

February
2021



**VIRTUAL WORSHIP
ASH WEDNESDAY**



**WORSHIP ONLINE
WITH US
ON SUNDAYS**



**VIRTUAL
COMMUNION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

THE MESSENGER



MAKE A WESTMINSTER DIFFERENCE

Westminster Family,

As I sit down to write my February 2021 Messenger letter, we are nestling into a thick blanket of white in Lincoln. A record snow is falling. My back is a little sore from shoveling the sidewalk while my heart is warmed from the ongoing chorus of “Welcome to Nebraska” from passers-by and neighbors. As the snow falls, I feel welcomed and at home.

Pastor's Letter Continued

The day before this thick blanket of white settled in, our church session met for the third meeting of our annual Session Retreat. One focus of that meeting was to consider basic concepts of our vision as a congregation. As I shared, when we consider why any one of us considers Westminster our church home, the bottom line I believe we can all embrace is our identity as followers of Jesus. Whether you are called to show compassion as a deacon, walk alongside youth as a Confirmation Mentor, pack food for our neighbors in quarantine, study the Bible on Wednesdays in our Luke Zoom class, encourage environmental stewardship with Green @ Heart, or help steer Westminster's direction as a Ruling Elder - we all seek to be followers of Jesus. The common thread of discipleship as followers of Jesus is the bottom line of why any and all of us are part of the Westminster church family.

This month is when you have an opportunity to read annual reports from 2020. Those reports can give a nice overview of where we were in what has to be one of the strangest years in Westminster's history due to the pandemic and time of transitional leadership. Looking forward, I trust that God's grace is guiding us to truly "Make a Westminster

Difference" for all who join us for worship and study as well as making a difference that reflects Christ's love into our neighborhoods and across Lincoln.

As we consider what it means to "Make a Westminster Difference" I want to invite us all to a season of reflection and growth as disciples during the upcoming season of Lent. Lent is a time when we turn back to God in repentance ("changing our minds" as we heard in a recent sermon) and journey toward Holy Week as followers of Christ. Please join us virtually for Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 17. More information on our imposition of ashes from Jimmy follows in the Messenger. Lent is not "just" about giving up chocolate or fast food. Lent is a season for true change in our lives that aligns us with Christ's hope for our lives. May this Lent, and this month, be a time where the difference made for our church family is the difference of deeper discipleship and faith.

With hope in Christ,
Pastor Chris





Ash Wednesday Virtual

Plans are being made to have a virtual YouTube service for Ash Wednesday, February 17. To include the tradition of having ashes on the forehead as a sign of our mortality and our hope in Christ's resurrection, Elder Tom Pappas has burned palm fronds from last Palm Sunday. Beginning on February 1, members can pick up an envelope with a pinch of these ashes to use with family members for the virtual service. They will be available inside the east doors. If you prefer, email Pastor Jimmy (jimmy@westminsterlincoln.com) or leave voice mail 402-475-6702 and he will send you an envelope of ash. During the service, you will be instructed on how to incorporate the ashes in your worship. If you have another source of

Sing in a Virtual Choir

Have you enjoyed singing hymns with our virtual worship services? Here is your chance to join Westminster Choir in our next virtual choir project! We'll be doing a simple arrangement of Be Thou My Vision. Contact Laura Ross laura@westminsterlincoln.org to receive sing-a-long track and score. Technological instructions and guidance will also be provided.

Prayer Requests

For prayer requests, concerns and praises, please send email to: prayer@westminsterlincoln.org. Requests will be forwarded to the Prayer Ministry Group. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Ministry Group, please email your name, phone number and your email address to : prayer@westminsterlincoln.org.

Together we CAN make a difference!

Westminster received a heartfelt
THANK YOU card from People's
City Mission stating:

*"Saints of Westminster Presbyterian.
Your coats, hats, and gloves came
just in time as the frigid weather hit!
Merry Blessing."*

Cover Image of this Month's
Messenger shows Westminster
Members making a "Westminster
Difference".

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Allen Wachter (co-moderator, stewardship), Dan Wherry, Bill Walstad (co-moderator, finance), Gwen Thorpe, Pastor Chris Peters (staff representative).

Overview

The early part of the year focused on seeing the benefits of all the cost management decisions and increased fundraising efforts come to life. We were laser focused on getting our costs and revenues in balance, both for ourselves and to provide a stable financial picture to allow our next pastor to manage from a position of strength and stability going forward.

