



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

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## Service for the Lord's Day – February 15, 2026

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“But the thing about remembering is that you don't forget.” – Tim O'Brien, *The Things They Carried*

“I have assurance hereof confirmed unto me by sealed covenants, that is, ‘I am baptized’” – Martin Luther, *Table Talk*, “Of Baptism”

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### CARILLON PEAL

### CALL TO WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Dialogue - Dialogue - Elevation

*Francois Couperin*

(During the Call to Worship in Music you are requested to enter into a time of silence,  
actively opening your spirit to God's presence in your midst.)

### INTROIT - “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*Joachim Neander*

Open now thy gates of beauty,  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for God who answers prayer;  
O how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

### \*WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP IN WORD

The Reverend Nancy S. Hodgkins

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet your neighbor with a verbal greeting or enthusiastic wave.)

### \*HYMN 483 - “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

*Mit Freuden zart*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.

We confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves: we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.

In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

(Silence is kept for personal confession.)



All Sing: Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Through Christ, the waters of our baptism wash away our fear, uncertainty, and lack of trust: we are God's holy people. So, friends, believe this good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All: **Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

*H. W. Greatorex*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elder Kay Berg

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Bruce Hall

Leader: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.  
Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### WELCOME

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church and into the common life of Westminster Presbyterian Church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

**HYMN** (all sing) - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"  
**Blest be the tie that binds**  
**Our hearts in Christian love:**  
**The fellowship of kindred minds**  
**Is like to that above.**

*Dennis*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

Pew Bible, p. 163 OT

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

(Children in Pre-K - 2nd grades will leave the service at this time.  
An adult leader will be in the Narthex to escort them to their room.)

**ANTHEM** - "We Wait for Thy Loving Kindness, O God"

*William McKie*

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. Alleluia.  
O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia. We wait for thy loving kindness,  
O God, in the midst of thy temple. O Lord hear us as we pray to thee. Amen.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** - Luke 9:28-36

Pew Bible, pp. 69-70 NT

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

The Reverend Dr. Richard L. Baker

The Things We Carry: Of Baptism, Martin Luther, Body Art, and Lent  
Focus: "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart." - Deuteronomy 6:6

**\*HYMN** (see page 11) "Be Still, My Soul"

*Finlandia*

(Children in Grade 3-8 will leave the service at this time. An adult leader will  
be in the Narthex to escort them to their classrooms.)

### **RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

The Reverend Dr. Caitlin T. Deyerle

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**ANTHEM** - "Just as I Am"

*Bob Chilcott*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
The breath, length, depth and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O of God, I come, I come.

- Charlotte Elliot

#### **SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 281 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

*Cum Rhondda*

#### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE- "Spirit of the Living God"**

*Living God*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY - "Now Thank We All Our God" (Hymn 555)**

*arr. Mark Hayes*

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

Welcome to our new members: Nancy White, Jean Knorr, and Jason Green who will also be baptized this morning.

**Music Participants:** Westminster Choir - Todd Bodey, Tenor - Christi Wilson and Brent Manley, Four-Hand Piano - The Reverend John Neely is Organist-Director.

**Today's Music:** The meditative text of "Be Still, My Soul" seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "We will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from the tune, which is derived from the tone poem *Finlandia* composed by the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius (1865-1957).

The anthem "Just as I Am" has been given to the Westminster Choral Library by Karen and Marshall Wareham in loving memory of Holly Martin.

**Choirs for children and youth today. New members welcome!**

*Children's Choirs and Youth Handbells (Sundays)*

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Genesis Singers (4 and 5 year olds, Pre-Kindergarten) - Rm. 104 - Hilary Toerner, Director

Cherub Choir (grades K-2) - Theater - Rachael Boezi, Director

Calvin Choir (grades 3-6) - Rm. 100 (Choir Room) - John Neely, Director

Knox Ringers (grades 7-12) - Rm. 203 - Brent Manley, Director

*Youth Choir*

Knox Choir (grades 7-12) - Choir Room - John Neely, Director

5:00-6:00 p.m.

All are welcome. Dinner and Youth Fellowship groups follow.



