

April Westminster Messenger

April is FINALLY here! Warmer temps, sunshine, flowers blooming how can it get any better? Just look at all that's going on at Westminster this month!



⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."
Matthew 28:5-7

April brings us the most amazing season of Easter!! A wonderful celebration of Christ's victory over death. I pray you will come and experience all of the special services of Holy Week. I assure you it makes your Easter morning so much more impactful when you have heard the story and considered the humiliating death of Jesus. Easter will be so much more personal for you and affect you in deep and meaningful ways. So Come and See the beauty of Worship and then Go and Tell others how much more abundant this life can be with Christ. You will receive a special card in the mail with the Holy Week schedule; please pass that card on to others in your life who need to hear this great good news.

April will also bring confirmation on April 28. Our 8th graders have the opportunity to come and meet our Elders at our Session Worship gatherings throughout the year. We gain much from this time with them and I know you will be blessed as you experience Worship with them. We will have a special time of celebration in between services as well.

Always with Hope,
Pastor Tricia

Holy Week

*Palm Sunday - April 14 services at 9:00 am and 11:15
Maundy Thursday - April 18 service at 7:00 pm
Good Friday - April 19 service at 7:00 pm
Easter Joy Celebration - April 20 from 9:30 - 11:00
Easter - April 21 services at 6:15 am, 9:00 and 11:15*

Taizé Services

Taizé services will continue April 4 and 11 at 7 pm in our beautiful chapel. A Taizé service is a time of Worship with repetitive choruses, prayers and scriptures to ensure we have a focused time of reflection.





Easter Lilies

We will have live Easter lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory or honor of someone, we would greatly appreciate your participation. The lilies will only be used in the front of the sanctuary and/or the Shared Life Center and the flowers will have the stamens removed to avoid

allergy issues.

After the 9:00 service is over, you are welcome to take your lily home and any remaining lilies will be placed in the Shared Life Center for the second service. Lilies can also be picked up after the second service. Any not taken will be shared with those in need of encouragement. The cost of the lilies will be **\$11.00 each**, and **payment should be made when your order is placed**. **You can do this at the Kiosk in the Welcome Center.**

Please **place your order by Sun., April 14** to dee@wpcw.org or **234-5501** and let her know the following information:

1. Name of person or group to be remembered or honored
2. Whether you will take it with you after the service or if you want it delivered to a person in need of encouragement.

Easter Joy Celebration

On the Saturday before Easter (April 20), come to the church for breakfast, games, crafts, photos with the Easter bunny, a walk through the Bible Adventure, and, of course, an Easter Egg hunt!!!! This event is from 9:30 am - 11:00. Sign up in the Welcome Center.



Prayer Vigil

We are excited to welcome you to join us for the Westminster Prayer Vigil this Lenten season on April 13. Our praying times are in ½ hour slots from 8:00 to 4:00. You may either sign up at the church or pray at home as you choose. A large beautiful signup poster (thank you Jodi!) is located in the Welcome Center. Slots will fill up! Deacons will be available to assist you

as you need on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Please participate wherever you are, whenever you can. The newsletter has many different ideas for ministries and individuals that may be in need of prayer in addition to personal and community needs of the heart. Prayer request sheets will be in the bulletin on Sunday for the vigil along with some at marked baskets by the Sanctuary and Shared Life Center where prayer request cards are normally located.

A vigil guide will be provided to all pray-ers on April 13 when you check in at the door. Individuals may choose to pray alone or as a family or with a friend. You can choose to pray in the Chapel or sanctuary, walk the labyrinth or do a prayer walk through the ministry areas of the church.) Three slots are available for each half-hour time period. More can sign up if needed per time.

We will have the Coffee House open for beverages and cookies or other snacks for pray-ers.

Pray-ers at home choose their own time but can sign up on the "pray at home" sheet on the poster. We look forward to participation of our entire prayer community!

Church Picture Directory

SMILE! A new picture directory is underway.

We will have opportunities in April for you to have your photo taken here at the church, however, if you would like to submit your own recent digital picture, please do so to jodi@wpcw.org. ***Along with your picture, list the names of those in the photo and all contact information you would desire to have published.***



Options to have your picture taken at church are:

(Sign up in the Welcome Center)

Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm
in the Adult Library: April 10 and 17

Sunday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:15 am
in the Adult Library: April 14 and 21



Adult Sunday School

Erin Madin and Dema Kazkaz will finish their series on Perspectives from Women of Other Faiths (March 31 and April 7).

