We were overjoyed a decade ago to be awarded the coveted title of Earth Care Congregation. After evaluating and revamping everything from soup to nuts, in order to adopt principles of earth preservation and greener practices, many changes were made. The church included the biblical imperative to care for God’s creation in each worship service; we invested in our extensive physical plant (the various church properties); we committed to on-going environmental education; initiated community advocacy; and through our international mission work, kept the focus squarely on renewal of our planet for future generations. For 10 consecutive years, Westminster has successfully been re-certified by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as an Earth Care Congregation and is among less than 1% of all Presbyterian churches to be so honored.

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Sudie Niesen Thompson, Associate Pastor

It’s been said a lot since mid-March: These are unprecedented times. By the time this issue goes to press, our Westminster community will not have gathered in person for seven Sundays. We have been practicing physical distancing for weeks (she said with a drawn-out ‘eeeeee’). For some – especially those in retirement communities or healthcare facilities with stricter policies – this likely feels like house arrest. All of us are surely suffering some degree of cabin fever.

This surreal season is taking a toll on our personal and communal well-being. As I write, this global crisis has already hit too close to home for families in our community, bringing tragedy in the form of diagnoses and death. Unfortunately, by the time you read this, the list of those personally affected will likely have grown. It is not an understatement to say that we are in the midst of a defining moment that will be recorded in history books and imprinted upon cultural memory.

Over the last week I have been pondering the question: “What is the gift of this time?” This wondering emerged as a theme during a recent Brewing Questions Zoom conversation with some of our young adult members, as we shared strategies for coping with this ‘new normal.’ Already, over the span of just a couple of weeks, we found we were being more intentional about nurturing relationships now that we are limited to virtual means of connecting with loved ones. We are discovering greater joy in simple blessings, like nice weather and chances to stroll along the river or through a park. We even talked about some of the big picture “gifts” of this time: What will climate scientists glean from this moment when traffic has decreased across the globe because those who can are staying home?

What is the gift of this time?

This is not meant to be a trite question that minimizes the collective anxiety and grief we are experiencing. This is not meant to sound like Pollyanna optimism – the “glass-half-full” spin on a pandemic. Quite the opposite, actually. This question emerges from our sacred memory as people of faith and speaks to the hope we have in the God of Life. At the dawn of time, this very God
hovered over the primeval depths to bring order out of chaos. In another age, when all seemed lost, this God breathed new life into a dank tomb so that we might know resurrection hope. Our God is not afraid of darkness. And, because we know that truth in the depths of our souls, we can trust that God is at work in this present darkness, too.

So – people of faith – what is the gift of this time?

Let me tell you about one gift I have experienced during this season. But, first, I must make a confession: I’m not very good at keeping Sabbath. I know, I know – it’s one of the 10 Commandments. And I’m a pastor, for goodness’ sake! Still, I am just not ‘good’ about intentionally carving out time to rest. But, recognizing a particular need to rest in God during this topsy-turvy time, I decided to give this practice another go. Since we have been recording our virtual worship service on Fridays, I have set apart Sunday morning as Sabbath time. My toddler and I have been tuning into Westminster’s virtual service, and I have found great joy in praying and singing with her (she’s very good at adding, “Amen!”). We supplement our community’s worship with stories from her children’s Bibles and songs that are more “kid-friendly.” And then, if the weather allows, we head outside to play or walk around the neighborhood. It’s a simple routine. But carving out this time to receive and give thanks for God’s grace has blessed my soul over the past few weeks.

In my mind, the most important – and radical – aspect of Sabbath-keeping is declaring through word and deed that God, alone, is Lord. The list of tasks you need to accomplish at work is not Lord of your life. The daily labor of cleaning and cooking and childcare is not Lord of your life. The pressure to succeed is not Lord. The stress of caring for an aging parent or managing teams or getting into the best college is not Lord. And right now – in this fearful moment – I have found it liberating to declare: COVID-19 is not Lord. Already, this Sabbath practice – such as it is – has been a gift of this time; it has helped me focus on God’s nurturing, liberating presence in the midst of this darkness.

So – Westminster family – what, for you, is the gift of this time? I hope that – in the midst of the uncertainty, the anxiety, the grief of this moment – you are able to glimpse God at work in the darkness and discover ordinary and extraordinary gifts of grace.