Thank you for coming to Westminster today! We hope to see you again soon. If you enjoyed the service, and want to help us continue to share the love of God with our neighbors and transform their lives, please consider donating to our ministries. Donation boxes are located in the Narthex and by the elevator. You can also donate online at [www.westminsterdayton.org/give](http://www.westminsterdayton.org/give) or by scanning the QR code to the left with the camera of any smart device. You can also text "give" to 937-468-4003.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Please stop by our Children's Ministry check in desk** anytime between 9:40-10:05 to record your child's attendance and receive their name tag.

**Infants and Toddlers, Room 108** (Infant - 3 years old), are cared for from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 108. Parents of infants will be contacted via text by the nursery staff in case immediate communication is needed while they worship in the Sanctuary. During the worship hour, children take part in an activity and enjoy a snack.

**Junior High and Senior High Youth Fellowships** meets from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring \$3.00 to help cover the cost of dinner.

## LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

**Welcome Visitors:** We are so glad to welcome you to worship with us today! Whether you are just passing through or looking for a new church community, we hope you feel right at home. At Westminster we believe that Jesus welcomes all people, just as they are, and so do we. We understand the life of faith to be a journey that is better walked together than alone. Following worship please join us for Coffee and Conversation in the Fellowship Hall, or join one of our Sunday School classes. We hope you will explore the bulletin as well as our website [www.westminsterdayton.org](http://www.westminsterdayton.org) to learn more about us. Please leave us your name and contact information in the Friendship Pad so we can get to know you as well! Grace and peace to you. -Westminster Pastoral Staff and Congregation

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**The flowers in the Chancel** are to remember Dale W. Blewett's birthday on February 20. Dale was a husband; Cheryl B. Paquette's father; Erin, Ann, and Sean Paquette's grandfather; a great-grandfather; and a friend.

**If you are interested in donating Chancel flowers**, please contact Kay Berg ([bergkay07@gmail.com](mailto:bergkay07@gmail.com) or 937-367-9297). Please note that there is a one month lead time for flower donation announcements.

**Emergency Response Team:** Linda Kohl, Scott Spangler

**If you have a security concern** please notify the head usher who can connect you to our security personnel.

Each week the churches of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley keep one particular congregation or group in their prayers. This week the churches are praying for **First Presbyterian Church, Urbana**.

Westminster is a praying church and we would love to pray for you. You are welcome to **add your prayer to our Prayer Wall**, located in the Sanctuary near the front on the east wall. You will find paper and pencil to write your private prayer to God and place it between the bricks of the wall.

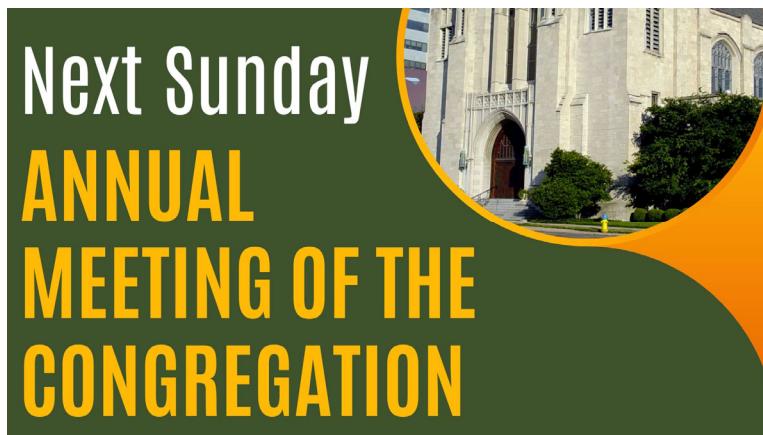
If you have a prayer request you would like to share with our **Westminster Prays weekly email**, please use the Prayer Request Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering box following worship. You can sign up to receive the Westminster Prays email and share prayer requests or other pastoral needs directly with our pastoral staff by emailing [caitlin@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:caitlin@westminsterdayton.org) or calling 937-907-6078.

**Members currently known to be in the hospital at this time:** Dick Koerner (Carlyle House Hospice Care).

**The Sympathy of the Congregation** is extended to the family and friends of **Rich McKinley**, who died Friday, February 13. Service information is pending.

**The Sympathy of the Congregation** is extended to the family and friends of **Margaret "Peggy" Conner**, who died Monday, January 19. A service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary next Saturday, February 21.

