

To the Flock . . .

Will You Follow? WPC Lent 2022

What an amazing church! When I saw the dates of the Israel/Palestine trip, I almost didn't sign up because Lent is a terrible time of year to be gone, especially the first two weeks, and even more so when your worship team decides to dig a little deeper than usual for Lent and Holy Week.

You showed up. I was able to watch a WOW and a worship service from my time away and I was blown away. Did you see the way the worship assistants and Natalie, Cindy and Jim so ably led the congregation in being in God's presence? And the **testimonies** the last four weeks have been holy and beautiful, precious and instructive. We have gotten to see each others hearts for God and for God's world.

I have loved these testimonies so much. They have not been easy for some of you to give, but you have shared your faith in such meaningful ways. The worship of God by the people of God—that is the way it is supposed to be. Thank you to everyone who has shared. The testimonies have added so much to our worship and our life together. I am convinced that testimony is an essential part of our community's life together.

This is good spiritual practice, not easy but transforming for

individuals and for us as a congregation. As we have learned about these spiritual disciplines, we have figured out that we will never master any of them, but if we are faithful, God will use these spiritual habits to change us more and more to reflect Christ's goodness and love into the world. At Windsor on Wednesdays, we have learned about these practices and tried out new ways of approaching prayer, service, generosity, and scripture.

In the next two weeks, we will learn about fasting and solitude, two of the less popular spiritual disciplines. If you are willing to share a testimony or have experience or thoughts about these, please let me know. The purpose of all these practices is to remind us of how much God loves us and to help us to put Jesus at the center and follow him in each moment of every day.

As we go into Holy Week, I hope that you will give yourself the gift of allowing yourself to fully experience the pain and difficulty of Jesus' last days, his crucifixion and his death. Follow him to the cross. If you only come on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, you miss the most important part of our scriptures and our faith. About a third of each gospel is devoted to the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. The worship team is putting together beautiful services that will try to capture the drama of John's telling of Christ's passion.

Holy Week has always been the most important time in the church's life and I hope you will take the time to worship with us. **Palm Sunday** begins the week, remembering Jesu's triumphal entry and his sadness over what was coming. **Maundy Thursday** commemorates the **mandate** to love and serve as Jesus demonstrated by washing the disciples feet. Our Thursday evening worship will include communion and foot washing. **Good Friday** is

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Christian Formation - Angie King

Windsor on Wednesday

As we continue to **follow** Jesus on our Lenten journey

to the cross, I heartily encourage you to zoom in on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 for WOW when we are studying spiritual disciplines. Prayer, service, and generosity were the first three. The next three are study, fasting, and



solitude. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn and practice different ways to bring ourselves closer to God.

Presbyterian Women

Our Presbyterian Women's group will meet Saturday, April 16, at 10:00 in Ward Hall. We will begin a two-part study of Mary. She is the only woman to be named in the last section of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus. She is the only woman mentioned since the time of David and the "wife of Uriah," Bathsheba, who isn't named at all. Typically, only fathers are named in the "begats" (somebody begat somebody, who begat somebody, etc. etc.). Sidestepping the customary formula, Joseph is listed as "the husband of Mary," and Mary is given the added phrase, "of whom Jesus was born." Our lessons about the "grandmothers" have been interesting and enlightening. Please join us.

Easter

Easter is a time of ultimate sacrifice that completely transcends our understanding,

followed by the incomprehensible glory of the resurrection. Victor Hugo said, "The reappearance of the light is the same as the survival of the soul." Our Lord Jesus is the



Light, and through Him, our souls survive.

Have a Happy, Blessed Easter.

Re-formation of the Congregation

On Saturday, March 26, nine members of Windsor participated in the first session of a four-part seminar on revitalizing and reforming our congregations. It was held at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ames and on Zoom. Those attending in person were Barb Duff, Ron Grohe, Linda Newsom, Natalie Steenson, Cindy Ray, Dwight Tomes, Krysta Tomes, and Pastor Shamaine. Angie King participated on Zoom

The next sessions will be held on July 9, September 24, and November 18-19. The July and September sessions will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Ames, and the November session will be held at Lakeshore Center at Okoboji.

The purpose of the seminar is to equip church leaders and pastors for ministry in

this rapidly-changing time and help them strengthen the local church's worship, witness, and engagement in God's mission. The sessions will include intentional study, worship, and fellowship.

