

Westminster Messenger – February 2020



1 Corinthians 1:26-27

“Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;”

Lent 2020 begins this month on the 26th as we'll gather together in our holy sanctuary and be blessed by the leadership of our youth for our Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm. As a culture we often hear much about helping our youth build a strong identity, will they know their passions and desires as they head out into the world at 21? However, often I wonder do adults know their own hearts? Trying to keep up with all the pressures to succeed and please, where does our faith fit into the demands of life?

For Lent we'll have many tools available to help you grow more in tune with the passion of Jesus for you. Our Worship series will especially focus on the days of Holy Week as we freeze frame those scenes and place ourselves there in the moment. One small group option will be a class I'll teach which will be a lunch bunch commencing on Ash Wednesday at noon, the class will continue throughout Lent on March 4, 11, 25 and April 1,8. Our text will be Joyce Rupp's "The Cup of Our Life", a guide to spiritual growth. The book is \$15.00. Please call the church office to register or sign up in the Welcome center. Give yourself this gift of time and study!

Always with Hope,
Pastor Tricia

Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday service is Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 pm.

All activities will be normal up to 6:45 pm so all can attend the service together.



What do you know about the Westminster Foundation?

You may not be aware that Westminster is blessed to have four endowment funds. Our committee would like to educate all attendees about the benefits that these funds provide to our church and church members.

The Foundation committee will present a forum on **Sunday, February 16 at 10:15 am in the Social Hall**. This is for all adults and will be very beneficial to your experience as a part of the Westminster community. Refreshments will be served, please make this a priority in your February schedule.

Adult Sunday School

Common Ground: Marriage is tricky, even when there is great health in a marriage, there can be tension and stress. How can we grow in our awareness of our differences and in response build on our common ground? We'll study Biblical examples and also use John Gottman's text, *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*. You don't need the text to attend the class and although it would be great for both spouses to attend, one



will do and can teach the other at home. This class will meet in the Hallmark month of love, February 2, 9 and 23. **Location:** Room 216 **Facilitator:** Pastor Tricia

Overview of the Gospel of Mark: Pastor Dan continues to talk about the gospel of Mark - the first and shortest testament to life of Jesus. **Location:** Chapel, February 2, 9 and 23

Grand Sweep Schedule - Winter / Spring 2020

Grand Sweep Bible Study: We continue the second leg of our journey through the bible. We will read the historical books (Joshua through Esther) and the wisdom literature (Job through the Song of Solomon). Led by the pastors from the Cedar Valley PCUSA churches and meets weekly at Westminster, on **Tuesday evenings 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**. The class follows an academic calendar with breaks for holidays and for summer. To work our way through the bible will take two years. People are welcome to join the class at any time.

Chili / Soup Cook Off

Get those recipes dug out! Sunday, February 9 you are invited to either compete with your world famous chili or soup, OR bring the family and YOU BE THE JUDGE!

We'll vote on Best Chili, Best Soup and Best Decorations. So be thinking of a theme for your station!



Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center or at wpcw.org.

Free tickets to those who compete. If you are going to be a Judge, cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per household. Tickets are on sale Sunday mornings or in the church office during the week.

Please register by February 5.

Wes Pres Youth Year End Video

This year has been full of belly laughs, testimonies, shoulders to cry on, and NEW EXPERIENCES!! We've had so much fun doing life with all of our students, their families, and our volunteers over this past year. Check out just a few of the memories we've caught on camera to fill our hearts with joy remembering this past year together. Copy this link to your browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUm6OB7NfQ0&t=13s>



Carnival & Office Olympics

We are so blessed to kick-off our 2020 Spring Semester of Wes Pres Youth with some pretty cool events. Our children's ministry & Jr. High students got to test their skills at our Wednesday Carnival & our students held an amazing Office Olympics from the hit sitcom, "The Office". We love all of the memories we get to capture on camera - If you're interested in seeing more, follow us on our social media platforms @wespresyouthia



High School Winter Retreat

We had a great time resting, eating, laughing, learning, and filling our buckets by attending the high school winter retreat this past January. It's not everyday that you can spend a weekend hiding from the cold by spending the night in an Airbnb hanging out with some of the coolest high school students. We even had a little mouse try to join our party – we were having too much fun! We look forward to more bonding opportunities with our awesome high schoolers!



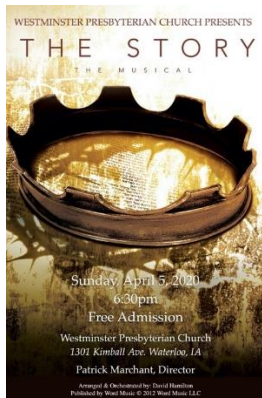
Grade Dinners

We have had a great opportunity spending time with the seniors and freshman classes hosting dinners on Sunday evenings. Throughout February we will meet with our Juniors and Sophomores – please mark your calendars and get excited for some class bonding time!

Junior Dinner // February 16 // 7 pm in Westminster's Coffeehouse
 Sophomore Dinner // February 23 // 7 pm in Westminster's Coffeehouse

Jr. High Dance Schedule for 2020

Our dances continue February 7, March 6, April 3 and 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!



The Story: The Musical

All are welcome to join us in our spring church musical "The Story" on Palm Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 pm. This 60 minute production journeys through the bible from the opening "In the beginning" through the resounding "Great Day" yet to come.

