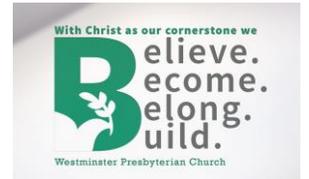


Westminster Presbyterian Church September 2016 Messenger

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

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

**JOIN US for CELEBRATION SUNDAY
Sunday, September 11 at 10 am**



Our Vision Implementation team has continued to meet and pray together to seek God's help, as we as a congregation live out the vision statement that was adopted by our Session in February 2015; with Christ as our Cornerstone we Believe, we Become, we Belong, we Build together.



SEEKING **NEW PATHS**

In April our Session voted to create a team of Westminster members to form a capital campaign committee to carry on the work of the Complete the Dream task force of our Vision team. The capital campaign committee has been meeting regularly throughout the summer and on Celebration Sunday, September 11, the plan to provide for the building needs of our church building will be unveiled. I would ask that you make every effort to be present for this memory-making day as we together celebrate all that God is doing through our congregation and we are challenged towards the next steps of our future together.

We'll have ONE service at 10 am in the sanctuary with special music including "Spill Your Beans" ensemble and our gifted Chancel Choir. An all church picnic will be held following the service in the Shared Life Center. Tickets are available now to purchase on Sundays as well as in the office during the week.

This is such an exciting time to be in ministry together!

Sermon Series

September will bring the conclusion of our summer series on *Truth for Life* from 2 Corinthians, our Celebration service on the 11th and the beginning of our new series: *Promises! Promises!*



September 4	"Truth for Life: Spirit of Eagerness"	2 Corinthians 8:1-15
September 11	"Celebration Sunday"	Proverbs 3:3-6
September 18	"Promises! Promises! Abraham's Faith"	Genesis 15:1-6
September 25	"Promises! Promises! Joseph's Perseverance"	Genesis 37:3-34, 50:15-21

Share A Verse

The Christian Education Team has asked the congregation to encourage each other by sharing a Bible verse that has helped us in our spiritual journey. Below are the verses for this month. Many thanks to all who have submitted a verse!

September 4, 1 Peter 4:8 - Randy Sliger - *"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins."*

September 11, Philippians 4:6 - Kerri Powell - *"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."*

September 18, John 3:16 - Elaine Ames - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."*

September 25, Philippians 4:13 - Linda Lott - *"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."*

Music Ministry

Greetings 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!

Attention singers and instrumentalists!

We are currently holding open auditions for our fabulous PRAISE TEAM! If you sing or play an instrument and you would like to offer your gifts in worship, please contact me at the above email address!

Worship With us Sundays at:

9:00 am for Traditional Worship and 11:15 am for Contemporary Worship

Special music for our services this month:

Sept. 4	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Amy Knoll & Vicki Grimes, soloists Worship Team
Sept. 11 One Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary	Chancel Choir, "Spill Your Beans" instrumental quartet CELEBRATION SUNDAY AND PICNIC
Sept. 18	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
Sept. 25	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Meisteringers, LightShine Worship Team

Dear Church family,

The Meisteringers will be performing a special piece on Sunday, November 13, to honor our veterans which will include a slide show as the music is being performed. We would like to include pictures of our church family who have passed away that served our country in any branch of the military. Please submit photos to Jodi in the church office or by email to jodi@wpcw.org, by Monday, October 3. Thank you! Mabel Rempe

Wes Pres Youth

Our school year has begun and I know that all of our lives will become just a little bit crazier! So I'm going to try to make your lives a little easier by giving you some special dates to remember.

Wednesday, Sept. 7, Wednesday night youth begins

Dinner begins at 5:00 pm

Junior High is from 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Senior High is from 7:15 to 8:30 pm

Sunday, Sept. 11 Confirmation and Senior High Sunday school begins at 10:10, between both services.

Friday Sept. 30, is our first Junior High dance from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Watch for our posters at your school. We have some new and exciting things happening that each of you will play a big part in!

