

Westminster Presbyterian Church - June, 2018

Messenger

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

God's Hesed

Hesed is one of those great Hebrew words that describes, in part, the character of God. (And yes, it starts with that harsh guttural sound you probably should not practice while someone is in front of you.) Its English translation is diverse: kindness, loving kindness, faithfulness, caring, or unfailing/steadfast love.

Often when this word is used, as in the Psalms for instance, God is the one directly delivering *hesed* to humans: Give thanks to the one who led his people through the desert-
God's faithful love lasts forever. (Psalm 136)

But what is interesting about the Book of Ruth, which we will be studying during June, is that God's *hesed* is mentioned frequently, but this time it is delivered from one *person* to another. Both the Psalms and Ruth speak about God's *hesed* as this mysterious force behind all that is good in the world. But the book of Ruth shows us this force in the everydayness of life. In real people, living in difficult circumstances, in an often random and chaotic world, who have to make some really tough choices about disregarding what is normally required because something in them says more should be done.

My guess is that most of us can identify with Ruth's narrative. Primarily learning about and trusting in the unending love and kindness of God as engine of the universe only because someone, or even a group of people, had the courage to show it to us.

God's Hesed in You & Us

In one way or another, we are all on a journey to explore what matters most in life. Or, to figure out what is most worth doing with our lives. And there are many good answers to that question. But I'm inclined to think one of the best is to discover where the *hesed* of God is being delivered to us through others and even being brought to others through you.

Clearly, the message of this tiny little book that has been around for almost three centuries, can have an enormous impact on how we live and prioritize our lives. As individuals. But also, as the church.

But isn't that the church (and life for that matter) as its best? A vehicle made of human beings, bound together and fueled by the *hesed* of God. A board line reckless group that will do everything takes, even risking its own life and reputation to show love and kindness to others.

Now that is a group of people I want worship with. (Sundays 9 & 11:15, and Weds. June 20 & 17)

Go to a ball game with (Wednesday June 6th)

Provide free community meals with (June 2nd Saturday Breakfast, and Sunday Suppers every Sunday)

Open our doors and invite the neighborhood kids to experience (VBS - June 18-22)

Send of a group of us to Puerto Rico to aid their recovery (June 10-16)

And help build homes in our community for those who need it (Habitat Build on Saturday June 23rd)

Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders-God's faithful love lasts forever. (Psalm 136)

Grace and Peace my friends,
Pastor Dan

A Note from Personnel

May has been an eventful month for the Personnel Committee. We celebrate with Sally Boger as she begins her retirement at the end of May. We've changed that position to a 9-month part time assignment. Dee Jordan has accepted the position and will start mid-August. With the departure of our custodian, we welcome back Larry Nobsch into that role.

Finally, we are excited to introduce Erica Fernandez as our new Director of Youth Ministries. Read on for her letter of introduction. Erica will begin on June 4. This will give her time to work alongside Scott Cose this summer & attend Great Escape with our Junior High students. Scott will move to part time mid-July and will officially retire on August 26. Watch for details about plans to celebrate with Scott & Vicki later this summer.

Kerri Powell, Chair

Hello Westminster -

My name is Erica Fernandez and I couldn't be more excited to work for your community and with your amazing staff! I graduated this past May from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelors in Communication Studies and have been celebrating by soaking up this sweet sunshine! I grew up in a small town nearby called Dike in a three-generation household with three sisters. If there's one thing to know about me, it's that I have a great sense of humor and love to laugh! Alongside ministry and youth some of my passions are going on adventures with friends, singing, taking photos, and drinking lots of coffee with good company. I can't wait to begin serving at Westminster and meeting all of you soon!



God bless,
Erica Fernandez

Welcome New Members

The following joined Westminster on May 13! Please be sure give them a big welcome!



Cody and Jina Funk

[4730 W. 4th Street](#)
[Waterloo, IA 50701](#)

Cody: 563-580-5600

Jina: 563-320-5650

Cody is in Business Development and Jina is a Communications Manager.
They have 2 children Hudson Halloran - 12 and Ella - 5.

Kristina Lambert

[340 Fairfield St.](#)
[Waterloo, IA 50703](#)

More information was unavailable at the time of this printing.



Allen Sessler

[2008 Winston Place](#)
[Waterloo, IA 50701](#)

319-296-1632 Home

319-269-5456 Cell

Allen is retired and lives with his wife Donna.



