

October 2022 Messenger

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

There is a story about a man taking it easy, lying on the grass and looking up at the clouds. He was identifying shapes when he decided to talk to God. "God", he said, "how long is a million years"?

God answered, "In my frame of reference, it's about a minute."

The man asked, "God, how much is a million dollars?"

God answered, "To me, it's a penny."

The man then asked, "God, can I have a penny?"

God said, "In a minute."

I shared this short devotion with our session Tuesday night and I feel that it speaks to how many of you may feel when it comes to the PNC finding a new pastor for Westminster.

Your PNC committee has said from it's conception that we will work in God's time, not ours. And when God leads us to whoever HE feels is the right fit, it will be a celebration for all!

The PNC continues to read MIF's and discuss the possibilities of each candidate. Here is a more detailed look of what we have done:

We have read approx. 90 MIF's.

We have had personal contact with 9 pastors that we felt were a good fit for WPC. After lengthy conversations and visits, the pastors or this PNC felt we were not a good match.

Today we are in conversations with 2 more candidates that we feel could be a great fit for Westminster.

Your PNC is a wonderful profile of what and who Westminster is and hopes to be in the future.

As Pastor Braley shared in his sermon this past Sunday, we are looking forward and NOT in our rear view mirror.

We thank you for your continued prayers and when there is news to share with the congregation, rest assured, we will!

Peace,
The PNC of Westminster

Nominating

The Nominating committee of Westminster has begun our work to prayerfully and mindfully invite individuals to serve on committees to ensure the ongoing work and activities of the church. Sunday we announced that we would like to hear from people who are interested in serving on the various committees.

The committees which have openings to be filled are:

- Christian Education
- Endowment
- Finance
- Missions
- Nominating

- Personnel
- Property
- Stewardship
- Worship and Music
- Deacons

This would help us greatly, but we also cannot guarantee that there will be a spot to accommodate everyone, however, we will do our best.

If you have questions, or would like to express interest in serving on one of these committees, please reach out to one of the Nominating committee members listed below.

Harrison Cass - hecass48@gmail.com
 Judy Clauson - jdyclsn@gmail.com
 Vicki Cose - vickicose0303@gmail.com
 Jenny Dodd - jennydodd24@yahoo.com
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Karen Siler
 Nominating Chair

New Member Class

On **Sunday November 13** we will be having a new member class at 10:10 am and we are inviting all to attend. We will talk about Presbyterianism, the History of Westminster, and current ministries happening here.



If you desire to join Westminster, you will then be welcomed into membership on **November 20** during worship. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact the church office so we know you are joining us on the 13th.

Prayer Requests

Marv (Jean) Siler – prayers as his brother-in-law, Denis Gaede, passed away 9/22.
(3720 Village Pl. #5333; 269-1824; jeanw@gardener.com)

Teri (William) Kay – prayers as she is home recovering from a heart ablation on 9/27.
(2653 Saratoga Dr., W'loo '02; 269-3780; teri@mmcedarvalley.com)

Prayers for:

Our homebound church members who are unable to join us in person
 Our busy and hardworking PNC
 All of our beloved church members and for our entire community

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

Joys

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:

Elaine Koenen, 32021 160th St., Dike, IA 50624, birthday October 6

Worship Schedule



Worship Reminders

October 2: Rev. Jonny Craig (Communion)
October 9: Rev. Jonny Craig
October 16: Rev. Jim Guyer
October 23: Rev. Amy Wiles
October 30: Rev. Jonny Craig

A reminder that we have 2 services, 9:00 am Traditional in our Sanctuary and our Contemporary service at 11:15 am in the Shared Life Center.

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.



Children's Sunday School

3 yr olds - 1st gr. will meet in the kindergarten room with Vicki Cose teaching for October 2.

2nd gr. - 5th gr. will meet in the Children's Choir room with Jeff Morgan teaching each month.

Confirmation

Our confirmation classes run on a 3-year cycle with 3 dedications: The Old Testament, The New Testament and The History of the Church with Church Polity. Youth 6th grade – 8th grade meet Sunday's at 10:10 am in the Jr. High Room upstairs. Taught by Scott Cose and Susan Larsen.

Adult Education Class

How to Cope in the Age of Anxiety - In an uncertain world, we all search for ways to stay grounded. But when the mind gets fixated on worry — a natural response to uncertainty — it can feel hard to find your footing. In this class, we'll explore ways to find your footing, refresh yourself in God's promises, and stay grounded in the stillness and hope of faith. This class is open to all 9th grade – Adult. **When:** Oct. 2 at 10:10 am. **Where:** Chapel. **Facilitators:** Harrison and Felicia Cass.

WOW

We welcome anyone that wants to join us at Westminster for Wes Pres Wednesday. We've begun meeting at 6pm.