Westminster Junior High Dances

We will begin our Junior High dances on Friday, Sept. 30! You will find our dates for the entire year below.

Our dances have been a very big part of many our middle school youth lives. For 9 months of the year, we have the amazing opportunity to reach out to many youth who may never entered a church or know of a safer place to be than the Westminster dances.

Please consider volunteering one or two of these dances. At 5:45 pm we have devotion, the dance begins at 6:00 pm and is over at 9:00 pm. The sign-up sheets can be found in the welcome center two weeks prior to each months dance. If you have any questions, please contact me at the church. I look forward to a great year!

2016/2017 Dance Date

2016: Sept. 30, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

2017: Jan. 13, Feb. 17, March 24, April 28, May 19

Senior High

We had our first meeting on August 31 at 7:45 pm. We will begin meeting on a regular basis beginning Sept. 7 and we'll meet from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. As always, we encourage you to invite your friends that may not have a church home or who are not active with their group.

StrengthsQuest Class for Youth

This fall, we will be offering a "**StrengthsQuest**" class for youth. As you know, our congregation has been participating in "**StrengthsQuest**" this past year and is a wonderful tool in helping us find and understand where our strengths are.

I will be sending information to our youth and parents. We are asking that each youth pays \$5.00 towards the cost; Westminster will cover the rest of the cost. More information will be coming soon.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the church.

Celebrating our Junior High Dances

Most of you know that during the school year, we hold a junior high dance one Friday night a month! The church staff has done a bit of research and I've been told by a number of our members that they have been going on since the 60's which would make it very close to 50 years that Westminster has held these special events.

If you have any pictures or knowledge of when these dances officially began, please contact me with your information! We would like to celebrate this milestone properly!

Peace,
Scott Cose

Wes Pres Kids

September 7 begins Discovery Night's regularly scheduled Wednesday night meal, classes and programming. The meal is served from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Social Hall. The cost of the meal is \$3.00 per person. The classes and programming run from 6:00-7:15 pm. Preschool and Kindergarten Children will be dismissed to Church Mice practice from the Social Hall at 6:00, after the meal is over. The 1st through 5th graders will be enjoying a Puppet Show performed on the Social Hall Stage from 6:00-6:10, then they will be dismissed to their classes. The Puppet Show will serve to introduce the theme of the night's lesson. All children can be picked up at the end of the night in the Shared Life Center at 7:15 pm.

If you have a **PULSE**  you have a **PURPOSE**



On **September 18**, regular Sunday School will be resuming for all ages. Be watching for a postcard in the mail informing you and your children of where their room is and who their teachers are.

Coming Soon! Westminster's very own Puppet Ministry! Be on the lookout for more details about this exciting opportunity. The puppet practices are tentatively scheduled for every other Sunday at 12:15 pm. The start date has yet to be determined. Please prayerfully consider joining this rewarding and fun ministry opportunity.

If you are interested in joining and would like to be contacted with the official start date and practice time, please call me at the church office or email me at alisa@wpcw.org.

Mark your calendars!

The Fall Fest Family Fun Event will be **October 9** at **Heartland Farms**, 5111 Osage Road, in Waterloo. Please plan on joining us from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm for a great time of fun, fellowship, food, and activities.

Tickets go on sale September 18. Cost for tickets includes your meal, and all attractions. Adults are \$5.00. Kids ages 3-12 are \$2.00. Kids ages 2 and under are FREE!

Bring your family and enjoy these great attractions:

- Giant Jumping Pillow
- Scarecrow's Haunted Barn, animated with scary sights and sounds, a mid-level scary haunt
- Haunted Scarytale Cornfield, a walk in the tall corn with some still-scene 'scares' for the younger children
- 10 minute Hayride leaves every 15 minutes
- Pumpkin Playland with 2 bouncers and Straw Mountain slides
- Ponies, cows, goats, chickens, turkeys, and a town of bunnies
- PUNKINATOR, an air powered pumpkin cannon that is powered up at the top of every hour
- Pumpkins of all sizes, acorn and butternut squash, and decorative gourds sold by the pound

