

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## *Messenger*

April, 2018

*With Christ as our Cornerstone we  
Believe, Become, Belong, Build*



*"Indeed He is not far from each one of us. For 'In Him we live and move and have our being'.*

Acts 17:27-28

April is here! We had a meaningful Holy Week and an amazing celebration of Easter last Sunday. Weeks of planning, preparation and practicing brought much glory to our wonderful Lord. Special thanks to all of our staff and volunteers who created such a vibrant experience for all of us. Thanks to all of you as well who attended and joined in the spirit of community!

A friend of mine who is also a clergy person had the message #easterisaseason on his twitter account. Reminding all of us that Easter isn't just one day, it is indeed a season. A season of 50 days which leads us to Pentecost, the birthday of the church. The

liturgical church year brings us abundant opportunities to continue to grow in our faith.

I pray you will press on in your own journey of discipleship and especially pray for our leadership retreat which will occur on Saturday, April 14th. Our Elders, Deacons, program Staff and members of our Seeking New Paths committee will gather under the leadership of Dr. Bill Wilson, Director of the Center for Healthy Churches. We'll focus on our own personal transformation as leaders and how we discern the will of God for the next season of ministry at Westminster.

Life always brings change and our staff will be changing with not only the retirement of our youth director Scott Cose at the end of August, but also our church secretary, Sally Boger has announced her retirement at the end of May. Sally has served on our staff since November of 2003 and has brought her whole gracious heart to her work at Westminster. Our personnel committee is already working towards a plan for our staff and our youth director search committee will soon be accepting resumes for the youth director.

So, you can see we need to recognize each day the Bible verse from Acts listed above, we need the truth that Jesus is not far from each of us, for in him we live and move and have our being. Trust in that great news, be faithful in giving and attending worship.

Lastly, our New Welcome Center will soon be complete. We'll dedicate our new space on Pentecost, May 20th. Praise God from whom all Blessings flow!!

With Hope,  
Pastor Tricia

## **Sermon Series**

April is full of special events as we focus on our youth!

Our LightShine youth choir will present their musical drama to us on Sunday, April 15th at 10 am in the Shared Life Center. We'll also celebrate our confirmands on Sunday, April 29th at both services.

This Sunday, April 8th we'll complete our time in the gospel of John as we consider the disciples role after Jesus ' resurrection. We'll then turn to the book of Acts and be inspired by the works of the early church in the first century.

April 8	"Living with Peace"	John 20:19-31
April 15 - One Service 10:00 am	"Youth Musical - <i>Rise Up</i> "	
April 22	"Time for Transformation"	Acts 16:16-34
April 29 - Confirmation	"Does Your Cup Overflow?"	Acts 17:16-31

## Music Ministry

### Worship with us Sundays at:

9:00 am for Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and 11:15 am for Contemporary Worship in the Shared Life Center.

### Special Music for this month:

April 8	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
April 15	10:00 am	Shared Life Center	Youth Musical - <i>Rise Up</i>
April 22	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Meisteringers, Church Mice Worship Team, Westminster Chimes
April 29 Confirmation	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir, Messenger Choir Worship Team

## Musical Opportunities abound at Westminster!



### Youth Musical: *Rise Up!* Sunday, April 15th

Join us Sunday April 15th at 10am in the Shared Life Center for our youth musical:

*Rise Up!* We have many talented Jr and Sr High students acting and singing to tell our story. *Rise Up!* follows a day in the life of Mike, a kid who just wants everyone to feel like they fit in, like they belong somewhere. Mike encounters several people throughout his day and invites them to a youth group party at a local church. Through heart-felt yet captivating stories and fun music *Rise Up!* helps everyone find a place where they belong.

### Camp Music Mania is Scheduled for July 9-13th

All students entering 1st through 5th grade are invited to join us the week of July 9th for UNI Community School of Music's *Camp Music Mania Pirates!* The camp will run from 9am -12:30pm with a concluding Family & Friends Performance on Friday July 13th at 12:30pm. Activities include singing, dancing, piano, and Orff instruments (xylophones). Activities will be showcased at the camp performance on the final Friday of camp. Rockin' Rhythms will be incorporated into all class activities. Please watch for upcoming registration information in the bulletin over the next few weeks. Contact Patrick Marchant with any questions at [patrick@wpcw.org](mailto:patrick@wpcw.org) or 234.5501 ext 110.



