



THE CHURCHMOUSE

Windsor Presbyterian Church

March 2023



To the Flock . . .

Lent 2023: *Lord, When Did We See You?*

This Lent, Windsor Presbyterian is offering many wonderful opportunities to contemplate and act as God’s faithful people. I hope you will **set aside time** to take a break from your regular routines and busyness to participate in WOW, EvenSong, Worship, Spiritual Practices and Mission Practices—to grow closer to God, considering the great love God has shown you and how you can respond by showing love to others.

In the Parable of the Last Judgment, both those to the right and those to the left—the sheep and the goats—ask Jesus, “Lord, when did we see you... hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, and in prison?”

Each week of Lent we will consider when we might see Jesus in each of these situations.

3/1 **Hungry and Thirsty** @WPC

3/8 **A Stranger** @WUMC

3/15 No activities/spring break

3/22 **Sick** @WUMC

3/29 **In Prison** @WPC

(Please sign up to bring soups and other things for 3/1, 3/8 and 3/29.)

Spiritual Practice: Each of these themes invites us to **contemplation** and to **action**. So, each week there will be an opportunity for **contemplation** through a particular spiritual practice and a mission practice. The Spiritual Practice for the week will be included in the bul-

letin on Sunday and will also be emailed on Mondays.

Week One: Fasting

Week Two: Centering Prayer

Week Three: Welcoming Hospitality

Week Four: Prayer Walks

Week Five: Words of Kindness

Week Six: A Rule of Life

(putting it all together)

Mission Practice: In each of the six situations Jesus names (hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick, in prison), he commended action and condemned inaction to address the needs of the people encountered. This calls us to put our faith into **action**. What we believe is important, but what we do is also important. So, each week we will ask, how can we address the needs around us and in our world. No one is able to attend to every need, but Jesus is calling us to see the need around us and to show kindness to a person in need. If you have ideas for the weekly Mission Practice, please be ready to share those on Wednesday evenings or anytime with Pastor Shamaine. For each of our weekly themes, we want to ask:

1. What are the needs around us? Who do we see in need?

2. What people and organizations are already trying to address the needs? How can we find out more? How can we support the work that is already happening (or further support it)?

3. What else needs to be done, where are the holes, who

is slipping through the cracks? Is there a way for me, or our congregation, to be part of serving Jesus by serving others?

Lenten EvenSong: During Lent, we will continue our tradition of having contemplative Sunday Lenten Even-Song services, **March 5 and April 2**, from 4:00-5:00 pm in the East Hall Chapel. Come in person or on Zoom for these times

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Discipleship (Belonging & Christian Formation)

Angie King

Our **Sunday School** group discussed many interesting topics recently, such as the horrendous, unimaginable earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the ripple effect of charity and selfless generosity, how burnout and stress impact our lives, searching for and describing Paradise, the continuing excavation of the ancient Pool of Siloam, where Jesus healed a blind man and other thought-provoking subjects. Each week is a new opportunity to learn about and discuss current events in the news, sharing our opinions and thoughts. We would love it if you could set your alarm an hour earlier on Sunday mornings and join the conversation. Each and every one of you would make great contributions to our group! 9:15 in Ward Hall. The coffee's always ready.

Mark your calendars for our **WOW soup supper and Lenten study** beginning March 1. Our friends across the street at Windsor Methodist will join us and we'll alternate hosting duties between our two churches. There's a sign-up sheet in Ward Hall for bringing soup, crackers or bread. We'll have supper at 5:30 followed by the class from 6:00 to 7:00. Just an hour and a half of your time, on Zoom or in person, each Wednesday to lead us toward a blessed Easter.



Since winter is often a bit dicey for getting out and about, **Presbyterian Women (PW)** are changing our calendar. Instead of going from September through May, we're meeting from March through November and by-passing the winter months. We had five lessons left in our current study of Celebrating Sabbath, so at our February meeting, we skimmed over those chapters and concluded this subject. That way, we can begin our new book on March 18, 10:00, in Ward Hall. This was the 2020 topic and received rave reviews from others who already did it. It's called "Love Carved in Stone—A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." The books will be distributed at church and if you need one delivered,

let me know and I'll drop it off. Exciting stuff ahead! In our PW book, one lesson was on Sabbath and Justice. Read Isaiah 58 - a passage that emphasizes this connection. A Jewish blessing that is part of the Shabbat celebration also helps us understand why Sabbath and Justice are so closely entwined.

Havdalah is not for close of Shabbat alone; it is for all the days.

