

Westminster Messenger, December 2018

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



"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night"

Luke 2:8

All is Calm, All is Bright

The most famous hymn of Christmas turns 200 this year. *Silent Night, Holy Night* was written by Pastor Josef Mohr in Austria in 1818. As Mohr looked out over the quiet village of Oberndorf on December 23 he remembered the poem he had written and he thought the words could be made into a carol for the congregation to sing on Christmas Eve. So he took the words to the church organist Franz Gruber to put to music. Sadly, the organ was not working that Christmas so Gruber used his guitar to create this amazing song. Imagine how many times this

song has been sung around the world for these last 200 years.

I suspect every year since 1905 Westminster has sung this song as we raise our candle on the last verse realizing that we're blessed to celebrate another Christmas together. 113 years of Worshiping together and celebrating the King of Glory, the Prince of Peace. Where in your life are you experiencing Calm? Where is your life Bright?

Take this beautiful season of Advent and Christmas to reflect on how God has been changing you and take time to ponder what is next for your journey of faith. What is the future of our church on Kimball Avenue? As you review all that is planned for this special month, keep calm and remember those shepherds who first saw the bright star that led them to the babe in the manger. This is a wonderful season to invite friends, co-workers, neighbors to come and worship in this beautiful time.

On behalf of our staff, I wish you a most hopeful and joy filled Christmas.
Pastor Tricia

Sun. Dec. 2 *All is Calm, All is Bright: Keep Watch*
(At 9:00 am and 11:15 am)
4:00 pm Advent Festival
6:00 pm Cocoa & Carols

Sun. Dec. 9 *All is Calm, All is Bright: Courageous Community*
(At 9:00 am and 11:15 am)
9:00 am Bell Festival

Sun. Dec. 16 *All is Calm, All is Bright: New Things*
(At 9:00 am and 11:15 am)
9:00 am Worship Cantata presented in parts with orchestra
Live Nativity before and after evening Cantata
6:30 pm Cantata presented with orchestra, lights, and running narration

Sun. Dec. 23 *All is Calm, All is Bright: God is With Us*
(At 9:00 am and 11:15 am)

Mon. Dec. 24 *All is Calm, All is Bright: First Look*
5:00 pm Children's Musical w/Candlelight
7:00 pm Chancel Choir w/Candlelight
11:00 pm Communion w/Candlelight

Tue. Dec. 25 Free Christmas Day Meal at 12:00 pm

Sun. Dec. 30 Taizé service of Reflection and Hope
10:00 am only

Staff Changes

2018 has brought some difficult good-byes with the retirement of Sally Boger and Scott Cose, and we are so thankful for Dee Jordan and Erica Fernandez who have quickly become an important part of our staff. Now as we end the year, our Director of Children's Ministries, Alisa Engelhardt, has resigned to take a new job at Friendship Village. We're excited for Alisa and very thankful for her years of service to our congregation. Alisa has also been a tremendous help with custodial needs as has her husband Matt. With Alisa's resignation we have welcomed Ben Maurer as our full time custodian who will be assisted by Larry Nobsch when he returns from medical leave. Our Personnel Committee and Christian Education Committee will work together with our pastors to ensure that our children's ministry at Westminster will continue to be strong.



Service Learning Experience on the Northern Coast of Honduras—July 2019

July 9-16, 2019 we will have the opportunity to engage in community development at the Proyecto Alcance Orphanage and School in La Masica, Honduras. In 2014, ten members from Westminster met the children and staff at the orphanage and we've been praying for the right time to return. Our lives were changed as we had the opportunity to meet the community and engage in mission together. Our focus will be teacher training, Vacation Bible School and construction. For more



information regarding the orphanage the website is www.reachoutorphange.com.

Cost:
\$1,300-\$1,500.00 per person depending on flight costs. Scholarships are available and payment plans are also an option. (Cost includes transportation, lodging in Kansas City and Honduras, food and insurance). If interested please give your deposit of \$100.00 per person to Pastor Tricia by Sunday, January 6. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Tricia at 234-5501.

ADULT EDUCATION



Adult Education Sunday School The Messiah

Written by world-renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann, this four-session adult study takes a critical look at the four royal titles used in Isaiah 9:2-7: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Adults will be challenged to learn how the people understood those titles during Jesus' time and discuss how Jesus did or did not fulfill the titles. They will also reflect on how Christians interpret Jesus as representing that title.

This will be in the Chapel and taught by John Butler, Harrison Cass, and Charlie Lott

December Music Schedule

Dec 2- 9am: Barb Ogden,
Bonnie Smith-Davis, & Chancel Choir
11:15am: Worship Team

Dec 9- 9am: Bell Festival
11:15: Mice & Worship Team

Dec. 16- 9am: Christmas Cantata
11:15: LightShine & Worship Team

Dec. 23- 9am: Chancel Choir
11:15: Worship Team

Dec. 30- Taize Worship at 10am





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

LIVE NATIVITY



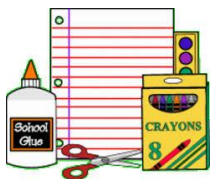
ON DECEMBER 16TH AT 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
AND OPEN AGAIN AFTER OUR CANTATA CONCERT

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
COOKIES AND COCOA

LIVE ANIMALS AND A
NATIVITY PHOTO BOOTH

G-Love Tree

The tree will be up December 2 - 16 to accept your gifts of new hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. You can donate items for children and adults as they will be given to a variety of organizations.



