

# WESTMINSTER

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THE CASE LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK SERIES  
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## CLIMATECHURCH CLIMATEWORLD

HOW PEOPLE OF FAITH MUST WORK FOR CHANGE

July 14, Chapters 1-3: Mark Hall

July 21, Chapters 4-6: Laurel & Doug Braun

July 28, Chapters 7-9: David Weeks & Rebecca Montague

*Climate Church, Climate World* argues that climate change is the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced; it multiplies all forms of global social injustice: hunger, refugees, poverty, inequality, deadly viruses, war. Environmental leader, Reverend Jim Antal presents a compelling case that it's time for the church to meet this moral challenge, just as the church addressed previous moral challenges. He calls for the church to embrace a new vocation so that future generations might live in harmony with God's creation. After describing how we have created the dangers our planet now faces, Antal urges the church to embrace a new vocation, one focused on collective salvation and an expanded understanding of the Golden Rule. He suggests ways people of faith can reorient what they prize through new approaches to worship, preaching, witnessing, and other spiritual practices that honor creation and cultivate hope. Books are \$25.

*Please join us for this important series.*

## WORSHIP THIS SUMMER

**July 7 through September 1**

**One Service at 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel**

Join us this summer for an intimate Worship service. The doors of the Chapel will be open allowing a wonderful view of the Kratz Garden. What a great way to start a summer Sunday morning! (Fall hours resume on Rally Day, September 8)

## Reconnecting with Nature: Enjoying, Experiencing and Reflecting Upon Nature



Dear Friends,

Few places are more pleasant in the summertime than Western New York and we are privileged to live here. Sometimes, though, we forget to slow down and notice the beauty that surrounds us. As in any love affair, when we stop noticing our beloved, we start falling out of love and we start treating our beloved as an object to be used or discarded. Likewise with nature. We begin to overlook the mystery, the wonder and the grandeur of creation. We cut ourselves off from those “spots of time” in which the wholeness of creation can overwhelm us with awe.

This summer you are invited to seek out places of beauty and, if you want, to reflect on your experiences in words or images. In the fall, when we are all back together again, we will have a chance to share our reflections with others. You undoubtedly have some favorite places to visit, but if you want you want to explore something new, here are some places, both near and far, that are worth your time.

### Close to Home:

*Hoyt Lake and Delaware Park* ([bfloparks.org](http://bfloparks.org))

Slow down by spending a few hours walking or biking in Delaware Park and enjoying Hoyt Lake. Free parking abounds and boating on the lake is a Buffalo tradition.

*Pier at Broderick Park*

Broderick Park is at the end of West Ferry Street, in the midst of the Rich Products complex of buildings. It was one of the terminus points of the Underground Railroad and there is a nice commemoration stone as you enter the park. (indeed, the inspiration for Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* left for freedom in Canada from this point.) The Pier was built by the Army Corps of Engineers and is a 1.5-mile breakwater that takes you into the Niagara River while you walk under the Peace Bridge and get an unhurried view of the meeting of Lake Erie and the River. Stand and watch as 20% of the planet's fresh water flows past you.

*Times Beach Nature Preserve* ([friendsoftimesbeach.org](http://friendsoftimesbeach.org))

Once a victim of 19th century industrialism, Times Beach is now a 50-acre site just south of the Buffalo Harbor Lighthouse, with five different habitat zones and hundreds of species of migrating and resident birds. It's perfect for a stroll, with boardwalks and trails. And when you look up, there is City Hall!

*Tifft Nature Preserve* ([tifft.org](http://tifft.org))

Once a landfill, this 264-acre site on Buffalo's outer harbor has woodlands, marshes, turtles and multiple bird observation points. It's perfect for a stroll, with boardwalks and trails.

*Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve* ([reinsteinwoods.org](http://reinsteinwoods.org))

Within walking distance of suburban strip malls, this preserve's self-guided trails will take you through forests, ponds and wetlands. It's an unexpected escape from Transit Road.

