



SEEKING **NEW PATHS**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Messenger

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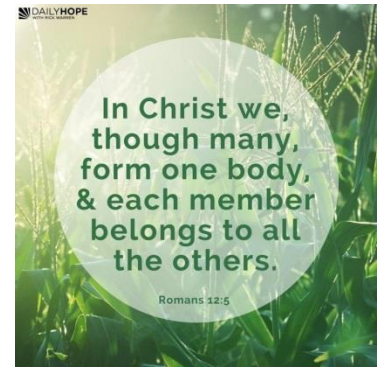
With Christ as our Cornerstone we Believe, Become, Belong, Build

from Pastor Tricia

As procrastination is my middle name, I am writing this article on the eve of August 31. I've just returned home from our Launch party for our *Come Together* year of Discovery Night. We had a great turnout, delicious dinner, fun worship and a great time tie-dying our t-shirts on a beautiful summer evening. If you missed out please join us next Wednesday, we would love to see you.

The words from Romans fit our theme so well as we come together, we all lift up each other. It is so important to support one another through the changes that life brings.

One of my first texts from our college age daughter, Hannah, informed me that she was joining the bell choir at William Jewell. I immediately thought back to all the teachers, pastors, and so many of you who have been there for Hannah teaching her unique skills and loving her through the ups and downs of her life.



(Picture is from the August 30 Launch worship service)

It is truly a privilege to be a faith community together, deepen your commitment in the days ahead as we *Come Together!!*

It is with great anticipation that I invite you to our fall kick off as we'll worship together at 10 am on September 10 in the sanctuary. Lots of planning has gone into this day and we'll have the added bonus of breaking ground for our Welcome Center expansion that will occur this fall. Huge thanks to the committee and all of you who continue to sacrifice to make this vision a reality.

We will also soon welcome our new music director, Patrick Marchant. I know you will so appreciate Patrick's amazing musical talent and outgoing personality. The search committee did an incredible job and much thanks to all who came out to sing with our candidates. Lastly, this new month will bring the opening of our Promise Music Academy, such a joy to see it all come together! Register your child if you haven't already.

To God be the Glory, great things God has done!!
Pastor Tricia

Welcome Patrick Marchant to Westminster!

Last spring, Session formed a Search Committee to begin looking for a new Director of Music Ministries. The Search Committee was comprised of Erin Arickx, Jo Broadston, Sarah Hellman, Don Kester and Kerri Powell, as well as Pastor Tricia Jacobs and Pastor Dan Voigt. We spent many hours meeting to update the job description, discuss the needs of the congregation from your surveys, reviewing many resumes and in prayer. We did select three candidates to bring in to participate in extended interviews and to meet with our staff, Chancel Choir and Praise Team. Each of those groups had the opportunity to provide feedback.

On behalf of the Search Committee, Personnel and Session, I am pleased to announce that we have hired Patrick Marchant as our Director of Music Ministries. Patrick will direct the Chancel Choir, Praise Team and LightShine. He will also work with our children's bell choir and the Promise Academy. Patrick will also administer the music program overall.



Patrick has a long history in music ministry. He is currently serving as a Worship Leader at a church in Wisconsin. He has experience with traditional, contemporary and blended music. He can work with instrumentalists and execute large productions. Patrick teaches and administers his own piano studio with students of all ages. He will be moving to Waterloo from the Green Bay area this month. We expect him to begin at Westminster mid-September.

Kerri Powell
Chair of Personnel



A Note From Patrick:

I am wonderfully excited to be joining the Westminster staff! I am a Wisconsin native (don't worry, I'm impartial to football teams) and graduated from St. Norbert College in 2016 with a Bachelor of Music in Collaborative Piano Performance. I've been working in church music programs since the age of 12 - first as an organist, choir accompanist, choir director, and most recently as a worship director. My first and foremost passion is music ministry, and having the opportunity to serve full-time in a church is a dream come true. Outside of church music I have experience teaching piano and voice, and coaching musical theatre material from middle school to Broadway auditions. When I'm not dedicating myself solely to music, my hobbies include being a coffee connoisseur, Christmas decorator-extraordinaire, and experimental chef. I will be moving to Waterloo and am eager to meet my new church family and the many adventures that Iowa will bring my way.

Fall Kick Off Celebration

As we prepare to begin an exciting new year, please join us on Sunday, September 10 - we will have just one service at 10:00 am.

