



WESTMINSTER

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

RALLY DAY & MORE

Join us on Rally Day, as we will celebrate the start of our new program year with festival worship, beautiful music, and warm fellowship! Worship times return to 8:15 AM in the Holmes Chapel with Communion and 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary. Following Rally Day worship, there will be a special Meet & Mingle on the front lawn. Adult Education programs will resume on September 15; Sunday School will resume on September 22.

WESTMINSTER PRESENTS

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Wednesdays@Westminster

Le Sacre du Automne • September 18 at noon

Garrett F. Martin, Organ

Westminster Organist and Director of Music Ministries, Garrett F. Martin, performs a recital of music inspired by falling leaves and crisp autumn air.

Choral Evensong and Opening Service for the Buffalo Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

September 15 • 3:30 PM Organ Recital • 4:00 PM Evensong

The Westminster Choirs lead this festival Evensong at St. John's Grace (51 Colonial Circle)

Staff Singer Concert • September 20 at 7:30 PM

The Staff Singers of the Westminster Choirs

Matthew Marco, piano • Garrett F. Martin, piano

Westminster's talented staff singers share their favorite songs from Broadway, sacred, opera, and popular genres.

Copland: The Music Within • September 27 at 7:30 PM

Adam Sherkin, Piano

Aaron Copland's 1957 *Piano Fantasy* presents a very different side of the composer we know from *Rodeo* and *Appalachian Spring*. Arthur Berger remarked, "The Fantasy is like an adventure. Though each event brings some skillful reference to the basic idea, the listener feels as if he is let loose in a new big city with fresh rewards at every turn of the corner. Once caught up in the adventure he finds it hard to drop out. What will be next?" Composer and Pianist Adam Sherkin pairs Copland pieces of different styles, and includes original compositions that frame the *Fantasy*.

WORSHIP, MUSIC, FELLOWSHIP, AND MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: OUR NEW PROGRAM YEAR BEGINS!



Dear Friends,

I hope that you have all enjoyed this marvelous Western New York summer and found rest and peace during this beautiful time.

This month, we begin our 19-20 program year; in the coming days, you will receive a mailing for our Westminster Presents season, and within this newsletter you will see many special opportunities for worship, education, and fellowship. I encourage you to make a renewed commitment to attending Sunday worship for the upcoming year; try an alternative service of worship that we offer, such as Choral Evensong or Compline; come to at Wednesdays@Westminster program; listen to one of our remarkable concerts that we host; attend one of the eco-justice events that has been planned by the Lilly committee while Tom is on his sabbatical; try one of our adult education classes on Sunday; consider volunteering at WECP, or with ENERGY, or other programs that call Westminster their home.

Last, and surely not least, we extend a warm welcome to Micah and Katelyn Nutter Dowling, who have now been on our staff for a month. They have many exciting plans for our children and youth; we are delighted to have them with us at WPC and in Buffalo.

May God grant us grace, now and ever, as we seek to worship God with understanding and as we serve our neighbors during the coming program year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garrett F. Martin".

Garrett F. Martin
Organist and Director of Music Ministries

A MESSAGE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is calling for thoughtful nominations for elder and deacon positions. Three Year terms will start January 2020. People may self nominate or nominate others. The nominee must be a church member and willing to serve in one of these special leadership roles in the church. Look for nomination forms on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

Nominations should be submitted to Sherrie Bernat, 716.536.4906 or sbernat@roadrunner.com. You may also place in the Nominating Committee mailbox or offering plate

PREACHING SCHEDULE

**Fall Worship Times begin on
September 8, Rally Day
8:15 AM**

**Worship in the Holmes Chapel
with Communion
10:30 AM**

Worship in the Sanctuary

September 1 • Labor Day

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, Preacher
Luke 14:1, 7-14

September 8 • Rally Day

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Dr. Skip Ferguson, Preacher
Luke 14:25-33

September 15

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Marcia Buhl, Preacher
Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

September 22

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Cameron Airhart
Luke 16:1-13

September 29

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Rev. Beth Hennessy, Preacher
Luke 16:19-31

2019-2020 GENEROSITY ENVELOPES ARE IN

Please pick up your envelopes in the Holmes Room. If you wish to have envelopes and don't find a set, we have ordered additional sets and will be happy to personalize a set for you. Contact Sawrie Becker 884-9437 ext. 315, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS

Sundays, 9AM in the Case Library

The Case Library Conversations presents opportunities to hear from community leaders, experts and members on local, national and global issues. These offerings are always lively and intelligent. Participants are invited to dialogue, discuss and respectfully disagree. Most important: through these conversations we can examine how our life-long adventure in faith informs our response to these local, national and international issues.

