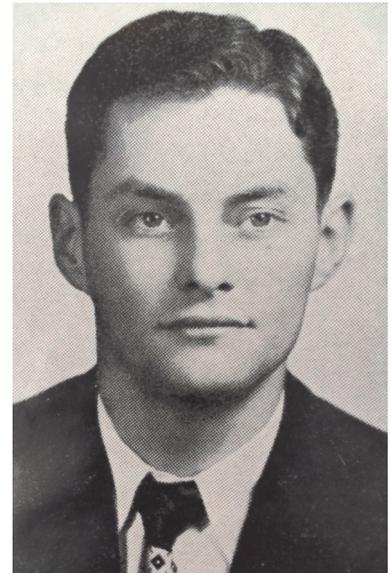


The Return of #5

In the history of Westminster, there are a vast array of stories to tell. One important story is about the impact of the Christian witness on people's lives. Try asking the question: "How many members were inspired to explore Christian ministry?" The answer for a great many churches is: none. For Westminster, the answer is: 20!

At our April congregational dinner at Embassy Suites, it was very meaningful to share the names of all 20 seminarians. Then, the day after that event, I received a letter from #5!

The Rev. David McShane was a candidate under the care of Westminster. He was baptized by Dr. Paul Covey Johnston in the old frame church before the current sanctuary was built. He was ordained when the chapel was newly built. He has had a distinguished career as a Presbyterian Minister. In his letter, he writes:



Westminster is dear to my heart and was very formative in my spiritual development... There is no way to calculate the degree to which Westminster was the undergirding for my ministry. I would like to have a chance to publically thank the congregation and to let them see an example of how the church's faithful work ripples out across the world.

I was very moved, so I called and asked if he would be willing to come share his story with the congregation. He enthusiastically agreed. Rev. McShane will be preaching on June 28th at 8:00 am in the Chapel and then at 10:30 in Antelope Park at the Band Shell for Presbyterians in the Park.

It is a day when the children from Vacation Bible School will share their songs, and when the whole congregation is invited to gather for lunch at the Auld Pavillion. It will be a very special day.

Who knows? Seeing and hearing #5 may inspire #21.

Sincerely,

Andrew McDonald, Senior Pastor

Presbyterians in the Park

Save the date for this festive event! On **Sunday, June 28**, we will hold our 10:30 Worship at the Band Shell at Antelope Park. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, sunglasses, sunscreen, and plenty of water! Special music will be presented by members of the Summer Choir and Vacation Bible School participants. This year, we will also host a very special guest preacher at both 8 am and 10:30 Worship: David McShane!

It gets better though because after worship, you're invited join us for a delicious potluck picnic lunch at the Auld Recreation Center! Member Care will provide pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, and drinks. A free will offering will be collected. What should you bring? Glad you asked!

Last Names beginning with A-J bring a Dessert, while K-Z bring a Side Dish. Please bring a serving spoon for your dish to serve 10-12 people. Consider bringing allergen-free items (no nuts, dairy, gluten, etc.) and we ask that you also label your dishes so members of the congregation with food allergies can enjoy it safely. There will be no Sunday School classes on June 28. 8:00 Worship will be in the Chapel per usual. **See you at the park!**



Thank you, Betsy!

The end of the school year brought joy to many, but we face a moment of sadness as well. After 10 years of service to Westminster's children, Betsy Guyer and her family will move to Tulsa, Oklahoma to join her husband. The sadness is for our loss, but we also celebrate her new chapter and what we have gained through her dedication to Westminster.

Betsy started at Westminster right after the new education facility was built. As she worked with the children and the volunteers over the years, we saw huge growth in numbers. Vacation Bible School showed the biggest increase in the last decade. Additionally, the children's programs introduced various activities to spur community involvement. Betsy's brain children programs included Faith Building Blocks and WOW XL.

Another unique and innovative change was the introduction of the scanning technology for K-5 Sunday School Attendance. Betsy is also proud of the Sunday School program as it has taught the children about Stewardship. Through the Sunday School offerings, the kids have been able to buy animals through the Heifer Project, support a student for a full year with the backpack program, and donate money in this year's Give to Lincoln Day.

"It has been a great joy to serve Westminster. I'm so excited for the continued partnership with Prescott and community outreach. I will miss the inspiring worship, phenomenal music, and the friendliness, warmth, and support of the congregation." Thank you, Betsy, for your contribution of time, energy, tenderness, and love, and for sharing God's word with all of us, children and adults alike.

We invite you to join in showering Betsy with cards in her new home in appreciation of her service: 1807 East 136th South Place in Bixby, OK (74008)



Foundation Birthdays

Dale Burrage	Jim Nissen
Michael Gregg	Robert Magee
Honor of Bruce & Sidna Hazen	Margot Peterson
Betty Hoffman	Bill Roberts
Sandy Howerter	Willie Shafer
Stu Howerter	Tom Smith
Jean Jeffrey	Jerry Solomon
Art Knox	Dale Tinstman
	Faye Webert

Music & Worship

Summer Choir began May 31 Join in singing praises to God! Come to the sanctuary at 9:30 am each Sunday this summer, bring your friends and families.

