



**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN**
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*With Christ as our cornerstone we
Believe, Become, Belong, Build*

Messenger June, 2021

**Worship with us Sunday's at 10:00 am in person
or online at wpcw.org/worship**

Weather permitting, on the last Sunday of the month we will worship outside. June 27, July 25 and August 29.



Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

Join us for our final fundraiser before our 2021 Summer Trip! We will be hosting our Youth Car Wash on June 6th after the congregational information gathering in our back parking lot. We will be washing cars for \$5 and will take cash/check/card donations online or at the station as well.

From Pastor Ken

Are you a gardener? Do you enjoy selecting plants, gently placing them in the soil and admiring their growth? Do you enjoy the feel of dirt under your fingernails and the smell of fresh harvest?

If you do, then you know that plants cannot simply be planted and then left alone. It is not enough to plant a garden and then walk away, leaving it to get on as best it can. Plants must be cultivated, cosseted and cared for. They must be watered, weeded and inspected for miscreant creepy crawlies.

Only a poor gardener plants a crop and then neglects it until the harvest. To keep growing, a garden must be constantly cared for.

I know many of us at Westminster are physically, emotionally and spiritually tired. Our life has been busy these last several months. We've had staff turnover. We've learned to live broadcast our services. We've confirmed confirmands and welcomed an interim Transitional Pastor and Head of Staff. Most recently, we have celebrated the Festival of Pentecost and the Feast of the Holy Trinity. All while keeping ourselves and others safe during this time of Covid. If Westminster were a garden, many of us would be covered in dirt, smell like fertilizer!

Understandably, it's tempting now to forget about our spiritual lives. It's tempting to walk away from them until Fall. We've worked hard for months. We need to relax and let all things spiritual take care of themselves. We can skip worship. We can let go of Bible study and daily prayers. We can tune out the

calls for volunteers and ignore the lists of Joys and Concerns. We can use our offering money for eating out and enjoying all those things we've denied ourselves for so long. We deserve it!

However, our spiritual lives are not rocks we can leave carelessly lying around. Spiritual lives are living things, organic, that must be regularly tended. Like fruits and flowers and fresh vegetables they must be looked after and cared for. Our spiritual garden must receive at least as much attention as our precious plot of land.

Bible study, regular prayer, worship, stewardship of God's good gifts; these are all part of keeping our spiritual gardens flourishing. We must water them with generosity. We must nourish them with acts of kindness and Christian love.

In our liturgical calendar we are now in the season of Ordinary Time. Our liturgical color is green, the color of growth. I pray that this summer we will all cultivate our spiritual gardens and help them grow into the rich, fruitful lives God wants them to be.

God's peace to all,
Pastor Ken

Teacher Appreciation Lunch for Kingsley

We will be hosting a lunch for all the teachers at Kingsley on Thursday, June 3. As a Partner-in-Ed with them, we felt it was important to give them a big THANK YOU and show our appreciation for all they have done during this past year. Thank you to the Christian Ed Committee and Deacons for supporting this lunch.

Congregational Gathering

There will be an informational congregational gathering on Sunday, June 6 following worship. The session would like to update you on our church's financial situation. There will be no decisions to make or any voting, but we hope you will join us for this meeting.



Waterloo Bucks Game

Join us for a Waterloo Bucks Game on **Sunday, June 13 at 4:05 pm**. Cost: \$10 per person, which includes ticket, meal and a drink. Kids 3 and under are FREE. **Must pay for tickets in advance at the church office, online [HERE](#) or the Kiosk in the Welcome Center.**

Game starts at 4:05 pm and you will pick up your tickets at the will-call window.

Call or email the office (jodi@wpcw.org) or sign-up in the Welcome Center by **Noon on Fri., June 11**.



Vacation Bible School will be June 21 - 25!

Be sure and get your kids registered if you haven't yet ... this will help us greatly with our planning! We will hold as much outside as weather permits!

To register a child between the ages of 3 years old and those going into 5th grade, go to wpcw.org/vbs

We are still in need of some supplies that you may be able to help with (these can be dropped off to the church office or on Sunday mornings):

- empty cereal boxes
- tin foil
- large brown paper bags
- cotton balls or bags of cotton
- assorted construction paper
- pool noodles - any color
- old white bed sheets

We could also use help with decorations. If you would like to take supplies home to make decorations or if you want to come to the church to work on them, please let Jodi know at jodi@wpcw.org

Thank you!

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Mother's Day Brunch

What a tasty way to celebrate all of the motherly figures we love and adore at Westminster and beyond! Thank you to everyone for making our fundraiser such a success! We are also grateful to everyone who was able to support our 2021 Summer Mission Trip by buying a t-shirt! If you ordered a t-shirt, prepare to pick them up from Westminster on Thursday June 10, Friday June 11, or Sunday June 13 after worship

Summer Mission Trip

We cannot believe it's almost time to head to Detroit for our Summer Mission Trip on July 25 -30. We are so excited to continue planning for adventure, growth, and joy.

Erica Rissi



Monday Morning Bible Studies

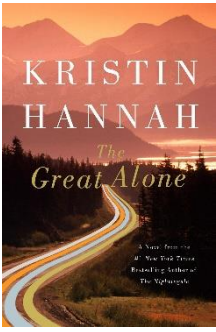
Men's and Women's Bible studies are meeting in person. Men are in the Coffee House. Women's Bible Study will offer two options: Zoom and an in-person gathering in the Shared Life Center. They are asking participants to be fully vaccinated to attend the in-person class.