On April 14 we will have our own Karen Siler talk about her work in the Cedar Valley. What is human trafficking, what is it? How would I know? And, Is it here in Iowa? We will discuss the definition of labor and sex trafficking, best ways to respond and support survivors of this crime.

Adult Journey Opportunity

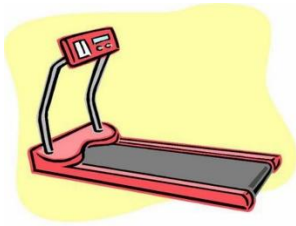
We are offering a summer Journey experience, an in depth study over 15 weeks. The Journey curriculum invites you to walk through the process that will deepen your faith and refresh your spiritual life. It explores the biggest questions of faith: Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me? Together we will discuss: "In the midst of all of life's activity, do you ever feel like you are just skimming the surface? Do you wonder if there is more to this life with Christ? Have you have been called to something greater?" Come join me for the Journey.



The class size is limited to 8 so save your spot by calling the church office. If you have questions concerning the class, please call either Pastor Tricia or Troyce Vich at 319-240-8605. This class will be offered on Wednesday evenings, May 8-August 28, 6:00-7:30.

Facilitator: Troyce Vich

Cost: \$150 which includes all workbooks and secondary books. Scholarships are available from our CE committee.



Wellness Room

Westminster would like to turn one of its classrooms into a Wellness Room available for any to use. If you have some exercise equipment that is in good condition please contact the office to talk about donating it. jodi@wpcw.org or 234.5501.

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If you are a member of Westminster and are 19-49 years old, you are invited to come to a gathering of 50 members under 50 years old. We'll take some time to get to know each other but also imagine the future of WPCW. Catered hors d'oeuvres and beverages served. RSVP to dan@wpcw.org

April 14, 4:00-6pm. Childcare is provided.

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Habitat for Humanity Builds

Saturday, April 27 – Blitz Build in Marshalltown. Talk to Pastor Dan about Volunteering. 8:30-3:30

Saturday, May 4 – Women's Build in Waterloo. Talk to Lori Johnson about Volunteering. 8:30-3:30

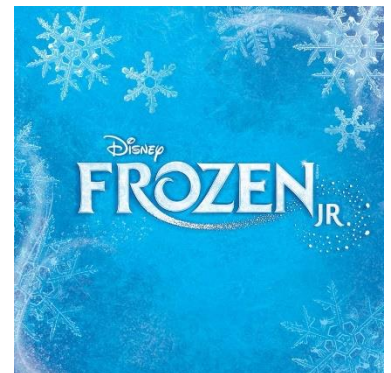
Summer Special Music

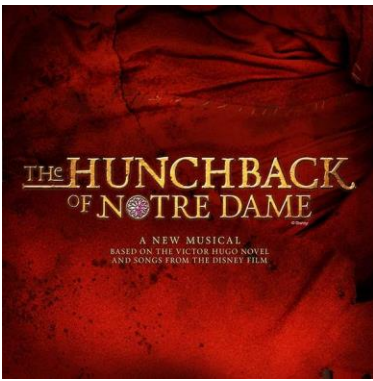
Would you like to share your musical talents in worship at the 9 am service this summer? We are looking for individuals to share their gifts for offering and scriptural introits during the summer months when we do not have regularly scheduled ensembles in worship. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Patrick Marchant at patrick@wpcw.org

Summer Music Camp 2019

Join us July 15-19 as we journey together in a week long, full-day music camp for ages 6-18 culminating in a production of Disney's Frozen JR. Let your child be a star in one of the country's favorite musicals! New to Broadway, and just released for JR. productions, we are so excited to bring Disney's Frozen JR. to the Cedar Valley! For more information and to register visit promisemusic.org or contact Patrick Marchant.

Disney's Frozen JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 mtishows.com





Save the Date- The Hunchback of Notre Dame

Save the date! Our next big musical adventure is coming October 17-20, 2019: Westminster Presbyterian Church Presents: The Hunchback of Notre Dame, The Musical! This community theatre event will be open to all performers in the Cedar Valley and beyond, auditions will be August 11 & 12, 2019. Stay tuned for more details to come at promisemusic.org

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April Music Schedule

April 7: 9:00 am Chancel Choir

April 14: Palm Sunday - 9:00 am Worship with Mice, Messengers, LightShine, & Chancel Choir 11:15 am Worship with Mice, Messengers, & Worship Team

April 18: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm - Worship with Worship Team

April 19: Good Friday, 7:00 pm - Worship with Chancel Choir

April 21: Easter Sunday - 6:15 am Outdoor Worship, 9:00 am Worship with Chancel Choir, Brass & String Quartets, 11:15 am Worship with Worship Team

April 28: 9:00 am Worship with Meisteringers

Wes Pres Youth

We are at the end of our 2018-19 school year and finishing out with an awesome last series! "Seasons" is a series about teaching students why we share our testimonies or stories - to show that everyone is valued, was made for a reason, and that God is still working on them! We're getting stoked for this final series, sending our kids off to a stellar summer. Keep up with our social media for more info and updates!