The menu includes:

- Pulled Pork
- Hot Dogs
- Baked Beans
- Nacho Chips & Cheese
- Veggie Platter
- Homemade Desserts
- Hot Chocolate
- Apple Cider
- Coffee

Alisa Engelhardt

Discovery Night Meals

We're making a change to the options for purchasing your Discovery Night meal. Instead of having the half year or whole year pre-payment cards, we are going to offer 10 meal punch cards. This way, if you do not eat dinner every Wednesday evening here, you will not lose out on any money. The cost is \$30 for the 10 meal punch card. Purchase them as needed. You can buy them at the table outside the Social Hall on Wednesday evenings during meal time or during the week in the church office. As always, you can just purchase a single meal on Wednesday night too.

Menus for September:

September 7 Baked potato bar, salad bar and dessert
September 14 Sloppy joe's, green beans, salad bar and dessert
September 21 TBD
September 28 Corn dogs, mac & cheese, fruit, salad bar and dessert





Adult Sunday School Opportunity:

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 18.

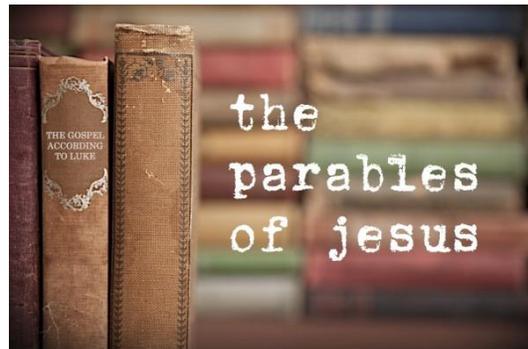
Fall Quarter of Adult Sunday School

Three offerings for Fall!! Each is unique so find where you fit and consider the difference it will make as you deepen your faith through study!

Our fall semester classes (part one) will be offered for SIX weeks, September 18 to October 23.

The Parables of Jesus

The simplest definition of a parable is "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." The Greek word parable is made up of two smaller words that mean "tossed near" or "put beside." Jesus loved to teach in parables because the best way to realize what the Kingdom of God is like is to participate in the particular experience of it. Each parable gave his listeners a story about a common experience understood in a new way. The power of each parable lies in its ability to transform our worldview, expanding our experience of God's extravagant grace and love.



Facilitator: Rev. Cathy Young **Location:** in the Chapel



The Journey

We must no longer be children; we must grow up in every way into Christ. This passage is the foundation for a new small group curriculum our Christian Education team has embraced for Westminster. It asks the important question, "In the midst of all of life's activity, do you ever feel like you are just skimming the surface? Do you wonder if there is more to this life with Christ? That you have been called to something greater?"

The Journey invites you to awaken to God's good work in and through you. Imagine the significant rewards that could result if you are brave enough to walk through a process that deepens and refreshes your life with Christ with a group of curious, motivated adults. The Journey is a meaningful walk with others that explores the biggest questions of your faith: Who is God? Who am I? What does God desire to do through me? This class requires dedicated daily study of about 30 minutes so you are prepared for helpful discussion.

There will be 2 different times this course is offered, Sunday mornings from 10:10 am to 11:45 am or every other Monday evening from 6:30 pm to 8 pm. The course will conclude in May/June. There will be an orientation given on Sept. 11 (following picnic) and Sept. 18 to learn more. Each class is limited to 10 participants.

Facilitators: on Sunday morning- Cindy Harmon and Troyce Vich and Monday evenings- Pastor Tricia **Location:** Meets in the adult library

Cost - \$200.00 (includes all workbooks and secondary books-scholarships are available from our CE committee)

StrengthsFinder

What if the power of God's Word and your strengths were unleashed to become living and active in your world--at home, at work and in the community? Westminster is offering another course using Gallup®'s StrengthsFinder® assessment and coaching with Biblical foundations.

