



WINDSOR  
PRESBYTERIAN  
JULY 2026



### A Curriculum of Love: Deepening our Love for God, Our Neighbor, and Ourselves

*adapted from the curriculum introduction:* This summer we are trying to grow in our walk with Jesus. Walking in the way of Jesus is an invitation to a totally different way of living, a shift from a reality of fear and separation into one of love and unity. Jesus called those who would follow to “come and see” this new Way of Jesus. This is not a theological concept or something to understand intellectually. This path of Jesus is an invitation to journey deeper into the heart of God, the Kingdom of God, the reality of God.

We are being called into this journey of transformation —of understanding God’s unconditional love for us. When you begin to understand yourself as a BELOVED child of God, you are able to love God and your neighbor from a place of gratitude and awe for God’s great love for you, all humanity, and all creation.

I encourage you to read the scriptures and ponder the questions during the week to prepare for worship on Sunday. Then do the journaling/spiritual practices during the week for reflection and further growth and to embody the lesson the best you can.

This curriculum seeks to help you and your group go deeper in this transformation work. Through each of the sessions, you will be invited not just to listen to a reflection or read scripture, but take a spiritual practice home with you to play with throughout the week. We are invited to embody that lesson the best we can.

I am so excited for my vacation to Portugal. I will be with other Pastors and Presbyterians for a time of holy rest and joyful wandering. While I am gone, you are in for such a treat. In this curriculum we have thought about how we love God. Before we move onto how we love our neighbors, we need to think about how we love ourselves. For if we are not able to love ourselves, how will we be able to love God or our neighbor? Some of the concepts and terms in this part of the curriculum have a basis and resonance with psychology so we have asked WPC’s therapists (Beth Schmitz, Tracy Miksell-Branch, and David Steenson) to help us better understand. On July 5th, they will speak about facing and making peace with our shadow selves. On July 12th, Bob Culbertson is our guest preacher and will tackle the unenviable subject of shame. I am so excited about what they have prepared. You are in for such a treat!

May we be love as Jesus was love, for our sake, and for the sake of a hurting world.

--Shamaine

#### Curriculum of Love Scriptures for July

Date	Week	Deepening Our Love for God, Our Neighbor, and Ourselves
<b>Loving Ourselves</b>		
7/5	6	<b>Facing the Shadows Within— Guest Speakers Beth S, Tracy MB, David S</b> Luke 4:1-13, Ephesians 2:14-22, Psalm 46
7/12	7	<b>Healing from Shame—Rev. Bob Culbertson preaching</b> Mark 5:21-43, Isaiah 43:1-7
7/19	8	<b>Being Fully Alive with Christ</b> Mark 1:14-15, Luke 13: 10-17, John 10:10, Psalm 23
<b>Loving Our Neighbors</b>		
7/26	9	<b>What Gets in the Way of Loving our Neighbor?</b> Mark 10:17-22, Luke 10:25-37, Isaiah 55:6-9

# MONTHLY FINANCIALS – Ron Grohe

The month of May was a bit of a step backward from our last two months of having Net Income in the Operating Fund. We had a Net Loss of \$5,200 for the month. Total Income was \$5,900 under budget as General Contributions were \$3,200 below budget. Total Expenses were \$700 under budget. No transfers of funds from other areas were needed in May.

## WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OPERATING ACCOUNT - MAY 2026

	May	1 Month Budget Figure	Year To Date-Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Contributions	\$ 10,761.00	\$ 13,958.33	\$ 70,376.69	\$ 69,791.67
Operating Income	1,570.00	4,316.67	11,725.85	21,583.33
Operating Expenses	17,538.91	18,275.00	86,527.58	91,375.00
Net Gain(Loss)	\$ (5,207.91)	\$ -	\$ (4,425.04)	\$ -

We did receive one large contribution of \$2,000 which helped boost our income. Actual expenses were, again, generally lower than budget except for Building & Grounds Expense as we paid about \$2,600 to Bell Brothers for scheduled maintenance for heating and air conditioning equipment. Our Cash in Bank at the end of the month remains strong at a balance of \$10,700.

### Land Sale Account:

Interest Income in the amount of about \$1,500 was received for April and May.