Presbyterians in the Park Sunday will be June 28th, and the choir will sing at the Antelope Park Band Shell, rehearsal starts at 9:30!

Thanks to God for our Nation July 5 at 10:30 am
The Summer Bell Choir will ring out praises as we remember God's blessings on our country.

Human Trafficking Today

Adult education, Sundays, 9 am, Fellowship Hall

The Adult Education Class will cover two very different themes: Human Trafficking and Fathers.

Human Trafficking will be the focus for June 7 and 14. Michael S. Butchko, an MA, Doctoral Candidate for Counseling Psychology through the Department of Educational Psychology will start off the month with a discussion on Human Trafficking and Masculinity from a feminist perspective. The second week of June, Ingrid Holmquist will present on Modern Day Slavery and the various forms slavery takes shape.

June 21st is Father's Day, so there will be a panel of six fathers to discuss fatherhood in all of its glory; from frustrations to joys and all the learning experiences in between.

Westminster Bible Class *Sundays, 9:00 am, Parlor*

DATE	SCRIPTURE	THEME	LEADER
June 7	Amos 2:4-8	Judgment on Israel & Judah	TBA
June 14	Amos 5:14-15, 18-27	God is Not Fooled	TBA
June 21	Amos 6:4-8, 11-14; 8:1-6, 9-10	Combined Lessons: Rebuked for Selfishness & God Will Never Forget	Ellen Davis
June 28	NO CLASS	Presbyterians in the Park	NO CLASS

Presbyterian Women

All Westminster women are invited to visit or join a circle group. Circle 4 is making up one meeting this June, otherwise all PW Circles will break for the summer and restart in September.

The PW Gathering is June 18-21 in Minneapolis. For more information and to register visit: homesteadpres.org/PW.html

Circle 4 Monday, June 1 at 7:00 pm
5411 Dove Lane
Kathy Anderson (402-430-6844)

Scottish Pilgrimage with Homestead Presbytery
May 20-28, 2016 with an optional Ireland extension
May 28-June 1, 2016

Discover our Presbyterian Heritage in Scotland and the history of the land. Enjoy magnificent landscapes and the welcoming, friendly people. Learn more online at: homesteadpres.org.

Men's Tuesday Morning Breakfast

Program begins at 7:00 am
All meetings this month will be given by people who are involved with either building a solid ethical foundation or giving people a chance to make a transformation.

June 2

Dr. Andrew McDonald

June 9

Pete Allman with Lighthouse

June 16

Released & Restored
Ruth Karlsson

June 23

Chris Blum
Executive Director of the
Cornhusker Council of Boy
Scouts of America

June 30

Presenters with the Boys &
Girls Club of Lincoln

EAT, LOVE, PRAY... WORLD ON A PLATE

Mission Opportunities

Service: Westminster serves the 2nd Friday of every month, from 4:45 to 6:15 at The Gathering Place. We serve food, wipe tables and sweep up afterwards. Please contact Susan Moore to volunteer. skm68502@juno.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Neighbor Helping Neighbor project is on October 3, 2015. Those interested in volunteering, please contact Susan Moore.

Food Pantry: We provide food for 6 families and The People City Mission distributes the food year round, so please remember the church pantry whenever you are shopping. Our goal of 110 items each week continues all year in celebration of our 110th Birthday!

Extra Driver Needed: We are thrilled to have 11 youth & leaders signed up for the July 12-17 mission trip to Milwaukee, WI! This will be an exciting & dynamic time of experiencing Christ at work first hand. We are in desperate need of one more driver to help transport our youth to and from Milwaukee. Are you able to help us out? If so, please contact Pastor Jen.



Westminster World on a Plate is more than just about cooking and eating unique world cuisine. World on a Plate is a small group that focuses each month on mission PCAUS co-workers throughout the world and their ministries. Over delicious food, we learn about their mission work, challenges and achievements in their respective countries and pray for their ministries and people of their country.

In the past year, approximately 50 people have participated in this small group in learning about 12 countries and the PCUSA mission work. Since March 2014, World on a Plate members have sent money to PCUSA in order to help fund mission work in Northern Ireland, Russia, China, Philippines, India, Democratic Republic of Congo, Brazil, Korea, Kenya, England, Ethiopia, and Germany.



