



# WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

4th Annual Westminster Friends of Music  
**Gala**

Friday, May 3, 7:30 PM  
at the Saturn Club

Music by  
**The Harry Graser Quartet**

Purchase tickets (\$75) at  
[wpcbuffalo.org](http://wpcbuffalo.org)  
until Thursday, May 2, 5 PM

Tickets (\$100) will be available  
at the door on Friday, May 3.

Can't make it to the event?  
Please make a donation to the  
Friends of Music at [wpcbuffalo.com/donate](http://wpcbuffalo.com/donate)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us during our extraordinary 2018-2019 Westminster Presents concert season! Your support allowed us to present exciting musical performances in Western New York, including the Yale Gospel Choir, Guest Organist Patrick Scott, Q.E.D. Vocal Ensemble, music of Mozart and Duruflé, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, as well as our 2018 residency at Truro Cathedral. To celebrate this season and look forward to the next, the Westminster Friends of Music are hosting their fourth-annual Gala on Friday, May 3 at 7:30 PM.

The Gala at the Saturn Club will feature the music of Buffalo based jazz group, The Harry Graser Quartet. In addition, guests will enjoy delectable food, unique basket raffles, exciting auction prizes, and more—all while supporting Westminster's vibrant music ministry.

Your ticket purchase supports many aspects of our music program, including: weekly music offerings, guest artist performances, maintaining our historic Aeolian-Skinner organs and Steinway pianos, sending our choristers to choir camps, public outreach, and music education. As the choir makes preparations for their residency in Pittsburgh (May 2020), your support will secure our church's commitment to serving both the local and national communities through the arts.

On behalf of the Friends of Music, I would like to thank you again for your generous support of Westminster's music program, and look forward to seeing you at our 2019 Gala.

Garrett F. Martin.  
Organist and Director of Music Ministries

## MAY 17-19 VISIT OF ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATE(S)



Dear Friends,

I am happy to inform you that our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has persevered over the past year, read many, many resumes and held lots of face time phone interviews and their hard work has been rewarded. On the weekend of May 17-19 The Reverends Katelyn and Micah Nutter-Dowling will visit Westminster and Lafayette Ave. Presbyterian Churches and explore Buffalo and Western New York. Katelyn will preach at Westminster on May 19th and Micah will preach at Lafayette Ave. I urge

you to attend worship that day to hear Katelyn and to meet her and Micah who will join us later that morning.

The Nutter-Dowling's are from Atlanta, Georgia and graduates of Columbia Theological Seminary – a fine PCUSA seminary. They have also visited another church and their visit to us will complete their exploratory process and enable them to discern which of the two churches that have expressed interest in them, they are being called to serve.

If the Nutter-Dowling's tell us they sense a call to ministry at Westminster and Lafayette Ave. our session will immediately call a congregational meeting (this process has been pre-approved of the Presbytery) on a Sunday to vote to extend a call to Katelyn to serve as our Christian Educator at 75% time. Her husband Micah who will have preached at Lafayette Ave. would not be called but hired by Lafayette as pastor at 50% time. Our plan is to hire Micah at 25% time to serve as our youth minister which is his specialty and passion. The wonderful result of this possible arrangement is that between Katelyn and Micah we would have two gifted ministers serving at the equivalent of one full time pastoral position in their areas of training and specialty – Christian Education and Youth ministry respectively.

If this sounds a little bit complicated don't worry. The Holy Spirit has been at work in bringing us together with Katelyn and Micah. There are fundamental and personal reasons why this match looks like it just might have been made with the help of Providence. We are still in the discernment stage, just as they are, and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee looks forward to providing you with more information about this weekend, about the Nutter-Dowling's and about the process. In any event, I do urge you to circle the date and be there for the either the early or later service when Katelyn will be the preacher so that you can make an informed vote in the event that we call a congregational meeting on a later Sunday (after hearing from the Nutter-Dowling's soon after their visit with us) to approve a call to Katelyn.

Also please note, on June 2 we will commission one another -- congregation and pastor -- for the coming Lilly Grant time of renewal. There are some wonderful summer outdoor activities in store while Carol and I are traveling. We will provide more details soon. And immediately after the later worship service on June 2 we will gather in Parish Hall for a celebration of Debbie Katz's and Mark Aquino's ministries at Westminster as both of them will be retiring. More details will be forthcoming, this is a 'hold the date' notice.

