



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**Messenger**  
 May, 2017

SEEKING **NEW PATHS**

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



**from Pastor Tricia**

Psalm 104:19 *"He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knows his going down."*

**The Times They Are A-Changin'**

Bob Dylan's famous song from 1964 captures well how I've felt as we close out the month of April and welcome May. We've had a very meaningful Lenten season and Easter

celebration. April also included our LightShine youth musical which was so well presented and a blessing to us. Our interim music staff is doing a tremendous job of working together and carrying on our music ministry. At the same time we know changes are coming with the weather warming up, (we hope), and the formation of a search committee for a new director of music ministries at Westminster. The music task force met throughout February and March, they made a recommendation to Personnel to secure a full time director with a job description included.

Recommendations for members of the search committee were also passed on from the task force and now the nominating committee will secure that search committee. Please keep this process in your prayers as we seek out the person to best lead us in this important area of our congregational growth.

It is also with great joy that I celebrate the hard work of our capital campaign committee as we have crossed over the million dollar mark in pledges. Our total pledged is now \$1,003,027.00! Great thanks for all the generous responses to this opportunity. Please see additional article about the plans for the capital campaign.

On a personal note, I hope you can join our family as we celebrate Hannah's graduation from West High. We arrived in Waterloo in the Spring of 2004 as Hannah was on the brink of Kindergarten and you all have helped to nurture Hannah's life and faith. Her recital will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, May 28 at 3:30 pm with her open house to follow in the Shared Life Center.

Blessings to you as you navigate the changes! Let us continue to trust in our Lord whose spirit sustains us and inspires us.

Pastor Tricia

**Sermon Series**

Our Sunday sermons will focus on the book of Acts and Galatians as we also recognize our graduates and confirmands. Much of life includes movement and growth, let us worship together our Lord who is faithful even in the changes.



May 7	"A Possibility"	Acts 8:26-39
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May 14	"Breaking Tradition"	Acts 15:1-18
May 21	"Batter Up"	Galatians 1:13-17, 2:11-21
May 28	"All Are Equal"	Galatians 3

## Westminster Destination

This coming summer is the return of Westminster's Destination trip. Join with other Westminster members to visit the great North Shore of Lake Superior in Northern MN July 30 - August 4. There is much to do and see in this beautiful area of our great nation. Accommodations include Cabins, Condos, hotel rooms, and Camp sites. Daily gatherings for shared meals will create many new Westminster relationships.

Please visit [www.WestminsterDestination.org](http://www.WestminsterDestination.org) to find out more about the area - as well as costs and accommodation options. Also - photos from our last trip in 2015.

The North Shore is a very popular and often visited area of the country. Accommodations are in high demand. So, we will need to firm-up our reservations by the end of May. Please consider joining us. [www.WestminsterDestination.org](http://www.WestminsterDestination.org) Or, on facebook just search for "Westminster Destination."

Bruce Rempe

## 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:

May 7	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
May 14	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
May 21	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
May 28	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	TBA

# Formation

## Wes Pres Youth

### Thank You!!!

Our youth group has been an active force both inside and outside of the church. They are truly a very talented group of young people. We have had the pleasure and joy of experiencing their blessings all year!

I want to especially thank the parents and grandparents of our youth who have helped in so many ways over this past year. You certainly helped make the events possible by making sure your sons and daughters were here and my thanks for many of you who participated in these events!

In addition, I want to add a very special thank you to Susan Larsen who has helped with all the junior high activities, Susie Lund who has helped teach and guide the confirmation group, Dee Jordan who has been a guiding force for our senior highs and for Jennifer Lamb who watched over our youth in the game room.

Each of these individuals shared a very special gift of nurturing, guiding and loving our youth. Our groups would not be the same without them!

### Junior Highs

Our junior highs finished up the school year with an evening of food, fun and games. Our group has been faithful in attending our Wednesday evenings and we look forward to a great summer.

