



SEEKING **NEW PATHS**

## Westminster Presbyterian Church

### *Messenger*

August, 2017

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

#### from Pastor Tricia

It has been a full and wonderful summer. As we turn the page to August, we start to think about back to school sales and the routine of fall.

Our staff has been working hard to create some creative times for us as a community as we *Come Together* for the launch of the 2017-2018 school year. We hope you'll join us on Wednesday, August 30 for our Launch party which will feature dinner, worship and a great activity for all of us.

Hebrews 10:25 speaks of the importance of meeting together and as much as I love summer I also struggle as I miss so many of you who are absent during the summer months in Worship. I look forward to learning more about our faith in the coming months and deepening our love of God.

As we review the summer, special thanks to those who have helped so much with our summer events whether it be BBQ and Blessings, the golf/swim outing, VBS, Music Camp, Great Escape, Puerto Rico Mission trip and the Destination trip. Also thank you to our Seeking New Paths team that continues to work towards our capital campaign goals. Please see Dean Thede's report with our progress!

Lastly, our music director search committee has been meeting regularly this summer and we're excited to bring in three candidates to meet with our musical groups during the month of August. Please keep this process in your prayers as we seek to call the person most suited for our congregation and our worship needs.

Always know that I consider it a great privilege to serve Westminster and always welcome your feedback and ideas!

With great hope,  
Pastor Tricia



#### Seeking New Paths Update

Following is an update of the projects we have started:

##### 1. Stained Glass:

Below is the final rendering of the Nativity scene for our north sanctuary windows. We have signed a contract to begin construction.



DESIGN AND CONCEPT RENDERING FOR  
COMPLETING RESTORATION AND RENOVATION OF SANCTUARY  
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2. Message Sign: Our new message sign will be delivered soon to Nagle Signs. When they receive our sign they will put us in their schedule for installation.

3. New Welcome Center: Sub contractors are working on bids for the new Welcome Center. When pricing is completed we will meet with the contractor and review the construction cost. We still are hoping for an August groundbreaking.

4. Air Conditioning of the Educational Wing: We have chosen a contractor and we will be meeting with them soon to discuss starting installation.

5. Video Monitors in the Sanctuary: Design work continues and prices are still being calculated. No other updates at this time.

Blessings!  
Dean Thede  
Capital Campaign Member, Property Chairman

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## Sermon Series

On Sunday, August 13 we will conclude our summer series on Searching for Happiness. Both Pastor Dan and I hope you have been challenged to review how our spiritual habits contribute to our level of contentment. August 20 will be a celebration of all of our students as we have the blessing of the backpack service and study text Psalm 139. On the last Sunday of August we'll begin a 2 week series on Sabbath and Work.

August 6	"Searching for Happiness: Self Care"	1 Corinthians 6:11-20
August 13	"Searching for Happiness: Soul Care"	Philippians 1:20-30
August 20	"God is with You Wherever You Go"	Psalm 139
August 27	"Sabbath Part 1: Rhythm of the Good Life"	Exodus 20:8-11

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## Music Ministry

### Worship with us Sundays at:

9:00 am for Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary and 11:15 am for Contemporary Worship in the Shared Life Center.

### Special Music for this month:

August 6	9:00 am	Sanctuary	Rempe family members Mabel, Brady & Laura, and Seniors: Alyssa Andrews, Bianca Frazier, Hannah Jacobs, Brady Rempe and Jocelyn Roof Worship Team
	11:15 am	Shared Life Center	
August 13	9:00 am	Sanctuary	Skip Smith & Charissa Lambert Worship Team
	11:15 am	Shared Life Center	
August 20	9:00 am	Sanctuary	Grace Sliger & Bob Shafer Worship Team
	11:15 am	Shared Life Center	
August 27	9:00 am	Sanctuary	Mike & Ian Lewis Worship Team
	11:15 am	Shared Life Center	

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## Bell Choir Opportunity

Do you enjoy hearing the bell choir ring on Sundays? Would you like to give it a try yourself and learn more about the art of playing bells? We are considering starting a new bell choir on Wednesday nights this fall from 5:30-6:00 for adults and high school students who would enjoy learning to play this unique instrument. Prior music knowledge would not be required. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Mabel Rempe at 296-8007 or [mabel@rempefamily.net](mailto:mabel@rempefamily.net).

