

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Messenger

October, 2017

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

from Pastor Tricia

"**Jesus** told His followers, I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and **bear fruit**, fruit that will last." (John 15:16).

October brings us to the season in which we all pause to consider how blessed we are to be in the midst of God's Kingdom at Westminster. This year our theme for Stewardship is *Bearing Fruit for Jesus*. Our committee has prepared materials that we hope you will study carefully and prayerfully commit your time, your talents and your treasures once again to the ministries we all seek to provide together.



I would specifically ask you to consider what it means to be chosen to bear fruit for Jesus. There is a reason God has brought you to 1301 Kimball Ave, perhaps years ago or just a few months ago. We are all called to contribute so how will you do that for 2018?

I love apples. I remember my Dad taking me to our favorite orchard every fall, Highland Orchards. It was our special time together. The day before my wedding my Dad and I traveled the 20 minutes to the orchard to purchase cider for the wedding toast (Baptist wedding). I felt chosen by my groom and also by my Dad as he spoke of his love for me and Bruce. It was a life giving moment and I felt blessed. I trust that you also feel especially blessed to be in the midst of all that is happening at Westminster.

We will celebrate together on Sunday, October 22 with one service at 10 am and a brunch to follow provided by our Stewardship Committee. Some steps to follow:

October 8: Pick up your Apple and Devotional Book

October 10-11: Look for your Stewardship Materials in the mail which includes your pledge card

October 15: Return your pledge card in Worship

October 22: Attend Worship at 10 am and enjoy our celebratory brunch together.

We have much to be grateful for and let us be persistent in our prayer for the ministries of our congregation and also the world which so desperately needs to know the love of Christ.

With Hope,
Pastor Tricia

Seeking New Paths Update

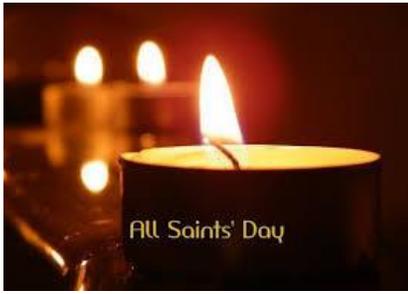
Our Groundbreaking has begun!!



Sermon Series

During October we will take a break from the narrative lectionary as we focus on our Stewardship theme, Bearing Fruit for Jesus. This will take place on October 8, 15 and 22. On October 29 we will return to the narrative lectionary and also celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

October 1	"Can You Imagine"	Exodus 4:10-17
October 8	"Bearing Fruit for Jesus: Fruitful Use of Time"	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
October 15	"Bearing Fruit for Jesus: Using What You've Got"	1 peter 4:10-11
October 22	"Bearing Fruit for Jesus: First Things First"	Matthew 6:33
October 29	"Reformation"	1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13



All Saints' Day

This year All Saints' Day is Sunday, October 29. All Saints' Day is a time to give thanks for the life of our loved ones who have preceded us in death. You will be invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one during both services.

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:

October 1	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team, Church Mice
October 8	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir, Chimes Worship Team
October 15	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
October 22	10:00 am	Sanctuary	Unity Choir, Messengers
October 29	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Meisteringers, Church Mice Worship Team, LightShine

Christmas Cantata

The 2017 Christmas Cantata is here!

Everyone is invited to join the choir, chamber orchestra, or stage crew for this year's Christmas Cantata: On This Shining Night by Lee Dengler & Susan Naus Dengler. Choir materials can be picked up in the Choir Room on October 18 from 7:15-7:45pm- if you are unable to pick up materials on October 18, contact Patrick Marchant at patrick@wpcw.org or by calling the church office to arrange a time to pick up your materials.