Then of course the pandemic arrived. Fortunately the plan we put in place served the church well as the impact of Covid-19 swept through the community. The church is expected to finish the year with a small surplus... due in large part to the unwavering fulfillment of pledge giving by the membership. Additional details are included in the notes below.

Key Initiatives & Achievements

- Recommended and saw approval by Session for a 2020 church budget of \$785,000.
- Made financial decisions with confidence due to the outsourcing of many key accounting duties and financial statements to the accounting services of the firm HBE.
- Sought and received a forgivable \$123,000 Paycheck Protection Program loan from the federal government to support payroll expenses for both the church and preschool.
- Sought and received a \$12,000 grant from the State of Nebraska to provide supplementary income and to help pay for the safety systems and protocols necessary to operate safely during these Covid-19 days.
- The Grants Task Force made applications for grants to support restoration of the stained glass windows in the sanctuary, to fund the design and build of the proposed preschool playground expansion, and for funds to upgrade the audio/visual system in the sanctuary to better support recording and streaming of worship services online.
- Continued to work to improve coordination of the grant process with the Westminster Foundation, to better define the preferred processes and to begin to build a multi-year prioritization of upcoming projects for the church.
- Conducted the 2020 Per Capita Campaign
- Conducted the 2021 Stewardship Campaign with a continuation of “The Power of Ten” campaign theme. To date, 152 church families have made \$507,578 in pledge commitments toward the general budget and \$8,600 in pledges toward the 2021 per capita dues that Westminster pays to the regional and national PC(USA) offices.
- Drafted a preliminary operating budget of \$801,500 for 2021 for consideration by the elders at the 2021 Session retreat to be held in late January and early February 2021. Navigated the impact of the Covid crisis on church finances. Member pledge giving held steady at an amazing 99.2% through November. When coupled with reduced operating expenses due to the church being closed for many months, a small surplus should be realized for 2020.

Thank you all!

Administration and Planning Committee 2020 Annual Report

Committee members: Moderator Karen Janovy and Elders Emily Killham and Margaret Sprude; co-opted members Marybell Avery, Joyce Douglas, Dan Hoffman (Jan-July), and Allen Wachter; Staff representatives: Pastor Val Putnam (Jan-Mar), Bridge Administrator Gwen Thorpe (Apr-Sept), Pastor Chris Peters (Sept-Jan).

A & P Goals for 2020:

- Take the lead in planning continued transition to our new pastor (to Pastor office refurbishing)
- Leading & coordinating the visioning for the future through a focus on the pillars
- Facilitating committee/ministry work/ marketing plan (with new pastor; more community presence)
- How we can support the growth of WPC and maintain our identity while building our strengths and the visions of our new pastor
- Helping our new pastor to assimilate into the church and its structure

2020 was a unique year as we managed to continue the important work of the church through both the transition to a new senior pastor/head of staff and the restrictions required by the COVID-19 pandemic. A & P transitioned from Pastor Val as our staff representative until March to Gwen Thorpe as Bridge Administrator in the interim prior to Pastor Chris' arrival in September. A & P met in person through March, then we began Zoom meetings in April that continue presently.

For the second year, A & P took the lead in planning the annual Session Retreat, which was held January 24-25, 2020. The administrative flowchart was revised to reflect the transition period between the interim pastor and new pastor with the creation of the bridge administrator and bridge pastor. WPC Bylaws were revised to remove Article IV. Section 3 on ushers. The Pre-school Playground Committee proceeded with online design consultation with Nature Explore for the Westminster Outdoor Classroom and Sanctuary. Due to COVID-19 and pastoral transitions, little progress was made on implementing the Pillars that were developed in 2019. A & P coordinated small group meetings to help members get acquainted with Pastor Chris. Committee/ministry work was facilitated by enabling them to meet via Zoom.

Many thanks go to the hardworking, conscientious, and talented group of A & P committee members listed above. Special thanks to Pastor Val for her outstanding leadership during the more than two-year interim period, to Pastor Jimmy for his valuable direction during the transition period, to Joyce and Allen on PNC for securing Pastor Chris, to Gwen as bridge administrator for guiding us through the transition, and to Pastor Chris for his strong leadership during these first months of his tenure.

Summary of Buildings and Grounds Activities in 2020

In 2020, the Buildings and Grounds Committee made the commitment to function as a work group. Each month, the Committee would respond to staff requests for repairs, improvements, installation and/or maintenance of the physical plant.

