

Confirmation Sunday: May 19th, 9:30am

Graduation Sunday: May 19th, 9:30am

Pentecost Sunday: June 9th, 9:30am



**Celebrating
Marge
Tomlinson**



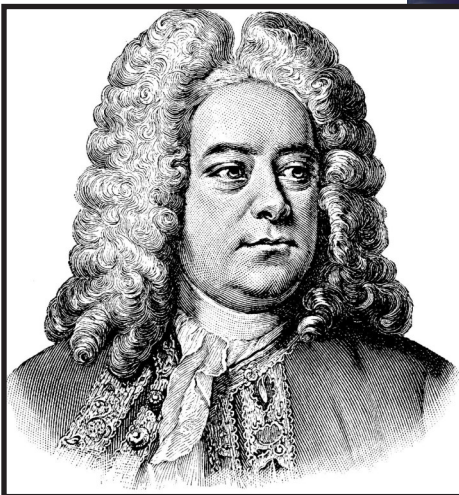
Pentecost Sunday

May 5th:

*Immediately following worship
will be a reception
in the Garden Room
for Marge Tomlinson
to honor her 50 years of service
to Westminster. Please feel free to
share a card and a love gift
for Marge in her retirement.*

"Well done thy good and faithful servant."

Matthew 25: 21



MESSIAH ON MAY 5TH

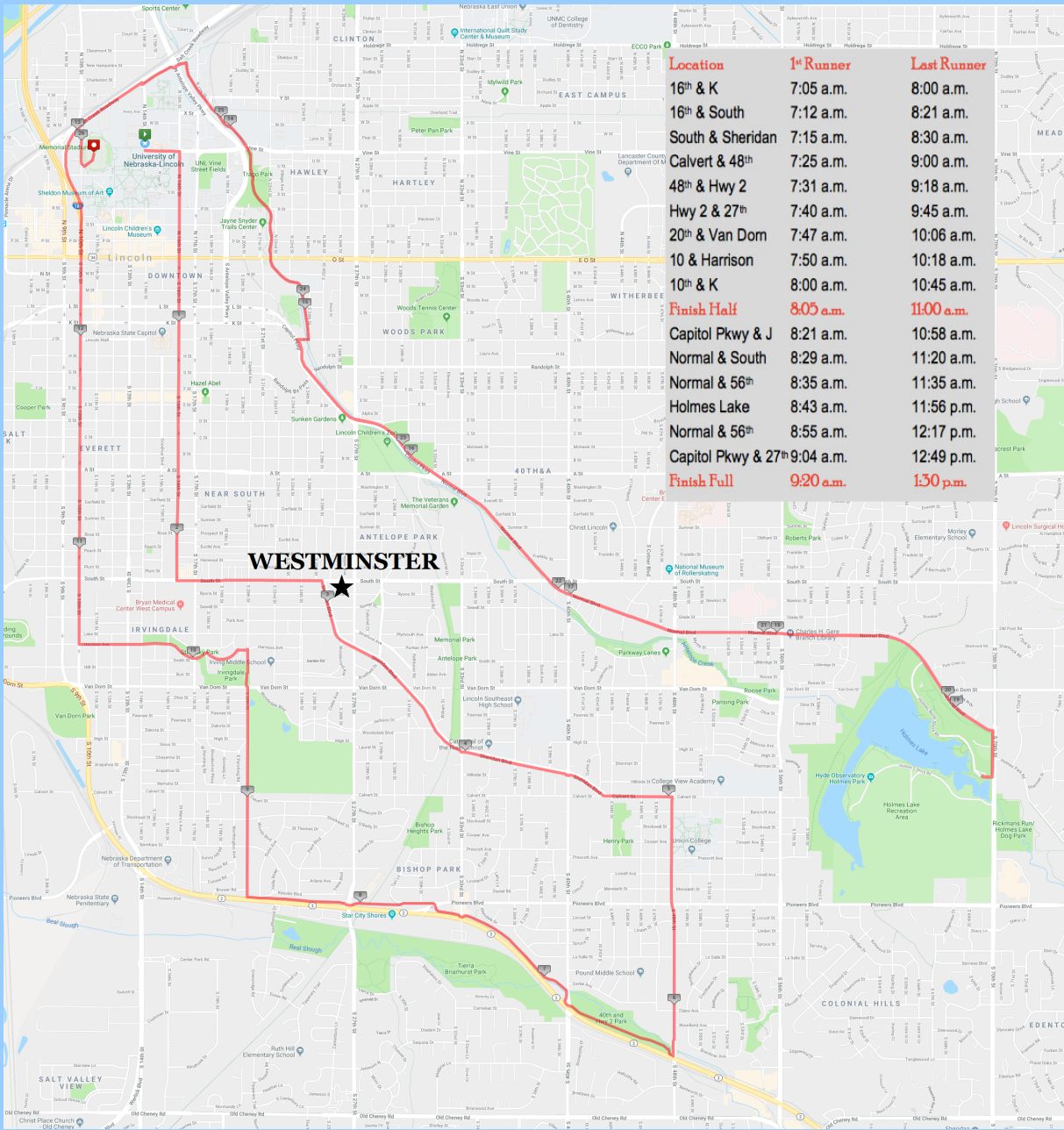
On August 22, 1741, George Frederic Handel began work on a new piece of music for choir, soloists and orchestra. By September 14 – a mere 23 days! – Handel had feverishly produced the 260-page score for what would become the best-known sacred oratorio in the world: Messiah.