### Further Afield:

*Goat Island Scenic Walk* ([alltrails.com](http://alltrails.com))

We live a 15-minute drive from one of the world's natural wonders, and twenty million people visit Niagara Falls every year. Because of the commercial and industrial development of the area, it's hard to imagine what the Falls were like in the early 19th century. Luckily, there is still Goat Island to give a hint of the natural beauty of the area, about which Frederick Law Olmstead said that he had traveled around North America “without finding elsewhere the same quality of forest beauty which was once abundant about the falls, and which is still to be observed in those parts of Goat Island where the original growth of trees and shrubs had not been disturbed.” Much has been disturbed since Olmstead's time, but much is still there. The scenic walk is a 2.2-mile loop trail that is one of the few areas left around Niagara Falls where you can experience natural beauty.

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## Preaching Schedule

### One Service at 10:00 AM in the Holmes Chapel

#### July 7

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Senior Highs will preach  
The Reverend Beth Hennessy,  
Communion Celebrant:  
Luke 10:1-11,16-20

#### July 14

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Reverend Dr. Skip Ferguson,  
Guest Preacher  
Luke 10:25-37

#### July 21

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Reverend Beth Hennessy,  
Guest Preacher  
Luke 10:38-42

#### July 28

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Guest Preacher TBA  
The Reverend Beth Hennessy,  
Worship Leader  
Luke 11:1-13

#### August 4

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
The Reverend Dr. Skip Ferguson,  
Guest Preacher  
Luke 12:13-21

#### August 11

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Reverend Dr. Skip Ferguson,  
Guest Preacher  
Gospel: Luke 12:32-40;

#### August 18

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Reverend Beth Hennessy,  
Guest Preacher  
Luke 12:49-56

#### August 25

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Marcia Buhl, Guest Preacher  
Luke 13:10-17

#### September 1

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
The Reverend Dr. Skip Ferguson,  
Guest Preacher  
Luke 14:1,7-14

## Reconnecting with Nature...

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*Letchworth State Park* (parks.ny.gov)

Only 50 miles away, Letchworth State Park, renowned as the "Grand Canyon of the East," is one of the most scenically magnificent areas in the eastern U.S. The Genesee River roars through the gorge over three major waterfalls between cliffs—as high as 600 feet in some places—surrounded by lush forests. Hikers can choose among 66 miles of hiking trails. In 2015, Letchworth won the USA TODAY Reader's Choice Award for Best State Park in the United States. Letchworth came out on top of the 19 other state parks nominated for the contest, chosen from more than 6,000 parks across the nation.

*Moss Lake Preserve* (alltrails.com)

Moss Lake Preserve is designated as a national, natural landmark and is owned by The Nature Conservancy. The

most outstanding feature of the preserve is its 15-acre bog lake, which was formed thousands of years ago. Forested walking trails throughout this 82-acre isolated site give multiple access points to the bog lake. Bring some bread to feed the fish, who will swarm the shores by the hundreds to compete for the food.

*Panama Rocks* (panamarocks.com)

Here's a taste from its website of what this park has: "Explore a world of towering rocks, deep crevices, passage-ways, and small caves! Our rock formations extend about half-a-mile through an ancient forest and reach upwards of 60 feet tall. Grotesque roots snake down the rocks and delicate ferns, mosses, and lichens add to Panama Rock's unique, jungle-like charm."

Sincerely,

Dr. Cameron Airhart



## An Interfaith Day at Chautauqua

Tuesday, August 6 • 2 PM  
Hall of Philosophy



Please join us for what promises to be an exciting interfaith day at Chautauqua Institution. Renowned preacher and New York Times best-selling author, Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor will discuss her new book, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*:

*Learning from other traditions requires empathy, understanding, respect, and a lot of effort. It requires us to learn what other people believe,*

*why they believe these things, and what aspect of God they address.*

- Carpooling from the Westminster Parking Lot leaves promptly at 10:30 AM.
- At Chautauqua, we will park in the Main Lot (\$10) and purchase half day admission tickets (\$15). Please bring a bag lunch for a picnic on the Hall of Philosophy lawn before the lecture begins at 2 PM in the Hall.
- After, we are cordially invited to UB Professor Claude Welch's Chautauqua cottage for refreshments and socializing.
- **For carpooling, please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room or contact Jamie, 884.9437, ext. 326, jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org**
- Participating Organizations: Buffalo Unitarian Universalist Church, Congregation Havurah, Muslim Public Affairs Council, North Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal



## THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Year of the Bible class, provides participants the opportunity to read through the entire Bible, cover to cover, over the course of the year. Led by The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, two classes are offered each week: The summer schedule switches to Monday evenings only starting on July 8 at 7 PM and runs through August 26 with no class on September 2, Labor Day. It's not too late to get started, so come join the group of more than 50 who have already begun! 15 minutes of reading each day is all it takes. By the end of the year, you will have read through the entire Bible! More important, you will grow spiritually in countless ways as you deepen your understanding of God's Written Word.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

**Spiritual Life will resume in September on  
Sunday mornings, 9-10:15 AM  
in the Heritage Room.  
All are welcome!**

Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminster members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith. Discoveries and questions come from topics such as deep listening, gratitude, compassion, grace, and grieving. Poetry and art are frequently woven into a presentation. We are always interactive and supportive, looking for ways to apply important spiritual concepts to our daily lives. As a Christian congregation, we are also open to learning about other faith traditions and practices that nurture, sustain, and challenge the "inward journey."



## The Alcohol Committee is Active Again!

In 1981 a group of Westminster members formed a committee dedicated to providing information about alcoholism and about treatment facilities in Western New York. The disease of alcoholism, the most common form of drug addiction, afflicted many millions of people, was a huge public health problem, and caused billions of dollars in property damage; and yet it was considered a shameful moral lapse and folks were reluctant to talk about it. We felt that people who wanted advice about alcohol might be more willing to talk to fellow church members than to pastors or to professionals – and we were right. Our research indicated that we were truly pioneering – the first church to offer such a service. Through the next 20 years we provided free and confidential information to many individuals and families, and we conducted presentations at other churches who were interested in what we were doing. Since the turn of the century we have included our names and contact information in church publications, with an open invitation to contact us privately.

Today the opioid crisis has dominated news about addictions, but the grim statistics about alcoholism, and the general lack of information about it, remain. We are resurrecting ourselves, announcing our compassionate expertise to the Westminster community and beyond. We are a group of church members with special knowledge about this terrible disease. We are available 24/7 to offer free and absolutely confidential information – about the disease, about the terrible toll it takes on both the drinker and those close to him/her, about local assessment and treatment programs, and about Alcoholics Anonymous. Look for announcements of presentations and programs by us.

Jen Read (228-7526) and Elizabeth Stewart (585-217-7878) are the new Co-Chairs of the committee. Other members are: Dave Carstensen (884-5403); Jane Morris (571-481-1839); Ellen Smith (882-2064), and Phil Stevens (839-3357).

## PARENTS GROUP



**No one knows the highs and lows of parenting  
like other parents.**

Come join our group for support, fellowship, and fun. Open to all types of families! We meet at Westminster Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Kayla at [kaylamckinley@gmail.com](mailto:kaylamckinley@gmail.com). Child-care will be provided for those who wish it.



## URGENT NEED: FUNDS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AT VIVE

Vive has been overwhelmed with a sudden and unexpected influx of asylum seekers. While they have already received sufficient clothes, personal items, their biggest challenge now is feeding everyone.

You may help by making a check out to **"Jericho Road Community Health Center"** and put **"Vive"** on the memo line and mail to: VIVE, 50 Wyoming Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215. You may make a credit card donation at [Jrchc.org/donate](http://Jrchc.org/donate). Jericho Road is accepting bags of rice or beans, etc., dropped off at their location.

In March 2015, Jericho Road Community Health Center assumed operations of Vive La Casa. Vive La Casa then became known as Vive, a program of Jericho Road. Jericho Road is committed to carrying on the 30-year legacy of providing legal aid and safe refuge to persons seeking asylum in the United States and Canada.

## HELP IS AVAILABLE

If you are recovering from an illness or surgery or if you are a caregiver with an ill family member, or have had a new baby, Westminster can provide a simple meal for those in need. Contact Jamie Adamczyk [jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org) or 884-9437, ext. 326.

## SUNDAY CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase 2019 Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room. You may also call Sue Adams, 883-7597 or email [hugwalker1@gmail.com](mailto:hugwalker1@gmail.com)

# WESTMINSTER *Presents*

Music and the Arts

**Michael Hey, organ • July 2, 1 PM in the Sanctuary**

From St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC, Michael Hey performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention.

**David Higgs, organ • July 4, 7 PM in the Sanctuary**

Professor of Organ at the Eastman School of Music, David Higgs performs as one of the featured recitalists of the 2019 AGO Regional Convention.