If you are interested in being a narrator, orchestra member, or part of the stage crew for this production please contact Patrick for more information. Rehearsals will be held on the following dates:

Wednesday, October 25 7:30-9 pm, Wednesday, November 15 7:30-8:30 pm, Saturday, December 2 9:30 am - 12:30, Wednesday, December 6 7:30-9 pm, Saturday, December 9 9:00 am - noon, with a Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 16 9 am-12 pm. An excerpt of the cantata will be used in Worship Sunday December 17 with a full-length production Sunday evening at 6:30 pm

Patrick Marchant



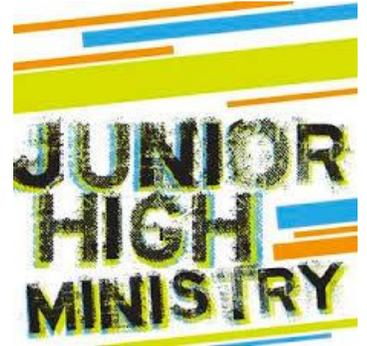
Wes Pres Youth

JUNIOR HIGH PARENTS MEETING

On Tuesday, October 3, we will have a short meeting that will be full of information for the students and parents. We will meet in the chapel at 6:30 and I will be sharing many dates with you of upcoming events, so please bring your personal calendars with you to the meeting.

I'll also answer any questions that you may have. If you would like, you can email them to me prior to our meeting, I will do my best to answer them at the meeting.

I cannot stress how important it is to meet with parents and students. Communication has always been a huge part of our ministry!



JUNIOR HIGH CONFIRMATION

Our confirmation classes have begun and we will be studying the Old Testament and our faith. Susie Lund will co-teach this class with me.

Attendance is a must in the class to be confirmed! Parents, please to let me know if your son or daughter will not be in class.

We meet on Sunday's between our services, from 10:10 to 11:00. I have sign-up sheets for our youth to sign for:

- Reading scripture at our 9:00 service
- Bringing treats to share with our group during class
- One 8th grade student will meet with our session each month. They will participate in a short worship service and communion. I ask the student to arrive at 6:50 pm to go over their reading, and they will be done by 7:30 pm. It's a wonderful opportunity for our session and confirmands to meet each other!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR OCTOBER JUNIOR HIGHS

Oct. 3: Parent and student informational meeting at 6:30 pm in the Chapel

Oct. 6, 7, 8: Great Oaks trip to Lacon, Ill. Cost is \$100.00 and release forms must be turned in! A handout of what to bring will be at the informational meeting.

Oct.11: FMSC Food Packing. Students will need to bring \$2.00 for pizza. We will eat from 4:00 to 4:30 and pack from 4:30 to 6:30.

NOTE: There will be LightShine practice immediately after we pack!

Oct. 20: Junior High Dance...PARENTS...If you have not signed up to chaperone, please consider it. We need at least 20 chaperones to make these dances successful.

Oct. 27, 28: Is our annual Fear Factor Lock-in. This is one of our youth's favorite events. They can invite one friend to come with them. Because of the number of youth who attend this event, I will need chaperones to help transport the youth to and from our haunted house at the Rotary Reserve as well as help with the evening events at the church.

JUNIOR HIGH DANCES

We are always in need of chaperones for our junior high dances! Westminster has hosted these dances for 50 years! It is a very important ministry in our community! The money that we raise had benefited ALL OF OUR YOUTH throughout the history of these dances! They help BOTH the junior and senior highs go on summer camps and mission trips as well as offer scholarships to students who cannot afford to participate in some of our special activities!



PLEASE consider helping at one or two of our 9 dances! I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have concerning our dances!

YOUTH Senior High

SENIOR HIGH

Our senior highs are in full swing! Some of you have been busy with sports and other activities and we have missed you! Please make it a priority to remain active in your group! We meet from 7:15 to 8:30 on Wednesday nights.

We have been planning some of our events and it is necessary to have everyone look at their personal calendars so we can make these events a possibility. Several of the events that we are planning is a winter retreat, 30-hour Famine and of course, we will have our spoons tournament soon!

I am also looking at 2018 summer mission trip possibilities. I will be setting that date in the very near future.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bruce Jacobs and Vicki Cose are our Sunday School teachers this year. They have many topics that they will be discussing with you as well as a trip or two to Panera as a special treat! Sunday school meets between services from 10:10 to 11:00 am.

