

Westminster Messenger January 2020

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us^[a] and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2



2020!! Can you believe it? A new year, a new decade!!

French philosopher Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote the famous quote, "The more things change, the more things stay the same." I always struggle with this thought especially at the turn of a new year. There are so many parts of life that I know need to change, and yet one of the great comforts of knowing Christ is that Christ never changes. So, as I have struggled with those parts of life that need to change or grow, I take great delight in the truth that Christ's love is always constant and does not change. It is life giving, brings peace and courage.

So I encourage you to bring forth to God those parts of your life that need to change and listen closely to the sermons preached as we dive into the gospel of Mark. We'll see up close and personal Jesus at work. He's serving with great compassion and invites us to imitate this kind of love for others. What a great place to start your year as you seek to fill your cup and build the church.

Please especially pray for our nominated deacons and elders as they have their training this Saturday, January 4.

Deacons: Judy Baier, Vicki Cose, Marv DeWaard, Susan Larsen, Heidi Warrington, Dawn Wallbaum

Elders: Cody Alberts, Jodi Fabrizio, Ryan Greve, Regina River

With Great Hope,
Pastor Tricia



Important Dates

Nomination of Officers will be Sunday, January 5, Installation of Elders and Deacons January 12, Congregational Meeting on January 26 (Sunday School for ages 3 - 8th grade only)

Adult Sunday School

Introduction to the Gospel of Mark - Join pastor Dan in Room 216 at 10:15 on Sundays in January to talk about the gospel of Mark - the first and shortest testament to life of Jesus.

Grand Sweep Schedule - Winter / Spring 2020

Grand Sweep Bible Study: We begin the second leg of our journey through the bible on Tuesday, January 7. We will read the historical books (Joshua through Esther) and the wisdom literature (Job through the Song of Solomon). The class is led by the pastors from the PCUSA churches in the Cedar Valley and meets weekly, on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm and lasts until 7:30 pm. **The location for the 2020 Winter/Spring Semester is here at Westminster.** The class follows an academic calendar with breaks for holidays and for summer. To work our way through the bible will take two years. People are welcome to join the class at any time. Missing a few classes is fine. We encourage you to keep up your reading.

Carnival

Join us on Wednesday, January 8 as we restart Wes Pres Wednesdays with a Carnival. Supper is from 5-6pm in the Social Hall. Carnival games from 6:00 - 7:15pm in the Shared Life Center.



Bring a toy or item from home to swap for prizes as you leave.

Prayer Vigil

January 18, 2020

General Information

- Open: 6am to 4pm
 - Walk-in (unscheduled)
 - Public

Prayer

- Make Prayer requests
- Interact with Family Activities (new)
(Adult and child)
- Walk Indoor Tile Labyrinth(new)
- Pray
 - Chapel
 - Sanctuary
 - Building Walk (specified areas)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1301 Kimball Avenue
Waterloo, Iowa 50702
Questions? 319-234-5501 Mon-Fri

Wes Pres Youth

Confirmation and Sr. High resumes on Sunday, January 5.

Summit Studies resume the week of January 6.

Dinner for Senior Class of 2020 is Sunday, January 12 at 7pm.

Dinner for Freshman Class of 2023 is Sunday, January 26 at 7pm.

Jr. High Dance Schedule for 2020

Our dances continue January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3 and May 1.

If you are looking for an opportunity to help, chaperones are always needed to insure a safe and fun environment for the Jr. High kids who attend this event!

Contact Erica at erica@wpcw.org to find out how you can help!



Promise Academy Spring 2020 Registration is Open!

Registration for the Promise Academy's Spring Semester is open! Our Spring Semester will begin on Monday, January 27, 2020.