We will stick with the 'schedule' we had last year.

- chit chat/catch up
- book discussion/take aways
- prayer

The first Sunday of the month we will attend service.

You are welcome at any level.

Not reading the book ... welcome

Can only come occasionally ... welcome

Can't attend the full hour ... welcome

Need the support of other women of faith ... WELCOME!!!

We will be reading "This Caffeinated Life" by local author Laura Deeds who has offered to come by and discuss the book once it's completed! We will start book discussion with chapter 1 on Wednesday, October 12th to give everyone time to get the book and start reading that wishes to join us.



<https://www.amazon.com/This-Caffeinated-Life-Surviving-Motherhood/dp/166423781X>

Christian Ed Fundraiser

Please support our Wes Pres Kids by helping with supplies and activities for our events and classes, and also to help keep the Wednesday meal free for everyone. We will have a display board with numbered envelopes in the Welcome Center on Sunday for you to participate. You simply choose an envelope, put your money in dollars equal to the number on the envelope, and place it in the box or drop it off at the church office.

Thank you for helping!
Christian Ed Committee

A Plea for Peanut Butter and Pasta for our Pantry

As you know, our pantry is open twice per month and we are serving almost 100 households each time. A couple of items that have been difficult to get from the Food Bank are peanut butter and pasta. We have designated October "A Plea for Peanut Butter and Pasta for our Pantry" month! We will have a table out in the Welcome Center and if you are so inclined to grab extra boxes/bags of pasta or a jar or two of peanut butter the next time you are at the store, we would appreciate it. You could also drop off at the office during the week! Thank you!



Card Making Class

On Thursday, October 13 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!

Volunteer needs ...

Ushers Needed - Please consider being an Usher at either our 9:00 am service or our 11:15 am service. It is a great opportunity to greet our members and guests and be an important part of our services. Contact Dee in the church office or email her at dee@wpcw.org if interested.

Coffee Hosts – We are looking for a few more people who would be willing to make and set out coffee and juice on Sunday mornings. The first shift begins before 9:00 worship and a second shift before 11:15 worship. Please contact the office to offer to help.

Jr. High Dances - We will once again resume our Jr. High Dances! The first dance is Friday, October 28. We are looking for volunteers to chaperone. Please sign up in the Welcome Center (or contact the office) to help us continue this long tradition.

Chaperones are needed from 6:30 pm - 9:30; the dance runs from 7:00 - 8:45 pm.

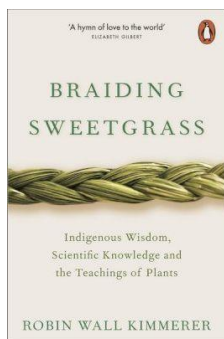
Feed My Starving Children

Westminster is hosting our 14th packing event for Feed My Starving Children. The dates are October 17 - 19! Wednesday evening is for youth only.



We are also looking for volunteers to come in Monday and Tuesday to help label the food bags. If you would like to help, but being on your feet for that long is difficult, here is the job for you! Look for sign up sheets to be in the Welcome Center this Sunday.

Register to pack at wpcw.org/fmsc



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 or 319-240-5296.

October 16 - "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer

August 2022 Budget Summary

	AUGUST	AUGUST	YTD	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 27,447.89	\$ 44,884.51	\$ 377,975.50	\$ 382,453.45	\$ 595,484.00	\$ 665,681.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,179.84	\$ 2,272.62	\$ 15,743.63	\$ 18,398.25	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 26,200.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 8,611.24	\$ 3,285.46	\$ 73,828.55	\$ 54,787.82	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 86,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 797.51	\$ 396.23	\$ 7,237.68	\$ 6,190.15	\$ 15,550.00	\$ 14,550.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 26,671.60	\$ 29,377.89	\$ 223,902.24	\$ 227,980.17	\$ 366,877.00	\$ 462,125.00
MISSION	\$ -	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 26,227.59	\$ 29,421.93	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 47,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 683.51	\$ 20.77	\$ 3,426.51	\$ 582.27	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 4,023.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.52	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 166.20	\$ 96.69	\$ 1,035.65	\$ 1,458.91	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 554.04	\$ 754.21	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,504.75	\$ 1,615.25	\$ 12,038.00	\$ 12,922.00	\$ 18,057.00	\$ 19,383.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 39,654.65	\$ 39,454.91	\$ 363,993.89	\$ 352,529.23	\$ 595,484.00	\$ 665,681.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (12,206.76)	\$ 5,429.60	\$ 13,981.61	\$ 29,924.22		

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

Scrip

This fall, the Scrip tables will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month through 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](#)

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, October 1, from 9am-11. Please sign up to help with the pantry at 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.

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