After a wildly successful premiere in Dublin, Handel met with resistance upon his return to London. Many Londoners felt an opera house unsuitable for the sacred text, and opera singers unfit ministers of God's word. It wasn't until charity performances at the Foundling Hospital chapel beginning in 1750 that Londoners embraced the oratorio. Through the end of his life, Handel organized annual performances of Messiah to benefit the orphanage, and he bequeathed to the organization a set of performance parts so that they may continue performances after his death.

On Sunday, May 5th, the Westminster Choir and friends will present the third portion of Handel's Messiah during 9:30 worship. Beginning with the soprano aria "I know that my Redeemer liveth", part three tells of Christ's victory over death for the redemption of all the world.

*Please join us and invite your friends for a very special worship experience on **May 5th**.*

Sunday, May 5th is **Lincoln Marathon Sunday**. Westminster sits between the Half Marathon loop and the Full Marathon extension, so the church is accessible without crossing runner traffic, although you may need to drive a bit out of your way to completely avoid the race. More information about the marathon course and expected runner traffic is available on the Lincoln Marathon website at www.lincolnmарathon.org/raceday.



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Thank you!



CONGREGATIONAL NEWS & EVENTS

WORSHIP

9:30 Sunday Mornings
Sanctuary

**Sunday, May 12th,
Westminster will
celebrate the
Gifts of Women.
Guest speaker will be
Mary Cook Jorgensen.**

INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL?

Westminster enjoys a wonderful relationship with our sister church in Germany - and our local team enjoys fostering that relationship. Our occasional meetings usually start with a 6pm potluck and end by 8:30pm. Whether you'd like to travel, host a guest in Lincoln, or just be involved in the planning, you are welcome. Talk with Susie Hughes or Laurel Van Ham for more information and upcoming dates.



SARA BRUNO

Sara Bruno will be joining us as the Education Communication Coordinator as of 6/01/19. She is a University of Georgia honors graduate that currently works as a Student Ministry Director at Bethlehem First United Methodist Church. She will be relocating to Lincoln in late May with her husband for his new job as a business professor at UNL. Sara has also served as an Special Events Manager and as a Manager for Special Olympics Georgia.

Their dog's name is Greta Ice Cream Campbell. To quote Sara, "She is the most amazing dog ever and enjoys sniffing around at the dog park and eating everything off the ground."



ECOLOGY & GREEN ENERGY

Hostamania Set for May 12th

In 1997 Clay Bradley reported that he was making some landscape changes and he had removed about 25 really nice hostas and put them in pots. Those plants have been in some Westminsterites' gardens for all these years but more importantly, the dollars they earned were put to mission use. Better yet, every manner of plant for the past 22 years has been lovingly donated, potted, sold and replanted with profound impacts on the lives of God's people.