I am holding you in my prayers and in my heart,
So our efforts have been recognized, but how do we measure the impact of this commitment? We have found that what is good for the environment is also good for our finances, making our church more sustainable in multiple ways.

**The Westminster Properties**

More than 1,644 light bulbs have been converted to LEDs, saving the church $6,000 annually! Burton and Daughtry houses were fitted out with 51 solar panels providing a first year savings of over $2,800 and a resulting huge carbon dioxide emission reduction of 45,000 pounds per year. In another five years, these panels will have paid for themselves, allowing our enjoyment of free energy for the remaining 18 useful years of life. All of the rest of our electricity is coming from renewable resources. The church is now warmed and cooled by programmable thermostats so we are minimizing our energy usage to only the time each room is occupied. New energy saving windows have been installed and our old furnace has been replaced by a high efficiency model.

**Environmental Education**

The Earth Care Task Force sponsored many distinguished speakers for adult education and intergenerational events. They included subjects of climate risk, clean water, population impact, the science and advantages of LED bulbs, solar energy, native plants’ value and pollinators, wildlife trafficking, bird preservation, the importance of adding more vegetables to our diet, and many others. Encouraging our kids to be “Citizen Scientists” with awareness of their impact on our planet has been woven into the age appropriate curriculum.

**Community Outreach**

As an urban church, maintaining an organic Community Garden on our lawn speaks of our values. The garden provides teaching moments for UrbanPromise students and the surplus of produce is donated to urban food closets. Westminster has been an advocate for community action on environmental sustainability issues, such as the recent controversial landfill expansion and water quality. Stream cleanups, tree plantings, and invasive plant pulls are yet another way we involved all generations of members as well as community participants.
International Outreach

Westminster and the Presbyterian Church (USA) have a long and proud history of mission leadership in both the Congo and Guatemala. In Congo, Westminster supports projects to develop subsistence agriculture/farming to fight food shortages and are an alternative to wildlife poaching and trafficking. Programs launched in the Mam region of Guatemala have had dramatic environmental impact. The new high efficiency Guatemalan stoves spare the trees, critical to buffer runoff in this mountainous area as well as improving air quality. Microloans have enabled women to learn animal husbandry skills that expand their food sources. Water filters and environmentally-friendly latrines have improved quality of life in Guatemala.

Changing Habits

By integrating a multi-faceted approach to earth care, our goal is to change awareness, attitudes, and ultimately behaviors. We hope that the changes we make at church will be replicated in our daily lives at work and at home. Each of us can make a difference. If we all commit to a few changes in our personal habits, collectively we will make a big difference because we are the caretakers of God’s creation.

Conserv Congo’s Adams Cassinga speaking about the crisis of wildlife poaching and trafficking in the Congo Basin. He explained the critical result of wildlife extinction leading directly to deforestation. Gifting a Congolese teenager’s painting of the endangered white rhino highlighted the cause and raised the youths’ sensitivity to our endangered wildlife heritage.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. Genesis 2:15
WESTMINSTER MINISTRIES CONTINUE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

A Facebook post recently said – “The church is not closed, it is deployed.” While the church building is closed and we have spent weeks in social distancing, self-isolating and self-quarantining, Westminster has remained active in various ways to support ministries to those less fortunate than we.

Our Urban Mission Committee accelerated contributions included in our 2020 operating budget so that organizations including Friendship House, the LCS Food Pantry, Hanover Food Closet and Emmanuel Dining Room might receive funds needed even more urgently during this time.

Our parking lot has been the scene of caravans of cars – safely spaced – filled with members and friends delivering peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on Sunday mornings for Emmanuel Dining Room and a list of needed supplies on Wednesday mornings for Friendship House. Because Saturday Morning Breakfast is closed, they donated pancake mix and syrup to Emmanuel Dining Room.

Because the church building has been closed, Westminster donated toilet paper and paper towels we don’t currently require that are needed by the neighboring St. Stephen’s Food Pantry.

Other individuals have dropped off these and other supplies at the pantry entrance on Broom Street to support this ministry. And opportunities exist for people to drop off similar supplies to the Family Promise Day Center on St. James Church Road. All of this while remaining safely distanced from others, to protect the health of everyone involved.
And faithful members and friends of the church have made financial contributions via Westminster that are designated for support to these life-saving ministries.