## JULY 2026 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### July Highlights

- 2 CFUM Meal Prep & Serve Ministry
- 5 Special Worship Service w/ Beth S, Tracy MB and Dave S
- 7 Building & Grounds Zoom Mtg
- 9 Prayer Circle
- 12 Worship Service Guest Preacher Bob Culbertson
- 16 Women's Luncheon
- 19 Food Pantry Sunday
- 23 Worship Team Meeting
- 27 Outreach Team Meeting

### July Birthdays

- 2 Ryan Newsom
- 4 Esther Chol
- 6 Deja McCubbin

### July Anniversaries

- 10 Erich & JoAnn Hirschberger
- 16 Ryan & Heather Carlson
- 20 John Baker & Shelly Weatherby

## JULY 2026 SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### Sunday Volunteer Schedule - July 2026

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Usher	Don B	Beth S	Steve N	Judy H
Greeter		Lori P	Beth S	Steve N
Worship Assistant	Judy H	Don B	Cindy R	Tracy MB
Fellowship	Linda N/Mary S			Ron G
Zoom Host	John B	Richard A	John B	Richard A
Slides	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M
Sound	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M

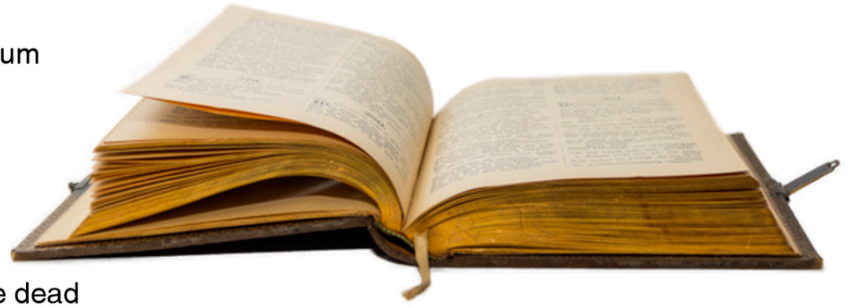


# WPC MEMBER REFLECTION - Nancy Snyder

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## Jesus...7 Signs

1. John 2:9 Jesus turns water to wine at Cana
2. John 4:50 Jesus heals official's son at Capernaum
3. John 5:7-8 Jesus heals the lame man
4. John 6:1-13 Jesus feeds the 5000
5. John 6:15-21 Jesus walks on water
6. John 9:6-7 Jesus heals the blind man
7. John 11:43-44 Lazarus raised from the dead
  - o OR (some say) Jesus Christ raised from the dead



Tucked away on a piece of loose paper in one of my bibles was the list of Jesus and the seven signs. At some point Shamaine had told me where to find them, but why had I never wondered more about them? What are they telling me about Jesus? And what is Jesus teaching me? Time for searching! Time for pondering!

## My searching: (with Google help)

Theologian's point out very defining meanings of Jesus:

- The first sign shows that Jesus is the divine Messiah and that this is His first public ministry.
- In the second one, Jesus is at Galilee and the son at Capernaum: Jesus used the power of the spoken word and was the divine Master of distance.
- The paralytic never could get to the water first; Jesus showed the power of divine Time.
- With the feeding of the 5000, Jesus is the ultimate provider and the "Bread of Life."
- When he walks on water, he has divine control over nature.
- Healing the man blind from birth, Jesus has divine power over time and symbolically the sign points to Jesus as the light of the world.
- Lazarus raised from the dead points to Jesus' ultimate power and established Him as the resurrection and the Life.

## My pondering:

- Hospitality was important to Jesus and it is important today. I need to be hospitable to all.
- Jesus felt compassion and he healed the two men; I need to feel compassion and pray for those with health issues.
- Jesus fed 5000. My actions should show that I help feed those that are hungry, and help fill our food pantry.
- Jesus walks on water, and my faith that he masters all is stronger.
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus is showing great compassion to those in sorrow. He teaches me to care for those sorrowing and pray for their peace.
  - o For me, I like to think of Christ being raised from the dead as the 7<sup>th</sup> sign. That builds on the faith I have that Jesus died, was buried, and rose on the third day. He did that so that my sins are forgiven and I receive Grace. He also did that so that I may live in service for Him.