**Save the dates for these exciting, inspiring events!****Sublime Worship**

September 8 • 10:30 AM • Rally Day with the Buffalo Brass  
September 29 • 10:30 AM • Worship, Music, and Arts Dedication  
October 6 • 4 PM • Blessing of the Animals Evensong  
November 1 • 7:30 PM • Requiem for the Homeless  
December 1 • 4 PM • Compline  
December 8 • 10:30 AM • Messiah Sunday  
February 26 • 6 PM • Ash Wednesday  
March 1 • 4 PM • Compline  
April 5 • 4 PM • Palm Sunday Evensong  
April 9 • 6 PM • Maundy Thursday  
April 10 • 12 PM • Stations of the Cross  
April 10 • 7:52 PM • Good Friday Tenebrae  
April 12 • 10:30 AM • Easter Day

**Extraordinary Concerts**

September 20 • 7:30 PM • Staff Singer Concert  
October 18 • 7:30 PM • Western NY Chamber Orchestra  
December 20 • 7:30 PM • Christmas at Westminster  
March 27 • 7:30 PM • Mozart's Vesperae solennes  
May 8 • 7:30 PM • 5th Annual Friends of Music Gala  
May 10 • 4 PM • Westminster Handbell Choir Concert  
May 15 • 7:30 PM • Westminster Choir Concert

**Wednesdays @ Westminster**

Midday Music & Musings • Noon in the Sanctuary  
September 18 • Garrett Martin, organ  
October 16 • Tom Yorty's Travelogue  
November 20 • Poetry of Robert Frost  
December 18 • The American Caroling Company  
January 15 • Holocaust Remembrance in Music and Poetry  
February 19 • African American Spirituals  
March 18 • Celtic Music and Art  
April 15 • Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*

## ART IN CRAFT MEDIA: AN EXHIBITION AT THE BURCHFIELD PENNY ART CENTER



**Fiber Artist, Printmaker, and Westminster member, Mindy Airhart was selected to exhibit her fiber piece, *Upon Discovering the Demise of Civility***



This biennial exhibition features the contemporary work of fine artists of the region working with glass, fiber, wood, clay, and metal. Westminster's own Mindy Airhart was selected to exhibit her fiber piece, *Upon Discovering the Demise of Civility*, in which she gets some political ranting out of her system and onto cloth via embroidery stitching. The opening night is Friday, July 12 from 5:30 to 7:30pm and the exhibit runs until October 27. Come to the Burchfield Penney for some fine art!

*Upon Discovering the Demise of Civility* (full piece and detail)  
Fiber Art by Mindy Airhart

Visit Mindy's website  
[mindyairhart.com](http://mindyairhart.com)

## We Welcome Lindsay McGuire to Westminster



Lindsay recently joined Westminster in Human Resources. She has over 10 years of Human Resources experience, primarily in the legal and technology industries. She is very excited to be a part of such a wonderful church, early childhood program and community.

In 2016, Lindsay relocated to Buffalo from New York City with her husband, Patrick (a Long Island native), to be closer to Lindsay's parents in Williamsville where she grew up. They have a three year old son, Charlie, who is a train enthusiast.

Lindsay enjoys exploring Buffalo's food scene, traveling, and spending time with her family. She also volunteers as a board member at Ten Thousand Villages.

Fun fact: Tom Yorty baptized Lindsay and her triplet brother and sister at North Presbyterian Church when he was Associate Pastor there (yes, you read that right, Lindsay IS a triplet!).

## DID YOU KNOW...

*These projects have been identified by Session, and the Capital Campaign Committee as a priority to be included in the soon to be formally launched, Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign.*

Our historic Sanctuary organ contains 4,761 pipes made from various metals and woods. In the late 1980's, approximately 30 years after the installation of the current sanctuary organ, leather that is used in wind-chests, reservoirs, and switching systems began to fail; new technology had recently become available to aid in the functionality of the console.

In 1991, organ builders re-leathered the organ, updated the switching systems to solid state, and added three new ranks of reed pipes, seen on display on the inside of the cases that face the choir.

