

May 2022 Messenger

Special Congregational Meeting

You are notified that the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a Special Meeting of the congregation for May 8, 2022 during the 9:00 worship service commencing at approximately 9:45 am for the purpose of recommending to the Presbytery of North Central Iowa the dissolution of the call of Associate Pastor Rev. Dan Voigt effective August 15, 2022.

Pastor Dan's last Sunday May 8

Join us between services to thank Dan and his family for the last 5 1/2 years with us and wish them well on the next phase of their lives. Refreshments will be provided. Dan will begin his sabbatical Sunday, May 15, 2022.

Prayer Requests

Opal Hanna passed away 4/26. Funeral service will be on Monday, May 2 at Garden of Memories at 10:30 am. Visitation is 1 hour prior.

Faith Sonksen – prayers as she had major surgery on her neck and spine 4/26.
(1264 Northey St., W'loo '03; 319 269-9599; fsnksn@mchsi.com)

Nancy Osgood – prayers as she had cataract surgery 4/26.
(130 Ruby Dr., W'loo '02; 319 296-2739)

Prayers for patience as we continue to consider COVID challenges while preparing safe ministries.

Joys

Cody & Sarah Alberts – rejoicing as their daughter, Greta, was baptized on Sunday.
(235 Columbia Circle, W'loo '01; 961-8206; albertss.sa@gmail.com)

Prayers to all our beloved church members.

If you would like to send a birthday card, here is a list of special birthdays to those 80+ years this week:

Richard Amfahr, 3720 Village Pl, #5112, Waterloo, IA 50702,
birthday is May 3

Louise Gardner, 1400 Maxhelen Blvd #2206, Waterloo, IA 50701,
birthday is May 5

Lois Marsch, 3720 Village Pl, #5215, Waterloo, IA 50702,
birthday is May 10

Jim Freshwaters, 2004 Plymouth Rd #427, Hopkins, MN 55305,
birthday is May 11

Donations to aid Ukrainians

The mission arm of the PCUSA is collecting donations to assist in providing humanitarian aid to Ukrainians affected by the fighting in their country. Westminster's Mission Committee is providing \$1,000 from the Mission budget to support this project. According to PCUSA's website, the funds are being used primarily for "emergency humanitarian aid such as food items, shelter, medicines, diapers, hygiene items, etc." The Mission Committee felt that this was a cause that some of our congregation would also want to support.



At its meeting on April 26, Session approved Mission's request to invite the members of Westminster to contribute to this cause if they so desire. Members who wish to contribute can do so in one of three ways. A check payable to Westminster with a notation in the memo line that it is for Ukrainian assistance can be delivered to the office **by May 15**; the check will be combined with other contributions and will be sent to the PCUSA offices. Such contributions may also be made at the KIOSK. In the alternative, you may go to <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/> and contribute individually and directly as instructed in the article. The website article contains considerably more information about the PCUSA project if you want more details. The Mission Committee thanks you for considering this project.

Gary Iversen
Mission Committee

SCRIP - How Can you Help?

In the January newsletter, I updated the congregation on the hard work and progress that the Scrip Committee has done since it started in November 2010.



Scrip cards are the same gift cards that you can purchase from a retailer. The church raises money instantly when families buy the gift cards for purchases such as gas, groceries and restaurants. There are many others that we have in stock or if you don't find what you want, they can be ordered.

The Scrip Committee's Goal for the end of 2022 is to give back to the church operating budget a total of \$5,000. That goal is a little higher than previous years. In **April 2022, \$1,000** will be contributed to the church budget so the committee is off to a great start of their goal.

Thank you to the new and regular customers who have purchased Scrip. The committee is hopeful that more families will stop by the Scrip Table during church hours – or stop into the office to see what cards Scrip has to offer.

Thanks to everyone for supporting this fundraiser.

To view and print our scrip order form, click [HERE](#)

Becky Dietz
Financial Secretary

Nest Program

The Mission Committee is once again supporting the Nest Program, which is a part of Operation Threshold and serves Black Hawk, Buchanan, and Grundy counties. It exists to educate income-eligible expectant families and families with children up to 5 years of age, with the goal of increasing parenting skills and promoting the development of secure nurturing families and healthy children. Group parent education and informal support are the key program components. Classes offer education on topics such as healthy pregnancy outcomes, child abuse prevention, overall health and nutrition, literacy, fitness, family resources, mental wellness, and safety. Families also may earn points for healthy behavior during pregnancy and baby's first five years of life.



OPERATION THRESHOLD

How Nest Works

Enrolled families can earn points by attending Nest classes, groups and activities. Points are also earned by signing up for and attending prenatal care, participating in 1:1 parent education, participating in the WIC program and attending WIC appointments, taking children for well child checks, immunizations and dental visits. Each activity is assigned a number of points that may be earned (from 10-50) which may be combined and used to "purchase" baby or child care items.

How Can We Help?

Donations of diapers of all sizes, pull-ups of all sizes, baby wipes and children's underwear are needed to supplement items the parent(s) may earn.

April 24 through May 15 a table will be set up in the Welcome Center for your gifts. If you prefer to make a monetary donation a check made out to Operation Threshold (with "Nest" on the memo line) can be dropped in the offering plate or to the church office.

