the possibility of reflection. The phrase “hindsight is 20-20” is built on a foundation of reflection. Unless we look back at something, we’ll never grasp it to our fullest capabilities. As troubling as our nation’s circumstances may be, we must reflect, we must continue to chew on what we’ve been through.

I’ve spent some time recently hanging on these verses from Lamentations 3: “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, ‘The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him’” (verses 22-24).

God’s compassion for us, his people, is new every single morning. We don’t have to throw away yesterday just so we can start over today. God has already given us a new beginning. When we throw away our bad days we don’t actually benefit in any measurable ways. Instead, we

continue to put our hopes in some vague and undefinable “better future.” But God’s mercy for you is new *this very morning*. There’s no need to look to the future to find goodness, or love, or redemption, or unity, for God is weaving those things in our lives right this very moment.

If you’re anything like me, the act of looking back – even into the darkest nights – only proves to show how God has woven his compassion through my life. What would it have been like if David had never reflected on his adultery, or his resulting son’s death? What would it have been like if Moses (whom I’ll remind all of us was a murderer) had never returned to Egypt after running to Midian? What would it have been like if Peter had given up on his faith after denying his companionship with Jesus? We simply must look into the dark spots of our lives if we are to make any sense of how we move forward.

We, however, don’t do it alone. There is no place that we can go that Christ has not gone before us. Even when we feel as though we are visiting hell on earth, we recall that Jesus himself descended, feeling forsaken by God, before he ascended (Ephesians 4:9). The Lord’s mercy is new for us each and every morning, and we have opportunities to join in the divine call to share that mercy with the world around us. So don’t throw out the difficult, the scary, or the troubling, but reflect with the knowledge that God has called us to accept and take part in his redeeming and resurrecting mercy.

What are the places in your life that need to be revisited? I’d love to hear from you. Be well, friends.

– Ed Sutter

Westminster Seminars Online

Welcome All!

Live on Sundays

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Zoom – link available on the church website and in each Friday church email

Please join us for the live Zoom meeting or watch the video later on the Westminster website here: www.westminster-church.org/news-&-media/westminster-seminars. The Zoom meeting will open at 9:40 a.m. for greetings and conversation.

Each seminar is an informal time to learn and grow in faith through engaging topics, which change from month to month. We extend a warm invitation to folks near and far to join us on Zoom or watch later. Spread the word to friends and family, wherever they live!

February Series

Paths of Pilgrimage

Rev. Ken White, Rev. Louise Rogers, Sandy Conley, Doug Mitchell

Rev. Ken White has been leading pilgrimage trips for many decades. A few years ago, Louise Rogers went on a delightful pilgrimage to Scotland led by Ken White that she will never forget! Ken White, pastor from Southminster, Thomas Presbyterian, and Newlonsburg Presbyterian Churches, will be our guest on Zoom for the first two sessions. He will discuss the spiritual meaning of pilgrimages as he shares his personal adventures. Ken White has led groups on pilgrimages for decades to places all over the globe including Scotland, Israel, Haiti, and Croatia.

During the third session, Louise Rogers will talk about her time in Scotland with Rev. White. The series closes with Sandy Conley and Doug Mitchell, who will highlight their pilgrimages to Haiti and India to work with Westminster's mission partners. Please join the group on Sunday mornings to see how God is revealed to us as we travel across the world.

February 7 – Pilgrimage: What Was Then and What Is Now

Ken White

February 14 – Pilgrimage: What Is God Telling Us on a Pilgrimage?