As we approach the next 30 year mark, components of our magnificent instrument are reaching the end of their usable life, especially the console, wiring, switching, and leathers. Most organs the age of ours are on their second (or third!) console. We have been blessed with an instrument that has led our worship in times of our greatest joys and also our greatest sorrows. This amazingly historic and acclaimed instrument must continue to lead our worship for the next half a century and beyond.

The Sanctuary and Chapel organs will be supported and sustained by the Capital Campaign which will be formally launched later this year.

## WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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To email a staff person use the person's first initial and last name [@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:@wpcbuffalo.org). In the event of an emergency, Rev. Yorty can be reached at 830-8596. Staff members' phone extensions are listed below for your convenience.

### Westminster Presbyterian Church

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The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, 716-697-0919

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Lindsay McGuire, Human Resources, ext. 359

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### Elders

Robert Bojdak, Clerk of Session

Class of 2019  
Laurel Braun  
Bill Gray  
Jack Jacobs  
Ellen Kennedy  
Chris LaMendola  
Peter McNally  
Ellie Seib

Class of 2020  
Cameron Airhart  
Leslie Deich  
M.Frances Holmes  
Barbara Nelson  
Rebecca Montague  
Roger Seifert  
Joe Speth  
Elizabeth Stewart

Class of 2021  
Melissa Balbach  
Zandy Barrett  
Mary Callaghan  
Jane Hamilton  
Lucinda Hohn  
Kathleen Kelly  
Brendan Mehaffy  
Bobby Neal  
Mimi Steadman

### Deacons

Class of 2019  
Shea Akers  
Kate Dierenfield  
Teddie Granville  
Callan Izatt  
Janet Kifner-Arnatt  
Florence Kilambo  
Kalumbu  
Donald Kitangano

Class of 2020  
Ellen Bean  
Kate Dierenfield  
Carol Greetham  
Tom Greetham  
Jane Morris  
Roberta Nickelsen

Class of 2021  
Wisdom Afealete  
Drew Dees  
Stephen Johnson  
Xaixin Li  
John Mahoney  
JohnPatrick Marr  
Candace Marr  
Beatriz Nazario  
Joan Rice  
Roy Stewart  
Ron Sutz

# JULY AT WPC

## Monday, July 1

7:00 AM Reserved for AGO  
1:30 PM Policy Meeting  
7:00 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, July 2

7:00 AM Reserved for AGO  
7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
12:00 PM Garden Group Lunch  
1:00 PM AGO Concert  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, July 3

1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
7:00 PM Youth Group returns  
from Maine  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

## Thursday, July 4

7:00 AM Reserved for AGO  
7:00 AM WECP & WPC Closed  
7:00 PM AGO Concert

## Friday, July 5

7:00 AM WECP & WPC Closed

## Sunday, July 7

9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
10:00 AM Worship/Communion  
11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light

## Monday, July 8

10:00 AM Summer FLY and  
ENERGY Program  
7:00 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, July 9

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
12:00 PM Garden Group Lunch

6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board  
Meeting

## Wednesday, July 10

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

## Thursday, July 11

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program

## Friday, July 12

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon

## Sunday, July 14

8:30 AM Case Library  
Summer Series  
9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light

## Monday, July 15

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
1:00 PM WEDI, I Staff Meeting  
1:30 PM Policy Meeting  
7:00 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, July 16

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
9:00 AM Management Meeting  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program

10:00 AM Garden Group  
12:00 PM Garden Group Lunch  
3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds  
5:30 PM Budget & Finance  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, July 17  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

## Thursday, July 18

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Summer Fly &  
ENERGY Program

## Friday, July 19

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon

## Sunday, July 21

8:30 AM Case Library  
Summer Series  
9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light

## Monday, July 22

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
7:00 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, July 23

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
12:00 PM Garden Group Lunch  
5:15 PM Invested Funds  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, July 24

8:00 AM WEDI, I Board  
Meeting  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

6:00 PM Session Meeting  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

## Thursday, July 25

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program

## Friday, July 26

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon

## Sunday, July 28

8:30 AM Case Library  
Summer Series  
9:30 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Meet & Mingle Light  
11:15 AM Inquirer Class

## Monday, July 29

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
1:30 PM Policy Meeting  
7:00 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, July 30

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
9:00 AM Management Meeting  
10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
10:00 AM Garden Group  
12:00 PM Garden Group Lunch  
6:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, July 31

