

Westminster Messenger March 2020

*11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
Psalm 16:11*



As we continue the season of Lent in this month of March, I hope you find time to especially focus on your own spiritual path. In addition to many classes which you'll find in the Adult education section, we'll have a special *Discover and Dedicate* event centered on our new indoor labyrinth in the Social Hall. We'll have two speakers who will come educate us about the labyrinth. Please check out the poster included in this newsletter. Special thanks to Pastor Dan and the Deacons for their efforts to create this morning for all of us. This event is open to the wider community of the Cedar Valley so help us spread the word. The labyrinth is great for children and youth so consider bringing your whole family. (The nursery will be open for toddlers and babies.)

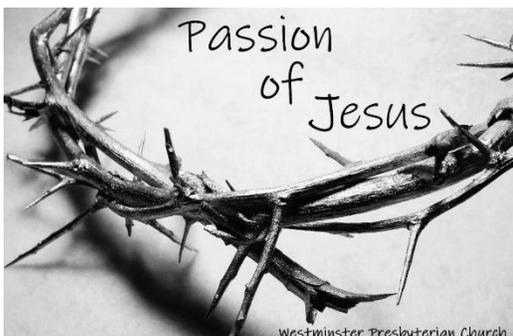
This month our family will celebrate my Dad's 90th birthday, as I think back on his life, I visualize all the turns of his life, raised in Massachusetts, educated in New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania and back to Massachusetts. Serving as a missionary for three terms in the Congo and then teaching for 20 years in Pennsylvania. These last 20 plus years he was retired in Florida. He has given with his whole heart to build God's Kingdom even though the path of his life hasn't always been easy. I've watched him my whole life work to fill his soul with scriptures, prayer and worship. An inspiration always, I hope I can model his path with my life. Please consider attending this *Discover and Dedicate* event knowing that we all need to strengthen our path of faith.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey to the cross and empty tomb,
Pastor Tricia

As part of our worship series, "Entering the Passion of Jesus", we are freeze-framing the last week of Jesus' earthly life. Here is the Worship Schedule for the Sundays of Lent:

March 1 - The Parade: Risking Reputation
March 8 - The Temple: Risking Righteousness
March 15 - The Teaching: Risking Challenge

March 22 - The First Dinner: Risking Rejection
March 29 - The Last Supper: Risking the loss
of Friends
April 5 - The Garden: Risking Temptation



Passion Sunday, April 5

9:00 am Traditional - Chancel Choir & Messenger Choir
11:15 am Contemporary - Worship Team

Maundy Thursday, April 9

6:00 pm in the Shared Life Center
(meal and reception, with service following)

Good Friday, April 10

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 12

6:15 am Sunrise Service (outside, weather permitting)
9:00 am Traditional Worship - Chancel Choir and Brass
11:15 am Contemporary Worship - Worship Team

Happy 25th Anniversary!

This month marks the 25th anniversary of our financial secretary, Becky Dietz working at Westminster. She goes above and beyond her duties, helping much with our membership, hospitality and capital campaigns. Her heart is big as she cares immensely about strengthening our congregation through her faithfulness, organization and dedication. Please take time out to thank Becky for her steadfast heart and 25 years of service to our congregation.



Don't forget to turn your clocks forward Sunday, March 8

Week of Spring Break - March 15 - 22

We will have just ONE service on Sunday, March 15 at 10:00 am. No Sunday School.

No Wes Pres Wednesday on March 18.



2020 Chili / Soup Cook Off

Congratulations and THANK YOU to all who competed! It was a very delicious and fun evening! A BIG thank you to all those who helped set up, serve dessert and clean up! Top 3 of each category are listed below:

Best Chili

1st Place: Dan & Blair Voigt 2nd Place: Kendal & Trisha Crawford 3rd Place: Kent & Beth Zingg



Best Soup

1st Place: Steven Eilers 2nd Place: Erica & Whitney Rissi 3rd Place: Bonnie Smith Davis



Best Decorations

1st Place: Kendal & Trisha Crawford 2nd Place: Kent & Beth Zingg 3rd Place: Dan & Blair Voigt

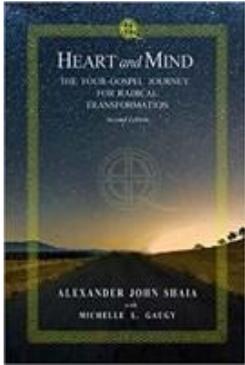


Adult Sunday School Opportunities

The Four Gospel Journey: The Christ Journey of Love, Growth, and Transformation.