God is good, we are a blessed congregation, see you in worship,

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

## PREACHING SCHEDULE

8:15 AM: Worship in the Holmes Chapel with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper,  
10:30 AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

### May 5

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Becker and Witter Baptisms  
*Churc 101; John 21:1-14*

### May 12

The Rev. Beth Hennessy will preach  
*Hearing Our Mother's Voices*  
Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30

### May 19

Katelyn Nutter-Dowling will preach

### May 26-ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

he Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
*The Glue That Holds Us Together*  
John 14:23-29

## SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, JUNE 2

On Sunday, June 2 following the 10:30 AM service, there will be a celebration of service held in the Case Library to thank Debbie Katz, WPC's Director of Christian Education, and Mark Aquino, Youth Coordinator, for their years of dedication to our church members. It will also be a time to say good-bye to Tom Yorty and Carol Timmerman-Yorty as they embark on their sabbatical leave. Tentative plans are for a pot-luck enhanced Meet & Mingle. Look for details in mid-May, and remember to save June 2 for this celebration!

## 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! Our meeting is at Westminster Church on May 11, at 11 AM. Childcare will be provided for those who wish it."



# The Westminster Choir in Concert

May 17, 7:30 PM

The Westminster Choir presents choral highlights  
from their 2018-2019 season.

Garrett Martin, Organist and Director of Music

Jennifer Shin, Organ Scholar

QED Vocal Ensemble

Michael Manganiello, director



**WESTMINSTER** *Presents*  
Music and the Arts

## **4th Annual Friends of Music Gala at the Saturn Club**

May 3, 7:30 PM

Join us for music, food, friends, and fun—all while supporting Westminster's vibrant music ministry.

## **Westminster Handbell Choir**

May 5, 4 PM

Under the direction of Steve Mayo, the group will present favorites from the handbell canon.

## **Wednesdays @ Westminster**

May 15, 12 PM

Reid Hefner reads a selection of original short stories to celebrate the arrival of spring.

## **Westminster Choir Concert**

May 17, 7:30 PM

The choir will present contemporary, classical, and choral anthems.

## **Harmonia sings**

### **"A British Choral Tapestry"**

May 19, 4 PM

The Harmonia Chamber Choir perform a mix of favorite and lesser-known anthems inspired by the Anglican tradition.



## **The Harmonia Chamber Choir "A British Choral Tapestry"**

May 19, 4 PM in the Sanctuary

The Harmonia Chamber Choir perform a mix of favorite and lesser-known anthems inspired by the Anglican tradition. The mission of Harmonia is to present quality a cappella choral literature in a way that is accessible to all audiences. Their goal is to ignite an interest in familiar and unfamiliar choral works from a broad spectrum of styles and time periods. Each presentation should be an emotional, exciting, educational, and inspirational experience for the singers and the audience. They present four major concert series annually, not including special outreach engagements. Another major component of their mission is education outreach, and collaboration with young singers through workshops and concerts.

# SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

## CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS

Sundays, 9AM in the Case Library.

Every Sunday, Case Library Conversations provides an opportunity to discuss local, national, and global issues. With these conversations, we can examine our life-long adventure in faith.

### May Series:

***Things We Need to Talk About;  
Having the Right Plans in Place***

### May 5

*Trends in Senior Care*

Presenter: Karin Ziegler, PT, MBA, President and CEO of Presbyterian Senior Care

Karen will share information regarding the quickly changing trends in senior living. In addition, she will share information and questions to consider as we, or our loved ones age, and make decisions regarding living arrangements, desired services, caregiving of loved ones, and important legal and financial considerations.

### May 12

*Sorting Out Health Care Directives; How to Choose the Right One.*

Presenter: Cathy Papia, RN, BSN, Critical Care Family Liason, Buffalo General Medical Center

Patients who have prepared advance directives receive care that is strongly associated with their preferences. Learn about the differences between a Health Care Proxy, Living Will, and a MOLST (Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment). We will also discuss why an Advance Directive is important as it pertains to New York State Law and take another look at the New York State Health Care Proxy form.