We are so grateful for the opportunity to be ‘deployed’ in a variety of ways to respond to our call to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world, even when circumstances constrain us from our normal routines. Thank you for your support of Westminster’s ministries! And thanks to the members of our church staff who continue to work remotely to support these ministries.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH VBS?**

Currently, we hope to proceed with Vacation Bible School from **July 27 – 31, 2020**. We need lots of volunteers to make this ministry a reality!

Please contact Robin Rosser ([rlroser@aol.com](mailto:rlroser@aol.com)) if you are interested in helping.
HIGHMARK (VIRTUAL) WALK FOR FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is an event that supports a number of non-profits in our area. COVID-19 has meant a change in this year’s walk. It will now be a VIRTUAL walk! Friendship House is one of the beneficiaries of this event and Westminster has a team on their behalf. The date is still June 13, but the walk will take place where you choose to walk. Will you consider virtually walking with our team or sponsoring one of our walkers? Whether you walk in a park, your neighborhood, in your back yard, or on your treadmill, we hope you will join our Westminster Walkers team in the safety of your home or outside while adhering to social distancing guidelines and other orders/restrictions set forth by the State of Delaware. It’s easy to do and will benefit Friendship House and its many ministries in our community.

This link will take you directly to our team’s page, where you can sign up as a walker or as a sponsor (or both!):

http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk?team_id=12714&pg=team&fr_id=3060

Contact Sandy King with any questions (sandyking@verizon.net or 302-234-1055). Thank you!
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST STEPHEN MINISTERS

Another Stephen Ministry training came to a close in April. Led by Stephen Leaders Jill Getty, Jerry Spilecki, Sue Weissinger, and Ellie Furry, the class began in January of 2020 and met weekly until March 10 when the church closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. In order to complete the training while being socially distant, the group used Zoom meetings for the remaining 16 hours of training, which included lecture, discussion, and practice of skills.

Whenever church services resume, the following Westminster members will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers: Eadie Churchill, Chesna Hinkley, Dick Jolly, Tara Lee, Tom Preston, and Janet Steinwedel.

Also completing the class were Beth Molnar from St. Phillip’s Lutheran Church, Ivy Jones from Community Presbyterian and the New Castle Presbytery CRE Program, and Sonja Mason from Victory Church. Once commissioned, these new caregivers will join the existing group of 15 active Stephen Ministers to provide assistance to our pastoral staff working with those in our church who are experiencing a difficult time in their lives.

If you are going through a crisis or trauma and need a non-judgmental, confidential person to listen to and support you, please consider accepting a Stephen Minister. For more information, please contact Jill Getty at (302) 220-7081.
We are called as Christians to care for God’s creation, and there are many practical ways to do so. What follows is one way to help improve the sustainability of the planet.

Yard work is in full swing with the warmer weather of spring, so it’s worth looking into ways for landowners to promote environmental sustainability. In the April 2020 issue of The Westminster Chimes, the Earth Care Task Force mentioned that private landowners bear the responsibility for caring for their land as part of the global effort to support the environment. That same article recommended planting native species of plants, growing your own vegetable garden, and planting bee-friendly plants. This month’s article focuses on your lawn, trees and woodpiles:

1. **Reduce the size and maintenance on your lawn.** Shrink the size and quality of your lawn since grass is less wildlife-friendly than native plants, mowing causes pollution, and lawn care consumes water. Also, try to reduce chemical treatments to your lawn (e.g., fertilizer) since the production and application of these chemicals causes pollution.

2. **Plant trees in a smart way to help the environment and lower your utility bills.** The shade from large trees, such as oaks, reduces the urban heat island effect by reducing the amount of sunlight that reaches driveways, parking lots and buildings. Trees also reduce storm water runoff, which prevents combined sewer overflows and flooding in some cities like Wilmington, and this reduction in runoff also promotes evaporation as a mechanism for cooling the earth. Plants also provide a habitat for animals and other plants, they filter harmful dust and pollutants from the air, and they give off the oxygen we breathe. Oaks in our region especially support food webs, housing over 500 species of caterpillars. These reasons form a basis for local community tree plantings, such as those through the Chester-Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

There are also economic benefits from planting trees in a strategic way around your home. First, plant deciduous trees along the south and west sides of your home, which has a twofold benefit: the shade can lower your air conditioning use by up to 30% in the summer, and the lack of leaves in the winter allows sunlight to help warm your home. Also, planting evergreen trees on the north
side of home and shrubs around your foundation can reduce the infiltration of cold winter breezes into your home. In addition, trees are also known to increase property values by up to 10%, reduce outside noise, and conceal unsightly views. The City of Wilmington states that trees pay us back $2.50 for every dollar spent on plantings because of these factors.