Havdalah means: Separate yourself from the unholy; strive for holiness.

Havdalah means: Separate yourself from fraud and exploitation, be fair and honest with all people.

Havdalah means: Separate yourself from indifference to the poor and the deprived, the sick and the aged; work to ease their despair and their loneliness.

Havdalah means: Separate yourself from hatred and violence; promote peace among people and nations.

May God give us understanding to reject the unholy and to choose the way of holiness.

Men on a Mission

Our men were joined by those of Windsor United Methodist Church on Thursday, Feb. 9. After lunch, we heard from Dave Applegate about his work with Fellowship of Christian Athletes. John Baker also shared his experiences of working with FCA.



The men will not meet in March.



Special Events & Session Highlights



My goal for this next year is to hold more events that will help get our wonderful church name out there! I have talked with Shamaine and we are hopefully planning on doing a blast-off to summer, end of school year, or social to celebrate with our neighbors. This is still a work in progress and we will be able to plan this but only with the help from our church and our loving congregation.

I am so excited to be able to serve another year on session, and I am excited to be able to do these events that will get children involved in our church. If you are interested in helping in any way, I am always looking for volunteers. Everyone can help, and we can make this year and many more years successful.

This past year we held our very first annual Trunk or Treat for the neighborhood kids. It was a very success-

ful event and I am very proud of how it turned out. I think we had so many families that were impressed with the hospitality of our church. We got our name out there and we are now recognized for what we have done. I think this was such a great event and it was our congregation who made this event a success. Without our congregation's gratitude, donations, time, and help, we would not have been able to pull this off. WE are doing another Trunk or Treat this October, and WE need your help WPC. Please be prepared to help and donate as much as you can! Let's make this year better than last year!

Thank you, WPC!

With love,
Kaitlin
Youth Elder



February Session Highlights ~ Angie King

The Session meeting was held on February 9, with Don and Dwight being excused. We were thrilled to welcome our elder elect, Krysta. Welcome aboard! Our Session training time, which was suspended for a while, returns at the March meeting. This is a time for learning and reflection to help us serve in our positions as well as we possibly can. Shamaine asked us to think about ground rules for our meetings, which will be discussed at our next meeting as a covenant for our work together.

The 2023 Presbytery meetings will be held on Saturday, February 11, Thursday, April 27, Tuesday, May 16, and Saturday, November 11. In addition, there is an All Iowa Gathering scheduled for August 28, to which all are invited and no commissioner is needed. Shamaine, Ron, Dwight, and Cindy attend most meetings in their various capacities. Windsor likes to have an elder represent us as a voting commissioner at these sessions. If any past or present elders are interested in attending, please contact Shamaine.

The communion schedule for 2023 was approved.

Kaitlin volunteered to plan and coordinate events for our 100th Anniversary Celebration since Jody, who had done this, is transitioning off the Session. Thanks, Kaitlin!

The Girls Rock lease is being finalized. They have insurance coverage, which is required of all our tenants, and will provide their own janitorial services.

Shamaine reported that the sound system in the sanctuary needs attention. She plans to schedule new elder and deacon training with an eye for installation of officers in March.

If you ever have questions or suggestions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact an elder.



Outreach (Mission & Generosity)

Beth Schmitz

Greetings from Mission and Stewardship. Our **little neighborhood food pantries** are getting some consistent use which is great to see. Please continue donating any nonperishable food items, though we are concentrating on items that won't freeze. After some research, I discovered that peanut butter is okay in freezing temperatures. An informal review shows that granola and cereal bars, as well as items easily made in the microwave by simply adding water or milk, are popular items. Cereal and crackers are good items, as well. You can leave them in the Food Pantry cart.



Our **DMARC Food Pantry** donation is off to a great start. While the 3rd Sunday of the month is the official Sunday for collection, we are glad to have donations at any time. We had an astounding response to our "Souper" Bowl Sunday event, raising \$1,608.00 for the food pantry on this one Sunday. That means we are close to \$2,000 for this year so far...WOW...we are almost half-way to our \$5,000 for 2023. I think we can easily surpass this goal and set a new record for Food Pantry donations.

In February, we made \$250 donations to **CROSS Outreach** and **Calvin Community**. The committee is finalizing our plans for donations for the coming year and we will be sharing about the programs we support in the newsletter and during Minute for Mission offerings.

Thank you for all you do to support our mission and community outreach. We could not do the good we do in the community without your help. Please share your ideas with any committee member.

