



Psalm 34:8 *Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.*



Summer is a different time in the life of every Church in America! Schedules shift, meals are shared in the backyard, vacations to be treasured, days at the lake or evenings at the softball diamond. All the wonders of HOT days in Iowa! So please consider in your schedule to come and fellowship together on Wednesday evenings for 6 evenings this summer. You can *taste* great BBQ and *take refuge* for a time of Worship/Praise/Reflection. Members of our Membership/Outreach teams along with our Deacons will lead the way with a rotating menu of delicious BBQ options with some healthy salads for sides!



Dinner begins at 5:15, contributions welcome for the food expense and then at 6 pm we'll gather in our beautiful (air-conditioned) sanctuary! We'll sing praises together, have some time for a children's moment and then hear some words of inspiration from the Psalms! (Schedule below of texts so you can read ahead.) Every other week we'll also celebrate the sacrament of communion as we remember God's gift to us of his son Jesus.

Reservations are encouraged, you can call the office or sign up on Sundays!

Enjoy the extreme blessings of SUMMER! Hope to see you!

With great joy and anticipation,
Pastor Tricia

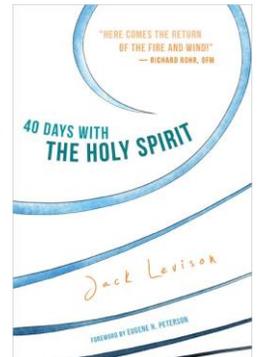
Psalms Series for BBQ and BLESSINGS

- 6/17: Psalm 1 (Introduction) * Communion
- 6/24: Psalm 113 (Praise)
- 7/1: Psalm 69:1-16 (Lament) * Communion
- 7/8: Psalm 27:1-6 (Trust)
- 7/15: Psalm 40:1-10 (Thanksgiving) * Communion
- 7/22: Psalm 146 (Praise)

SUMMER FOCUS - 40 DAYS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

As part of our sermon series this summer, FRESH AIR: The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life, I encourage you to hop on board with several other Westminster members and friends who will be reading this book beginning June 1. Copies are available in the office for \$10.00 each or you can load it on your tablet. Take about 20-30 minutes each day to review the text and reading for the day, perhaps journal your thoughts, maybe gather fellow pilgrims together to review these thoughtful studies by Dr. Jack Levison. If you have any questions, please give me a call!

Breathe Deep,
Pastor Tricia



New Member Class, Sunday, June 14

If you are interested in learning more about the ministries of Westminster please call the church office or email Pastor Tricia (patricia@wpcw.org) to indicate your interest. The class will meet on Sunday, June 14 at 4 pm in the chapel, we'll conclude with dinner at 5:45 pm and an optional tour will round out the evening around 6:30 pm. Childcare is provided and begins at 3:45 pm. Please call by Wednesday, June 10 if you would like to attend. New Members will be welcomed into membership on Sunday, June 21.

An Update from the PNC

(Previously printed in the May 10 Sunday bulletin)

The PNC has completed the Ministry Information Form and has received approval from the Session of Westminster and the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery. It has been submitted to the national office and it soon will be posted publicly. This opens the door to begin receiving applications from potential candidates. Although the document is fairly brief, the background to develop this form has taken time, prayer, and careful introspection of our church and its leadership needs going forward. The recent vision process for Westminster was an important component of our work, and is prominent in our submission. This has proven to be a great journey for the committee.

Our responsibility throughout the call process is to determine the will of God in choosing a new leader for Westminster. We ask for your continued prayers for the committee, this church and to that person God is calling to lead Westminster.

Many of you may recall that in the history of our denomination the succession process to senior pastor was not open to associates or interim pastors of a church. In recent years, that prohibition has been amended to allow Presbyteries to individually make that determination. Our Presbytery has voted to permit that to occur, but has prescribed a process that must be followed. If you want more information about this, copies of the process will be available in the office. One of the key components of this process requires that we interview at least three candidates for the position, if the associate or interim choose to apply.

