



What you need to know about what's happening in September. We want to be sure these important dates and events are on your calendars! All are invited to join us!

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### Genesis Sunday

As we turn the page to September and say goodbye to summer, I am so grateful to be back with you after an amazing Sabbatical. Thanks to Pastor Dan and the rest of our tremendous staff for their extra efforts over the summer.

On September 9 we will have ONE service at 9 am. **Genesis Sunday** will be a wonderful way to begin our program year with special music, a sermon from Genesis 6:5-22 and a Free brunch catered by Rodney's Kitchen of Waterloo. (Brunch menu: scrambled eggs, sausage links, breakfast potatoes, chicken wings, pulled pork, chicken penne pasta, coffee and juice.) We'll also have the return of balloon artist, Mr. Nick, face painting by Becky Webb and activities for the kids!



Thanks be to God for another year of ministry opportunities, growth and fellowship in our future.

Pastor Tricia

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### Adult Journey Opportunity

We are offering a fall 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 class will be offered on Sunday morning during Sunday School time, beginning September 23.

**Facilitator:** Troyce Vich. **Time:** 10:10 am. **Where:** Children's Library

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

**Informational meeting in the Chapel on September 2 and 9 at 11:00am**

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### Adult Education Sunday School Bible Study

This year for adult Sunday School we will be providing a year long Bible course that will follow along with the Lectionary we are using on Sunday mornings. This class will give you a chance to dig deeper in the text. You will learn about the context (thinking about cultural and historical backgrounds, as well as, the texts place literature and it's use of language), and then be encouraged to think along with others about connections to our times and life. During September this will be the only class that will be provided for Adults to give you a chance to try it out before taking in other classes in the year ahead.

September 9 – No class.

September 16 – Noah and Abraham. Genesis 6, 8, 9 and 12

September 23 – Joseph. Genesis 39

September 30 – The Exodus. Exodus 14

**Facilitator:** Pastor Dan & Guests. **Time:** 10:15 am. **Where:** Chapel

Take a moment to have some fellowship and then come in.

### ADULT EDUCATION





### Knowing Your Neighbor

This year, the Cedar Valley Interfaith Council will be having a series of events called, Knowing Your Neighbor. The purpose of these gatherings is to educate each other about our holy days by providing a presentation on the holiday along with some food related to the day or faith group. To start the year off, our Muslim friends at the Islamic Center will be hosting an event around their holy day Eid al-Adha (festival of Sacrifice). All are welcome. **Sunday, September 9, 4-6pm** at the Islamic Center in Waterloo.

### Musical Opportunities abound at Westminster!

The start of a new school year is a wonderful time to consider joining one of the many musical ensembles at Westminster! There is opportunity for every, and all are invited!



For the youngest musicians our Church Mice choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 5:30-6pm and is open to all children age 3 through Kindergarten. For students in first through fifth grade our Messenger choir meets Wednesdays from 5-5:30 pm and is a wonderful opportunity to come together and make music while having fun and building friendships. The Mice & Messengers along with the LightShine Choir will present "On Our Way to Bethlehem" on Christmas Eve at the 5pm worship service. Both the Mice & Messenger Choirs are directed by our Children's Choir Director, Charissa Lambert.

Bells ring and Boomwhackers sing in our Westminster Chimes ensemble that is open to students in 4th through 12th grade. This youth handbell program meets Wednesday afternoons from 4:15-5 pm. No musical training is needed- we will learn to read as we play!

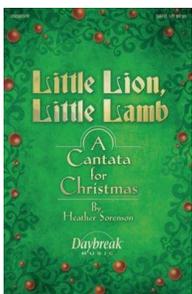
The LightShine choir is a great opportunity for Junior High & High School students to keep on singing with their church friends! Spring is always an exciting time for LightShine as the choir will present a musical on May 12 featuring solos, group songs, acting, and narration. New this year, LightShine will also be participating in the Christmas Eve Musical with our Mice & Messengers Choirs at 5pm.

Westminster's adult music ensembles provide a chance for busy adults to come together and sing or play God's praises. For those interested in playing music the Meisteringers Bell Choir meets Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:45pm and provides a wide range of bell music for Sunday morning worship once a month September through May. The Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:45pm and sings at most 9am services throughout the September through May program year.