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## Promise Academy of Music

We had a wonderful week with our Music Mania Camp July 10-14! Below is a picture of the kids who participated all week and performed on the final day for their families!



This fall the Promise Academy of Music will begin in September offering music lessons to students. On line registration will begin August 15. Be sure to check out our website at [www.wpcw.org](http://www.wpcw.org)!

# Formation

## Wes Pres Youth

Our youth and adult leaders have just completed a couple of very busy months! I truly love my summer months as they offer me a chance to have some one on one time with our youth. A time to walk with them and hear what is going on in their lives. To listen to the excitement in their voices, and sometimes the pain, but always knowing that God is with us and continues to touch our lives in so many ways.

We want to thank Westminster so much for their continued prayers and support in all that we do!

### **We're back!!! Senior high Mission trip to Puerto Rico**

The senior highs experienced a life changing week in Ponce', Puerto Rico. As we shared at our adult class a couple of weeks ago, each of our youth were touched in diverse ways. Whether it was through the people we worked for or the new friends that we made, their time in Puerto Rico will be remembered for many years. My thanks to Vicki Cose for being our female chaperone for this trip!

### **It was a "Great Escape"!**

Our junior highs returned from Green Lake, Wisconsin where they attended their annual trip to Great Escape! This year's theme was "The Great Escape" and the theme verse was: John 8:31-32: "If you abide in the word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Our youth experienced wonderful speakers that shared messages that they could relate to and live by. We all had a great week!!

Special thanks to Susan Larsen, Carrie Heinzerling and Steven Jordan for taking a week of their time to chaperone this trip! These trips would not be possible without their leadership and willing and caring hearts for our youth!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Next year's dates for Great Escape will be July 9 - 14.**

### **Wes Pres Youth Fundraiser Irish Fest 2017**

We just experienced an amazing summer of trips for both our junior and senior highs, and we will have many other events during the coming year. In order for our groups to make these trips and events possible, we need to fundraise to help offset the cost and to offer some scholarships to those who cannot afford the full cost!

So here is our first fundraiser of the year! **Waterloo Irish Fest!**

**When and Where:** Saturday August, 5 at 7:30 am. We will meet in the parking lot of 1st Presbyterian Church across from Lincoln Park. We will walk through the park and pick up any trash. If we get enough youth and parent volunteers, we should be done in an hour.

Sunday, August 6 at 7:30 am and 5:00 pm We will meet in the parking lot of 1st Presbyterian Church and again pick up any trash. We need extra help on this day as they have a service in the morning and we need to clean up and out by 8:30 am. We'll meet again at 5:00 pm for our final clean-up of the park. I will provide gloves for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the church. (234-5501)

### **Launch Party**

On August 30, there will be a "launch" party for our Discovery Night. This includes both junior and senior highs! Parents of our junior highs, I will have a packet for the incoming 6th graders that will explain our confirmation classes and our Wednesday night classes. It will also have some special dates for upcoming events and our junior high dance dates for our 2017/2018 year. I look forward to talking with you and answering any questions that you may have!!! See you at 5:00 pm on August 30!

Peace,

Scott Cose

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## **Wes Pres Kids**

Summer Sunday School is over now. It was a lot of fun. We learned about Moses, David, Joshua, and Daniel from the Old Testament, and Jesus, Mary, Peter, and Paul from the New Testament, who are all Heroes of the Bible. Thanks to Vicki Grimes, Blair Voigt, Holly Ritter, Jesse and Tasha Knight and Christina Sales for teaching our energetic children each week.