Patrick Marchant

# Formation

## Summer Camps

Camp is one of the most influential factors in growing the faith of our children and youth. We are blessed to be able to have two options available to us: Camp Wyoming and Lakeshore Center. Please stop by the table in the Welcome Center to pick up brochures for summer camp options.

You can also visit their websites to learn more:

<http://campwyoming.net/>, <https://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/>

Also, keep in mind the Westminster Mission Committee has set aside funds to offer scholarships to make camp more affordable. If you looking for someone to go with, Pastor Dan will be the Camp Pastor at Lakeshore Center for a short week camp from July 8-11 (Sunday - Wednesday). They have camps available this week for 3rd -12 grades. Feel free to talk to Pastor Dan if you want to know more.



**SPRING**  
**WORK DAY**  
**April 28th, 2018**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Also, if you are too old to go to camp but want to support their ministry Pastor Dan will be taking a group to the Spring Workday at the Lakeshore Center on April 28th.

We will drive out the night before and stay at the camp and return home Saturday evening.

Let me know if you want to go.

Pastor Dan

## Wes Pres Youth

Each of our confirmands should have received a packet of information concerning the coming events.

Our 8th graders will have their lock-in on Friday, April 6th thru Saturday morning April 7th. Please have your son or daughter here 5:30 pm. They will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a snack to share. Dinner and breakfast will be provided.

Parents, please go over the questions of the test with your son/daughter before our lock-in!

Your son/daughter can be picked up at 9:00 am Saturday morning.

**Confirmation Sunday will be April 29th and our confirmands will be recognized at both services.**

### Wednesday night youth

We will meet all 4 Wednesday nights in April with our last meeting on April 25th. We will have pizza and weather permitting, we will do some games outside. They will be wet and possibly messy so please have your kids dress appropriately.

### Great Escape

If you have not turned in your release forms and copies of your insurance cards to me, please do that in the near future. I will need to submit these to the camp in order for our youth to participate. If you have any questions, please contact me at the church.



### **Junior high Dance**

The last two junior high dances will be Friday, April 20th and May 18th. We average 280 junior highs at each dance and those numbers are growing. We will always need 18 to 20 volunteers to chaperone these dances. Please consider signing up to help for the next two.

### **50th Anniversary**

You may or may not know this, but this is Westminster's 50th anniversary for hosting these dances and providing a safe environment for these young people to come. Our hope is to have a celebration dance commemorating this event. Be watching as there will be more information as this develops.

Our last official meeting date will be April 25th. We will do some planning as to what we would like to do at our final meeting so please bring your ideas with you when we meet this month!

### **Graduating Seniors**

You should have received your packet a couple of weeks ago with all the information concerning the events celebrating our seniors. What I need from each of you is:

- 20 + pictures from birth to graduation for our PowerPoint
- A copy of your biography form
- A copy of what you will be sharing with our congregation on Grad Sunday
- Your RSVP postcard for our senior dinner May 8th

Please make every effort to have these things into Scott ASAP!!

There will be an important meeting for our seniors on **Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 pm**. We will meet in the Senior High room. If you have not turned in your photos by then, please bring them and all other info referenced above to this meeting. We will assign your part of the worship service on graduation Sunday (**May 20th**) at this time.

### **Puerto Rico Mission Trip**

Each of you should have received your packet with all the information concerning our trip.

We will have our **final meeting June 6th at 6:00 pm**. This is 3 days before we leave on our mission trip. Please make every effort to have all your paper work and payments in prior to this meeting!

I hope to have a better idea of what projects we will be doing once we are in Ponce'. If you have any questions, please contact me at the church.

### **Partners In Ed (PIE)**

As you know, Westminster has a very active partnership with Kingsley Elementary school. Our Pen Pal program has been a very big hit with our 4th grade class and they will be returning the books in the near future for those who are pen pals to write in. Once they are here, please return them as soon as possible so they can be returned to your pen pal.