Don't miss your opportunity to join this mission-minded fellowship dinner group later this summer. We will be reconvening and forming groups in August, and there is always room at the table for you! Watch for upcoming conversations about what members love about



ALL IN THE FAMILY

Marriage:

Best wishes to Cassidy Moore & David Wren who were married on May 9

Baptism:

Madison Marcelle, daughter of Jessica & Michael Yesilcimen

Bereavements:

Comfort for the family & friends of Betty Duncan, who passed away on March 28; Ted Schirmer, who passed away on April 16; & Richard Gamet, who passed away on April 24

Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School begins Sunday May 31, 2015 for children 3yrs-Kindergarten in Kindergarten of Eden (Room #210) and for 1st-5th grade in Faith Village at 10:45 only.

In Faith Village, children will continue a journey through the Bible with the video series "Buck Denver asks...What's in The Bible?" Another great animated series by VeggieTales creator Paul Vischer. We will move through the NEW Testament this summer.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class!

This May, we welcomed members of the Confirmation class at the completion of a two year study. This class, taught by Dr. Christy Dempsey, is designed to prepare our youth to take the vows of membership and help them face the challenges to their faith that they will encounter in the future. This year's members who joined the church (pictured above) include: Abby Peterson, David Chapp, Allison Larson, Olivia Hoffman, Sebastian Baillie, Josie Ford, Liam Dempsey, and CJ Jurgens with Dr. Christy Dempsey and Dr. Andrew McDonald.

Each youth shared their statement of faith with the session and portions of those statements were also shared with the congregation. The understanding, depth, and excitement in each statement of faith show the quality of the learning that happens in Confirmation. As one example, consider the wonderful words of C.J. Jurgens:

"The Holy Spirit is the easiest part of the Trinity for me to understand. The Spirit is God's gift to everyone. A place in the Bible that really shows how much the Spirit does for us is in Acts 2, when God brings together bunches of people all from different places, who speak different languages and lets them communicate with each other. There are no boundaries because of ethnicity or language; they all just share ideas and work together as a whole. It is described as tongues of flame around everyone. This passage in the Bible means a lot to me. It shows how we can work and talk together even to people who are different. That is what makes the Holy Spirit so great. It will help me no matter what the world throws at me."

Upcoming Events & small groups



For more information
or a list of current
Small Groups, contact
Robyn Uebele at
robynu2@hotmail.com.

Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, June 2, at 11:30 am
Parker's Smokehouse (84th & O)

Tour de Friends

First Sunday Ride

Sunday, June 7, at 3:30

Start: Church Parking Lot

Destination: the Arunski's home
for refreshments before heading
back to the church.

Distance: 13 miles round trip
(Streets and Paved Trails)

60 Years Together!

Sunday, June 14

The Family of Lynn & Ellen Davis
invite you to join in celebrating
their 60th Wedding Anniversary
following the 10:30 Worship
service. Refreshments will be
served.

Prairie Readers

Wednesday, June 17

1 pm in the Parlor

"Quiet" by Susan Cain

Facilitator: Kathryn Govaerts

Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, June 17, 5-7 pm

MoMo Pizzeria & Ristorante

No RSVP needed, if weather per-
mits we will dine al fresco. Join us
for appetizers or pizza, a cocktail,
and lively conversation!

Tour de Friends

Third Thursday Ride

Thursday, June 18, at 6 pm

Start: Shopko (27th & Hwy 2)

Meet at benches on Rock
Island trail, SE side of
Shopko.

Destination: TBD by riders
that night and open trails.

History Buffs

Saturday, June 20, at 9 am
Lounge

This special History Buffs
presentation will be done by
Frank Chambers, a WWII
veteran, on his personal
experiences at the Battle of
the Bulge. This was a turning
point in the final stages of
the war in Germany. Mr.
Chambers is moving to Texas
later this summer, so don't
miss this opportunity!

Presbyterians in the Park

Sunday, June 28

Antelope Park

See page 2 for more details!

Westminster Club

Upcoming dates for the Fall:

August 25, September 22,
and October 27

Knit n' Sit:

Summer Meetings

Wednesdays all Summer,
6:30-7:30 pm, Library

We will continue making hats,
scarves, and other items to
donate to The City Mission in
the Fall. Please join us for
fellowship, to learn to knit, or
to work on your own project.

We also welcome donations of
projects made at home or
surplus yarn.

Creative Arts Camp

July 13-17

9 am to Noon

Put **CAC Big Under the Sea Adventure!**
on your calendar for this summer for
your K-5th graders! We will dive deep
as we explore creativity.

Early registration is available through

Saturday, June 13th

www.westminsterlincoln.org



"I will bless you with a future filled
with hope — a future of success, not
of suffering." —Jeremiah 29:11



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Vacation Bible School

June 22-26 // 9 am to Noon

"In God we live, move, & exist." Acts 17:28a

A life with God is one of movement!

Mark **VBS G-FORCE** on your calendar for your preschool through 5th graders! In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life.

Registration ends Friday, June 19th at www.westminsterlincoln.org.

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