

# September 2022 Messenger

## **TONIGHT is our WPW Registration Open House & Ice Cream Sundae Bar from 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

Drop in and learn about all of our Wes Pres Wednesday classes and music programs being offered this year. There is something for kids of ALL ages as well as the adults! We will update you on the changes, hand out the new schedule, as well as hear from the leaders!



Enjoy an ice cream sundae as you register your kids for the 2022-2023 year. If you want to get a jump on the registration process, click the link above!

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### **Pastor Nominating Committee Update**

Since our last update, much has happened with the PNC. We have talked to several pastors who we thought Westminster would be a good fit! However, as mentioned in our last update, they must also feel they would be a good fit for us! None felt that we were the church they were looking for.

This past month, we brought a candidate to Waterloo and had an in-depth tour of the church and the Cedar Valley. We had two days of great conversations and we felt that this candidate was a very strong possibility to become our next head of staff. Unfortunately, they chose to go a different direction.

We share this with you, so you understand that we have been very actively searching and continue to actively search! The PNC is now entering their 5th month of our search and we continue to work very hard in finding the best candidate to fill our pulpit.

We will keep you updated, when there is news worthy of sharing. Until then, rest assured, we are searching daily.

We thank you for your continued support and ask for your continued prayers! Below is a prayer that our COM Rep and good friend, Pastor Johnny Janssen shared with us and has become the PNC's prayer as we move forward.

Dear God,

You do not call me to an ambiguous destination. Although I might not foresee every turn of the path, you're fully aware of where You are taking me and every obstacle that lies ahead. You not only impart directions but go before me as a guide, leading me along the best course. You help me make the right decisions and avoid unnecessary detours. You cast a vision and help me depart from my old ways and follow You to great things.

Amen

Respectfully,  
Your PNC

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### **Presbyterian Pantry**

Our pantry will be open this Saturday, Sept. 3 from 9-11am. We are needing 3 more people to help during that time. Please contact the church office or Gary Iversen if you can help!

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### **Prayer Requests**

Jim & Michelle Galanits – prayers as Jim’s dad, Steve Galanits, passed away 8/27. Funeral services are pending.

*(2718 Edgemont, W’loo ’02; 319 239-5817; [jgalanits@gmail.com](mailto:jgalanits@gmail.com))*

Helen Cook – prayers as she is now in palliative care at Allen.

*(Judy Morris, sister; 1400 Maxhelen Blvd. #2107, W’loo ’01; 319 230-0307;*

*[Dykeman\\_cathy@yahoo.com](mailto:Dykeman_cathy@yahoo.com))*

Prayers for our homebound church members who are unable to join us in person.

Prayers for our busy and hardworking PNC.

Prayers for our church staff this summer.

**Prayer Requests** – if you know of someone who could use prayers, a call or visit, please call the church office and let them know.

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### **Joys**

Bruce & Charlotte Pals – rejoicing as their son, Brian’s, health is improving.

*(5828 Kimball Ave., W’loo ’01; 319-290-4036; [palsbc@mchsi.com](mailto:palsbc@mchsi.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 celebrating 80+ years this week:**

Nancy Osgood, 130 Ruby Dr., Waterloo, IA 50702, birthday is September 9

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### **Worship Schedule**



### **Worship Reminders**

We continue one service Sundays September 4 and 11.

On September 18 we begin 2 services with a traditional service at 9am in our Sanctuary and a contemporary service at 11:15am in our Shared Life Center. Rev. Jonny Craig will be our guest preacher.

A reminder that Sunday School for kids will meet on the first Sunday of the month beginning October 2.

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**Important Dates for September**

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Join us for a sing a-long this Sunday, September 4 at 9am.

Songs have been drawn from your nominated favorites and will become part of the Sing a-long as well as each song's history.



### Wes Pres Wednesday begins September 7!

Please consider helping on Wednesday evenings. Volunteers are needed for cooking and clean-up.

Please contact Dee at [dee@wpcw.org](mailto:dee@wpcw.org) or call the church office to volunteer!

#### The schedule is:

- 5:30 – 6:00 Messenger Choir (2nd – 5th grade)
- 6:00 – 6:20 Church Mice (3 yr olds – 1st grade)
- 6:00 – 7:00 Wes Pres Kids (2nd – 5th grade)
- 6:20 – 7:00 Wes Pres Kids (3yr olds – 1st grade)
- 6:00 – 7:00 Wes Pres Youth (6th – 8th grade)
- 7:30 – 8:30 Wes Pres Sr. High (9th – 12th grade)
- 5:30 – 6:30 Meisteringers Adult Bell Choir
- 6:00 – 7:00 Men's and Women's Adult Groups
- 6:30 – 7:30 Adult Choir
- 6:30 – 7:30 Centering Prayer
- 6:30 – 7:00 Wes Pres Intergenerational Informal Worship Wednesdays:  
(Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5)

Click the link above to register your kids/youth!



#### Card Making Class

On Thursday, September 8 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](mailto: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!

#### Fall Kickoff Sunday

Our annual fall kickoff gathering will occur on Sunday, September 11, hosted by our Deacons and the Capital Campaign committee. There will be one service at 9am with the Rev. Amy Wiles as our guest preacher.