10:00 AM Summer Fly and  
ENERGY Program  
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
8:00 PM AA Meeting



## Power of Generosity

# EXPRESSING **GENEROSITY** THROUGH **GIFTS**

Sawrie Becker, Director of Development

As the Director of Development of Westminster I am continuously inspired by the realization that all we are and all we have is a gift from God. We are entrusted with gifts – to care for those gifts, to manage them, and to employ them to serve God and the world. Westminster has been entrusted with many gifts throughout the years and as a church, all of our funding comes from donations, “gifts”, given unconditionally from our faithful, generous members and friends. The land Westminster stands on and the bricks used to build it were gifts from our founding father, Jesse Ketchum; the beautiful Gothic Revival style stained glass windows were commissioned and given by several Westminster families; the red, tapestry cushions in the chancel matching pictures in the stained glass windows were hand-sewn by church members; the Lord’s table, offering plate holders, baptismal font, the bas-relief wood carvings on the Pulpit and the gardens that welcome you as you enter the church, are all gifts given in memory and honor of loved ones. The church restorations over the years and the ability to maintain this historic building have been possible because of the financial gifts, bequests and commitment of annual giving of all of our members. If not for these gifts, that God has bestowed upon us through the generosity of our members, Westminster could not continue to thrive in serving our community and to be a testament to God’s grace and love. Deepest gratitude to all who pledged to Giving 2019 and gave financial gifts to benefit Westminster and for those who gave special gifts to Westminster Presbyterian Church & Early Childhood Programs this past year.

## PLANNED GIVING/THE 1854 LEGACY CIRCLE



What part of church life means the most to you? Is there a ministry or program that has made a difference in your life, or a family member’s life? A gift to the church in your Will can keep that vital aspect of our community growing so it can bless others in the future? You can give different kinds of gifts to the church in your Will.

You can give a dollar amount, or real estate, stocks, business interests, artwork, and copyrights or royalties. Making a gift or bequest is as simple as including the following statement: I give to Westminster Presbyterian Society, Inc., Buffalo, New York, \_\_\_\_\_ percent of my residuary estate OR I give to Westminster Presbyterian Society, Inc., Buffalo, New York, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_.

Please stop by the information table in the Gallery Room to pick up information about including a bequest to Westminster and other planned giving opportunities. If you would like information about joining the Westminster 1854 Legacy Circle, please contact Sawrie, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315 email: [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.com](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.com) or pick up information in the Gallery Room

## THANK YOU FOR WEARING YOUR NAMETAG

Being a welcoming church is part of our mission and purpose together here at Westminster. With the summer months approaching, we look forward to visitors who may be worshipping at Westminster for the first time. When you arrive at church, all members are encouraged to locate their nametag in the nametag display cabinet so that you may personally greet visitors and other members. Don’t forget to leave your nametag in a basket provided.

## INQUIRER CLASS AT WESTMINSTER

***We welcome you to join our community of faith on Sunday, July 28.***

Westminster is a church that is active in our community and welcomes all God’s people. Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend an Inquirer Class held in the Case Library immediately following our 10 AM worship service.

During the class, you will hear the story of our church as well as the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have.

Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church.

*To reserve your spot or if you have any questions, contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437, ext. 315 anytime about membership at Westminster.*

## MEET & MINGLE “LIGHT”

**Join us for Meet & Mingle “Light” during July & August**

Enjoy fellowship with lemonade and simple sweet & savory goodies! Volunteers are needed to provide snack and host during this time. A sign-up sheet is available in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 ext. 315, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org) to volunteer



## A BIG WESTMINSTER "THANK YOU" TO OUR DOCENTS!



Grateful thanks to the enthusiastic Stained Glass Window Tour Docents who conducted Sanctuary tours on Sunday June 9th during the Allentown Art Festival.

Approximately 100 visitors enjoyed the "art" that Westminster offers, including our majestic stained glass windows, spacious Sanctuary space, and needlepoint cushions in the Chancel which match our favorite window scriptures.

Volunteer docents included Sherrie Bernat, John and Louise McClive, Rebecca Montague and Todd Ruth

## LIVE STREAM WORSHIP SERVICES EACH SUNDAY

Can't make it to Worship on Sunday or to a special event/concert? You can still connect to Westminster. Simply visit our website: [www.wpcbuffalo.org](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org) and click on the link to LiveStream on our homepage.