WPC will pay for your lunch. There is no fee for the sessions, although you will be asked to pay for your room and board for the fourth session at Lakeshore Center.

Contact Pastor Shamaine if you are interested. To register:

- go to dmpresbytery.org/2021/11/17/re-formation-of-the-congregation/
 - or contact the presbyteries office at 319-233-1747.







Josh McKenna's Ordination & Installation

Our good friend Josh has been extended a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Kirksville, MO. He will be ordained and installed on Sunday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Shamaine is planning to attend and would love to have members of the congregation join her on the 3-hour drive. We are so proud of Josh and send him our best wishes for his first church as an ordained pastor!

Monthly Social

All are invited for a monthly get-together at Louie's on Wednesday, April 13, at 3:00 p.m. It is located at 42nd and University, near Campbell's and Hy-Vee. Please RSVP by April 11 to Ruth at <u>ruth.crossroads@gmail.com</u>. For cancelations, please provide a 24-hour notice.

Women's Lunch

Our women's lunch will be on Thursday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m. at Gazali's Mediterranean, 15700 Hickman Road in Clive. This is west on Hickman just past Nebraska Furniture Mart. Please RSVP to Ruth <u>ruth.crossroads@gmail.com</u> by Monday, April 18. For cancellations, please provide a 24-hour notice.

Message Left Under Our Door:

"I am someone who you gave \$10.00 cash to, through Trinity Methodist Church, 8th and College or Clark, at Christmas through supper program. I bought new soft shoes with it. That is very kind of you. Lots have budget constraints. Thank you forever!!!! Friends of CFUM



Birthdays

- 4 Joan Curtis
- 6 Rod Enochs
- 14 Chris Mogle
- 15 Sean McCubbin
- 15 Shelley Mitchell
- 17 Savannah Carlson
- 17 Kenzie Bungert
- 28 Kani Mukhtar
- 30 Leon Sanderson (90)
- 30 Ker Tuany

Anniversaries

22 Jim & Georgia Burnes

(Let the office know if we are missing your birthday or anniversary.)





(To add or remove a name, contact the church office.)

Recent Prayer Requests: Family of Billy Paschall (Ross' brother), Aria (infant relative of Barb P), Family of Shane Denman (Randi P's nephew)

Continuing Prayers: Brad Behrens, Chuck & Phyllis Bryan, Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Dick Cox, Wanda Hill, Eric Lawlor, Maurice Lubalo, Virginia Nichols, Barb Pomeroy, Steve Pope, Sandi Ryan, Leon & Lucy Sanderson, Judy Teig

Friends of the Church: Kayla (treatment for MS) and Marvin (Angie K), Bruce Baker (Gloria Ashby's brother-in-law), Nancy Jo Baker (Barb P), Jean Bower, Vickie Brown, Gisma Butras (Esther C), Natalie C (Shamaine), Linda Christiansen (Angie K), Barb Dally (Laura W), Donna Eckham, Rev. Jim Goodrich (Dick W), Norma Grinstead (Linda Newsom), Anna Krull

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Mission & Stewardship - Rich Teig

Besides money donations for **DMARC Food Pantry**, 15 food items and 30 personal care items were donated and delivered in February. Government SNAP money is being reduced to the pre-pandemic levels in April. Depending on the family size and income level, this could mean a decrease by \$95 to \$230 per month. As a result, the Food Pantry is expecting that more people will be seeking food assistance. Your money donations will be appreciated even more.

In February, Windsor Presbyterian Church shared \$250 with **CROSS Outreach** and \$250 with the **Calvin Good Samari**tan fund. WPC continues to support local ministry agencies.



Bob, Jim, Linda, Barb D, Randi

On March 3, WPC volunteers prepared 130 meals for **CFUM**. The weather was still cold on that day, so meals were left inside the Trinity United Methodist Church instead of being handed out on the sidewalk in front of the church.

During Lent we are collecting offerings for the PCUSA special offering called **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS).** OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year for a better world. Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food



sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS – **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, the **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, and the **Self-Development of People** – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits to-

gether to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope.

- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** has been providing assistance for refugees, and in 2020 provided \$3.5 million for COVID-19 response. This program is already helping refugees from Ukraine.
- **Presbyterian Hunger Program** has also been addressing food insecurity and other emergency needs due to the pandemic.
- Self-Development of People has funded 10 national partners and 3 international partners just between January and May of 2021.