The day will feature:

- 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
- Then we will break ground for our new Welcome Center expansion
- Catered lunch in the Shared Life Center
- Games and activities outside for all the kiddos including face painting and balloon art

Menu: Hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, mac & cheese, tossed salad, broccoli salad and homemade apple and fresh peach pie!

Tickets available in the Welcome Center on Sunday's and in the church office during the week. For your convenience you can also call 234-5501 to reserve tickets.

Tickets: \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 for ages 4 - 12 yrs., FREE for ages 3 and under, \$25.00 per household

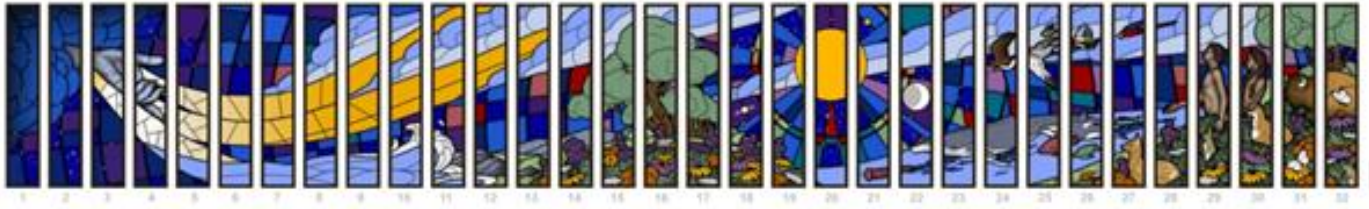
Guest passes are available if you would like to extend an invitation to someone. Check in at the ticket table or church office for details.

Seeking New Paths Update

Following is an update of the projects we have started:

1. Stained Glass:

This is the approved rendering of the Creation scene for our south sanctuary windows. We are waiting for pricing and a contract.



2. Message Sign:

Our new message sign has been installed! A much better visual of what's happening at Westminster!

3. New Welcome Center:

The Capital Campaign Committee has given their approval of a general contractor to begin construction of our new Welcome Center. More information will be available soon. We will hold a short groundbreaking ceremony on Kick Off Sunday, September 10.

4. Air Conditioning of the Educational Wing:

We have been meeting with the contractor and we will have an installation plan in place soon.

5. Video Monitors in the Sanctuary:

We have received pricing and the installer will be coming soon to demonstrate the new equipment.

Blessings!

Dean Thede

Capital Campaign, Property Chairman

Sermon Series

On September 10 we'll begin our 4th year of the Narrative Lectionary which does a sweep of the Bible from the Old Testament to the New Testament between September - May. During September we'll focus on texts from Genesis, a great beginning.

September 3	"Sabbath Part 2: Avoiding Slavery"	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
September 10	"A Creation Perspective"	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
September 17	"The Binding"	Genesis 21:1-3, 22:1-14
September 24	"The Responsible Self"	Genesis 28:10-17

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:

September 3	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Barb Ogden Worship Team
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September 10	10:00 am 1 Service	Sanctuary	Unity Choir
September 17	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Chancel Choir Worship Team
September 24	9:00 am 11:15 am	Sanctuary Shared Life Center	Meisteringers Worship Team, Messengers

Bell Choir Opportunity

Do you enjoy hearing the bell choir ring on Sundays? Would you like to give it a try yourself and learn more about the art of playing bells? We are considering starting a new bell choir on Wednesday nights this fall from 5:30-6:00 for adults and high school students who would enjoy learning to play this unique instrument. Prior music knowledge would not be required.

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Mabel Rempe at 296-8007 or mabel@rempefamily.net.



Promise Academy of Music

The Promise Academy of Music will begin in September offering music lessons to students. Private piano and ukulele instruction for 1st - 5th graders, Bell choir for 3rd - 5th graders and for ages 3-5 and their parents, Music & Movement classes on Saturday mornings. On line registration has begun. Registrations are encouraged by September 1, but as long as we still have openings, we can accept them until September 8.

Be sure to check out our website home page at www.wpcw.org for all information and to register your child!

Formation

Wes Pres Youth

Our year is beginning and we do have some changes for the first Wednesday of each month. If you did not pick up the info at our Wednesday night "Launch" event on Aug. 30, please refer to the "**Come Together**" schedule in this newsletter.

**WELCOME
BACK!**

Junior High and Senior High Parents

As you know, our youth program is a healthy and active program! In order to make these programs successful, we need your help. Please consider volunteering for several events this year.

