

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Messenger

April, 2017

*With Christ as our Cornerstone we
Believe, Become, Belong, Build*



from Pastor Tricia

Luke 24:11-12

11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

I always struggle to determine which Holy Day, Christmas or Easter is my favorite. At the age of 50 I've decided that I just can't pick one. They both are amazing miracles and they challenge us at our very core to proclaim either we believe or we don't.

This year Easter is even more meaningful to my heart as my memory of visiting the empty tomb is so fresh as I had my pilgrimage to the Holy Land in June of 2016. It was the last day of our journey and we experienced a beautiful worship service with the Lord's Supper just outside the tomb.

Right next door to the site is a working bus station which is also pictured above. It struck me that day how this reality is the beauty of being a disciple of Christ. We're called to believe in the midst of our daily lives, truth be told most of our days don't feel that miraculous. We get stuck in cynicism or exhaustion in the day to day burdens and we fail to recognize the miracle of Christ's death and resurrection.

I pray this Holy Week will be a reminder to you that you can look into the tomb and Christ is not there. He loves you and so desires for you to know the daily miracle of abundant life.

With great joy,
Pastor Tricia

How Many Members?

A few months ago a church member asked me, "How many members have joined Westminster since the last capital campaign which began in 2001?" Research showed that 508 people have joined our congregation since that date. In an era when many mainline congregations are in major decline, we have continued to add new members. A major reason is that our leadership has always asked, "What do we need to do to be relevant in the changing culture?" This was a major question that drove our vision team who handed off our research to the task force which created our Seeking New Paths projects.

With a grateful heart I can share that we are just \$27,000 away from ONE Million dollars pledged. This has occurred in just six months. So the question is, *are you a part of making this vision complete?* We need everyone to pledge to make this a congregational vision realized.

Please join the 145 other giving units who have pledged and be on this team. You can email Becky with your pledge today at becky@wpcw.org.

Also, please come to the Social Hall on Sunday, April 9 as our Seeking New Paths team will share an update on where we are and the timeline for going forward with our dreams.

Keep praying and working together!
Pastor Tricia

Sermon Series

April 2	Body and Soul: The Meaning of Salvation	Luke 18:31-19:10
April 9	Body and Soul: Path to Peace	Luke 19:29-44
April 13	Maundy Thursday Seder Meal - Tickets Required	
April 14	Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm What Are we Doing?	Luke 23:32-47
April 16	Easter Glory	Luke 24:1-12
April 23	LightShine Musical - One Service at 10:00 in the Shared Life Center	Luke 24:13-35
April 30	Forgiving our Enemies	Acts 6:1 - 7:2, 44-60

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 9

9:00 am Traditional - Chancel Choir, LightShine, Messengers, Church Mice

11:15 am Contemporary - Worship Team, Messengers, Church Mice

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:00 pm Seder Meal - Social Hall (tickets required)

Good Friday, April 14

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary - Chancel Choir

Easter Sunday, April 16

6:30 am Sunrise Service in the Chapel

9:00 am Traditional Worship - Chancel Choir

11:15 am Contemporary Worship - Worship Team

Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner

The Pastors and the Hospitality Committee invite you to a special Maundy Thursday service and dinner on Thursday, April 13 at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall.

This year we will again celebrate Maundy Thursday with a Christian Seder Meal & Service. It is based on a 3,000 year-old Jewish tradition called the Passover. In the Old Testament customs there was a ceremonial dinner called the feast of unleavened bread or Seder. It is the dinner that we refer to as the Last Supper.

The evening will begin with a traditional Jewish Haggadah (Service) with many of the ceremonial traditions and symbolism that has been observed for thousands of years. Participants will then be served a modern-day Jewish Seder meal that includes: Matzo Ball Soup, Roast Beef, Herbed Potatoes, Carrots and Matzah. Following the meal, we will finish with a Christian version of the Haggadah celebrating communion together. The service and meal is expected to last until approximately 7:30.

Members, friends and families are invited to attend this special service. Childcare will be available for the event. Because of meal costs and planning we ask that you purchase a ticket in advance. Tickets will be available beginning April 2 after services, on Wednesday evenings at the Discovery Night dinner or in the church office during the week. This event sells out so please buy your tickets early if you want to attend.

Costs are: \$7.00 per person or \$20.00 per household.

We hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn more about our Old Testament heritage while remembering The Last Supper of our Lord Jesus.

Easter Lilies

We will have live Easter lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase a lily in memory or honor of someone, we would greatly appreciate your participation. The lilies will only be used in the front of the sanctuary and/or the Shared Life Center and the flowers will have the stamens removed to avoid allergy issues.

After the service is over, you are welcome to take your lily home and any remaining lilies will be shared with those in need of encouragement. The cost of the lilies will be \$12.00 each, and payment should be made when your order is placed. Please **place your order by April 5** and let the office know the following information:

- 1. Which service it is for (or both, if that is your wish)**
- 2. Name of person or group to be remembered or honored**
- 3. Whether you will take it with you after the service or if you want it delivered to a member under our care.**

Sarah Hellman, Co-Chair

Music Ministry

Worship with us Sundays at:

9:00 am for Traditional Worship - Sanctuary and 11:15 am for Contemporary Worship SLC.

Special Music for this month:

April 2	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team & Messengers
April 9 Palm Sunday	9:00 am	Sanctuary	Chancel Choir, Messengers, Church Mice

	11:15 am	Shared Life Center	Worship Team, Messengers, Church Mice
April 13 Maundy Thurs.	6:00 pm Seder Meal	Social Hall	Soloist
April 14 Good Friday	7:00 pm	Sanctuary	Chancel Choir, Soloist
April 16 Easter	6:30 am 9:00 am 11:15 am	Chapel Sanctuary Shared Life Center	TBA Meisteringers Worship Team
April 23	10:00 am	Shared Life Center	LightShine Musical
April 30	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Meisteringers, Messengers Church Mice

LightShine News from Blair

LightShine is excited to participate in leading worship at 10 am on April 23 as we present our spring musical, "A Visit From Jesus". Please note some of the additional rehearsal dates on the schedule below that will help us prepare.

ALL LightShine Singers:

- Wednesday, April 5 - Extended rehearsal with other Westminster choirs until 7:30 pm
- Sunday, April 9 - LightShine sings mass number for Palm Sunday at 9 am
(with the other choirs)
- Saturday, April 15, 11 am - 12 pm Musical Rehearsal
(after Easter Joy Celebration)
- Saturday, April 22, 9:30 am - 10:30 am Musical Rehearsal (if necessary)
- Sunday, April 23, 10 am Musical
(LightShine singers/actors, please be there at 9:15 am that morning)

Junior High singers will continue to rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15 pm

Senior High singers, please plan on rehearsing the following Sundays:

- April 2 12:15-1:00 pm
- April 9 12:15-1:00 pm

Special Announcements from Charissa

Messengers!

We have an exciting and busy Lenten time, leading service. Messenger Choir will sing at the **11:15 service on Sunday April 2**. The week after that is **Palm Sunday April 9**. Messengers will be singing with the Church Mice at **both services, 9:00 and 11:15** for our traditional Palm Processional. We will also join with the adult choir to sing a special piece. Our final Sunday for this school year will be **Sunday April 30** at the 9:00 service.

I am trying a new way of communicating. Please send your cell phone number to me and I will add you to a text messaging service that I will use in addition to our traditional way of communicating! Please email me at charissa.lambert@wsr.k12.ia.us I am looking forward to this beautiful time of year!

Love and Blessings,
Charissa Lambert

Lenten Recitals and Lunches

Please join us each Wednesday during Lent as we continue our Lenten Recital and Lunch Series. Recitals will begin at 12:10 pm in the Sanctuary followed by a soup lunch in the Social Hall at 12:30 pm. A free will donation for lunch is welcomed.

April 5	Melissa Oleson - Vocal
April 12	Neal Petersen - Vocal

Formation

Wes Pres Youth

Our Gala which was held on Friday, March 24, was a wonderful success. There are so many of you who I want to thank and thank you notes will be sent! Thanks to Dee Jordan for her amazing appetizers and direction in the kitchen and for Ron Coenen, Angie Andrews, Tonya Mastin, Carrie Heinzerling and Vicki Cose, who worked so hard preparing the food. Also, thank you to Susan Larsen, Daryl Larsen and Angie Tieskotter for handling all the finances for the auction and to Jodi Dieken and Sally Boger who were a huge help with posters, tickets and organizing the items for the Gala. For the senior highs that set up the Social Hall and helped prepare the food for our chefs and for the evening's entertainment, and for our junior highs who helped serve our guests and cleaned up after.

