



 TO THE FLOCK
--Pastor Shamaine

One of the things I love best about being a small church is our ability to pivot. At the beginning of the summer when we realized that the AC in the sanctuary wasn't able to keep up, we moved worship to Ward Hall. I was headed out of town so was a little worried that we would miss the sanctuary and how everyone would adjust to the changes.

When I touched down in Des Moines after my trip multiple people got in touch to tell me how wonderful worship had been while I was gone. They told me about welcoming visitors, the joy of sitting close together, liking the less formal format, and how great it was to be able to hear everyone around them singing. I needn't have worried. Worship this summer has been a gift!

Date			Psal
10/4	World Communion Sunday	Exodus 1:8--24; 2:1-10 Israel is in slavery. Hebrew midwives and Moses' mother and sister resist	124
10/11	21st Sunday of Pentecost 21	Exodus 3:1-15; 4:10-17 God reveals the divine name "I Am." Moses is a reluctant messenger, but God uses him to deliver Israel	123
10/18	22nd Sunday of Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God's sacrifice of the lamb God's deliverance	145
10/25	Reformation Sunday	Exodus 14:10-29 The sea parts at the exodus; this is God's gift of deliverance	114

On October 4 we return to the sanctuary to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Now, I'm a little worried we will miss worshipping in our less formal setting. As we return to our holy space, I hope we will bring with us a little of:

- that ease of welcoming newcomers
- joy of sitting closer together
- confidence of singing with others, and
- generally being one body of Christ together.

We get a fresh start, so look around, put a little less space between you and others, and move out of your comfort zone—let's take some of that summer feeling back into the sanctuary with us!

FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT WPC

JOIN OUR
INQUIRER'S
CLASS

and learn more
about Windsor
and what it means to
be Presbyterian

 Contact Pastor Sharnika for more information

If you are new to Windsor PC and are interested in learning more about the church and what it means to be Presbyterian you are invited to join our Inquirer's class. If you are interested in the class, just let Pastor Shamaine know and what questions you have.

We will be meeting on Sundays, October 18th and 25th after fellowship time. Feel free to join in.

Let's be the church, together!
Shamaine



WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OPERATING ACCOUNT - AUGUST 2026

	AUGUST	1 Month Budget Figure	Year To Date-Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Contributions	\$ 18,120.00	\$ 13,958.33	\$ 132,632.05	\$ 111,666.67
Operating Income	1,635.03	4,316.67	16,138.00	34,533.33
Operating Expenses	19,302.78	18,275.00	145,998.87	146,200.00
Net Gain(Loss)	\$ 452.25	\$ -	\$ 2,771.18	\$ -

A Look at August Financials

The month of August was a good step forward for Windsor in keeping our financial status moving ahead. We did receive two nice gifts during the month of \$2,000 from one person, \$3,000 from another (related back to July), both for Operations and another gift of \$500 for Capital Income. We had a month of about \$500 in Total profit for the Operating Fund with Total Income being \$1,500 over budget and Total Expenses being \$1,000 over budget for the Operating Fund. We had some extra expense in Building and Grounds due to another bill from Bell Brothers for air conditioning related work. We also had some extra expense in Stewardship and Mission as we paid Presbytery for Christmas Joy offerings and One Great Hour of Sharing offerings that we had collected previously this year. Other expenses generally remained lower than budget in August. Total cash in bank has continued to remain strong for the eight months year to date at \$17,300 at August 31.

Land Sale Account

Interest Income in the amount of \$16,141.72 for 2026 is shown up to July 31, 2026 in the Land Sale Receipts and Disbursements. More will be reported for September as our CD's are on three-month rotations.

Sunday Volunteer Schedule - October 2026

	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25
Usher	Don B	Steve N	Don B	Beth S
Greeter	Beth S	Don B	Beth S	Steve N
Worship Assistant	Cindy R	Linda N	Cindy R	Richard A
Fellowship	Judy H	Shelly W	Sue C	Linda N
Zoom Host	Richard A	John B	Richard A	John B
Slides	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M
Sound	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M

When I rise
let me rise up joyful
like a bird.

When I fall
let me fall without regret
like a leaf.



-Wendell Berry (1934-2026)
from The Mad Farmer Poems.

WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN

ELDERS & DEACONS

Special thanks to our Elders and Deacons who faithfully serve Windsor Presbyterian Church and make a meaningful impact in our church and community.

Elders

- Krysta Tomes
- Dana Mitchell
- Ron Grohe
- Beth Schmitz
- Laura Ward
- Tracy Miskell-Branch
- Dwight Tomes, clerk

Deacons

- Nancy Snyder
- Steve Nichols
- Sue Cooper
- Shelly Weatherby
- Lori Pope
- Becky Young
- Jim Newsom, CFUM

Fall is in the air and that means that Mission and Outreach at Windsor Presbyterian Church is on the move with lots of great opportunities to spread God’s generosity to others.