### May 19

*Who Made You the Boss?*

Presenter: The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Pastoral Care Associate, WPC

Family dynamics in a time of crisis can become everything from a "little tricky" to like "walking a mine field." Through personal sharing and a touch of humor, we will discuss ways to navigate rough waters during a family member's health crisis--especially when carefully laid out advance directives don't go as planned.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE

**Spiritual Life will resume in September, Sundays, 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 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, assisted by Dr. Yorty and Debbie Katz, is leading a year-long Year of the Bible class, providing participants the opportunity to read through the entire Bible, cover to cover, over the course of the year. Two classes are offered each week: Sunday mornings, 9:15-10:15 AM, and Monday evenings, 7:15-8:15 PM; both classes meet in Parish Hall. 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. Visit [wpcbuffalo.org](http://wpcbuffalo.org) for the weekly schedule.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Preschool class meets in the WECF building. After Time with the Children, children 3-5 years old leave with their teachers, Debby and Chris LaMendola ,and Janet Kifner-Arnatt and walk to the building together. In cold weather, the children need their coats. After worship, the children and their teachers gather in the Holmes Room.
- 1st-2nd grade class meet each Sunday with their teachers in the first classroom before the Parish Hall balcony.
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades meet with their teachers in the first classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- 6th-7th grade class meet each Sunday in the last classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Confirmation class is made up of 8th graders. They meet with their mentor until January, after which they meet each Sunday from 9:15 AM to 10:15 AM in the classroom on the Parish Hall balcony.
- Senior Highs, 9th-12th grades, meet each Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall kitchen for Dialogue Diner.

## PASSAGES

### A PROGRAM FOR OLDER ADULTS



Join us on Tuesday, May 7, when a panel led by Marcia Buhl will lead an interactive discussion on memory. Addressing our concern regarding our senior moments, a panel will present examples of: when we should be concerned about our forgetfulness; tips for preserving and enhancing memory; means to enhance overall health as we age; some entertaining ways to remember

important information and details. Lunch at 12:30 PM, program at 1:15 PM. Sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room if you are attending lunch. or call Jamie at 884-9437.

### WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

The Women of Westminster invite you to a Lunchtime Bible Study, on the 3rd Thursday each month at 12:15PM in the Case Library. This year, we will explore the Horizons Bible Study "God's Promise: I Am With You." This study focuses on God's words of promise, and comfort to the biblical patriarchs, the prophets, judges, kings, and in New Testament stories. Our focus in these sessions is to move from what these scripture passages mean, to discuss what do these passages mean for us now. Come as your schedule permits.

## ON THE ROAD TOGETHER

- Sunday School Update -  
Debbie Katz, Christian Educator

The road to Emmaus story has been on my mind lately. This resurrection story is only found in the gospel of Luke. Two of Jesus' disciples leave Jerusalem to go to the town of Emmaus. As they walked along, they were joined by Jesus who they don't recognize at all. This always made sense to me that they didn't recognize their leader as they had watched his arrest, crucifixion and burial. The last person they would expect to join them would be Jesus. So when Jesus asked them why they are downhearted, Cleopas and his friend had a lot to tell Jesus about the events in Jerusalem

For me, the best part of the story comes when Jesus explained and interpreted the scriptures for them. Luke doesn't include their conversation in the story. He only notes that the disciples invited Jesus to eat with them at the end of the day. At the table as soon as Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them, their eyes were opened. At the moment they recognized Jesus, he was no longer with them. Cleopas and his friend didn't wait - they immediately left Emmaus for Jerusalem to share this experience with the other disciples.

This story resonates with me as I prepare to retire and leave my position as your Director of Christian education. I've been privileged to walk with you on our road of faith for the past 13 years. Let me note that as a follower of Jesus, I've always felt that my role as church educator was to be a fellow traveler with you. I loved the events in our yearly walk: Each September on Rally Day, children and teachers returned to Sunday School classes. Later in September, we presented 3rd graders with their first Bible and 7th graders with a study Bible. By October, confirmands had weekly meetings with their mentors, and in Sunday School, we talked about tithing Halloween candy. As the congregation celebrated All Souls Sunday with special music, the children decorated the grocery bags for the Food Drive for the Food Pantry of WNY.

