

January 2023 Messenger

Worship with us Sundays:
9:00 am Traditional service in our Sanctuary
10:10 am Sunday School for all ages
11:15 am Contemporary service in the Shared Life Center
Services can be viewed online at wpcw.org/worship

Congregational Meeting

We will have a short meeting immediately following the 9:00 worship service this Sunday, January 8 to elect Deacons and Elders.

Elders Class of 2025

June Klein-Bacon (1st term)
Marv DeWaard (1st term)
Rick Gorman (1st term)
Don Kester (1st term)
Christina Sales (1st term)
Jodi Fabrizio (2nd term)
Ryan Greve (2nd term)

Deacons Class of 2025

Troyce Vich (1st term)
Vicki Cose (2nd term)
Susan Larsen (2nd term)
Heidi Warrington (2nd term)

Adult Sunday School - Meet and Greet with Pastor Jonny

Following the congregational meeting this Sunday, join us in the Chapel for a time with Pastor Jonny during the Sunday School hour.

Help taking down Christmas Decorations

We are looking for 3-4 people to help take down the Christmas decorations around the church. Sarah Hellman and Steven Eilers will be here to lead this project. They will be meeting here at 11:30 am this Saturday, January 7. Give the church a call if you are able to lend a hand. Thank you!

Presbyterian Pantry

We are in need of 2 more volunteers to help this Saturday from 8:30 am to 11. Please contact the church office if you can help.

From Pastor Jonny

I can't believe it's been just over a month since I started as your pastor here at Westminster. The season of Advent is always a busy one around a church and I am so grateful to the staff and volunteers for helping me to hit the ground running and for their tireless work to make Westminster a warm and welcoming place. The wonderful music of the Advent season--made possible by Charissa's leadership of our choirs and Jennifer's work with the Meistersingers--filled our sanctuary with cheer and our two services on Christmas Eve were wonderful reminders of the joy of Christmas: that Christ came and made his home among us. Our Deacons were busy delivering poinsettias to our members who are unable to attend services and our various committees were finalizing their work for 2022 and looking forward to more powerful ministry in the new year. From Cocoa and Carols to Christmas Dinner our

building was full throughout December which meant my heart was full, too. It was a whirlwind way to start my work here—I wouldn't want to have it any other way!

Thank you again for the welcome you have given me this past month. I have enjoyed getting to know folks here at Westminster so far and look forward to continuing to learn faces and names moving forward. If you're ever in the neighborhood my door is open--I'd love to have you pop in and say hello!

Pastor Jonny

Prayer Requests

Vicki Grimes – prayers as she had knee replacement surgery 1/3 and will be moved to Deery Suites after a 3-night stay at the hospital. (5106 Bluebell Rd., CF 50613; 319-240-5296; vicki.grimes@uni.edu)

Tricia & Bruce Jacobs – prayers as her father, Charles, passed away 1/1.
(1405 S. Adams Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309; revpt267@gmail.com)

Joe (Troyce) Vich - prayers as he has been deployed by the Red Cross to El Paso, TX. (1962 Kamille Ct., W'loo '01; 319-240-5047; aolbanker@gmail.com)

Faith Sonksen – prayers as she is having surgery on her hip 1/11 and will be at Deery Suites for 6 weeks for recovery. (1264 Northey St., W'loo '03; 319-269-9599; fsnksn@mchsi.com)

Prayers for:

Our homebound church members who are unable to join us in person
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:

Betty Cline, 312 Southbrooke Dr. #49, Waterloo, IA 50702, birthday was Jan. 1

Vince Cutler, 1915 West 6th St., Waterloo, IA 50702, birthday is Jan. 8

Carnival - January 11

Please join us for our annual Carnival Wednesday, January 11 in the Shared Life Center at 6:00pm after our Wes Pres meal. Bring a new or used toy for our Toy Exchange!! We will have fun games and treats for the entire family!

NEEDED: cookies & cakes for the Cake Walk. Please contact Dee to donate these items;
dee@wpcw.org

Join us at 5:00 pm in the Social Hall for dinner: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, green beans, and salad

Wes Pres Youth

We will be returning next Wednesday, January 11! The Jr. High will be joining the carnival from 6:00-7:00 and the Sr. High will be playing their own games from 7:30-8:30!

We are planning on a Winter Retreat for the Sr. High leaving on January 13th, returning on the 14th!

We will also still have our White Elephant gift exchange, along with our other Christmas party activities, which will be announced soon!

Please contact me with any questions steven@wpcw.org

Thank you!
Steven Jordan

Plea for Pantry!

For the month of January, we are asking for canned soup. The church will purchase crackers to go with the soup. Any kind of soup is acceptable; just pick your favorite to share at our pantry. There is a table up in the Welcome Center where you can place your donation. Thank you!



