

Westminster Messenger

September 2019



4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, Ephesians 4:1-4

So we wave goodbye to Summer 2019 and take a moment to reflect on what is around the corner! It was a very abundant summer at Westminster as we:

- Considered the gospel stories in Luke and how Jesus responded to those on the Outside of society
- Celebrated our children with a great VBS week in June
- Listened to our youth as they shared their discoveries at Great Escape camp and the San Fran Mission experience
- Had great fellowship times at the Cabaret and Palmer's Fun Night out
- Watched in amazement as the Frozen musical came together in a week with a great number of community friends

These happenings came together with much prayer and effort on many fronts! Thanks to all!!

So consider this fall how you could be that missing piece of the puzzle for God's Kingdom. What does your life look like? The life to which you've been called!

Could you spend time each day in stillness, being more aware of God's Spirit all around you?

Could you volunteer at a youth dance, Sunday supper or dry some dishes on a Wednesday night? It takes all of us to give our time and energy to build this Kingdom.

I hope you will pay attention to our music director Patrick Marchant's article below on the purpose of the Promise Academy of Music. This ministry was part of the vision plan adopted back in 2016 and it has been so great to see that vision unfold. As a member of Westminster, please be informed about this new and growing ministry.

Enjoy these beautiful days and your purpose in God's Kingdom!
Pastor Tricia

Wes Pres Wednesday

We are excited as we begin the 2019-2020 year! Below is our Wes Pres Wednesday schedule. Hard copies can be found at the church.

Once again, we will not be charging for the Wednesday night dinners. To help us offset the costs of providing these meals, you can make a donation via our Kiosk, in the offering tray on Sunday mornings or by placing a donation in the box outside of the Social Hall.

If you have not registered your kids yet for the program year, please go to <https://wpcw.org/wpwreg>

Time	Event	Location
2:45 – 5:00	After School Program	
4:15 – 5:00	Chimes (4 th – 9 th)	Bell Room-LL
5:00 – 6:00	Dinner	Social Hall
5:30 – 6:00	Messenger Choir (1 st – 5 th)	Children's Choir Room - LL Rm 101
6:00 – 7:15	Wes Pres Kids (1 st – 5 th)	Shared Life Center, 3 rd Floor Rms
6:00 – 6:20	Church Mice (3 yrs – K)	Children's Choir Room – LL Rm 101
6:20 – 7:15	Wes Pres Kids (3 yrs – K)	LL – Rm 100
6:00 – 7:00	Centering Prayer	Chapel
6:00 – 7:15	Meisteringers	Adult Bell Room
6:00 – 7:15	Band of Brothers / WOW	Adult Library / Room 216
6:00 – 7:15	Wes Pres Youth (6 th – 8 th)	Jr. High Room
7:00 – 8:30	Wes Pres High (9 th – 12 th)	Sr. High Room
7:30 – 8:45	Chancel Choir	Adult Choir Room
6:45 – 7:15	Wes Pres Worship (Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Dec. 18 and 2020 dates TBD)	Sanctuary



Adult Education September 2019

Sacred Space

Taught by Geof Grimes in the Chapel

Religion and architecture have been linked together from the beginning. Come to this class taught by a retired architect to hear about the relationship between buildings and faith and get some insight in why churches look the way they do. Begins September 15

Bible Class

Taught by Pastor Dan in Adult Library

Pastor Dan loves talking about the Bible. It's strange, bizarre, gross, quirky, awe inspiring, beautiful, and funny. Yet, through it all, it helps us relate to God and discover how we are meant lives, by seeing how others struggled through those very questions thousands of years earlier.



This class will be available most Sundays where all are welcome to drop in and talk about this Sunday passage and/or related texts.