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## PRESBYTERY NEWS



### All-Iowa Presbytery Gathering Saturday, August 29

Please mark your calendar for the Iowa Presbyterians Gathering, an important time of fellowship and further updates from councils, commissions, and committees of the three presbyteries.



# OUTREACH MINISTRY



**Little FOOD PANTRY DONATION NEEDS**

- GRANOLA BARS
- CEREAL BARS
- CEREAL
- CANNED CHICKEN/TUNA
- KNORR'S PASTA OR RICE
- IDAHOIAN POTATOES
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS
- SHELF STABLE TORTILLAS
- TUNA HELPER
- MAC & CHEESE
- RAMAN MEALS
- FRUIT CUPS/APPLESAUCE
- KETCHUP/MUSTARD



Preventing homelessness with compassion.

### CROSS Outreach Back to School Giveaway 2026

It's the 34th Annual Back to School Giveaway, sponsored by CROSS Outreach, partnering with DMARC Food Pantries— Wouldn't YOU love to help?

#### Volunteer Opportunities July 13th or 14th

Please sign up in advance by calling, emailing, or texting to:

Lisa Kilian at [kilianlmfl@gmail.com](mailto:kilianlmfl@gmail.com) or 515-205-0981

Please leave your name, phone number, email and the date you wish to volunteer.

- **Monday, July 13th, 2026** 5:30 pm-7:30 pm  
DMARC 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA  
-setting up and organizing supplies, tables
- **Tuesday, July 14th, 2026** 5:30 pm-7:30 pm  
DMARC 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA  
-packing supplies in backpacks, assembly line

Our Little Food Pantries are in need of cereal, cans of chicken, soup, dry milk, and travel size hygiene items, such as shampoo, lotion, sunscreen, deodorant, and toothpaste.

Thank you for giving so generously to the needs of our surrounding community.

We are collecting money for this year's Backpack Giveaway. A donation of \$20 fills a backpack for a student — deadline for contributions is **SUNDAY, JULY 5th**

(see Beth S with questions)

# SACRED MOMENTS BOOK – Natalie Steenson



**WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN**  
*Sacred Moments*

God so loved the world. The world is a beautiful, holy and sacred place where we can encounter God in creation and in each other. God meets with us moment by moment in the ordinary and the extraordinary.

### Sacred Moments Commemorative Book Available

Get a printed collection of the past 3 years of our **Sacred Moments** quarterly emailed newsletters as a soft bound book for \$20. A copy is available for you to view in Ward Hall. To order, contact Natalie Steenson, the church office, or sign up on the "Sacred Moments Book" order sheet in Ward Hall by September 1. These would make wonderful personal devotional books or for Christmas giving!

It is with deep gratitude for the remarkable community that has brought this collaborative work to life. A special thank you to the talent and generosity of the individuals who have contributed to these issues of Sacred Moments.

Your approach, creativity, and thoughtfulness in writing, poetry, and photography have been a true gift—one that has been an honor to display and share with readers over the past three years.

Thank you to Dwight, Elaina, Anna, Allie, Shamaine, Linda, Jim, Beth, Angie, and Annika for touching us all and for helping us see and experience a deeper revelation of God in both the ordinary and the extraordinary. May God continue to bless others through this collection, using your work to inspire reflection, wonder, and sacred awareness of the Holy One.

-Natalie Steenson  
February 2026

# JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2 1:30pm - CFUM Meal Prep @ 3:30pm - Set Up/Serve CFUM	3 Facebook Follow Fridays	4
5 10:15am - Patriotic Hymn 10:30am - Worship	6 4:30pm - Building&Grounds	7	8	9 2:30pm - Prayer Circle @	10 Facebook Follow Fridays	11
12 10:30am - Worship	13	14 9:30am - Text Study	15	16 11:30am - Women's Lunch @	17 Facebook Follow Fridays	18
19 10am - Food Pantry Sunday 10:30am - Worship	20	21 9:30am - Text Study	22	23 5:45pm - Worship Team	24 Facebook Follow Fridays	25 Churchmouse Deadline
26 10:30am - Worship	27 5:30pm - Outreach Team	28 9:30am - Text Study	29	30	31 Facebook Follow Fridays	1



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