September •Infrastructure Series

September. 15

"NFTA Metro Rail Expansion: Bringing us Together"

Speaker: Rachael Maloney Joyner,
Planning Project Manager, NFTA

Discussion of the 7-mile, potential 10 station expansion of the Metro Light Rail that will serve the City of Buffalo, Tonawanda, and Amherst and maximize mobility and economic development opportunities.

September 22: To Be Announced

September 29

"Infrastructure Challenges in Western New York's Growing Communities"

Speaker: Brian Kulpa, Amherst Town Supervisor

A look at how municipalities like Amherst are working to improve roads, buildings, sewers, and much more to keep up with the demands created by increased population, development, technology and other trends.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Spiritual Life meets in the Heritage Room from 9:00 until 10:15 AM

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."

September 15

Contemplative Meditation with Keith Kristich
Fred Cooley, Organizer

Keith Kristich has visited WPC once before and is looking forward to his morning with Spiritual Life. Keith spent many years with the Catholic diocese, including leading meditation groups around Western New York. He will add to our knowledge of why this form of meditation is so valuable, as well as guide us in a short session. He offers Thursday 9 AM group contemplative meditations at Lafayette Presbyterian, and all are welcome (enter by the rear door on the Elmwood Avenue side). Keith is now doing this work full-time independently and is available to other groups.

September 22

Our Big and Little Worlds
Kathleen Kelly, Presenter

Through her work and travel experience, Westminster Elder Kathleen Kelly has a unique understanding of the refugee children she teaches in the Buffalo Public School System. She will talk about how understanding their frames of reference can help us in our spiritual journey.

We are often entering microverses, such as in traveling from one school or house of worship to another. There are worlds even contained within one city. People carry their pasts and cultures around within them, for better or for worse. How often do we judge someone before trying to understand their frames of reference? Thoreau said that we can travel without leaving our backyards, and this is as true in the city as it is in the countryside. Each day you can meet people who can give you a fresh perspective. It can be a challenge to be still and really appreciate what is unique in an individual, whether it be a new immigrant or someone you have known for years. We make instinctive judgments of people, and part of that is a survival mechanism—but part of it, too, can prevent us from growing our own psyches through embracing diversity.

Kathleen Kelly grew up in Clarence and is a lifelong member of Westminster. Growing up, she was in Bell Choir and Junior Choir. She received her BA in English with a minor in Art History from SUNY at Buffalo, followed by an MA in English Literature also from UB. After living in Manhattan and working at NYPIRG and Forbes, she returned to Buffalo, where she earned a Certificate in Teaching English with Honors at Buffalo State College. During her 18-year career in Buffalo Public Schools, she earned an MS in Educational

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Leadership at Canisius College. After 11 years at Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, she moved to International Prep at Grover Cleveland, and during the first year there, she earned an Advanced Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from Niagara University. Kathleen has traveled through 43 US states as well as Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, three additional Latin American and six European, countries, Hong Kong, and Morocco. After six years as a Deacon, Kathleen now serves Westminster as an Elder.

September 29

The Power of Mindfulness: What You Practice Grows Stronger. TED Talk by Shauna Shapiro
Chris LaMendola, Presenter

We will view Shauna Shapiro's Ted Talk on the power of mindfulness in which Dr. Shapiro draws on modern neuroscience and ancient wisdom to demonstrate how mindfulness can help us make positive changes in our brains and in our lives.

Chris LaMendola has been married to Debby for 32 years. They, along with son Nick and daughter Aurora have been attending WPC for 28 years. Chris and Debby have taught the 3-5-year-old class in Sunday school for most of that time.

