

# Westminster Messenger, October 2019



***"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." — John 10:10b***

"You've been given a great gift, George: a chance to see what the world would be like without you. ... Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives, and when he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?" —The angel Clarence Odbody

This past month my Aunt Guen went to heaven after 92 years of life on this earth. She was a high school Latin

teacher and librarian, she married her college sweet heart Howard and together they raised five children in upstate New York. She was my Dad's only surviving sister and our two families were very close as we grew up. I so loved her kindhearted ways and her path of faith was so evident as she understood the importance of making each individual feel loved and important. Raised as a Baptist, she married a Presbyterian and was ordained as an Elder. She gave countless hours to her local church and faithfully served her Lord. She came to my ordination in 1992 and looked me in the eye with great passion and told me she knew the path before me wouldn't be easy, but her prayers were always with me. She truly has left an impression on my heart and mind.

We all have that opportunity to leave a positive impression on those around us. This is how we build the local church and for those of us committed to Westminster, a great opportunity is before us. We are at a crossroads as a local church, we have invested much energy in our capital campaign and in our vision process over the last five years. We committed to adult discipleship and brought the Journey program to Westminster, we saw a need in our community and we opened the Promise music academy, we fulfilled a 65 year dream and brought stained glass windows to our sanctuary. I could continue to list the positive ministries and improvements, but I hope you see and feel the inspiration all around us as we've been faithful. We've also said our earthly goodbyes to beloved saints that were so committed to Westminster and we miss them. So the question becomes how will we celebrate their commitment as we move into a new decade, the 2020's?

During this month of October we'll focus in on the classic movie *It's a Wonderful Life* and we'll also hear from Westminster members who believe two major themes; the power of the local church and the importance of a personal faith in God. We'll go back in our lives as we consider the scriptures and how money, influence and our culture form our thoughts as we mature into adult Christians. Remember the angel from the movie, Clarence, he had the task of convincing George Bailey that indeed his life was worth living. George had to be reminded that his life mattered, I pray with my whole heart that you know in your heart that you matter. I pray that you are aware that your role at Westminster matters. Please take time to ponder how you can strengthen the future and fully engage with the life of our church.

Commit to attending each Sunday and listen to the stories, attend the celebration breakfast on Sunday, October 20th which follows our ONE service of Worship together. Your life on this earth is so full of possibility so live out your potential and build the church as you bring God glory and honor!

Living this Abundant Life with You!  
Pastor Tricia

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## 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 \$6 per person, which includes a meal. Kids 2 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!

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## Adult Education

### Civil Religion in America

Join Donna Hoffman in examining the concept of civil religion in the United States, how it was utilized to help create a body politic, and what that means for us today as we try to navigate the political sphere.

Begins October 6 and will meet in Room 216.

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## 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 to live, 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.

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## 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](http://NurtureHerSoul.com)

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### Wes Pres Youth

This Friday is our second Jr. High dance of the school year & we're stoked to serve with you! Did you know that 100% of the profits made at Westminster dances go directly back to Wes Pres Youth? We would love your help making this possible by volunteering to chaperone for our dance, this Friday! Email [erica@wpcw.org](mailto:erica@wpcw.org) to sign up to chaperone today!

Your students are invited to help us serve with our nonprofit partners, Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday October 9th. We will have dinner prepared for our students 30 minutes prior to their serving shifts. Jr. high students are invited to help at 4:30 pm and Sr. High at 7:00 pm. Please make sure your students are on time to this event as we will have a training beforehand that they must complete in order to serve.

This will be a very special year for Feed My Starving Children as we will pack our 2 millionth meal prepared at Westminster. Please join us for this special outreach event!

Wes Pres Youth is stoked to host another Fall Retreat for our Jr. High students on October 11th - 13th at Camp Wyoming in Wyoming, IA. Sign your students up today for this amazing event targeted to refresh, rejuvenate, and recenter our eyes after the first couple months of the busy school year. The cost per student will be \$60 - the last day to register for this event will be Wednesday, October 9th.

Our final event for the month of October is a our Fear Factor Lock-In for our Jr. High students! This is an overnight hang out for all of our 6th - 8th grade students here at Westminster. Make sure to mark your calendars for October 25th because it's going to get spooky as we host the best Halloween party in the Cedar Valley. Plus, we heard there is going to be a special spooky treat from our Sr. High students to shake up the event this year - your students won't want to miss it!!

