

August 2023 Messenger

Prayer Requests

Karen Fisher – passed away 7/16. A family celebration of life will be held at a later date.
(Daughter, Julie Fleming 3502 Monticello Ave., W'loo '01; Grandchild, Neal & Kristin Petersen 3655
41st NW, Rochester, MN 55901)

John (Jean) Butler – prayers as he was admitted to the hospital for further issues with mini strokes; is
now back home. (3 Russell Slade Blvd, #403, Coralville, IA 52214; 319 290-3652)

Ann (Steve) Schuler – prayers as she is home recovering from surgery on 7/19 to remove cancer from
her chest wall.
(3331 Mt. Vernon Dr., W'loo '01; 319-290-5324; sas20@mediacombb.net)

Dottie Plager – has been moved to The Lodge for continued recovery from partial hip replacement
surgery.
(312 Southbrooke #43, W'loo '02; 291-1300)

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

Special Anniversaries (50+ years) this week are:

Scott & Vicki Cose, 1027 Vine St., Waterloo, IA 50703
celebrating on July 28

Jim & Mary Bast, 928 Cornwall Ave., Waterloo, IA 50702
celebrating on July 30

Robert & Louise Krogh, 1559 Dakota Dr., Waterloo, IA 50701
celebrating on August 4

Thank you to Steven Jordan!

This Sunday during our 10:00 worship service, we will say *Thank You* and express our gratitude for Steven leading our youth the past 2 years. Cake will also be served with juice and coffee.

Worship Schedule

This summer we have one worship service on Sundays at 10:00 am. Alternating locations every other week until after Labor Day.

August 6 - Sanctuary

August 13 - Shared Life Center

August 20 - Sanctuary

August 27 - Shared Life Center

September 3 - Sanctuary



Church Office Hours

During this time the church office closes at 1:30 pm on Fridays.

Mid-Year Financial Snapshot

Summer is upon us with hopes of life sustaining rainfall on everyone's minds. I thought it would be appropriate to give a mid-year update on Westminster's finances as our Church, through God's words, sustains our bodies and souls.



Through the first 6 months of 2023, our revenue stood at \$302,360 slightly below last year's \$305,881 and just shy of this year's budget by \$4,528 or 49% of budget. The primary source of Church revenue is from pledges and offerings which totaled \$284,239. Year-to-date we are running a \$25,671 surplus of revenue over expense.

Expenses have been running a bit lower than budgeted as we have outlays totaling \$276,688 which is approximately 45% of budget. Expenses so far this year are slightly more than last year's \$271,331. When we look at budget comparisons, we are running slightly higher in property expenses but we have had several non-reoccurring, but needed, maintenance costs for this first half of the year. The largest expense is in our personnel areas with this trending slightly below budget, however we anticipate this to trend upward as Rev. Craig was officially welcomed in July as our Head Pastor.

As we enter the second half of the year, please think about satisfying your \$41 Per Capita. If you have not thought about using e-giving please do so by contacting Becky Dietz for more information. Thank you for all your gifts to Westminster.

John Speas,
Chair of Finance

June 2023 Budget Summary

	JUNE	JUNE	JUNE	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 39,307.86	\$ 74,479.19	\$ 302,360.27	\$ 305,881.46	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,658.82	\$ 1,389.77	\$ 12,034.95	\$ 12,510.48	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 29,500.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 3,972.38	\$ 5,059.54	\$ 65,382.92	\$ 54,915.23	\$ 116,450.00	\$ 95,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 819.38	\$ 1,533.46	\$ 7,567.28	\$ 5,444.89	\$ 19,580.00	\$ 15,550.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 22,525.40	\$ 25,128.16	\$ 157,679.99	\$ 166,771.04	\$ 358,010.00	\$ 366,877.00
MISSION	\$ 1,104.36	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 17,254.36	\$ 19,155.93	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 48,500.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 530.49	\$ 497.69	\$ 3,798.58	\$ 2,173.57	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 14,600.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55.18	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 107.96	\$ 54.38	\$ 1,842.17	\$ 848.10	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 1,238.29	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,704.70	\$ 464.04	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,561.42	\$ 1,504.75	\$ 9,368.52	\$ 9,028.50	\$ 18,737.00	\$ 18,057.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 33,518.50	\$ 36,957.75	\$ 276,688.65	\$ 271,311.78	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 5,789.36	\$ 37,521.44	\$ 25,671.62	\$ 34,569.68		

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



College Care Packages

Do you have a child in college or away in the military? We are going to be sending out care packages. Please contact Becca at rebecca@wpcw.org with their name and address so we can send them a package and show them Westminster is thinking of them.

