

Westminster May 2023 Messenger

Prayer Requests

Dottie Plager – prayers as she fell and had partial hip replacement surgery.
(1400 Maxhelen Blvd. #2103, W'loo '01)

Lois Marsch – prayers as she is scheduled for surgery today on her knee.
(3720 Village Pl. #5215, W'loo '02; 219-291-8359)

Nancy Shirey – prayers as she is in Iowa City with back and heart issues.
(1400 Maxhelen Blvd. #1216, W'loo '01)

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.

Joys

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

William Kay, 2653 Saratoga Dr., Waterloo, IA 50702, birthday is May 9
Lois Marsch, 3720 Village Pl. #5215, Waterloo, IA 50702, birthday is May 10

Worship Schedule

We will continue 2 services May 7, 14 and 21. Then starting on May 28, we will begin having one service at 10:00 am. Alternating locations every other week. May 28 will be a traditional service in the Sanctuary, June 4 will be a casual service in the Shared Life Center and so on, until after Labor Day.



Plea for Pantry!

For the month of May, we are asking for CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES.

There is a table up in the Welcome Center where you can place your donation.

Class of 2023!

This past Sunday we celebrated our high school graduates during worship. (Congratulations to all the Seniors who will be graduating this year!

Pictured: Joel Powell, McKenna Anders, Fletcher Gerrans



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.



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 childcare items.

How Can We Help?

Donations are needed to supplement items the parent(s) may earn:

- diapers of all sizes
- pull-ups of all sizes
- baby wipes
- children's underwear (up to 5 years old)
- educational toys for children 0-5 to use for fun giveaways for participants.

There is a table in the Welcome Center for your gifts through May 14. 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.

Friendship Club

Join us on Thursday, May 4 at 6:00pm in the Coffee House to hear Alisa Engelhardt speak about pottery making. Meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Jr. High Youth Dance

The last dance of this school year will be Friday, May 19. With your help as a chaperone, we can wrap up another successful year. Time to be here is 6:30 pm - 9:15pm. You can contact the church office at jodi@wpcw.org to volunteer or sign up in the Welcome Center.



Women Build Workday

If you are interested in helping with this year's Women Build, contact Jodi Fabrizio at jodi.fabrizio@mediacombb.net, the church office or sign up in the Welcome Center. The workday is Saturday, June 24 from 8:30am - 3:30pm.

March 2023 Budget Summary

	MARCH	MARCH	YTD	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 44,424.66	\$ 34,468.18	\$ 174,974.90	\$ 136,916.20	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,641.46	\$ 1,790.65	\$ 5,672.86	\$ 5,725.65	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 29,500.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 19,377.36	\$ 9,644.83	\$ 42,503.18	\$ 29,109.10	\$ 116,450.00	\$ 95,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 660.42	\$ 1,011.86	\$ 1,459.45	\$ 1,625.41	\$ 19,580.00	\$ 15,550.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 26,089.51	\$ 26,209.97	\$ 78,956.53	\$ 84,516.77	\$ 358,010.00	\$ 366,877.00
MISSION	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,098.91	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,198.91	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 48,500.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ (2,860.72)	\$ 134.66	\$ 2,179.61	\$ 1,080.98	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 14,600.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 55.18	\$ -	\$ 55.18	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 430.02	\$ 73.49	\$ 817.46	\$ 258.42	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 125.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 221.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,561.42	\$ 1,504.75	\$ 4,684.26	\$ 4,514.25	\$ 18,737.00	\$ 18,057.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 57,079.65	\$ 44,509.12	\$ 145,943.53	\$ 136,250.49	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (12,654.99)	\$ (10,040.94)	\$ 29,031.37	\$ 665.71		

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

Scrip

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.

Sarah Hellman

Sunday Supper

Westminster has committed to provide volunteers each Sunday evening at First Pres in Waterloo. 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.

We cannot express the amount of sincere gratitude we have for the prayers, hugs, support and love our church has given us with the passing of our mom. We are blessed to have Westminster as our church family/friends. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Thank you.

Scott and Vicki Cose

Thank You!

Hello,

I want to thank the staff and the entire Westminster congregation again for your help in completing another successful tax season. We prepared almost 1000 tax returns this season which is up about 10% from the previous year.

We hear many comments from our clients about how they appreciate our services and would not know what to do without us. It should make us all feel good that we are making a difference in the community and we could not do it without Westminster's support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

One last comment; several customers appreciated the comfortable chairs in the social hall!

Again thanks and best regards,
Howard Uehle

Vacation Bible School - June 19 - 23, 2023

9:00am - 12:00pm

Ages 3 years through kids going into 5th grade

Invite your friends and neighbors to this fun week all are welcome!!
It's not too early to register!

Click here to register: wpcw.org/vbs



We need volunteers! If you wish to help with VBS, please contact Dee at dee@wpcw.org or call the church off 234-5501.

Community Concert – On Monday, May 8 at 7pm, Westminster's Chancel Choir will be one of 9 choirs performing with internationally known composer/pianist Mark Hayes, at the Gallagher Bluedorn PAC. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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 is open the 1st Saturday of the month from 9:00 - 11:00 am and the 3rd Thursday of the month from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm. 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. NOTE: This class is on a break while Cathy heals from hand surgery.
- 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.