Spotlight on CFUM:

The first Thursday of every month, Windsor volunteers gather to prepare a meal for the Children and Family Movement (CFUM) Supper Club, which serves the Moulton School community. Windsor is one of many organizations that combine their efforts to provide 150 dinners every weekday of the year to this community.

On that Thursday, our volunteers gather at noon (or before) to begin work. Much of the groceries needed are donated either by volunteers or other church members. We prepare the same menu every month, and from feedback from the CFUM staff, we know that our meal is one of the favorites. Our adult meal is cheesy potatoes with ham (and vegetarian without ham), corn, fresh veggies, dinner rolls and a cookie. The kids' meals include chicken nuggets, fresh veggies, cheese stick, dinner roll and cookie. Preparation requires can openers, corn scoopers, veggie choppers, casserole preparers, fork and napkin wrappers, cookie and dinner roll baggers, lunch bag openers, packers, and staplers, meal loaders, and delivery drivers. It all needs to be at CFUM headquarters at 8th and College by 3:30 PM that day.



Some of the volunteers are regulars who know exactly what the procedures are, some come from outside our regular congregation, and some are new to this mission. Some come early, and some come later. Some stay the day and others come for part of the day. We love our volunteers.

Our main task is to prepare a meal that feeds those who need help stretching precious food dollars, but besides this primary task, other things are happening, too. Friends are made, new ideas are proposed, life's challenges are shared, problems are solved, joys are celebrated, family pictures are shown, news is passed along, and laughter is frequently heard. There may be a balm in Gilead, but there often is a balm at CFUM Thursday, as well. We see each other in a relaxed, comfortable place of welcome and community. It's in the very atmosphere. The Holy Spirit? You judge.

~ Linda Newsom

Worship & Personnel

Laura Ward



As we enter into this beautiful season of Lent, you will notice that we have added more communion days in worship. We are so grateful for the addition of Dave, Elaina, and Anna Steenson providing music when they are available. It's always such a beautiful component to the services. Pastor Shamaine is including a special bulletin insert for at-home Lent observations. Also, check out the Season of Lent section on the home page of our website, windsorpc.org. The Zoom link for worship is also on the home page.

Would you like to usher or be the worship assistant? You can sign up in Ward Hall for that, or talk to Ann McGowan in our office at 515-277-8379.

Speaking of Ann McGowan, we are delighted to be welcoming her back to work. She is newly back from surgery and we want to treat her gently. What a blessing!

If you have had some great Lenten experiences at other churches, we always like to hear if there is anything we should incorporate here. Please speak to a session member or staff member to put that in our information bank.

Many blessings to you this month!



Lenten EvenSong

We will once again have our contemplative Lenten EvenSongs on Sunday afternoons, **March 5 and April 2**, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the chapel (East Hall). Come in person or online via Zoom for these times of refreshing in the presence of God and each other.

Lent — What is it?






If you would like to learn more about the season of Lent, take a look at our website (windsorpc.org) and click on the **HERE** button that will take you to a page with de-

scriptions, scriptures, poems, resources and a Spotify Lenten playlist. Also, you can share our website with friends, neighbors and family members to get to know more about who we are.

Choir is Back!

Join us each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m. for a Tone Up Choir experience. We are currently working on "A Feast Prepared, A Requiem" by Amanda Husberg. We will join with Westminster Presbyterian Church's choir and chamber ensemble to present this work on Sunday, March 26, from 9:15-10:00 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church. There will be a combined dress rehearsal on Wednesday, March 22, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>March 2023</h1>							
Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Orthodox Church (Lower Level) 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Fellowship		Regular Tuesday Schedule: 9:30 a.m. Text Bible Study (In Person & Zoom)	Wednesday Lenten Schedule: 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Lenten Study 7:00 Choir	Monthly Events First Thursday: 12:00 p.m. CFUM Meal Second Thursday: 11:30 p.m. Men on a Mission Third Saturday: 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women			
Coming in April: 4/2 Sun. Palm Sunday; EvenSong 4/6 Thu. CFUM Meal; Maundy Thursday 4/9 Sun. Easter 4/13 Thu. Men on a Mission 4/15 Sat.. Presbyterian Women			1 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper at WPC 6:00 p.m. Lent Study 7:00 Choir	2 12:00 CFUM Meal Prep	3 5:30 p.m. New Elder Training	4 7:00 p.m. Crossroads Benefit Concert	
5  Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship 4:00 Lenten EvenSong	6	7 Text Study	8 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper at WUMC 6:00 p.m. Lent Study 7:00 Choir	9 <i>[No Men on a Mission this month]</i> 5:30 Session	10	11 	
12  Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship	13	14 Text Study	15 <i>[No Lenten activities tonight]</i> 7:00 Choir	16 5:30 p.m. Budget & Finance Mtg.	17 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Benefit Concert	18 10:00 a.m. PW 10:00 a.m. Crossroads Board Mtg.	
19 Food Pantry Sunday  Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship	20	21 Text Study	22 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper at WUMC 6:00 p.m. Lent Study 7:00 Choir	23	24	25 9:30 a.m. B&G Work Session	
26  Worship & Fellowship	27 Newsletter Info Due Easter Flower Orders Due	28 Text Study	29 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper at WPC 6:00 p.m. Lent Study 7:00 Choir	30	31		

