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Dear Friends,

Easter • 2019

After the joyous surprise of Easter, Jesus' followers were left to figure out how to continue the teaching and ministry of Jesus. The book of Acts is in part an extended narration of how the first apostles built thriving communities throughout their known world in a remarkably short time.

After we celebrate the joy of Easter, we too will be looking ahead to the work of being a thriving community. All organizations seek to be thriving. That goes for churches as much as it does for businesses. To do this, we first need to be clear on our purpose.

Our purpose is this: to cultivate thriving communities that bear witness to the inbreaking reign of God that Jesus announces and embodies, in all that we do and are. That is our goal: Christian communities that are a picture of and testament to God's loving reign.

Scripture is one resource to help us do that. The book of Acts not only describes the fact that the apostles founded communities to accomplish that purpose, it contains, in its narratives, testimony to six practices that are needed for thriving church communities.

I'll be exploring these practices in sermon in May, up through Pentecost on June 9. The practices include Visibility in the Larger Community; Tending to the Weak; Handling Conflicts; Perseverance in Times of Suffering; Networking; and Articulating our Beliefs on Pentecost Sunday.

Ideally, these sermons will supplement WPC's ongoing work at building on the results of the CAT survey in providing a focus and direction for future efforts to help WPC be a thriving Christian community. All such thinking and discussions will be a foundation for the work of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Albany Presbytery, through its Committee on Ministers and Congregations (COMAC) has given WPC permission to elect the PNC and session is busy helping to come up with a slate of candidates for the PNC which the congregation will then vote on.

In the second half of June, I'm going to have some fun with preaching. I'm taking one of the lectionary passages and trying to get three distinct sermons and messages. Your fun can come in letting me know if I succeed or fall into repetition.

Peace, Pastor Bill

STARTING MID-MAY, WATCH FOR HOW TO SUGGEST TOPICS FOR SERMONS IN JULY AND AUGUST



## Holy Week Services

### **Maundy Thursday Service: A Celebration of Sacramental Meals: April 18 at 7:30 pm**

Join us in the Assembly Hall on Maundy Thursday. Through scripture, song and reflection, we will look at the special and sacramental meals in the Bible. Each of these add a dimension of meaning to communion. We will share in communion around tables as Jesus did with his followers at the Last Supper.

### **Good Friday Service - "Faces at the Cross": April 19 at 7:30 pm**

Join with us April 19 at 7:30 pm for our Good Friday Service. Narrative selections from those present at the Last Supper, the arrest, trial and crucifixion will combine with music and prayer to explore the meaning of Christ's death.

### **Easter Morning Communion Service: April 21 at 10:00 am**

We will celebrate Christ's Resurrection with joyful music led by the Westminster Choir and the Catskill Brass and Timpani. The service will conclude with the congregation singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's MESSIAH. This Westminster tradition is one of the highlights of our church year--we look forward to sharing it with you!

### **Easter Flowers and Palm Greenery**

If you wish to contribute to the Easter Flower Fund send your gift in any amount to the church office by Thursday April 11. Please include the name(s) of the person(s) recognized with your donation.

### **FOCUS Easter Sunrise Service: 6:30 am**

Meet on the steps of West Capitol Park on Swan St. across from the Alfred E. Smith Building. Breakfast follows at Emmanuel Baptist Church (275 State St). All welcome at both events.

### **Holy Humor Sunday: April 28**

For centuries, the week following Easter Sunday, including "Bright Sunday" (the Sunday after Easter), was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang, and danced. Renamed in recent years as "Holy Humor Sunday," the occasion demonstrates the idea that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. "Risus paschalis - the Easter laugh," the early theologians called it

Join in observing "Holy Humor Sunday" on April 28. Dress in bright colors and joyful clothes; think of some jokes to share with others; sing joyful songs. Come prepared to share the "Easter laugh" of resurrection joy.





## Eastertide Music at Westminster

**Saturday afternoon, May 11:** For centuries in Holland, municipal pipe organs have been a source of great civic pride. This year in Albany, Tulip Time visitors can enter, rest, and enjoy the peace, architectural beauty, and stained glass of the city's downtown churches, while enjoying five of its finest pipe organs played by five of its finest organists.

At each church, a 15-minute organ mini-concert will be performed every half hour by the church's own resident organist. The first performance will take place at 1:00 pm, and repeated at 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, and 3:00 pm.