For those looking to satisfy their contemporary music craving, the Worship Team rehearses Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 and sings in the 11:15 am Jacob's Well Service each Sunday. The Worship Team is always excited to welcome new singers and instrumentalists (keyboard, guitar, bass, drums, woodwinds, brass, strings) to the ensemble!

### September Music Schedule

- September 2: 10am: Praise Team
- September 9: 9am: Praise Team & Chancel Choir
- September 16: 9am: Westminster Chimes & Chancel Choir 11:15: Praise Team
- September 23: 9am: Church Mice & Chancel Choir 11:15: LightShine & Praise Team
- September 30: 9am: Meisteringers 11:15: Messengers & Praise Team



### Calling All Singers, Instrumentalists, Narrators, Sound & Light Techs!

Our 2018 Christmas Cantata, *Little Lion, Little Lamb* is here! Everyone is welcome to join in this beautiful cantata written by Heather Sorenson. In addition to singers, opportunities are available for a narrator, volunteers for sound and light control, and instrumentalists for a full orchestra. Choir rehearsals begin on September 26 at 7:30pm, please contact Patrick to receive your materials before that date. The orchestra rehearses in December, please pick up materials from Patrick by November 1. The choir will rehearse monthly on Wednesdays at 7:30: September 26, October 24, November 14, December 5, & December 12. Saturday morning rehearsals will be held December 1, 8, 15. The cantata will be performed in worship at 9am & in the evening at 6:30pm on December 16, 2018.

For more information about the music program please contact Patrick Marchant at [patrick@wpcw.org](mailto:patrick@wpcw.org) or 319.234.5501 ext. 110

**Band Lessons Now Offered at the Promise Academy of Music**

Register by September 10 for music lessons from the Promise Academy of Music. In addition to piano and ukulele we will also be offering band lessons this year. Lessons are available for students in 1st through 12th grade. For more information or to register, visit [wpcw.org/pam](http://wpcw.org/pam)



**Wes Pres Kids**

We are excited to announce that the Discovery Night meals will FREE OF CHARGE this year. Our theme verse is from Mathew 5:14. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Everybody who attended the Launch Party activities received a shirt with our new logo and theme verse and decorated their shirt with fabric markers. If you were unable to join us for the Launch Party, but attend on Wednesdays, feel free to pick up one of the new Discovery Night shirts in the Social Hall during meal time over the next several weeks.

Please be aware of all the Discovery Night **SCHEDULE CHANGES** this year. The changes take effect on **September 6**. On the first Wednesday of each month, we will have worship in the Sanctuary from 6:35-6:55, which will affect some class times. Church Mice practice has been moved to 5:30 this year, and will continue at that time for the entire year. If you would like a paper copy of the new Discovery Night schedule, they are available in the Welcome Center.

On **September 16**, Sunday School will be resuming for all ages. The 1st and 2nd graders will be meeting together in The Desert Room on the 3rd floor. Blair Voigt will be guiding them this year. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will meet together in The Movie Room on the 3rd floor. Trisha Crawford will be their main teacher for this year, with some assistance from Tasha Knight. The 3, 4, and 5 year olds will meet on the 1st floor, in the large room across from the Nursery. Carolyn Weichers and Christina Sales will lead them for the year.

**Wes Pres Youth**

Calling all teens looking to get involved in our confirmation class! We will begin our first session of classes on September 16 at (10:10 am) in the Jr. High room. This semester we will be covering the history of the church and will continue to learn about who Jesus is and how he prevails in this world! Get ready for a fun year! Parents – we will be asking kids to sign up to bring snacks to group so be prepared, and please send them with dates! God bless, Erica.