100 Westminster members have already experienced this course and the goal is to have as many members as possible take this course to strengthen and equip us for the future. This



goal is part of the implementation of our vision. In just six weeks you'll learn about your strengths and begin the transformational journey towards using those strengths in your life.

Please pre-register by signing up in the Welcome Center or call the church office by Friday, September 16th. Cost is \$10.00 per student. This class will meet Sept. 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 10:10 am to 11 am.

Facilitator: Lori Johnson

Location: Room 216 (Past the Sanctuary on the Left)

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:** Adult Choir Room. **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 Revelation challenges the group. **When:** Monday's at 9:00 am. **Where:** Room 216. **Facilitator:** John Butler.

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

Wednesdays

Wednesday's at Westminster for Adult learning and support

Band of Brothers

A weekly time to gather as men, study God's word, deepen our faith and support one another. This fall we'll begin with a series entitled: *Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age* by Scott J. Jones

When: Wednesdays 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. **Where:** Adult Library.

Facilitators: Pastor Dan and Bruce Jacobs

WOW - Women of Westminster

This group is designed to be an oasis in your mid-week. This fall we'll study a series entitled: *Real Women, Real Faith: Life-changing stories from New Testament Women.*

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

Centering Prayer

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

Session Minutes for August

Click [HERE](#) to read the minutes from the August 23 session meeting.

Over 60 Fellowship Trip to the Arboretum

Friday, September 16 depart at 10:45 am
Arboretum, 1927 E. Orange Rd. Waterloo

We'll begin our visit at 11:00 am by taking a tour of the gardens, either walking or by tram. (Note: only 5 can take the tram, so first come, first serve).

Following the tour we'll enjoy a picnic together that you will prepare. Please pack your lunch and drink and we'll provide the coolers!

Cost for the trip is \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to the church office by, Wednesday, September 14. Note we will depart from the church lot at 10:45 am.

Church Bookies

Calling all women! You are invited to join us on Sunday, September 18 at 7:00 pm in the Adult Library. Co-leaders are Cindy Harmon and Sandy Lewis.

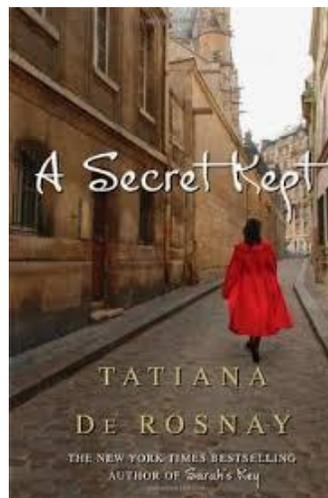
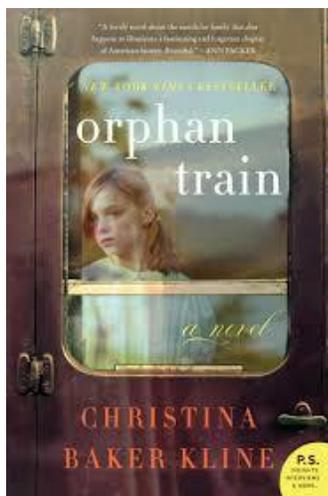
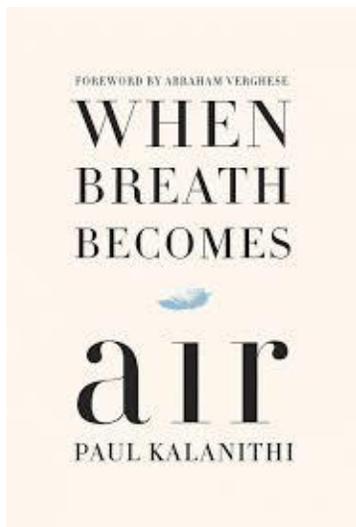
The September book to read is *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi.

Looking ahead for books to read:

October: *A Secret Kept* by Tatiana de Rosnay

November: *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

December: There will be a Christmas party and plan to come with suggestions for 2017 books to read! More info to be provided.