Unfortunately, the advent of the corona virus all but eliminated group activity. As the year progressed, it became apparent that efforts to bring the collective talents of the Committee to bear would be unhealthy.

Given these circumstances, it was determined by the Committee co-Moderators to take a two-step approach to address needed maintenance and repairs:

- 1) Committee members would be individually approached to assist with various routine projects. However, some members of the Committee were impacted more than others. Those working in healthcare and education, as well as farming and construction were being called upon to provide extraordinary service. As a result, these Committee members were not called upon.
- 2) Within the bounds of the budget, third-party vendors would be used for urgent projects requiring professional services.

The projects successfully completed by Buildings and Grounds Committee members included:

- 1) Repair of the floor under the Narthex;
- 2) Ongoing cleaning of the Mechanical Room;
- 3) Clean-up of the Nursery and Toddler's Rooms following treatment for mice infestation;
- 4) Creation of a Garden Room remodeling plan;
- 5) Maintenance of the Church gardens including the creation of The Gardeners of Eden small group which:
 - a) Prepared the gardens for Spring growth and, in the Fall for cold weather;
 - b) Planted and watered over 400 new plants provided through a matching grant from the Nebraska Arboretum;
 - c) Treated an extensive infestation of bindweed which threatened the survival of an estimated 30% of the plants in the Church's garden's; and
 - d) Removed fall leaves on three separate occasions.
- 6) Installed remove-able Plexiglas storm windows on both floors of the Pre-School
- 7) Lawn mowing (all spring and summer)
- 8) Repair of the maintenance shed door on the east side of the church.
- 9) Temporary weatherstripping of external doors.
- 10) Caulking and mortar repairs.
- 11) Snow removal on sidewalks and stairs
- 12) Church decorations for Christmas

The projects completed by third-party vendors included:

- 1) Improved the quality of the assisted hearing system in the Sanctuary and added a feature which allows the congregation to use their smart phones as an application with their hearing aids for even greater sound quality;
- 2) Remodeled the ladies bathroom in the Administration Building;
- 3) Retained the services of an exterminator to address the bat infestation on the Chapel;
- 4) Expanded the activities of the mice exterminator to address a mouse infestation in the Pre-School, Nursery, and Toddler's Rooms;
- 6) Enhanced the welcoming nature of the Garden Room with
 - a) LED replacement lighting
 - b) Replacement of the ceiling tiles (many of which were damaged or stained from previous water damage; and
 - c) Drywall repair which occurred from water damage
- 9) Addressed HVAC failures in the following areas:
 - a) The heat pump in the Administration Building elevator;
 - b) The pneumatic compressor that controls the valves for Cole Hall;
 - c) A compressor that controls one set of chillers; and
 - d) The air handling unit in the gym.
- 10) Repaired hanging ceiling tiles in the Sanctuary;
- 11) Repaired or replaced the following roofs which were damaged or leaking:
 - a) The asphalt shingles over the east entrance were damaged by hail and replaced;
 - b) The flat roofs over the north, central and south sides of the Narthex were replaced;
 - c) The seal around the east entrance portico was repaired;
 - d) The deteriorated roof caulking, mortar and water seals in the Sanctuary were repaired to eliminate damage in three areas: the Narthex, the elevator area; and the exit at the Southeast corner of the Sanctuary.
 - e) The gutter and balustrades on the East side of the Chapel were restored to prevent further interior damage to plaster.

Finally, to ensure that the Buildings and Grounds Committee can proactively address maintenance issues throughout Westminster, a comprehensive Building and Maintenance Plan was created. This document addresses ongoing building and grounds maintenance requirements which should be addressed in 2021 and beyond.

Thank you all!

Annual Report of Mission & Outreach 2020

First, I want to thank the committee members that served with me this year: Gary Haller, Carolyn Harp, Dalyce Ronnau, Jennifer Smith, Marilyn Smith, Tom Welstead, and staff representative Jimmy Shelborn.

It has been a strange year with most of the year having no in person church activities. However; we were still able to continue to accomplish many things. Some of the activities that we have been doing in past years needed to be done differently this year. Because of the impact of the Covid virus, our teams have not been able to serve at the Gathering Place for several months. The congregation was invited to donate to the Gathering Place as an alternative outreach opportunity. We have been able to continue serving at Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach. The meals were served in to go boxes, rather than on trays to dine in.