### Confirmation

Our confirmation group has completed an amazing journey! We have some very special dates coming up so please take a moment and add them to your personal calendars!

**May 3** - The 8th grade confirmation group will meet from 5:00 to 7:00 for their test and statement of faith. Dinner will be provided

**May 14** - This will be our last meeting for all confirmands. We will begin our summer Sunday School classes on June 4 and will go through July 30. *We will not meet on July 2.*

### May 21 Confirmation Sunday Schedule

7:30 am Confirmands and guests meet in the Social Hall

7:40 am Pray and Breakfast

8:10 am Confirmand's read their Statements of Faith and Bible verse

8:25 am Session meets with Confirmand's

8:35 am Pictures

8:40 am Adjourn for church

Church will begin at 9:00 am with the 8th grade class participating in the service. There will be a reception between services honoring this class. We ask the confirmands to remain for the opening of 2nd service so they may be recognized. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Cose at the church.

### June 12-16 Vacation Bible School

### July 10-15 Great Escape

### Senior Highs

Our senior highs are certainly entering a very busy time of their lives...especially our graduating seniors. The following are some dates that will be important to mark on your calendars.

**May 3** - We will have our final meeting for the Puerto Rico trip in the senior high room at 7:00pm. This is for students only as we will be finalizing and sharing details for our trip.

**May 7 - Graduation Sunday, please make note of the times for our seniors to be here.**

8:15 Please arrive to the church to run through the service and practice your speech

8:40 Group pictures and boutonnieres/corsages

8:50 Meet in the chapel for final questions and pray

9:00 Service

10:00 Reception

10:45 Prepare for 2nd service

11:10 Second service

All graduates will participate in both 9:00 and 11:15 services. We look forward to a very meaningful and memorable service. Please, if you have any questions, contact me at the church.

**May 14** This will be our final Sunday school for the regular school year. We will begin our summer Sunday School classes on June 4<sup>th</sup> and will go through July 30. *We will not meet on July 2.*

### June 12-16 Vacation Bible School

**June 24-July 1** Senior high mission trip to Puerto Rico.

### Pen Pal Luncheon

We will have our annual Pen Pal Luncheon with our Kingsley, Partners in Ed on **May 15**. We will meet in the Shared Life Center from **12:00 to 1:00**. Please RSVP to the church so we know how much food to purchase!



### **Kingsley Ice Cream Social**

Our PIE members from Kingsley will be holding their Ice Cream Social fundraiser on Friday May 19. In an effort to help with their fundraiser, they have asked that we donate cupcakes and cookies. The cookies can be plated a dozen to a plate and the cupcakes can be 4 or 6 on a plate. They are also asking for new or gently used books that will be given as prizes. There is a signup sheet for the bake goods and a container for your books in the Welcome Center. On behalf of Kingsley and our Christian Ed committee, we would like to thank you for your support for the children of Kingsley Elementary.

### **Junior High Dances**

Over the past several months, we have experienced a shortage of chaperones for our dances. It is very important that we have 20 volunteers to assure a successful dance. These dances were created as a way to raise funds for our youth who attend retreats and summer camps and each of our junior and senior highs benefit from the funds raised from these dances. We have 45 junior highs and 35 senior highs participating in our Wednesday night groups. If the parents would volunteer for a couple of the dances each year, we would have enough volunteers to chaperone each of our 9 dances!

This month is our final dance of the year and we will resume our dances in September this fall. I ask that you please consider volunteering for an event that has served this community for the past 45 years!

If you have questions, please contact me at the church. I'd be more than happy to talk with you!

Peace,  
Scott Cose

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## **Wes Pres Kids**



On April 19, our fifth graders, Olivia Maurer, Alayna Grovo, Ally Knight, Cael Anderson, Cooper Brown, and Dayton Gage, were honored at Discovery Night. These fine young people are graduating from the Children's Program and moving into the Youth Program. They are very excited and looking forward to all the quirky activities that await them under Scott Cose's tutelage.