We also want to thank so many of you who donated the items for the silent and live auction and monetary donations. Through everyone's efforts we were able to raise \$7,200.00. All of these funds will go towards supporting our youth who will be attending summer camps and mission trips.

Coming Events

As we approach the end of the school year we have many events that will be taking place. You will find the dates for each month below. Please take the time to read and mark your calendars with these dates.

April:

21/22 - Confirmation lock-in - This is for the 8th grade confirmands who will be confirmed this year. You should have received a postcard with detailed information.

23 - Senior dinner at the Cedar Falls Brown Bottle at 6:30 pm.

26 - Final Wednesday night for junior and senior highs.

28 - Junior high dance

May:

7 - Graduation Sunday - This is for our graduating seniors. A letter was sent out with forms and details for this Sunday. Please return the documents no later than Wednesday, April 19.

19 - Last junior high dance for the year. The will resume in September!

21 - Confirmation Sunday - Our confirmands will be honored at a breakfast, meet with session and participate in our first service with a reception between services and then be recognized at our second service. Please let Scott know how many family members will be attending the breakfast.

Pen Pal Luncheon

On May 15, we will hold a luncheon for our 4th grade Kingsley pen pals. The celebration will be held at Westminster from 12:00 to 1:00 in the Shared Life Center. Pen Pals, please RSVP to the church so we can plan for the meal. We look forward to celebrating and meeting our 2017 pen pals.

Peace, Scott Cose

Wes Pres Kids

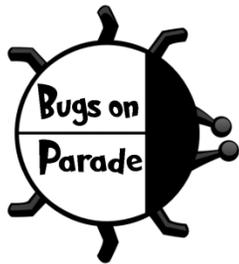
Saturday, April 15, we will have our Easter Joy Celebration from 9:00-11:00 am. Bring your whole family for breakfast, crafts, games, photos with the Easter Bunny, and an Easter Egg hunt. In addition

to the other festivities, our newly formed *Hands In Service* Puppet Ministry will be blessing us with an Easter-themed performance during this Celebration. What a great way to celebrate the Easter weekend!
Sign up begins Sunday, April 2.

April 16 There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Enjoy spending the extra time with your families.

If you have a child that is in the 5th grade and attends Discovery Night, you're invited to watch them be honored as they graduate from the children's program into the youth program. Please join us on **Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 pm** in the Social Hall for the 5th Grade Graduation. Be on the lookout for invitations in the mail.

April 23 There will be NO Sunday School. We will be having ONE service at 10:00 am, featuring the LightShine Musical.



Join us for the Discovery Night End of Year Party on **Wednesday, April 26**. This party is open to all children who are in 1st-5th grade. **THERE WILL BE NO MESSENGERS CHOIR PRACTICE THIS NIGHT.** All the children will have the opportunity to eat in the Social Hall from 5:00-5:25 pm. The party will go from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm in the Shared Life Center. The Grout Museum's Imag-Mobile will be presenting us with the interactive program "Bugs on Parade." From insects to arachnids, children will engage in crafts and experiments to better understand our multi-legged friends. Museum staff will take out one bug every 30 minutes for a

closer look! Be watching for a letter in the mail.



Westminster needs **YOU** to be a part of the unique opportunity it is offering through the new *Hands In Service* Puppet Ministry. Please join us **Wednesday afternoons from 4:15-5:00 pm** on the Social Hall Stage. Preston Zingg, Emma Brainard and Austin Hall make up the faithful core of this group. We are always looking for others to join us.

The Puppet Ministry is open to all youth that are in 6th through 12th grade. It is also open to all adults.

If you are a youth and need the Westminster van to pick you up at school on Wednesdays so that you are able to participate in the Puppet Ministry, you need to contact Alisa or Scott and let them know you need a ride.

VBS will be here before you know it!

May 14 VBS Registration begins

May 21 VBS Staff Meeting will be held at 10:10 am in the Social Hall

Alisa Engelhardt

Discovery Night Meals

This year for the Discovery Night meal, we are offering 10 meal punch cards. This way, if you do not eat dinner every Wednesday evening here, you will not lose out on any money. The cost is \$30 for the 10 meal punch card. Purchase them as needed. You can buy them at the table outside the Social Hall on Wednesday evenings during meal time or during the week in the church office. As always, you can just purchase a single meal on Wednesday night too.

