WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • BUFFALO

Welcome New Officers!

We are thankful for their willingness to lead, and serve our congregation.

Left to Right: Bob Bojdak, Elder, Mark Hall, Deacon, Phil Stevens, Elder
Doug Fabian, Elder, Steve Jaworski, Deacon, Janet Mascio, Deacon
Inset Photo: Aaron Makin, Deacon

On behalf of all members of Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Nominating Committee welcomes its new officers! At a Congregational meeting held in November, the following Elders and Deacons were elected to serve: in 2020:

To be ordained to the Office of Deacon and installed as members of the Board of Deacons:
Betsy Biggar, Janet Christie, Evan izatt, Steve Jaworski, Mark Hall, Aaron Makin

To be installed on the Board of Deacons: Peter Ahrens, Donald Etulo

To be ordained to the Office of Elder and installed as members of the Session: Doug Fabian, Janet Kifner-Arnett Dennis Penman

To be installed on the Session: Bob Bojdak, Laurel Braun, Peter McNally, Elenora Seib, Phil Stevens

During worship on Sunday, January 12, our new officers will be installed. Please join us and take a few moments to introduce yourself and congratulate them. We are very grateful for the time and talents they provide to the life and ministries of our church.

"WORD MADE FLESH"
A MESSAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear Friends,

January begins with the Gospel of John's cosmic pronouncement "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." The incarnation is a deep and profound mystery but a theological truth that resonates with everything we do: January 5 – start a new year with goals, hopes, dreams; January 12 – ordain and install new elders and deacons at the 10:30 AM service, then install the Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling at 2 PM in the afternoon; January 19 – remember and celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.; January 26 – prepare for our Climate Justice weekend with the Rev. Jim Antal in February.

What resonates is the enlivening, reality-orienting Word/Spirit made flesh finding tangible, particular, unique expression in the various ways we acknowledge that there is a larger life force at work in us and in the universe. There is no way to prove or satisfy the metrics of science that such a life force exists. But the heart can know, can experience, and can verify for itself that a power greater than itself but of which it is made in the image of exists and is at work in this world. We live increasingly in a 'virtual' world. What John's message of incarnation tells us is that there is a much greater world, the real world, the world of the Spirit made flesh that beckons us from our laptops, smart phones, online slumber and lethargy.

Let's wake up in January to the "Word made flesh" in all that we are called to be and do!

See you in worship!

Tom

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty, Pastor

Outgoing Deacon:
Teddie Granville

Outgoing Elders (L_R) Bill Gray, Jack Jacobs, Ellen Kennedy, Fran Holmes and Chris LaMendola

JANUARY
PREACHING SCHEDULE

January 5
Second Sunday of Christmas
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Becoming Human
John 1:1–18

January 12
Baptism of the Lord
The Reverend Katelyn Nutter Dowling
New Deacons and Elders
Installation/Ordination

January 19
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Songs for Our Time: Hope for the Hopeless
Psalm 40:1-11

January 26
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty
Songs for Our Time: When Paralysis Sets In
Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Live Stream Worship Services Each Sunday
Visit us on Facebook: Westminster Presbyterian Church • Buffalo

THE
ANGEL TREE

A huge thank you to those of you who helped by taking Angels and purchasing gifts for this year's Angel Tree, as well as those who so generously gave cash donations. Through your generosity we were able to brighten Christmas morning for hundreds of deserving people. Thank you to the wonderful helpers this season who gave generously of their time; who helped with sign out, and sign in of Angels, purchased gifts and came to sort and pack the gifts. ***A special thank you to Ardrey Manning, whose generosity of time and talent every year, makes this mission project happen.***

WESTMINSTER *Presents*

Bach's Cello Suites
January 24 • 7:30 PM
David Rose, Viola
David Rose has performed internationally as a member of the San Francisco Symphony, Vancouver Symphony, Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, and G27 Chamber Orchestra in Toronto. As a baroque performer, he was a member of the Pacific Baroque orchestra, and has toured and recorded with Toronto's Tafelmusik. He currently serves as head of the string area at SUNY Fredonia, and teaches at the Rocky Ridge Young Artists Seminar in the Colorado Rockies, as well as the Fredonia Summer String Festival.