Each November brought the youth's apple pie fundraiser. Youth and advisors peeled, cored, and sliced 10 cases of apples in order to make 160 apple pies. With December, families came forward to light the Advent candles and preparation began for the Christmas pageant. By January, confirmands switched from time with their mentors to class time. Plans were finalized for youth urban mission trip in February ,and Maine mission trip in June. In January was also the time for the women's winter retreat. For the women who attended from year to year this was a time of rest and renewal.

Whether Lent began in February or March, it was a time when we gathered for Lenten suppers and discussions. Lent was also time for special projects like *Lent in a Box*. Confirmands were confirmed just before Palm Sunday. After Easter, we wished our graduating Senior Highs well and prepared for the youth mission trip to Maine.

During these events, and all the events I didn't have room to mention, there were moments, like with Cleopas and his friend, when our hearts were on fire. Moments when we were touched by the presence of the Holy Spirit, moments when we lived out Jesus' teaching; and moments we were close to creating God's kingdom here in Buffalo.

As I prepare to say goodbye to our walk together, I know soon you will have another fellow traveler to share your road of faith. May you experience many moments when your hearts will be on fire together.

## Buffalo Zen Dharma Community Presents



### Geoffrey Shugen Arnold, Roshi

Abbot of Zen Mountain  
Monastery

May 16 & 18, 2019

Episcopal Diocese of WNY  
Ministry Center • 1064 Brighton  
Road • Tonawanda, NY 14150

Shugen Roshi is the head of the Mountains and Rivers Order of Zen Buddhism, abbot and resident teacher of Zen Mountain Monastery, and abbot of the Zen Center of NYC. Shugen Roshi has been in full-time residential training since 1986; he received dharma transmission from Daido Roshi in 1997. His teachings have appeared in various Buddhist journals and in *The Best Buddhist Writing 2009*. His first book, a collection of memorial poems titled *O, Beautiful End*, was published in 2012.

#### The Gift of Karma:

##### Understanding Cause and Effect in a Spiritual Life

May 16, 7-9 PM. Doors open at 6:15 (Donation \$15\*)

In this evening talk, Shugen Roshi will offer basic teachings on karma to help better understand how we can each live more in accord with our deeper intentions.

##### Atonement & Forgiveness on the Path of Liberation

May 18, 2-5 PM. Doors open at 1:30 PM. (Donation \$25\*)

We'll explore some of the powerful Buddhist teachings and practices that allow us to courageously accept, learn from, and let go of the painful effects of living within this human form.

BUFFALO ZEN DHARMA COMMUNITY

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##### Class of 2019

Laurel Braun  
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Jack Jacobs  
Ellen Kennedy  
Chris LaMendola  
Peter McNally  
Ellie Seib

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Cameron Airhart  
Leslie Deich  
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Barbara Nelson  
Rebecca  
Montague  
Roger Seifert  
Joe Speth  
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Jane Hamilton  
Lucinda Hohn  
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Brendan Mehaffy  
Bobby Neal  
Mimi Steadman

#### Deacons

##### Class of 2019

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Callan Izatt  
Janet Kifner-  
Arnatt  
Florence Kilambo  
Kalumbu  
Donald Kitangano

##### Class of 2020

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Candace Marr  
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Joan Rice  
Roy Stewart  
Ron Sutz

# DELAWARE AVENUE BITES & SITES

*Sunday, May 5th*

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB | WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT INAUGURAL SITE | THE CLEMENT MANSION  
THE LOCKWOOD MANSION | THE BUTLER MANSION



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# MAY AT WPC

## Wednesday, May 1

9:30 AM Worship Planning  
 12:00 PM Planned Giving  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 5:45 PM WECP Teaching Staf  
 6:00 PM Session Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Case Library Planning  
 6:30 PM QED Rehearsal  
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, May 2

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 6:00 PM Handbells  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 3

7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP  
 5:30 PM Centering Prayer  
 7:30 PM 4th Annual Friends of Music Gala

## Saturday, May 4

9:00 AM Spring Clean Up  
 9:30 AM TOY Theater  
 10:00 AM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, May 5

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:00 AM Case Library Series  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 10:00 AM First Sunday Youth Service/Sunday School  
 10:30 AM Worship/Becker/Witter Baptisms  
 11:30 AM Racial Justice Mtg.  
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
 11:45 AM Inquirer Class  
 4:00 PM Handbell Concert  
 6:00 PM David Rose Recording