We will feature the chancel choir, praise team members, and many narrators in a reader's theater style.

If you would like to join as a singer, narrator, or tech crew please contact me at patrick@wpcw.org

Moana JR. - Summer Music Camp 2020

Join us July 27-31, 2020 as we journey together in a week-long, full-day music camp for ages 8-18 culminating in a production of Disney's Moana JR. Let your child be a star in one of the country's favorite musicals! Just released for JR. productions, we are so excited to bring Disney's Moana JR. to the Cedar Valley! For more information and to register visit promisemusic.org or contact me at the email above.



February Music Schedule

February 2: 9:00 Chancel Choir & Church Mice, 11:15 Worship Team

February 9: 9:00 Chancel Choir, 11:15 Worship Team

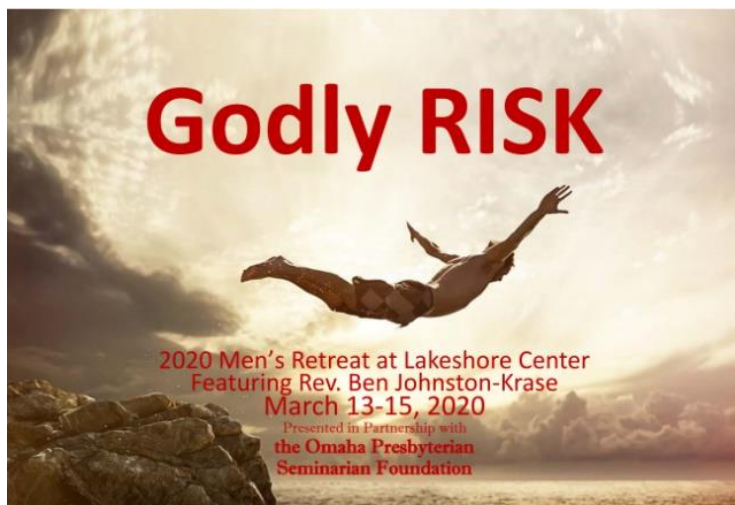
February 16: 9:00 Chancel Choir & Messenger Choir, 11:15 Worship Team

February 23: 9:00 Meisteringers, 11:15 Worship Team

Patrick Marchant

Men's Retreat March 13-15

If you would like to attend this retreat with Pastor Dan or you have questions, please contact him at dan@wpcw.org or 234-5501.



BUDGET SUMMARY

	DECEMBER	DECEMBER	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 91,844.37	\$ 87,665.38	\$ 758,758.28	\$ 729,891.54	\$ 784,669.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,172.74	\$ 3,244.13	\$ 34,365.21	\$ 34,849.43	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 7,862.44	\$ 5,531.84	\$ 85,167.90	\$ 97,042.70	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 2,763.39	\$ 938.22	\$ 19,680.88	\$ 17,283.98	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 44,639.27	\$ 41,526.82	\$ 502,144.39	\$ 516,509.78	\$ 514,515.00
MISSION	\$ 5,133.66	\$ 4,563.21	\$ 63,965.92	\$ 77,202.42	\$ 68,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 5,128.03	\$ 2,838.50	\$ 15,781.21	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 177.50	\$ 287.82	\$ 716.22	\$ 1,257.30	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 1,159.90	\$ 599.00	\$ 5,104.50	\$ 3,753.66	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 427.50	\$ 1,136.40	\$ 3,799.62	\$ 3,917.12	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,633.68	\$ 2,008.96	\$ 19,604.16	\$ 790,923.91	\$ 19,604.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 72,098.11	\$ 62,684.90	\$ 750,300.01	\$ 790,923.91	
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 19,746.26	\$ 24,980.48	\$ 8,458.27	\$ (61,032.37)	



Women's Book Club

The Westminster Women's Book Club will meet Sunday, February 16 at 6:00 pm. The book to read for that gathering is "The War That Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. This group is open to all women!

Future Book Selections:

March 29: "The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall

April 19: "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett

Presbyterian Women

PW Board will meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 10:00 am at Friendship Village.

Sarah & Priscilla Circle: This group will meet on Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00 am at Westminster. Read Lesson 5.



Card Ministry Group

This class will meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 2:30 – 4:30 pm at Westminster. Next meeting is February 13.

Card makers will create four individual, handcrafted greeting cards to take home and share with others.

Cost is \$10 for 4 kits, which include craft instruction/supplies. Advance sign up required in the Welcome Center or contact the church office at 234-5501 prior to each session. A great opportunity to sign up and bring a friend for this creative time of fun and fellowship.

Dear Pastoral Staff, Mission Committee and Congregation,

On behalf of all the children who were the beneficiaries of your "From the Heart" program, I would like to thank you all for the generous gifts you provided to children served by the Court Appointed Special Advocate program! Your continued generosity to the CASA program is much appreciated. The volunteers who get to deliver the gifts are so grateful, as some of the children would not receive gifts if it weren't for you. It is always a pleasure to partner with Westminster Presbyterian Church, and I want to specifically thank Marv DeWaard for initiating this program 4 years ago. I hope you all have a joyful 2020!

Thank You!

Blessings,
Meg Campbell
CAB Coordinator

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