Don't have a kid in college but want to help the ones that are? We are looking for donations to fill the boxes. We would like anything that would fit in a shoe box. Ramen, toiletries, granola bars, candy, playing cards, things like this. Or you can donate a scrip gift card and we can do the shopping for you.

Palmer's Fun Night - Wed., August 16 at 5:30pm



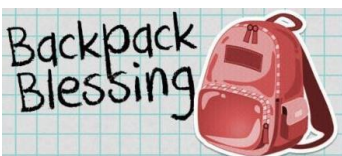
You are invited to join us **Wednesday, August 16 at 5:30pm** for dinner and TONS OF FUN at Palmer's Family Fun on Airline Hwy. Walking tacos and drinks provided by the Christian Ed Committee. Please sign up to bring a dish or dessert.

Cost is \$7 per person, includes: 2 Go Kart Tickets, 18 Holes of Mini Golf, Jumping Pillow, 3 Batting Cage Tokens. No pre-payment needed; you will pay Palmer's when you arrive.

This is open to anybody; if you do not want to participate in the games, come for the meal and a time of fellowship. Register to bring a dish to share and to let us know how many to expect. Sign up in the Welcome Center or at wpcw.org/palmers.

Palmer's is requiring all to sign a **Participant Release**. You will need to fill this out and bring it with you when you pay at Palmer's. Click [HERE](#) to print or pick up a form in the Welcome Center or church office.

Register no later than Friday, August 12.



Backpack Blessing!

Join us Sunday, August 20 for a back-to-school blessing during our 10:00 worship! For those who are returning to school (including teachers), bring your backpack to the service and you will be recognized and blessed as we prepare to kick off the new school year.

Registration Info Night & Ice Cream Sundae Bar! August 30 from 6 - 7 pm

Come join us for ice cream 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!



Plea for the Pantry!

For the month of August, we are asking for Oatmeal. Packaged flavored oatmeal or quick 1-minute cooking oats.

There is a table up in the Welcome Center to place your donation. Thank you!

The NEIFB Personal Care Drive ends on August 7. A very big THANK YOU to all who have donated to this drive! Your generous hearts are so appreciated! Items: soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene, toothbrushes, baby wipes, tissues, diapers, deodorant.

Feed My Starving Children

Westminster will host their 15th packing event on **October 16 - 18, 2023!** Registration will begin in September. We received some exciting information about FMSC and wanted to share it with you.

In June, FMSC volunteers packed the **4 billionth MannaPack meal** since their founding in 1987. This milestone was reached at a MobilePack event hosted by inmates and staff of the women's prison at the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Shakopee, MN.

- **31,273,704 meals** were shipped in June
- **31** Food Partners and **29** countries were served
- **5 top** countries receiving FMSC meals in June:
 1. **Haiti** – 5,243,328 meals
 2. **Guatemala** – 3,418,272 meals
 3. **Honduras** – 3,225,600 meals
 4. **Nicaragua** – 2,551,392 meals
 5. **El Salvador** – 1,931,040 meals

FMSC Fun Fact: Food for the Poor was FMSC's largest food distribution partner in June receiving 18 shipments - which equals **5,042,304 MannaPack Meals!**

Card Making Class

All are invited to join on Thursday, August 10 for a time of fellowship and creativity! This class is just \$15 for all the supplies and direction to make 4 greeting cards. We gather at 2:00 pm in Room 216. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or email dee@wpcw.org and let her know.

Wes Pres Wednesday begins September 6!

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

Please contact Dee at dee@wpcw.org or call the church office to volunteer!

Sunday School Starts September 17

Come join the Adult Sunday school class located in the chapel and our Children's Sunday School classes located downstairs starting on September 17. We are still looking for volunteers to lead classes. Please contact Becca at rebecca@wpcw.org if you are interested in volunteering.



3-2-1 Small Groups

Three people, meeting for 2 hours, 1 time a month.

"...We can be encouraged by the faithfulness we find in each other, both your faithfulness and mine." Romans 1:12

We are going to be starting small groups in October. These groups are called 3-2-1, three people meeting, for 2 hours, 1 time a month. You can pick your own group, or you can sign up and we will assign groups. This is an opportunity to open your Bible outside of Sunday mornings, to have a safe place for spiritual friendship and accountability. More information to come.

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 on the 1st Sunday of the month. Cards can be purchased in the church office Monday - Friday.

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.

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 on Mondays at 9am. Contact Cathy Young if you would like to join the class.
 - Men's Bible Study - **NOTE: this group is taking a summer break.**
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Please share us with your friends!

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