

September 2023 Messenger

SEE YOU TONIGHT!

This is a friendly reminder that tonight is our ice cream sundae registration and info night! Please arrive at 6:00 to get your ice cream and our presentation will begin at 6:15, with the Confirmation class meeting to follow at 6:30! Come eat some ice cream, learn all that we have to offer for our Wednesday night programs, meet the leaders and get signed up!

If you are unable to attend, please go to our website wpcw.org to register your kids.

We look forward to seeing you tonight and can't wait to get the year started!

If you have any questions, please email Becca at rebecca@wpcw.org.

Worship Schedule

We resume 2 services on Sunday, September 10. Our traditional service will be in the Sanctuary at 9am and our casual service in the Shared Life Center has a new time of 11am.



September 3 - 10am in the Sanctuary

September 10 - 9am and 11am - Communion has been moved to this day

September 17 - 9am and 11am

September 24 - 9am and 11am

Sunday School - (for kids/adults) and Confirmation begins on September 17 at 10am. Adults will be in the Chapel, Confirmation in the Jr. High Room on the 3rd floor and kids will be downstairs on the 1st floor.

Church Office Hours

Beginning September 8, the office hours will be Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm and Fridays 8am-2pm.



Pie for Breakfast

To celebrate the launch of two services on September 10 we are having *pie for breakfast!* The Try Pie food truck will be in the upper lot at Westminster between services on September 10, selling and serving mini pies, coffee, and pie shakes (yes, milkshakes with pie inside) from 10 to 11 AM. Stay after the 9 AM service and come early to the 11 AM service to enjoy fun and food together! The church will cover 50% of any pies sold.

Try Pie is a *social enterprise structured youth ministry that uses employment as an opportunity to engage and equip young women for their futures. Westminster has proudly supported Try Pie in the past and we are excited to partner with them again!*

Daily Scripture Email

Starting on September 11 we will be sending out a short daily scripture reading and reflection Monday-Friday to go along with our new fall sermon series! You don't need to do anything special to receive these emails—they'll simply arrive in your inbox every morning!

July 2023 Budget Summary

	JULY	JULY	YTD	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 53,344.24	\$ 44,646.15	\$ 355,704.51	\$ 350,527.61	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,895.19	\$ 2,053.31	\$ 13,930.14	\$ 14,563.79	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 29,500.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 24,882.13	\$ 10,302.08	\$ 90,265.05	\$ 65,217.31	\$ 116,450.00	\$ 95,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 1,043.75	\$ 995.28	\$ 8,611.03	\$ 6,440.17	\$ 19,580.00	\$ 15,550.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 24,252.48	\$ 30,459.60	\$ 181,932.47	\$ 197,230.64	\$ 358,010.00	\$ 366,877.00
MISSION	\$ 6,833.82	\$ 7,071.66	\$ 24,088.18	\$ 26,227.59	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 48,500.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 333.69	\$ 569.43	\$ 4,132.27	\$ 2,743.00	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 14,600.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55.18	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 233.34	\$ 21.35	\$ 2,075.51	\$ 869.45	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 59.49	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,764.19	\$ 514.04	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,561.42	\$ 1,504.75	\$ 10,929.94	\$ 10,533.25	\$ 18,737.00	\$ 18,057.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 61,095.31	\$ 53,027.46	\$ 337,783.96	\$ 324,339.24	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (7,751.07)	\$ (8,381.31)	\$ 17,920.55	\$ 26,188.37		

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

August Session Minutes

Click [HERE](#) to read the minutes from the August 22 Session meeting.



College Care Packages

If you have a child in college or away in the military, we would like to send them a care package and show them Westminster is thinking of them. Please contact Becca at rebecca@wpcw.org with their name and address.

We are also 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.

Deadline to submit names or donations is September 24.

Plea for the Pantry!

For the month of September, we are asking for applesauce. No jars over 48 oz. please.

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



Wes Pres Wednesday begins September 6!

Wes Pres Wed Schedule 2023-2024

5:00 – 6:00 Dinner

Kids

5:30 – 6:00 Messenger Choir (1st – 5th grade)

5:30 – 6:00 3yr olds - Kindergarten games

6:00 – 7:00 Wes Pres Kids (3 yr olds – 5th grade)

Youth

6:00 – 7:00 Wes Pres Middle School (6th – 8th grade)

7:30 – 8:30 Wes Pres High School (9th – 12th grade)

Adults

5:30 – 6:30 Meisteringers Adult Bell Choir

6:00 – 7:00 Men's and Women's Adult Groups

6:30 – 7:30 Adult Choir

6:30 – 7:30 Centering Prayer



Wes Pres Youth

We are so excited for our Wednesday night programming to begin on September 6! Our middle school and high school groups will be launching into our very first series of the year called, "I Am". There are seven times when Jesus directly told his disciples who he was. In these "I am" statements, he shared with them what it meant to follow him, his heart for others, and how his followers can strengthen their relationships with him and with God.

In this four-week series, we'll dive into Jesus' words about himself to learn how his words can reshape our lives today. Through what Jesus says, we'll learn that **Jesus is love, is truth, is always with us, and is our savior.**

Calli Tenson, Youth Leader

Friendship Club

On Thursday, September 7 all are invited to join us for a potluck. We will have guest speaker, Sandra Cabell who will talk about Monarch Butterflies. Please bring a main or side dish to share as well as your own table service. This group meets in the Coffee House at 6pm.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY'S AT 9AM**

Men's Bible Study Resumes!

The adult men's Bible Study is resuming on Tuesday, September 12 at 9am. They meet in the Coffee House and all men are invited to attend this time of discussion and fellowship. William Kay is facilitating.



Card Making Class

All are invited to join in on the fun on Thursday, September 14 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 jodi@wpcw.org and let her know.

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.

Feed My Starving Children

Westminster will host their 15th packing event on **October 16 - 18, 2023**! Registration will begin in late September.



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.

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

Cards now available: Jimmy John's, Stitch Fix, and available in e-card are Chewy and Roblox.

Sarah Hellman



Dear Westminster Presbyterian Church,
On behalf of NEIFB, we want to thank you for your participation in this summer's Personal Care Drive and your contribution of **162 pounds!**

We appreciate your generosity and encourage you to stay involved through our volunteer page. Visit "go.neifb.org/volunteer" for more

opportunities!

Thank you again,
Gannon Oberhauser
Community Engagement Coordinator

"Nurturing Silence" Centering Prayer Event

You are invited to "Nurturing Silence" on September 23, 2023, 8 am - noon at Westminster. The day will include 1) Sessions for Centering Prayer; 2) A time for Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading of Scripture); 3) A brief Centering Prayer seminar; and 4) Quiet time to journal, walk an indoor labyrinth, read, walk indoors or outdoors, pray, etc.

The only cost for this event is a donation for the day's expenses. The event itself will be led by local people. If you are planning to attend, please email CONELowa@gmail.com with your name and phone number no later than Monday, September 18. No further registration is needed. More details will be shared with persons who register.

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 - **Resumes September 12 at 9am**. This group meets in the Coffee House and all men are invited! William Kay is facilitating this group.
- **Sunday Supper** - A community meal is served at 1st Presbyterian, W'loo every Sunday from 5:00-6:00. Volunteers are needed each week from 3:30 - 6:30. If interested in volunteering, contact 1st Pres at 319-233-6145.