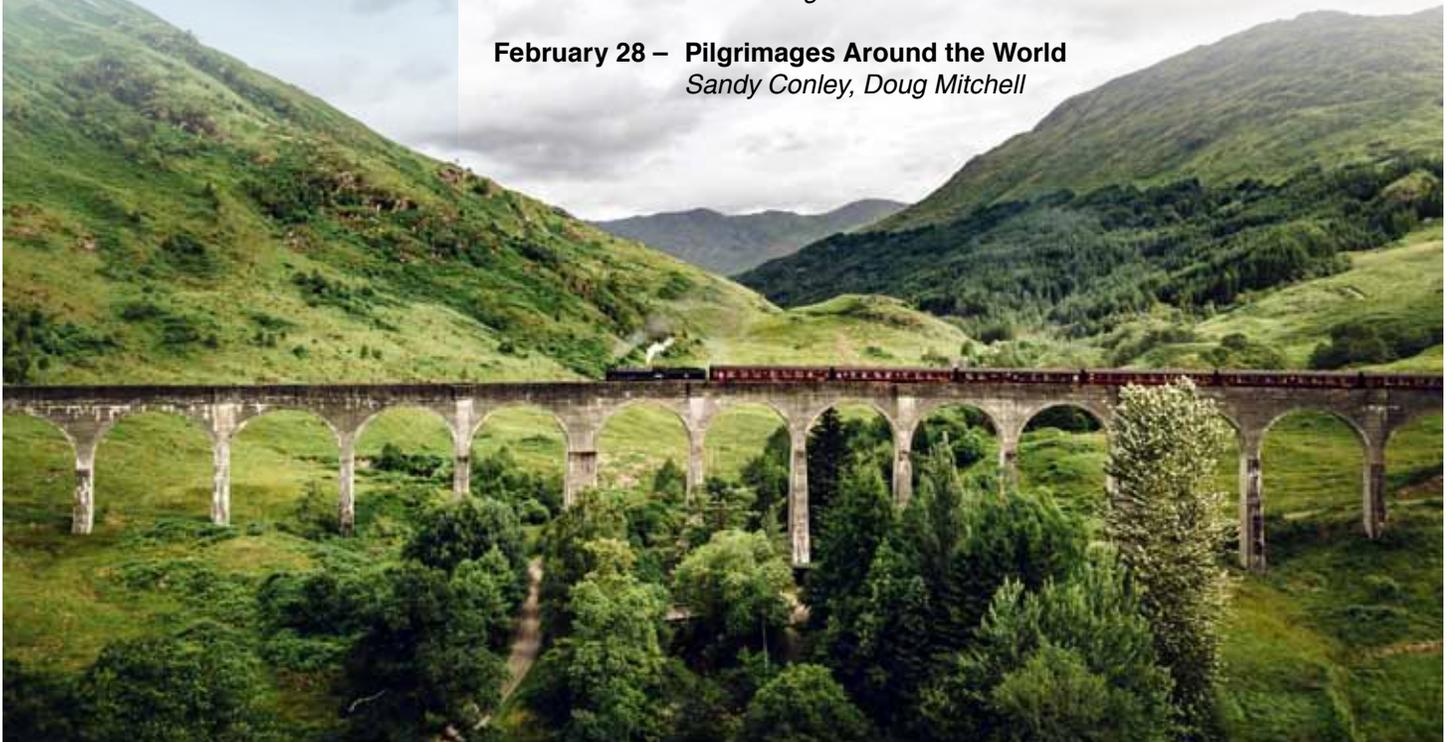
Ken White

February 21 – Adventures in Scotland

Louise Rogers

February 28 – Pilgrimages Around the World

Sandy Conley, Doug Mitchell

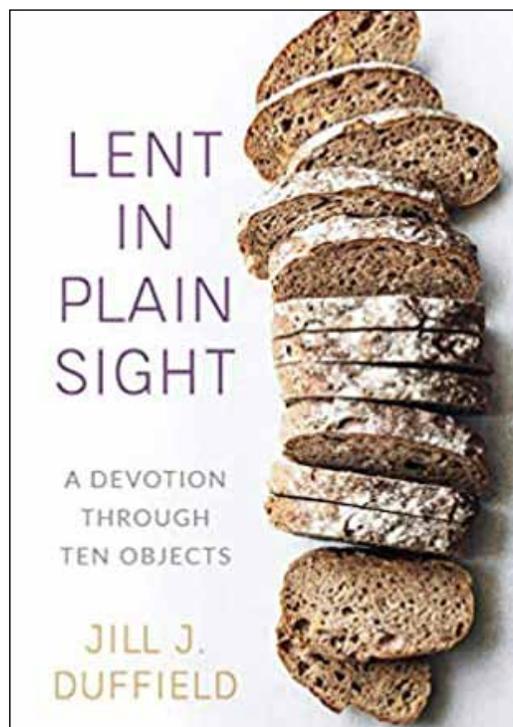


Coffee Time for Lent

Mondays, beginning February 22
10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Join Louise Rogers on Monday mornings for a Zoom study at 10:00 a.m., beginning February 22, to talk about the book *Lent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield. In this devotion for the season, Jill Duffield draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. Look for Zoom details in the Friday email. Everyone is welcome!