**The Sympathy of the Congregation** is extended to the family and friends of **Wendy Ernst**, who died Dec. 26. Wendy is wife of Westminster member, Herb Ernst. A service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, at Fairmont Presbyterian Church.



**Next Sunday, immediately following Worship.**

At the meeting, the congregation will elect Elders, Deacons, at-large representatives to the Nominating Committee of the congregation for 2026. Choirs will rehearse as usual during the meeting. A livestream will be available. However, we will not have online voting.



### Ash Wednesday Taizé Service

February 18, 6:00-6:40 p.m.

Followed by light supper (\$7.00)

A meditative service by candlelight, including the imposition of ashes for those who desire it.

Light supper will follow (\$7.00; no reservations required).



Led by The Rev. Dr. Curtis Baxter and The Rev. Nancy Hodgkins

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays before Taizé  
In the West Parlor

The Second Century Church established a calendar reflecting the birth, life, death, resurrection, and establishment of the Church. Lent begins on February 18, with Ash Wednesday, marking a 40-day period of abstinence, charity, contemplation, fasting, and prayer, mirroring Jesus's wilderness experience.

In Lent 2026, Westminster invites members and friends to study Richard Rohr's book, *The Tears of Things*, which addresses living amid violence and despair by connecting with divine love.

Discussion topics will include:

- February 25: The Path of the Prophet: Isaiah and Martin Luther King, Jr.
- March 4: The Role of Anger: Jeremiah and Greta Thunberg
- March 11: Collective Evil: Micah and Desmond Tutu
- March 18: Alchemy of Tears: Lamentations and Joanna Macy
- March 25: Growing Toward Love with the Prophets and Etty Hillesum

Join us for contemplation and prayer during this Lent season.

Having a copy of the book is not required to participate in the class, but may enrich your experience.



In a world marked by division, uncertainty and competing narratives, Matthew's Gospel speaks with striking relevance. Matthew's first audience — a young, fragile community navigating conflict, identity and fear — sounds a lot like the church today. This Lenten devotional by *Presbyterian Outlook* editor Teri McDowell Ott invites readers to journey through Matthew's Gospel to discover how Jesus leads us toward humility, courage, compassion, and faithful discipleship amid the fractures of our age. Westminster has chosen this devotional for the Lenten season, and invites you to participate in the daily practice of prayer and reflection using this devotional email.

**Sign up with the QR code to join the daily Lenten Devotional Email distribution list or contact Brittany Campbell ([brittany@westminsterdayton.org](mailto:brittany@westminsterdayton.org) or 937-223-7285).**



**Wednesdays in Lent**

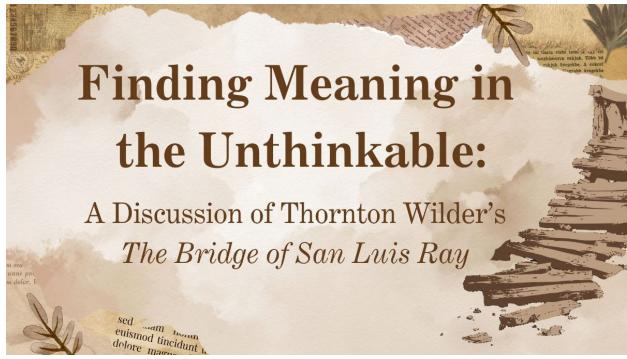
**Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25**

Meditative services of songs and prayers in candlelight.

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Lenten Class *The Transformational Alchemy of Tears in Things*

**6:00 p.m.** Taizé Worship Service in the Sanctuary

**6:40 p.m.** Light Supper in the Fellowship Hall (\$7.00)



## Finding Meaning in the Unthinkable:

A Discussion of Thornton Wilder's  
*The Bridge of San Luis Ray*

### Adult Education Class Today

11:20 a.m., West Parlor

Led by Westminster member Patrick Gill, the class will consider the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, set in the early 18th century, which follows Brother Juniper as he attempts to understand why the bridge broke and took the lives of five travelers. Based upon close reading and personal reflection, participants will consider this calamity in relation to their own lives: do we live and die by accident, or is there a plan in place?