Heidi Warrington
 424 Martin Road
 Waterloo, IA 50701
 319-233-0643 home
 808-230-0743 cell

Heidi is a retired Army Nurse Practitioner. She has 4 grown children, Soren, Amythest, Sean and Neill.

Sermon Series

June 3	"A Higher Loyalty - Companionship"	Ruth 1
June 10	"A Higher Loyalty - Kindness"	Ruth 2
June 17	"A Higher Loyalty - Love"	Ruth 3
June 24	"A Higher Loyalty - beyond the law"	Ruth 4

BBQ & Blessings begins June 20!

On Wednesday, June 20 we'll commence our Wednesday evening dinner and worship. This is a fun mid-week break, to spark your spirit to finish the work week strong and hold you over to Sunday. You may also have occasion to be gone on the weekends as you explore the great opportunities of summer so keep up your faithful attendance and come worship on Wednesdays!



Dinner begins at 5:15 pm in the Shared Life Center with Worship following at 6 pm. We'll have beautiful music, a brief meditation and every other week we'll celebrate the Lord's Supper.

The dates this year are June 20 & 27 and July 11 & 18.

Thank You Mabel Rempe!

It is with sadness that we announce that Mabel Rempe will be stepping down from Directing our wonderful Meisteringers bell choir. We are very grateful for her many years of faithful service. Certainly, we have all been blessed by her talents. Thank you, Mabel!



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:

June 3	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Ian Lewis, Piano Worship Team
June 10	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	The Yoder Family String Trio Worship Team
June 17	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	TBA Worship Team
June 24	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Outside **	Hannah Jacobs Outdoor Worship



** Bring your lawn chair for our outdoor worship.

Musical Opportunities Abound at Westminster!

Worship Volunteers - A/V Techs

If you would like to join the Worship Audio/Video Tech Team for the 9am or 11:15 worship services, summer is the perfect time to do so! We are always excited to train sound and video volunteers and can work with your schedule. Please contact Patrick Marchant if you are interested in joining this ministry of Westminster. patrick@wpcw.org or 234.5501

Camp Music Mania July 9-13

All students entering 1st through 8th grade are invited to join us the week of July 9 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 13 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. Registration is now available at wpcw.org/cmm both online registration and paper forms are available to download for mail in registrations. Contact Patrick Marchant with any questions at patrick@wpcw.org or 234.5501 ext. 110.

Summer Cabaret

Join us for a new event on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:00 pm as Westminster presents: *A Summer Cabaret* featuring you, the members of Westminster's congregation! If you would like to sing/play/dance/juggle or share your other talents with us, please contact Patrick to reserve a spot in the line-up. Bring your talents forward as solo or group acts; all are welcome to participate in this fun-filled evening. patrick@wpcw.org or 234.5501.

Formation

Wes Pres Youth

For the next couple of months our youth will be pretty busy! In order to simplify things, below are the dates and events that you will want to post or mark on your calendars!

June:

- 6** - Puerto Rico mission trip meeting at 6:00 pm in the new welcome center. Please bring all forms notarized, copy of insurance card and final payments for the trip at this time.
- 9** - Puerto Rico mission group will meet and load up to head to Cedar Rapids for our trip. We will be staying the night in a hotel by the airport. We fly out early Sunday morning.
- 16** - Senior high mission group returns from Puerto Rico.
- 18** - VBS Week - All youth helping with VBS - please be at the church by 8:15 this first day.
- 24** - Our Puerto Rico group will be presenting for the adult forum class this Sunday. 10:00 to 11:00 am.

SENIOR HIGH PUERTO RICO

Please bring any questions that you may have concerning our trip when we meet on the 6th. We can bring one carry on bag, one back pack and your pillow on the plane. I will demonstrate how we can do this when we meet.

NOTE: *We are trying NOT to check any bags in. If you bring a bag that has to be checked in, you will have to pay the \$50.00 cost. This is not included in our final costs.*

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018

Front row: Katelyn De Koster, Laura Monson, Allyson Andriano, Kristina Jordan, Back row: Pastor Dan, Dalton Draeger, Christian Smith, Caleb De Koster, Scott Cose, Caleb Dodd, Andrew Oleson, Cade Dodd, Dee Jordan and Pastor Tricia.

Not pictured: Ainsley Harris, Brayden Anderson and Collin Williams



JUNIOR HIGH GREAT ESCAPE

Our junior high trip to Great Escape will be from July 9 to the 14. We will meet at the church by 8:00 am on Monday morning. We'll load the trailer, circle and pray and be on our way by 9:00 am.