## Monday, May 6

10:00 AM WECP Grandparents Week  
 7:00 PM WOW Book Discussion  
 7:15 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, May 7

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM Management Mtg.  
 12:30 PM Passages Lunch  
 1:15 PM Passages Program  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:00 PM Spiritual Life Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
 7:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, May 8

9:30 AM Worship Planning  
 10:00 AM Staff Mtg./Calendar Retreat  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 6:00 PM Capital Campaign Event

6:30 PM QED Rehearsal

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, May 9

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 10

4:00 PM Waters Memorial Service  
 5:30 PM Centering Prayer

## Saturday, May 11

9:00 AM WECP Spring Clean Up Rain Date  
 9:30 AM TOY Theater  
 11:00 AM Parent's Group

## Sunday, May 12

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care  
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:00 AM Case Library Series  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible  
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner  
 10:30 AM Worship  
 10:40 AM Sunday School  
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle  
 12:00 PM Dream Group 3  
 12:30 PM QED Rehearsal

## Monday, May 13

10:00 AM WECP Grandparents Week  
 12:30 PM Taste of Tanzania  
 4:30 PM Membership Comm.  
 7:15 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, May 14

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:00 PM Church Life Comm.

5:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts  
 5:30 PM Personnel Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
 7:00 PM Knitting Group  
 7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.

## Wednesday, May 15

9:30 AM Worship Planning  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
 4:00 PM Wednesdays @ WPC  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 5:45 PM WECP CPR/First Aid Training

6:30 PM QED Rehearsal

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, May 16

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 12:15 PM WOW Bible Study  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 7:30 PM Last Thursday Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 17

5:30 PM Centering Prayer  
 7:30 PM Westminster Choir Concert

## Saturday, May 18

10:30 AM WECP Fair

## Sunday, May 19

8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care  
 8:15 AM Worship/ Communion  
 9:00 AM Case Library Conversations  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible  
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal  
 10:30 AM Worship - HS Seniors Recognition

10:40 AM Last Sunday School

11:00 AM ENERGY Celebration

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

2:30 PM Last Sunday Choir Rehearsal

4:00 PM Harmonia Chamber Choir

6:00 PM QED Rehearsal

## Monday, May 20

5:00 PM CMH Board Mtg.

7:15 PM Year of the Bible

## Tuesday, May 21

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.  
 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds  
 3:45 PM Capital Campaign

Cabinet Mtg.  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Budget & Finance Mtg.  
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

## Wednesday, May 22

7:00 AM WECP Plant Sale  
 9:30 AM Worship Planning  
 12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace  
 6:00 PM Session Mtg.  
 6:30 PM QED Rehearsal  
 8:00 PM AA Mtg.

## Thursday, May 23

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 6:30 PM QED Rehearsal

## Friday, May 24

5:30 PM Centering Prayer

## Sunday, May 26

6:00 AM Marathon Race Day  
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion  
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds  
 10:30 AM Worship  
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

## Monday, May 27

7:30 AM WECP & WPC Closed/ Memorial Day

## Tuesday, May 28

7:15 AM Wake Up Group  
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.  
 10:30 AM Last Chapel Day for WECP  
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma  
 7:00 PM Knitting Group

## Wednesday, May 29

9:30 AM Worship Planning  
 10:30 AM Last Day for WECP Chapel

12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline  
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.

4:30 PM ENERGY Program  
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace

8:00 PM AA Mtg.

Thursday, May 30

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

4:30 PM ENERGY Program

## Friday, May 31

5:30 PM Centering Prayer

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 or 884-9437, ext. 326.

## ALCOHOL AND DRUG EDUCATION REFERRAL SERVICE.

Alcohol abuse affects many millions

of Americans. Alcoholism and drug addiction are chronic progressive diseases, fatal if untreated. But they can be successfully treated. Westminster's Alcohol and Drug Education and Referral service has been working quietly and steadily since 1981 to help members and friends with any questions they may have about alcohol or other drugs. Call any of us for free and confidential advice. Phil Stevens, Chair, 839-3357; Dave Carstensen, 884-5403;

Jane Morris, 571-481-1839; Ellen Smith, 882-2064; Elizabeth Stewart, 585-217-7878; Jim Wieland, 523-0217.