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BENEFIT CONCERT

FRIDAY: MARCH 17, 2023

Doors open at 6:00pm

6:30pm Clear Joy: Elaina & Anna Steenson

7:00pm Concert with Four Shillings Short

8:00pm Foy Irish Dancers

Windsor Heights Presbyterian Church

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\$35 general admission/\$50 reserved seating

Tickets: (515) 321-9581 or moekorte@cs.com or

rmeyer@aol.com

2 complimentary beers and/or glasses of wine.

Door prizes and a silent auction w/ trips to South Africa. All proceeds go to Divine Access, a business school for Women in Africa.

<http://www.diifoundation.org>



Clear Joy: Elaina & Anna Steenson



Four Shillings Short



2023 Easter Flower Order Form

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily or other spring flowers to be used in decorating our sanctuary for Easter Sunday, please complete the form below and return it to the office or leave it in the offering plate. Payment must accompany the order form. Please make checks payable to ***“Windsor Presbyterian Church.”***

Name _____

_____ Number of Easter Lilies @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

_____ Number of Tulips @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

_____ Number of Hyacinths @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

_____ Number of Daffodils @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

_____ Number of Begonias @ \$15.00 each \$ _____

_____ Total number of plants Total Amount Paid \$ _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Orders must be turned in no later than **Monday, March 27, 2023.**
You are encouraged to take your plant home after the Easter worship service on April 9.

Congregational Care



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

Recent Prayer Requests: Phyllis Bryan (Hospice), Dick Cox (Good Samaritan), Bob Culbertson, Kandy Jackson (Hospice), Helen Jones (Jewish Life Center), Jim Newsom, Steve Pope, Lucy Sanderson (Rehab), and Becky Woods (U of I ICU)

Continuing Prayers: Brad Behrens, Chuck Bryan, Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Esther Chol & Makya, Henry Jackson, Eric Lawlor, Virginia Nichols, Barb Pomeroy, Lori Pope, Judy Teig

Friends of the Church: Kayla and Marvin (Angie K), Nancy Jo Baker (Barb P), Jean Bower, Vickie Brown, Gisma Butras (Esther C), Linda Christiansen (Angie K), Barb Dally (Laura W), Donna Eckham, Rev. Jim Goodrich (Dick W), Norma Grinstead (Linda N), Hadley & Family (friends of Jayne & Dwight), Ken Lee (Laura W), David Leitch, Maurice Lubalo, Chris McDougal Family, Shirley Miller (Jody

C), Derek Mullennax (Ruth H), Dick Piphoo (our Gideon's liaison), the Ray Family, Rachel Schneider (Steensons), Mickey Starr (Jayne O), Jasper & Quincy (Kings)

March



Birthdays

- 4 Jim Behrens
- 7 Heather Carson
- 7 Janice Swanson
- 9 Bob Ray
- 10 Sabine Carlson
- 14 Don Hunt
- 18 Elaina Steenson
- 21 Anita Behrens
- 29 Deb Hibbert
- 29 Lilian Hirschberger
- 30 Helen Jones
- 31 Erich Hirschberger

Anniversaries

- 1 Chuck & Phyllis Bryan
- 21 Stephen & Shamaine Chambers King

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

Sign up in Ward Hall to bring soup, bread or crackers for our next Wednesday Lenten soup supper and study at WPC on March 29.