Adult Education Class Opportunities

Adult Ed in April:

4/2: The Meaning of Salvation Part II: Let's think again about this religious word, and how Jesus' death actually brings salvation. It may not be what you think. **Meets in the Chapel at 10:10 am**

4/9: Seeking New Paths Progress Report. **Meets in the Social Hall at 10:10 am**

4/16: No Class: Easter

4/23: No Class: Light Shine Musical

4/30: Resurrection and Heaven: Many of our ideas about heaven don't come from the Bible. In this class we will reexamine what scripture has to say about life after death. **Meets in the Chapel at 10:10 am**

Grace and Peace, Dan

Weekday Adult Opportunities

Mondays

Bible Study for Women: Rev. Cathy Young leads a weekly, in-depth Bible study for women from 9:00 to 10 am on Mondays in the Shared Life Center. All women of Westminster and the wider Cedar Valley are invited to attend the study. The group will work its way through the four New Testament gospels, beginning with Matthew. Women are asked to bring their favorite Bible. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. This class resumes April 10. **Where:** Room 216. **Facilitator:** Rev. Cathy Young

Bible Study for Men: Join us on Monday's at 9:00 am in Room 216. Benefits galore are available: sharing insights, relishing in God's grace, watching fellow men grow in knowledge and also in spiritual strength. You are not required to bring any biblical knowledge with you other than an ability and desire to meet "brothers in Christ." Currently they are studying the gospel of Luke. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **Where:** Adult Library. **Facilitator:** Rev. Dan Voigt.

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Join with us to review prayer joys and concerns of our extended church family. All are welcome. **When:** Mondays at 1:30 pm. **Where:** Pastor Tricia's Office.

Wednesdays

Wednesday's at Westminster for Adult learning and support

Band of Brothers

A weekly time to gather as men, study God's word, deepen our faith and support one another. We study a variety of topics.

When: Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. **Where:** Adult Library. **Facilitators:** Pastor Dan and Bruce Jacobs

WOW - Women of Westminster

This group is designed to be an oasis in your mid-week. We study a variety of topics.

When: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. **Where:** Room 216. **Facilitators:** Kerri Powell and Pastor Tricia

Centering Prayer

Meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am in the Chapel and Wednesday's at 6:00 pm

Church Bookies

Calling all women! You are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month. Because of Easter, our April group meeting is Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 pm in the Adult Library.

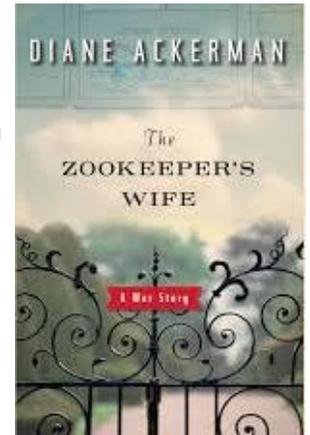
Contact Cindy Harmon with any questions at 268-0049 home or 239-9761 cell.

Books to Read:

April: *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

May: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

June: *Elizabeth Street* by Laurie Fabiano



Resources

Finance

As we head into spring, the budget is off to a good start. February financials ended in the black, with expenses not exceeding revenue. Thank you all for your generous giving to fulfilling our hopes.

Chair of Finance Committee
Kristie Brown

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 76,081.84	\$ 49,263.80	\$ 153,439.02	\$ 133,618.07	\$ 828,554.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,546.38	\$ 3,481.20	\$ 6,539.84	\$ 8,053.90	\$ 43,650.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 9,180.59	\$ 7,767.20	\$ 18,279.88	\$ 22,269.35	\$ 99,500.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 630.39	\$ 1,041.95	\$ 3,632.52	\$ 1,635.02	\$ 23,300.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 42,397.93	\$ 38,221.70	\$ 81,374.37	\$ 73,944.99	\$ 530,045.00
MISSION	\$ 9,929.06	\$ 7,612.90	\$ 10,183.09	\$ 13,852.18	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 1,415.57	\$ 990.74	\$ 1,975.44	\$ 2,216.32	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -		\$ 34.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 259.38	\$ 764.98	\$ 275.24	\$ 1,052.38	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 559.00	\$ 154.80	\$ 861.11	\$ 371.30	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 1,822.67	\$ 3,809.82	\$ 3,645.34	\$ 22,859.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 69,823.21	\$ 61,858.14	\$ 126,965.31	\$ 127,040.78	\$ 828,554.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 6,258.63	\$ (12,594.34)	\$ 26,473.71	\$ 6,577.29	

