

# February 2023 Messenger

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## **Scam Alert!**

We have been informed that several of our members have received a text message "asking for a favor" from Pastor Jonny Craig. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND to this text if you receive it. It is a scam and is NOT from Pastor Jonny. Jonny has not and will not ever ask you to purchase anything on his behalf. This also pertains to any emails you may receive in the future.

Please call the church office if you have any questions.

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## **Worship Wednesday Tonight!**

**5:00** Dinner (Sloppy Joe's, baked beans, chips, salad, dessert)

**5:30** Messenger Choir (2nd - 5th grade)

**5:30** Meisteringers Adult Bell Choir

**6:30** Worship in the Sanctuary

**6:30** Adult Choir

**7:30** Sr. Highs

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## **From Pastor Jonny**

### **Lent: Lamentations & Luke**

Lent is a season of reflection and penitence—a time set aside by the Church to focus on our need for Christ and to prepare our hearts to receive the glorious news of Easter morning. This year we will spend the 6 weeks leading up to Easter split between two books: Lamentations and Luke. In Lamentations we see clearly that God is not afraid of our fear, anger, or doubt and that the people of God have always been able to bring their real emotions to God and that God accepts and invites the honesty of our hearts. In Luke we will look at three vignettes from the life of Jesus and three *strange sayings* that he offers up to those around him in those moments. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22 and we will begin talking about Lent and Lamentations on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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### **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](http://wpcw.org/worship)**

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## **Adult Sunday School**

There are 3 weeks remaining in our Contemplative Prayer class immediately following first service in the Chapel. Join us this Sunday to hear from Susan Schuerman as she teaches on contemplative prayer relating to Scripture and Nature. There are also contemplative prayer mindfulness CDs made by Carol Teare available for class members.

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## Prayer Requests

Sue Baldwin – prayers as she is having tests run regarding a clogged artery. (3903 Bradley Rd, W'loo '01; 319-233-9835)

Faith Sonksen – prayers for healing as she has now returned home to recover from hip surgery to repair torn tendons.

(1264 Northey St., W'loo '03; 319-269-9599; [fsnksn@mchsi.com](mailto: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.

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## Joys

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

Mary Lou Snyder, 5300 S. Main St., #70, Cedar Falls, IA 50613,  
birthday is Feb. 4

Sue Cox, birthday is Feb. 9

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## **Wes Pres Youth**

February 15<sup>th</sup> we will be having a quick parent meeting about our summer trips in the coffee house.

Jr. high – Great Escape meeting: 7:00

Sr. high – Mission Trip: 7:15.

This Month we will also have our Middle school Dance Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>! Please come help chaperone if you are able – the funds raised from this dance help cover the costs of the summer trips and we cannot have the dances without all of our great volunteers!!

Please contact me with any questions [steven@wpcw.org](mailto:steven@wpcw.org)

Thank you!

Steven Jordan

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## **Plea for Pantry!**

For the month of February, we are asking for canned green beans or corn. There is a table up in the Welcome Center where you can place your donation. Thank you!

**We are in need of 5 more volunteers to help this Saturday from 8:30 - 11:00. Please contact the church office if you can help.**



## **Sunday Supper**

Westminster has committed to provide 4 - 5 volunteers each Sunday evening. Please consider helping this very important mission. This is a great opportunity to serve as a family or committee/group. Sign up in the Welcome Center.

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### **Sunday Broadcasting & Power Point help needed!**

We need a few more volunteers to help with Broadcast, Sound or Power Point during our 9:00 worship services. If you are willing to learn and help with this, please call the office at 234-5501. Thank you!

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### **Card Making Class**

On Thursday, February 9 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!



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### **Dance Chaperones Needed!**

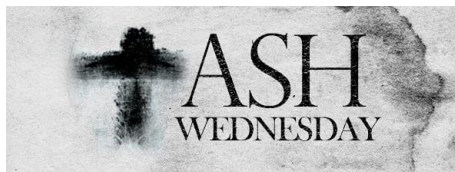
Our next youth dance is Friday, February 17! We need about 10 more volunteers please. There is a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center or contact Dee at [dee@wpcw.org](mailto:dee@wpcw.org).

