



“I am the vine,  
you are the branches . . . “

The week of Nov. 24, 2019

*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family, inspired by Jesus Christ, to call, nurture, and empower disciples.*

All are invited to help with the ***Hanging of the Greens*** today after the worship service.

**Parent's Night Out** will **not** be held this Wed. evening, Nov. 27.

**Christmas Cantata** rehearsal will **not** be held this Wed., Nov. 27. The Cantata will be sung at the 9:30 am worship service on Sun., Dec. 15.

**Broken tree lights?** Bring them to church! Dec. 1 through Jan. 13 Westminster will be participating in the Eastridge School drive to recycle strings of tree lights, extension cords, and other wiring. You'll find a collection box in the reception area starting next Sun.

**“C” is for Christmas** will be held Sun., Dec. 1 from 5-6:30 pm. Taste the variety of chilis and other scrumptious seasonal foods that begin with “c,” at our annual Chili Cook-Off! If you would like to share your chili-making talents by making a pot of chili, please contact Sarah Baltensperger at [sarah.baltensperger@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.baltensperger@gmail.com).

Remember to deliver your unwrapped gifts for the **Giving Tree** back to the church (with the tag) on or before Dec. 2. Questions? Contact Gary Haller at 817-757-2980.

**Holiday of Trees** will display 20 beautiful trees decorated by community members and organizations. The Heritage League organizes the event, which is held at Westminster on Dec. 5 (10 am to 8 pm) and Dec. 6 (10 am to 7 pm). Tickets are \$1. More details can be found in the Nov. Messenger.

**Christmas Cards**, featuring the Nativity given by our sister church in Germany, can be ordered in packets of 20 cards for \$20. Stop by the table in the Garden Room after worship to see a sample and to order.

### **Please Review Your Third Quarter Giving Statement**

- Some data entry errors occurred throughout the year.
- There were a few gifts that were deposited in the bank but not posted to member accounts, particularly in late July.
- If you directed Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA to Westminster, those gifts should all be listed as nondeductible.

If you find an error, please call Carol at 402-475-6702 ext. 105.

### **Sunday School**

Nursery (Newborn through Age 2), 8 am - noon

Kids of Eden (KOE) (Ages 3-5) Room 210

Faith Village (Grades K-5) Lower Level, 9:45\* & 10:30 am

Middle School (Grade 6-8) Youth Area, 9 am

Confirmation Class (Grade 9) Assisting with *Hanging of the Greens*

High School (Grade 10-11) Lower Level, 9 am

\*All children are invited to attend 9:30 am worship and participate in the Children's Conversation before Sunday School.

### **Sunday Adult Education at 10:45 am:**

Bible Class: Parlor

Forum: Lounge

Nov. 24 – Luke 23:33-43

Nov. 24 – Scott Young, Food Bank of Lincoln

Dec. 1 – Matt. 24:36-44

Dec. 1 – Jimmy Shelbourn, Images from Isaiah for Advent

### **Thank You to Our Volunteers This Week!**

Sandi Larson, Jane Hines, Joan Roberts, Barb Andersen, Carol Shelbourn, Steve Larson, Bob Rediger, Josh Whitfield, Carol Bishop, Jim Bishop, Jim Kinkennon, Linda Pabst, Jim White, Dale Minter, Lisa DeBuse, Wes Putnam, Andrew Finkner, Leslie Minor, H Seward

**2019 Elders:** Andrew Finkner, Margo Gamet, Gary Haller, Jim Kinkennon, Brian Lammers, Devon Nelson, Bill Walstad, Jim White, Jason Woita, Dale Burrage, Steve Hughes, Karen Janovy, Adam Luedtke, Tom Pappas, Emily Shelstad, Donna Wyatt, April Douglas, Gwen Hlava, Emily Killham, Sandi Larson, Allen Wachter, Mark Davis, Cyndy Maddux, Alisha Stokes, Tim Gergen and Mitch Schainost

**Sound:** Steve Braswell and Dale Minter

**Ushers:** Linda Burchard, Marilyn Calhoon, Steve McConnell, Larry Peach, Ed Plander, Deb Schorr, Kelly Tollefsen

**Greeters:** Joan Roberts, Alisha Stokes

**Acolytes:** Sara Schafer, Wyatt Dyer

**Communion Servers:** Dorrie Gage, Glenna Haller, Gary Haller, Carolyn Harp, Karen Hoffman, Ashley Lammers, Donna Wyatt, Mark Davis, Emily Killham, Joyce Douglas, Devon Nelson

### **Welcome to the Pulpit Today:**

The **Rev. Stephen G. Earl** is the Interim Executive Presbyterian for Homestead Presbytery. He has served in ministry in the PCUSA for almost 40 years as: a missionary in Brazil; a pastor in small and large congregations in Washington State, Virginia, and South Carolina; 12 years as the Coordinator for International Volunteers and Mission Personnel for the General Assembly; and six years as the Associate Executive Presbyterian for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Peaks (Central & Southwest Virginia). His passions in ministry include mentoring, coaching, and supporting pastors; working with congregations in transition; and cross-cultural service. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, and did his doctoral work at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Steve was born and raised in Port Townsend, WA, about two hours from the Pacific Ocean and the northwesternmost point of the contiguous United States. He is a lover of theater, good books, all kinds of music, movies, and the arts. Hiking, cycling, walking, and traveling are some of his favorite things to do in his free time.

## December Dates:

Dec. 1	5:30 pm	“C” is for Christmas
Dec. 8	9:30 am	Children Sing during Worship
Dec. 15	9:30 am	Christmas Cantata
Dec. 24	5 pm & 8 pm	Christmas Eve Worship Services

## Week Beginning Nov. 24

### Sun. (24) Christ the King

9 AM Fellowship Time  
9 AM Middle School Class  
9 AM High School Class  
9:30 AM Worship with  
Communion  
9:45 AM Faith Village, Kids of  
Eden (KOE)  
10:30 AM Hanging of the  
Greens  
10:45 AM Adult Forum, Scott  
Young, Food Bank of Lincoln  
10:45 AM Bible Class,  
Luke 23:33-43  
12 Noon Sudanese Worship

### Mon. (25)

12 Noon Access to  
Quality/Lincoln Early  
Childhood Network  
5 PM Financial Leadership  
Council  
7 PM Recovery Group

### Tues. (26)

7 PM Circle #6

### Wed. (27)

### Thurs. (28) Thanksgiving

Church Building Closed

### Fri. (29)

Church Building Closed

### Sun. (1) Advent 1

9 AM Fellowship Time  
9 AM Middle School Class  
9 AM High School Class  
9:30 AM Worship  
9:45 AM Faith Village, Kids of  
Eden (KOE)  
10:40 AM Confirmation Class  
10:45 AM Adult Forum, Jimmy  
Shelbourn, Advent Study  
10:45 AM Bible Class,  
Matt. 24:36-44  
12 Noon Sudanese Worship  
5 PM “C” is for Christmas