Scrip Cards

SCRIP is a program where the church purchases prepaid gift cards at a discount (ranging from 1.25-16%) and then sells them at face value. The discount goes into an account that can be used for a variety of uses based upon the church's needs.

Gift cards can be used to give as gifts, to make everyday purchases, or to help maintain your monthly budget. We offer quite a variety including gas, grocery, restaurants, movie theater, clothing, crafts, home improvement, sports, car repair, Visa & Discover and SO much more.

If you purchase one \$25.00 gift card each month for a year, you could raise \$20.00 for the church. For 300 members to make that commitment could mean \$6,000.00 for 1 year. Think of the possibilities!

Our SCRIP table will be open on the first and third Sunday's in the Welcome Center. SCRIP is also available in the office Monday-Friday. Click [HERE](#) for the current scrip list! Fill it out and bring it with you on Sunday mornings to have your order filled! Cards that we do not have available can be ordered for you.

Don't forget to share this opportunity with friends and family- the more the merrier!

If you have any questions or would like to special order cards, please reach out to Sarah Hellman at sari@cfu.net or contact the church office.

Mission

Sunday Supper Update

The ministry of Sunday Supper continues every Sunday evening at First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo! Have you attended yet? It is a great way to meet community friends and enjoy a great meal together!

It starts at 5 pm in the lower level of First Pres which is located at 505 Franklin Street. If you would like to lend a hand some Sunday with the food prep, hospitality or clean up please see the schedule which is located in the Welcome Center. There are TWO different shifts to choose from:

* OPEN which is 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm and this includes food prep, serving line or greeting

* or CLOSING which is 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and could include serving, assisting with carrying trays and the inevitable joy of clean up!

Volunteers are always needed! Check out the sign up sheets in the Welcome Center! Please contact Mary Lisa Mueller [319-274-9650](tel:319-274-9650) with any questions. Special Thanks to Jackie Malecek who helps with the overall scheduling chart and our amazing chefs Jo Grapp, Ann Northey and Dee Jordan.

Care

Lakeshore Center at Okoboji Spring Work Day

We are hoping to take a group to Okoboji for a SPRING Work Day at the Lakeshore Center! On Saturday, April 29 volunteers will work from 9am - 4pm helping to prepare the camp for the season. Click [HERE](#) to view all the details.

Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Pastor Dan at dan@wpcw.org with questions. Anyone

can attend! We will drive down to Okoboji on Friday, April 28 and stay one night at the camp. Returning home on Saturday evening. Lodging and Accommodations are provided. The only cost is 6 hours of work and possibly stopping for a dinner break on the way there and on the way back home! Breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday!

Enjoy a time of fellowship with others outside of our immediate community at a beautiful location.

Hammers & Heels: Habitat Women's Build

Our next Habitat for Humanity Women's Build will be from 8:30-3:30 on Saturday, May 20. The Iowa Heartland Habitat for Humanity dedicates the month of May to Women's' Builds. This is the second year that Westminster will be one of the sponsors. We plan to build a team of 20 women who are willing to wear a nail apron, a masking tape name tag, and maybe even safety glasses. While no experience is necessary, we almost always leave with a few new skills to add to our tool belts. This is a rewarding experience for all involved as we work under the guidance of construction professionals and future Habitat homeowners. If you would like to join this year's team, please contact Mary Lisa Mueller at mltiffany1@hotmail.com or call [319-234-7586](tel:319-234-7586).



Black Hawk Relay for Life

It has become a Westminster tradition to join forces in creating a Relay For Life team. This year's event will take place on Friday, June 16 from 2:00-10:00 p.m. Several church members have already expressed an interest in forming a team, but we are looking for more. If you are interested in coordinating our team and/or participating in the event please contact the church office. The Mission Committee will commit \$250 to support our team. Relay For Life is the world's largest fundraising event to fight cancer.