Additionally, we want to reach out to the congregation for recommendations of possible candidates. If you know of someone you think might serve Westminster as its leader, we ask that you submit their name and contact information to either of our co-chairs.

Jean Butler 296-1855 10jj52smith@gmail.com

Geof Grimes 233-3346 garch@mchsi.com

They will contact each person and provide them with the information about how to apply.

We must all remember that this is God's call, and will occur on God's timetable. We ask for your patience and prayers as we envelop ourselves in this important process.

Your PNC,

Jean Butler, Geof Grimes, Mike Hoffman, William Kay, Amy Knoll, Ryan Malecek,
Shelly Smith, John Speas, Joe Vich



WORSHIP

Sermon Series FRESH AIR continues

June 7	<i>Daniel's Devotion</i>	Daniel 6:1-18, Hebrews 10:19-25
June 14	<i>Simeon's Song</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9, Luke 2:21-40
June 21	<i>Joel's Dream</i>	Joel 2:28-31, Acts 11:1-18
June 28	<i>Chloe's Complaint</i>	Ephesians 2:11-22, Hebrews 10:19-25

June, 2015 Bible Verses

The following verses are to encourage your heart as you deepen your knowledge and love of God. You can pick up the full schedule of verses in the church office.

Week 23, June 7 - Romans 3:23 NIV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Week 24, June 14 - Ephesians 2:8 ESV

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

Week 25, June 21 - Psalm 139:14 NIV

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Week 26, June 28 - Deuteronomy 6:5 NIV

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

Music Ministry

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church! If you would like to become involved with Music at Westminster, please call the office and ask for Neil Forsythe, or email me at neil@wpcw.org. Thank you!

Worship With us Sundays at:

9:00 am for Traditional Worship

11:15 am for Contemporary Worship

Special music for our services in June:

June 7	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Wayne Jacobson Worship Team
June 14	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Joel Harris & Mark Hansen Worship Team
June 21	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Mike & Ian Lewis Worship Team
June 28	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Susan Larsen & Jennifer Owen-Kuhn Worship Team

**FORMATION****Wes Pres Youth**

Our summer is finally here and I hope that each of you is looking forward to all of our events and trips as your leaders are!

As we go to print, we are planning our final informational meeting to be held May 31, for the senior high mission trip to Copper Hill, TN and for the junior high Great Escape trip. Please make sure all forms, copies of insurance cards and final payments are brought with you. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please turn all forms and monies in no later than June 10 so I can make the proper payments and arrangements necessary for these trips.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Cose at the church's office. (234-5501)

Summer Calendar Events**JUNE**

15-19 VBS Youth Volunteers

20-28 Senior highs will be traveling to Copper Hill, TN for our mission trip

JULY

18-25 Junior highs will be leaving for Green Lake, WI for our Great Escape trip

26-31 All church camping trip

Please be watching for special dates throughout the summer for our groups!

Thank You!

On behalf of the youth of Westminster Church and its leaders, we would like to thank you for your amazing outpouring of love through your financial gifts. Our congregation and friends donated \$7,663.30 to assure that many of our youth will be able to attend their camps this summer.

We have 20 senior highs attending their mission trip and 25 junior highs will attend Great Escape.

Your generosity and support have overwhelmingly touched so many lives! Thank You!

Fusion

Our group had a great time at the Waterloo Bucks game last month! Because of busy summer schedules, we will resume our Fusion gatherings on July 23 when we will have a picnic at George Wythe Park from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Everything else will be provided. Please RSVP to me for directions.

Scott Cose

Wes Pres Kids

Our summer is just beginning and there's a lot to look forward to in June.



Summer Sunday School is June 7 - July 26

Please join us this summer as we learn about the Fruits of the Spirit. Preschool and kindergarten classes will meet together in the kindergarten classroom on the 1st floor, and 1st-5th grade will meet together in the drama room on the 3rd floor. We will NOT be meeting on July 5, due to the holiday weekend. I look forward to seeing you all there.