Summer Camp

If you are interested in your child attending summer camp at Lakeshore Center in Okoboji this summer, contact Pastor Dan at dan@wpcw.org or 234-5501.

To view more about this camp: <https://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/>
[Lakeshore Center at Okoboji | Facebook](#)





Women's Book Club

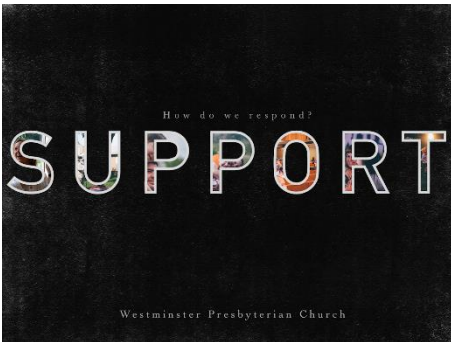
The Westminster Women's Book Club meets via Zoom on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm. This group is open to all women! If you would like to be added to the Zoom invite list contact Sandy Lewis at sandycnm@cfu.net or 319-504-2802 or Vicki Grimes at vicki.grimes@uni.edu or 319-240-5296.

June 20 - "The Great Alone" by Kristen Hannah

July 18 - "The Truths We Hold: An American Journey" by Kamala Harris

From the Finance Department

BUDGET SUMMARY						
	APRIL	APRIL	YTD	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 41,530.32	\$ 46,874.20	\$ 179,701.72	\$ 247,858.41	\$ 665,681.00	\$ 775,505.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,198.98	\$ 4,502.19	\$ 9,571.45	\$ 11,714.72	\$ 26,200.00	\$ 35,700.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 6,844.53	\$ 5,552.93	\$ 23,381.91	\$ 29,468.83	\$ 86,000.00	\$ 94,750.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,089.02	\$ 213.35	\$ 2,143.28	\$ 1,899.22	\$ 14,550.00	\$ 24,100.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 22,433.67	\$ 37,570.87	\$ 101,255.89	\$ 161,576.76	\$ 462,125.00	\$ 511,221.00
MISSION	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 4,537.30	\$ 14,397.74	\$ 17,984.63	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 63,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 404.10	\$ 150.79	\$ 282.69	\$ 2,099.16	\$ 4,023.00	\$ 15,800.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.52	\$ 59.31	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 302.90	\$ 120.52	\$ 900.21	\$ 772.54	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 22.28	\$ 190.00	\$ 322.28	\$ 737.54	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,615.25	\$ 1,561.14	\$ 6,461.00	\$ 6,244.56	\$ 19,383.00	\$ 18,734.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 39,260.73	\$ 54,399.09	\$ 158,749.97	\$ 232,557.27	\$ 665,681.00	\$ 775,505.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 2,269.59	\$ (7,524.89)	\$ 20,951.75	\$ 15,301.14		



Giving

If you would like to support the work of Westminster, you can do so at wpcw.org/giving any time or at the Kiosk on Sunday mornings..

Scrip

The Scrip table will be open this summer on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month. June 6 & 20, July 4 & 18, August 1, 15 and 29. Supporting this program supports Westminster's budget! You can also purchase cards in the church office during the week.

Presbyterian Pantry

The pantry is open on the first Saturday of the month and the 3rd Thursday. We are always needing volunteers to help pass out food on these days but we also need help pre-packing the food the day or two prior. You can call the church office at 234-5501 if you want to come in and help pack. Go to wpcw.org/volunteer to help when the pantry is open.

We have distributed food boxes to 208 individual households to date. In May we served 47 and 51 houses.

Another way you can help is by providing items that we cannot get from the Food Bank such as paper products and personal care items. Below is a list of products needed. You can drop them off on Sunday morning in the Welcome Center or to the church office during the week!

- paper towels
- toilet paper
- Kleenex
- bar soap
- toothbrushes & toothpaste
- feminine hygiene products (tampons, pads, pantyliners)
- men's & women's disposable razors
- women's shampoo & conditioner
- men's shampoo
- kids' 3 in 1 body wash, shampoo, conditioner
- deodorant
- shaving cream
- diapers
- diaper wipes
- adult diapers



Worship In Person or Live Stream

We worship in person each Sunday at 10:00 am or you can view from the comfort of your own couch! You can watch Sunday's worship service with us live, or any time after by visiting wpcw.org/worship.

My "thank you" seems so small compared to all the calls and cards I have received since my knee injury.

Your thoughtfulness means so much more than words can even say.

Juanita Rowell



To the Staff, Presbyterian Women and the congregation: a sincere THANK YOU for all the support given to me and my family during this challenging time. The celebration of Bob's life was exceptional; the whole experience did much to help us in this difficult time. You all are to be commended!

Mary Jane, David, Bill and Tom Shafer.

This year Westminster hosted the AARP Tax-Aide group in our Social Hall from the end of January through mid May. The group provides free tax services to anyone. They served over 850 individuals during this time, which was the largest group helped in the area. It was our honor to assist them and we are happy to report that they will be back next year as well!



Waterloo Community Schools is offering Grab and Go meals for all kids 18 and under.

June 10 - August 12

East High School, 214 High Street, Waterloo
Thursdays 7-12

We will be offering a 5-day breakfast and lunch pick up at East High on Thursdays 7 am to noon. If this time does not work for your family please contact the food service department at bathenh@waterlooschools.org to make arrangements.

We will also be serving breakfast 8:30-9:00 and lunch 12:00-12:30 at First Baptist Church, 434 Baltimore St. June 14-July 9 (no meals July 5).