Taught by Pastor Dan in the Chapel

How do we face change? How do we move through suffering? How do we receive joy? How do we mature in service? Spend some time with Alexander J. Shaia as he uses the great map of the four Gospels, just as the Christians used, to guide us on the Christ journey - one of love, growth and transformation.



3/1 Session One: Preparing Heart and Mind for the Journey

3/8 Session Two: Waking and Facing Change: Climbing Matthew's Great Mountain

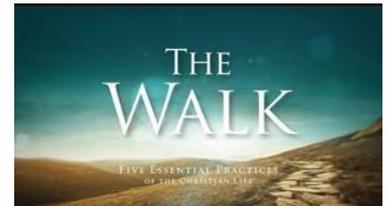
3/22 Session Three: Moving Through Trials: Crossing Mark's Stormy Sea

3/29 Session Four: Receiving Gifts: Resting in John's Glorious Garden

4/5 Session Five: Maturing Through Service: Walking Luke's Road of Riches

4/19 Session Six: The Essential Practices of the Journey

The Walk - How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.



In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of...

Worship: March 1

Study: March 8

Serving: March 22

Giving: March 29

Bearing Witness: April 5

Taught by new member Kelly Barlow in the Children's Library. Cost of the book is \$15

Wednesday's during Lent

The Passion of Jesus - This Lenten book study meets each Wednesday at noon during Lent. Text is by Joyce Rupp's "The Cup of Our Life". Cost is \$15. **Location:** Children's Library **Facilitator:** Pastor Tricia

Grand Sweep Schedule - Winter / Spring 2020

Grand Sweep Bible Study: We continue the second leg of our journey through the bible. We continue to read the historical books (Joshua through Esther) and the wisdom literature (Job through the Song of Solomon). Led by the pastors from the Cedar Valley PCUSA churches and meets weekly at Westminster, on **Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**. 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.



Join us at

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Saturday March 28th from 10:00 am - Noon

as we

Discover & Dedicate

our new indoor Labyrinth

Providing an introduction to, and guiding us through various ways of interacting with Labyrinths will be...

Marion J. Patterson—a Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator. She encourages people to walk courageously along their path of life. "With its many twists and turns, labyrinths are a metaphor for our path."

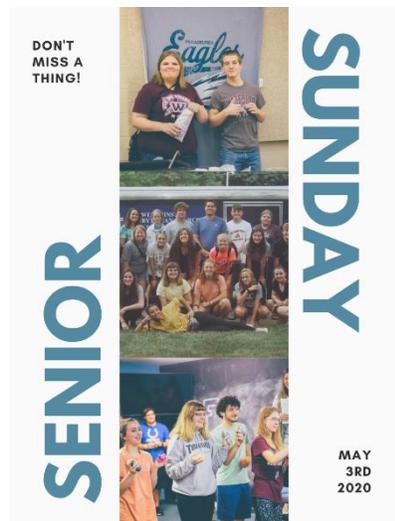
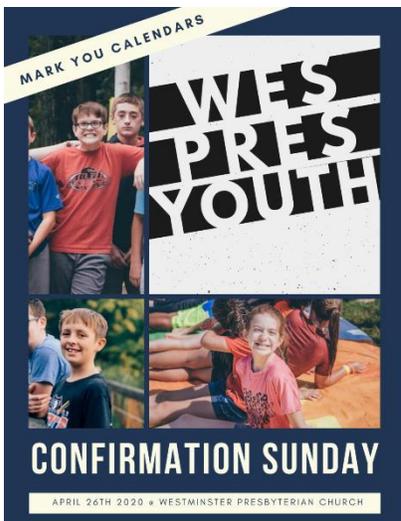
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Lisa Hanigan who is passionate about helping people know their true nature. As a yoga and meditation instructor for the last 12 years, she feels as though anything that will reintroduce people to their true selves and help them feel connected to God, is a very worthwhile venture.