VBS is June 15 - 19

Have you gotten registered yet? If not, please pick up a registration form from the table in the Welcome Center or go online at www.wpcw.org and either print out a form and drop it off or mail it in to the office, or email it to me at alisa@wpcw.org. Please have your registration form turned in by June 8.

Join us this year at SonSpark Labs for a week of laboratory adventures and fun! Through their adventures children will discover God's Big Plan--2 MAKE Us, 2 BE WITH Us, 4 Us 2 KNOW Him, 2 SAVE Us and 2 LOVE Us 4-Ever! We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks--all of the things that make VBS so much fun for children.



Did you sign up to bring supplies for VBS? Please drop them off in the box on the VBS table in the Welcome Center by June 8.

Did you sign up to bring treats for the staff during VBS? Please drop off your treats in the Kitchenette by the SLC by 8am on the day you signed up to bring

them on. Thanks so much for helping!

Alisa Engelhardt



Adult Sunday School Opportunities:

SUMMER SUNDAY LEARNING AT WESTMINSTER

7 Sundays to deepen your faith and love of Christ. Begins June 7 and continues June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, 26. Two classes from which to choose:

Confirmation for Adults - Perhaps confirmation class for you was years ago or maybe you are new to Presbyterianism; this class is for you! *Using A Brief Statement of Faith* curriculum, this course will focus on the Reformed theological foundations for how we approach the scriptures, prayer and church structures. Lots of time for questions and discussions will be encouraged! Come and deepen your understanding with renewal of your mind and heart! A participant guide will be available for \$5.00 each from the office or in class.

Location - Room 216

Facilitators - John Butler and Clair Hein

Fresh Air -An opportunity to explore the Sermon text each Sunday which will draw from the book *Fresh Air, The Holy Spirit for an Inspired Life* by professor Jack Levison. Each Sunday will feature a clip from Levison on video which helps focus the discussion for the day. This class will also feature some time to reflect on your experience with the text *40 Days with the Holy Spirit*, also by Levison. The Holy Spirit is typically the most perplexing aspect of the Trinity so come and draw closer to de-programming the Holy Spirit in your life. Come and be renewed! Purchase one or both texts from the church office or in class for \$10.00 each.

Location - Chapel

Facilitator - Pastor Tricia and Friends

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. **Where:** Shared Life Center. **Facilitator:** Rev Cathy Young

Bible Study for Men: Join us on Monday's at 9:00 am in Room 216. The men read, of course, but also discuss the implication to their faith walk. Open to those men who can spare an hour of time to grow together with other individuals striving for growth. Coffee and treats are also included. The important challenge for the members is to be open and share together. Disciple learning is their goal. Join us as time permits. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **Where:** Room 216. **Facilitator:** John Butler.

Sweet Hour of Prayer: Join with us in the Chapel to review prayer joys and concerns of our extended church family. All are welcome. **When:** Mondays at 1:30 pm. **Where:** Chapel.

Update on Centering Prayer Opportunities

The Tuesday and Thursday morning 8:30 Centering Prayer groups are planning to continue as they are now for summer. The Wednesday evening Centering Prayer group will continue on into the summer beginning at 6:00 pm. The time will be changed during our summer BBQ and Blessing services on Wednesdays, the new time will be 6:45. On Wednesdays, please enter through the front door. Please call the office 234-5501 with any questions. Thank you.

Church Bookies returns!

Calling the Women of Westminster! Come join us in the adult library at 7 pm on June 14 as we reintroduce the Westminster book club. The first book will be *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Hadson. This book is available through Amazon for \$9.23. An audio version is also available. Co-Leaders - Cindy Harmon and Sandy Lewis.



Westminster Gone Camping! July 26 - 31, 2015 at Gull Point State Park

Even though our camping registration deadlines have passed, you may still be able to join us. Please contact Bruce Rempe at: (bruce@rempefamily.net or 319-342-3564).

We will engage to determine whether camping or housing options are still available, and - if so - seek to make it possible for you to be a part.