In recent years the Lohmen mission ministry has organized Hostamania and this year is no different. We're adding help from the youth so some of the proceeds will support their mission trip this summer.

You are invited to donate plants (and pots), help that day, and/or purchase something for your landscape. Thanks for making Hostamania a little bit of heaven on earth.

EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

Homestead Presbytery is pleased to announce that Westminster has been re-certified as an Earth Care Congregation through February 2020 by the PC(USA) Mission Agency. "It is exciting that Homestead Presbytery is home to 1 of the 232 churches that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God's earth this year. The congregation's activities and commitment will inspire others to respond intentionally to God's call to care for the earth," says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

MAY CREATION CHALLENGE

Plastic drinking straws have become one of the most ubiquitous unnecessary products on the planet. Americans alone use 500 million straws daily. And although straws amount to a tiny fraction of ocean plastic, their size makes them one of the most insidious polluters because they entangle marine animals and are consumed by fish. Here's your creation challenge for May: Just say "no thanks" when offered a straw. Plastic drinking straws are routinely among the 10 most common objects in beach clean-up programs.

The **Buildings and Grounds Committee** would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to everyone that participated in the Spring Clean-Up last Saturday. Over 70 leaf bags were filled in this effort to help prepare Westminster for the Easter celebration.



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER MUSIC OFFERINGS

Watch the Vine and eVine for music offerings
and opportunities during summer worship!

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT ON MAY 12TH

This spring, Smidge and Smudge, the famous Westminster church mouse duo, are back to finish exploring the seasons of the church year. Last winter, Mr. Cricket taught the two about Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany with the help of some great friends along the way. As this final installment of the series opens, we find the trio back at Westminster talking about their new obsessions (goodbye chocolate chip cookie crumbs, hello kale and Easter eggs) and planning for their upcoming trip to learn about Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. We hope you'll join us on Sunday, May 12th to see how this epic adventure ends!

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Abundance of choices \$16.00 per person, served family style. Drink, tax and tip are additional.

Bring a friend and feel free to come and go at your leisure. Please RSVP so we may have ample seating.

Upcoming LNO Dates: (all 5-7 pm)

Tues., May 21st: Misty's in Havelock

Tues., June 25th: Billy's, 1301 H Street.

July: TBD & Tues., Aug. 13th: Billy's

Sept: TBD

Mon., Oct. 14th: Billy's & Nov.: TBD

Women's Circle 4 Meeting

Mon. May 6th

Hostess Susie Hughes

8825 West Branched Oak Road, Raymond

Meet in the church parking lot
at 5pm to carpool.

HAPPY
SPRING!



WOMEN OF THE CHURCH:

When you think of the Ten Commandments, what comes to mind? Have you ever thought of them as “Love Carved in Stone?” No, I doubt many have, but the author of the 2019-2020 Presbyterian Women’s Bible Study has. Eugenia Anne Gamble is a Presbyterian pastor with 30 years’ experience who is not only a preacher but also an author, speaker and retreat leader who loves to make the Bible come alive for others.

In the study, Gamble describes each of the commandments in contemporary terms that resonate with who we are and where we are in the 21st Century. For example, she translates “Thou shalt not covet” to “Don’t fixate on What You Don’t Have,” which speaks to our need to have more and more ‘stuff.’

Four different circle groups will begin meeting monthly in September to explore this new study. If you are interested in joining a group, contact Rev. Ellen Davis at ellen@westminsterlincoln.org for more information. Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn will present an introduction to the study on Saturday, August 24 in Fellowship Hall with refreshments beginning at 9 a.m. All women of the church are invited to this fall gathering and to any of the circle groups in September. More information will be available closer to the date. Watch both the Vine, eVine and the Messenger for updates.



ADULT EDUCATION—SOMETHING NEW IN THE SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Do you ever wish you could discuss the ideas presented in the sermon on Sunday morning? Here’s your opportunity. Beginning this month the Bible Class which meets in the parlor following worship will be studying the texts used that morning in worship as well as reflecting on the morning’s sermon.

