



Mini Mouse



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The Spirit is moving!

Back to school season is a time for fresh starts.
A new pair of shoes, a new outfit and
new school supplies fill the season with hope and possibility.

I feel that sense of hope and possibility at WPC—
the Spirit is moving!

Energy has been building in the last couple of years, from the new people God has brought to the church and our partnership with Girls Rock, to kids in the pews and the apartments being built across the street. I have also witnessed some fledgling signs of what I might call a deepening. I don't want to overstate it, but I am noticing hints of coming growth, sprouts of change. It is hard to put into words, but God is working in our community. I see it in the growing commitment to serve others and in the beautiful circles of trust being born.

Let's Grow Deeper

It is tempting to want to do more, to expand what we offer, and we may need to do some of that. But in this season, I am feeling a tug to do a little less and go deeper with God, with each other, and maybe with our community. I want us to find ways to grow deeper in our relationships with God through **study, prayer, and worship**. And I want us to find ways to grow deeper in our relationships with each other through **fellowship, service, and care**. In a world that struggles with loneliness, I want us to be a church that creates opportunities to grow deep relationships that matter and help each person know that they matter.

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Let's Connect with Each Other

One way we do this is worship, but that is not enough. In worship we hope to connect with God but it is more difficult to connect with each other. As the old saying goes: *the family that **eats** together and **prays** together, **works** together and **plays** together, **stays** together*. I think this applies to the church as well. And those are the very things we like to do with each other. So, I hope you will seek out places where you can go deeper, with God and with one another. Let's eat, pray, work, and play together!

*Where do you
see the Spirit
moving in our
community?*

*Where is
God calling you
to Go Deeper?*

Let's eat, pray, work, and play together!

--Pastor Shamaine Chambers King

September 2024 Calendar

Check out all that's happening at WPC in the month of September. Click on the calendar or [HERE](#) to see the most up-to-date information on our official website calendar.

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--|-----------|--|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sep 1 9:15am Sunday School (Current E) 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship in Ward Hall 5:30pm OA Meeting | Labor Day | 9:30am Text Study | 6:30pm Holding Space: Grief & Sp | 11:15am Communications Team 1:30pm CFUM Meal Prep 3:30pm Set Up & Serve CFUM Me 4pm Girls Rock Rehearsal 6:30pm Intro to Somatic Yoga w/ | 5pm Girls Rock Open Mic Night | Girls Rock Board of Directors Meet |
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| 15 First Day of Hispanic Heritage Mon 9:15am Sunday School (Current E) 10am Food Pantry Sunday 10:30am Worship 11:45am Fellowship in Ward Hall 5:30pm OA Meeting | 16 | 17 9:30am Text Study | 18 5:15pm WOW | 19 6:30pm Intro to Somatic Yoga w/ | 20 | 21 10am PW-Presbyterian Women |
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Calendar Highlights for September:

- September 5 **CFUM Meal Prep & Service**
- Wednesdays **Holding Space-Grief & Spirituality -- 6:30pm**
- September 18 **WOW & Choir Begin -- 5:15pm**
- September 21 **Presbyterian Women -- 10:00am**
- September 26 **Joppa Tour -- sponsored by Men on a Mission -- 6:30pm**



WPC SESSION REPORTS

september 2024

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Dana Mitchell, Session Leader



WINDSOR
PRESBYTERIAN

Building & Grounds



Working Together

A workday was held August 3rd, thank you to everyone that showed up, and especially the brave souls that were doing yard work in the oppressive heat.

The East Hall Door is in bad shape. It doesn't close properly and twice the wind has caught it and damaged the door closer, frame and hinges. Also the bottom of the door frame is rusted away and the sweep is non-existent which contributed to our insect problem a few months ago. We are investigating whether the door is repairable or will require complete replacement.

Here's what's happening with the Building and Grounds Department:

Bell Brothers serviced the air conditioners before the heat of the summer. The sanctuary, zone system and 2nd floor systems are working well. The fellowship hall unit is from 1980 and has one bad fan motor. The other unit in the sanctuary staircase is not working at all. We will be trying to get some quotes from them to replace failing units.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Angie King, Session Leader



Meeting 3rd Saturdays at 10 am

Part 2: "Clean Out Your Closet" Winter Clothes Drive

Our Presbyterian Women's group (PW) meets on the third Saturday at 10:00, and we have three more times, September 21, October 19, and November 16, before we complete this year's study of *"Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts"*. Each month is a stand-alone lesson, so if you haven't come before, it matters not one little bit. During October and November, we are sponsoring Part 2 of our clothing drives. The response for donating summer clothes was fabulous and now it's once again your chance to **CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET** and bring winter clothing to church -- coats, jackets, sweaters, jeans, socks, shoes, shirts, sweatshirts, hats, mittens, boots -- anything is appreciated.