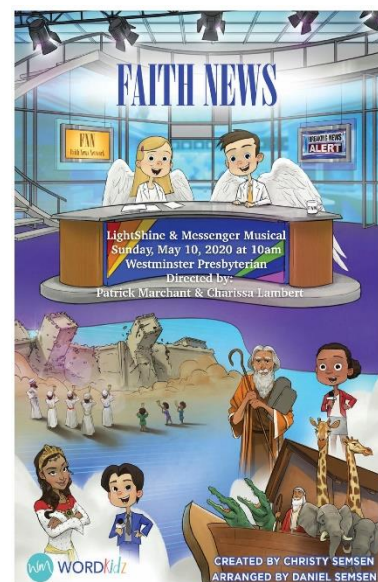
Visit our website for more information or contact me at patrick@wpcw.org. Registrations are due by Monday, January 20, at 9am. <http://promisemusic.org>

Youth Musical Kick-off Night

Join us on Friday, January 31, 2020 for our Youth Musical kick off night from 5-9 pm. All youth in Grades 1-12 are invited to join our musical- Grades 1-5 will rehearse weekly on Wednesdays during Messengers from 5:30-6 pm. Youth in grades 6-12 will rehearse weekly (beginning February 5) from 5-5:30 pm. (Please put on your calendar that the musical will be on Sunday, May 10)

For our kick-off night, we'll have a pizza dinner at 5pm followed by a read through and casting of the musical. After our work is done, we'll head off for a fun night at Chuck E. Cheese in Cedar Falls and be back to church by 9pm for pick up. Please bring \$10/child as you are able to offset the cost of the night's activities.

This year's musical is *Faith News* by Christy Semsen, the author of last year's musical *Danny and the Shacks*. The setting is a Heavenly news broadcast originating inside the Pearly Gates, hosted by two angelic News Anchors, Cameron Flowers and Summer Showers. Bringing some of your favorite Bible Stories to life, our newscast flows back and forth between top-flight Bible news coverage by Cameron and Summer, to stellar on-the-ground reporting by our roving angel duo, Chera Bim and Sara Fim. Clever, snappy dialogue and fun, catchy, Biblically-based songs help tell the stories of Noah and the Ark (with a little help from Mrs. Noah), Joshua (at the Battle of Jericho), Queen Esther, Moses (including an important conversation where Moses asks Pharaoh to "let my people go"), Abraham and Sarah, and, direct from the New Testament, Ananias and Saul/Paul. FNN – The Faith News Network – spotlights all the best in Heavenly headlines; builds faith through real, Bible-based news stories; inspires through sharing the encounters of real Bible heroes and encourages us all to believe anything is possible when we follow God's plan for our lives.



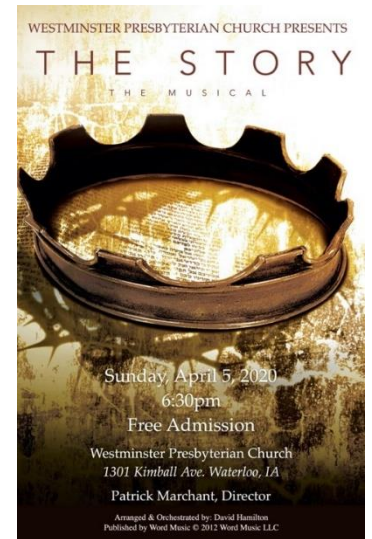
The Story: The Musical

All are welcome to join us in our spring church musical "The Story" on Palm Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 pm. This 60 minute production journeys through the Bible from the opening "In the beginning" through the resounding "Great Day" yet to come. We will feature the chancel choir, praise team members, and many narrators in a reader's theater style. If you would like to join as a singer, narrator, or tech crew please contact me.

January Music Schedule

Jan 5: 9:00 am - Special Music, 11:15 am Worship Team
Jan 12: 9:00 am - Chancel Choir, 11:15 am Worship Team
Jan 19: 9:00 am - Chancel Choir, 11:15 am Messengers & Worship Team
Jan 26: 9:00 am - Meisteringers, 11:15 am Worship Team

Patrick Marchant



2020 Mission Trip to Chipley, Florida February 3-7, 2020

The Presbytery of North Central Iowa's 2020 Mission Trip will be to Chipley, Florida, to help rebuild after Hurricane Michael hit the area in October 2018. The Presbytery of North Central Iowa invites the Presbytery of Prospect Hill to be a part of this mission opportunity.

The cost will be \$175 per participant. Participants will also be responsible for their own lodging and travel to Florida and back. Further details for the trip will be sent to participants. There will also be an orientation meeting and information on that will be provided to participants at a later time.