Peace,
Scott Cose

Parents of College Students and Military Personnel

Our youth will be assembling care packages for the members of Westminster who are in the military or college. You can help us by sharing your son's and daughter's address. Please email or call the church with their address and we will send them a care package in the near future! If you have questions, please contact Scott Cose at the church.



Wes Pres Kids



MANY THANKS to Don and Gail Miller for hosting the Fall Fest at their home. We look forward to eating together, hanging out with friends, going on the hayrack ride, playing games, and toasting S'Mores over the fire.

On **October 4**, the first Wednesday of the month, from 6:00-7:15 pm, as our **COME TOGETHER** group activity, we will be going out into the community and doing **REVERSE TRICK OR TREATING**. Instead of knocking on doors and *getting* candy, we will knock on doors and *give* candy. We want the members of Westminster to look beyond themselves, to serve and connect with others, and to discover that it is sweeter to give than to receive. Feel free to wear your Halloween costumes to church this night.

Due to the Feed My Starving Children event happening in the church, there will be **NO Discovery Night** activities for the **Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary** kids on **Wednesday, October 11**. No meal will be served, and



there will be no classes, Mice or Messenger choir practice, or games. This cancellation ONLY applies to the Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary age kids. The adult music groups and youth will still be meeting on this night.

NO Sunday School Sunday, October 22. We will be having ONE service at 10:00 am, followed by a Harvest Brunch hosted by the Stewardship Committee.

LOOKING AHEAD. . .

Mark your calendar for these events coming up in November.

On **November 1**, from 6:00-7:15 pm, as our **COME TOGETHER** group activity, we will be writing Thank You notes. More details coming soon!

Saturday, November 11, Parent's Night Out, 5:00-8:30 pm

Children from birth through 5th grade are welcome to attend a fun night at church. Kids will be served dinner, enjoy a craft, science project, games, eat treats, and play bingo.

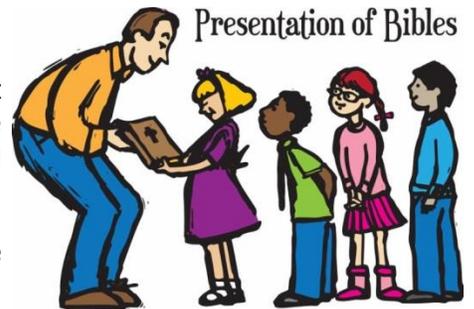


Sign up begins **Sunday, October 22** in the Welcome Center.

Your help is needed to make Parent's Night Out a success. If you are an adult or a junior or senior high youth, please let Alisa know if you would like to help out at this event. Parent's Night Out will be here before you know it, so please consider helping and let Alisa know.

Sunday, November 12, Bible Presentation

On this Sunday, during each service, our 3 year olds and our 1st graders will be presented with age appropriate Bibles. A letter will be sent out to all families with children who are these ages, notifying them of the details for this special event.



NO Discovery Night Wednesday, **November 22** due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Alisa Engelhardt

Fusion Group - Pumpkin Carving and Haunted Hay Rack Ride - Sat., October 14

We'll gather at the church at 6:00 pm, carve some pumpkins, and for those who so desire, we will head out to the Haunted Hay Rack ride in Evansdale. If you want to come and/or need childcare during the Hay Rack Ride - let Dan know: dan@wpcw.org



All Church Tailgating Event!

Join us on Sunday, October 15 at 12:30 pm in the Shared Life Center for an afternoon of watching some football, great food, fun and fellowship!

Bring your favorite football food to share and wear your favorite jersey! We will provide a main entrée.

Sign up in the Welcome Center!

Adult Education Opportunities

Our current class opportunities run thru October 15. We do not have Sunday School on Sunday, October 22 as there is one service at 10:00 am and we will have an all church brunch! Stay tuned for the great offerings that will begin on Sunday, October 29!

Parenting & Spirituality

5 weeks on varying topics by different facilitators for those trying to be faithful parents.