When the summer clothes were dropped off at the Bidwell-Riverside Community Center, they said they would eagerly await our winter clothing donation. So start NOW and bring your items to Ward Hall.

DISCIPLESHIP

Angie King, Session Leader

Sunday School : Wired Word

After an August break, Sunday School picks up again on September 1. Our lessons come from a publication called "The Wired Word," which gives us a weekly current events and latest headlines topic to discuss each week with Biblical references to connect our faith to the subject matter.

We've talked about the Olympics, secrets revealed in melting glaciers, butterflies and their miraculous journeys, sea rescues, integrating faith and competitive athletics, a world without music and a plethora of various issues, all of which lead to interesting and meaningful conversations.

The lesson is emailed to folks prior to our class, so you can acquaint yourselves with the topic...or not! No homework is ever required! Everyone is invited to join us in Ward Hall at 9:15 each Sunday morning.



Date change -- WOW & Choir begin September 18th!



Windsor on Wednesday Schedule

5:15 Brown Bag Dinner and Fellowship time

5:45 Community Prayer and Class

7:00 Tone Up Choir

On Wednesdays this fall we gather for brown bag dinner and fellowship. We will intentionally spend time in prayer for our community and our world then we will turn our attention toward cultivating a life in God's Spirit.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." – Galatians 5:22-23

We love Paul's description of the fruits of the Spirit, but we often turn it into an unattainable virtue to-do list of how we SHOULD be living. Using Eugenia Anne Gamble's new book *Tending the Wild Garden: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit* as a guide, we'll try to understand these gifts and how the Spirit grows them in us as we seek a deeper relationship with God.

Rev. Gamble is the author/minister who wrote the PW Study on the Ten Commandments which the women enjoyed so much. You don't need to read the book to participate, but paperbacks will be available for \$15.



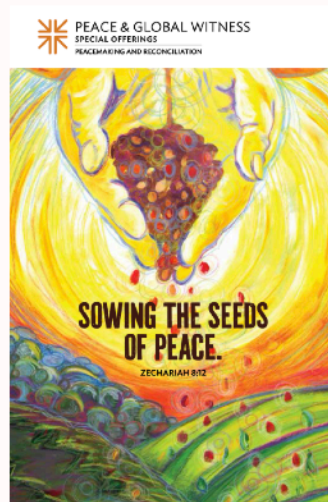
Following WOW, join us for **Tone Up Choir**, Wednesdays at 7:00pm. We lead worship on Sundays one to two times a month. Join us for this special time of exercising our voices and bodies, singing and caring for one another.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Beth Schmitz, Session Leader

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Peace and Global Witness offering will be collected 9/8-10/6, 40% stays with our congregation for use; provides education and resources on how to engage in peacemaking, dealing with conflict, nurturing reconciliation, and supporting peace around the world. This year's theme is Sowing the Seeds of Peace. Watch for your opportunity to give



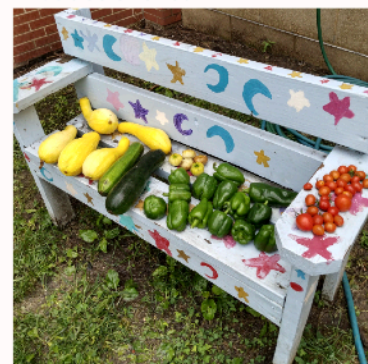
The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.

Cowles and Windsor Elementary Projects



We partner with two neighborhood schools, Windsor Elementary and Cowles Elementary, by providing backpacks and school supplies in the Fall, supporting individual families during the holidays, and providing winter outer clothing supplies, donating snacks and helping with the Cowles Elementary Produce Garden during the summer months.

Cowles Elementary Garden Produce Shared



Special thanks to Rich Teig and Jody Cox for all their work in weeding, watering and caring for the Cowles Montessori Elementary Gardens! And sharing the produce with the Franklin library food pantry!

School Supplies and Water Bottles Delivered

Our recent Mission focus has been on water bottles and schools supplies and these were successfully delivered...thanks to all who assisted: Rich Teig and Beth Schmitz delivered to Cowles and Shelly Weatherby and Lori Pope delivered supplies to Windsor Elementary.

Joppa Tour -- Serving the Homeless in Des Moines

by Bob Culbertson



Men on a Mission and I would like to invite members and friends of Windsor Presbyterian Church to join in a tour of the Joppa Facilities located at 2326 Euclid Avenue, Des Moines. We have been invited to tour the thrift shop, resource center and learn about the mission they provide to the homeless in Des Moines. We are scheduled for a 1- 1/2 hour tour starting on September 26th at 6:30pm. During that time we will hear about their current outreach along with their proposed Homeless Village planned on the southside of Des Moines. I have also asked them to update us on the new ordinance banning homeless camps on any public property in Des Moines.