The churches and performers are: First Church in Albany - Organist: Mary Bon; St. Peter's Episcopal Church - Organist: Neil Keen; All Saints Episcopal Cathedral - Organist: William Douglas; Westminster Presbyterian Church - Organist: Alfred Fedak; First Presbyterian Church - Organist: Trevor Kahlbaugh

Admission to is free; donations are welcome. This series of concerts is sponsored by the Eastern New York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

**3:00 pm Sunday, May 19:** Our resident ensemble, the Capitol Chamber Artists, will present the final concert of their 50th anniversary season in Westminster's sanctuary. Titled "Masterpieces of Russian Chamber Music," the program will be anchored by a performance of Tchaikovsky's monumental Piano Trio, performed by violinist Mary Lou Saetta, cellist André O'Neil, and Hungarian pianist Aniko Szokody. All are invited; admission is free for members and friends of Westminster.

## Church School News

**Holy Week Happenings:** Come let's experience Holy Week together! Join in the Palm Sunday parade on April 14th. Then join Judy for a special Easter edition of Worship Plus on April 21 during worship. Children in K - 1st Grade are encouraged to invite friends. After worship, we shall go upstairs for an Easter experience!

**Church School Sunday - Sunday June 9** is Church School Sunday! Children and youth will be leading parts of worship. We shall also be saying "Thank You" to our dedicated teachers. All children, youth and their friends are welcome!

## Summer 2019 Youth Camp Scholarships Available!

Sessions' Christian Living and Learning Committee will provide summer camp scholarships for our young people this summer, a program formerly made possible through the Deacons Fund.

If you plan to attend Camp Fowler or another camp this summer, please contact Linore Southworth ([lnsouthworth@hotmail.com](mailto:lnsouthworth@hotmail.com)) or Leah Threatte ([leah.threatte@gmail.com](mailto:leah.threatte@gmail.com)) as soon as possible. Once the number of campers is known, scholarship arrangements can be made for our young people.

## Report from Session

Session welcomed Ken Applegate, Committee on Ministers and Congregations (COMAC) to discuss the process of nominating and electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to begin the search for our new pastor. The Session will serve as the Nominating Committee, and the PNC will be elected by the Congregation. In the meantime, we were happy to extend Pastor Schram's contract for another year as he continues to lead us through this interim time.

We also authorized Judy Hartley to be our representative to the Center Square Neighborhood Association.

We approved our Mission appeals for 2019, and organized the 2019 Session Committees as follows: Christian Life and Learning: Leah Threatte; Mission and Peacemaking: Sheila Wrede and Tom McPheeters, Co-Chairs, and Felicia Kollie Gambles (African Mission); Communication and Outreach: Valerie Shanley, Chair, and Jessica Chamberlain; Welcome and Hospitality: Fatmata Hilton, Chair, and Felicia Kollie Gambles; Personnel: Leif Hartmark, Chair; Stewardship and Budget: Kelly Crisfield, Chair and Leif Hartmark; and Nominating Committee: Tom McPheeters, Chair, and Leah Threatte. Sheila Wrede is our representative to Presbytery, and Leif Hartmark is representative to the FOCUS Executive Council.

## Stewardship & Budget Committee Report

As WPC takes the next steps in looking for the next called pastor, we all want the church's future to be as strong as possible. Finances now and in the future are integral to doing so. As we have shared, there has been a gap between revenue and expenses for years, resulting in a regular draw from the endowment fund to support the operating budget. There was also a large gap between our goal for congregational giving and what we received. In order to maintain the draw on our endowment at the same level as last year, it was determined that we needed to identify savings in the current budget.

The Stewardship and Budget Committee has reviewed and discussed opportunities for savings in the 2019 budget with each committee chair. As a result, we have cut our \$55,000 budget deficit in half. Next steps are to pursue several ideas for fund raising and investment opportunities for 2019.

Other efforts which shape and reduce the 2019 budget include the Communications team taking a first step toward reducing our Messenger mailing list with further plans to eliminate paper and mailing costs. In addition, the Investment Committee has completed their Request for Proposal (RFP) and intend to send it to a selected group of Investment Managers in April. It is hoped that a new investment manager can improve the performance of our investments and help sustain our endowment.

We need to focus on areas with the biggest impact to the congregation and those that will attract and engage new members. Ideas and suggestions from all of us in the Westminster community are most welcome.

## Capital Campaign Update

As our WPC steeple project completed in 2018, the Capital Campaign committee is pursuing the repurposing of the small chapel as the next priority. Our first step was to remove the wooden pews and post a sign on the door saying, "Blank Slate". We have been soliciting ideas for use of this room from our church members, visitors and neighbors, who have come up with some interesting ideas. They include:

- A smaller, less formal meeting space
- A space where groups could get together over coffee or deserts for informal gatherings or discussions on specific topics
- A space where movies and videos can be shown
- A flexible worship space

Our considerations for refining the room include a new laminate floor, paint and curtains and finding a special place for the memorial plaques. We are also researching stackable chairs to ensure flexibility of uses and video systems. These thoughts are still in the planning stage and are intended to promote other uses of this space while maintaining both the appearance of and utilization as a chapel. We anticipate a formal proposal to Session in May.