The Grand Sweep Bible Study

What: A walk through the Bible from Genesis through Revelation over a period of two years

Who: This weekly study will be shared by the Cedar Valley PC-USA pastors in order to foster partnership and to hear from a variety of perspectives

Why: We have committed to promoting Biblical literacy, and this study would aim to show the "big picture" of how the books of the Bible connect

to each other

When: Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30, beginning September 10 through November 19, and then resuming in the spring

Where: First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls (Fall 2019); Waterloo church TBD (Spring 2020)

Childcare available

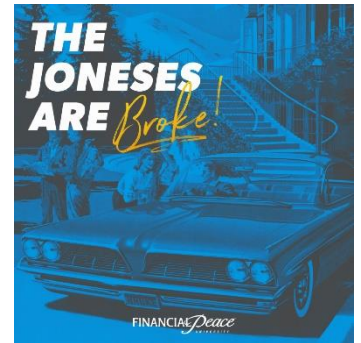
More information is available on a table in the Welcome Center

Financial Peace Class

Beginning September 15 we will offer a 10 week class to be held every Sunday at 10:15 am. (No class on October 20.) This class will be in Room 216.

The cost is \$110 to buy the package. Scholarships are available.

Erin Arickx will be teaching. Contact Pastor Dan with any questions or to sign up at dan@wpcw.org.



Adult Journey Class

The fall Journey class begins Sunday, September 29. This class is an uncommon, faith-deepening and life-transforming experience where together we will discover a richer, deeper relationship with God and each other. This world needs “deep” people; people who will live faithfully from the inside out. Do you ever wonder if there is more to this life with Christ? Have you been called to something greater? We all want a deeper relationship with God but we don’t always know how to get there. I invite you to join me for this 15 week JOURNEY.



The class size is limited to 8 so save your spot by calling the church office. If you have any questions concerning the class, please call either pastor or Troyce Vich at 319-240-8605. This class will be offered during the Sunday School time, September 29 - February 9.

Facilitator: Troyce Vich, will meet in the Children's Library

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

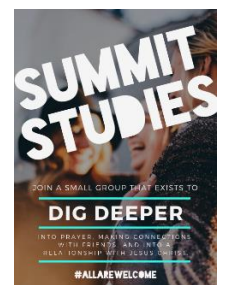


Wes Pres Youth

Wes Pres Youth is ready to kick-off another year of Wednesday nights learning about Jesus, reading scripture, and building relationships together. To begin our studies, we will be kicking off our year talking about what it means to go “Back to Basics”. This series will challenge us to see the church, youth group, and our own individual lives for how God intended: Through Him, The Word, and Prayer. Keep

your eyes open to our social medias (@wespresyouthia) to keep up with how our groups are progressing and growing together.

Summit Studies will gather again for our small group Bible studies throughout the first semester. Summit Studies exists to create an environment for Wes Pres Youth students to have an opportunity to share their hearts and lives, pray with one another, ask questions, and dig into a deeper relationship with Jesus in a small group setting. This fall we will have options for students of all ages to be a part of a small group. Keep your eyes open to our social media pages (@wespresyouthia) for those specific groups beginning in October!





Wes Pres Youth is STOKED to announce our new ministry addition to our Wednesday night programming. Throughout the summer students and leaders began renovating our worship room on the third floor to create a space for Jr. high and Sr. High to co-exist and worship together on Wednesday nights. Keep up on our social medias (@wespresyouthia) for more details and information!

Erica Fernandez

Jr. High Dance Schedule for 2019-2020

September 6, October 4, November 15, December 13, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3, 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!



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

Our 2019 Christmas Cantata, *The Silence and the Sound* 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 25 at 7:30pm, please contact Patrick to receive your materials before that date.

The orchestra rehearses on December 14, please pick up materials from Patrick by November 1st.

The choir will rehearse monthly on Wednesdays at 7:30: September 25, October 23, November 6, November 20, December 4, & December 11. A

Saturday morning Dress Rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 14.

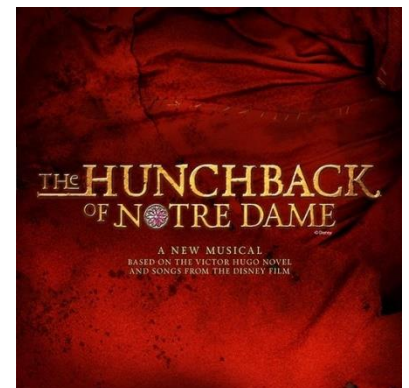
The cantata will be performed in worship at 9am & in the evening at 6:30pm on December 15, 2019.

For more information about the music program please contact Patrick Marchant at patrick@wpcw.org or 319.234.5501 ext. 110

Tickets on Sale!