Green@Heart has a good core of creation care enthusiasts who like to keep environmental concerns in front of the congregation. In our shortened year we did have three accomplishments of note: We took a trailer of styrofoam for recycling for the second year. We submitted Westminster for re-certification as an Earth Care Congregation. We partnered with the South Branch Library and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum for a grant to make a major planting of over 400 water-wise prairie plants in the medians at the East end of the parking lot. Green@Heart has collaborated with Pastor Chris and our Creation Celebration is in the works for 2021.

The Westminster Food Pantry has continued to collect food and pack boxes to be taken to the City Mission for distribution. A big thank you goes out to Marilyn Smith and Nora Hinrichs that oversee the operation of this and the teams that come in and pack. They are: Bob & Sheri Michaud, Larry Peach & William McConnell, Pat Ryan, Tom & Janell Welstead, Marcia Hollestelle & Jane Lacy, Fred & Susan Zander, Pat Hackley & Ben Kessler, Martha Kingsbury, Bruce & Margaret Sheffield, Deb Schorr & Nancy Hlava, David & Kathy Anderson, Jim & Carol Bishop, and Stacy & Colton Graham.

Since we were not having in person services the Angel Tree project was just not going to work, so instead we held a successful winter clothing drive. Coats, hats, gloves, etc. were collected and taken to Matt Talbot and the City Mission for distribution.

There are other mission projects and many more people that deserve thanks, but there would not be enough space to include them all. You all know who you are, and know that even if you were not named here your help and input is greatly appreciated.

We are all hoping that we can grow in mission and do even more in the upcoming year.

Submitted in faith,

Steve Hughes, moderator Mission and Outreach

Worship and Music Report for 2020

While we are all happy to have this year behind us, the many challenges presented by 2020 were also opportunities to use our creativity and resourcefulness to pull together as a church and community. We found new ways to continue the important work we do and support each other in a time of uncertainty and crisis.

This year, much of the routine work of the Worship and Music Ministry was significantly altered or halted altogether. Communion became virtual with participants preparing their own elements at home, decorating the sanctuary was minimal with the switch to virtual services, and group music performances were put on hold. Many thanks are due to the members of the committee who masked-up and decorated the sanctuary for the Christmas season. Appreciation is also due to Michael and Freda Gregg (and family) for setting up the luminaries for the Drive-In Christmas Eve services and to Cyndy & Peter Maddux for taking them down the following day.

A huge thank you to Steve Larson for his work on improving the hearing support system in the sanctuary. He worked with the vendor to solve the problem and install a unit that allows congregants to connect to the sound system using a smartphone app and earbuds or integrate directly to hearing aids using the Bluetooth option.

Thanks to the research and initiative by Pastor Chris, the sanctuary equipment was upgraded to HD for Advent. The new equipment consists of an HD camera, two-mic system, SD card, and tripod. This upgrade allows for a safer “staggered” recording process with fewer people present in the sanctuary, as well as a much-improved virtual service experience for our church family.

Prior to the move to virtual services this spring, committee members prepared communion elements, removed and stored the Christmas decorations from last year, and continued the work of the Chancel Guild and the Organ Task Force.

A special thanks to John and Laura Ross whose creative leadership in 2020 led to exciting ideas such as virtual choir and Pass the Light during Christmas. We look forward to worshiping together again in the near future and are grateful for the appreciation we have gained this year.

Respectfully submitted,

April Douglas, Moderator

Cyndy Maddux, Dave Anderson, Michael Gregg, Freda Gregg, Mike Tomlinson, Mary Tomlinson, Diana Wild, and Sharon Cape



Westminster Preschool

Annual Report 2020

2020 was a year of unique challenges, abundant blessings and remarkable growth.

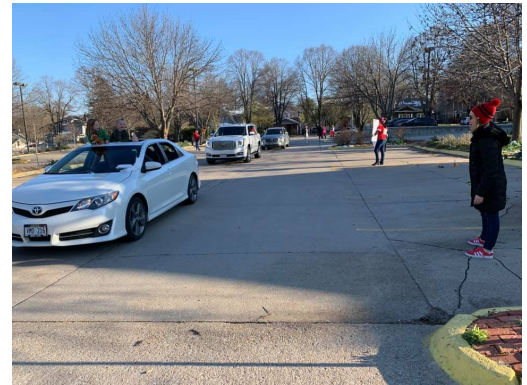
Our school was fortunate to serve nearly a hundred different families through our spring, summer and fall semesters of 2020.

