



## Confirmation Class 2016

Confirmation is a profound time of growth. It is two years of dedicated exploration of faith. Congratulations to the Confirmands in continuing their faith journey and joining the church.

They are taught by Dr. Christy Dempsey, who is the 20th Candidate under care of Westminster. She is studying at Dubuque Theological Seminary. One way Westminster supports its candidates is to give them opportunities to share in the ministry of the church. Dr. Dempsey will be preaching at all 3 services on Sunday, June 5th. Join us in hearing her share the good news!

Pictured is the 2016 Confirmation Class with Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald and Dr. Christy Dempsey. Confirmands include: Emma Bergmeyer, Jack Bergmeyer, Elise Gallentine, Jampe Gergen, Taryn Hoham, Brady Jex, Noah Nevitt, Charles Nolte, Max Pearson, Rock Sita Jr., Audrey Smith, Laljor Tot, and Katie Whitehead.

## General Assembly June 18-25th

Many members have inquired about the General Assembly that meets in Portland, OR this month. This year you are able to view the General Assembly as it meets on line at <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/>. All you will need to do is create an account with your email, password and name. Then you may view the schedule and view topics of your interest. Listed below are a few topics that we feel may interest you as a member of Westminster.

### Topics of Interest:

- \* **Israel/Palestine**-Receive "The Human Impacts of No Israel-Palestine Peace Agreement Fact Sheet" and commend it for study as an educational tool for better understanding the obstacles to a peace agreement between Israel and Palestine.
- \* **Synods**-The Synod of Alaska-Northwest respectfully overtures the 222nd General Assembly (2016) exempt them from any action the assembly might take to reduce the number of synods.
- \* **Healing before Punishment**-Encourage congregations to host discussions on how Christians and churches should respond to drug use and abuse and the proposals in this report.
- \* **Human Trafficking & Human Rights**-Sustain the church's partnership, through the Human Trafficking Roundtable and its member and programs, in seeking to enlist the tourist industry in signing on to The Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct and in working to strengthen laws related to child sex trafficking.
- \* **Race Ethnicity Racism & Ethnocentricity Report**-Direct the Office of the General Assembly to assist mid councils and congregations in engaging organizational reviews of their practices and policies as they impact people of color and racial diversity (known as a "race audit"), and to evaluate the potential impacts of future initiatives on people of color and racial diversity.

## Summer Choir - June and August

### Top 5 Reasons to Join

1. Practice what the Bible tells us - "Sing Praises to the Lord" (many references in Psalm).
2. Build your muscle (by up and down the stairs).
3. Joy of Singing (or discovering joy of singing).
4. Free Cardiovascular Exercise.
5. Wonderful Fellowship.

The Summer Choir starts on Sunday, June 5th. They meet at 9:30-10:30am every Sunday and learn the music for the 10:30am worship service. It is a "one Sunday at a time" commitment. Join us whenever you are available!

## Volunteers Needed for Creative Arts Camp

CALLING for Space Commanders (volunteers) to help the Astronauts (children) to get ready for their quest!

**Registration** (8:30-9:15) - Check-in with your warm welcome.

**Craft Helpers** (8:45-9:45) - Help craft making and be a comforter for drop-off time.

**Group Leaders** (8:45-12:10) - Shepherding children and help activities.

For more information or to sign up for volunteering contact Masako at 402-475-6702 ext. 111.

## Sunday School Summer Session: June 5<sup>th</sup> – August 7<sup>th</sup>

In the summer months, those in our Kindergarten of Eden who are 3 years old or younger will meet in the toddler room at 10:45am.

Downstairs in Faith Village, our 4 year old preschool friends will meet in Faith Village Theatre with our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade friends. Beginning at 10:45am, the children will watch the Buck Denver video series "What's in the Bible?" from the creator of Veggie Tales, Phil Vischer. Our children will expand their foundational knowledge of books in the Bible through these fun filled videos!

We invite you to bring your children to Sunday School to grow with love for our Creator!

### **GALAXY EXPRESS!**



#### *Early Registration*

*BLAST OFF to OUTER SPACE and DISCOVER! Creative Arts Camp*

*July 11 - 15, 2016 from: 9am-Noon*

**DO NOT FORGET-SIGN UP NOW**

Come join the QUEST for GOD's Kingdom. This summers July event for your Kindergarteners through 5th graders. At Galaxy Express children will explore their creativity with crafts, art, music, drama, and movement in multi-cultural activities. All classes will be led by an expert in the area.

**Hurry!** - Early registration is now available through Friday, June 17th at [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org).

**Cost:** \$40/child and \$100/family (3+ children) if signed up by June 17th.

### **Vacation Bible Camp**

Register online by  
Friday, June 17th at  
[www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org)

**Time: 9am-Noon**



**\*\*\*Last Days to Register\*\*\***

**Dates: June 20-24th**

**Cost:** \$35/child and  
\$85/family (3+ children)

*\*Please note additional \$2  
processing fee for credit cards.*

### **Swanson Scholarship Recipients**

Congratulations to Christy Dempsey and Ryley Thomas who each received a Swanson Scholarship this year.