Worship in March



3/5 Lent 2—Hungry & Thirsty
Matthew 21:23-32
Parable of Two Sons

3/12 Lent 3—A Stranger
Matthew 22:1-14
Parable of the Wedding Banquet

3/19 Lent 4—In Need of Others
Matthew 25:1-13
Parable of the Bridesmaids

3/26 Lent 5—Sick
Matthew 25:14-30
Parable of the Talents



Budget & Financial Stewardship

Richard Ankeney

January was a positive start to the year with contributions, \$16,723.18 exceeding expenses, \$12,887.91. Although utility and building maintenance expenses are high, the congregation continues to provide for the needs of the church as well as the several mission areas we support. This level of commitment at the same time we're having a fund raising drive is commendable, and a wonderful beginning to a year of potentially new mission possibilities at WPC. Keep up the good work everyone!

The monthly Budget and Financial Stewardship Committee meeting was abbreviated due to several scheduling conflicts, but we did begin discussing establishing a set of written procedures for handling money and making deposits.

Financial Report 2023	January 2023	1-Month Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
General Contributions	16,723.18	13,237.50	16,723.18	13,237.50
Operating Income	428.00	2,833.50	428.00	2,833.50
Operating Expenses	12,877.91	16,071.00	12,887.91	16,071.00
Net Gain (Loss)	4,263.67	—	4,263.27	—
Capital Income	38,635.00	—	38,635.00	—
Capital Expenses	65.40	1,250.00	65.40	1,250.00
Net Gain (Loss)	38,569.60	(1,250.00)	38,569.60	(1,250.00)

Property Update: Sales Contract for Land South of University Ave

Two members of our task force met with Todd Millang (the developer) on Tuesday and were notified by him that he would be exercising his right to extend the due diligence period of the contract for another 30 days to March 15. He has informed us that he is working with the City of Windsor Heights to attempt to comply with all of their regulations, wishes and desires. The due date of the extension will be March 15, 2023.

~ Ron Grohe



Status of Fundraising Drive

Congratulations, WPC! We did it! As of February 28, we have received a total of \$51, 594, or \$1,594 over our original target of \$50,000. However, it's not too late to donate, as the amounts in the list of projects were estimates and some costs have exceeded the estimates. Additional monies will be very helpful. Again, thanks to everyone who has contributed up to this point.

~ Ron G. and Richard A.

Building & Grounds

Don Beeson



Our church is open and ready for a very active 2023, which should not surprise a congregation that is celebrating 100 years of service and eager to take on the next 100. The fundraising in January was successful to pay for our flat roofs plus several other items; however, we are certainly pleased to accept additional gifts at this time.

Please take a careful look at the church calendar to see that it's not only Sundays that the doors are open, but almost every day of every week some group or activity is happening.

There are plans by the Building and Grounds Committee to hold a Saturday work session on March 25 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We have several activities ranging from replacing light bulbs, ceiling tiles, touch-up painting, etc. in anticipation of Palm Sunday and Easter week activities. Please join us if you can help.

We currently have scheduled cleaning and waxing of the floors in Ward Hall and the kitchen on March 18.

Tuck-pointing of the brick veneer around the door of East Hall and South wall will be done when weather permits.

Planning is being done to replace the exterior double doors of Ward Hall with doors which can be opened automatically.

Although we are moving into March, the weather can continue to bring us snow and ice, even if spring seems to be coming. Please take care as you use our driveway and sidewalks. We want to keep everyone safe and secure.

Nancy's 90th Birthday Party

Members gathered for a cake party at fellowship after worship on Sunday, February 12, to celebrate the 90th birthday of Nancy Snyder.

"Thanks to each of you for your part in my celebration and the gift of so many beautiful cards with heart warming words. It means the world to me the love we share for each other at Windsor. ~ Nancy Snyder "





Other Events

Retirement Reception Honoring Roberta Victor

Please join us in the celebration of Roberta Victor's retirement from CROSS Outreach on **Sunday, March 26, at 2:00 PM** at Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Des Moines.

Roberta has amplified the voices of people in need, she has heard their stories, and she has shown them compassion. We hope that you can be with us as we thank her for her years of service and wish her luck in the next chapter of her life. Please consider offering a contribution to CROSS Outreach in Roberta's honor.

The CROSS Committee is working on finding a replacement to take over the leadership. Jayne Owen represents WPC on the committee.



New Photography Artwork Display in Ward Hall

Take a close look at the new photography display in Ward Hall by Dwight Tomes and Jayne Owen, with the Lenten theme of "Lord, When Did We See You?" Each photograph allows us to ponder more deeply how and where we see Jesus, and what our response or action might be.



Thank you, Dwight and Jayne, for sharing your gifts with us!