We continue to welcome and encourage your ideas!

## Planned Giving - Remembering Westminster

Many in our Westminster family are curious about ways to remember the church in addition to our annual pledges. We have benefited greatly from bequests via congregants' wills. Westminster can also be named as a beneficiary on retirement accounts, such as IRAs, and on life insurance policies.

An additional opportunity is available for those who are at least 70 ½. The following information comes from the Presbyterian Foundation: As a result of the passage of the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015, Qualified Charitable Distributions from individual retirement accounts were made permanent. The charitable distribution must meet certain criteria:

- Donor must be 70 ½ at the time the distribution is made
- It must be an otherwise taxable distribution from an IRA other than ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA
- Must be made directly to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions (there may be exclusions),
- Limit is \$100,000 annually, and
- The receiving charity must provide proper substantiation of the gift

This can be a way to satisfy one's Required Minimum Distribution for the year the gift is made, the donation isn't included in adjusted gross income, and it gives donors who use the standard deduction a tax break for the contribution. Direct gifts from IRAs to donor-advised funds do not qualify for treatment as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

As with any other financial decision, your tax and/or financial advisor should be consulted to find out if this works for your situation and to make sure this is done properly. After church on May 26 feel free to stop in at coffee hour for a conversation about this and other planned giving ideas.

## Centennial Year Observance/Hedrick's is Gone; Westminster Lives

The birth of the O'Connell machine in Albany politics and of Westminster Church both took place one hundred years ago. We thought to note the former and celebrate the latter. Actually, Dan O'Connell could have taught the church folk a lesson as he combined an appeal to the working people with a careful attention to also including figures like members of the Corning family - no one would be excluded!

This is one lesson to be explored in two Second Hours, April 28 and May 5 when David McMillan shares his finds from the libraries of the State, the City of Albany and the Institute of History and Art - as well as the records of Second, Third, Fourth, State Street and Westminster Church. Hedrick's Beer may be long gone, but Westminster lives on.

Then, on June 2, we will celebrate Communion on the Centennial of the first communion of the new church. That is also the day of the Church Picnic and your Centennial Committee hopes to bring along a Birthday Cake!

As part of the festivities, we also hope to provide Communion tokens as was done in former times - learn more in May!

In the fall, we plan a potluck lunch or dinner bringing together the many cultures in the congregation as we prepare and eat the food of this diverse people. Along the way, we also hope to take note of the Centennial of the Presbyterian Church in Ghana. Want to help? Contact Sue Barwig, Linore Southworth or Dave McMillan.

## Repairers of the Breach

Here is a big question:

What is "the church?" As the wider culture becomes less traditionally religious, the church — something we share as a congregation

and individually hold dear in our hearts — becomes less understood, or misunderstood, by many. Like it or not, it's a fact.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Many of us learned in our childhoods that "the church" is the people — it is you and me. "Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors, see all the people." This rhyme is a useful reminder that the church isn't a building with a steeple (maybe) and some doors. The church is the people who come through the doors to worship.

As we sit inside this building today, we need to open the doors and see ALL the people outside the doors: people whose homes and even loved ones have been washed away by hurricanes and floods, people trapped in systems of injustice and oppression, and people who will go to bed tonight hungry or without a roof over their heads.

It is through One Great Hour of Sharing that Presbyterians come together to open our doors to become the church with all the people we see.

Let us open our doors, again and again, to share through this offering the love of Christ by ministries of justice, compassion, and joy. Let us open our doors, again and again, to become, not THIS church on THIS corner, but CHRIST'S church in the whole world. Let's open our doors. And let's walk through those doors to share Christ's love.



## Mission in Liberia - *Felicia Kollie-Gambles*



Westminster has continued to support Hope Mission School (HMS) in Liberia for over ten years. Liberia was devastated by sixteen years of civil war and later the Ebola crisis. The country is one of the poorest countries in the world. With an unemployment rate of about eighty percent, most people cannot afford to educate their kids. As a result, most or many kids roam the streets and girls are forced into early marriages.

Westminster support to HMS has been amazing, remarkable, and making a difference in so many lives. It ranged from providing funds to construct concrete classrooms, a six com-

partments latrine with a hand washing station, support for eleven Ebola orphans, to a well for clean drinking water to HMS and Bernard Farm Community.