The Holocaust Remembered in Music and Poetry
January 15 • Noon
Rabbi Alex Lazarus-Klein, Poet
Anna Mundy, Flute
Music and poetry by artists who perished in the Holocaust frame our annual remembrance. Local clergy will offer their reactions and prayers.

Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra
February 9 • 4:00 PM
Lynne Ruda, Conductor
Since 1983, the Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra has afforded young string players from Western New York an opportunity to study repertoire and technique under the guidance of gifted teachers and conductors. The orchestra has performed concerts at dozens of venues around Buffalo, Rochester, and surrounding areas.

The Art of the Spiritual
February 19 at noon
Lorenzo Parnell, Tenor
Lorenzo Parnell, has appeared in opera and musical theater productions throughout Buffalo and Western New York. He will share his favorite spirituals, including modern interpretations and arrangements

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

CASE LIBRARY CONVERSATIONS

Sundays, 9AM in the Case Library.

Every Sunday, Case Library Conversations provides an opportunity to discuss local, national and global issues. With these conversations, we can examine our life-long adventure in faith.

January 5

Climate Topic: Wind Energy and the Climate Crisis

Presenter: Ellen Banks, Conservation Chair, Sierra Club Atlantic Chapter. Learn about some of the myths and fears surrounding wind turbines and the scientific evidence for their safety for human and environmental health.

January 12

Journey to Ghana

Rachael and Wisdom Afealete will share pictures and stories about their recent trip to Ghana.

January 19

The Northern Capitals and Russia

Presenters: Marcia Buhl and David Carstensen. Marcia and David will share pictures and stories from their trip with Clarence Presbyterian Church last summer; destinations included Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg and Moscow. David will compare and contrast the Moscow he visited in 1993 when adopting their Ukranian son, Alexei, with today's modern Moscow.

January 26

Morocco

Presenter: Claude Welch, (retired) SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Political Science

The Kingdom of Morocco is a tourist's delight! It offers visitors many distinctive sights: the arid Sahara contrasts with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains; inhabitants range from urbane, multi-lingual citizens to rural dwellers involved in subsistence farming or herding, and well-preserved Roman ruins contrast with modern cities.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sundays, 9–10:15, in the Heritage Room

Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminster members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith. Discoveries and questions come from topics such as Deep Listening, Gratitude, Attentiveness, Compassion, Sacred Spaces, Grieving, and Joy. Poetry or art are frequently woven into a presentation. We are always interactive and supportive, looking for ways to apply important spiritual concepts to our daily lives. As a Christian congregation, we are also open to learning about other faith traditions and practices that nurture, sustain, and challenge the "inward journey."

January 5

Using Top 5 Regrets of the Dying to Shape your Personal Resolutions/Goals for 2020

Presenter: Allan Hayes

We will discuss how we might design our own resolutions based on the findings of a palliative care nurse who found consistency among her patients when it came to their regrets.

•I wish I had had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.
•I wish I had not worked so much
•I wish I had the courage to express my feelings.
•I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends.
•I wish that I had let myself be happier.

Allan Hayes is now shaping his retirement time based on encounters he has had as an Albright Knox docent, nineteen years with fifth graders, and originally as a high school tutor at the St. Augustine Center. His career was split between advertising, highlighted by a short stint as Microsoft's director of advertising, and followed by teaching math and science while building character education programs.

January 12

If You Had a Lilly Grant, What Would You Do? (Group discussion) In this program, we will consider Tom Yorty's Lilly Grant experiences and, given the same time frame, design our own journey. We will actively explore the opening sentence of our mission: "Spiritual Life creates opportunities for Westminster members and friends to explore and reflect together upon the interior life of faith." If you are interested in what we do, this is a great opportunity to join us and find out!

January 19 and 26

Chris LaMendola will discuss Johnathan Haidt's The Righteous Mind. The discussion will center on how people form their beliefs and why it is so difficult for different sides of an opinion to understand each other's point of view.