RESOURCES



May Update

Will April showers bring May flowers? April is often a dreary month as we approach the end of winter. I use this familiar saying as a way to describe our finances for the month of April.

Overall disbursements were on track with just a couple of unexpected, non-recurring, expenses totaling less than \$5,000. The revenue side of our finances were "dreary" in April. Receipts from pledges were down

nearly \$19,000 compared to last year. While we expected a decrease, the amount is higher than expected. Becky will be sending out giving statements soon as a reminder of your pledge amount.

If you are behind and able, May would be a great time to get caught up. That would cause our finances to bloom with bright flowers. I know, that's cheesy, but you get the point. Non-pledged receipts were up along with other revenues to partially offset the drop in pledge income.

Overall, through the end of April disbursements exceeded revenues by \$24,595 with the inclusion of the Sr. Pastor budgeted reserve. This compares to a deficit of \$6,463 a year ago.

While it is typical to be behind at this point in the year it would be nice to head into summer in a stronger position. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Vich
Finance Committee Chair

Money Matters-Stewardship thought for the month of June

Upkeep, upkeep!! So you are in the know as a thoughtful and supportive member of Westminster, I'll share some of our upkeep expenses of late. The women's restroom by the shared life center had a makeover in the month of May. New counter, cabinets and fresh paint weighed in at a cost of \$1,500.00. It looks beautiful and special thanks to the volunteers and head custodian Jordan Estep who gave their time to provide the makeover. For the males in the congregation you do have permission to step in and check out the improvements!

During one of our busy Wednesdays in Lent we had a heavy rainstorm and this led to the realization that we have leakage issues on the north side of the building. The problem will be rectified by Karr Tuckpointing to the tune of approximately \$4,000.00 in the near future. Our building isn't ancient, but it is old and needs consistent care. Please know how much your financial gifts are appreciated and in these summer months when you may be traveling, be sure to keep your offerings current. As we upkeep our souls with worship and service through Westminster, let us be faithful in the upkeep of our building.

In the spirit of Christ,
John Speas



MISSION

Free Community Breakfast - Saturday, June 6

Please let people of the community know about this gathering each month. Invite them to join us for a time of devotion and a wonderful home cooked breakfast. Breakfast begins at 8:00 am.

The Nest

Thank you to each of you for your support of our recent endeavor to help Operation Threshold's program, The Nest. Enrolled parents are able to earn Nest points, which can be used to purchase needed baby/childcare items, by participating in specific classes/groups, prenatal visits, well child checks, dental visits, etc. Your gifts help strengthen their ability to provide these incentives.

Historically we have had a very generous congregation. That generosity continues through your gifts and those from Luke Mastin. Luke, one of our recent confirmands, received gifts of money to celebrate his accomplishment. He used half of his total gift to purchase items for The Nest. We are blessed by his spirit.

Along with a substantial amount of baby items, we delivered almost \$100 in cash to The Nest.

Jesus Film Project

Mark Weaver and his wife, Melody, will be at Westminster on June 28 at both services presenting a minute for mission about the Jesus Film project and organization.

The Jesus video will be shown in the Welcome Center for those who are interested.

Craig & Nancy Shirey have been long time supporters of the Jesus Film project and would be happy to answer any questions anyone might have.

Westminster Scrip Cards

Scrip cards are available at WPC to make your shopping life much easier! Scrip cards are pre-loaded cards that you can buy here at church to use while shopping or to give or send as gift cards. If you are shopping in stores or online, we have a card that matches your needs.

A financial portion of every card's value goes back to Westminster! Anywhere from 2% all the way up to 14% of each card benefits the church. Buy a \$100 card from Old Navy and the church gets \$14.00 and you get all of the \$100 to spend! Grab your checkbooks and look for the Scrip table between services this Sunday. We have a list of all the cards and their percentages and we can special order cards for you if you don't see them on the list.

Support the church and get your shopping done the easy way with Scrip cards. Available on Sunday's between services.