This class will provide a space for parents to gather together to hear insights, share difficulties, and give each other wisdom and encouragement.

Runs thru October 15 during Sunday School hour. **Facilitator** - Pastor Voigt. **Where** - Library.



A Purposeful Life

What does a purposeful life look like in 2017? Jesus calls us to bear fruit for the Kingdom so how does this occur? This class will examine Biblical texts and also consider life stories of how to live a life that is obedient to God's call. The class will include both lecture and plenty of time for discussion. Runs thru October 15. **Facilitator** - Pastor Jacobs.

Where - Room 216.



The Journey

This adult discipleship class is an in depth study over 15 weeks and is now full/closed.

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 Psalms. **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.

Church Bookies

Calling all women! You are invited to join us on the third Sunday of the month. Our next meeting is Sunday, October 15 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 -

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

Resources

Finance

Budget Summary for August, 2017.

BUDGET SUMMARY					
	AUGUST	AUGUST	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 43,941.00	\$ 60,897.91	\$ 518,197.46	\$ 455,643.73	\$ 828,554.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,959.40	\$ 3,271.11	\$ 25,361.75	\$ 26,556.61	\$ 43,650.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 4,308.98	\$ 3,592.22	\$ 54,554.41	\$ 59,533.01	\$ 99,500.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 3,135.49	\$ 4,784.29	\$ 12,877.11	\$ 15,307.86	\$ 23,300.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 41,482.22	\$ 38,155.45	\$ 326,110.40	\$ 298,910.82	\$ 530,045.00
MISSION	\$ 7,330.76	\$ 5,791.52	\$ 47,130.99	\$ 57,599.42	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 1,808.80	\$ 1,726.03	\$ 7,373.38	\$ 7,701.57	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189.65	\$ 115.34	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 148.48	\$ 715.92	\$ 1,758.44	\$ 2,861.90	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 293.21	\$ 179.86	\$ 2,580.87	\$ 1,915.00	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 1,822.67	\$ 15,239.28	\$ 14,581.36	\$ 22,859.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 62,372.25	\$ 60,039.07	\$ 493,176.28	\$ 485,082.89	\$ 828,554.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (18,431.25)	\$ 858.84	\$ 25,021.18	\$ (29,439.16)	

AmazonSmile

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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.

Thank you
Finance Committee

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

Feed My Starving Children

We are just a week away to our **11th YEAR** hosting Feed My Starving Children food packing. There are still openings to volunteer! Go to our website www.wpcw.org and click on the link to register. If assistance is needed, please contact the church office. Get a group together to volunteer and enjoy the

experience of being God's hands and feet. We strongly encourage the Westminster community to sign up and help with this very worthy mission. If you are unsure of your plans during this time and cannot pre-register, please know you are welcome to just show up at any packing event to help! The packing sessions are listed below:

Monday, October 9	Tuesday, October 10	Wednesday, October 11
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Youth Night
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm FULL	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Youth Night - FULL

Free Community Breakfast - Sat. October 7 - 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!

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 5:40 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

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

Other Church News

Over 60 Fellowship - Thurs., October 12 at 11:00 am

Join us as we start our outing at the Arboretum for a golf cart tour. After that we will head to Singlespeed to enjoy lunch together! Cost for this outing is \$7 for the tour and whatever lunch may be. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, October 11.

Friendship Club

Join us at Friendship Club on Thursday, October 5 at 6 pm for a potluck supper. Westminster's own Steven Eilers, Master Gardner, will be presenting the program. Come with your gardening questions. Program begins about 6:45 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Presbyterian Women

Executive Board: Wednesday, October 4, 10:00 in the Children's Library

Circle: Wednesday, October 18, 10:00, Children's Library

Lesson 5: Jesus According to Paul

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Philippians 2:1-4; Acts 18

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

Click [HERE](#) to view the Session minutes from the September 26 meeting.

Our Condolences

- Jason Anders and his family on the passing of his father Chuck Anders
- Joan Bond and her family on the passing of her husband Jack Bond
- The family and friends of Doc Winter who passed away

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.