### The Lent Calendar of Events is Available Online

Join us this Lenten season as we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A full schedule of events is available on our website ([www.westminsterdayton.org/lent](http://www.westminsterdayton.org/lent)).



## Parents Fellowship Class

SUNDAYS, 11:30 A.M.  
IN ROOM 102

### Parents Fellowship Class

Today, 11:30 a.m., Mission Room (102)

Join us for a casual catch up this week in Parent's Fellowship. We will check in with one another and spend some time getting to know each other better. This is a great week to visit the class if you have never come before!

## Be Still, My Soul



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-ly the  
2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take To guide the fu - ture  
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has-tening on When we shall be for -



cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide;  
as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;  
ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap-point-ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - ery change He faith-ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: thy  
All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the  
Sor - row for - got, love's pur-est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when



best, thy heaven-ly Friend Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.  
change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.



## Class of 2029 Elders



**Sarah Garrette** has been a member of Westminster since 2021. Sarah previously has been a member of Presbyterian churches in Coshocton, OH, Barrington, IL, and Williamsburg, VA. During her tenure at Westminster she has served on the Fellowship Committee and as a Sunday School Teacher and Shepherd for the Children's Ministry team. She also currently serves on the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Sarah and her husband Jeff have two sons, Gavin (10) and Spencer (8). Besides attending Westminster, their weekends revolve around kids sports, and family movie nights with their dog Gracie. Sarah works in Financial Management at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, having previously spent 15 years working in Accounting and Finance in the private sector. In her spare time, Sarah has served as Treasurer on the board of the Rotary Club of Springboro and is on the planning committee for Springboro's ArtFest on Main. She is excited to continue to serve the Church family at Westminster.



**Patrick Gill**, his wife Casey, and children, Emmy, Owen, and Auden, have been members of Westminster since June 2025, after regularly attending since the previous fall. Originally from Perrysburg, OH, Patrick was raised Methodist, but he has been actively involved in the Presbyterian Church since 2013, including serving as an elder at a previous congregation. Patrick has a background in higher education and works at The Dayton Foundation as Executive Director of the Dayton Montgomery County Scholarship Program and College Promise, which help under resourced students attend and graduate from college. He holds a BA in English from Xavier University, a MA in English Literature from Bowling Green State University, and a PhD in Higher Education from Ohio University. Beyond spending time with family, Patrick enjoys reading, writing, golf, tennis, listening to music, and watching sports.



**John Jahoda** and his wife Kathy joined Westminster in 1988. Their two children, Mike and Kristen, grew up in Westminster. He has previously served on Session and the Personnel, Mission, and Education and Practice committees. John and Kathy are members of the Philo Presby group and both enjoy being members of small groups. After graduating from Miami University, he started his career in education. First as a teacher for eight years, an assistant principal for five years, a junior high principal for eight years, and ten years in central office as a Director of Human Resources. He currently works for two school districts in the Miami Valley as a consulting hearing officer for student behavior issues. In addition to traveling with Kathy, John enjoys canoeing, hiking, kayaking, reading and being with his four grandchildren. He enjoys sharing that his oldest granddaughter, son and father have all served on Session in the Presbyterian Church (USA).



**Sally Swartz** was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. She has been married to Brian Swartz for 27 years. They have one adult child, Daniel who lives in Massachusetts. Sally began attending Westminster in 2022 as the world was returning to in person worship. She was and is drawn to the inner beauty of the worship space through the people and music of Westminster. Sally and her husband joined Westminster in February, 2023. She holds an associates degree from Sinclair, Bachelors and Masters degrees from Miami of Ohio. Sally is currently employed as a Special Needs Assistant in the Beavercreek City School District. She has attended many educational classes at Westminster, is a current member of the Serendipity Circle, Hospitality Committee, and is a part of The Earth Stewardship Team. While at Westminster she has served as a head usher a Sunday School Shepherd. Sally enjoys home gardening, canning and hiking.

## Class of 2029 Deacons



**Ann Bailey** and her husband Graham started attending Westminster in 2012 to listen to Ann's mother, Pam McGinnis and her late grandmother, Charis Gridley sing in the choir. As a newly married couple, Ann and Graham were searching for a church where they could raise their future family and they found it at Westminster. They have twins, Cecilia and Harrison, who were baptized at Westminster and continue the tradition of singing in the Calvin Choir.