May 5 – (Marathon Sunday) The Sanctuary Choir will present Part 3 of Handel’s Messiah. Our texts will include those referenced in the libretto: 1 Corinthians 15:21,22 and 51-57, Romans 8:31-34 and Revelation 5:6-10.

May 12 – (Women of the Church Sunday) to be determined – Watch the Vine

May 19 – (Confirmation Sunday) Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 13:8-10; John 13:31b-35



WESTMINSTER MUSIC EVENTS & ART



LOOKING FOR DANCERS

We are looking to form a liturgical dance team to participate in worship on Sunday, May 19th during the choir anthem. Elementary age thru adults are invited to participate, and no prior dance experience is required. We will be taught by a member from the congregation with a professional dance background. Contact Laura Ross at laura@westminsterlincoln.org for more info.

MUSIC REHEARSALS (every Wed.)

Westminster Carillon | Sanctuary | 5:30-6:30 PM

Children's Choirs | 210 | 5:50-6:20 PM

Westminster Choir | Sanctuary | 6:30-8:00 PM

Knit & Sit | Church Library | 6:30 PM (every Wed.)

We warmly welcome you to come to knit, crochet, do other hand work, or just sit and enjoy the fellowship. We can also help you learn to knit and we have some supplies to share.

OTHER LOCAL ARTISTS: (daily throughout May)

April 28th through May the Westminster and Good Shepard Youth will display posters with earth care messages created by them, displayed here and at Good Shepard. The theme is "Let the Earth be Glad."

Also: Lincoln Camera Club: through May "Signs of Spring"



ART SHOW – in the Lounge (daily throughout May)

Valery Wachter is a full time professional artist and has gallery representation at the Burkholder Project in Lincoln. She is a graduate of the University of Lincoln Nebraska with a BFA in Art and has studied at the Scottsdale School of Art. Currently, she serves on the Hixson-LIED College of Fine and Performing Arts Alumni Board and the Bryan Health Art Committee where she is the curator for the Bryan Health Art Gallery. In 2018 and 2019 she served as a juror on the panel to select the winners of the Mayor's Arts Awards.

"My painting style has been primarily photo realism and my love of color led me to do a series on flowers and following that, a series on marbles in acrylics. I recently switched mediums and I am now trying to learn how to paint with pastels. I love the challenge of trying to be very loose. It is the complete opposite of the style I had been doing. My husband Ron and



WEDNESDAYS AT WESTMINSTER

Parents' Night Out—3 more Wednesday evenings before summer break

Families & friends, Parents' Night Out is on! **There is still an opportunity to participate in Parents' Night Out in the next three weeks before summer break.** The weekdays are filled with activities & work to be done, but know that Wednesday evenings are for YOU. Bring your newborns—middle school age youth to Westminster. While you enjoy time to feed your soul, let us feed your kiddos dinner & fun! During the 5-5:30 pm drop-off time, children play games! A free meal is served in Cole Hall until it is time for music, where your children will learn how to use instruments & sing new songs. We end the evening of fun with a lesson & a bedtime storytelling to get everyone settled for the night. All are welcome & are encouraged to invite friends & family to join in! We ask that you sign in at the top of the stairs facing the main entrance to fill out important contact information, and then you're free to go grocery shopping, go on a date, or take some time to reflect on your spiritual life. The last day for Parents' Night Out this spring is May 15th. Whatever you do, you don't want your kids to miss out on this time to grow at Westminster!

With your help, we can continue to grow the outreach & mission we offer to families! Parents' Night Out has a regular attendance of 40-50 children/youth & is currently taking food donations. Below is a list of regularly used items for dinner. Milk, small bags of Fritos in bulk (50-70), bags of shredded cheese, hamburger meat (tubes), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, bread/peanut butter/jelly, fruit (apples, clementines, grapes, or easily cut up fruit, cookies or small dessert.

PRAIRIE READERS

| Parlor |

Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 p.m.

Book for May - "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles

Facilitator - Martha Van Sickle

Theology on Tap: Young Adults Gather to Discuss Faith!