At our "Launch", I had several sign-up sheets available for you to choose where you can help the most. If you did not sign up yet, here is a list of upcoming events:

-We have 9 junior high dances each year. (See the dates below) These dances help fund our summer trips as well as retreats and activities for BOTH junior and senior highs. **Dance dates are:** Sept. 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 23, April 20 and May 18. If our parents would sign-up for any two of these dances, we would have enough chaperones for each of them.

-Great Oaks camp (Lacon, Ill.) junior high retreat, Oct. 6, 7 and 8

-Feed My Starving Children Oct. 11

-Fear Factor Lock-in, Oct. 27 and 28

Email me at scottc@wpcw.org to sign up!

Junior highs

We will begin our regular Wednesday night schedule on Sept. 13! Susan and I are looking forward to a meaningful and fun year full of life lessons and surprises! So bring a friend to **YOUR** group and be ready for anything!

Dinner will be from 5:00 to 5:30, we gather in the junior high room from 5:30 to 6:30 and LightShine is from 6:30 to 7:15.



Senior highs

Our group will begin meeting on Wednesday night, Sept. 6 from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. We will be discussing several things regarding events that we will be considering this year! So, if you have calendars with your personal events, please bring them so we can plan around them! I also encourage you to bring a friend with you to your group! Dee and I look forward to a meaningful and wonderful year!

Confirmation

Susie Lund and I are very excited to begin our confirmation classes! We will begin on Sunday, Sept. 17 and classes will be held from 10:10 to 11:00. This year we will study the Old Testament and our faith! Notebooks and Bibles are provided for each student! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Junior High Dates

It is time for our junior high dances! Chaperones, we are always in need of your help! There will be sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center 2 weeks prior to each dance. Parents, this is a terrific way to help support your sons and daughter's trips to summer camps and retreats.

Sept. 8, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 23, March 23, April 20 and May 18.
If you have questions concerning our dances, please contact me.

Peace,
Scott Cose

Wes Pres Kids



I hope you all were able to **COME TOGETHER** on August 30 for the **Discovery Night LAUNCH PARTY!** We had a great time sharing a meal of lasagna together before a short worship followed by **TIE-DYE!** It was so much fun! The church provided everybody with shirts showcasing the new Discovery Night logo. Everybody got a chance to dye a shirt, make a commemorative button, play games, and get registered for Wednesday night activities.

On **September 6**, come back and get your finished **TIE-DYE** shirt! Alisa will have them washed and ready for pickup in the Social Hall when you come and eat with us at 5:00. At 6:00, before worship, we will take a picture of everybody in their shirts at the front of the Sanctuary. Then join us for an evening of games from 6:15-7:15 that are open to all ages and abilities.

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

Beginning this year, children and youth **beginning in 1st grade** have the opportunity to participate in a **new after school program** Westminster is offering. The Shared Life Center will be open from 3:00-5:00 pm for recreation. There will also be **Puppet Ministry** from 3:30-4:00 pm, and **Hand Bells** from 4:15-5:00 pm. At 5:00, children and youth may eat in the Social Hall. If your child or youth needs transportation from school, the church van will pick them up from school so they can participate in this program. You need to contact Scott or Alisa so they can make the proper arrangements for transportation.

On **September 17**, 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.

Mark your calendars! **The Fall Fest Family Fun Event** will be **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30!** 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 17.** Adults are \$3.00. Kids ages 3-12 are \$1.00. Kids ages 2 and under are FREE! This year members, Gail and Don Miller, have graciously offered to host this event at their beautiful home at 5630 Miller Creek Road in La Porte City. There is a large playset with swings, slides, and climbing ropes for the kiddos, as well as a small playhouse. There are many flower gardens for the adults to sit around, and lots of grass for the kids to play on. Basketball and Volleyball will also be available. There will be hayrack rides, as well as a fire pit for making S'mores. Please bring your own lawn chair to sit on, and any sports equipment you would like to share with the group. Please thank the Millers for their generosity the next time you see them!



On **October 4**, the first Wednesday of the month, from 6:00-7:15, 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.

Alisa Engelhardt

Fusion Group

The Fusion group will be starting their gatherings with a pot-luck on Saturday September 16 at the Voigt's (925 Lisa Dr.). Everyone is charged with bringing a dish that starts with the same first letter as the youngest person in your house. Blair and Dan will provide a main course that will have to start with an "S" (for Soren). Can't wait to see what you'll bring!

Also, we will be sharing ideas for things we want to do together throughout the year, so bring some thoughts, a rough idea of your calendar, and be ready to vote.

It's been too long friends.
Dan Voigt

Adult Education Opportunities

Beginning Sunday, September 17, we offer new opportunities for adult education!