Deacon Medical Equipment Lending Program

We have available the following items to be loaned on a short term basis to Westminster members:

Wheel Chair, Walker, Bed Rail, Shower Chair, Cane, Crutches and others.

Contact the church office if you are in need or should you have any items that we can use, please let us know by calling 234-5501. Thank you!

From Membership & Outreach

Galatians 6:10 reads *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"*.

There is an "opportunity" to help with our family here at Westminster. We have a food stockpile in the Church's freezer that is used to help members in a time when they can't shop or cook. For instance, when someone has had a knee or hip replacement, our pastors, deacons or other members can grab a casserole, soup or food dish from our food stockpile and bring it to a member on a visit. There are many different situations where something home-cooked can make someone feel loved and cared for by our church family.

Many of you are excellent cooks and many times we make more than we need. Please consider contributing to this "opportunity". For more information, please contact Cathie Mieke at camiehe@gmail.com or [319-290-9034](tel:319-290-9034).

Other Church News

Over 60 Fellowship Trip

Join us on Thursday, April 20 as we drive to the Villa Comagena in Shellsburg, Iowa. Experience European hospitality. The Villa is like an unexpected scene out of Grimms Fairytales. Share a catered buffet lunch in her century old farm home dining room and then Austrian-born Inge Schminke will share glimpses of the war when the Russian army moved into their home city of Tulln. There is also a beautiful import shop to browse through. Cost is \$20 for lunch and the presentation. Meet at the church at 10:00 am. Call the office to RSVP by Monday, April 17.

Westminster Destination

The Westminster Destination trip is a vacation opportunity that allows you to see a new area of God's creation, to contain your costs, and to celebrate community with your church. For some, this is the primary vacation. For others, it is one of maybe a couple of summer trips.

Whatever your case, we hope that you'll consider joining us for Westminster Destination 2017. July 30 - August 4. The great North Shore of Lake Superior. The website has been updated with housing options. Please visit the website and if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

<http://www.westminsterdestination.org/>

Looking forward!
Bruce Rempe

Friendship Club

Please join us in the Social Hall on Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 pm. The program will be: Retrieving Freedom Dogs, Keegan Berkicht. All ages are invited to attend the potluck supper at 6 pm and the program begins about 6:45 pm.

Presbyterian Women

Executive Board: Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 am
Circle: Wednesday, April 19, 10:00

Lesson 2: Who is Jesus according to Matthew? Read Matthew 5:7-13

PIECEMAKERS meets each Thursday 9:00 - 12:00. Our mission will continue to make quilts and children's clothing. We welcome new members. Drop by on any Thursday to get acquainted and see how your talent could help out.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Just a reminder that there are prayer shawls available in the Welcome Center for you to take to someone you know who may be sick, have a new baby or just maybe needs a hug of love. These shawls were made by a very special group of women who then prayed over them. Please feel free to take one for yourself as well!

Session Minutes

Session minutes from March 28 meeting. Click [HERE](#) to view.

Do you go away for the winter months or take long trips during the year?

If you are one of those who gets out of the cold during the winter and heads to warmer climates or travels a lot, would you please contact the church before you leave town and let us know a forwarding address, whether you are having your mail held or if they simply return your mail as un-deliverable (which happens a lot).

If we know this information, we can make the appropriate changes to all of the mailings we send to you while you are away. If we are not contacted by you, then we pay for the mail going to your address, and then we are charged even more to have it returned back to us. One envelope returned can cost the church over \$1.15. May not sound like a lot, but it adds up when it happens every week.

We appreciate your help with this endeavor to be more cost efficient!

Our Condolences

- Andrea Magee and her family on the passing of her grandma Millie Scheel
- Roger Pease and his family on the passing of his son Randall
- Marilyn Ormord and her family on the passing of her sister Rose Moberly
- Mary Wurmle and her family on the passing of her husband Hugh
- Cindy Thede and her family on the passing of her sister Sally Orr

Thank You's

We would like to thank our church family for the many prayers, cards, and words of kindness and concern since the birth of our grandson AJ. Our entire family has been uplifted by your support and prayers. Please continue to remember AJ, his parents and sister in the days ahead. Mike and Lois Sinram

Westminster Church Calendar

To view all the events happening at Westminster, please visit our website at www.wpcw.org. The church calendar can be found on our home page.

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