Please have your completed forms, copies of insurance cards and final payments in to the church office by June 28 along with any questions that you might have concerning this trip.

We look forward to a great week on the lake!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 CONFIRMANDS

On April 29 we had 15 of our junior highs confirmed. They were honored at a breakfast, met with our session and received into the church during our 9:00 service.



Front row: Laura Rempe, Karli Hogle, Camille Malecek, Blake Buckley, Sam Lund, Jordan Gorman, Hayden Secor, Nathaniel Smith, Cody Wallbaum, Back Row: Emma Brainard, Calli Heinzerling, Scott Cose, Alexis Nelson, Maddison Tieskotter, Preston Zingg and Layton Ritter.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Our youth, both junior and senior highs, will be working at the Irish Fest on August 4 and 5. Our job will be to clean the grounds on Saturday and Sunday morning as well as Sunday afternoon.

Our times are as follows:

Saturday: 7:00 am to 9:00 am

Sunday: 7:00 am to 9:00 am

Sunday: 6:00 pm until we are done (7:30 pm)

I will provide all the supplies that we will need to complete our job. Please wear old clothes. Contact me with any questions that you may have.

Peace,
Scott Cose

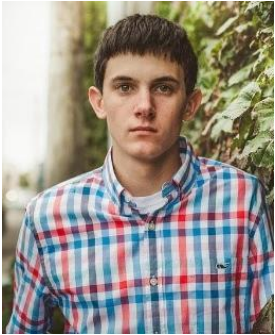
Congratulations High School Graduates of 2018



Allyson Andriano is the daughter of Sue Andriano and the late Kevin Andriano.

Allyson attended West High School where she was active in a number of sports, band and theater. She participated in Great Escape and a mission trip to Puerto Rico.

Allyson will be attending the University of Iowa where she will be majoring in Pre-Med.



Caleb De Koster is the son of Angie and John De Koster and grandson to Marilyn and Jim De Koster.

Caleb attended West High School where he was active in a number of sports. He participated in Great Escape and several mission trips at Westminster.

Caleb will be attending Iowa State University where he will major in Civil Engineering.



Katelyn De Koster is the daughter of Angie and John De Koster and grandson to Marilyn and Jim De Koster.

Katelyn attended West High School where she was active in track, cheerleading and President of BPA.

Katelyn participated in Great Escape, Great Oaks and mission trips. She will be attending the University of Northern Iowa.



Cade Dodd is the son of Jenny Dodd and grandson to Bill and Barb Dodd.

He attended West High School where he was active in a number of sports.

Cade participated in Church Mice and musicals, Westminster Dances and Great Escape.

Cade will be attending Iowa Central Community College on a football scholarship and will Major in Liberal Arts.



Caleb Dodd is the son of Jenny Dodd and grandson to Bill and Barb Dodd.

He attended West High School where he was active in a number of sports.

He was active in many church musicals, Church Mice and Great Escape.

Caleb will be attending Ellsworth Community College on a football scholarship and will major in Liberal Art.



Kristina Jordan is the daughter of Delores (Dee) and Steven Jordan.

She attended West High School where she was active in a number of sports and band.

At Westminster she was active in her youth group, attended Great Escape, Great Oaks and mission trips.

Kristina will be attending the University of Northern Iowa and will major in Elementary Education.



Laura Monson is the daughter of Lisa Monson and Craig Monson.

She attended West High School where she was active in band and Co-op.

At Westminster she participated in choir, youth group and Great Escape.

Laura will be attending Iowa State University and will pursue a major in the science field.



Andrew Oleson is the son of Dave and Melissa Oleson.

He attended Hudson High School where he was active in Jazz band, show choir and a number of sports.

At Westminster he participated in worship team and Great Escape.

Andrew will be attending the University of Northern Iowa and his major will be Choral Music Education.



Hunter Secor is the son of Keary and Richard Secor.

He attended Cedar Falls High school and was active in orchestra, cross country and a number of sports.

At Westminster he participated in Sunday School, youth group and a mission trip.

Hunter will be enlisting in the United States Marine Corp.



Christian Smith is the son of Skip and Shelly Smith.

He attended East High school where he was active in JROTC, Concert Choir and Band as well as sports.

At Westminster he participated in Messengers, Sunday School, Youth Group and Great Escape.

Christian will be enlisting in the Navy and will then pursue a college degree.