April 26 marked the Last Discovery Night for 2017. The first through fifth graders enjoyed the "Bugs on Parade" program presented to us by the Grout Museum. The museum staff brought lots of creepy crawlies and some snakes for us to look at and touch. We also did crafts and activities related to bugs. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who help prepare and clean up after the meal, as well as those who teach the kids throughout the night. Your contributions to the Discovery Night program are greatly appreciated and made this year a success.

**May 14 is the last day of Sunday School.**

**May 14 is Volunteer Appreciation Sunday.**

There are so many wonderful people that help to make our Children's Program a success! Thanks to all of the Sunday School teachers, and those who substitute teach. Thank you to the lovely ladies that are our Sunday School Grandparents. Thanks to everybody who leads a class, cooks the meals, or cleans the kitchen on Wednesday nights, helping to make Discovery Night a success. On May 14, there will be an insert in

the bulletin listing all of our volunteer's names. Be sure to tell them how much you appreciate them!



**Summer Sunday School is June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, 23, 30.**

Please note that there is NO Sunday School on July 2, due to the holiday weekend. This summer the theme will be "**Superheroes of the Bible.**" During June, children will focus on the Old Testament and learn about Moses, David, Joshua, and Daniel. In July, children will move into the New Testament and learn about Jesus, Mary, Peter, and Paul. It is sure to be an exciting adventure! **ALL children**, from 3 years

old through 5th grade, will meet together in room 307 (the craft room) on the 3rd floor.

**VBS is June 12-16.** Come enjoy a week filled with Bible stories, skits, music, crafts, mission education, games and new friends. Kids will learn they were created by God and built for a purpose. VBS is open to children who are 3 years old through those that are entering the 5th grade. There is no cost to attend, however, we will collect an offering each day that will go to support the Diyar Academy for Children and Youth, which seeks to develop the potential of Palestinian children and youth. Go to our website at [www.wpcw.org](http://www.wpcw.org) to **register online**. Click on the VBS link. Or pick up a paper registration at the VBS display table in the Welcome Center beginning May 14.

**The VBS Staff Meeting is May 21 at 10:10 am.** There is no Sunday School this day so you don't have to worry about missing class. This is for all adults and youth who will be helping with VBS in any way. During the meeting you will:

- get an overview of the theme and the schedule for the week
- learn where you have been assigned to work during VBS
- learn what is expected of you during VBS
- be able to sign up for a VBS T-shirt
- be able to ask any questions you may have

**Please consider donating snacks for the VBS volunteers.** We are looking for donations of food for the staff to eat during their breaks while they help out at VBS. Look for the Sign-Up Sheet on the VBS table in the Welcome Center beginning May 14. Thanks for your help!

Alisa Engelhardt

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## Adult Education Class Opportunities

### **Adult Ed:**

May 7 - "Women in the Acts of the Apostles" - What role did women play in the early church? What do we know about Damaris, Priscilla and Lydia? As we consider the importance of women in ministry, what can we learn from this first season in the church? Come and learn! **Facilitator:** Dr. Tricia Jacobs.

May 14 - "Hope" - The Theme for North Central Iowa Presbytery this year is Hope. Martin Luther wrote, "Everything done in the world is done by the hopeful". David Feltman will lead a study, using Jeremiah 29: 10-14 and Philippians 4 asking how do we live hope in 2017. **Facilitator:** Dave Feltman.

**Where:** Room 216 at 10:10 am. **Facilitators:** Dr. Tricia Jacobs and Rev. David Feltman

### **Alternative Prayer Class -**

May 7 - "Lectio Divina" (prayer through reading scripture) will be taught by Mary Martin Lane in the Chapel.

May 14 - "Contemplative Prayer" will be taught by Juli Rowell in the Chapel.