An offering envelope for OGHS has been mailed to members and friends who attend WPC but is also available at the church. Please donate if you are able.

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called good in the sense of it being holy. Some call it Holy Friday and it is traditionally observed with fasting, solitude, and penance. Our worship will be a *tenebrae service*, or a service of darkness where the whole story of Jesus' arrest to his death will be read from John's gospel.

Holy Saturday: We will have a service on Zoom on Saturday, that strange time between Jesus' death and resurrection. It will be a time to reflect on the cross and God's great love for us and all of creation. It will be a time to cry out and lament. It will be a time for quiet hope because we know the end of the story.

Please make time to come to these services. Without walking through the valley of holy week, Easter just does not make sense. Slow down, make time for God, spend time in prayer and reading scripture. In giving that time to God for worship, you will receive grace upon grace.

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Worship & Media - Jody Cox





Linoleum block print by Elizabeth Steele Halstead

Spring has arrived and it is joyful to see nature's life reawakening. We can enjoy the April showers that will bring the May flowers! We are happy to be able to worship together as we proceed through Lent leading up to Easter. The Lenten banners are hanging again this year, thanks to Richard. Flower orders are available now and we hope you will order to help make the sanctuary beautiful for Easter.

We will continue with learning spiritual practices during Wednesday WOW and sharing time during Sunday EvenSong.

After Easter we will be planning events for our 100-year anniversary. Stay tuned for more information.

Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness.

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday, April 10: 10:30 a.m.
- EvenSong, April 10, 5:00 p.m.
- Maundy Thursday, April 14: 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 15: 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Saturday, April 16: 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 17: 10:30 a.m.

Marship in April

4/10 Palm Sunday John 19:16b-22 *Triumphal Entry* Spiritual Practice: Solitude

4/15 Good Friday Tenebrae Service John 18-19 Jesus, The Passover Lamb

4/17 Easter

John 20:1-18 Empty Tomb, Resurrection

4/3 Fifth Sunday in Lent John 19:1-16a *Crucify Him!* Spiritual Practice: Fasting

> 4/14 Maundy Thursday John 13:1-17 Jesus' Last Words Communion

4/16 Holy Saturday Jesus' Body Lay in the Tomb

4/24 Second Sunday of Easter John 20:19-31 Jesus Gives the Spirit and Appears to Thomas



Holy Week Hymns - Natalie Steenson

Lift Up the Gates Eternal, All Glory Laud and Honor Holy Week hymns as a poem By Natalie Steenson

Turn your eyes upon Jesus "I am the bread of life, stay with me and eat this bread," he says. What wondrous love is this? Ubi Caritas et amor

Jesus walked this lonesome valley

Were you there Beneath the cross of Jesus, O sacred head, now wounded? What wondrous love is this When I survey the wondrous cross? Man of sorrows, what a name

And can it be? Did you feel the mountains tremble? Oh...See what a morning!

Across the lands, Christ is alive! Up from the grave he arose! Alleluia! Jesus is risen, shout hosanna Christ the Lord is risen today!

In Christ alone the strife is o-er Thine is the glory Rejoice the Lord is King, there is a redeemer! Lord, we lift your name on high We will glorify the King of Kings!



General contributions for February were \$5,708.91, while expenses for the month were \$17,181.21.

During Lent this year we're engaging in a different spiritual practice each week. On March 20 the spiritual practice was **generosity**. Generosity is one of the ways we respond to our gratitude for God's provisions. One thing I'm frequently reminded that God provides is a place for the church to gather together. Although the building Windsor Presbyterian Church calls home has stood the test of time, some parts for 100 years, and it's not a static structure. Like the church, it's in a constant state of flux and needs care to continue as our place of worship. There seems to always be one reason or another to hold back part of our gratitude: inflation, reliance on others, uncertainty about the future. This Lenten season, let's respond generously, and maybe this building will serve as home for Windsor Presbyterian Church for another 100 years.