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.

September 17 - October 15 during Sunday School hour. **Facilitator** - Pastor Voigt. **Where** - Library.

Possible/probably topics include:

- Empty nesting
- Dating
- Allowance
- Sabbath and self-care while parenting young kids
- Blended Families
- Children and Death
- Children and God/Faith
- Parenting Expectations vs. Reality



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. **Facilitator**-Pastor Jacobs. **Where**-Room 216.

The Journey



This adult discipleship class is an in depth study over 15 weeks. The class integrates spiritual formation, leadership development, and adult learning in a small group setting. Three questions are the basis of this endeavor: Who is God? Who am I? What does God intend for my life? Students will have opportunity for in depth Bible study, journaling and tremendous personal growth.

There are two class times:

Mondays from 6:30 to 8 pm beginning on 9/25.

Wednesdays from 6 to 7:15 pm beginning on 9/13.

Cost for materials is \$10.00 per session or \$150.00 for the 15 weeks. Scholarships are available so if you have a desire to explore this class, please don't let the cost prohibit your registration.

On **Sunday, September 3 at 10:15 am in the chapel** there will be an informational meeting. Please call Pastor Tricia, Pastor Dan or Troyce Vich if you can't attend the meeting and have questions or to register for the class.

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, August 20 at 7:00 pm in the Adult Library.

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

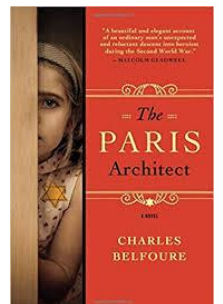
Books to Read -

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

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

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

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



Resources

Finance

Budget Summary for July, 2017.

	BUDGET SUMMARY				
	JULY	JULY	YTD	YTD	BUDGET
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 54,281.52	\$ 51,825.15	\$ 473,995.84	\$ 394,745.82	\$ 828,554.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 3,413.90	\$ 2,016.66	\$ 23,402.35	\$ 23,285.50	\$ 43,650.00
OPER & MAINT	\$ 9,218.62	\$ (3,197.93)	\$ 50,245.43	\$ 55,940.79	\$ 99,500.00
CHRISTIAN ED	\$ 4,092.66	\$ 2,640.75	\$ 9,741.62	\$ 10,523.57	\$ 23,300.00
PERSONNEL	\$ 39,962.11	\$ 37,986.00	\$ 284,628.18	\$ 260,755.37	\$ 530,045.00
MISSION	\$ 12,012.10	\$ 7,354.26	\$ 39,800.23	\$ 51,807.90	\$ 82,000.00
MUSIC & WORSHIP	\$ 433.00	\$ 381.15	\$ 5,564.58	\$ 5,975.54	\$ 15,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 189.65	\$ 115.34	\$ 1,500.00
HOSPITALITY & DEACONS	\$ 125.13	\$ 261.32	\$ 1,609.96	\$ 2,145.98	\$ 5,000.00
MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH	\$ 328.57	\$ 82.20	\$ 2,287.66	\$ 1,735.14	\$ 5,700.00
PER CAPITA	\$ 1,904.91	\$ 1,822.67	\$ 13,334.37	\$ 12,758.69	\$ 22,859.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 71,491.00	\$ 49,347.08	\$ 430,804.03	\$ 425,043.82	\$ 828,554.00
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ (17,209.48)	\$ 2,478.07	\$ 43,191.81	\$ (30,298.00)	

AmazonSmile

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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, 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 from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to 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), 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 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?

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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

Summer Sewing with the Piecemakers

Westminster has a very special group of ladies who tend to keep a rather low profile, yet provide a valuable ministry to our community and our world-wide missions. The Piecemakers meet each Thursday morning from 9:00 - noon in our Westminster Sewing Room. This summer I was able to join the ladies almost every week. I initially went knowing that I could sew and have always liked making quilts. By summer's end I left with a far greater understanding of the scope of this ministry, met a bunch of lively and social ladies, plus got involved in many of the steps of the pieced quilt making process.



Currently our Piecemakers create a variety of sewing projects. Each of the Habitat for Humanity families is given a full sized quilt. I recently visited with one of the women who will be receiving her quilt this fall. She is a single parent with a disabled son. One way she supports her son's needs is to snuggle him tightly when he is upset. This gives him a secure feeling and helps to soothe him. The mother was so touched to know that her quilt would soon be coming. She plans to use this to support her son. Habitat homeowners need a lot to get a fresh start in a new home. These gifts are appreciated in an extra special way.