Wes Pres Youth

We are so proud of our Wes Pres Youth that held our Student Led Ash Wednesday Service. We were encouraged by stories of God at work within our student's lives, encouraging worship from our new Wednesday worship ministry, and sent off with hope that God IS at work in our lives. What an amazing kick-off to Lent! If you missed our service or are interested in hearing it again, you can check it out on our website at [Ash Wednesday Student Led Worship 2020](#) A few more pictures are shown below.





We are so excited to begin planning for our upcoming graduation of our confirmands and our seniors here at Westminster. We don't want you to miss our EXCITING Sundays where we get to celebrate them, so please mark your calendars! Our three confirmands will graduate on April 26th and we will hold our Graduation Sunday on May 3rd. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

We have had such a wonderful pre-kickoff to our Lenten journey by hosting a series called, "Follow Me?" throughout our Wednesday night ministries. This series explored individuals in the Bible who had an opportunity to follow Jesus but didn't. Each week focused on one person/group of people and explored the reason(s) why they chose not to offer their lives to Christ. We are so grateful to have such awesome leaders explore these stories and to host great conversation on whether or not we will choose to Follow Jesus.





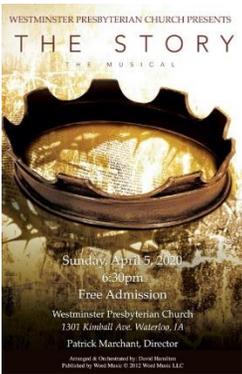
Finally, we are continuing our Lenten journey by studying a new series at Wes Pres Youth called, "God on Film". This four-week sermon series discusses what it's like to live in the "in-between." How do we prepare for the resolution to God's great story? How do we live out the resurrection of Jesus today? As the Bible makes clear, God's work in the world brings us into right relationship with him and empowers us to live out that redemption to others. Keep up to date with what our students are learning by following us on our social media platforms @wespresyouthia

Jr. High Dance Schedule for 2020

Our dances continue 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!



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 at patrick@wpcw.org

Moana JR. - Summer Music Camp 2020

Join us July 27-31, 2020 as we journey together in a week-long, full-day music camp for ages 8-18 culminating in a production of Disney's Moana JR. Let your child be a star in one of the country's favorite musicals! Just released for JR. productions, we are so excited to bring Disney's Moana JR. to the Cedar Valley! For more information and to register visit promisemusic.org or contact me at the email above.



March Music Schedule

March 1: 9:00 Chancel Choir, Church Mice & Messenger Choir, 11:15 Worship Team, Church Mice & Messenger Choir

March 8: 9:00 Chancel Choir, 11:15 Worship Team

March 15: 10:00 Blended Worship

March 22: 9:00 Meisteringers, 11:15 Worship Team

March 29: 9:00 Chancel Choir, 11:15 Worship

Patrick Marchant



Easter Lilies

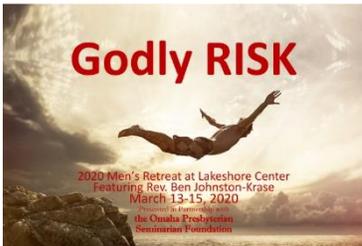
We will have live Easter lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory or honor of someone, we would greatly appreciate your participation.

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 **\$12.00 each**, and **payment should be made when your order is placed. You can do this at the Kiosk in the Welcome Center, write a check or pay with cash.**

Please **place your order by Sun., April 5** 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.



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.