Ann received her BA from Hanover College (Hanover, IN). She has served on various groups and committees, including the junior/senior high youth group, "choir mom," and stewardship. Ann enjoys playing tennis, watching UD basketball games, and having a family coffee time after church on Sundays!



**Linda Brown** is a former Language Arts teacher for the Vandalia-Butler School District where she taught for 30 years. She also is a long-time supporter of The Muse Machine in its mission to educate teachers and their students in the arts. She has been blessed with two children and seven grandchildren. Linda has been a member of Westminster for over 30 years. As a Deacon, she looks forward to more actively participating in the life of the Church and its members. As someone who recently lost her husband Mike of 58 years of marriage, Linda hopes to help and support others who have lost a special person in their life.



**Effie Sue Kemerley**, with her husband Tim, joined Westminster in 2022, after attending by Zoom during COVID. She enjoys the fine preaching, music, and congregational energy and faith. During her years at the University of Toledo, she studied organ and was organist at her home Congregational church. She came to Dayton to teach English, earning her master's at WSU. She sang with Dayton Philharmonic choruses for fifty years and in the Grace Methodist choir under Clark Haines for over twenty years. She later was the Grace organist, and retired, finally, to travel and spend summer weekends sailing Lake Erie with Tim. At Westminster, Effie Sue currently serves on the Hospitality Committee, is in Serendipity circle and a Presby Group with Tim, likes working in the kitchen with John Gummel, and loves the Wednesday afternoon zoom with Richard and the Bucket List Books.

Effie Sue and Tim have two sons and three grandchildren. She served two terms on the Beavercreek School Board, was the piano adjunct at Stivers, and has given free organ lessons for years through the Dayton Chapter of the American Guild of Organists Academy. She is a long-time member of a literary club and a French club. Giving up skiing, biking and pickleball for safety reasons, her favorite pastime now is reading. She is also the keyboardist in a retirement center ukelele band.



**Mark Kennison** began attending worship at Westminster during the COVID era and became a member in 2024. Mark is a member of the Boomers Presby group and sings in the summer Westminster choir. He has joined with his wife Paula Kennison on hospital visitations. He is currently serving on the Building and Grounds Committee. Mark enjoys sharing his experience in worshiping in historical churches while living in England as a teenager.

Mark's career is as an artist, craftsman, owner and leader of a twenty-five-person company, D & D Classic automobile and aircraft restoration company in Covington OH. He continually seeks to know Christ more intimately as an apprentice through spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, and serving.



**Fred Labs** is retired after working nearly forty years selling drugs in a variety of locations around Dayton...for Kroger...as a pharmacist...all legal. Although Fred only recently became a member of Westminster, he has been involved in other churches for many years. He greatly enjoys working with youth, and one of his fondest memories is taking a youth group on a mission trip to Mexico. He is proud of the fact that he didn't lose any of the kids or the other chaperone! Fred has also been a member of several musical groups, both vocal and hand bells. When he was between choirs, he kept his voice limber by writing and singing flu shot jingles over the Kroger intercom (performances available on request). He sang with the Westminster summer choir this past year and looks forward to being more active in the church music scene. Fred enjoys daily running as he trains for half-marathons while dreaming of ultramarathons. Another interest is learning and sharing about native plants and trees that improve our local ecosystems. Fred has been married for 44 years to Lynn, a retired pastor with the United Church of Christ, and lives in Piqua with her, three dogs, and an iguana. They have two grown daughters (Sarah in Bellbrook and Jessica in Gainesville, FL), two sons-in-law, and seven grandchildren. Since he grew up north of Philadelphia, PA, "Fly, Eagles, Fly" is one of his favorite songs.



**Sandra Swanson** and her husband Steve have been members of Westminster since 2003, and their son, John Burnette, was baptized here. Sandra and Steve are active members of Presby Group Z.