Collin Williams is the son of Tracey Williams and stepson of Mary Williams.

He will be graduating from Southwest Valley High School where he was active in a number of sports.

At Westminster Collin was very active in his youth group.

He will be attending Southwest Community College for 2 years and then Northwest Missouri State and will major in Conservation and Forestry.

Additional High School and College Graduates

Brayden Anderson - West Waterloo High School

Ainsley Harris - West Waterloo High School

Tori Johnson - Masters of Social Work, Univ. of Iowa

Regina River - BA of Education - Univ. of Northern Iowa

Wes Pres Kids

Summer Sunday School begins this month and runs through July. Please note that there is NO Sunday School on July 1st, due to the holiday weekend. This summer we will learn about Jesus' disciples. **ALL** children, from 3 years old through 5th grade will meet together in room 307 (the craft room) on the 3rd floor.



VBS IS THIS MONTH! It is **June 18-22**. Come enjoy a week filled with Bible stories, skits, music, crafts, mission education, games and new friends. This year's theme is Rolling River Rampage. Children will focus on the verse from Isaiah 43:2 that says "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." They will discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything.

VBS is open to children who are 3 years old through those that are entering the 5th grade. There is no cost to attend, however, we will collect an offering each day that will go to support George Wyth State Park.

Go to our website at www.wpcw.org/vbs to **register online**. You may register your children that will be attending and you may also register yourself or your youth to volunteer.

Please consider donating snacks for the VBS volunteers. We are in need of food donations for the staff to eat during their breaks while they help out at VBS. Sign-Up at the VBS table in the Welcome Center. Thanks for your help!

Alisa Engelhardt

The Journey

This class is full and runs thru August 15. **Facilitator:** Troyce Vich

Adult Education Opportunities

Sunday Morning Class

The Genesis of Exodus

During the month of June, while we study the Book of Ruth (an Immigrant herself), we will be using a study from the PC (USA) to look at the important topic of mass migration going on in our world today. Our own Dr. Linda Smith (Hawkeye CC professor) will be using the documentary *Genesis of Exoduses* well as other resources and guests to get us to think deeper about the issues around mass migration; a problem at least as old as the Bible. This study will help give you a more personalized look at causes, victims and journeys involved in migration. I hope you join us.

When: June 3, 10 & 17. **Where:** Chapel. **Facilitator:** Dr. Linda Smith

Puerto Rico Mission Trip Review

On **Sunday, June 24 at 10:00 am** join us in the Chapel to hear all about the Puerto Rico mission trip from those who attended!



Weekday Adult Opportunities

Mondays

Bible Study for Women:

Rev. Cathy Young leads a weekly, in-depth Bible study for women on Mondays. 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." **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, June 24 at 6:00 pm.

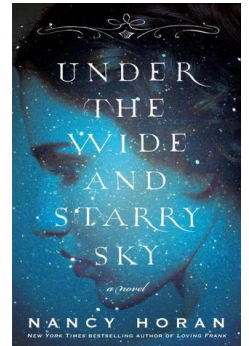
A look ahead at books to read:

June 24: *Under the Wide and a Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan

July 15: *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

August 19: *A Girl of the Limberlost* by Gene Stratton Porter

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



Resources

Stuff Etc.

What is Stuff Etc? - Stuff Etc. is a consignment shop in Waterloo. If you are ready to say goodbye to some of your favorite items, consign them **NOW** with Stuff Etc. Furniture, housewares, home decor and much more are taken on consignment.



How do you help Westminster Presbyterian with your donations?

Consignor (Westminster) will receive 50% of the final sale price as listed on the church account. A buyer's fee is added to the price tag of each item and will not be reflected on the church inventory list. This is a fee incurred by the customer to offset the expenses of processing.

Stuff Etc. accepts consignments **Monday through Saturday**. Advise Stuff Etc. that your donations are for **Westminster Presbyterian Church, Act. 15018**. **No appointment drop off** of 1 tote or 1 medium trash bag per day per customer. Furniture and large appliances are accepted 7 days a week without an appointment.

Items must be clean, current styles, no garage sale stickers, free of odor and in season. Check their website or in-store signs for consignment standards.

Please help support this trouble-free way of getting rid of unwanted items in your home. If you have any questions, please contact Becky (Becky@wpcw.org) or 319-234-5501. Stuff Etc, 1210 Flammang Drive, Waterloo, IA 50702

Finance

Budget Summary for April 2018.

