

# November 2023 Messenger

## Prayer Requests

Joan Bond – passed away 10/25. A Celebration of Life service will be held November 25 at Westminster.

Bob & Nancy Bamsey – prayers as his sister, Carol Carinci, passed away 10/23. (365 Sheridan Rd., W'loo '01; 319-240-1105; [nrbamsey@gmail.com](mailto:nrbamsey@gmail.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

### **Special birthdays to those 80+ years this week**

Lauretta Cutler, 1915 West 6th St., Waterloo, IA 50702, birthday is November 8

Wally Dietz, 1982 Kamille Ct., Waterloo, IA 50701, birthday is November 10

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## **Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:00am Traditional Worship and 11:00am Modern Worship. All services can be viewed at any time at [wpcw.org/worship](http://wpcw.org/worship).

**Sunday School** for kids, adults and Confirmation held at 10am. Adults meet in the Chapel, Confirmation meets in the Jr. High Room on the 3rd floor and 1st - 5th graders are on the 3rd floor, 3 yrs - kindergarten kids are on the 1st floor.

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm and Fridays 8am-2pm.

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## **Pantry Help**

We are needing 6 volunteers to help this Saturday with the Pantry. Volunteers help from 8:30am - 11. Please contact the office, Gary Iversen, or you can sign up at [wpcw.org/volunteer](http://wpcw.org/volunteer). Thank you!

## **Westminster Night with the Black Hawks!**

We have reserved seats for THIS Saturday, November 4 at 6:05 pm to watch hockey together! Cost is just \$10 per ticket (reg. price is \$26). You can get your tickets at [tickets.waterlooblackhawks.com](http://tickets.waterlooblackhawks.com) and enter promo code **westminster2023** to select your seats and complete your purchase.

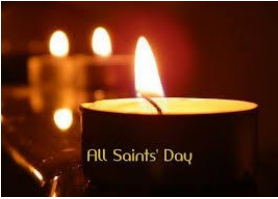
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## **The Blessing**

The Mission Committee is offering THE BLESSING. \$7,000 will be awarded to a local organization chosen by the congregation.

The logo for 'The Blessing' is displayed in white serif font on a dark blue rectangular background. A thin blue horizontal line is positioned below the text.

**Nominations to be submitted by this coming Monday, November 6.** The Mission Committee will select 3 finalists and announce them ahead of the congregational vote on Sunday, December 3. Go to [wpcw.org/blessing](http://wpcw.org/blessing) to download the form or pick one up in the Welcome Center.



## All Saints' Day

This Sunday, November 5 you will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one during both services. All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for the life of our loved ones who have preceded us in death.

## Wes Pres Youth

The Riverside Recharges for our youth students are right around the corner! If you didn't get signed up by Sunday the 29th, and you're interested in signing up your student, please let Calli know asap!

Middle schoolers attend Nov. 10th-11th. High Schoolers attend Nov. 17th-19th.

Both weekends we will be meeting at the church and departing by 5:30pm. It is 50% off if you use our Westminster codes! We are covering half of each student's registration fee. To contact Calli about any questions you may have, email her at [calli@wpcw.org](mailto:calli@wpcw.org) OR send her a text or give her a call at (515)460-8101.

## Wes Pres Wednesday Adult Class Offerings

WOW - Women of Westminster meets during Wes Pres Wed in the Coffee House from 6-7pm. Consider joining us as we explore a study of the Women of the Old Testament with weekly discussions. No take home reading is required. All women are welcome when you are able (don't worry if you can't come every week!). Come for fellowship, conversation, learning and prayer. We can't wait to see you there!

Men's Group - The men's group is working through 33 *The Series*, a multi-volume video series that gives men a vision for manhood as modeled by Jesus in his 33 years on earth. Meets in the Adult Library at 6pm.

Centering Prayer - Deepen your prayer life and experience the wonders of God's healing, peace and love in centering prayer. Meets at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

## September 2023 Budget Summary

	SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	YTD	YTD	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 44,892.22	\$ 31,463.18	\$ 439,992.77	\$ 409,438.68	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 2,935.41	\$ 1,013.69	\$ 19,347.81	\$ 16,757.32	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 29,500.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 3,429.21	\$ 4,830.78	\$ 96,983.84	\$ 78,659.33	\$ 116,450.00	\$ 95,000.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 708.83	\$ 229.51	\$ 11,259.70	\$ 7,467.19	\$ 19,580.00	\$ 15,550.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 29,483.91	\$ 17,870.75	\$ 238,115.87	\$ 241,772.99	\$ 358,010.00	\$ 366,877.00
MISSION	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 33,588.18	\$ 30,227.59	\$ 53,500.00	\$ 48,500.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 2,224.45	\$ 1,442.13	\$ 6,876.43	\$ 4,868.64	\$ 14,600.00	\$ 14,600.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55.18	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 153.50	\$ 199.91	\$ 2,330.43	\$ 1,235.56	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 40.00	\$ 52.04	\$ 1,844.19	\$ 606.08	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,561.42	\$ 1,504.75	\$ 14,052.78	\$ 13,542.75	\$ 18,737.00	\$ 18,057.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 45,036.73	\$ 31,143.56	\$ 424,454.41	\$ 395,137.45	\$ 613,777.00	\$ 595,484.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (144.51)	\$ 319.62	\$ 15,538.36	\$ 14,301.23		

Are you looking for a way to support Westminster? Check out the options at [wpcw.org/giving](http://wpcw.org/giving)

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### Plea for the Pantry!

For the month of November, we are asking for Instant Mashed Potatoes and Stove Top Stuffing.

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



### The week of Thanksgiving please note:

- Wed., Nov. 22 there is NO WPW due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend and the church office is closing at noon.
  - Thur. Nov. 23 and Fri. Nov. 24 the church office will be closed.
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### Card Making Class

All are invited to join in on the fun on Thursday, November 9 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. To sign up, email [jodi@wpcw.org](mailto:jodi@wpcw.org).

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### Scrip

Hey friends ... the holidays are right around the corner and we have a great place to help you do your shopping!



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, Hy Vee, 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!

During the months of November (beginning Nov. 11) and December, the Scrip tables will be open every Sunday through Christmas. Cards can also be purchased in the church office Monday - Friday.

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

Sarah Hellman

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### **Looking for Help**

The Job Foundation is looking for drivers on Wednesdays from 2:40 - around 3:00. They have 3-4 students at Hoover and Bunger who need to be picked up and taken to First Congregational Church on 4th Street every Wednesday. Once you drop the students off at the church, you are done for the day. They have drivers to take the kids home after the program. Please contact the church office if you are available to drive a few students from one of the schools or if you have any questions. Thank you for considering!

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**Men's Bible Study** meets in the Coffee House Tuesdays at 9am and all men are invited! William Kay is facilitating this group.

**Piecemakers** are meeting every Thursday 9:00 am to noon. Non-sewers are welcome!

**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](http://wpcw.org/volunteer).

**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.

**Women's Bible Study** - Revelation is, without a doubt, the most puzzling book of the New Testament. John's apocalypse (vision) has locusts wearing armor like horses and horses with serpents for tails. If you'd like to learn more, you're welcome to join as we begin our exploration of the last book of the New Testament. We meet via Zoom at 9am on Mondays. Email Rev. Cathy Young at [cathyyoung4@gmail.com](mailto:cathyyoung4@gmail.com) to learn more.

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