Chris participates in youth mission trips and activities and is a member of session, an electrical engineer by day, fancies himself as a hockey player even at his advanced age, and is a physics geek in his spare time.



THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE

*As we begin September,
Year of the Bible participants
have reached yet another milestone:
we have now read 2/3 of the Bible!*

We continued to meet regularly over the summer as we moved through readings in Old and New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs. We're now working our way through Paul's letters in the New Testament, and we're about to begin our journey with the Prophets in the Old Testament.

It's not too late to join our group! We meet Sunday mornings 9:15 - 10:15 am and Monday evenings 7:15 -8:15 pm; both classes meet in the Parish Hall.

Come join us and explore the fascinating world of the Word!

MILESTONES

Congratulations to the Blair family! Their daughter and son-in-law, Allyson and Kyle Shanley, welcomed their first baby, Violet Mae Shanley, on August 11, 2019. Mother and baby are doing well.

WOW Lunchtime Bible Study

Begins on Monday, September 16
1-2:30 PM in the Case Library.

Women of Westminster cordially invites you to a Brown Bag Lunchtime Bible study on the 3rd Monday each month at 1:00PM in the Case Library.

This year we will explore the 2019–2020 Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, which examines: How do we live out our relationship with God and with one another in a world that is often ruled by other standards? What is the pain from which God seeks to protect us in the Ten Commandments? How can a fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments contribute to the restoration of ourselves, our communities, and the furthering of the gospel in the world? Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions.

Come as your schedule permits. There will be a nominal fee for the book.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

6:00 AM WECP & WPC Closed
 (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 3

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.
 10:00 AM Garden Group
 2:30 PM HR Meeting
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 7:00 PM Knitting Group
 7:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, September 4

9:30 AM Worship Planning
 1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 8:00 PM AA Meeting.

Thursday, September 5

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 7:30 PM Choir Retreat

Friday, September 6

12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
 6:00 PM Choir Retreat

Saturday, September 7

9:00 AM Choir Retreat

Sunday, September 8

Rally Day

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Buffalo Brass
 Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 10:30 AM Worship/Buffalo Brass
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 2:00 PM Buffalo Opera
 Unlimited Rehearsal

Monday, September 9

4:30 PM Membership
 Committee Meeting
 7:15 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, September 10

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 9:00 AM Management Mtg.
 10:00 AM Garden Group
 3:45 PM Capital Campaign
 Cabinet Mtg.
 5:00 PM Worship, Music & Arts
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 7:00 PM WECP Parent Board
 Meeting

Wednesday, September 11

9:30 AM Worship Planning
 1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, September 12

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP
 8:00 AM Ministry of Generosity
 Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbells
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 13

7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP
 12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon

Sunday, September 15

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 Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Worship
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 11:30 AM Racial Justice Meeting.
 2:00 PM Buffalo Opera
 Unlimited Rehearsal
 4:00 PM Evensong

Monday, September 16

1:00 PM WOW Bible Study
 1:00 PM WEDI Staff Mtg.
 7:15 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, September 17

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM Management Meeting
 10:00 AM Garden Group
 3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 5:30 PM Budget & Finance
 Meeting.

6:00 PM Zen Dharma
 7:00 PM WOW Book Selection

Wednesday, September 18

9:30 AM Worship Planning
 12:00 PM Wednesdays@WPC-
 w/Garrett Martin
 12:00 PM Planned Giving Mtg.
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 7:00 PM Knitting Group
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, September 19

7:15 AM Wake Up Group
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 6:00 PM Handbells
 6:00 PM Interfaith Event
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 20

12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
 7:30 PM Staff Singer Concert

Sunday, September 22

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 Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 10:30 AM Worship
 10:40 AM Sunday School
 11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
 11:35 AM Acolyte Training
 2:00 PM Buffalo Opera
 Unlimited Rehearsal

Monday, September 23

5:00 PM CMH Board Meeting
 7:15 PM Year of the Bible

Tuesday, September 24

7:15 AM Wake Up Group

9:00 AM Management Mtg.
 10:00 AM Garden Group
 12:00 PM EAP Training
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 6:00 PM Zen Dharma

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM WEDI Board Mtg.
 9:30 AM Worship Planning
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting.
 4:30 PM ENERGY Program
 5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
 6:00 PM Session Mtg.
 8:00 PM AA Meeting.