Prayer Vigil

The Deacons will host a prayer vigil on Wednesday, May 4 from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Sign up in the Welcome Center for a half hour time slot. You can walk the church, find a quiet place to sit or use the labyrinth. Contact the office if you would like to sign up for a time to pray at home.



Youth Dance

We will have a spring Jr. High youth dance on Friday, May 6. We still need about 10 more chaperones! Contact Steven Jordan to inquire how you can help, or sign up in the Welcome Center and we'll get in touch with you.

Women Build Workday

If you are interested in helping with this year's Women Build, contact Kassy Grosser, the church office or sign up in the Welcome Center. The workday is Saturday, May 14.

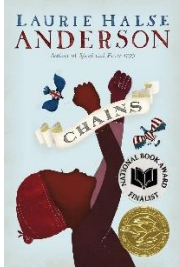


Card Making Class

On Thursday, May 12 at 2:00 pm, we will hold our monthly card making class. Cost is \$15 and that includes all the materials needed to make 4 cards. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or email jodi@wpcw.org so the teacher knows how many kits to make up! This class is open to anyone who would enjoy an hour or so of fellowship!

Teacher Appreciation

We will honor teachers who have helped throughout the year on Sunday mornings and Wes Pres Wednesdays at both services on Sunday, May 15.



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.

May 15 - "Chains" by Laurie Halse Anderson

June 19 - "The Children's Blizzard" by Melanie Benjamin



Coffee Host

We are looking for people to make/serve coffee on Sunday mornings. Contact jodi@wpcw.org with your interest in helping once per month.

Announcements

- To watch previous worship services, go to wpcw.org/worship.
 - LIKE and view what we are doing on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/wpcw.org>
 - Presbyterian Pantry will be open next on Saturday, May 7, from 9am-11. **We need 6 volunteers for this Saturday.** Please sign up to help with the pantry at wpcw.org/volunteer. Our Presbyterian Pantry served 70 households on April 21.
 - Piecemakers are meeting every Thursday 9:00 am to noon. Non-sewers are welcome!
 - Zumba classes are held in the SLC on Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm. All are welcome; donations accepted.
 - Daily devotional books, *These Days* and *Our Daily Bread*, are available in the Welcome Center next to the prayer shawl cart.
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May

1st: Senior Sunday, last Sunday School

8th: Reception for the Voigt Family between services

15th: Teacher Appreciation

June

20th - 24th: Vacation Bible School

July

11th - 16th: Great Escape

16th - 24th: Sr. High Trip





VBS 2022! June 20-24

Volunteers are needed - please email Dee at dee@wpcw.org to help!

Register at wpcw.org/vbs

Summer Camp at Lakeshore Center at Okoboji

Hey, if your kids would be interesting in attending camp this summer, check out this link.

www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/summer-camp



Save the Date!

Westminster will once again host a packing event for Feed My Starving Children. The dates are: October 17 - 19!

| | MARCH | MARCH | YTD | YTD | BUDGET | BUDGET |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2021 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 34,468.18 | \$ 43,642.36 | \$ 136,916.20 | \$ 138,171.40 | \$ 595,484.00 | \$ 665,681.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION | \$ 1,790.65 | \$ 2,879.30 | \$ 5,725.65 | \$ 6,372.47 | \$ 29,500.00 | \$ 26,200.00 |
| OPER & MAINT | \$ 9,644.83 | \$ 5,546.51 | \$ 29,109.10 | \$ 16,537.38 | \$ 95,000.00 | \$ 86,000.00 |
| CHRISTIAN ED | \$ 1,011.86 | \$ 271.04 | \$ 1,625.41 | \$ 1,054.26 | \$ 15,550.00 | \$ 14,550.00 |
| PERSONNEL | \$ 26,209.97 | \$ 25,474.94 | \$ 84,516.77 | \$ 78,822.22 | \$ 366,877.00 | \$ 462,125.00 |
| MISSION | \$ 4,098.91 | \$ 3,350.00 | \$ 9,198.91 | \$ 11,047.74 | \$ 48,500.00 | \$ 47,000.00 |
| MUSIC & WORSHIP | \$ 134.66 | \$ (353.82) | \$ 1,080.98 | \$ (121.41) | \$ 14,600.00 | \$ 4,023.00 |
| STEWARDSHIP | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 33.52 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| HOSPITALITY & DEACONS | \$ 73.49 | \$ 230.92 | \$ 258.42 | \$ 597.31 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH | \$ 40.00 | \$ 125.00 | \$ 221.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 3,400.00 | \$ 3,400.00 |
| PER CAPITA | \$ 1,504.75 | \$ 1,615.25 | \$ 4,514.25 | \$ 4,845.75 | \$ 4,845.75 | \$ 19,383.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 44,509.12 | \$ 39,139.14 | \$ 136,250.49 | \$ 119,489.24 | \$ 582,272.75 | \$ 665,681.00 |
| REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | \$ (10,040.94) | \$ 4,503.22 | \$ 665.71 | \$ 18,682.16 | | |

Are you looking for a way to support Westminster? Check out the options at wpcw.org/giving