Our Wes Pres Youth will be hosting a mothers day breakfast at Westminster on May 12. Bring the woman of your life or the woman who made your life possible to our pancake breakfast to support these wonderful women and our summer youth trips! Our pancake breakfast will open their doors at 8:30 am before our LightShine Musical! Make sure to join us on May 12, it will be a day you don't want to miss!

Wes Pres has some fundraising opportunities that provide a wonderful way for your kids to take charge of THEIR trip! One of the greatest ways we can prepare for upcoming trips is by being a part of making it possible! We will be having a mission trip t-shirt sale where our students will be responsible for selling a goal of (at minimum) FIVE t-shirts! If you're interested in supporting our youth, buy a t-shirt from them this coming MAY to help make our trip possible! This will be a wonderful way to represent our church, spread the news of where we'll be serving, and raising money for the people we are traveling to serve!





We will also be having a Wes Pres Youth car wash fundraiser!! On Sunday, June 2 we'll be hosting a car wash in Westminster's back parking lot. There will be more information coming as we get closer to this date but please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**, we will need all of the help we can get! All of our proceeds will go toward our Sr. High Mission Trip and Great Escape participants. We would love for all of our students to help out with this amazing opportunity and for all of our members to get their car squeaky clean before their week ahead!

Discovery Night End of Year Party

April 24 - 5 - 7:15 pm

Make sure to be there for the last Wednesday of Discovery Night!!!

3 yr. – 5th grade will have a grill out, relay games, activities, inflatables (and a special guest or two). I know, **EXCITING!!**



Save the Date for our Pen Pal luncheon with Kingsley

If you are a Pen Pal with a Kingsley 4th grader this year, we will meet them and enjoy lunch together on Thursday, May 30 at noon. Stay tuned to sign up, but wanted you to get this lunch on your calendars!

From the Finance Committee

	BUDGET SUMMARY				
	FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 55,976.04	\$ 94,752.92	\$ 138,458.67	\$ 202,731.23	\$ 784,669.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,755.82	\$ 2,026.35	\$ 6,923.27	\$ 5,438.31	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 12,864.69	\$ 16,675.06	\$ 21,089.64	\$ 28,002.91	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 637.25	\$ 2,196.76	\$ 1,049.85	\$ 2,257.75	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 42,882.53	\$ 44,092.12	\$ 83,384.40	\$ 88,452.04	\$ 514,515.00
MISSION	\$ 4,486.48	\$ 5,428.10	\$ 9,657.95	\$ 12,006.46	\$ 68,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 1,026.11	\$ 1,345.20	\$ 1,111.10	\$ 1,806.63	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP		\$ -		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ (51.93)	\$ 370.97	\$ 50.00	\$ 414.20	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 50.00	\$ 345.71	\$ 50.00	\$ 546.05	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 3,267.36	\$ 4,017.92	\$ 19,604.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 66,284.63	\$ 74,489.23	\$ 126,587.72	\$ 142,942.27	
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (10,308.59)	\$ 20,263.69	\$ 11,870.95	\$ 59,788.96	

Friendship Club - Thursday, April 4

This group meets at 6:00 pm. This is a potluck so bring a dish to share. After dinner we will attend the Lenten Taize service at 7:00.

Presbyterian Women

The board will meet April 3 at 10 am at Friendship Village. Circles will meet on April 17 at 10 am at the church. We'll be studying lesson 7 in "Cloud of Witnesses" book. Hope to see you there.

Women's Bible Study

This group which meets from 9 - 10 a.m. each Monday, will resume on April 15. We'll begin our study of John, the gospel that most influenced the Christian faith and our understanding of God. This is a great time to join this caring and congenial group of women as we deepen our faith and understanding of the Bible. The class, which meets in Room 216 is taught by Rev. Cathy Young. Class participants do not need to be members of Westminster.

March Session Minutes

To review the minutes from our last Session meeting, click [HERE](#)



New Member Class

If you are interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, we invite you to this class being held on Sunday, May 5 beginning at 4:00 pm.

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

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for this great week of learning and fun!

VBS will be June 17-21!

