

Westminster Presbyterian Church – November, 2018 Newsletter

What you need to know about what's happening in November. We want to be sure these important dates and events are on your calendars! All are invited to join us!



² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 1:2-3

Last Sunday, our family of four worshipped at Village Presbyterian in Prairie Village, Kansas. The sermon focused on the verse above and how First Thessalonians was the first book most likely written by Paul to the early church. It was the first message that the church received, in that message there are three important phrases.

They include:

- * *work of faith,*
- * *labor of love,*
- **and steadfastness of hope.*

The preacher didn't ask this question, (he went in a different direction), but the question that surfaced in my mind as I read the text over and over was this: How meaningful our days could be if we asked this question each morning... Am I willing to work at my faith, labor at loving others, and be a steadfast person of hope?

What a great mission statement for us as disciples of Christ!

I hope in this important month of especially being grateful, you will focus on this question in your life. Remember that this life of faith isn't always so complicated, but it does take effort.

I hope you will be prayerful towards our 2019 budget as well as our Elders review the pledges and budget needs. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please contact Becky Dietz as soon as possible. It is so helpful when every member pledges.

This month of November will bring the completion of our stained glass windows when the creation window is finished. Special thanks to our Seeking New Paths committee which has continued to carry out the mission. The social hall will be the next project. If you have not yet given towards these projects, please be a part of enhancing our beautiful spaces for ministry.

Lastly, I look forward to worshipping with you at our inner faith Thanksgiving serving on Sunday, November 18 at 4 pm at our next door neighbors, Kimball Avenue United Methodist Church.

With Thanks and Hope,
Pastor Tricia

New Member Class

If you are interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, we invite you to this class being held on Sunday, November 11 beginning at 4:00 pm.

Contact the office or Pastor Dan with questions or to sign up.

Adult Education Sunday School

Pastor Dan will continue his Bible Class following Sunday's Lectionary in **Room 216**.

We will conclude our series on the three kinds of prayer with the following class by Juli Rowell in the Chapel.

Nov. 4 - The Welcoming Prayer is a method of consenting to God's presence and action in our physical and emotional reactions to events in our daily lives. As in all contemplative practices the purpose is to deepen our relationship with God. The fruit of the practice is a dismantling of the emotional programs of the false self system and the healing of our woundedness. We are thus able to respond rather than react to what life brings us. The Welcoming Prayer utilizes both interior and exterior factors in the process of our transformation in Christ.



A Thin Place

In July of 2018, Pastor Tricia had the opportunity to visit an island off the western coast of Scotland, Iona. Iona has much history which leads it to be called a thin place. This doesn't refer to the diet experienced there, but rather the deep spirituality that is experienced there.

George Macleod, founder of the Iona Community, wrote that Iona is "a thin place where only tissue paper separates the material from the spiritual."

In three Sunday School sessions (November 11, 18 and 25) we will explore what makes Iona so unique and helpful towards our spiritual growth

Location - Chapel



November Music Schedule

November 4: 9am: Messengers & Chancel Choir 11:15am LightShine & Praise Team

November 11: 9am: Chancel Choir 11:15am Church Mice & Praise Team

November 18: 9am: Meisteringers 11:15: Praise Team

November 25: 9am: Special Music 11:15: Praise Team

Save the Dates!

December is a month full of wonderful music at Westminster! Bells will ring and carolers will sing; with musical events each weekend, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

On Sunday, December 2 at 6pm Cocoa & Carols will kick off the celebrations- the concert will be followed by a time of fellowship with cookies & cocoa. This year's Cocoa & Carols is sure to make your heart grow three sizes!

Saturday, December 8 at 3pm we will have our **Promise Academy of Music recital** featuring our students on piano, ukulele, trumpet, trombone, flute and guitar! Everyone is invited to this recital to see the amazing work that's happening not only inside our building but in our community.

Sunday, December 9 our 9am worship service will include the **Meisteringer's Bell Festival** filling the sanctuary with the beautiful ringing of bells from prelude to postlude and everything in between!

Sunday, December 16 our **Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata "Little Lion, Little Lamb"** will be presented in parts with the orchestra during the 9am worship service and in whole with the orchestra, lights, and running narration at 6:30pm. Heather Sorenson's "Little Lion, Little Lamb" recites the beautiful narrative of Christ as both our Warrior lion from the clans of Judah, but also as the lamb who was slain to take away our sin.