Wes Pres Youth is adding a wonderful, NEW, and exciting ministry: Media Team! Kids are welcome to join this awesome ministry where they get to explore photography, videography, acting, editing, and all other things creative! If you're interested in joining, please contact Erica in the office or send her an email at [erica@wpcw.org](mailto:erica@wpcw.org)

**From the Finance Department**

| BUDGET SUMMARY        |                |                |               |               |               |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                       | JULY           | JULY           | YTD           | YTD           | BUDGET        |
|                       | 2018           | 2017           | 2018          | 2017          | 2018          |
| TOTAL REVENUE         | \$ 47,247.07   | \$ 54,281.52   | \$ 475,236.50 | \$ 473,995.84 | \$ 806,700.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION        | \$ 1,569.08    | \$ 3,413.90    | \$ 20,270.31  | \$ 23,402.35  | \$ 42,150.00  |
| OPER & MAINT          | \$ 9,740.32    | \$ 9,218.62    | \$ 73,066.80  | \$ 50,245.43  | \$ 100,000.00 |
| CHRISTIAN ED          | \$ 3,346.76    | \$ 4,092.66    | \$ 9,701.13   | \$ 9,741.62   | \$ 24,100.00  |
| PERSONNEL             | \$ 45,461.98   | \$ 39,962.11   | \$ 313,446.24 | \$ 284,628.18 | \$ 541,110.00 |
| MISSION               | \$ 3,187.70    | \$ 12,012.10   | \$ 40,209.22  | \$ 39,800.23  | \$ 82,000.00  |
| MUSIC & WORSHIP       | \$ 419.07      | \$ 433.00      | \$ 5,631.20   | \$ 5,564.58   | \$ 15,000.00  |
| STEWARDSHIP           | \$ 132.73      | \$ -           | \$ 252.68     | \$ 189.65     | \$ 1,500.00   |
| HOSPITALITY & DEACONS | \$ 148.90      | \$ 125.13      | \$ 1,974.47   | \$ 1,609.96   | \$ 5,000.00   |
| MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH | \$ 408.98      | \$ 328.57      | \$ 1,695.32   | \$ 2,287.66   | \$ 5,700.00   |
| PER CAPITA            | \$ 2,008.96    | \$ 1,904.91    | \$ 14,062.72  | \$ 13,334.37  | \$ 24,110.00  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES        | \$ 66,424.48   | \$ 71,491.00   | \$ 480,310.09 | \$ 430,804.03 | \$ 840,670.00 |
| REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | \$ (19,177.41) | \$ (17,209.48) | \$ (5,073.59) | \$ 43,191.81  |               |

**Below are some normal operating expenses for our church.**

\$3167.82 - Average Monthly MidAmerican Energy  
\$460.00 - Average Monthly Waterloo Water Works - (Water/Sewer/Fire Lines/Storm Water)  
\$10,750.00 - Snow Removal/salt - January 2018 through April 2018  
\$117.70 - Monthly Garbage  
\$197.22 per time - Elevator Service Fees - quarterly -  
\$492.20 - Elevator - Annual Safety Inspection  
\$120.00 - Elevator - Annual Licensing through Iowa Division of Labor Services  
\$109.00 - Sump Pump - Annual Maintenance Contract

**Below are some extra expenses that our church has seen this year.**

\$932.88 - Water Softener  
\$3000.00 - Sidewalk replacement/repair  
\$372.36 per time - Clean the Shared Life Center carpet - 3 times per year  
\$5891.87 - Boiler Repairs/Expenses - 2018  
\$440.00 - Pew Repair  
\$104.01 - Plumbing - Urinal and Sink

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**Sunday Supper Update**

The ministry of Sunday Supper continues every Sunday evening at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo!

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! This is a great opportunity .... that is just a couple of hours of your time ... to help community members in need.

Check out the sign up sheets in the Welcome Center! Contact Pastor Tricia with any questions or to sign up to help [patricia@wpcw.org](mailto:patricia@wpcw.org)



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**Thank You ...**

Dear Westminster Family -

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, support and other acts of kindness following my total knee replacement surgery. It has been greatly appreciated.

Blessings to you all.

*Margo Grimm*

THANK YOU Patrick and all who shared their outstanding talent at the Cabaret on August 22! The show was excellent, lots of fun, and "not to be missed" next year!

*Nancy Shirey*

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**Please go to our website at [www.wpcw.org](http://www.wpcw.org) to view the full church calendar.**