Thank you to those who have already committed to chaperone!

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### **Souper Silly Chili Game Night**

Join us on Sunday, February 19 at 5:00 pm for chili, soup, mac and cheese and dessert! There will be fun trivia games to get to know Pastor Jonny and Kayla! This is a free event for you and your families. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and laughs! You are welcome to bring a dessert to share...it's not required. Sign up in the Welcome Center if you are going to bring a sweet treat.



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### **Schedule for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 5:00 - 6:00 Dinner**

NO Wes Pres Kids programming

6:00 Ash Wednesday Worship-Sanctuary

7:30 Sr. High Youth Group

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### **Snowshoeing with the Deacons!**

Join the Deacons on Sunday, March 5 from 2:00 - 4:00 at Hartman Reserve for an afternoon of snowshoeing.

There is a sign-up in the Welcome Center. The cost is \$5.00 to rent. You will pay at Hartman. If there is no snow, event will be canceled.



## December 2022 Budget Summary

	DECEMBER 2022	DECEMBER 2021	YTD 2022	YTD 2021	BUDGET 2022	BUDGET 2021
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 82,487.87	\$ 65,929.91	\$ 563,961.77	\$ 561,327.95	\$ 595,484.00	\$ 665,681.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,782.08	\$ 2,081.69	\$ 22,692.02	\$ 27,082.27	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 26,200.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 5,330.54	\$ 5,577.53	\$ 91,234.88	\$ 70,780.23	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 86,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 916.88	\$ 294.25	\$ 10,304.70	\$ 8,430.08	\$ 15,550.00	\$ 14,550.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 30,224.50	\$ 39,029.81	\$ 312,413.90	\$ 364,991.42	\$ 366,877.00	\$ 462,125.00
MISSION	\$ 13,902.91	\$ 12,827.96	\$ 47,130.50	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 48,500.00	\$ 47,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 2,071.81	\$ 161.89	\$ 8,013.35	\$ 2,410.85	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 4,023.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 173.74	\$ -	\$ 173.74	\$ 248.97	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 530.11	\$ 239.77	\$ 2,190.90	\$ 2,435.82	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 381.01	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,089.93	\$ 2,308.36	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,504.75	\$ 1,615.25	\$ 18,057.00	\$ 19,383.00	\$ 18,057.00	\$ 19,383.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 56,818.33	\$ 62,203.15	\$ 513,300.92	\$ 544,071.00	\$ 595,484.00	\$ 665,681.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 25,669.54	\$ 3,726.76	\$ 50,660.85	\$ 17,256.95		

Are you looking for a way to support Westminster? Check out the options at [wpcw.org/giving](http://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! The scrip table will be open the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

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

Sarah Hellman



# Free Tax Assistance!

Tax-Aide sites are offering one-visit or two-visit tax assistance. Appointments are required at all sites. One-visit sites will prepare the client's tax return while the client waits...usually 60-90 minutes. At sites operating with the 2-visit model, clients will make a first appointment to confirm ID, complete the intake questionnaire and to drop-off their tax documents. A second appointment will be made at the first appointment to pick-up the completed tax return. For joint returns, both spouses must attend to finalize and sign the completed return for e-filing.

To make your first appointment, call 319-334-1019 on weekdays between 9 and 5 (beginning January 17) to schedule a free AARP/RSVP Tax-Aide appointment at the following locations:

Waterloo – Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1301 Kimball Ave (rear entrance) – One Visit Model  
Waterloo – Salvation Army (appts only; no walk-ins), 207 Logan Ave (rear entrance) – Two Visit Model  
Cedar Falls – First United Methodist Church, 718 Clay St – Two Visit Model  
Oelwein – Closed  
Waverly – Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Ave – One Visit Model

Clients can also schedule their own appointment at [www.vccv.org/taxaide](http://www.vccv.org/taxaide) beginning January 17.



## 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, February 4, 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!
- 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.