We focus on fulfilling our day to day spiritual needs by providing a safe place to have fun & explore God's call in each of our own lives.

Join us on **Wednesdays @ 8pm!**
Contact Edison McDonald at
402-802-1109 for location information.



SUNDAY ADULT ED & BIBLE CLASS

ADULT EDUCATION Meets in the Lounge | 10:40 AM every Sunday

Join us any Sunday.

Gathering at the F-Word Exhibition

May 5th at Gateway Mall * 3:00-4:00pm Tour the Exhibit

4:00-5:00pm Meet in Conference Room for a Presentation and Discussion

(Entryway located in the food court)

Join us at Gateway Mall where we will explore the exhibition, learn about the forgiveness project, and meet in the conference room for prayer and discussion. Eighteen personal narratives from around the world displayed on 6' banners. Each banner tells the story of someone who has chosen to forgive in the face of atrocities, tragic loss or blind hate; and found a path out of hatred, violence and victimization. Lincoln Public School student art expressing aspects of forgiveness through media will be on display adjacent to the exhibit.



HISTORY BUFFS

Brad Anderson from Channel 10/11 will be here to speak on the topic of the "History of Meteorology" at 9am in the Lounge on **Sat. May 4th**. If you have questions, please contact Bruce Sheffield.

Faith & Cancer * Tues. May 21 | 7 PM | Parlor

No matter where you are in your journey, this group is where cancer survivors can come together for fellowship, prayer and study. This Life Group meets at the same time every third Tuesday of each month. Contact : Bruce Sheffield.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch is on **May 7th** at 11:30am at Dino's Restaurant and Grill at 2901 South 84th St. If you have questions, please contact Ed Plander at plandere@prodigy.net

Sausage, Eggs & SAUSAGE, EGGS, AND SCRIPTURE:

Sat. May 18th 8am at Scooter's 2901 S. 84th St.

Men of Westminster are invited to a breakfast Bible study on the third Saturday of each month. We meet in the private dining room of Scooter's, just south of 84th and Van Dorn. Pastor Jimmy Shelbourn leads the study which concludes promptly at 9a.m. For more info., Scripture, call Jimmy at 402-475-6702.

**REFLECT, RESTORE,
REJOICE**

**Women's Retreat
Lied Lodge in
Nebraska City
June 28 – 29, 2019**

Reflect, Restore, Rejoice is an overnight Retreat for women of Westminster to relax, have fun and be spiritually uplifted with your church sisters. The Retreat starts Friday evening June 28th with checking into the Lied Lodge in Nebraska City, gathering together

with fellow sisters at 6:00 prior to dinner,

followed with a worship and communion service and ending with socializing. After breakfast on Saturday morning, there will be a restorative program called Discerning Your Gifts, followed with personal reflection activities before lunch. In the afternoon, we will rejoice with music until 2:00 ending our time together. Direct any questions to Susie Hughes at 402-440-9165 or skh@eskays.com.

Cost includes Friday night lodging, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch and break time snacks and beverages. \$136 double occupancy; \$197 single occupancy. Due to conference space and overnight accommodations, there is a limit to the number of attendees. **Registration and payment are due by May 24. Registration form on the back side, bulletin insert, E-Vine, and at the front desk.**

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EVERY SUNDAY — CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery | 9-11:30 AM

Kindergarten Of Eden Preschoolers ages 3yrs old & up | Room 210 | 9:45 AM

Faith Village K-5th grade | Lower Level | 9:45 AM

Using the rotation model curriculum, children will learn through art, science, storytelling, & more!

Children's Education Hour | Lower Level Faith Village | 10:30 AM

While you attend an education class or group, bring your kids to Faith Village!

Our nursery will be offered for any child younger than 3 years of age,
older children are welcome to meet in Faith Village.



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June 28 – 29, 2019**



Name _____

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Single occupancy [] \$136

Double occupancy [] \$197

Assign a roommate []

If arrangement already made to share a room, please provide name of roommate:

List any food allergies or dietary restrictions _____

Return completed Registration Form along with full payment to the church by May 24, 2019. Make checks out to Westminster Presbyterian church with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.