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon

Saturday, September 28

10:00 AM TOY- Imagination
 Celebration

Sunday, September 29

8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
 8:15 AM Worship/Communion
 9:00 AM Case Library
 Conversations
 9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
 9:15 AM Spiritual Life
 9:15 AM Year of the Bible
 9:30 AM Dialogue Diner
 10:30 AM Worship- Worship,
 Music & Arts
 Dedication

10:40 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Inquirer Class

11:30 AM Meet & Mingle

2:00 PM Buffalo Opera

Unlimited Rehearsal

Monday, September 30

7:15 PM Year of the Bible

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Rally Day: Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases, and Bags

Katelyn Nutter Dowling,
Associate Pastor for Christian Education

Calling all students and teachers of all ages and kinds! Please don't forget to bring your backpack, briefcases, or any bags you use to the 10:30 AM worship service on September 8 to be blessed and prayed over. This will be our Rally Day celebration to welcome everyone back and spend time together as a church while getting back into our school routines and schedules.

Sunday School

It's time to get back to school - Sunday School, that is! As the new Associate Pastor for Christian Education, I couldn't be more excited to dive deep into the stories and characters of the Bible with what I consider to be our greatest theologians: the children of Westminster! We will do a Meet and Greet on Rally Day, September 8th, where all grades will stay together to get to know each other and make backpack tags. We'll enjoy parties and popcorn on September 15th before kicking off to our regularly scheduled programming on September 22nd for the rest of the year. We are using the PCUSA's *Grace and Gratitude* curriculum, which is teacher-friendly and student-loved.

We're in need of a couple of teachers and substitutes

We only require one month of commitment at a time! Please email Rev. Katelyn at katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org for more information or sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room to volunteer.

“We will be ready for volunteers to help with the rehab work this fall.”



RACIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Ellen Kennedy, Chair

Our major project is with Bailey Green and we are excited to report that progress is being made on the headquarters for the Peacemakers. Permits have been obtained, outside work has been accomplished, and the architect is working on the interior design. We will be ready for volunteers to help with the rehab work this fall. Please start thinking about when you'll have time to pick up a hammer or a paint brush, or just be available to help where needed. As soon as we have a definite date we will be actively recruiting volunteers. We have an orientation planned to help everyone feel comfortable with volunteering and knowing what to expect. We'll keep you posted!

A Water Tour of the Buffalo River

Saturday, September 7 • 9:00 AM -10:00 AM

What Does an Environmental Success Story Look Like? Take a Tour of the Buffalo River to Find Out.

“When you clean up the waterways, people rediscover the water. Reconnecting to the waterways leads to community and economic revitalization.” -John H. Hartig, University of Windsor



On September 7th, come and see why the clean-up of the Buffalo River is the “talk of nation” when John Montague leads a tour of the river on the Buffalo Maritime Center’s electric boat.

See the results of a 30-year multi-million-dollar effort to rid industrial toxins from the river’s sediment and shoreline. See why Buffalo is an example for others to follow. See how the river is now a center for industrial tourism and the new home to apartments, restaurants, shops and community parks. See what Mayor Brown is talking about when he writes, “The Buffalo River is now an economic engine, which hand-in-hand with our reimagined waterfront, is playing a critical role in Buffalo’s rebirth as the Queen City of the Great Lakes.”

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gallery Room or you may contact Jamie, jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org, 716.884.9437. Spaces are limited.

More detailed information will be emailed to participants in the week before the tour.

GENEROSITY IS A *Ministry*

Sawrie Becker, Director of Development

In my role as Director of Development for Westminster, I work closely with and support the Ministry of Generosity. As members of this congregation, our decisions about the use of how we spend our own time, talent and, treasure for the purposes of the church and it's ministry to the community is ultimately an individual spiritual decision. The Ministry of Generosity, chaired by elder Mimi Steadman, is charged with raising and securing the resources from our members that Westminster needs to fulfill the church's mission and calling in the community. To fulfill this charge, this ministry oversees the annual giving campaign, planned giving and capital campaign efforts. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of Westminster members committed to providing the spiritual leadership necessary to carry out this ministry thoughtfully and successfully.