On May 14th, we will have our Pen Pal luncheon at the church at 12:00. Please make every effort to be here! They are very excited to meet their friends.

### **Books for Kingsley Elementary**

Kingsley will be holding their biggest fundraising event on May 11th. They have requested that we donate new or slightly used books to give away as prizes. If you are willing to help with the book drive, please bring your books to the church where they can be dropped off in Scott's office. Thank you in advance for helping with this event!

Peace,  
Scott Cose

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## Wes Pres Kids

On **April 15** there will be **NO Sunday School**. We will be having ONE service at 10:00 am, featuring the LightShine musical, *Rise Up*.

If you have a child that is in the 5th grade and attends Discovery Night, you're invited to watch them be honored as they graduate from the children's program into the youth program. Please join us on **Wednesday, April 18 at 5:30pm** in the Social Hall for the 5th Grade Graduation. If you have a 5th grader, be on the lookout for invitations in the mail.



**EWWW GROSS!**  
**GET READY FOR**  
**GROSSOLOGY!**

Join us for the Discovery Night End of Year Party on **Wednesday, April 25**. This party is open to all children 3 years old through 5th grade who attend Discovery Night. The party will go from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Shared Life Center. The Grout Museum's Imag-Mobile will be presenting us with the interactive program "Grossology." Children will have the opportunity to try out gross

science experiments. They will learn how a substance can act like a liquid and a solid. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center on Sundays, and in front of the Social Hall on Wednesdays.

Alisa Engelhardt

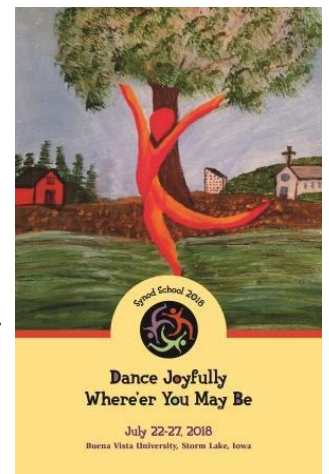
## Synod School

Every year for the past 6 years, my family and I have spent the last full week of July in Storm Lake, IA for Synod School. You can read more about it below and go to this website for more information and the course catalog.

(<http://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool>)

But, to hear it from me, during this week, you get to hear from some of the most interesting minds in the church, experience fantastic worship, choose from a great variety of courses, and get to meet Presbyterians from all over the upper Midwest. Not to mention, they also have incredible programs for kids of all ages and youth. It is one of the highlights of our summer I would love to see you there. Feel free to ask if you have questions.

Pastor Dan



## Inquirer Gathering - Sunday, May 6

If you have been visiting or regularly attending Westminster and would like to learn more, we invite you to an Inquirer class to be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 6.

This time together will give you the opportunity to meet our staff members, learn about what makes Presbyterianism distinct and hear about all the great ministries happening at Westminster! Many of our Elders (leadership board) will come towards the end of our time together for you to hear from them and introduce yourselves. Around 5:30 pm we'll enjoy a celebration dinner together. Childcare will be provided beginning at 3:45 pm and then your children are welcome to join us for the meal. An optional tour after our dinner will be available if you are interested.



Should you decide to join Westminster, you would then be welcomed into membership on Sunday, May 13th at the 9:00 am service. Please contact the church office by May 2 so we will know to expect you. You may also email Pastor Dan at [dan@wpcw.org](mailto:dan@wpcw.org).



## The Journey

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 us 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 or Troyce Vich at 319-240-8605. This summer class will be offered on Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 beginning May 2nd and ending August 15.

**Facilitator:** Troyce Vich

**Location:** WPC - 3rd floor loft

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

**Informational meeting:** Sunday, April 15 at 11:00 am

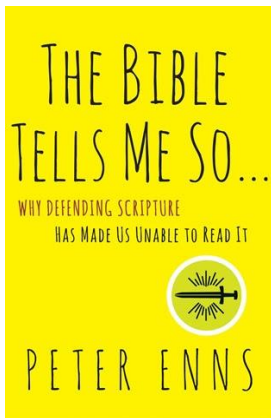
### The Journey

This adult discipleship class continues its in depth study and is full/closed.