Our Local Community Support

We have recently supported the following local nonprofit organizations with \$250 each, including:

- Joppa
- EveryStep
- Eppworth United Methodist
- Beacon of Life
- Parks Community Thanksgiving Meal and
- Dorothy’s House



Partnering with Area Schools

We have renewed our partnership with the area schools (Windsor Elementary and Cowles Montessori) with Back to School supplies and now look forward to the next connection with them, likely our Christmas Family Adoption or Teacher appreciation treats.



Addressing Food Insecurity Needs in Des Moines

- We partner with **CFUM** (Children and Families Urban Movement) once a month to prepare and serve home-cooked meals for The Supper Club evening meal program for anyone in the Moulton Elementary School community feeding nearly 150 children and adults.
- we are slowly encompassing the **Fresh Start** meal for recently released incarcerated women into our hands providing home-cooked meals several times a year.
- The **Little Hunger Hike** is October 4 directly after worship services. Each year we hike in our neighborhood to raise awareness of food insecurity needs in our own community and encourage our neighbors to join us in not only giving food or a financial donation to **DMARC Food Pantry**, but also to our neighborhood **Little Food Pantries**. We walk, fill and pray over the 2 Little Food Pantries on University Avenue in Windsor Heights. This is a great opportunity to recognize the reality of food insecurity and celebrate what little things can do to address a big concern.

Presbyterian Special Offerings Support

The Special Offerings through the Presbyterian Church USA include three offerings each year.

- One Great Hour of Sharing (February 18-April 5);
- World Communion Offering (September 6 through October 4); and
- Christmas Joy Offering (November 29-December 20)



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We have had the fortune to spread so many Blessings throughout our community and I feel lucky to be part of Mission at Windsor Presbyterian. Many of the things we do are a direct result of a member bringing an idea to the Mission team. So, please bring your ideas to the team and get involved in one or more of our projects. I promise that you will feel uplifted when you do.

COMMUNITY IN PHOTOS – Dwight Tomes



TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT - Kaitlin Mogle



As October approaches join us in hosting an evening of family-friendly fun for our neighborhood on Halloween, October 31st, through our Annual FREE Trunk or Treat event in our Parking Lot and Fellowship Hall from 5:30-7:30PM. There will be something for everyone: from traditional candy -- to games and prizes -- to popcorn and hot chocolate. Please come and wear family friendly costumes and get to know our neighbors.

Would you volunteer to decorate a car, hand out candy, help with games/prizes, greet families, or help in the kitchen with popcorn and hot chocolate? I am also looking for some candy and food donations.

We will have signs and a banner to hang from the building to catch more eyes and bring in even more community members. We will also advertise online with Cowles and Windsor Elementary, as well as Des Moines Parent's community calendar. And if you can help spread the word – we will have another fantastic event!

Please do not hesitate to ask questions if they come up. I will be making more announcements as we get closer and have a better idea of the plans. If you would like to donate, please text me or let me know in person. I appreciate this church family and I am incredibly grateful for all of the support for this wonderful event!

VOLUNTEER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build at Pope Leo Village

During the week of October 20th-24th, volunteers will raise walls and begin the exterior work at 2 of the 3 duplexes in the Pope Leo Village.

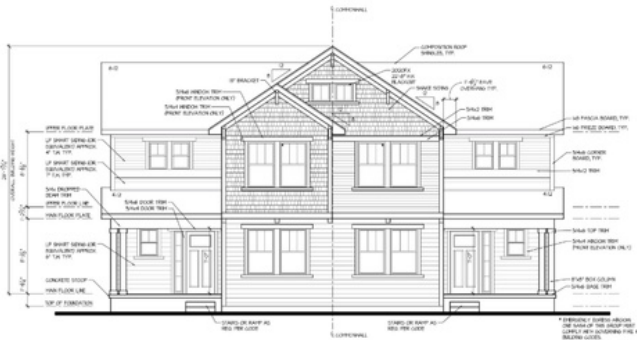
WPC would like to put together a group of 5-10 volunteers to help build a two-story duplex in the Pope Leo Village on either:

- Wednesday, October 21st, 8AM-4PM, or
- Thursday, October 22nd, 8AM-4PM

Tasks may include raising walls, installing top plate, setting floor trusses, sheeting deck, and installing the second-floor stairs. Habitat will provide instruction, tools, and safety gear. No experience is needed to participate, just a willingness to learn!

Please contact Dana Mitchell for more information or to volunteer by Tuesday, October 6

Find out more about Habitat for Humanity at gdmhabitat.org



Pope Leo Village house plans depicting a two-story duplex. Three units will be built on the site, providing six total affordable homes.