Twelve students were able to attend Westminster preschool with tuition assistance provided by the Lincoln Littles organization. The level of assistance varied from full to partial support.

We celebrated preschool grandparents with our Grandparents and Muffins Activity on February 27 and 28, with approximately 90% family participation. Dr. Jimmy joined us at the beginning to lead the students in some of their Chapel Chat songs to share with their families.

Adventure Camp was offered from March 9-March 13, with 22 children served during the course of the week. Since changes were necessitated due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this was the only Adventure Camp offered during 2020.

After LPS closed, we remained open on March 16, 17 and 18, serving 9-11 children each of those days, compared to our typical 50. Our program closed on March 19, re-evaluating on April 2, and remaining closed until the start of our summer session, beginning May 26.





In an effort to continue to support our families and students during the time we were closed, we maintained contact in a variety of ways; daily posting on Westminster Preschool facebook page, the creation of a youtube channel with videos ranging from book readings, to educational ideas, to Chapel Chat stories and a video of Dr. Jimmy's Chapel Chat songs. Our staff delivered weekly activity bags to each student's door and wrote each student letters that they received in the mail. During the Week of the Young Child (April 13-17) we had daily challenges and activities led via a video of each teacher and it culminated with a Parking lot Greeting celebration. Approximately 40 of our 65 families looped through Westminster's parking lot to wave to all the teachers, separated and standing along the sides.

The Westminster Preschool Graduating Class of 2020 was celebrated during a parking lot ceremony, replete with caps, gowns, (masks) and a professional photographer. It was a different, but absolutely wonderful experience!

Our school year ended with a citywide scavenger hunt, where the families hunted for the teachers for a socially distanced end of the year surprise!!

After a deep clean and weeks of organizing, we came back together for a scaled down summer session, beginning the Tuesday after Memorial Day. We were able to serve a total of 31 families throughout the summer. There was abundant joy to be found all around, and such a blessing to be back together.

Working alongside the Westminster Playground Committee, the preschool procured a design plan from Nature Explore for a future Nature Classroom and outdoor sanctuary.

We began our 20-21 school year with the addition of three new teachers; Sarah Dankenbring (preschool), Lindsey Reger (preschool) and Betty Dickey (art). They have been an incredible addition to our staff. We also added our small group STEAM class to our daily schedule. While we have had to shift many of our extra activities to a virtual format, we were still able to celebrate our Art Show, complete our UNL Extension embryology study, attend our annual Pumpkin Patch family event, offer parent teacher conferences, enjoy an outdoor costume parade, partner with Lancaster Rehabilitation Center for a service project, create amazing gingerbread houses at home with our families and end the year with a visit from a special masked visitor from the North Pole.

We look forward to continued growth, health, unique and enriching educational experiences and JOY in the year 2021!



Presbyterian Women Annual Report 2020

On Sunday, March 8 Westminster celebrated the Gifts of Women worship service. Guest Elona Street-Stewart gave the sermon. She was the first Native American to serve as a synod executive in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and currently serves as Co-Moderator of the 224 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Women of our congregation led the opening prayer, gave the prayer of confession, did the ushering and a pick up women's choir sang the offertory anthem.

When Westminster shut down in March, the Bible Study Circles ceased their meetings. Rev. Ellen Davis supplied all Circle members with an additional guide so women could individually study the lesson. One Circle studied together via ZOOM. With relaxed restrictions, some Circles met at Westminster for a couple of months in the fall.

On August 22, PW women were invited to a Drive-through Tea Party to receive their 2020-2021 Bible Study guide *Into The Light, Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament*. Members also received a paper tea cup with a tea bag and cookies. This was the time members also dropped off Hygiene Kits as part of PW Mission projects.

The Presbyterian Women planning team is comprised of a member of each PW Bible Circle. Members are Glenna Haller, Linda Burchard (co-moderators), Susie Hughes (treasurer of Circle Giving), Pat Hackley, Jane Hines, Linda Miller, and Rev Ellen Davis (Parish Associate for Women's Ministry).

Presbyterian Women is a national and an international organization for all women who belong to a Presbyterian church. Major components of PW are Mission, Social Justice and Bible study. All Westminster women are invited to be a participant in one of the 4 Circles. To join a Circle, contact Rev. Ellen Davis, Glenna Haller or Linda Burchard. Circles meet monthly September through May for Bible study and support Mission and Social Justice financially as well as donate material goods for projects like the Hygiene and Layette Kits and Back to School bags.