Dozens of twin sized quilts are created for kids in foster care system. So often, foster care kids move from place to place and have very little to call their own. These quilts will stay with them. In the spring, a number of young adults also "graduate" from foster care as they complete high school. The Piecemakers create a quilt for these students. Besides the needed pots and pans and microwaves, the hand-crafted gift of a quilt shows that we support them in their next journey.

In addition, the Piecemakers make quilts for the Red Cross, our mission projects and for infants in special care programs. They make clothing for children served in our schools and mission projects. One lady devotes her time to making tiny underpants with great love. The Piecemakers are happy to respond to other groups as requested. AND each week the ladies take a mid-morning social break with a little coffee, fruit, and pastries. After the session, many share lunch together. New volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

Piecemaker Friends... thanks for welcoming me to your ministry and I look forward to joining you next summer.

Mary Lisa Mueller

Feed My Starving Children

SAVE THE DATES! We are drawing near to our **11th YEAR** hosting Feed My Starving Children food packing. Save the dates of October 9, 10 and 11 (Mon. - Wed.) to volunteer. **On line registration will be available on Monday, September 18.** 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.

Continue to collect for your M&M tubes and bring them with you on Sunday, September 17!

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	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Youth Night

Free Community Breakfast - Sat. Sept. 2 - 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 5:30 pm and this includes food prep, serving line or greeting
- * CLOSING which is 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm and could include serving, assisting with carrying trays and the inevitable joy of clean up!

Volunteers are always needed! Check out the sign up sheets in the Welcome Center! Please contact Mary Lisa Mueller [319-274-9650](tel:319-274-9650) with any questions.

Care

Fall Prayer Vigil

On Saturday, September 30 the Deacons will host a fall prayer vigil. Between the hours of 6:00 am and 4:00 pm, choose a 30 minute time slot to come and pray in our Chapel or walk the church or you may sign up to pray at home during a specific time. The Labyrinth will also be available.

Sign up begins on Sunday, September 10 in the Welcome Center.



Deacon Medical Equipment Lending Program

We have available the following items to be loaned on a short term basis to Westminster members: Wheel Chair, Walker, Bed Rail, Shower Chair, Cane, Crutches and others.

Due to the generous donation from a Westminster Church family, we now have available an electric wheelchair if there is ever a need. Contact the church office if you are in need or should you have any items that we can use, please let us know by calling 234-5501. Thank you!

From Membership & Outreach

Galatians 6:10 reads *"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers"*.

There is an "opportunity" to help with our family here at Westminster. We have a food stockpile in the Church's freezer that is used to help members in a time when they can't shop or cook. For instance, when someone has had a knee or hip replacement, our pastors, deacons or other members can grab a casserole, soup or food dish from our food stockpile and bring it to a member on a visit. There are many different situations where something home-cooked can make someone feel loved and cared for by our church family.

Many of you are excellent cooks and many times we make more than we need. Please consider contributing to this "opportunity". For more information, please contact Cathie Mieke at camiehe@gmail.com or [319-290-9034](tel:319-290-9034).

Other Church News

Over 60 Fellowship

We will travel to the Field of Dreams in Dyersville on Thursday, September 21. We will leave the church at 11:00 am (1 hour drive) and have lunch at noon at the Country Junction Restaurant & Gift Shop. Then, we will take a 30 minute tour (at 1:30 pm) of the historical house (\$12.00 ea./per 15 people) and get a look at the amazing Field of Dreams (free) (9 min drive). Invite your friends to go along with Pastor Dan for an enjoyable day together.

"Just like playing on the baseball field, touring the farm house will take you back in time and place... like you're a cast member in the film!"

Sign up at the office (234-5501).

Friendship Club

Join us at Friendship Club on Thursday, September 7 at 6 pm for a potluck supper followed by a presentation by Sondra Cabell from Buchanan County Conservation. She will be speaking on "Saving the Monarch Butterflies" and is planning to bring monarch butterflies that we will band and then release. Everyone is welcome.



Presbyterian Women

Executive Board: Wednesday, Sept. 6, 10:00 in the Children's Library

Circle: Wednesday, Sept. 20, 10:00, Children's Library

Lesson 4: Jesus, According to John

Study John 1; 9; 10

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 August 22 meeting.

Our Condolences

- Ron Coenen and his family on the passing of his brother Kevin.
 - The family of Jerry Pieters who passed away.
 - Karlene Kischer Browne and her family on the passing of her husband David.
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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.