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## Adult Education Opportunities

### Sunday Morning Class



#### **The Bible Tells Me So**

In April we continue looking at an increasingly important question... How should we read the Bible? Violence, genocide, racism, women's rights, slavery, and human sexuality have lead more and more to find the Bible difficult to read, and sometimes worse, devoid of value. Quite frankly, to be a church in this day and age, this is a question we have got to talk about.

So, this Lent I invite you to join me in watching video interviews with Peter Enns on topics found in his book, *The Bible Tells Me So*, and engage in meaningful conversation about the difficulties of the scriptures we love. For more info here is a synopsis of the study....

What if the Bible is fine just the way it is? Not a well behaved Bible, where everything lines up and makes sense, but the messy, troubling, and weird Bible we actually have? What if the Bible doesn't need to be protected and defended, but understood-just as it is? What if the real problem isn't the Bible but the false expectations we sometimes bring to it? Perhaps, when we let the Bible be the Bible rather than what we expect it ought to be-or need it to be- we will find a deeper faith in the process. **Location: Chapel. Facilitators: Pastor Dan and Guests**

## Weekday Adult Opportunities

### **Mondays**

#### ***Bible Study for Women:***

*This Bible Study will resume on April 9.* Rev. Cathy Young leads a weekly, in-depth Bible study for women from 9:00 to 10 am on Mondays in Room 216. All women of Westminster and the wider Cedar Valley are invited to attend the study. The group is studying the Book of Acts. Women are asked to bring their favorite Bible. While regular attendance will facilitate learning, women are welcome to pop in when they can. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **Where:** Room 216. **Facilitator:** Rev. Cathy Young

***Bible Study for Men:*** Join us on Monday's at 9:00 am in Room 216. Benefits galore are available: sharing insights, relishing in God's grace, watching fellow men grow in knowledge and also in spiritual strength. You are not required to bring any biblical knowledge with you other than an ability and desire to meet "brothers in Christ." Currently they are studying the Reformation. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **Where:** Adult Library. **Facilitator:** Rev. Dan Voigt.

**Sweet Hour of Prayer:** Join with us to review prayer joys and concerns of our extended church family. All are welcome. **When:** Mondays at 1:30 pm. **Where:** Pastor Tricia's Office.

**Wednesdays**

**Centering Prayer**

Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am in the Chapel and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm.

**Church Bookies**

Calling all women! You are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, April 15 at 6:00 pm.

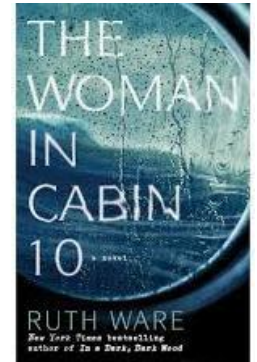
**A look ahead at books to read:**

April: *The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ruth Ware

May: *Wonder* by RJ Palacio

June: *Under the Wide and a Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan

Contact Cindy Harmon with any questions at 268-0049 home or 239-9761 cell.



**Resources**

**Finance**

Budget Summary for February 2018.

	<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>				
	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 94,752.92	\$ 76,081.84	\$ 202,731.23	\$ 153,439.02	\$ 806,700.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 2,026.35	\$ 3,546.38	\$ 5,438.31	\$ 6,539.84	\$ 42,150.00
<b>OPER &amp; MAINT</b>	\$ 16,675.06	\$ 9,180.59	\$ 28,002.91	\$ 18,279.88	\$ 100,000.00
<b>CHRISTIAN ED</b>	\$ 2,196.76	\$ 630.39	\$ 2,257.75	\$ 3,632.52	\$ 24,100.00
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	\$ 44,092.12	\$ 42,397.93	\$ 88,452.04	\$ 81,374.37	\$ 541,110.00
<b>MISSION</b>	\$ 5,428.10	\$ 9,929.06	\$ 12,006.46	\$ 10,183.09	\$ 82,000.00
<b>MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP</b>	\$ 1,345.20	\$ 1,415.57	\$ 1,806.63	\$ 1,975.44	\$ 15,000.00
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>HOSPITALITY &amp; DEACONS</b>	\$ 370.97	\$ 259.38	\$ 414.20	\$ 275.24	\$ 5,000.00
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; OUTREACH</b>	\$ 345.71	\$ 559.00	\$ 546.05	\$ 861.11	\$ 5,700.00
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 4,017.92	\$ 3,809.82	\$ 24,110.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 74,489.23	\$ 69,823.21	\$ 142,942.27	\$ 126,965.31	\$ 840,670.00
<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ 20,263.69	\$ 6,258.63	\$ 59,788.96	\$ 26,473.71	