Reach Out Orphanage

We will be accepting donations of \$10 per child to buy school supplies for the Reach Out Orphanage in Honduras on December 9 and 16.

Wes Pres Kids

Advent Festival - Join us this Sunday from 4-6 pm. This event is open to ALL who attend Westminster. A complimentary meal will be available, as well as Holiday Crafts for everybody to make. The adults and children who are participating in Cocoa & Carols, which begins at 6 pm, may come and go from the Festival as needed, in order to be at their rehearsals. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Welcome Center.



Wes Pres Youth

Wes Pres Youth has had a wonderful beginning to our year celebrating friendship, community, and of our Jesus! We've learned about our identity, leaving worldly desires behind, and are getting into our third series! For this advent season, Wes Pres Youth is beginning a new series called, "Be the Light".

We will be studying what it means to be a leader for Christ, a follower of Jesus, and a disciple for the Kingdom. Follow us on social media for a deeper look into how Wes Pres Youth is learning how to "Be the Light".

Erica Fernandez

38th Annual Christmas Day Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner is fast approaching and we hope that you will plan to join us for this holiday celebration. This is a great opportunity for many volunteers! Please consider being a part of this wonderful day! Click [HERE](#) to view or print the information with all the volunteer opportunities and sign up form.

Clarification, going forward, if you would like to order a pie for the Christmas Day meal from the Village Inn, please order at Westminster with a check (payable to Westminster - write PIE in the MEMO line) attached to the form, cash or through our Kiosk in the Welcome Center. Cost is \$10 per pie. We will be placing the order with Village Inn on December 16. You also could use this link to order online. <https://wpcw.org/product/pumpkin-pie-for-christmas-dinner/>



Welcome New Members

Please be sure to extend a big WELCOME to the following people who joined Westminster on Sunday, November 18.



Marlys Becker
1127 Liberty Ave
Waterloo, IA 50702
319-233-1252

Marlys is retired.

Brenda Buseman
2962 Gram Ct.
Waterloo, IA 50701
319-291-6635
319-939-7435 cell

Brenda is a self-employed Piano Teacher. She is married to Daniel and they have 2 grown children.





Todd & Stacey Coulter

4605 Eden Way
 Cedar Falls, IA 50613
 215-2466

Todd is a School Administrator at the Boys Training School in Eldora and Stacey is a Kindergarten teacher at Lincoln Elementary. Together they have 4 children Broden age 19, Avery age 17, Brielle age 13 and Baylor, age 4.

Jeff and Kelly Morgan

133 Hillside Avenue
 Waterloo, IA 50701
 319-229-7030 Home
 515-771-6810 Jeff
 319-505-0456 Kelly

Jeff is an Associate Professor at UNI. Jeff and Kelly have 2 children, Phoebe who is in 3rd grade and Delia who is in 1st grade.



Joseph and Miria Schuster

1127 Leavitt St.
 Waterloo, IA 50702
 319-504-0996 Joseph
 507-450-6058 Miria

Joseph is a construction worker for Failor Hurley Construction and Miria is a Paramedic for the Waverly Health Center. They have 2 children, Charlotte age 3 and Isabel 3 months.

From the Finance Department

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	OCTOBER	OCTOBER	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 42,231.11	\$ 62,073.53	\$ 599,950.78	\$ 621,466.84	\$ 806,700.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,969.26	\$ 3,542.84	\$ 28,848.77	\$ 33,821.21	\$ 42,150.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 6,294.11	\$ 7,162.46	\$ 87,149.42	\$ 65,589.98	\$ 100,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,348.49	\$ 697.53	\$ 14,873.19	\$ 14,635.51	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 41,150.12	\$ 42,804.82	\$ 435,514.70	\$ 412,061.29	\$ 541,110.00
MISSION	\$ 12,494.15	\$ 2,919.64	\$ 62,913.45	\$ 56,936.73	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 876.07	\$ 1,947.39	\$ 9,034.27	\$ 10,318.44	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 464.19	\$ 68.46	\$ 907.83	\$ 291.28	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 207.85	\$ 538.64	\$ 2,875.80	\$ 3,151.61	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,058.57	\$ 2,712.22	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 4,017.92	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 20,089.60	\$ 19,049.10	\$ 24,110.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 69,872.16	\$ 61,626.69	\$ 664,265.60	\$ 618,567.37	\$ 840,670.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (27,641.05)	\$ 446.84	\$ (64,314.82)	\$ 2,899.47	
MONTHLY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:					

Friendship Club

You are invited to attend on Thursday, December 6 at 6pm. The program is on Endowment, presented by Elizabeth Hackbarth. This is a potluck so bring a dish to share!!

Thank you

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported and prayed for our family throughout Jo's (mom's) treatment and her passing. She will be greatly missed. God bless you all! Love, Stewart Grapp, Josh Grapp & Abbi Rust, Sarah & Nick Hellman & Family.

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



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