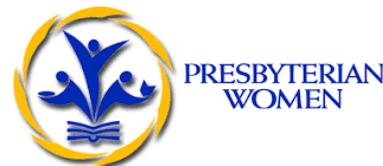
From the Finance Committee

BUDGET SUMMARY

	JANUARY	JANUARY	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 51,469.34	\$ 82,482.63	\$ 51,469.34	\$ 82,482.63	\$ 775,505.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,859.80	\$ 4,167.45	\$ 2,859.80	\$ 4,167.45	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 12,253.59	\$ 8,224.95	\$ 12,253.59	\$ 8,224.95	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ (2.88)	\$ 412.60	\$ (2.88)	\$ 412.60	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 42,136.87	\$ 40,501.87	\$ 42,136.87	\$ 40,501.87	\$ 511,221.00
MISSION	\$ 5,567.60	\$ 5,171.47	\$ 5,567.60	\$ 5,171.47	\$ 63,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 1,399.59	\$ 84.99	\$ 1,399.59	\$ 84.99	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 59.31	\$ -	\$ 59.31	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ (1.82)	\$ 106.08	\$ (1.82)	\$ 106.08	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 21.40	\$ -	\$ 21.40	\$ -	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,561.14	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 1,561.14	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 18,734.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 65,854.60	\$ 60,303.09	\$ 65,854.60	\$ 60,303.09	\$ 775,505.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (14,385.26)	\$ 22,179.54	\$ (14,385.26)	\$ 22,179.54	

Presbyterian Women

PW Board will meet on Wednesday, March 4 at 10:00 am at Friendship Village.



Sarah & Priscilla Circle: This group will meet on Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 am at Westminster. Read Lesson 6.



Friendship Club

This group meets Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 pm in the Shared Life Center. This month's program will be Mike Hoffman talking about Technology. Bring a dish to share. All are invited!

Women's Book Club

The Westminster Women's Book Club will meet Sunday, March 29 at 6:00 pm. The book to read for that gathering is "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall. This group is open to all women!



Future Book Selections:

April 19: "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett

May 17: "Seeking Allah Finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi

Card Making



Card Ministry

WHO - YOU can participate.

We envision many blessings forthcoming as we begin the 2020 card ministry at Westminster. An assorted supply of greeting cards are available for church members, pastors,

elders and deacons to utilize, free of charge.

WHERE - Labeled card boxes are on display in the Library such as: Thinking of You, Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Thank You, Note Cards, etc. Included in the displays will be lovely photo cards from one of our church members, as well as handcrafted designs coming from the monthly card making classes. Many of us have a supply of greeting cards from various charities that could be donated. There will be a basket in the library for usable cards you wish to donate to this new ministry.

WHY - Our mission is to reach out to our church members, family and friends, as an extension of Christ's love. We will acknowledge those people on the weekly prayer list, as well as those celebrating birthdays. Names will be posted each week in the Library so you will know who specifically to encourage with well wishes. Many of you share in this type of communication already. The Card Ministry will assist you with a variety of card choices; you will provide the message and postage.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE - We encourage everyone to participate for success. Here are some suggestions:

- Visit the Library regularly to review the lists, select a greeting card or several to send.
- Participate in the monthly card making class. Donate one of YOUR handmade cards.
- Bring/donate your stash of usable greeting cards with envelopes to the Library.
- Designate \$\$'s to offset postage costs of WPC monthly card mailings. (donate in office)

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITY - Westminster sponsors a monthly card making class the 2nd Thursday of each month from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. in Room 216. Advance sign up in the Welcome Center required for kits. Bring a friend, share in the fellowship and creative fun. Cost \$10.00 to create four cards. Supplies and instruction included.

We would like to thank the Congregation for all the prayers and the cards sent. It is very much appreciated.

Thank You!

Bob & Mary Jane Shafer

The Northeast Iowa Brain Injury Alliance will be hosting their 4th Annual Trivia Night at Westminster, Social Hall on Thurs, March 19. Doors open at 6:00 pm, trivia starts at 6:30.



Walking tacos (regular and vegetarian), soda or water and dessert for just \$5. Available when doors open.

Gather a team of 6 - 8 people and join us for this event! It's just \$10 per person and is guaranteed to be a fun night! Raffle prizes, mulligans and snacks available for purchase on site.



Vacation Bible School 2020!

Make sure this awesome week is on your summer calendars!

VBS will be held June 15 - 19!

North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is. Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor, invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Kids will take on the role of brave Knights and begin their quest each session by opening the King's Book.

They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor — the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shoes of Peace, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation — at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Help kids take up the gauntlet this summer and accept the challenge to "armor up" and be strong by remaining with God.

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