## SUNDAY 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



# POWER OF GENEROSITY



## A message from the Giving 2019 Co-Chairs, Melissa Balbach and Michele Mehaffy



Thanks to all who pledged to “Grounded in Faith Growing to Serve” Giving 2019. Your generosity has helped us come very close to achieving our goal of \$615,000. Thank you for considering a pledge at this time if you have not had a chance to do so. For your convenience pledge cards are available in the Holmes Room, you may make a pledge or a pledge payment on our secure site at [www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving](http://www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving) or by contacting Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 ext. 315. Because of YOU, Westminster Presbyterian Church continues the worthwhile ministries within our church home and community.

Sincerely,



Melissa Balbach & Michele Mehaffy  
Giving 2019 Co-Chairs

*If you would like to learn more about special gift opportunities to Westminster, please contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315 Email: [sbecker@buffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@buffalo.org)*

## PLANNED GIVING/THE 1854 LEGACY CIRCLE



### Bequests Have The Power To Bless Future Generation

Sunday, May 5th is Wills Emphasis Sunday. Presbyterians are encouraged to include their church and a PC(USA) ministry in their will and/or other estate plans. Gifts that come from wills can play a critical part in continuing a church's mission, and can help it meet people's needs through ministry now and in the future generations. But according to a 2015 Harris Poll survey for *Rocket Lawyer*, 64 percent of Americans don't have a will. It is never too early to write a will; it can only be too late. If you die without a will, the laws of your state will determine how your estate is distributed, and no assets will be given to any charitable organization, no matter how important that organization was to you during your lifetime. If you do have a will, it should be reviewed from time to time to mirror the changes that may take place in your life. **Making a bequest** to the church in your will is a simple effective way to speak into the future of your faith community. It costs you nothing in your lifetime, and you don't have to be wealthy to bless the church with a gift in your will. Small amounts can be put to good use right away, or invested so they grow in the years to come. **Please stop by the information table** in the Gallery Room to pick up information about planned giving opportunities. You may also contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, at 884-9437, ext. 315 Email: [sbecker@buffalo.org](mailto:sbecker@buffalo.org) or Tom Yorty, Pastor at 884-9437, ext. 313, Email: [tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org)

## INQUIRER CLASS AT WESTMINSTER

***We welcome you to join our  
community of faith  
on Sunday, May 5.***

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 10:30 AM worship service.

During the class, our Pastor, Thomas Yorty, will tell 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 or Tom Yorty at 830-8596, [tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org](mailto:tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) anytime about membership at Westminster.*





## MeetUP at the BALLPARK!

### BUFFALO BISONS VS. NORFOLK TIDES

Friday, June 21, 7:05 PM at Sahlen Field  
Potluck picnic in the Oak Room at 5 PM.  
Tickets \$12. Purchase at the church.

## WOW-Women Of Westminster

### Annual Pot Luck Hat Dinner (Salads, Casseroles, and Desserts)

**Tuesday, June 4  
6PM in the Oak Room**



Heavenly, humorous, historic, hideous, or humble... each year the Women of Westminster don chapeaus of various shapes, sizes, virtue, and lineage! This is an evening of food and fun, spanning all ages of women in our congregation. Just one requirement: the head must be attired! Come hear the hat stories! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share (plus \$1 to cover the cost of paper goods). A sign up sheet is available on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

## WOW BOOK DISCUSSION

WOW will discuss *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn on May 6 in the Case Library. Please join us. All women are welcome!

## KNITTING GROUP

The next dates are Tuesdays, May 14, and May 28. 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 [mfranholmes@verizon.net](mailto:mfranholmes@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, May and June. 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.

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.

## DID YOU KNOW...

... **That the Westminster Early Childhood Program [WECP]** provides care and education by a highly trained staff, from infancy through age five? Widely recognized as the finest program of its kind in the Western New York Area, children are nurtured through accredited, age-appropriate learning during the most formative years of human development. WECP children learn and grow in a compassionate, stable, and safe environment. With encouragement of the Session, specifically identified areas of the WECP school building and grounds are expected to be updated and renovated with a portion of the funds raised by our WPC Capital Campaign to be launched later this calendar year. Insuring the continued educational excellence and safety for all is a top priority.