## 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:** 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**

##### ***Financial Peace***

This class will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm May 3, 10, 17 and 21.

##### **When:**

Wednesdays 6:00 pm. **Where:** Room 216. **Facilitator:** Pastor Dan

##### ***Centering Prayer***

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

## **Church Bookies**

Calling all women! You are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 pm in the Adult Library.

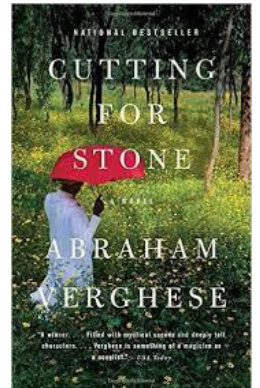
Contact Cindy Harmon with any questions at 268-0049 home or 239-9761 cell.

##### **Books to Read:**

**May:** *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

**June:** *Elizabeth Street* by Laurie Fabiano

**July:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Laurie Fabiano



## **Resources**

### **Capital Campaign**

Our committee has continued to meet as we move forward with our capital campaign. The end of April brought the great cross over the ONE million mark in pledges which is miraculous in that we were able to reach that mark in the 7th month of the campaign. The committee has determined that we are now in the season of moving forward with our architect and thus we've secured the services of Structure architectural firm and will hope to receive the final drawings for the new welcome center by the end of this month.



SEEKING **NEW PATHS**

Above all we praise God from who all blessings flow and are so excited about the future of Westminster!

Seeking New Paths Committee

### **Finance**

Huge thanks to the generous response to our plea for per capita contributions. We don't have the final numbers for April, but our finance secretary, Becky Dietz reports that many members responded to our April request for per capita gifts. It takes all of us to meet our budget and it is so wonderful to see generous spirits soar!

With a grateful heart!

Kristie Brown

<b>BUDGET SUMMARY</b>					
	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 46,281.57	\$ 57,395.00	\$ 199,720.59	\$ 191,013.07	\$ 828,554.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 4,379.05	\$ 2,566.99	\$ 10,918.89	\$ 10,620.89	\$ 43,650.00
<b>OPER &amp; MAINT</b>	\$ 8,798.63	\$ 8,118.93	\$ 27,078.51	\$ 30,388.28	\$ 99,500.00
<b>CHRISTIAN ED</b>	\$ 235.16	\$ 1,379.71	\$ 3,867.68	\$ 3,014.73	\$ 23,300.00
<b>PERSONNEL</b>	\$ 40,973.47	\$ 37,418.58	\$ 122,347.84	\$ 111,363.57	\$ 530,045.00
<b>MISSION</b>	\$ 362.71	\$ 8,057.34	\$ 10,545.80	\$ 21,909.52	\$ 82,000.00
<b>MUSIC &amp; WORSHIP</b>	\$ 742.87	\$ 1,722.25	\$ 2,718.31	\$ 3,938.57	\$ 15,000.00
<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
<b>HOSPITALITY &amp; DEACONS</b>	\$ 429.84	\$ 225.10	\$ 705.08	\$ 1,277.48	\$ 5,000.00
<b>MEMBERSHIP &amp; OUTREACH</b>	\$ 233.20	\$ 397.17	\$ 1,094.31	\$ 768.47	\$ 5,700.00
<b>PER CAPITA</b>	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 1,822.67	\$ 5,714.73	\$ 5,468.01	\$ 22,859.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$ 58,059.84	\$ 61,708.74	\$ 185,025.15	\$ 188,749.52	\$ 828,554.00
<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ (11,778.27)	\$ (4,313.74)	\$ 14,695.44	\$ 2,263.55	

## 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](http://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.

**How do you shop at AmazonSmile?** To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and starting your shopping.

**Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?** Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

**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.

**How do you select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?** On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

**How much of your purchase does Amazon donate?** The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes or service charges. From time to time, there may be offer specials, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services for additional donations.