Financial Report 2022	February 2022	1-Month Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
General Contributions	5,708.91	12,216.67	12,006.54	24,433.33
Operating Income	4,368.62	2,033.33	6,193.62	4,066.67
Operating Expenses	17,181.21	14,250.00	30,788.95	28,500.00
Net Gain (Loss)	(7,103.68)		(12,588.79)	—
Capital Income	_		35.00	—
Capital Expenses	3,538.46	_	3,563.90	—
Net Gain (Loss)	(3,538.46)		(3,563.90)	—



The very long dry spell of little-to-modest use of Windsor Presbyterian Church facilities is at an end, dear members of the congregation. It has been two long years since the pre-Easter cleaning and polishing of our sanctuary and fellowship hall

was all sparkly and closed-down. The Building and Grounds Committee will be having a Saturday morning work activity on **April 9** to "freshen-up" the sanctuary and fellowship hall, clean the driveway of winter litter, and rake and trim the outside front entry of our church.

We have eight members on the committee and hope that others will join us for coffee, doughnuts, and two or three hours of effort. Both indoor and outdoor tasks will be included. Any amount of time people are willing to contribute is appreciated.



Sunday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2	022				S.C.	
Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Orthodox Church (Lower Level) 10:30 a.m. Worship Fellowship	Regular Monday Schedule: Pastor's Day Off	Regular Tuesday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Text Bible Study (In Person & Zoom)	Regular Wednesday Schedule: 6:00 WOW (East Hall & Zoom)	Monthly Events First Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. CFUM Meal 7:00 p.m. Uke Jam Third Saturday: 10:00 a.m. PW Meeting		
Coming in May: 5/5 Thur. CFUM N 5/21 Sat. Presbyt 5/30 Mon. Memori	erian Women				1	2 Ramadan Begins
 3 5th Sunday in Lent: Fasting 3 5th Sunday in Lent: Fasting 4:00 Josh McKenna's Ordination 5:00 EvenSong (Zoom) 	4	⁵ Bible Study	6 6:00 WOW (EH & Zoom)	7 10:30 Staff Mtg. 12:00 CFUM Meal Prep (No Uke Jam this month)	8	9 9:00 a.m. Church Day
10 Palms and Passion Sunday	11	12 Bible Study	13 3:00 p.m. Monthly Social @ Louie's (No WOW due to Holy Week)	14 maapoy charsoay 7:00 Service	15 Coul Andro 7:00 Service	16 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women 7:00 p.m. Holy Satur- day (Zoom)
17 EASTER EASTER Food Pantry Sunday	18 Office Closed	¹⁹ Bible Study	20 6:00 WOW (EH & Zoom)	21 12:30 p.m. Women's Lunch @ Gazali's	22 Passover Ends Climate C	²³ 5:30 CROSS Trivia Night onference
²⁴ Worship & Fellowship Orthodox Easter	25 Newsletter Articles Due	²⁶ Bible Study	27 6:00 WOW (EH & Zoom)	28	29	30



Celtic Fundraiser for Crossroads of Iowa

The total deposited was \$1,638. Expenses were \$527.59 with costs ranging from toner to coffee.

The mistress of ceremonies did an excellent job. Thank you, Natalie! The musicians—oh my—extra ordinary! I

was just getting comfortable in my seat and the concert was over! It seemed the concert only lasted five minutes. Good things don't always last. Anyway, I have heard nothing but excellent feedback about the musicians! Thank you, Elaina and Anna, for playing so beautifully.



And thanks again, Don, for kicking in to help with donations! I wish that I had thought about taking a picture of you and Ann. Because of the attendance, your smiles were so big—that should have been preserved!

Barb Duff is incredible for bringing yummy cupcakes



and cake AND putting together last minute kitchen help of Sue Cooper and Jodi Cox! You accomplished all of this while struggling with grief!

And thank you, Bob Merkley (Grief and Loss Facilitator) for offering to help at the concert! As you know, a couple of people could not make it and you ended up in a "rover" position. It was good to see you Ann and where you guys now live.

Ruth Hardin





After an absence of two years, the CROSS Outreach Trivia Night fundraiser is back. It will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 23. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for bidding on the silent auction, with the program beginning at 6:00. Cost is \$15 per person or \$85 for a table of 6. You are invited to bring your own refreshments (non-alcoholic). Prizes will be given for the best lowan-themed table decorations. For more information or to sign up:

- Call 515-274-1534.
- Email SDenton@westpres.org.