SAVE THE DATES! We are drawing nearer to the Feed My Starving Children food packing for 2016. Save the dates of October 10, 11 and 12 (Mon. - Wed.) to volunteer. On line registration will be available on Monday, September 12. Go to our website at www.wpcw.org and click on the picture/link from the home page. 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. The packing sessions are listed below:

Monday, October 10	Tuesday, October 11	Wednesday, October 12
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	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Youth Night

Free Community Breakfast - September 3

You are invited to attend! 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.

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. We're starting our 9th month together and it has been an incredible example of the Kingdom of God coming to the Cedar Valley. The five Presbyterian Churches in the Cedar Valley have prayed and planned for this ministry and it is exciting to see the fruits!

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 or call volunteer coordinator Angie Andrews at 319-290-3120 to pick a time. 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!

Please contact Mary Lisa Mueller 319-274-9650 or Angie Andrews with any questions.

Special Thanks to Jackie Malecek who helps with the overall scheduling chart and our amazing chefs Jo Grapp, Ann Northey and Dee Jordan.

From the Finance Committee

Happy September from the Finance Committee! The Finance Committee is looking into several options for earning reward dollars for the church and other choices for making pledge payments more convenient. There will be more information to come in the next month.

August has certainly been a busy month with last minute vacations, school shopping, the summer ending and kids returning to school. It is a time of increased expenses. With the winter months approaching, the church will be experiencing increased expenses as well. At the end of July, revenue was \$394,745.82, leaving a remaining balance of \$385,254.18 needed to meet our budget. That is 49% of the revenue needed between August and December to meet our budget. This is roughly \$32,000 less than receipts at this time last year. We have a long way to go. Now would be a great time to take advantage of E-Tithing option for pledging.

It is a simple way to have your pledge withdrawn weekly or monthly. There is one easy form to complete and a voided check or deposit slip is needed. The church takes care of the rest. At any time, the pledge amount can be changed if needed or the process can be cancelled. It is a great way to ensure pledges aren't forgotten and helps with your financial planning.

If you are interested in E-Tithing, the forms are available in the office or it can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have questions, please contact Becky Dietz, Financial Secretary (becky@wpcw.org) or any member of the Finance Committee.

2 Corinthians 9:7 New Living Translation (NLT)

7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." [a]

Thanks.

Best Regards,
Kristie Brown

Westminster Picture Directory

Photo directories are available at the church office Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. To cover the costs of the paper, printing and supplies, there is a \$5.00 charge per copy.

Westminster Scrip Cards

Please note that the scrip table will be now open the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning September 4. Scrip cards are perfect for the day-to-day shopping! The truly awesome part is that 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! We have a list of all the cards and their percentages and we can special order cards for you. Support the church and get your shopping done the easy way with Scrip cards.



YOU ARE INVITED to SUPPORT the MEMORY WALK!

On Saturday, September 24 many of our Deacons will be walking with thousands of other Cedar Valley residents to raise funds for Alzheimer research. If you want to walk please contact deacon Ryan Malecek at 287-5952. We'll start the day with pancakes at the Malecek's home and then journey downtown to walk the 2 mile circuit. If you can't walk, please consider giving a donation to one of our walkers. Deacons will be seeking walkers and donations at our all church picnic on September 11th.

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

Presbyterian Women

Executive Board Meeting will be Wednesday, September 7 at 10:30am in the adult library.

Circles will meet on Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 am in the adult library. Lesson 4: Dangerous Waters, Read Joshua 3.

PIECEMAKERS meets each Thursday 9:00-12:00.

We make quilts, lap robes, children's clothing for mission. Fellowship is the main by-product. We need seamstresses who can sew children's clothing. We have material, patterns, sewing machines. We need YOU. We welcome new members, regardless of their sewing ability or age.

Friendship Club

Friendship Club resumes on September 1 at 6:00 pm. Program is Danny Steiber on Barn Quilts and the hosts are Daryl and Mary Ann Riensche and Larry and Char Courtney. All are invited! Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

Westminster Church Calendar

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

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