In 2020 the Circles gave monetary gifts to the Birthday and Thank Offerings along with their annual mission pledges to support causes of Presbyterian Women world-wide.

Susie Hughes
PW Planning Team

Annual Report for Adult Education

Submitted by Tom Pappas

Adult Education started 2020 with fireworks. The January tradition has been a Community Conversations series. Civility in Public Life was the theme and we were treated to the wisdom of several fine public servants (two of whom are WPC members). Jack Gould is issues chair for Common Cause Nebraska, Roy Christiansen (Lincoln City Council), Deb Schorr and Rick Vest (Lancaster County Commissioners, and Anna Wishart (Nebraska State Legislator).

In February Pastor Jimmy led a memorable class studying the Sermon on the Mount then transitioned to a March study on the Heidelberg Confession which was never completed because – you know why. Also, in February we had a special opportunity to host Elona Street-Stewart on Gifts of Women Sunday. Later in the summer, Elona was elected co-moderator of the denomination.

Adult Ed went dark until May when a deep dive into Bible Study on ZOOM called “*The Bible Project*” began. Sarah Baltensperger was the leader for Genesis and Exodus. We switched to Luke in the fall and Pastor Jimmy took over with help from Brenda Wristen. The Holy Week section of Luke will start up in January 2021 after a holiday break.

Pastor Chris put us on to an Advent Series entitled “*Those Who Dream*”. It was truly a multimedia experience with art and artists, theologians, ZOOM discussion and a nice printed document for a devotional guide. Unlike many advent series, the readings did not stop at Christmas but continued through epiphany.

For the first time in a decade Community Conversations did not take place in January 2021.

The Adult Education ministry members are Sandi Larson, Dal Ronnau, Kathy Phillip, Rev. Jimmy Shelbourn and moderator Tom Pappas.

Faith Village in a Gift Bag

Faith Village had to get a little creative this fall due to Covid-19. Using the PCUSA *Grace and Gratitude* curriculum, we developed gift bags filled with Sunday School lessons. Each month we have been delivering these gift bags to nearly 50 families in our church, touching the lives of over 100 children. Here are some photos from our recent lesson.



Virtual Communion | Sunday, February 7, 2021

The General Assembly Council and Clerk have given churches leave to have members prepare their own elements at home and receive as they watch virtual worship. Before you watch the Communion service, please have bread (of any sort) and a cup of grape juice or wine for each member of your household who is watching.



Westminster's Green@Heart

Styrofoam packaging and broken string lights are being collected through February at Westminster for recycling. **We can't accept disposable food containers or packing peanuts.** Together we can keep piles of wire and white stuff out of the landfill.

LNO Ladies Night Out

All Westminster women are welcome at our virtual "night out" once a month. We'd love to have YOU join the conversation! Gatherings will be at 5:30 pm on Tuesday evenings. Join us through Zoom on February 16. Contact Laurel Van Ham or the church office to get the Zoom link. Easy directions included for any who haven't Zoomed before.

Email Scams

Church members are still receiving scam emails purporting themselves as Pastor Chris.

Pastor Chris and Church staff will never ask for unspecified favors, gift cards, or money in an email. If you receive such emails please don't open any attachments or reply to them.

Messenger Articles Reminder:

All information for The Messenger is due to Tracy Hoffman at tracy@westminsterlincoln.org by the 18th of each month. And all announcements for The eVine are due to Tracy and Joanne Gabriel at joanne@westminsterlincoln.org and please by 5 pm on Monday of each week.



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Presbyterian Women in Action:

Gifts to the PW's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge) make possible the ongoing mission and ministry of Presbyterian Women—from your circle Bible study groups to the triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women. Your gift enables Presbyterian Women to strengthen the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in the U.S. and around the world.

The Annual Fund helps support the denomination's evangelism, church planting, education and justice work as well as ministry

to children, youth, older adults, new immigrants, rural, urban and suburban populations across the United States and around the world. The USA Mission Experience, Horizons magazine and Bible study, the Global Exchange, justice work and so much more could not happen without PW's Annual Fund. The PW's Annual Fund (the Mission Pledge) ensures that this caring community of women can continue its witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

Please be watching for news on how you can support the PW Annual Fund.