Tickets are now on sale for Westminster's production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Tickets can be purchased online at promisemusic.org/musical, weekdays from 8am-4pm at the church office, & 60 minutes before each performance. (Cash, Check, Credit & Debit Cards will be accepted for in person payments, online orders must be placed with a Credit or Debit Card)

Tickets are priced to be accessible to all who wish to see this production. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to support our Promise Academy of Music at Westminster providing students throughout the Cedar Valley



with scholarships for music lessons, engaging & creative music camps, and instruments to learn and practice on while taking lessons through the Promise Academy of Music at Westminster.



The Promise Academy of Music at Westminster

The Promise Academy of Music at Westminster exists to provide everyone with the chance to make, hear, and appreciate music while being in a place where they feel like they belong. We directly impact the lives of children throughout the Cedar Valley providing private music lessons and summer camps with a scholarship program so that opportunities are available to everyone who wishes to experience the joy of music.

The Promise Academy started as an outreach effort in 2017. After years of planning, Westminster partnered with UNI's Community Music School to offer a music camp in our building in July of 2017. We continued a partnership with UNI's CMS to offer piano and ukulele lessons through the 2017-18 school year as well as a summer camp in July of 2018. The Promise Academy of Music at Westminster expanded in September of 2018 offering band, voice, and guitar lessons in addition to piano and ukulele. With this expansion, we separated from UNI's CMS, hiring our own teachers, reducing our costs, and expanding our student capacity. We currently average 25 students a semester across the various lesson types.

Our 2019 Summer Music Camp, Frozen JR. offered a week-long acting, singing, dancing experience with a final performance on Friday, July 19 to 84 students not only from our area, but who traveled for the experience, our furthest traveling student was from Des Moines!

Our latest endeavor, a community production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame has brought many community members into our building, allowed them to meet our members, and experience the love and acceptance Westminster has to offer. We wanted to extend music making opportunities to a larger age range than our private lessons offer. This community production gives everyone a place to belong, to perform, and to be loved- no matter the color of your skin, your gender, your identity; here you are loved. Here you will know you are loved. The cast, congregation (ensemble), and the choir will be home to a large variety of people from the Cedar Valley both who attend Westminster and those who do not. By having the community come together we can create something truly amazing with the gifts and talents we have been given. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to support our Promise Academy of Music at Westminster providing students throughout the Cedar Valley with scholarships for music lessons, engaging & creative music camps, and instruments to learn and practice on while taking lessons through the Promise Academy of Music at Westminster.



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 6-6:20pm and is open to all children age 3 through Kindergarten. For students in first through fifth grade our Messenger choir meets Wednesdays from 5:30-6pm 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 "Christmas Spirit" 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 9th grade. This youth handbell program meet 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! LightShine meets two Sundays per month to rehearse for a musical each semester. Our Christmas musical – “Christmas Spirit” will be presented on Christmas Eve at the 5pm worship service with the Mice & Messengers Choirs. Our spring musical “Faith News Network” will be presented on Mother’s Day, May 10, 2020 at the 10am worship service with the Messengers choir. LightShine’s rehearsal schedule is available at wpcw.org/music

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 6-7:15pm 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 7-8:30pm and sings in the 11:15 am 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 8: 10am: Praise Team & Chancel Choir
September 15: 9am: Chancel Choir 11:15: Messengers & Praise Team
September 22: 9am: Church Mice & Chancel Choir 11:15: Praise Team
September 29: 9am: Meisteringers 11:15: Praise Team

Patrick Marchant



Fall Fest

Join us Saturday, October 5 for our annual Fall Fest gathering. We will once again meet at Barn Stahl Farm in Wellsburg beginning at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$5 per person, which includes a meal. Kids 3 and under are free. You will pay when you get there.

Attractions include a Petting Zoo, Pumpkin Patch, Wagon Rides, Corn Maze, Jumping Pad, 25 foot slide and much more! Wear your favorite Westminster shirt and join us for this fun-filled event!

Church Picture Directory

Our new directories are ready for pick up. One per family please. A \$5 donation would be appreciated. You can pay the office, pay on Sunday or you can use the Kiosk!