Chris and Debby, along with son Nick and daughter Aurora, have been attending WPC for 30 years. Chris and Debby have taught the 3–5-year-old class in Sunday school for most of that time. Chris participates in youth mission trips and activities, is an electrical engineer by day, fancies himself as a hockey player at any age, and is a physics geek in his spare time.

WOW LUNCHTIME BIBLE STUDY

Monday, January 20 • 1-2:30 PM in the Case Library

Women of Westminster cordially invites you to a Brown Bag Lunchtime Bible study on the 3rd Monday each month at 1:00PM in the Case Library. This year we will explore the 2019–2020 Horizons Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.* Each lesson begins with an exploration of one of the Ten Words in its biblical context. From there we consider a moment from Jesus' life that shows us how he lived out that Word. We then consider the Word for our own lives and contexts. We conclude with an invitation to pray with the Word in our circles or study groups and in our personal devotions. Come as your schedule permits. There will be a nominal fee for the book.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Rev. Micah Nutter Dowling,
Director of Youth Ministries

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our Confirmation Class is in conjunction with Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. Confirmation is a "rite of initiation" that welcomes young people that have grown up in the faith (or not) to take the Presbyterian Church as their own set of beliefs and polity. For many students, church has been something they've gone to because of you—their parents. This is a wonderful gift you have given your child: a solid foundation on which to build their own faith. Confirmation is a chance for the student to ask questions, dig deep, and stand in front of our congregation and proclaim the PCUSA to be their church of their own free will and choosing. If your student is in grade 8 or above and has not gone through confirmation, please contact Katelyn at katelynnd@wpcbuffalo.org to sign up and begin the process of finding a mentor!

DIALOGUE DINER • NEW TIME!

We are celebrating a new time for our traditional meal of fellowship on Sundays called "Dialogue Diner." We will now meet AFTER worship two Sundays of the month. Join us for food and fellowship in Parish Hall noon until 1 PM. Students grade 6–12 are welcome. Our first Dialogue Diner of the year will be noon on Sunday, January 26.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

The next Youth Movement will be an Epiphany party, January 5 at 6 PM. We will meet at AMF Lancaster Bowling Lanes, 4913 Transit Road, Depew, NY, 14043. For our Yankee Swap, please bring a wrapped gift that you would enjoy and $10 dollars to bowl. Pick up is 8:30 PM.

MISSION TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

FEBRUARY 14–18
High Schoolers! We need your commitment as soon as possible for our upcoming trip with our sister church, First Presbyterian Tonawanda. To register, email Micah at micahnd@wpcbuffalo.org.

ORDER SUNDAY FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase 2020 Sunday flowers in honor/memory of family or friends, please contact Sue Adams, 883-7597 or email hugwalker1@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Rev. Katelyn Nutter Dowling,
Associate Pastor for Christian Education

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

After a year of studying the entire breadth of the Bible, there are certainly things that we need to go back and study further. On January 19, we will be launching into a year of studying the parables of Jesus—what he likely meant by them, how who we are affects what meaning we ascribe to the parable itself, and more. We will be reading the following books together: *Short Stories* by Jesus: T*he Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine, *One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins* by Emmy Kegler, *Bible through the Lens of Trauma* by Elizabeth Boase and Christopher G. Frechlett, and *The Parables as Subversive Speech: Jesus as Pedagogue of the Oppressed* by William Herzog. Each takes the texts of the parables and turn them upside down, inside out, and more while looking at how class, race, sexual orientation, and more affect the way we read Jesus' parables. Together, we'll read each of those books while looking at our own lens and experience we bring to the table.

REVEREND KATELYN NUTTER DOWLING INSTALLATION

Please mark your dates for this important time in the church as we formally celebrate Rev. Nutter Dowling here with us on January 12. There will be a service at 2 PM and a reception to follow. Watch for more information in the days to come as to how our students can be a part of this special day.

FELLOWSHIP

"MEET & MINGLE"

Our "Meet & Mingle" fellowship opportunity immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship is a wonderful fellowship opportunity! As we continue to join in the Holmes Room to greet members and friends and welcome new faces as we nurture our church community we need our members to be sponsors, shoppers & hosts during the months of November and December. Sign up in the Gallery Room or contact Sawrie Becker at sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org.

BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH

Our nametag ministry is a great success! Thank you for wearing your nametag every Sunday so that we can personally greet and welcome each other as part of our mission and purpose together here at Westminster.

KNITTING GROUP

Our group meets on occasional days throughout the year and works on their individual projects, as well as prayer shawls, scarves, and other handmade items for members of the church. Contact Fran Holmes for information or dates, mfranholmes@verizon.net

PASSAGES: A Program for Older Adults
Tuesday, January 7
Lunch: 12:30 PM in the Case Library Lunch
1:15 PM in the Oak Room
Gender Development
Speaker: Tom Mazur Co-director, Center for Psychosexual Health. Mr. Mazur is an expert in the psycho-social development of children and youth in the areas of sexuality, gender identity, as well as disorders of sexual development. Tom trained at Johns Hopkins and has counseled families and individuals at Womens and Children's Hospital since 1979. He is currently co-director of the Center for Psychosexual Health.

The goal of Tom's presentation is not only to educate us but also answer questions each of us may have regarding such new terms as LGBTQ and more, including pronoun confusion and the new gender linguistics. This should be an especially insightful time together as Tom shares his knowledge and experience.
Marcia Buhl and Mary Jane Hayes have had the privilege of working with him in their earlier lives and are delighted he will present current understanding of these important issues. Please join us January 7 for lunch at 12:30 PM followed by Dr. Mazur's presentation at 1:15 as we welcome in 2020 at our first Passages presentation of the new decade.

We welcome you to join our community of faith at Westminster.

Please join us on Sunday, February 9 for an Inquirer Class!

We welcome you to join our community of faith at Westminster. Westminster is a church that is active in our community and welcomes all God's people. Anyone who would like to learn more about our community and the many ministries we support is invited to attend an Inquirer Class held in the Case Library immediately following our 10:30 AM worship service. During the class, our Pastor, Thomas Yorty, will tell the story of our church as well as the current programs of outreach and mission in the city and region. There will be time for conversation and an opportunity to get answers to any questions you may have. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. At the conclusion of the meeting, those who so desire will be received into the membership of the church. To reserve your spot, contact Sawrie Becker at 884-9437 Ext. 315) or Tom Yorty at 830-8596 tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org anytime about membership at Westminster.

Women of Westminster (WOW) WOMEN'S WINTER RETREAT

Friday, January 24–Sunday, January 26, 2020
Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center, Bemus Point, NY

GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF TIME, SHARE YOUR GIFTS

•Time to connect with yourself, to think, to read. •Time to sit by a fireplace, to journal, knit and chat. •Time to connect with nature, to hike, cross country ski. • Give yourself the time to catch up with old friends or make new ones. •Join our workshops or not. • All activities are optional.

Women's Winter Weekend 2020 Registration Form

Name _____ Date Reservation: _____
(Your 50% reservation and room will be confirmed on a first come/first choice basis)

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact: Name _____ Phone_____

I prefer:
_____ A single room at $175 (if available) _____ A double room with two beds at $130 per person
Roommate _____ Special Needs _____
(Dietary/accessibility needs, etc.)

Reservation deadline January 6. Your reservation and room preference are confirmed with this 50% deposit. Final payment is due January 17. Options for Payment: By Mail: Send check along with the above form payable to Westminster to: Westminster Presbyterian Church ATTN: Winter Retreat 724 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209. You may drop off the form to Jamie, Administrative Assistant at the church. Online at our secure website, wpcbuffalo.org - click "Church Life" at the top menu then scroll down to WOW.