3. **Create a woodpile.** Woodpiles make a great habitat for mosses, lichens, fungi, and insects (and the birds that feed on them). The best logs for the woodpile are those that are at least four inches thick with the bark attached. Oak, beech, and birch are great wood types for the pile. The pile should be placed away from the house in a shady spot to keep it cool and damp. If possible, add leaf litter to the pile to attract more species such as toads. If you don’t have room for a woodpile, then you can help by leaving dead trees (including old stumps) and shrubs standing to decompose naturally if possible.

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**Further reading:**

2. Tree Advisory Board of Bowling Green, KY, *Benefits of Planting Trees*.
4. One Tree Planted, *Why are Trees Important?*
5. Davey Tree Company, *You Won’t Believe What Your Tree is Doing for You!*
BETTER DAYS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP COMING THIS FALL

For those who have experienced a recent loss of a loved one, we’d like to invite you to a new gathering, the Better Days Grief Support Group. We will be exploring the wilderness of grief through a variety of activities meant to touch the heart and heal the spirit, supporting one another through sharing and companionship. In order to provide deep engagement, continuity, and establish bonds of trust, pre-registration is required. This closed group will meet for eight weeks, starting on Sunday, September 27 from 10:10 to 11:00 a.m. (location to be determined) and ending on Sunday, November 22. Each participant will use the journal titled “Taking Steps in Loss and Life” along with other resources. We will be working through the following eight sessions together:

- Session 1: Orientation and The Renewal Process
- Session 2: What’s Normal?
- Session 3: Allowing Certainty and Reshaping the Bond
- Session 4: Memorializing Through Rituals
- Session 5: Finding Meaning
- Session 6: Danglers: Unfinished Business
- Session 7: Adjusting to Newness
- Session 8: Moving Ahead/Progress

If you are ready to make a commitment to engage in the difficult, but beneficial, work of mourning with other fellow travelers, or would like to ask any questions or discuss further, please contact Jill Getty (jgetty@wpc.org) or Tara Lee (high12grace@yahoo.com). There will be a small cost for the book and supplies.
RACISM IN AMERICA – ITS LEGACY IN THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

The statistics are alarming. Communities of color in the United States are experiencing the lethal effects of COVID-19 at levels that far exceed their proportion of the population.

The factors that lead to these numbers are a direct result of the racism endemic to our country’s history. Beginning with slavery, perpetuated through the harsh effects of Black Codes, Jim Crow laws government-sanctioned racial discrimination and cultural racial bias, the impact on people of color in today’s society is undeniable.

The deep-seated economic inequalities that are the result of intentional public policy decisions throughout our history have resulted in conditions that plague African-American communities to this day:

- Education system deficiencies
- Under-employment
- Under-insurance
- Lack of access to healthcare
- Increased rates of underlying health issues
  - High blood pressure
  - Asthma
  - Diabetes
  - Heart disease
  - Impact of chronic stress on immune system
- Wealth and income inequality
- Poverty
- Food deserts

African-American Communities in the United States
As of April 9, 2020

LOUISIANA
Population . . . . . . . . 32%
Deaths . . . . . . . . . . . 70%

MICHIGAN
Population . . . . . . . . 14%
Deaths . . . . . . . . . . . 41%

ILLINIOS
Population . . . . . . . . 15%
Deaths . . . . . . . . . . . 41%

CHICAGO
Population . . . . . . . . 30%
Deaths . . . . . . . . . . . 72%


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Access to resources that most of us take for granted, even given widely varying degrees of economic security among us, provide us with the likelihood of favorable outcomes in most aspects of our lives.

If we are true to our Christian heritage, we believe that ALL people are beloved children of God. We are called to speak out, to act, to name racism and discrimination where it exists and to work together to bring equity to all.

If you feel called to act, in accordance with Christ’s call, please join Westminster’s Peace and Justice Work Group as we seek to educate, advocate and act, to change the trajectory of inequality in our country. Please contact Mike Gnade (302-562-4464 or mgnade@hotmail.com), Lynne Kielhorn (302-593-5527 or lynne@kielhorn.us) or Sue Linderman (302-239-7650 or srlinder@dca.net) for more information.