"God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace."

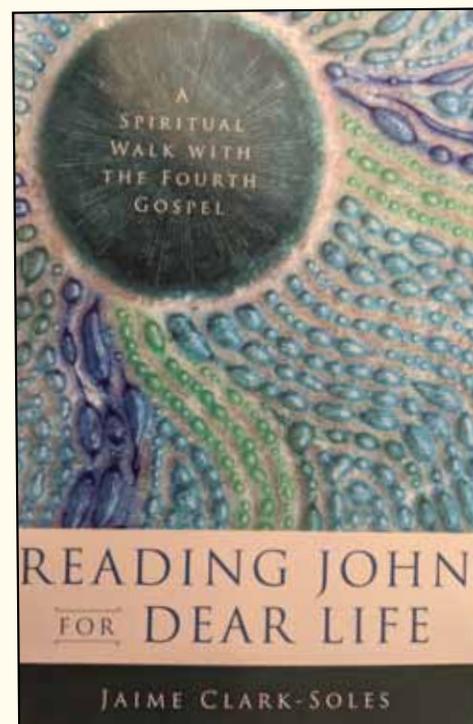


Virtual Genesis 2.0

It isn't a Bible study, or a Sunday school class, or a prayer, mission, or Christian fellowship group. It is all of these things! Genesis 2.0 is engaging scripture discussion, a safe place to voice questions and doubts, deeply felt intercessory prayer, and awareness of and responses to where people are hurting in our community. We're currently using *Reading John for Dear Life* by Jaime Clark-Soles as a resource for studying the Gospel of John.

If you are looking for more personal connections in the church with people who seek to live with Christ in the 21st century, join us on Zoom Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome!

For details and the Zoom link, visit the church's website at www.westminster-church.org/events/event-list/virtual-genesis-2-0-adult-bible-study or email Ann Morris at foxmorris@verizon.net or Suzanne Davis at sdavismoo@aol.com.



The Transfiguration of the Lord

Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36.

**We have Come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks through our clouds and shadows; splendor bathes the
flesh-joined Word;**

Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.

Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the law and prophets meet:

**Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured
and complete.**

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,

We like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.

But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,

That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

Carl P. Daw Jr., 1988, alt.
Glory of God: The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 191

Virtual Sunday School

Children's & Family Ministry initiated virtual Sunday school using Zoom for Advent 2020. We are grateful for the Sunday school teacher volunteers who helped us make this happen: Lindsay Carter, Beth Ketterman, and Kelsey O'Leary.

Virtual Sunday school during Advent consisted of a Bible topic and story, lighting the Advent candles, music and singing, scripture verse, game, and a prayer. The children and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the experience of sharing God's word and love during the holiday season in this new way.

We had been reviewing different curricula to consider for Sunday school into the new year with plans to continue to offer virtual Sunday school, but also in hopes that soon we will have the option for in person Sunday school too.

We decided on the curriculum *Grow*. This curriculum offers virtual components to go along with each lesson topic and theme. Videos accompany the lessons for preschool and younger elementary and for upper elementary through sixth grade. There are also music and games that can be used virtually. *Grow* can be used successfully both virtually and in person. This was a primary goal for choosing a new curriculum.

We are looking forward to virtual Sunday school using *Grow* to build upon the spiritual development of the children at Westminster. In January the lessons were on the miracles of Jesus, called "Challenge Accepted." During the month of February, we will discover the ministry of Jesus.

We are happy to have children through sixth grade. In January, we started to divide the children into two breakout rooms, one room for preschool through second grade and the other room for third through sixth grade. This has allowed us to tailor the Bible topic or story to a child's developmental level. We continue to start and end as a large group.

We invite families that have not participated yet to feel free to have their child/children participate any time. We are eager and excited to share God's love and message!

Blessings to all in 2021!