Questions? Email Jamie, jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 1
8:00 PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 2
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
1:00 PM Newsletter Deadline
Friday, January 3
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
Sunday, January 5
9:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
10:30 AM Worship / Communion
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
6:00 PM Youth Movement
Monday, January 6
4:30 PM Membership Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
6:30 PM Year of the Bible-Celebration/ Graduation
Tuesday, January 7
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
12:30 PM Passages Lunch
1:15 PM Passages Program
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:00 PM Worship, Music and Arts
5:30 PM Personnel Mtg.
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
7:00 PM Zen Dharma
Wednesday, January 8
7:15 AM AA Mtg.
8:00 AM Generosity Mtg.
9:00 AM Worship Planning
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
3:45 PM Capital Campaign Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 9
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Retreat
Friday, January 10
7:30 AM Coffee @ WECP
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
6:00 PM Choir Retreat
Saturday, January 11
9:00 AM Choir Retreat
9:00 AM Officer Training
Sunday, January 12
8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30 AM Session Mtg.
10:30 AM Worship/Ordination /Installation
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
11:45 AM Racial Justice Mtg.
12:00 PM Dialogue Diner
12:00 PM Dream Group
2:00 PM Katelyn Installation
Monday, January 13
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
6:30 PM Pundit Club Mtg.
Tuesday, January 14
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:00 PM Church Life Comm.
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
7:00 PM WECP Parent Board Mtg.
Wednesday, January 15
7:15 AM AA Mtg.
9:00 AM Worship Planning
12:00 PM Wed. @ Westminster
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 16
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 17
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
Saturday, January 18
11:00 AM January MeetUp
Sunday, January 19
8:00 AM Infant/Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Deacon Mtg.
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
6:00 PM Youth Movement
Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King Day
1:00 PM WEDI Staff Mtg.
1:00 PM WOW Bible Study
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
Tuesday, January 21
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
3:00 PM Buildings & Grounds
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
4:45 PM Invested Funds
5:30 PM Budget & Finance Mtg.
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
Wednesday, January 22
7:15 AM AA Mtg.
8:00 AM WEDI Board Mtg.
9:00 AM Worship Planning
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
6:00 PM Session Mtg.
8:00 PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 23
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 24
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
5:00 PM WOW Winter Retreat
7:30 PM David Rose Recital
Sunday, January 26
8:00 AM Infant /Toddler Care
8:15 AM Worship/Communion
9:00 AM Case Library Conversations
9:00 AM Heavenly Grounds
9:15 AM Spiritual Life
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
10:40 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Meet & Mingle
12:00 PM Dialogue Diner
12:00 PM Confirmation Lunch
Monday, January 27
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program
Tuesday, January 28
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
9:00 AM Management Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
6:00 PM Zen Dharma
Wednesday, January 29
7:15 AM AA Mtg.
9:00 AM Worship Planning
1:30 PM Staff Mtg.
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
5:30 PM Pathways To Peace
8:00 PM AA Mtg.
Thursday, January 30
7:15 AM Wake Up Group
4:30 PM ENERGY/ FLY Program
6:00 PM Handbells
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
Friday, January 31
12:00 PM Noontime Al-Anon
4:30 PM ENERGY/FLY Program

WESTMINSTER'S ALCOHOL/OTHER DRUG EDUCATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE

This service provides support to assist members and friends with issues and questions related to abuse of alcohol or other drugs. If you or someone you love needs help, call for free and confidential advice. Jen Read (228.7526) and Elizabeth Stewart (585.217.7878), Co-Chairs; Dave Carstensen (884.5403), Jane Morris (571.481.1839), Ellen Smith (431.9284), Phil Stevens (247.3824).

POWER OF GENEROSITY

NOW & EVER GIVING 2020 PRESERVE THE PINNACLE

Pledges received as of 01/08/2020	Number of Pledges Received	Total Pledges Received	**Dollars to Goal**
GIVING 2020	150	$459,330	**$140,670**
PRESERVE THE PINNACLE	142	$3,039,537	**$1,060,463**

The "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" is well underway! Thank you to all who have pledged. If you have yet to pledge, we ask that you please return your signed Giving 2020 pledge card and your Preserve the Pinnacle pledge card at your earliest convenience. There is a basket on the table in the Holmes Room where you can place your completed pledge cards or pick up a pledge packet. For your convenience, you may make a pledge, and a pledge payment to Giving 2020, as well as a gift to Preserve the Pinnacle on our secure site at www.wpcbuffalo.org/giving. Our goal for Giving 2020 is $600,000 and for Preserve the Pinnacle is $4.1 million.