God's Church

There has been some confusion lately so it is a good time for a reminder about how we handle non-church events in our building. Years ago, when I first came to Windsor PC, the session prioritized serving the neighborhood but was a little short on money and people. They did have a big, beautiful, underutilized building. Recognizing that this is God's church and wanting to be good stewards of the resources God gave them, they decided to say yes to anyone who wanted to use the building at no charge.*

Anyone can use the building for free. If someone wants to make a donation, great. If they don't, that is great too. We only ask that they respect the building and clean up after themselves. If it is a group with no connection to the church, we will often try to have someone around to greet them, create relationship and make sure they know where things are and how to best clean up. So, if you know anyone who needs a place to meet, have an event, or get a group together, call the church office and schedule it! **Reservations must be made through the office, even for WPC events.**

*We do accept rent if someone has exclusive use of a space that makes it no longer available for others to use.



... and More

July 24-29 Buena Vista University Storm Lake, IA

Summer is just around the corner and many folks are already planning family vacations, summer camps, and continuing education. Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages.

There are many opportunities for inspirational training for elders, deacons, teachers, committee members, and others. This is an intergenerational event for anyone and everyone. It is simply one of the best educational and inspirational programs provided to Presbyterian churches throughout the country!

The theme this year is *Experiencing Belonging*. "...so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually, we are members one of another." Romans 12:5. What does it mean to be a part of the body of Christ and to belong to one another? In the spirit of Christ's community, we will walk through biblical experiences of belonging. Exploring the communities we find membership within, we will discover how we can



belong to one another and to Christ more fully.

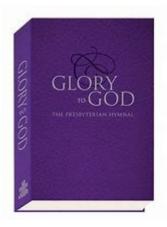
For additional information, contact: Deb DeMeester ddemeester@lakesandprairies.org Www.lakesandprairies,org Facebook: "Synod School: Is this heaven? No, it's lowa!"



Here is the registration/information webpage from the Des Moines Presbytery site: <u>https://dmpresbytery.org/2022/02/03/for-the-love-of-all-creation-church-and-climate-change/</u>.

My Favorite Hymn - Krysta Tomes





This month Krysta Tomes shares one of her favorite hymns with us.

Morning Has Broken

My favorite hymn is *Morning Has Broken*, by turn-of-thecentury children's literature author Eleanor Farjean. It is also a favorite Windsor memory, from when we had a

children's choir. We'd wait in the back until it was our moment to process down the aisle, after a quick shakedown by our choir director, Bev, to make sure we were chewing gum free, and, if we were lucky, a follow-up by Rev. Ward with a hand-painted toy soldier.

The spring sunshine shone strongly through the stainedglass windows, and my siblings and I could pick out our mom sitting in a pew near the front. We thought it hilarious beyond measure the sun and stained glass gave her a punk hair dye job. And the song we sang as we came up the center was *Morning Has Broken*, which happened to be my mom's favorite.

Maybe she learned to love this beautiful spring hymn from Cat Steven's famous rendition. But I came to love it for it's simple lyrics, lovely traditional Scottish melody, and the spark of a warm memory.

Morning has broken, like the first morning.

What better harbinger of spring, of hope after a trying night, than this hymn?

Krysta

Lyrics: Eleanor Farjeon, (born Feb. 13, 1881, London-died June 5, 1965, London), English writer for children whose magical but unsentimental tales, which often mock the behaviour of adults, earned her a revered place in many British nurseries.

The daughter of a British novelist and granddaughter of a U.S. actor, Eleanor Farjeon grew up in the bohemian literary and dramatic circles of London. Attending opera and theatre at 4 and writing on her father's typewriter at 7, Farjeon came to public attention at 16 as the librettist of an opera, with music by her brother Harry, which was produced by the Royal Academy of Music. Her success with *Nursery Rhymes of London Town* (1916), simple tunes originally for adults but adapted and sung in junior schools throughout England, spurred her writing.

www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/201881/Eleanor-Farjeon

Tune: BUNESSAN is a Gaelic tune that was first published in Lachlan Macbean's *Songs and Hymns of the Gael* (1888) as a setting for Mary Macdonald's carol "Child in the Manger." BUNESSAN is intended for unison singing, with light organ accompaniment or folk instruments.

Glory to God #664

- Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung from completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation; praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day!

Do you have a favorite hymn that you would like to share with the congregation? If so, please email the church office and tell us why it is special to you. You can write it yourself or talk to Ann in the office and she will write it.

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