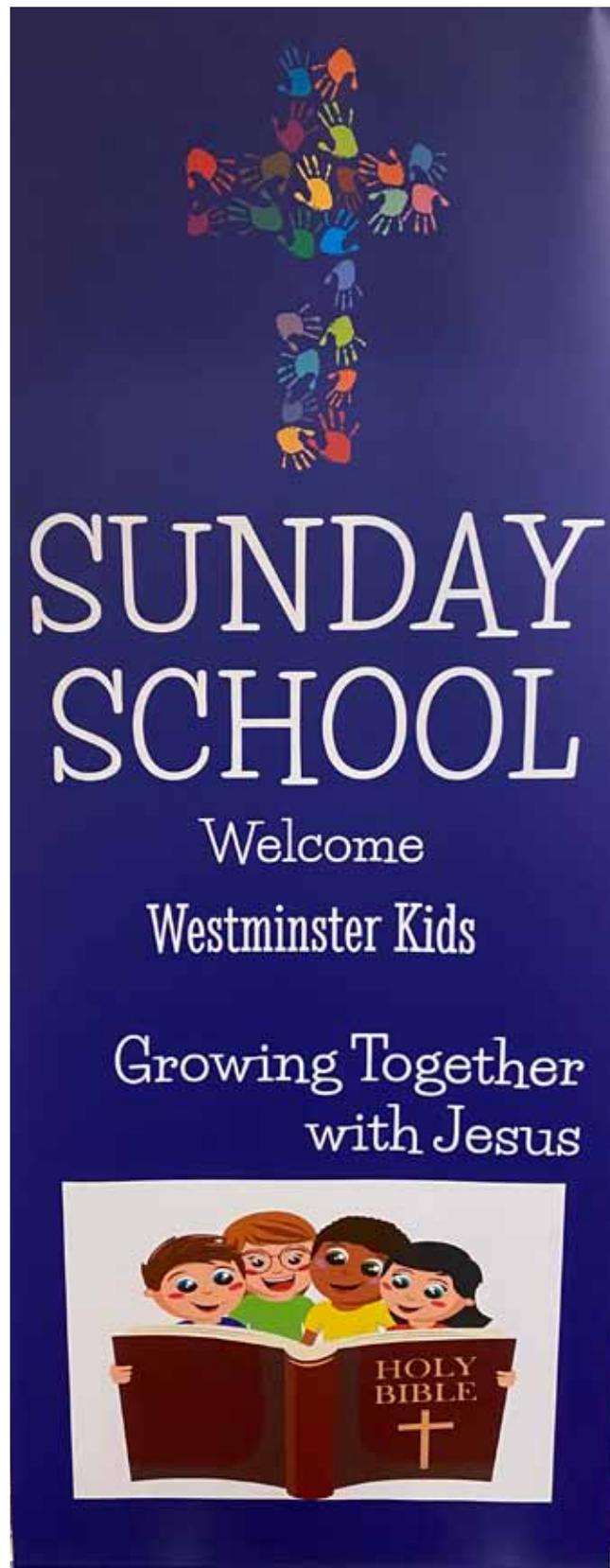
Natalie Brown and Debb Egli

Virtual Sunday School is offered on Sundays from 10:00 to 10:40 a.m.

Join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82141535932?pwd=eEtFWWo1R1dyZXVIYk1HRk9GSS9nUT09>

Meeting ID: 821 4153 5932

Passcode: L3P6YN





WROC Fitness

Support your spirit, mind, and body with WROC fitness classes!

As winter collides with the ongoing coronavirus battle, we can easily find ourselves bored, lonely, and frustrated. Exercise is one of the best things we can do to help develop the coping skills we need as we head down the final stretch of the pandemic. Participation in an exercise program, either in person or virtually, can help release endorphins, provide an outlet for adrenaline when the frustration builds up, and help to combat isolation.

Winter classes are underway – in person and online. Visit the WROC website today for details and to register!

wroc.westminster-church.org

Available classes, registration information, and WROC safety protocols and guidelines.

Silence for our lives

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"As I grow older, I discover more and more that the greatest gift I have to offer is my own joy of living, my own inner peace, my own silence and solitude, my own sense of well-being. When I ask myself, 'Who helps me the most?' I must answer, 'The one who is willing to share his or her life with me.'"