Financial resources have also been provided for HMS to start sustainable businesses such as bee-keeping and snail farming, large freezer and generator for selling ice and cool drinks and printers to print text books for sale. Westminster has helped ease some of the financial constraints the school faced. The school has been able to start its own agriculture program.



Recently, Westminster hired a nurse to provide first aid health care to students and staff, and also teach the girls about menstrual hygienic practices to keep them in school. Medical supplies, including reusable menstrual pads to be distributed to the girls in the program. The nurse will visit the school twice a month to provide services.

Thanks to all our donors who have been with us through this journey of helping the least among us. Your support and prayers mean a lot to the kids and is highly appreciated. Our commitment to support the Ebola orphans and scholarship students is continuous. Currently, there forty-four students on scholarship. Thanks so much for generosity - God Bless!!!!

***Updates from our Ghana Mission Partners will be shared in the next newsletter.***

## Schuyler Inn Book Distributions: April 24 & June 5

A Schuyler Inn Book Distribution was held on Wednesday, March 13th. Residents are very grateful for our efforts and were very happy with their book selections as well as the \$10 gift cards we are able to give them. Our team of volunteers has scheduled additional distributions for the dates of April 24th and June 5th. After that, we'll take a break for the summer and resume distributions in the fall.

## Westminster Church Picnic: Come Join in the Fun! Sunday, June 2 - Rain or Shine!

The annual picnic will follow worship on Sunday, June 2nd at Tawasentha Park, Guilderland. Directions: From Albany, go west on Western Ave. From the intersection of Western Ave. and the Northway, drive 4.5 miles to Route 146 (headed toward Altamont). Turn left onto Route 146, drive one-half mile and then turn left into Tawasentha Park. Watch for signs for the pavilion.

Please sign-up so we can plan food:

- Online sign-up form on the website: <http://www.wpcalbany.org/upcoming-events>
- Chestnut Street bulletin board or call the Church Office: 518-436-8544

Bring a dish to share if you can - salads, sides or desserts. Most importantly, we want you to come to the picnic! There will be a cake to celebrate the church's Centennial Year.

Also - bring your games and sports equipment!

Volunteers are needed to cook, arrange benches, and help with clean-up. For questions or to volunteer, please contact John Bossung at [johnbossung@verizon.net](mailto:johnbossung@verizon.net)





## New Ways to Participate in FOCUS



**FOCUS**  
CHURCHES OF ALBANY

The FOCUS Churches have identified food security, housing, immigration, and addressing racism for response through advocacy, collective participation by our covenant churches, linking with community partners, and providing direct service. Now FOCUS needs help.

To help with food security, support the pantry and breakfast programs. To help in the other three areas, you are invited to join in exploring one or more of these issues with others who share the interest. The goal will be to identify strategies for addressing them, and help to initiate programs and activities that will heighten awareness within our congregations and potentially lead to some new forms of direct service and advocacy.

If you have background or knowledge in any of these areas of concern, have a passion for addressing them, or simply want to learn more about one of these areas, we invite you to join us in forming a task groups to explore ways in which our FOCUS churches can do more to address these needs.

To express interest or request further information, please contact  
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## Some Notes of Thanks

Let us give thanks for:

- Westminster's Emergency Overflow Homeless Shelter volunteers, who provide hospitality and nutritious meals for the guests each Sunday night, November through April.
- Those who volunteer their time to prepare the newsletter for mailing.
- All those who helped with the African Spring Dinner fundraiser. \$15,779.50 was raised--making it one of the highest totals in a number of years!





## Worship & Second Hours

**Sunday, April 7**

10:00 Worship

"Wrath"

Second Hour: What is Multi-cultural Worship?

**Lent 5**

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

Numbers 22:22-30; Mark 11:15-19

**Sunday, April 14**

10:00 Worship

"Pride"

Second Hour: Who Wrote the New Testament and Why

**Palm Sunday**

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

Genesis 3:1-7, Luke 19:28-40

**Thursday, April 18**

**7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service**

**Friday, April 19**

**7:30 pm Good Friday Service**

**Sunday, April 21**

6:30 am Focus Sunrise Service at West Capitol Park

10:00 Worship

"Resurrection Impacts"

Worship Plus

**Easter Morning Communion Service**

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

John 20:1-18

**Sunday, April 28**

10:00 Worship

Second Hour: The History of Westminster Church - Part I

**Holy Humor Sunday**

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

**Sunday, May 5**

10:00 Worship

"Thriving Communities: Visibility"