On August 20, we will be having a special BACKPACK BLESSING during the 9:00 am service and the 11:15 am service for all school age children. Our hope is to wish them well and bless them as they head into another year of learning and growing. The children are encouraged to bring their backpack to church with them on this Sunday. They will receive a special tag to go on their backpack as part of the blessing.

Everyone is invited to COME TOGETHER on August 30 for the Discovery Night LAUNCH PARTY! We have many exciting changes in store for you in 2017 and 2018. This Party is open to ALL members of Westminster--adults, families, youth and children. A meal will be served in the Social Hall from 5:00-5:40. At 5:45 we will meet in the Sanctuary for a casual worship service. After worship, we will unveil this year's theme, all the ways the program has been rejuvenated, and you will get to find out what the MYSTERY ACTIVITY is for the night! A free will offering will be taken to offset the cost of the meal and activity, so you are encouraged to bring a donation.

The following week, on September 6, the MYSTERY ACTIVITIES will be continued. Join us at 5:00 pm again if you would like to eat with us. The MYSTERY ACTIVITY will begin at 6:20, after worship in the Sanctuary.

On September 13, the regularly scheduled Wednesday night meal and programming begins. The meal is served from 5:00-6:00 pm each week in the Social Hall. The programming runs from 6:00-7:15 pm. Children ages 3 years through 5th grade will be dismissed to their classes from the Social Hall after the meal, and can be picked up at the end of the night in the Shared Life Center at 7:15 pm.

Beginning September 13, children and youth in 4th grade through 8th grade have the opportunity to participate in a new after school program Westminster is offering. The Shared Life Center will be open from 3:00-5:00 pm for recreation. There will also be Puppet Ministry from 3:30-4:00 pm, and Hand Bells from 4:15-5:00 pm. At 5:00, children and youth may eat in the Social Hall. If your child or youth rides the bus and needs the church van to pick them up from school so they can participate in this program, you need to contact Scott or Alisa by September 6th so they can make the proper arrangements for transportation.

There is NO Sunday School the month of August. On September 17, Sunday School will be resuming for all ages.

Alisa Engelhardt

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## Adult Education Opportunities

Our summer Sunday School has concluded. We'll take a short break and return September 17 with new class opportunities!

### 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 Room 216. All women of Westminster and the wider Cedar Valley are invited to attend the study. The group is studying the gospel of Luke. Women are asked to bring their favorite Bible. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **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 Acts. **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

##### **Centering Prayer**

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

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## Church Bookies

Calling all women! You are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, August 20 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**

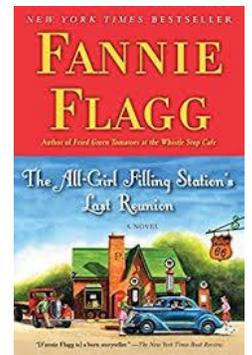
**August 20:** *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg, led by Mabel

**September 17:** *Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure, led by Mary Lou

**October 15:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith, led by Cindy

**November 19:** *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai, led by (TBD)

**December 17:** We will be meeting at Mary Lisa's home and selecting our books for 2018



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## Resources

### Finance

See next page for financials chart.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	JUNE	JUNE	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 104,078.87	\$ 51,523.70	\$ 419,714.32	\$ 342,920.67	\$ 828,554.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,971.72	\$ 4,750.90	\$ 19,988.45	\$ 21,268.84	\$ 43,650.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 2,435.78	\$ 11,631.10	\$ 41,026.81	\$ 59,138.72	\$ 99,500.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 153.07	\$ 1,576.20	\$ 5,648.96	\$ 7,882.82	\$ 23,300.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 40,339.54	\$ 35,890.34	\$ 244,666.07	\$ 222,769.37	\$ 530,045.00
MISSION	\$ 9,925.40	\$ 8,106.22	\$ 27,788.13	\$ 44,453.64	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 493.73	\$ 1,351.25	\$ 5,131.58	\$ 5,594.39	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 119.95	\$ 67.94	\$ 189.65	\$ 115.34	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 150.69	\$ 88.74	\$ 1,484.83	\$ 108.62	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 544.78	\$ 187.35	\$ 1,959.09	\$ 1,652.94	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 1,822.67	\$ 11,429.46	\$ 10,936.02	\$ 22,859.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 58,039.57	\$ 65,472.71	\$ 359,313.03	\$ 375,696.74	\$ 828,554.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 46,039.30	\$ (13,949.01)	\$ 60,401.29	\$ (32,776.07)	