CARE

Medical Equipment Lending Program

The Deacons have adopted a Medical Equipment Lending Program. A few of each item listed below would be held in a closet to be loaned on a short term basis to Westminster members. Should you have any items that we can use, please contact the church office at 234-5501. Thank you!

___ Wheel Chair ___ Walker ___ Cane ___ Crutches
___ Bed Rails ___ Shower Chair ___ Bathtub Grab Bar ___ Other

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl ladies have been busy knitting and crocheting beautiful, soft, cuddly prayer shawls. If you know of someone who is grieving, ill, or lonely, take a prayer shawl to them from the prayer shawl rack which is by the elevator. The Prayer Shawl group has asked for the Lord's blessing upon the shawl and upon those who will receive them. 2015 celebrates our 9th year of Prayer Shawl ministry! To date, 479 knitted and crocheted prayer shawls have been given away to individuals, taken to Allen and Covenant Hospitals or given to Hospice.

Thank you for giving a prayer shawl and sharing Jesus' love with others.

Judy Morris,
Parish Nurse

Zumba!

Bring a friend and see what it's all about! These classes are for all fitness levels! Don't worry about keeping up ... you just go at your own pace!

Classes offered are Monday's 5:15 pm - 6, Thursdays 4:15 pm - 5, and Saturday's 8:30 am - 9:15 (coffee time starts at 8:15). Cost is only \$2 per class. No need to sign up, just join us when you can. All are welcome!



ZUMBA®

Over 60 Fellowship

On June 11 the group will travel to a buffalo ranch near Fredricksburg for lunch and a trip into the buffalo pasture. Never fear ... those who plan to attend will travel in a wagon for safety purposes.

Lunch will be buffalo roast and several side dishes. Dress as if you are going on a picnic! The meal will be served outside, if weather permits. Shelter is nearby with farm sights also.

Cost is \$25, includes food and buffalo visit. More details forthcoming in the mail.

LOOKING AHEAD! Dates to schedule for future: July 10 to the Basilica in Dyersville, October 8 to the Amana Colonies to watch the play, "The Church Basement Ladies In: The Last 'Potluck' Supper". Details will be shared in future newsletters.

Presbyterian Women

Our sewing group, the Piecemakers, meets each Thursday from 9:00 am to noon. We make quilts, lap robes and children's clothing for mission. Fellowship is the main by-product. We need seamstresses who can sew children's clothing. We have material, patterns and sewing machines. We need YOU. We welcome new members, regardless of their sewing ability or age. Stop by to inquire about our special group of ladies.

No PW meetings or gatherings in June, July or August.

Friendship Club

Meets on Thursday, June 4 at 6:00 pm for a potluck dinner.

Program will be Bee Colony Collapse Disorder. The phrase "busy as a bee" accurately describes a bee colony. Chris Anderson, program coordinator at Hartman Reserve will explain why scientists are concerned about a declining bee population, learn how they affect our food supply and what we can do to restore our bee population. Bring your covered dish and your tableware and join us for an evening of fellowship.



Westminster Church Calendar

To view all the events happening at Westminster, click on www.wpcw.org and view the calendar from our homepage.

A New Look at www.wpcw.org!

Please check out our brand new website! We have a new and attractive site to welcome anyone who is seeking information about Westminster Presbyterian Church! We made the decision to streamline the information on our site and to give it a clean and lean look! We kept all of the important information, but made it much more direct and easier to access! We hope you agree! Enjoy the new website!

May Session Meeting Minutes

The Session voted to add their monthly meeting minutes to the newsletter for your review. This gives you the opportunity to see what the committees discuss each month and how they help to make important decisions regarding your church. Simply click this link to view. May [Session Minutes](#)

Thank You!

I wish to thank all those on staff and the congregation members for their cards, concerns and prayers during my recent hospitalization. Your support was very meaningful to me. Jeff Sales

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies go to the following families on the loss of their loved one:

- The family of Norma Rundall
- The family of Chuck Smith

Adult Library

Do you need a good book to read for relaxation or inspiration? We have a wide variety in our adult library. New donations appear periodically. Check the table in the hallway or in the library.

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