WESTMINSTER SUPPORTS COVID AID TO PALESTINE

These latest updates provided by Lori Mosher, who works for UNRWA USA and is the daughter of Mark and Carol Mosher.

COVID-19 has touched the lives of everyone, everywhere. The virus makes no distinction for race, creed, nationality, borders or immigration status. Sadly, it has not stopped at the gates of the Palestinian Territories for our Christian and Muslim sisters and brothers.

The conditions in Gaza are particularly ripe for the mass spread of this deadly disease.
The population is extremely dense (over 5,000 people per square kilometer), the infrastructure is virtually collapsed with 94% of the water being unsanitary since the water treatment plant was bombed, and the health care system is woefully inadequate with some hospitals demolished. The blockade and continual bombings have made it difficult for Palestinians to access care and needed medical supplies. Social distancing is almost impossible.

When one considers how stressed the health care systems are in developed, wealthy nations, you can only imagine how desperate things are in the impoverished parts of the occupied territories of Palestine.

To show solidarity and offer emergency health aid to the Palestinians, Westminster chose to quickly funnel our support through UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency), an organization that serves 5.6 million Palestine refugees in the Middle East, ensuring they have access to primary healthcare, education, emergency relief and social services. As part of its COVID-19 response, UNRWA is on the front lines

- continuing to provide access to basic healthcare services and helping to cover costs of refugees affected by COVID-19
- providing personal protection equipment and cleaning supplies to 144 UNRWA health centers
- providing education on proactive measures to prevent the spread of the disease
- creating access to clean water and improved waste management services

It is hoped that all of these services will reduce health hazards.

This pandemic highlights the urgent need to end the military siege and bombings of Gaza so that needed goods and services can freely flow into the country and peace can be restored. To restrict or deny treatment is a form of “passive warfare.”
COVID-19 has changed our lives. Hugs and handshakes are a thing of the past, social distancing and hand washing now dominate our daily routine, and face masks and latex gloves have become essential elements of our wardrobe. Instead of coming together on Sundays for fellowship and spiritual growth, we rely on virtual worship services, Zoom gatherings, long walks, and homebound prayer to sustain us.

Churches were not meant to be empty. Westminster thrives because its doors are open to so many people in need of all that our Christian faith has to offer. Yet, one small benefit does arise when the building is vacant. Much needed cleaning and repair can be undertaken without disrupting those who enjoy this beautiful facility. Special thanks are due to Paul Crothamel, Director of Facilities and Security, and Trustee Gary Bryde, a member of the Property Committee, for their special efforts during this down time. Paul has overseen the steam cleaning of the carpets in the hallway from the reception desk to the Pavilion as well as at the 1502 and 1506 entrances on 13th Street. In addition, the slate floors in the sanctuary were scrubbed and sealed and the pew cushions cleaned. To trim the church’s utility bills, Paul turned down the heat and buttoned up the building for most of the closure.

Steamed-cleaned carpet in the main hallway
Westminster’s master of refinishing, Gary Bryde, worked his magic on the sanctuary door near the lectern, as well as the desk of the Director of Music/Organist, and has begun to remove years of grime from the rolled upper edge of the pew backs and the top surface of the pew ends. In the hallway outside the Choir Room, evidence of his artistry appears on a row of columns that he elegantly marbleized. Gary’s generous commitment of his time and talent deserves our sincere appreciation. “Your professionalism and craftsmanship,” noted one member of the congregation, “has been a real treasure to the Property Committee and WPC.”

The outside of the church will also receive attention during this pause in onsite services. In 2005, Westminster initiated an ambitious project to repoint the mortar joints on the original stone façade of the building. Untouched for nearly a century, the mortar had begun to crumble, and it became necessary to grind out each joint to a depth of about two inches and insert new mortar to match the old. Westminster turned to Culbertson Restoration of West Chester to take on the task, beginning first with the stone walls around the Memorial Garden. Now, only two sections of the building remain

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to be repointed. In mid-April, Culbertson began to address the Pennsylvania Street façade from the Pavilion to the Tower (the Tower itself was repointed in 2008). Afterwards, they will move around the corner to the Rodney Street side of the building and treat the area above the Cloister from the Tower to 13th Street. Once their work is completed, the entire building will be power-washed and the windows cleaned. If Mother Nature cooperates, the project will conclude by the end of June. Should you
happen to drive by the church during the next two months, you will surely know that something is happening — the scaffolding is hard to miss!