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

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# **Mission**

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## **Free Community Breakfast - Sat. May 6 - 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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## **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.



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# Care

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## 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](mailto:mltiffany1@hotmail.com) or call [319-234-7586](tel:319-234-7586).

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## 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.



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## 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!

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

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# Other Church News

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## Over 60 Fellowship Trip

Join us as we tour Hansen's Dairy Farm in Hudson on Wed., May 24. Be at the church at 9:15 am to leave at 9:30 am. There will be a modified hands on tour and lunch. Tour cost \$9.00 and catered lunch Cost \$6.50 - Total: \$15.50 (you can brown bag if you want - let us know your choice when you call in)

Lunch: Croissant Sandwich, Fruit, Chips, Hansen's Ice Cream

Activities: Trolley ride around farm, we will see and pet kangas, dry cows, calves, see milking parlor, make butter and inside barn activities. Check it out at [www.hansendairy.com](http://www.hansendairy.com) RSVP no later than 3:30pm Monday, May 22nd (234-5501).

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## Fusion Family Cave Adventure

Join the Fusion group on May 20 on a trip to the Maquoketa Caves State Park. We'll travel together, have lunch and explore the park. Contact Dan for more information or to sign up. [dan@wpcw.org](mailto:dan@wpcw.org). [http://www.stateparks.com/maquoketa\\_caves\\_state\\_park\\_in\\_iowa.html](http://www.stateparks.com/maquoketa_caves_state_park_in_iowa.html)

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## Friendship Club

All are invited to hear about honey bees, the colony life, the diseases they have or about being a bee keeper.

**Thursday, May 4** come to hear Victor Collins from Independence as he shares with us. Potluck supper is at 6 pm, program at 6:45.

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## Presbyterian Women

**Executive Board:** Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 am

**Circles:** Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 am

Lesson 3: Jesus, According to Luke

Read Gospel of Luke: 1-4; 14:12-24; 16: 19-31

**Church Women United:**

May Friendship Day May 5, 12:00

Westminster Presbyterian Church, social hall

Our PW will be serving lunch. Vicki Cose will be the program speaker. Tickets are \$7.

**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.

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## All are invited!

You are invited to attend the graduation party honoring Hannah Jacobs. Sunday, May 28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. A recital in the Sanctuary will be at 3:30 pm with an open house to follow in the Shared Life Center.

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## African Children's Choir - Save the date!



We will once again host the African Children's Choir on Sunday, June 11 at 7:00 pm, here at Westminster!

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## 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!

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## Session Minutes

Session minutes from April 25 meeting. Click [HERE](#) to view.

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## 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!

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## Our Condolences

- Marie Hills and her family on the passing of her dad, Lyle Grapp
  - Don Benson and his family on the passing of his brother, Ted Benson
  - Roger Davis and his family on the passing of his mother, Virginia Davis
  - Ken Limberg and his family on the passing of his brother-in-law, Pete
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## Thank You's

*Thank you for the prayers, cards and kind words at the time of the loss of my Dad, Lyle Grapp. It is so comforting to have our church family during these difficult times. Marie and Dan Hills*

*Mary Wurmle and her family, on the passing of Hugh, would like to thank our church family for their many visits, cards and kindnesses during the past year. Our entire family has been uplifted by your support and prayers. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 11:00 am at Westminster Church.*

*Westminster Friends - We express our heartfelt thanks for the many cards, calls, visits and healing prayers for Ed's recovery the past several months. Special thanks to Pastors Tricia and Dan, John and Jean Butler for the personal visits - they were appreciated by both of us. We are grateful for the loan of a shower chair too from the medical supply room, delivered by our special friendly nurse, Jo Grapp. We are so blessed by our wonderful church family. Love, Edward & Ann Northey*

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## Westminster Church Calendar

To view all the events happening at Westminster, please visit our website at [www.wpcw.org](http://www.wpcw.org). The church calendar can be found on our home page.