## FOLLOW WESTMINSTER ON FACEBOOK!

Visit [Facebook.com/WestminsterBuffalo](https://Facebook.com/WestminsterBuffalo) and stay connected with us. Keep up with concerts, special events and experience them via LiveStream.

## KNITTING GROUP

Our group meets on various Tuesdays, 7PM to 9PM throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves and other handmade items for members of the church. Contact Fran Holmes at [mfran-holmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfran-holmes@verizon.net) for more information and dates, Beginners are always welcome!

## VEGAN & VEGETARIAN CULINARY DELIGHTS AWAIT YOU!

A new supper group is up and running for vegans and vegetarians at Westminster. They meet in the home of a group member every month or two and share a meal. If you are interested, get in touch with Mindy Airhart. [mindy.airhart@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.airhart@gmail.com) 716.866.4370. Questions are welcomed!

## MEET & MINGLE-WE NEED YOU!

Thank you to all who have hosted and/or sponsored our "Meet & Mingle" fellowship opportunity immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The success of this valuable fellowship time depends on the generosity (and creativity) of our members. Please continue to support this effort by volunteering to Sponsor and/or Hosts and upcoming Meeting & Mingle, July and August Sign up in the Gallery Room or please contact Sawrie Becker at [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org)

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*Westminster is a vibrant faith community because of the time and commitment our members dedicate.* We are thankful for our volunteers, and encourage everyone to consider participating in our church life by volunteering your time and talent. *If you are interested in the opportunities below, contact Sawrie Becker, 884-9437, ext. 315, [sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org)*

### Meet & Mingle Coordinator-

1 - 2 hours a month. Reach out to members to schedule hosts/shoppers/donors for the Meet & Mingle weekly fellowship hour.

**Laundry Angel:** 1-2 hours a month. Assist with tablecloth maintenance around events by taking home laundry and return to church.

**WECP Coffee & Donuts:** 2 hours a month. Greet WECP Parents with coffee, a donut, and a smile on the second Thursday or Friday of each month at the school.



# ENERGY has finished yet another successful year!



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and otherwise. For anyone who could not make the end of the year celebration, we had a full house again this year! It seems like our ENERGY (Education, Nurture, Encouragement, Readiness, and Growth for Youth) family just keeps growing! It was a bitter-sweet celebration, saying goodbye to Ms. Alyssa on her final day of ENERGY, but enjoying one final moment together. While things are winding for the school year, we are gearing up for summer! This summer will be our third annual summer camp for ENERGY as well as our middle school program, FLY (Focused Learning for Youth), but for the first time, both programs will be spending the summer in the church. While we will no longer have Ms. Alyssa coordinating the ENERGY Program, Donna Glasgow, our FLY Program Coordinator will be stepping up to the plate to run both programs during the summer, and when all goes as planned, this coming fall as well. If you have the chance, or the curiosity, check out our ENERGY and FLY programs in the basement of the church, or even sign up to volunteer and get to know our wonderful students!





## A Day of Celebration, Fellowship, and, Well-Wishes

On June 2, we all gathered to say good-bye to Debbie Katz, Christian Educator and Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator. We also wished safe travels to Tom and Carol as they set upon their sabbatical. It was a great time of fellowship and fun!

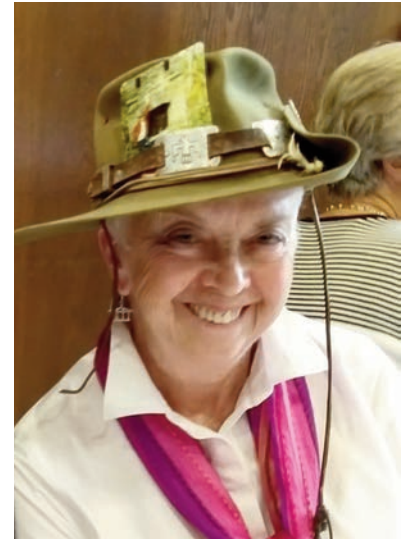


*More celebration pictures on back page!*

## The Annual WOW Hat Dinner at Westminster

A fun time was had by all! The ladies donned their most attractive, fun chapeaus and shared wonderful food, and fellowship! Thank you to all who volunteered to help and contributed delicious items to share

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