— Henri Nouwen

Silence

Writers of Westminster Update

The Writers of Westminster have made a \$2,000 contribution to the church's endowment fund in memory of Art Humphreys, one of the group's original members. WOW sold out all 220 printed copies of their Christmas book, *Somewhere Under the Rainbow*, and have \$300 remaining in their account toward their next book.

The group, averaging between 12 and 20 writers at any given meeting, has been active for six years, under the direction of Jim O'Brien, and has published four books. They provided the funding for all aspects of the printing and binding and shipment of all books. If you are interested in joining WOW in 2021, contact Jim O'Brien at 412-221-3580.





Blood Drive

Sunday, February 21
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Westminster Deacons are hosting their first blood drive of the year on Sunday, February 21. We invite everyone in the congregation who is 18 and over to consider donating for this worthy cause. Our doors are also open to the community, and we welcome additional donors for this event. The Westminster Deacons thank you for your continuing support in the worthy mission of donating blood.

Vitalant will provide staff and supplies to handle 40 or more donors and they are now requiring all donors to:

- Make an appointment.
- Wear a mask.
- Get a temperature check on site.

Read more about Vitalant's precautionary measures at www.vitalant.org. **Please preregister for your appointment** by using sponsor code G0010171,

in order to secure a time slot. Registration is easily done by phone or online at www.vitalant.org, or by calling Candy Kottyan at 412-860-3534.

In order to donate, you must:

- Be 18 years or older (17 with parental consent)
- Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- Not have donated within the last 56 days
- Be in good health

Medications such as insulin, aspirin, and high blood pressure treatments do not prevent you from donating. If you have any medical questions, please call Vitalant at 877-258-4825.

For those planning to donate, please remember to eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of non-caffeinated beverages. There will be snacks and goodies available for all donors!

The Westminster Deacons thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

Session Highlights, 2021 Commission Assignments

The 624th meeting of Westminster's session was held on January 18 via Zoom. A summary of the substantive discussion that evening include:

- Westminster's financial condition with respect to the operating budget for 2021 was reviewed and approved. Various elders commended members of this commission for their engagement in other commissions to provide transparent information and guidance.
- The Stewardship Commission provided an update on the progress

for the 2021 campaign to the general fund and ongoing efforts to address the shortfall.

- Session continues to monitor the Allegheny County statistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this point only online worship will remain in place until the standards and conditions previously set allow in person worship to resume.
- The session thanked those elders who have served so faithfully and concluded their terms of service at that meeting.

Session appoints commissions, as needed, to carry out the life of the church. See below for 2021 session commission assignments and staff liaisons.