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**How much of your purchase does Amazon donate?** The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes or service charges. From time to time, there may be offer specials, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services for additional donations.

**Can you receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from your purchases on AmazonSmile?** Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

**Please consider this easy way to help support Westminster Presbyterian Church.** If you have any questions on this, please contact Becky at the church 234-5501 or email [Becky@wpcw.org](mailto:Becky@wpcw.org).

Thank you  
Finance Committee

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## **Scrip Cards**

SCRIP is a program where the church purchases prepaid gift cards at a discount (ranging from 1.25-16%) and then sells them at face value. The discount goes into an account that can be used for a variety of uses based upon the church's needs.

Gift cards can be used to give as gifts, to make everyday purchases, or to help maintain your monthly budget. We offer quite a variety including gas, grocery, restaurants, movie theater, clothing, crafts, home improvement, sports, car repair, Visa & Discover and SO much more.

If you purchase one \$25.00 gift card each month for a year, you could raise \$20.00 for the church. For 300 members to make that commitment could mean \$6,000.00 for 1 year. Think of the possibilities!

The SCRIP table will be open the first and third Sunday in the Welcome Center. SCRIP is also available in the office Monday-Friday. Click [HERE](#) for the current scrip list! Fill it out and bring it with you on Sunday mornings to have your order filled! Cards that we do not have available can be ordered for you.

Don't forget to share this opportunity with friends and family- the more the merrier!

If you have any questions or would like to special order cards, please reach out to Sarah Hellman at [sari@cfu.net](mailto:sari@cfu.net) or contact the church office.



# Mission

## Free Community Breakfast-Sat. April 7 - 8:00 am

How does a delicious homemade breakfast sound, along with a time of fellowship? You are invited to attend our monthly community breakfast, held on the first Saturday of the month. The men of Westminster cook up a delicious meal and there is a time of devotion and fellowship. We'd love for you to join us and bring a friend or two!

## Try-Pie

On **Sunday, April 22** Westminster will have the opportunity to once again buy pies from *Try Pie*. *Try Pie* serves as a teen development and employment program of Link CCD for high school girls in the Cedar Valley. Each week *Try Pie* teens work in the kitchen, making pie to practice basic job skills and build their experience and marketability for future employment.



During weekly classroom time, local leaders present curriculum on budgeting, resume writing, interview etiquette and spiritual and community development.

Each pie cost \$15 and you can receive your pie right when you order on Sunday morning! They are already made and delicious.

## Women Build - May 12

The Mission Committee will be sponsoring a team again this year for the Women Build. We are looking for 10 people (mostly women, but men are welcome) who would be willing to help build a house in our community. Don't worry about ability. There will be something for everyone.

Our build is on May 12th from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Please contact the office to sign up for this great opportunity.



## Sunday Supper Update

The ministry of Sunday Supper continues every Sunday evening at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo! Have you attended yet? It is a great way to meet community friends and enjoy a great meal together!

It starts at 5 pm in the lower level of First Pres which is located at 505 Franklin Street. If you would like to lend a hand some Sunday with the food prep, hospitality or clean up please see the schedule which is located in the Welcome Center. There are TWO different shifts to choose from:

- \* OPEN which is 3:30 pm to 5:40 pm and this includes food prep, serving line or greeting
- \* CLOSING which is 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and could include serving, assisting with carrying trays and the inevitable joy of clean up!