As you prayerfully think about your pledge, please consider increasing your pledge for Giving 2020 by either increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars, or making an overall 5% increase to insure that we successfully accomplish our goal. Please know that whatever you contribute to the "Now & Ever - Giving 2020 • Preserve the Pinnacle Capital Campaign" will be greatly appreciated.

NEW YEAR-NEW OPPORTUNITIES

PLANNED GIVING/ THE 1854 LEGACY CIRCLE

It's a new year and a new opportunity to make a difference! One of the simplest things you can do to make a positive impact on the future is to make a will. Including a gift to the church in your Will can make a lasting difference in our church family and our community. Making a gift or bequest is as simple as including the following statement: I give to Westminster Presbyterian Society ,Inc., Buffalo, New York,_____ percent of my residuary estate OR I give to Westminster Presbyterian Society, Inc., Buffalo, New York, the sum of _____.

Please stop by the information table in the Gallery Room to pick up information about including a bequest to Westminster and other planned giving opportunities. You may also contact Sawrie Becker, Director of Development, 884-9437, ext. 315 Email: sbecker@buffalo.org or Tom Yorty, Pastor at 884-9437, ext. 313, Email: tyorty@wpcbuffalo.org.

VALENTINE'S DAY MEET-UP

SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, February 14, 2020

For Adults:
• Lively Music • Tasty Drinks • Great Food!

For Children:
• Games • Music
• Kid's Food • Surprises!

More information to come!

JANUARY MEETUP AT THE WEST SIDE BAZAAR

Saturday, January 18 • 11 AM • 24 Grant Street, Buffalo

Looking for a post holiday pick-me-up? Let's meet up at the West Side Bazaar! Come browse and find interesting items for sale from around the world and stay for lunch.
Bring friends who may have never experienced the Bazaar. We'll have a tour and hear of the exciting expansion planned for the Bazaar. Sign up in the Gallery Room.

Contact Carol Greetham at
carolgreetham@gmail.com if you have any questions.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Westminster is a vibrant faith community because of the time and commitment our members dedicate. We are thankful for our volunteers, and encourage everyone to consider participating in our church life by volunteering your time and talent. *Contact Sawrie Becker, sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org, 884.9437, ext. 315.*

WECP Coffee & Donuts: 2 hours a month. Greet WECP Parents with coffee, a donut, and a smile on the second Thursday or Friday of each month at the school.

Business Office: We are currently seeking volunteers to cover the reception desk for 1 or 2 half days this fall season. We need friendly people that are willing to cover one or multiple 3-4 hour shifts.Please contact Jamie at jadamczyk@wpcbuffalo.org or 884-9437, ext. 326 or for more information.

MEET & MINGLE • WE NEED YOU!

Thank you to all who have hosted and/or sponsored our "Meet & Mingle" fellowship opportunity immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The success of this valuable fellowship time depends on the generosity (and creativity) of our members. Please continue to support this effort by volunteering to Sponsor and/or Hosts an upcoming Meet & Mingle in January, February or March. Sign up in the Gallery Room or please contact Sawrie Becker at sbecker@wpcbuffalo.org

Thank you to Meet & Mingle hosts, Claude Welch and Julie Fennie

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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To email a staff person use the person's first initial and last name @wpcbuffalo.org. In the event of an emergency, Rev. Yorty can be reached at 830-8596 Staff members' phone extensions are listed below for your convenience.

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Elders

Robert Bojdak, Clerk of Session

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
Cameron Airhart	Melissa Balbach	Bob Bojdak
Leslie Deich	Zandy Barrett	Laurel Braun
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We want to thank everyone for the angel gifts this year, for both ENERGY and FLY. Our students absolutely loved their sweatshirts. Over the break, ENERGY students were able to go on a trip to Explore and More Children's Museum free of charge, courtesy of the museum. We would like to thank Empire State College for a rather large donation of food items, clothing, and toys to be donated to our families or included in the ENERGY Store. Additionally, a huge thank you to all of our volunteers for supporting our students and the program. We are still looking for more volunteers, specifically on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for both of our programs, for more information, please contact Donna Glasgow at dglasgow@wedibuffalo.org.

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