Patrick Marchant



Fusion Progressive Dinner

On Saturday, November 17, the Fusion group will be having a progressive dinner. We'll start at the church at 5pm, where child care will be provided, and then head to the first house. After 3 or 4 stops of eating one course at a time, we will return to the church by 9pm for pick up. Please RSVP to Pastor Dan if you are interested in this event. dan@wpcw.org

Feed My Starving Children Update

The meals from our event have shipped! Here are the details of the shipments:

- **288 boxes (62,208 meals) were shipped to Honduras through our partner Food For the Poor.**
- **540 boxes (116,640 meals) shipped to the Dominican Republic through our partner Cross International.**

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 44,140.73	\$ 41,195.85	\$ 557,719.67	\$ 559,393.31	\$ 806,700.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,637.76	\$ 4,916.61	\$ 25,879.51	\$ 30,278.37	\$ 42,150.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 3,447.79	\$ 3,873.11	\$ 80,855.31	\$ 58,427.52	\$ 100,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 2,068.86	\$ 1,060.87	\$ 13,524.70	\$ 13,937.98	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 41,057.83	\$ 43,146.07	\$ 394,364.58	\$ 369,256.47	\$ 541,110.00
MISSION	\$ 1,759.57	\$ 6,886.10	\$ 50,419.30	\$ 54,017.09	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 1,691.67	\$ 997.67	\$ 8,158.20	\$ 8,371.05	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 190.96	\$ 33.17	\$ 443.64	\$ 222.82	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 269.67	\$ 854.53	\$ 2,667.95	\$ 2,612.97	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ -	\$ 91.35	\$ 2,008.57	\$ 2,672.22	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ -	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 16,071.68	\$ 17,144.19	\$ 24,110.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 53,124.11	\$ 63,764.39	\$ 594,393.44	\$ 556,940.68	\$ 840,670.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (8,983.38)	\$ (22,568.54)	\$ (36,673.77)	\$ 2,452.63	

Wes Pres Kids

November 11 is Bible Presentation Sunday

Our 3-year olds, 3rd graders, and any children who are new to our church will be presented with age appropriate Bibles. A letter will be sent out to notify families of the details for this special event. Please let Alisa know if you will be attending and which service you will be going to.

November 21 NO Discovery Night due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

December 2 we are having an **Advent Festival** from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Social Hall. This Festival is for ALL church members. A complimentary meal will be served, and there will be holiday crafts to make. This event takes place before Cocoa and Carols so that those adults and children who have music practices may come and go from the Festival during their free time. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

Alisa Engelhardt



Wes Pres Youth

Wes Pres is underway a new series called "Unsubscribe". While Jr. & Sr. High school is super hard, we are challenging ourselves to dive into the world's idea of what makes us a worthy person, and battle lies and insecurity with the Gospel's truth and healing. With prayer, community, and fellowship, Wes Pres Youth is learning to challenge the world and reveal their true identities. Check out our social media platforms for a more in-depth look into what Wes Pres is up to!

College/Military Care Packages – If you have a college student or a loved one in the military, we would love to send them a care package! Please email their name and complete address to dee@wpcw.org no later than Sunday, November 25. To help with this project, if you have any empty, sturdy shoe boxes just laying around, we would love it if you would drop them off to Erica or the church office!

Erica Fernandez

Responding to Mental Health Needs

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies Presbyterian Church (USA) is offering an event for church staff, deacons and members about addressing mental health in our congregation and community. If interested, please click [HERE](#) for the poster and more information.

The next meeting is Saturday, November 10 at First Presbyterian Church in Jesup. 9:30 - 3:30, cost is \$10 per person. Email Jeannie Stolee at northiowapresby@gmail.com to register.

Congratulations to Barb Ogden, who just received the Lifetime Achievement Award in the Who's Who in American Women in Nursing and Counseling. This includes her work musically and in teaching the elderly, counseling and teaching the dying and the grieving, and working with the Iowa Dept. of Health in writing the Compulsory Immunization Law for Iowa's school children.

Please go to our website at www.wpcw.org to view the full church calendar.