Adult Spiritual Development

Chair: Barb Myers

Elder: Megan Exley

Staff Liaison: Louise Rogers

Bridge Worship

Chair: Beth Wagner

Elder: Nicole Baculik

Staff Liaison: Ed Sutter

Children's & Family Ministry

Chair: Karen Williams

Staff Liaisons: Natalie Brown,
Louise Rogers

Communications

Chair: Steve Schmitt

Staff Liaison: Jan Baumann

Finance

Chair: Mike Lee

Elders: Jeff Rex, Peggy Canose

Staff Liaison: Jo Forrest

Membership

Chair: Kristin LeBeau

Elders: Gwen Fraser, Meghan Widmar

Staff Liaison: Jan Baumann

Outreach

Chair: Sandy Conley

Elders: Dan Paul, Becky Weber

Staff Liaison: Louise Rogers

Personnel

Chair: Andrew Marsh

Elders: Bill Ludwig, Denise Rost

Staff Liaison: Jo Forrest

Property

Chair: Jay Galbreath

Elders: Bob Sheap, Sue Castelli,
Dave Davis

Staff Liaison: Jo Forrest

Stewardship

Chair: David Heilman

Elder: Michele Burgess

Staff Liaison: Jo Forrest

Worship

Chair: Allison McGee

Staff Liaisons: Jo Forrest,
Louise Rogers

Youth

Chair: Luke Walker

Elder: Beth Jenkins

Staff Liaison: Ed Sutter

Clerk of Session: Brian Peck

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Matt Baculik

Vice Moderator: Kevin Green

Secretary: Carol Couch

Staff Liaison: Louise Rogers

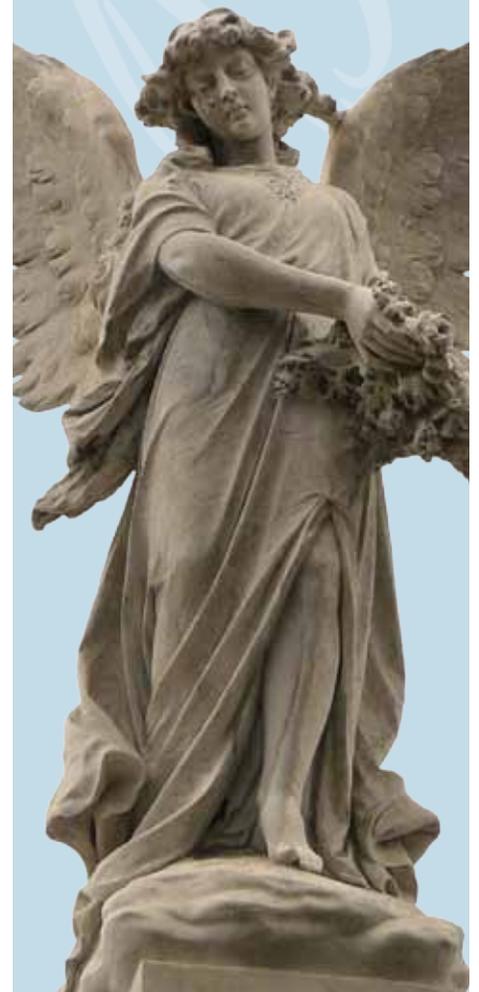
Deaths

Nancy Park

January 5

Elizabeth Plotner

January 7



Financial Report

As of December 31, 2020

Income	
December Income	\$269,297.42
December Budget Income	\$291,151.45
YTD 2020 Income	\$2,312,006.23*

* includes \$274,000 of unbudgeted bequests

Expenses	
December Expenses	\$145,214.52
December Budget Expenses	\$186,729.20
YTD 2020 Expenses	\$1,965,388.41

Approved Outreach Expenditures

November 2020

Pittsburgh Presbytery	\$3,200.00
Friendship Community Church	\$2,000.00
Lazarus Fund.....	\$1,000.00
Rebuilding Together	\$2,500.00
Haiti	\$6,310.00
Malawi	\$1,000.00

Per Capita Reminder

Please remember to forward your 2021 per capita apportionment to the church finance office. **The amount set by Pittsburgh Presbytery for 2021 is \$34.79 per member.** Each year Westminster must send the amount set for the year to the presbytery **for each active member of our church.** For those members who do not send in their per capita apportionment, we must make up the difference from our operating budget. For those of you receiving offering envelopes, there is an envelope inside each box for the per capita apportionment. For those of you who have elected not to receive offering envelopes, please note "2021 Per Capita" on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions regarding this apportionment, please contact Rich Mills, church financial manager, at 412-835-6630x201 or mills@westminster-church.org. **Thank you.**

Offering Envelopes

If you indicated on your pledge card that you would like to receive offering envelopes for 2021, you may now pick them up in the church gallery (office entrance). If you have not requested 2021 envelopes and would like to receive them, please contact Peg Kinsey at 412-835-6630x211.

Easter Giving

Due to the unprecedented times and the many variables we currently are dealing with, only a few Easter flowers will be required to decorate the sanctuary this year. The Chancel Guild and Deacons have joined forces to decorate the sanctuary and help individuals in need during these difficult times.

If you wish to contribute to the memory or honor of a loved one, you may do so by completing the form below. **Please make checks payable to Westminster**

Presbyterian Church and indicate if you wish your donation to be for flowers or Deacon Fund. Distribution of the Deacon funds will be at the direction of Rev. Louise Rogers. Please note because of the Coronavirus the Deacons are unable to deliver flowers to shut-ins or nursing homes.

Your gift for either donation will be listed in the April *Spire*. Please return this form to Peg Kinsey in the church office **by Thursday, March 22.**



EASTER GIVING ORDER FORM

In memory of In honor of

Name of memorial/honoree (PLEASE PRINT)

Easter flowers donation **OR** Deacon Fund donation

My name _____

Please return this form to Peg Kinsey in the church office by **Thursday, March 22.**



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*Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
For those who keep his covenant and his decrees.*

Psalm 25:8-10