You are asked to sign up in Ward Hall after church and mark whether you plan to meet at the church by 6pm and carpool or will meet us at their location by 6:30pm. I would encourage you to invite friends that are concerned about the homeless population in Des Moines to join us.

If you have questions feel free to ask me or give me a call at 515-720-6663.

Our Little Food Pantry Needs Your Help!



The needs are great! Our little food pantry continues to meet the need of residents and friends in our neighborhood. You can help us keep our food pantry full and useful. Along with the items listed above, focus on back-to-school items, such as peanut butter and jelly for lunches, fruit cups or individual applesauce for school lunches and other items such as after-school snacks.

Giving to Local Needs

Financial contributions from Windsor Presbyterian Church were recently given to **Meals for the Heartland**, **Beacon of Life** and **EveryStep**. To learn more about these local organizations, visit our website's **Outreach** tab:

<https://windsorpc.org/outreach>

COMMUNICATIONS & WORSHIP

Natalie Steenson, Communications Shepherd and Director of Arts & Music

Website Explainer Videos

especially for you!



- Have you just needed a little guidance getting around our website?
- Have you wanted to learn more about what's happening at WPC?
 - Where is the calendar?
 - Where are Zoom links?
 - Can I listen to a recording of the sermons?
- Have you needed some inspiration and encouragement?
- Do you feel a little overwhelmed with technology advances?
- Have you wondered about what pushing buttons, icons, and links do?

Then **now** is the time to watch Natalie lead you through the website with some detailed **Explainer Videos**. Natalie has put together 7 short videos for you to watch that explain how to navigate through the key points of our amazing website.

Each of the categories below are a direct link to a short video. Click and enjoy!

- [Home Page](#) (5 mins)
 - [Who We Are](#) (4 mins)
 - [Worship](#) (3 mins)
 - [Outreach](#) (3 mins)
 - [Events & Activities](#) (4 mins)
 - [Visitors Information](#) (2 mins)
 - [Accessibility](#) (2 mins)
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AND...OTHER NEWS TO KNOW

by Shamaine Chambers King

New Sound System

Coming SOON!



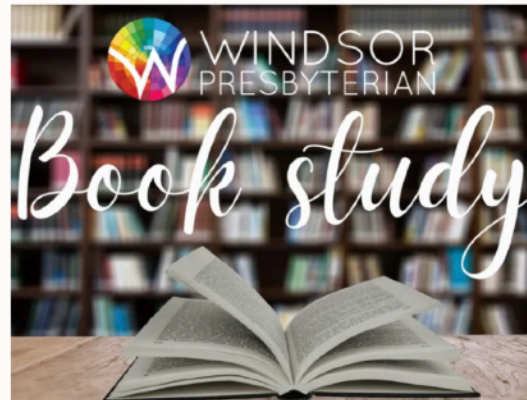
Thank you all so much for your patience this summer as we have had to make do with a patched together sound system. The equipment is in and we plan to install everything **September 10-12**.

Can You Help?

We need a few people to help who can be on ladders, lift things, connect wires, and follow directions, especially on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please let Krysta Tomes krystanwhite@gmail.com or Shamaine know if you'd like to be on the installation crew or help out a little.

WPC Book Club

to Meet in October



The **WPC Bookclub** had a great discussion about *The Seed Keeper* and chose ***Shakespeare: The Man Who Pays the Rent*** as the next bookclub pick. This is Judi Dench's new book about EVERY Shakespearian role she has played in her long career. Through a series of conversations with director Brendan O'Hea, she guides the reader through Shakespeare's catalogue with plenty of stories along the way.

We will meet again on **Sunday, October 13th** after fellowship to discuss and choose the next book. All are welcome whether you have read the book or not.



Celebrate COMMUNITY



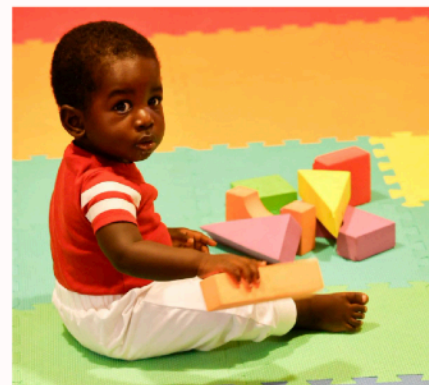
Joint Service & Brunch with Windsor United Methodist Church on August 4th.



Special visitors: Leon Sanderson and family from Dallas, Texas.



Team CFUM serves up warm and healthy meals to the children and families of the Moulton School district.



Worship and play at Windsor Presbyterian Church in August!

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