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	APRIL	APRIL	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 54,703.84	\$ 68,415.97	\$ 293,289.16	\$ 268,136.56	\$ 806,700.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,913.44	\$ 3,270.42	\$ 12,235.61	\$ 14,189.31	\$ 42,150.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 8,874.76	\$ 4,081.32	\$ 50,363.68	\$ 31,159.83	\$ 100,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,061.57	\$ 954.70	\$ 3,735.16	\$ 4,822.38	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 44,581.09	\$ 41,263.76	\$ 179,289.93	\$ 163,611.60	\$ 541,110.00
MISSION	\$ 6,839.60	\$ 6,323.26	\$ 24,992.13	\$ 16,869.06	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 805.33	\$ 1,261.80	\$ 4,525.53	\$ 3,980.11	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ 35.70	\$ -	\$ 69.70	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 96.78	\$ 415.16	\$ 846.35	\$ 1,120.24	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 77.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 695.07	\$ 1,174.31	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 8,035.84	\$ 7,619.64	\$ 24,110.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 67,259.03	\$ 59,591.03	\$ 284,719.30	\$ 244,616.18	\$ 840,670.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (12,555.19)	\$ 8,824.94	\$ 8,569.86	\$ 23,520.38	

AmazonSmile

What is Amazon Smile - it is a simple and automatic way for you to support Westminster Presbyterian every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase to Westminster Presbyterian.

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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.

Thank you
Finance Committee

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 or contact the church office.

Mission

Free Community Breakfast-Sat. June 2 - 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!



Habitat Build - Saturday, June 23

This opportunity to help is open to ANYONE who would like to participate.

We will work from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. No construction experience necessary. We will be assisted and supervised by an experienced Habitat for Humanity construction supervisor.

If you aren't able to help work on the home but would like to help out in another way, we are also looking for volunteers to provide an easy lunch for us.

Please call the church office to sign up to volunteer to work on the home or provide lunch or contact Pastor Dan with any questions.

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 Mike Lewis with any questions or to sign up to help mslewis@cfu.net.

Care

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

Baseball at the Waterloo Bucks!

Join us for a Waterloo Bucks Game on **Wednesday, June 6.**

Cost: \$5 per person. **Must pay for tickets in advance at the church office.** Kids 3 and under are FREE.

Games starts at 6:30. Fireworks will follow.

Call or email the office or sign-up in the Welcome Center by **Monday, June 4.**



Over 60 Fellowship - Thursday, June 14 - 10:00 am



We will carpool to the classic Frank Lloyd Wright house in Quasqueton, Buchanan Co. Cedar Rock State Park. (donations start at \$5). We will then lunch at Wolfey's Wapsie Outback - pizza is their specialty. This is quoted as "a great lunch spot on the banks of the Wapsie River".



Since the church van is unavailable, we are looking for volunteers to drive so we can carpool.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, June 13 and let us know if you can drive.

Church Golf Event and Pool Party - Save the date!

Sunday, July 29. Details to follow next month but make sure to get this date on your summer calendars!

Friendship Club

Meets Thursday, June 7 at 6pm. Bring a dish to share. Program for the evening is Tim Kuhlman from the Waterloo Library speaking on the history of Blacks Department Store. Donna Nelson will be bringing artifacts to display. All are invited!

Thank You

Dear Pastor Tricia and the staff of Westminster,
Thank you so much for letting us hold our 4th Annual Spring Violin Concert at your church on Sunday, April 29! The sanctuary was PERFECT with its tiered stage and amazing acoustics. We were so blessed by your generosity. Sincerely, Cara Lockard

Dear ones at Westminster,
I am grateful for all the cards, flowers, well-wishes, quilt, refreshments and especially the outpouring of love for me as I retire from my duties here. It was a lovely occasion that my family enjoyed sharing with me. You have loved me well. Thank you. Sally Boger

Presbyterian Women

Circles do not meet until September.

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.

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!

Our Condolences

- Robin Lund and his family on the passing of his mom Ginette Lund
 - Sandy Lewis and her family on the passing of her grandma Lorraine Mohlman Osler
 - Family of Evie Boardsen who passed away
 - Family of Bob Bowsby who passed away
 - Bob Brown and his family on the passing of his wife Judy
 - Marv DeWaard and his family on the passing of his brother Dr. Jerald DeWaard
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Westminster Church Calendar

To view all the events happening at Westminster, please visit our website at www.wpcw.org. The church calendar can be found on our home page.