Volunteers are always needed! Check out the sign up sheets in the Welcome Center! Please contact Mary Lisa Mueller 319-274-9650 with any questions.

# Care

## Spring Prayer Vigil Rescheduled - Saturday, April 21

Due to wintry weather, we postponed the Prayer Vigil in March to Saturday, April 21.

If you signed up to pray in March, we will assume that you are still able to pray during the time on the 21st. If that does not work for you, please contact the church office at 234-5501.



## Deacon Medical Equipment Lending Program

We have available the following items to be loaned on a short term basis to Westminster members:

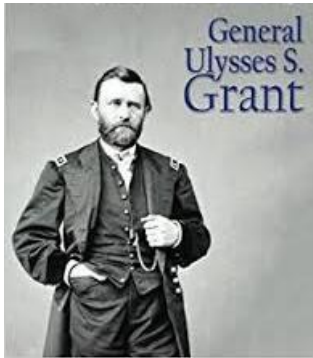
Wheel Chair, Walker, Bed Rail, Shower Chair, Cane, Crutches and others.

Due to the generous donation from a Westminster Church family, we now have available an electric wheelchair if there is ever a need.

Contact the church office if you are in need or should you have any items that we can use, please let us know by calling 234-5501. Thank you!

## Other Church News

### Over 60 Fellowship - Thursday, April 12 - 9:00 am



Let's go to historical Galena, IL and Rivertown, Dubuque.

We will depart at 9:00 am and head to Galena to do some shopping and have lunch. There are many eateries on Main St to choose from. We will also take the \$5 tour of Ulysses S. Grant's home (guided).

Then if we have time, we will stop in Dubuque and take a ride on the incline and have an ice cream cone at Culvers before heading home!



Please call the office at 234-5501 to RSVP by Wednesday, April 11.

### Friendship Club

All are welcome! Meets Thursday, April 5 at 6:00 pm. This is a potluck so bring a dish to share. The program will be Chuck Rowe speaking on the Boys & Girls Club of Waterloo.

### Presbyterian Women

**Executive Board:** Will meet on Wednesday, April 4 at 10:00 am at the home of Betty Cline. #6301 at Friendship Village (3720 Village Place).

**Circles:** Wednesday, April 18 at 10:00 am in the Children's Library

We will start our new study "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in

Hebrews". The new study books will be available from Monica Johnson. In preparation, read the book of Hebrews.



### Join Our Circle

Are you a new member, visitor or been associated with Westminster for many years and yet long for a one on one connection? Joining a Circle is a great way to get acquainted with Westminster Presbyterian Women.

The Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month (September through May) at 10:00 am at the church.

Purpose: Spiritual growth through group.

Discussion using our study book "Who Is Jesus?".

Mission: To nurture our faith through study, justice, peace and giving.

Please contact Jean Butler at 296-1855 or just join us the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the Children's Library. We look forward to welcoming you. See you there.

The Piecemakers quilting group is seeking new members! This group meets Thursdays from 9:00 am to noon, on the 2nd floor of the church, across from room 216. No sewing or quilting experience is needed! If you are interested in joining us, we are happy to teach you some basic skills. We need people who are willing to sew a basic straight stitch in order to put the quilt blocks together, as well as those who would like to tie the layers of the quilt together with a needle and yarn. We support our local community by donating our finished quilts to the Red Cross, pregnancy centers, and foster care programs. If you want more information about joining this fun and rewarding ministry, please contact Alisa Engelhardt.

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## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Just a reminder that there are prayer shawls available in the Welcome Center for you to take to someone you know who may be sick, have a new baby or just maybe needs a hug of love. These shawls were made by a very special group of women who then prayed over them. Please feel free to take one for yourself as well!

As a reminder, this group meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:30 am in the children's library! We would love for you to join us!



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## Session Minutes

Click [HERE](#) to view the minutes of the March 20 Session meeting.

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## Our Condolences

- Rev. Dr. Linda Smith and her family on the passing of her mother, Helen Smith

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

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