Soon you will notice new, colorful banners displayed in the church chancel signaling the beginning of the 2020 Annual Generosity Giving Campaign and the launch of the *Preserve the Pinnacle* Capital Campaign. Under the leadership of Michele Mehaffy and Cameron Airhart for the Generosity Giving campaign and Tim Johnston, Bob Bojdak, and Roger Seifert for the Capital Campaign, much thought and preparation continues to go into ensuring a successful launch and accomplishment of our Campaign goals. We are thankful for their service and the skills and talents they share and for the contribution's of all of the committee and cabinet volunteers. Building upon the "culture of generosity" our congregation has so faithfully embraced, the Ministry of Generosity is committed to keeping you thoughtfully informed and inspired in the coming months as you discern your individual spiritual decision about giving to Westminster for our present and future prosperity.

ORDER SUNDAY FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase 2019-20 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.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

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Zandy Barrett
Mary Callaghan
Jane Hamilton
Lucinda Hohn
Kathleen Kelly
Brendan Mehaffy
Bobby Neal
Mimi Steadman

Deacons

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Callan Izatt
Janet Kifner-Arnatt
Florence Kilambo
Kalumbu
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Tom Greetham
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John Mahoney
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Candace Marr
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Joan Rice
Roy Stewart
Ron Sutz

A message from Roger Seifert, Chair of Capital Campaign

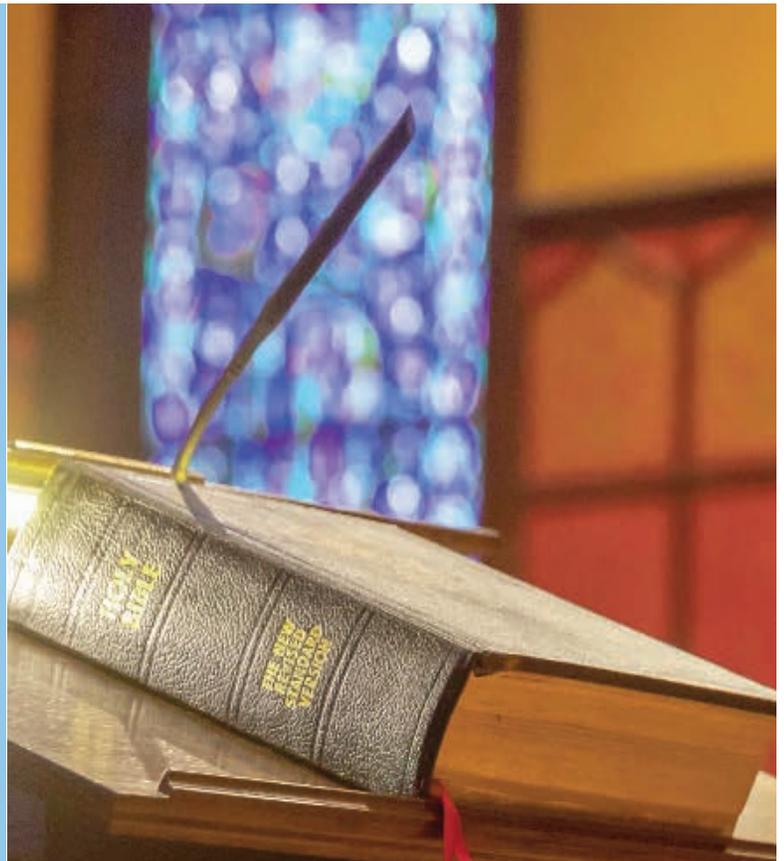
After many months of work, planning, and For nearly Twelve months the WPC Capital Campaign Committee has, under the oversight of Session, been methodically progressing with efforts as we near the formal launch of our Capital Campaign, "Preserve The Pinnacle" on Sunday 27th of October, Generosity Sunday. Our launch to the WPC congregation will include a number of individual stories directly related to our many progressive and diverse ministries here at WPC. The Capital Campaign Committee is thankful to all who have helped guide the process thus far, and looks forward to the launch with eager anticipation. We are confident that our long church history, short and long-term campus needs, and long term goals will all merge together in Service to Ministry, and as a Testament of our Congregations Faith for generations to come.