Eventually all of us will return to Westminster and partake in the spiritual hospitality that our church so graciously provides. Those of us on the Property Committee wanted you to know what we’ve been doing while you were away. Stay safe and stay well.
INTERFAITH COLLECTION FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES

Our Syrian brothers and sisters have endured over nine years of war. There are few signs this conflict will soon end due to renewed bombing in the northern provinces of Syria. Over these nine years, nearly half of the Syrian population has been displaced from their homes, communities and livelihoods, and 11 million Syrians have required humanitarian assistance. The most devastating of all, nearly 5 million Syrian children know nothing but war.

A recent ceasefire gave hope the Syrian people might soon be able to return to their homes and livelihoods. Their reality is continued bombing and constant struggles in the refugee camps. The recent influx of COVID-19 only complicates an already miserable situation. Social distancing and clean water are all but absent in the refugee camps adding to the spread of COVID-19. The UN continues to call for more humanitarian aid to be sent to the region.

With these ongoing struggles and more recent complications, the people of Syria need our helping hand. For a third time, Westminster plans to team up with others in our community – Congregation Beth Shalom, St. Joseph’s on the Brandywine, Masjid Isa Ibn-e-Maryam, Tarbiyah School and the Islamic Society of Delaware – to collect specific items in support of the Syrian refugees. Together we will work with The Narenj Tree Foundation to send our greatly needed donations to the Syrian Province of Idlib.
The Mission of the Narenj Tree Foundation is “To provide emergency humanitarian assistance to displaced communities. We achieve our mission by shipping clothing, food, medical equipment, personal hygiene products, school supplies and other essential supplies to refugees from areas affected by the disaster.”

The Narenj Tree Foundation is continuously collecting and sorting donations, filling and shipping containers, which arrive in Turkey and are trucked into the Syrian Province of Idlib. Once arriving in Syria, Narenj Tree has a coordinated distribution in the refugee camps to those most in need. Narenj Tree has supplied a detailed list of items greatly needed for shipment. Clean clothing items can be new or lightly used.

**For more information please contact:**
Camilla Jones  (302) 354-8358  camillajones22@gmail.com
Carol Mosher  (856) 769-1988  cemosher@comcast.net

Please consider donating:
- Gently used clean clothing
- Practical shoes and boots
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Hygiene supplies (these should be new and unopened):
  - Bars of soap
  - Band aids
  - Pain relievers (acetaminophen, aspirin, ibuprofen)
  - Vitamins
  - Topical antibiotic creams
  - Feminine care products
- Medical apparatus:
  - Wheelchairs
  - Walkers
  - Crutches
  - Portable commodes
- Sewing machines and supplies

*Please place all items in bags (white plastic kitchen bags are recommended). Drop off will be scheduled at a later date. Thank you for your donations!*
SUMMER BRUNCH
(TENTATIVE)

Our annual summer brunch is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28**, following the 10:00 a.m. service. The ability to move forward with this event will depend on whether or not our shelter-in-place requirement has been lifted. As always, Westminster’s first concern is for the health and well-being of our community as a whole. Please check back for updates on this and other events.

RECENT BIRTH

*We welcome this child into the Westminster family.*

**Elizabeth Skye Thompson**
Born April 15, 2020

She is the daughter of Sudie Niesen Thompson and Brenton Thompson and sister of Iona.
FLYING SOLO UPDATE

Flying Solo is a group of single adults who meet to support each other in friendship, through social activities and fellowship.

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, Flying Solo is suspending its activities for the foreseeable future. Once we know that we can safely gather as a group, we will let you know by email of our upcoming activities.

Contact Bill Kaye at billkaye3@verizon.net to be added to the Flying Solo email list. In the meantime, please be safe and well.

RECENT DEATHS

Those Who Have Joined the Church Triumphant

We remember the families of those who recently died.
We pray that they will be comforted in their loss and be assured that their loved ones have joined God’s heavenly kingdom.

Thelma “Tee Jay” Evans Cox King
May 7, 1930 – March 31, 2020

Donald L. Dinsel
June 9, 1933 – April 5, 2020

Eleanor Charles
October 31, 1923 – April 22, 2020
SUNDAY WORSHIP

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we do not know when we will resume worshiping together at church.

Find the latest updates by visiting our website at www.wpc.org or subscribe to our e-newsletter here.