Sunday Supper

The Presbyterian Churches have resumed the weekly community Sunday Suppers. The first dinner is this Sunday, January 8. Westminster has committed to provide 4-5 volunteers each Sunday evening. Please consider helping this very important mission. We will provide the opportunity to sign up in the Welcome Center. We are hopeful that families would volunteer together, or a committee or church group.

Card Making Class

On Thursday, January 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!

Sponsor a Meal!

Each week we provide a meal for our Wes Pres Wednesday. This meal used to be funded in part by the NEIA Food Bank. We are no longer able to get food items from them and are shopping for all of the items needed to cook the meal. The average cost is \$140.00 per week. Would you be willing to pay for one of the meals in order for us to continue to offer this meal free of charge to the families attending? If so, please contact Dee at dee@wpcw.org for details.

Thank you!
Christian Ed

| | NOVEMBER | NOVEMBER | YTD | YTD | BUDGET | BUDGET |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2021 | 2022 | 2021 |
| TOTAL REVENUE | \$ 32,914.73 | \$ 36,140.92 | \$ 481,473.90 | \$ 495,398.04 | \$ 595,484.00 | \$ 665,681.00 |
| ADMINISTRATION | \$ 1,933.05 | \$ 2,326.02 | \$ 20,909.94 | \$ 25,000.58 | \$ 29,500.00 | \$ 26,200.00 |
| OPER & MAINT | \$ 97.55 | \$ 2,000.11 | \$ 85,904.34 | \$ 65,202.70 | \$ 95,000.00 | \$ 86,000.00 |
| CHRISTIAN ED | \$ 1,568.51 | \$ 1,151.89 | \$ 9,387.82 | \$ 8,135.83 | \$ 15,550.00 | \$ 14,550.00 |
| PERSONNEL | \$ 19,099.60 | \$ 34,506.44 | \$ 282,189.40 | \$ 325,961.61 | \$ 366,877.00 | \$ 462,125.00 |
| MISSION | \$ - | \$ (471.00) | \$ 33,227.59 | \$ 33,172.04 | \$ 48,500.00 | \$ 47,000.00 |
| MUSIC & WORSHIP | \$ 630.72 | \$ 621.99 | \$ 5,941.54 | \$ 2,248.96 | \$ 14,600.00 | \$ 4,023.00 |
| STEWARDSHIP | \$ - | \$ 122.20 | \$ - | \$ 248.97 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| HOSPITALITY & DEACONS | \$ 264.04 | \$ 117.65 | \$ 1,660.79 | \$ 2,196.05 | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 2,000.00 |
| MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH | \$ 52.84 | \$ 281.82 | \$ 708.92 | \$ 1,933.36 | \$ 3,400.00 | \$ 3,400.00 |
| PER CAPITA | \$ 1,504.75 | \$ 1,615.25 | \$ 16,552.25 | \$ 17,767.75 | \$ 18,057.00 | \$ 19,383.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 25,151.06 | \$ 42,272.37 | \$ 456,482.59 | \$ 481,867.85 | \$ 595,484.00 | \$ 665,681.00 |
| REVENUE OVER EXPENSES | \$ 7,763.67 | \$ (6,131.45) | \$ 24,991.31 | \$ 13,530.19 | | |

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

Scrip

We did it! \$5,000 was raised from SCRIP to put back to the general budget!



SCRIP is a program where the church purchases gift cards at a discount and sells them at face value. These cards are great for gifts, but more importantly they are great for everyday use.

Going grocery shopping? Plan ahead and get a gift card for Fareway, HyVee, Target, or Walmart/Sam's.

Need gas? We have Casey's, Kwik Star, & Walmart

Date night out? We have restaurants and movies!

Home renovation project? Menards, Lowes, Home Depot are all available!

Visa cards are GREAT to purchase from the church because they do not require the \$3-\$7 activation fee you pay at the store. We are now able to get \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500 in Visa cards.

Not sure how to use SCRIP in your life? Stop by the table and let's chat!

Let's shoot for \$5,500 for 2023!

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

Sarah Hellman



Westminster has received a few written Thank You's from those who enjoyed the Free Christmas Day meal. 375 cold to-go meals were handed out, 225 people enjoyed a warm meal here at the church and over 70 volunteers helped! A big THANK YOU to all who participated.

Dear Congregation, Staff and Missions Committee,
Thank you for your continued support of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program in the Cedar Valley! Your on-going generosity through the From the Heart program is truly a blessing to the children served by the CASA program! Your gifts let the children know they are cared for and bring them great joy during the Christmas season. On behalf of the CASA advocates who get to deliver the gifts and the children receiving them, please accept my heartfelt thanks!

Blessings to you all!
Meg Campbell, CASA Program Coordinator

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, January 7, 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!
- Women's Bible Study meets via Zoom every other Monday at 9am. Contact Cathy Young if you would like to join the class.
- Men's Bible Study is meeting Tuesday mornings at 9am in the Coffee House. All men are invited to attend. William Kay and John Butler are facilitating.