Planned Giving

Generous living is about approaching each day with an open heart, an open mind, and an open hand. What can you do today to live more generously? What generous living choices can you make today that will make a difference in the future? As you consider those choices, we hope you may remember Westminster as a wonderful place to which your legacy can make a lasting difference through a planned gift. 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. You may also contact Sawrie Becker,

Membership Directory

Pick up your copy of the updated membership contact information on Rally day, Sunday, September 8, 2019. Get to know and stay connected with your fellow members!



**We welcome you to join our
community of faith at
Westminster.**

***Please join us on Sunday, September
29 for an Inquirer Class!***

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 a.m. 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, please contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 Ext. 315) or Tom Yorty at 830-8596 (tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org) any-time about membership at Westminster.

FELLOWSHIP

“MEET & MINGLE” IS BACK!

Our “Meet & Mingle” fellowship opportunity immediately following the 10:30 AM. worship service will be back again this year! Please join us on Rally Day, September 8, 2019 for a very special “welcome back” Meet & Mingle outside (weather permitting) where you can greet members and friends and welcome new faces as we nurture our church community. Sponsors, Shoppers & Hosts are needed for Meet & Mingle in September, October and November. Meet & Mingle is a great way to celebrate a special person or occasion. For more information and to sign up to help, please sign up in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker at sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org.

PICK UP YOUR NAMETAG!

Our nametag ministry is a great success! Thank you for wearing your nametag every Sunday so that we can personally greet and welcome each other as part of our mission and purpose together here at Westminster.

WOW BOOK DISCUSSION

Everyone is welcome to join our annual sharing of favorite-books-read evening. We bring information on one or two books we have read, enjoyed, and think others would too. Consider books that would make for a good discussion. During the year we have meetings to discuss the books we’ve selected. It’s a great way to expand our reading lists! Come meet new friends and connect with old. Tuesday, September 17 at 7 PM. We’ll meet at Laura Houghtaling’s home, 19 Bondcroft Dr, Amherst. Her phone no. is 834-8382, if you need directions.

KNITTING GROUP

Our September meetings are Tuesday, September 3, and Wednesday September 18. The 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. Please contact Fran Holmes at mfranholmes@verizon.net for more information and dates. Beginners welcome!

PASSAGES:

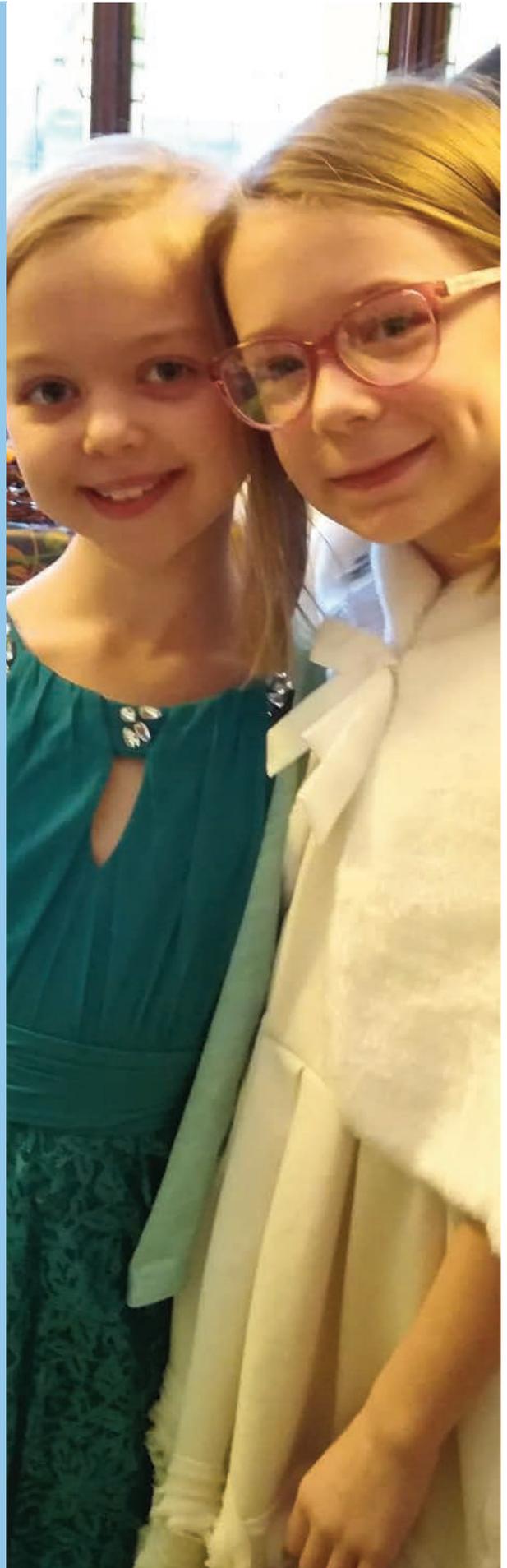
A Program for Older Adults

Join us on Tuesday, October 1. when Passages begins a new program year. **Our presentation topic will be announced.** Lunch is at 12:30 PM in the Oak Room and the program is in the Case Library at 1:15 PM. Please sign up on the Information Table in the Gallery Room.

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. Contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org, 884-9437, ext. 315.

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.



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).

WATCH FOR A PROGRAM IN THE CASE LIBRARY, OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER

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 exhibit runs until October 27, 5:30 to 7:30 PM** 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



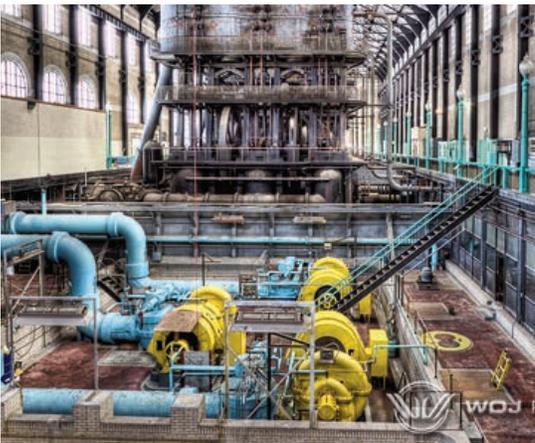
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First Fall Meet-Up at the Colonel Ward Pumping Station Saturday, September 14th • 10:00 AM

**A wonderful and rare opportunity to see the massive technology
that supplies water for the city of Buffalo.**



Meet with Westminster friends at the Buffalo Maritime Heritage Festival taking place inside and around the historic Col. Ward Pumping Station located just off the 190 at 2 Porter Avenue.

Outside the Pumping Station will be food trucks (Fat Bob's Smokehouse, Rudy's Kitchen, The Great Aussie Bite Food Truck), a beer tent with local brews (+special event brown ale created by Pressure Drop Brewery) antique and classic boats, music, and activities for kids like model boat races and the chance to meet a real draft horse.

Inside the Pumping Station will be vendors selling arts and antiques along the balcony surrounding the largest collection of vertical, triple expansion, steam pump engines in the world! Expect spectacular up-close views of these industrial steam pumps towering nearly five stories high! The Colonel Ward Pumping Station is accessible by wheel chair or scooter.

All outside events are free and open to the public. Tours and the artisan market inside the Col. Ward Pumping Station will have a \$10 registration fee. Parking for the festival will be off DAR Drive (turn left off Porter Ave)

in the Centennial Pool Lot, along the roads and other lots inside LaSalle Park, along Porter Avenue (pay attention to city signs). Overflow parking will be across the street down Rotary Row in the lots outside the Buffalo State Center. DO NOT park inside the Buffalo Yacht Club.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Gallery Room or you may contact Jamie at jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org, 716.884.9437. More information will be emailed to participants in the week before the tour