Finally, please follow this link to register your students for our 2019-2020 year of Wes Pres Youth. All of the information you will fill out will make it possible for our students to go on trips, to be involved in activities, and for us to have all of the information we need to keep your student(s) safe and invested in. Thank you so much! <https://wpcw.org/wpwreq/>

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### Jr. High Dance Schedule for 2019-2020

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](mailto:erica@wpcw.org) to find out how you can help!



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### Wes Pres Wednesday Announcement

Because we will be hosting Feed My starving Children next week, there will be NO Wes Pres Wednesday on October 9. No classes for kids, youth and adults. Jr. and Sr. Highs will pack for Feed My Starving Children as indicated above. Adult Bells and Chancel Choir WILL rehearse at their regular times.

### Wednesday Night Worship

Join us on Wednesday, October 30 for a brief worship, music and a time of fellowship at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend!

Then we will send teams out to bring candy to the neighbors as a time of Reverse Trick or Treating. Wear your Halloween costume and join us for this fun event!!



### Calling All Singers, Instrumentalists, Narrators!

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.

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

The choir will rehearse monthly on Wednesdays at 7:30: continuing October 23, November 6, November 20, December 4, & December 11. A Saturday morning Dress Rehearsal will be held on December 14.

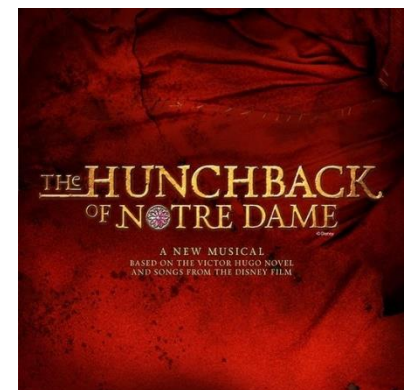
The cantata will be performed in worship at 9:00 am & in the evening at 6:30pm on December 15, 2019.

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

### Tickets on Sale!

Tickets are on sale for Westminster's production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*. Tickets can be purchased online at [promisemusic.org/musical](http://promisemusic.org/musical), weekdays from 8:00 am-4:00 pm 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.



### October Music Schedule

- October 6: 9:00 am: Chancel Choir, 11:15 Worship Team
- October 13: 9:00 am: Chancel Choir & Messengers, 11:15 Worship Team
- October 20: 10:00 am: Jennifer Jones, Vocalist
- October 27: 9:00 am: Meisteringers, 11:15 Worship Team & Church Mice



### All Saints' Day

This year All Saints' Day is Sunday, November 3. All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for the life of our loved ones who have preceded us in death.

You will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one during both services.

### Feed My Starving Children

There are still a few openings left for our 13th annual packing event for FMSC **October 7-9!** We have openings on Monday from 12-2 and Tuesday from 7-9. Register at [www.wpcw.org/fmsc](http://www.wpcw.org/fmsc)



### Clergy Appreciation Month

The month of October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Please take the time this month to say thank you to Pastor Tricia and Pastor Dan for their guidance and commitment to God's work at Westminster.

We are blessed with a staff that does a tremendous job of keeping things running smoothly every day.

Personnel Committee

### From the Finance Committee

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	AUGUST	AUGUST	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 38,980.20	\$ 38,342.44	\$ 487,816.28	\$ 513,578.94	\$ 784,669.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,883.94	\$ 2,971.44	\$ 22,686.94	\$ 23,241.75	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 5,452.64	\$ 4,340.72	\$ 62,466.09	\$ 77,407.52	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,802.79	\$ 1,754.71	\$ 11,148.49	\$ 11,455.84	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 39,940.39	\$ 39,860.51	\$ 329,287.83	\$ 353,306.75	\$ 514,515.00
MISSION	\$ 9,789.43	\$ 8,450.51	\$ 53,421.33	\$ 48,659.73	\$ 68,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 1,966.72	\$ 853.33	\$ 8,804.02	\$ 6,466.53	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 32.10	\$ -	\$ 32.10	\$ 252.68	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 439.45	\$ 423.81	\$ 3,048.99	\$ 2,398.28	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 290.00	\$ 313.25	\$ 1,991.03	\$ 2,008.57	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 13,069.44	\$ 16,071.68	\$ 19,604.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 64,231.14	\$ 60,959.24	\$ 505,956.26	\$ 541,269.33	
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (25,250.94)	\$ (22,616.80)	\$ (18,139.98)	\$ (27,690.39)	

## Church Picture Directory

Directories are available for pick up in the church office. Cost is \$5 each.

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### 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!