Sandra has served on the Education Committee volunteering in the library. She led the Blood Pressure Ministry for many years. This ministry introduced her to many members of Westminster. She fondly remembers many sweet visits with members of the congregation on her Sunday mornings "behind the screens" taking their blood pressures and "catching up" with them. Sandra and Steve's son John participated in Youth Group during his high school years. It was such a valuable experience that when the opportunity arose, Sandra became a Youth Advisor in 2015 and has been a Youth Advisor since then with a couple of years off. She is currently a small group advisor for the Middle School group and thoroughly enjoys working with the youth of Westminster.

Sandra is a retired registered nurse educator who retired to care for her mother, bringing her into their home where she and her husband currently care for her. When Sandra has a bit of extra time she enjoys reading, participating as a member of the "Pink Flamingo Book Club," and sewing (embroidery and quilting). In the warm months one can find her in the garden working with her flowers and vegetables.

Westminster is an important part of Sandra's life, and she is looking forward to the opportunity of serving her church family in this new role.

## Church Calendar

### February 15 – February 21

#### **Sunday, Feb 15**

<b>8:30am-12:30pm</b>	Nursery Birth - Age 3, 108 (Nursery)
<b>9:00am-9:45am</b>	Confirmation Class, 209
<b>9:15am-9:30am</b>	Westminster Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
<b>10:00am-11:00am</b>	Worship, Sanctuary
<b>10:20am-11:30am</b>	Children'1st & 2nd Grade, 103 , 105
<b>10:20am-11:30am</b>	Children' Pre-K & K, 101
<b>10:40am-11:30am</b>	Children' 3rd & 4th Grade, 109
<b>10:40am-11:30am</b>	Children 5th-8th Grade, Theater
<b>11:00am-12:30pm</b>	Coffee & Conversation, Fellowship Hall
<b>11:15am-12:15pm</b>	Knox Ringers Rehearsal 207, 203, 205
<b>11:30am-12:15pm</b>	Calvin Choir Rehearsal, Choir room
<b>11:30am-12:15pm</b>	Cherub Choir Rehearsal, Theater
<b>11:30am-12:15pm</b>	Genesis Singers Rehearsal, 104
<b>11:20am-12:15pm</b>	Adult Ed, West Parlor
<b>11:30am-12:15pm</b>	Parent Fellowship, 102
<b>5:00pm-6:00pm</b>	Knox Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
<b>5:00pm-6:00pm</b>	Youth Advisors Meeting, 102
<b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b>	Youth Dinner & Fellowship Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

#### **Monday, Feb 16**

<b>8:30am-4:30pm</b>	Office Closed -Presidents Day
<b>7:00pm-9:00pm</b>	DGMC Rehearsal, Choir Room
<b>7:00pm-8:30pm</b>	Earth Stewardship Ministry Team, Library
<b>7:15pm-9:15pm</b>	Bach Society Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

#### **Tuesday, Feb 17**

<b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b>	Deacon Meeting/Dinner, West Parlor
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#### **Wednesday, Feb 18**

<b>9:00am-12:00pm</b>	Staff Meeting, Library
<b>10:00am-12:30pm</b>	ID Ministry, 101 , 103 , 105
<b>6:00pm-6:40pm</b>	Ash Wednesday, Sanctuary
<b>6:40pm-7:30pm</b>	Ash Wednesday Dinner, Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday, Feb 19**

<b>12:15pm-1:30pm</b>	Women's Peer Support Group, 107
<b>6:00pm-7:15pm</b>	Carillon Bells Rehearsal 301
<b>6:00pm-7:15pm</b>	Westminster Ringers Rehearsal, 207, 203, 205
<b>7:30pm-9:30pm</b>	Westminster Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

#### **Saturday, Feb 21**

<b>11:00am-12:00pm</b>	Peggy Conner Memorial Service, Sanctuary
<b>12:00pm-2:00pm</b>	Conner Family Reception, West Parlor

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## HYMNS FOR ONLINE BULLETIN

### **“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” (483)**

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love,  
The God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled ,  
And every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty power hath made,  
God’s gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade  
God’s watchful eye ne’er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God’s might,  
Lo! All is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,  
But through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay,  
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
As with a mother’s tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises  
That all may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
Both soul and body take your part:

### **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

### **“Be Still, My Soul”**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
Who through all change faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.  
Be still, my soul: the hour is hast’ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord;  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

### **“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (281)**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield,  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to thee,  
I will ever sing to thee.

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