Second Hour: The History of Westminster Church - Part 2

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

Acts 19:23-29, Matthew 10:26-27

**Sunday, May 12**

10:00 Worship

"Thriving Communities: Tending to the Weak" Acts 6:1-6, Matthew 25:34-40

**Mother's Day**

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

**Sunday, May 19**

10:00 Worship

Worship Plus

"Thriving Communities: Handling Conflicts" Acts 15:1-3, 6-21, Matthew 20:20-28

Second Hour: Carolyn Smith - Her Holy Land Experience

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

**Sunday, May 26**

10:00 Worship

"Thriving Communities: Suffering"

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

Acts 14:19-23, Matthew 24:9-14

**Sunday, June 2**

10:00 Worship

"Thriving Communities: Networking" Acts 15:23,30-36, Luke 9:1-6

Church Picnic (celebratory cake provided by Centennial Committee)

**Centennial Communion**

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

**Sunday, June 9**

10:00 Worship

"Thriving Communities: Articulating Beliefs" Acts 2:1-14, John 17:14-21

Second Hour: Reception/Tribute to our Children & Youth

**Pentecost Sunday**

Rev. Bill Schram leading worship

## APRIL

### SUNDAY April 7

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Church School  
11:15 am Second Hour  
7:30 pm Siena College Choral Concert

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

9

7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast  
6:30 pm Tai Chi  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

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7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast  
Noon Lenten Study

11

7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast  
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

### SUNDAY April 14 Palm Sunday

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Church School  
11:30 am Second Hour

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

16

7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast  
6:30 pm Tai Chi  
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends  
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

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7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast  
Noon Lenten Study  
6:00 pm Pine Bush Dinner

### 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 am FOCUS Breakfast  
12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Maundy Thursday  
Worship Service

### 19 GOOD FRIDAY

12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Good Friday  
Worship Service  
8:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### EASTER SUNDAY April 21

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
with Worship Plus

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

23

7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express  
6:30 pm Tai Chi

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

25

12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

27

1:00 pm AGO Organ Crawl

### SUNDAY April 28

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Church School  
11:15 am Second Hour

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express  
6:30 pm Tai Chi

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

## MAY

### SUNDAY May 5

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Church School  
11:15 am Second Hour

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

7

7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express  
10:00 am Rural Migrant  
Farmworker Lobby Day  
6:30 pm Tai Chi

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

9

12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

11

1:00 pm Tulip Time Organ Concerts

### SUNDAY May 12 MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Church School

13

12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

14

7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express  
6:30 pm Tai Chi  
7:00 pm Session Meeting

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express  
6:00 pm Pine Bush Dinner

16

12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

18

12 Noon -3:00 pm Sacred Sites  
Open House

### SUNDAY May 19

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
with Worship Plus  
11:15 am Church School  
11:15 am Second Hour  
11:15 am Deacons Meeting  
12 Noon -2:30 pm Sacred Sites  
Open House

3:00 pm Capitol Chamber  
Artists Concert

20

12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

21

7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express  
6:30 pm Tai Chi  
7:00 pm Compassionate Friends  
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

23

12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class  
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

### SUNDAY May 26

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
11:15 am Church School

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express  
6:30 pm Tai Chi

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7:30 am FOCUS Breakfast Express

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

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12:15 pm EBA Seniors Class

## JUNE

### SUNDAY June 2

9:00 am Worship Prep Class  
10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Annual Westminster  
Church Picnic



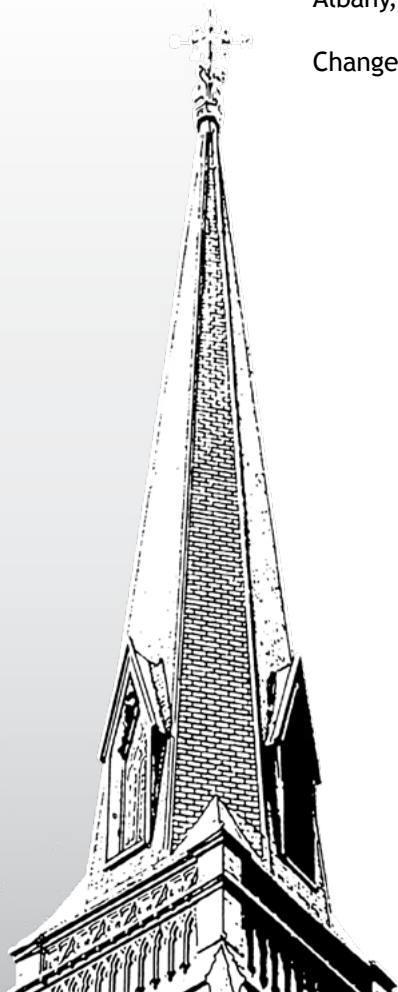


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