...**That it was in 1954 during Westminster's Centennial, that fundraising began for a new sanctuary pipe organ?** The renown Boston organ builder, Aeolian-Skinner, was selected to build a new organ of 80 ranks (or sets) of pipes, retaining 5 ranks of the previous Austin organ. Aeolian-Skinner had, just three years prior, been awarded the contract for our Holmes Chapel pipe organ. The new sanctuary organ was installed in 1958.

...**Our historic sanctuary organ contains 4,761 pipes made from various metals and woods.** 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.

...**That WPC is home to five Steinway Pianos?** These treasured and historic instruments help to support our music and education programs and are in constant use. The Steinway D Concert Grand in the Sanctuary was a partial gift from the family of Sarah (Alain) Charlier, whose grandmother was Frina Arschanskaya Boldt. Frina and her sister Zhanna, both talented pianists for the age of six, escaped from a concentration camp, in part, through the clever use of their acclaimed piano playing. Both found success in piano teaching and performance careers.

All WPC pianos receive bi-annual tunings and regulation to maintain their performance sound. The Steinway D, in the Sanctuary, after considerable work in recent years, is recognized as one of the finest concert instruments in Buffalo.

The replacement value of our five instruments would be \$440,000. It is hoped that a small portion of the Capital Campaign funds raised is hoped to be used to rebuild these pianos to enhance and maintain the integrity of these fine instruments for continued daily use and for the generations that will follow.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Six new members officially joined our membership on Sunday, March 31, 2019, after attending the Inquirer Class. Our congregation is honored these folks have decided to be a part of our church family as their presence and participation will make us a stronger Christian faith community. Please be sure to say "hello" and welcome our newest members to Westminster.

Pictured L-R: John Williams, inquirer; Kathleen Kelly, Elder; Sara Schneider, new member; Judith Ronald, new member; Mia Cara, Inquirer; Aaron Malik, new member; Nidhal Al-Darraj, new member; James Zawodzinski, new member; Ryan O'Laughlin, new member; and Tom Yorty, Pastor.





# ENERGY Annual Year End CELEBRATION!

## May 19, 1-3 PM



In April, ENERGY students celebrated poetry month by writing haikus about what they see, hear and smell during spring time. Their haiku poems as well as accompanying illustrations will be on display at our annual Year End Celebration, which will be held on Sunday, May 19th in Parish Hall from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. Please join us as we wrap up another great year of hard work and student successes at ENERGY with students, families and volunteers. Lunch and dessert will be provided. We ask that you kindly RSVP by May 10th by contacting Alyssa Wojciechowski at or 572-1728 or [awojciechowski@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:awojciechowski@wedibuffalo.org).

This May will mark the end of my role as ENERGY Program Coordinator. The time has come to grow my career in a different direction. The past three years in my role as ENERGY Program Assistant and ENERGY Program Coordinator have been positive and formative years of my career. I have had the extreme pleasure of working with 58 children and over 200 volunteers in this supportive and community-centric environment. I have been mentored by compassionate volunteers, and coached by supportive management staff. I would like to express my extreme gratitude for the support of this parish, for it has truly been a memorable experience.

If you would like to get involved in ENERGY, please do not hesitate to contact our Volunteer Manager, Kylie Keshav at [kkeslav@wedibuffalo.org](mailto:kkeslav@wedibuffalo.org) or by visiting WEDI's website. Many thanks!

In gratitude,

Alyssa Wojciechowski







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## Westminster Handbell Choir Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus

May 5, 4 PM in the Sanctuary

Under the direction of Steve Mayo, the choir will present handbell favorites. The Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus will join in to sing with the choir and offer a rousing get-up-and-dance finale!

**The 56th Annual  
WECF Children's Fair**

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2019  
10:30am-2:00pm**

*The WECF Fair is specifically geared toward young children  
with age appropriate rides, games and activities.  
Everyone is welcome to join us for this fun-filled day!*

**Food** **Raffle**

**Games**  
*Car Chase • Duck Pond • Dino Dig and more!*

**Rides**  
*Train • Bounce House • The Whip and more!*