To receive a registration form, please contact Jeannie in the Presbytery Office at 319-233-1747 or northiowapresby@gmail.com. They can also be found at this link: <https://presbynciowa.org/events/> or on the table in the Welcome Center. Contact Pastor Dan with interest/questions at dan@wpcw.org or 234-5501

Applications MUST be received in the Presbytery Office no later than January 6, 2020. Please note that a registration will not be considered complete without a \$75 deposit.

We will be staying at the Dogwood Acres Retreat Center, a Presbyterian camp. Will be in 2-bedroom cabins, four people per bedroom/bathroom. Bunk beds. <http://www.dogwoodacres.org/Housing> Meals to be provided by the camp staff during the week. Catholic Charities will be the local agency we will be working through.



Men's Retreat March 13-15

If you would like to attend this retreat with Pastor Dan or you have questions, please contact him at dan@wpcw.org or 234-5501.

Godly RISK



2020 Men's Retreat at Lakeshore Center
Featuring Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase
March 13-15, 2020

Presented in Partnership with
the Omaha Presbyterian
Seminary Foundation

Is your faith "playing it safe?"

Join our group of faith-seeking men and guest speaker Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and discussion to explore that question. We'll have great conversations, late night card games, and plenty of downtime to enjoy the weekend.

Who: The Rev. Ben Johnston-Krase is passionate about what motivates congregations to move outside of their comfort zones and seek God's heart for their ministry. He is a co-founder of Farm Church, a PC(USA) New Worshiping Community in Durham, NC. He conceived of Farm Church in a dream, and left his traditional pastoral role to start a church that meets on a farm and leverages all of the resources of that farm to address food insecurity. He blogs about life, risk, ministry, and living with stage IV cancer.



When: 7pm March 13—11am March 15

Where: Lakeshore Center at Okoboji—1864 Hwy 86, Milford, IA 51351

Cost: \$95 per person for communal bunk room, \$125 for a Double-Occupancy Lodge Room. Cost covers all lodging, snacks, meals, speaker, and programming for the weekend.

Register online at www.LakeshoreCenterAtOkoboji.org under the "Events" Tab.

Call 712-337-3313 or email harry@lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org for more information.

From the Finance Committee

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 59,806.27	\$ 42,275.38	\$ 666,913.91	\$ 642,226.16	\$ 784,669.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,079.10	\$ 2,756.53	\$ 31,197.47	\$ 31,605.30	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 2,917.20	\$ 4,361.44	\$ 77,305.46	\$ 91,510.86	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,153.29	\$ 1,472.57	\$ 16,917.49	\$ 16,234.76	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 43,110.82	\$ 39,468.26	\$ 457,475.12	\$ 474,982.96	\$ 514,515.00
MISSION	\$ 224.01	\$ 9,725.76	\$ 53,832.26	\$ 72,639.21	\$ 68,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 599.98	\$ 3,127.23	\$ 10,653.18	\$ 12,161.50	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 256.52	\$ 61.65	\$ 538.72	\$ 969.48	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 239.83	\$ 278.86	\$ 3,944.60	\$ 3,154.66	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 1,323.68	\$ 722.15	\$ 3,372.12	\$ 2,780.72	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 17,970.48	\$ 22,098.56	\$ 19,604.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 53,538.11	\$ 63,983.41	\$ 673,201.90	\$ 728,249.01	
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 6,268.16	\$ (21,708.03)	\$ (6,287.99)	\$ (86,022.85)	



Women's Book Club

The Westminster Women's Book Club will meet Sunday, January 5, 5:00 pm. You will be meeting at the home of Mary Lisa Mueller, 1017 Kimball, Waterloo.

Please bring an appetizer to share and a list of the books you would like the group to consider. This group is open to all women!

Card Ministry Group

This class will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 2:30 – 4:30 pm at Westminster. Mark your calendar for the first 2020 session on January 9. Card makers will create four individual, handcrafted greeting cards to take home and share with others.



Cost is \$10 for 4 kits, which include craft instruction/supplies. Advance sign up required in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 234-5501 prior to each session. A great opportunity to sign up and bring a friend for this creative time of fun and fellowship.



Chili / Soup Cook Off

Believe it or not, our annual (*and TASTY*) cooking competition is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars and get those recipes dug out! Sunday, February 9 you are invited to either compete with your world famous chili or soup, OR bring the family and YOU BE THE JUDGE! We'll vote on Best Chili, Best Soup and Best Decorations. So be thinking of a theme for your station!