The most recent Capital Campaign was called Seeking New Paths and began six years ago in 2016 and on September 11, 2022 we will celebrate



its successful conclusion. Thanks to pledges, memorial gifts and designated funds from our members, we raised \$1.5 million and we were able to complete every project on our list of needed renovations and repairs. Many of you have been a part of our success and you are here to enjoy the fruits of your labor. Sadly, there are also members who contributed to our campaign who are no longer with us to celebrate its success. Their lives, their friendship and their belief in Westminster's future deserve our profound thanks and celebration. Some of you are new to the church and are probably not aware of these changes. A couple of the changes that we celebrate are the New Welcome Center and Coffee house where we enjoy coffee and fellowship. Booklets on the campaign will be available at the church service. We thank you and celebrate your faith and generosity.

Join us for a light brunch of breakfast sandwiches, donuts, rolls, and fruit immediately following the service. We will celebrate together the beginning of our fall programming and the successful Seeking New Paths campaign.

### Construction Projects Completed

Bell Choir Room

Paint kitchen, east stairwells and ceilings

New flooring east landings, kitchen, and new stair treads on east stairwells

New Welcome Center

Stained Glass

Social Hall remodel

Air Condition upper and lower levels

Air Conditioning electrical estimate

New action (enhancement part), Sanctuary piano

Video screens sanctuary

Video screen reinforcement and electrical estimate

Electronic blinds, upper windows Shared Life Center

SLC new soundboard and 2 additional speakers

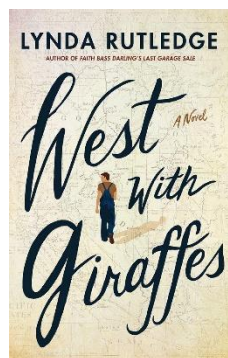
Video camera system for Sanctuary

Paint lower half of Shared Life Center

Repair lower sound panels

New color LED message sign

Contingency



### **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 Vicki Grimes at [vicki.grimes@uni.edu](mailto:vicki.grimes@uni.edu) or 319-240-5296.

**September 18** - "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge

**October 16** - "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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## Sunday School

Come join the Adult Sunday school class located in the chapel and our Children's Sunday School classes located downstairs on October 2nd, November 6th and December 4th.

More details to come soon.



## July 2022 Budget Summary

	JULY	JULY	YTD	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 44,646.15	\$ 49,589.13	\$ 350,527.61	\$ 337,568.94	\$ 595,484.00	\$ 665,681.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,053.31	\$ 1,416.24	\$ 14,563.79	\$ 16,125.63	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 26,200.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 10,302.08	\$ 7,760.49	\$ 65,217.31	\$ 51,502.36	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 86,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 995.28	\$ 355.44	\$ 6,440.17	\$ 5,793.92	\$ 15,550.00	\$ 14,550.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 30,459.60	\$ 33,762.06	\$ 197,230.64	\$ 198,602.28	\$ 366,877.00	\$ 462,125.00
MISSION	\$ 7,071.66	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 26,227.59	\$ 27,071.93	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 47,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 569.43	\$ 9.69	\$ 2,743.00	\$ 561.50	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 4,023.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 21.35	\$ 105.67	\$ 869.45	\$ 1,362.22	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 514.04	\$ 714.21	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,504.75	\$ 1,615.25	\$ 10,533.25	\$ 11,306.75	\$ 18,057.00	\$ 19,383.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 53,027.46	\$ 48,574.84	\$ 324,339.24	\$ 313,074.32	\$ 595,484.00	\$ 665,681.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (8,381.31)	\$ 1,014.29	\$ 26,188.37	\$ 24,494.62		

Are you looking for a way to support Westminster? Check out the options at [wpcw.org/giving](http://wpcw.org/giving)

## Scrip

This fall, the Scrip tables will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month for September and October. Beginning November 6, the tables will be open every Sunday through Christmas. Supporting this program supports Westminster's budget! You can also purchase cards in the church office during the week. Help give back to your church by purchasing Scrip cards before you run to the grocery store or fill up the tank.



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

## August Session Minutes

To view the August 23 Session minutes, click [HERE](#).



Dear WPC Staff & Congregational Members,  
I wish to thank all of you who have sent prayers, blessings, cards and calls to me as I recovered from my heart attack and stent procedures. I appreciated all the thoughts and prayers sent my

way. The Lord has been good to me during the summer of all the procedures I went through. Things are looking up! Thanks again for all the uplifting messages!

Sincerely,  
Marla Edler

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### Feed My Starving Children

Westminster will once again host a packing event for Feed My Starving Children. The dates are October 17 - 19! Online registration will begin September 27.



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### **Announcements**

- To watch previous worship services, go to [wpcw.org/worship](http://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, September 3, from 9am-11. Please sign up to help with the pantry at [wpcw.org/volunteer](http://wpcw.org/volunteer).
- Piecemakers are meeting every Thursday 9:00 am to noon. Non-sewers are welcome!
- Zumba classes are being 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.



## Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention



**September 20 - November 17**  
**2:00 - 2:45 p.m.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

First Presbyterian Church  
505 Franklin Street - Waterloo

Classes are offered on a \$4.00 per class suggested contribution for those aged 60 and over. For participants under age 60 there will be a \$4.00 per class charge.

To register  
call Missy Anders at  
319-231-1623 or email  
[manders@nei3a.org](mailto:manders@nei3a.org)