Benefit Concert for Crossroads of Iowa

Crossroads of Iowa (www.crossroadsofiowa.org) is hosting a fundraising concert. The popular **ClearJoy Music** duo (Elaina and Anna Steenson) will be performing on Saturday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Windsor Presbyterian Church. There is no admission charge, but donations will be appreciated to support Crossroad's programs.

For questions, please contact Ruth by emailing ruth.crossroads@gmail.com or texting 515-633-7968.

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of refreshing in the presence of God and each other.

In **Sunday morning worship**, we will consider each one of these themes further in our liturgy, songs, time for contemplation, scripture, sermon and minute for mission. We will worship God together, seeing how the week's scripture speaks to the particular theme of the week—gathering as God's beloved ones, hearing God's word, singing our faith and being sent into the world to put our faith into action by serving others. Our Lenten worship will mix together elements from the prior week's spiritual practice, the week's theme of seeing and serving Jesus, and the week's mission practice.

Lent is a time of heightened awareness and attention to our faith. My prayer is that our Lenten fast this year is truly one that seeks to follow Jesus, see him where we might least expect, and find ways to serve that bring blessing to others.

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A Bit of History

Jim Newsom & Don Beeson



During our centennial year of Windsor Presbyterian Church, we have sought to find little known or forgotten items or activities relating to our church beginnings and development during the past 100 years.

One interesting item was mentioned by Jim Newsom, a former member of Knox Presbyterian Church, who, with his wife, Linda, are now members of Windsor Presbyterian Church.

In 1948, as Windsor's sanctuary was under construction by Kucharo Construction Co., the Presbytery saw a need for a mission church approximately one mile north of Windsor Presbyterian Church at Merle Hay Road and Hickman Road. The Presbytery purchased ten real estate lots and with assistance of Westminster Presbyterian Church members began to organize a mission church.

The difference in how Windsor Presbyterian had grown from a gathering of twenty or thirty adults in the 1920s, creating a hillside basement facility on land donated by a neighbor in comparison, to Knox church development in 1945 indicates the evolution of expanding community growth and church membership, especially following WWII.

The contractor for the Windsor Church sanctuary in 1948 was also chosen to provide construction for Knox Presbyterian Mission. Unlike the Windsor basement church start-up, Knox Presbyterian began with the building of a parsonage for its first pastor, a recent Navy WWII Chaplain, James McClelland. Attached to the parsonage was a chapel for worship used in 1947 with seventy-five persons attending. By 1949-1950, a sanctuary was added due to growth at an expense of \$20,000.

Over the years, Knox Church grew to an adult gathering of approximately two hundred fifty. As the congregation grew, their desire to serve the community was met in 1973 with a mission outreach, providing a Children and Family Urban Ministry (CFUM) breakfast club of hot meals for children before school. This later grew to providing evening meals with the assistance of other local churches.

With a declining congregation, Knox closed its doors June 28, 2010. Jim and Linda and several others transferred their membership to Windsor in 2011.

With the move to Windsor, Jim and Linda offered to organize the continuation of CFUM food service program as a mission outreach at Windsor. Currently, some 150 evening meals are prepared in the kitchen of Windsor once a month and delivered to CFUM church in the inner city of Des Moines.

Church beginnings such as Windsor and Knox are different in how they are started but what is in common is the undertaking of mission activity outside of their own to serve others in need.



Knox Presbyterian Construction





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Communications Shepherd
Ann McGowan, Administrative Assistant
Jim Behrens, Organist
Deb Hibbert, Accountant
Cynthia Plavulj, Custodian

Session

Jody Cox (2023), Celebrations (Special Events & Visibility)
Angie King (2023), Discipleship (Belonging & Christian Formation)
Kaitlin Mogle (2023), Youth & Special Events
Richard Ankeney (2024), Budget & Financial Stewardship
Don Beeson (2024), Building & Grounds
Beth Schmitz (2025), Outreach (Mission & Generosity)
Laura Ward (2025), Worship & Personnel
Dwight Tomes, Clerk of Session

Deacons

Beth Mogle (2023)
Judy Teig (2023)
Gloria Ashby (2024)
Mary Willson (2024)
Donna Dickerson (2025)
Lori Pope (2025)

Important March Dates

- 2 - CFUM Meal
- 3 - New Elder Training
- 4 - Crossroads Benefit Concert
- 5 - Lenten EvenSong Service
- 8 - Lent Supper & Study
- 17 - St. Pat's Day
Celtic Fundraiser
- 18 - Presbyterian Women
- 19 - Food Pantry
- 22 - Lent Supper & Study
- 25 - B&G Work Day
- 29 - Lent Supper & Study