Feed My Starving Children

Mark your calendars! We will have our 13th packing event for FMSC **October 7-9!** Registration goes online Monday, September 16 at www.wpcw.org/fmsc

From the Finance Committee

	BUDGET SUMMARY				
	JULY	JULY	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 69,074.04	\$ 47,247.07	\$ 448,836.08	\$ 475,236.50	\$ 784,669.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,862.11	\$ 1,569.08	\$ 19,803.00	\$ 20,270.31	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 10,040.65	\$ 9,740.32	\$ 57,013.45	\$ 73,066.80	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 2,473.67	\$ 3,346.76	\$ 9,345.70	\$ 9,701.13	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 39,437.77	\$ 45,461.98	\$ 289,347.44	\$ 313,446.24	\$ 514,515.00
MISSION	\$ 5,467.29	\$ 3,187.70	\$ 43,631.90	\$ 40,209.22	\$ 68,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 971.85	\$ 419.07	\$ 6,837.30	\$ 5,631.20	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ 132.73	\$ -	\$ 252.68	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 485.06	\$ 148.90	\$ 2,609.54	\$ 1,974.47	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 23.16	\$ 408.98	\$ 1,701.03	\$ 1,695.32	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 11,435.76	\$ 14,062.72	\$ 19,604.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 62,395.24	\$ 66,424.48	\$ 441,725.12	\$ 480,310.09	
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 6,678.80	\$ (19,177.41)	\$ 7,110.96	\$ (5,073.59)	

Amazon-Smile

Did you know Westminster has received: **\$243.29** as of August 2019 from Amazon-smile program.

Thanks for your participation in this program. If you haven't listed Westminster as your charity to support on your Amazon account, please do so today.

Questions?? Call Jodi or Becky in the office and they can help you!!

The Gathering

Women of Westminster and the Cedar Valley are invited to a morning with Mandy Sullivan, who is a popular professional Christian women's speaker, writer and perfectly flawed woman of God.

Westminster and many other participating Waterloo churches are hosting this event on Saturday, November 9 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Cost is just \$10. Click [HERE](#) for more information. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are on sale at the church office or you can order online at NurtureHerSoul.com

SCRIP

Need Groceries?

Try: HyVee (3%), Fareway (3%), Walmart/Sam's Club (2.5%), Target (2.5%), Kwik Star (4%), Visa (1.25%)

Need Gas?

Try these to pay for your gas/gas station items in the store: HyVee (3%), Walmart/Sam's Club (2.5%), Casey's (7%), Kwik Star (4%), Visa (1.25%)

Need Prescriptions?

Try these to purchase your prescription: HyVee (3%), Walmart (2.5%), CVS (6%), Walgreens (6%), Visa (1.25%)

Need a gift?

Try these to either give as a gift card or to purchase your gift in store or online!

- Amazon 3%
- Walmart/Sam's Club 2.5%
- Target 2.5%
- Visa 1.25%
- Best Buy 3%
- Barnes & Noble 9%
- Kohl's 4%
- Old Navy 14%

How much can I raise per Year?			
	Average Contribution	Spending Per Month	Contribution Per Year
Grocery	3%	\$100	\$36
		\$200	\$72
		\$400	\$144
Gas	4%	\$50	\$24
		\$100	\$48
		\$200	\$96
Restaurants/Fast Food	7%	\$50	\$42
		\$100	\$84
		\$200	\$168
Clothing	5%	\$25	\$15
		\$100	\$60
		\$200	\$120
Home Improvement	3.50%	\$50	\$21
		\$100	\$42
		\$200	\$84
Movies/Books	7%	\$25	\$21
		\$50	\$42
		\$100	\$84

Did you know?

- You can purchase a Visa card (\$50, \$100, or \$250) without having to pay a \$3.95+ fee like you would at the store.
- If you use your Kwik Star gift card in store, Westminster gets an additional 1% rebate back!
- You can use Kohl's gift cards to pay your Kohl's credit card in store.
- You can use Amazon gift cards while purchasing on Amazon Smile maximizing the return to the church!
- Gift cards are great for everyday purchases as well as gifts for family, friends, mail person, newspaper delivery person, teachers, & more!