## AmazonSmile

### Have you heard of AmazonSmile?

**What is Amazon Smile** - it is a simple and automatic way for you to support Westminster Presbyterian every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), you will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase to Westminster Presbyterian.

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**Can you use your existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?** Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry and other account settings are also the same.

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**Can you receive a tax deduction for amounts donated from your purchases on AmazonSmile?** Donations are made by the AmazonSmile Foundation and are not tax deductible by you.

**Please consider this easy way to help support Westminster Presbyterian Church.** If you have any questions on this, please contact Becky at the church 234-5501 or email [Becky@wpcw.org](mailto:Becky@wpcw.org).

Thank you  
Finance Committee

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## 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. 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](mailto:sari@cfu.net) or contact the church office.

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# Mission

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## Free Community Breakfast - Sat. August 5 - 8:00 am

How does a delicious homemade breakfast sound, along with a time of fellowship? You are invited to attend our monthly community breakfast, held on the first Saturday of the month. The men of Westminster cook up a delicious meal and there is a time of devotion and fellowship. We'd love for you to join us and bring a friend or two!

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## Nest Donations

A very special thank you to all who contributed to our collection for Operation Threshold's Nest program. We had an overwhelming response from you! THANK YOU!

Along with approximately \$200 in monetary gifts, we provided to the program baby lotion and bath wash, 19 packs of baby wipes, creams, books and blankets. Spoons and sippy cups. 500 assorted sizes of diapers and training pants! Again, thank you so much for your generosity!

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## 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
- \* 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.

## Care

### Personal Care Drive

Community families need your help! There will be barrels around the church thru August 9.

Nonprofit Organizations are often in short supply of personal care items and clients are unable to purchase these items with food stamps (SNAP Benefits).

Personal Hygiene - a science which deals with promotion and preservation of health; prevents infection through cleanliness; is the maintenance of health and well-being!

We believe these items are a basic necessity to live a healthy and happy life!

Items Most Needed:

- Toilet Paper
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Kleenex



Thank you for your support!

For more information contact:  
Sheri Huber-Otting at [319-235-0507 ext. 126](tel:319-235-0507)  
[Shuber-otting@feedingamerica.org](mailto:Shuber-otting@feedingamerica.org)

### 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.

Due to the generous donation from a Westminster Church family, we now have available an electric wheelchair if there is ever a need.

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](mailto:camiehe@gmail.com) or [319-290-9034](tel:319-290-9034).

# Other Church News

## Church Swim Outing 2017 Pictures!



## Friendship Club will resume in September.

Have a great summer!

## Presbyterian Women

PW Circles do not meeting in June, July or August. See you in September!

**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 did not meet in July so there are no minutes to post.

## If you are away for an extended period of time during the year ....

If you are one of those who 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!

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## **Thank You**

*We wish to thank our wonderful church family for all the cards and best wishes we received for our 50th Anniversary. They touched our hearts and nurtured our souls. Thank you so much. Doug and JoAnn Asche*

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## **Our Condolences**

- Beverly Sked and her family on the passing of her son Mark.
  - Troyce Vich and her family on the passing of her sister Trese Lovik.
  - Matt Engelhardt and his family on the passing of his brother Luke.
  - Clair Hein and his family on the passing of his wife Verlee.
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