The Swanson Scholarship Fund was established in 1999, by Libby and Steve Jacobs of West Des Moines, Iowa, daughter and son-in-law of Bill and Mary Swanson of Lincoln, Nebraska. The Swanson Scholarship Fund is a generous expression by the donors of their faith in Jesus Christ and the importance of continuing education to the Christian life. The scholarship provides financial support for the undergraduate education the amount of \$500 per recipient per academic year.

## 2016 McCormick Prize for Innovation

We proud to announce that the ministry “World on a Plate” has been awarded the 2016 McCormick Second Place Prize for Innovation. The prize comes with \$1,000 for furthering the ministry. Rev. Jennifer Strickland entered the essay contest on behalf of “World on a Plate,” a program that blends mission, stewardship, and fellowship. One Friday each month, small groups meet in each other’s homes to share a potluck meal celebrating another country’s cuisine. The countries are chosen based on where PC(USA) Mission Workers are serving, and during the evening one participant offers a presentation of the work being done in that part of the world by the Presbyte-



rian Church (USA). A free-will offering is taken after the meal and sent to the Mission Workers to continue their ministry. Countries the groups have focused on in the past include Ireland, England, Germany, Nicaragua, China, Korea, Philippines, Brazil, Russia, Peru, and many others. The group was founded by Kathleen Rohwedder and is now one of Westminster’s most active small group ministries. Kathy always encourages new members to join the group. Feel free to contact Westminster for more information at 402-475-6702.

## All in the Family

**Births:** Congratulations to Lori and Ben Heinish on the birth of Noel Benjamin, born April 25, to Kim and Joe Kubick on the birth of Ivy Sue, born May 14, and to Katherine and Eric D’Agostino on the birth of Max Anthony, born May 19.

**Baptisms:** Kasen Lee’Ander, son of Kayla Vergith and Leslie Blyden; Thomas Anders, son of Alisha and Christopher Stokes; Baron Kalmer, son of Kassandra and Philip Knudson, Malual Kau, son of Nyajag Yuol and Lam Koang; Brady Jex; Oliver Matthew and Wiley James, sons of Jame and Matthew Cartwright.

**Bereavements:** Comfort for the family and friends of John Ballard who died on April 29.

# Upcoming Events & small groups



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For more information  
or a list of current  
Small Groups, contact  
Geoff Cline at  
geoffcline@mac.com.

## World on a Plate

Friday, June 17th at 6:30 pm

Location: TBD - Contact Kathy Rohwedder at  
kathroh@yaho.com for location.

Topic: Sudan

Guest: Sudanese Members of Westminster

This month is the large group meeting. Join us as we  
meet with our Sudanese members to learn more  
about Sudan. All are welcome to join.

## Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, June 28th from 5-7pm

Location: Piedmont Bistro (1265 S Cotner Blvd #38)

Host: Robyn Uebele

Join us for an appetizer and cocktail al fresco. No  
RSVP required and bring a friend. Questions email  
Robyn at robynu2@hotmail.com.

## Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, June 7th at 11:30 am

Location: Ruby Tuesday (2700 N Hill Road)

Come for fellowship and good food. All are  
welcome. Call Larry Wieskamp at 402-802-6883  
with any questions.

## Prairie Readers

Wednesday, June 15th

1 pm in Westminster's Parlor

Book: The Rosie Project By: *Graeme Simison*

Presented by: Susie Hughes

The art of love is never a science: Meet Don  
Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of  
genetics, who has decided it is time he found a  
wife. To find out if Don is successful join us.

## Adult Education on Sundays

Join us in June as Christy Dempsey regales us with tales of the Inquisition. The notorious Spanish Inquisition is only part of the story. As the Spanish monarchy attempted to unite their country under one faith, a system of investigation was developed that would reign terror in the church for centuries. Later, under the Roman Inquisition, Protestants would be scrutinized and Galileo would be convicted of heresy. Eventually, even witch trials evolved from the Inquisition. Come and learn more about this fascinating era in church history.

## Westminster Bible Class

The theme for the summer sessions of Westminster Bible Class, which meets in the Parlor at 9 am, is "Toward a New Creation." As the title suggests, these lesson texts point us toward a new creation that comes in Jesus Christ. In June lessons explore the writing of the prophet Zephaniah which offer his vision of the coming day of the Lord and the consequences of disobedience to God. The Good News is that God intervenes to provide hope by choosing a remnant to be faithful to God and live in assurance and joy. You are always welcome to join the class one Sunday or throughout the summer.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Scripture</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Led By</u>
June 5th	Zephaniah 1:4-6, 14-16, 2:3	The Day of the Lord	Gary Haller
June 12th	Zephaniah 3:6-8	Consequences of Disobedience	Bud Tenney
June 19th	Zephaniah 3:9-14, 20	Assurances of Joy for the Faithful	Bill North
June 26th	<i>No Class</i>	Please join us at Presbyterians at the Park	



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## Presbyterians in the Park

Save the date for this festive event! On **Sunday, June 26th**, we will combine our 9:20am (The Rising - Contemporary) and the 10:30am (Traditional) services and gather praising voices together at 10:30am for a worship service located at the Band Shell in Antelope Park. Special music will be presented by Andy



Pappas, The Rising Band, Westminster Summer Choir and special musicians will lead the worship service. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, sunglasses, sunscreen, and plenty of water!

It gets better though because after worship, you are 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 26th. 8:00am Worship service will be in the Chapel per usual. **See you at the park!**