



THE CHURCHMOUSE

Windsor Presbyterian Church November 2022



To the Flock . . .

I love our new T-shirts! Wearing them together in the WH parade and during our little Hunger Hike through the neighborhood filled me with the good kind of pride. WPC has always been a wonderful community of faith, and sporting our beautiful, matching shirts helps communicate a sense of who we are. In fact, the T-shirts, mugs, and yard signs help us share our identity as a church with our neighbors and all who see them. And, I might add, they look really good—in part because of the visually stunning logo which lends such vibrancy to our printed items and digital media. So, this month I would like to share a little about the Windsor Presbyterian Church logo.

A couple of years ago, Natalie asked her daughter Anna, who is a filmmaker and very adept in all things digital, to design a new logo for us so we could have an identifiable image for social media and other communications. She began by looking at the stained glass windows, since they are a central visual in our worship and very defining of who we are. She started with the image of the birth of Jesus. The beams out from the



manger form a circle in shades of grey and blue. With that partial circle and the shades of blue, Anna formed the circle larger and began to artistically fill in the panes with the color pallet of the liturgical calendar, as well as the stained glass in the sanctuary.

Then, to make it uniquely ours, she added a “W” for Windsor. She didn’t just type a W using a regular, static typeface, but drew a W that feels dynamic and full of motion. It somehow draws you in while conveying a sense of forward movement.

The underlying symbolism of the logo really captures the imagination. All the colors call to mind the glory of God’s creation. It also reminds us of

God’s love and promise. After the flood, the **rainbow** was the sign of God’s universal covenant with all of creation. When we see the rainbow in the sky, we recall God’s love for all humankind, every creature and all the earth.

It is said that we see only part of the rainbow’s arc, but that God sees the full **circle**, so I also like that our logo is a circle filled with color and light. Circles are highly symbolic. Because they have no beginning or end, they represent eternity and the process

~ continued on pg. 8

Inside this issue

Discipleship.....	2
Celebrations.....	3
Session Highlights.....	3
Communication.....	4
Congregational Care.....	5
Calendar.....	6
Outreach.....	7
Trunk or Treat.....	7
Budget & Finance.....	8
Building & Grounds.....	9



Discipleship (Belonging & Christian Formation)

Angie King

Windsor On Wednesdays (WOW)

I, personally, haven't been able to attend WOW due to some out-of-town travel, but all the reports have been glowing. Our **storyteller guest, Maureen Korte**, captivated the participants, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed engaging in and listening to the ancient art of storytelling. In November we will finish up our storytelling class, "What's Your Story," with a couple of weeks sharing our own stories, as well as remembering stories of our church's history. After Thanksgiving, Windsor on Wednesdays will center on Advent activities, prayer and contemplation. So, right now, mark your calendars for November WOW and join us in Ward Hall at 5:15 for a light supper and the program from 6:00-7:00.



Presbyterian Women (PW)



Presbyterian Women groups across the country collect the **Least Coin Offering** at their meetings. We do this, too, using a very special collection jar made by Barb Pomeroy for the last time that Windsor had a PW group. Each month, we put our "least coin" in the jar and last year, we collected \$46.15 of pennies, nickels, and dimes. Add that to the contributions of many other PW groups, and it becomes quite significant.

Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement. This movement links prayer and "least coins" in a very significant way, as the least coin of each participant becomes a symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Coins offered from around the world signal our oneness in our common quest for peace, justice and reconciliation. The offering of least coins is used for grants to special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, relief and awareness-building among women throughout the world.

In addition to Least Coin, this year we are donating to the **Thank Offering**, which is used to fund grants of \$5,000 to \$50,000 nationally and internationally for projects dedicated to finding solutions in areas of health, education, economic development, and the needs of women and children. Windsor PW is grateful to play our small part in this effort.

Our PW group meets on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 in Ward Hall. Our next meeting is November 19. We are lively, engaged, and relish our time together as women. Come and connect with us.

Men on a Mission (MOM)

Men on a Mission meet the second Thursday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in Ward Hall. This month we are asking the men to bring a brown bag lunch. All men and interested friends are invited to attend!

As we move into November and the end of the harvest season, I want to share something from our devotional book, *These Days*. John the Baptist had a list of weeds to uproot - making excuses, entitlement, favoritism, stinginess, cheating, extortion, false accusations, and discontent - before the good fruit can be harvested - responsibility, impartiality, generosity, honesty, fairness, justice, contentment. What uprooting do you need to do to prepare the soil of your heart for God's plentiful harvest? What weeds may be keeping you from planting and gathering abundantly? This Thanksgiving, let us prepare our hearts for a bountiful harvest.



Celebrations (Special Events & Visibility)

Jody Cox



We will kick off the celebration our 100-year anniversary on **November 20**. Postcards have been sent out to many members and former members. If you would like a postcard sent to someone, please provide a name and address, or we can provide one for you to send. (Note: We are not sending to those of you who attend church regularly, since you are well-informed.)

We are planning this to be like a potluck and already have a volunteer to provide the meat, so mainly we need salads and desserts. I will put a sign-up sheet in Ward Hall. If you would like to help in the kitchen, that will be needed too.

Hopefully, we can have a slide show of old and new photos, so if you have any in boxes in the attic, please

get them out and drop off at the office. We want to continue the Windsor Moments where we have individuals share a story, share old photos, reminisce about past events, remember previous members, etc.

Here are some of the ideas we are hoping some of you can report on: weddings photos, former pastors, PW women's circles and men's groups, WOW, former groups, such as Mariners and Sojourners, etc.

If you would write a short story/note about any of these groups or special events at the church from your memories, that would be great.

Be sure to check our website <https://windsorpc.org/> about the 100-Year Celebration as Natalie posts new information regularly.

Please send any items to me or to the church or drop off at the church. We can scan photos and get the originals back to you.

I really appreciate any sharing you are willing to give for this historic anniversary.

Session Highlights - Angie King

The October 13 meeting opened with a time for sharing what our church can be and how we can be a sign for what God intends for all humankind. Our increased involvement and visibility in the community provides us with a wonderful opportunity to showcase all the activities and outreach in which Windsor is engaged.

Elders were asked to submit budget requests for their ministry team work for 2023 to the financial stewardship committee, as they are beginning the work of putting together our budget for next year. The nominating committee will be meeting to discern who God is calling as elders, deacons, and nominating committee members for next year.

Our WOW guest, Maureen Korte, submitted a request to use Ward Hall March 17 for a benefit concert to raise money for women in Uganda who create items which can be sold. She asked permission to serve beer and wine. The Session approved the request.

Shamaine reported that our little church is doing so much. The marketing and communication and cool swag are really good and helpful. She encouraged elders to engage members in ministry teams and other ministry projects in the church. Please regularly check out our Instagram, Facebook, and website posts and "like" them and comment. Natalie shared that our website recently had a score of 91, which makes it one of the top performing websites among similar sites! Fantastic! Make it a habit to visit our website, as well as like, share, and comment on social media (Instagram and Facebook). There is always something new to see.



Communications Shepherd

Natalie Steenson

Help Others Know About Windsor Presbyterian Church!

With Yard Signs, Coffee Mugs and Window Clings



Help us continue to spread the word about Windsor Presbyterian Church. Yard signs, coffee mugs, a few T-shirts and window clings are still available for you to purchase.

If you are interested in getting a beautiful Windsor Presbyterian yard sign, there are several still available at \$10 each. This is a great way to easily let your friends and neighbors know about Windsor Presbyterian Church. Just put them in your yard, or put them in your home's window.

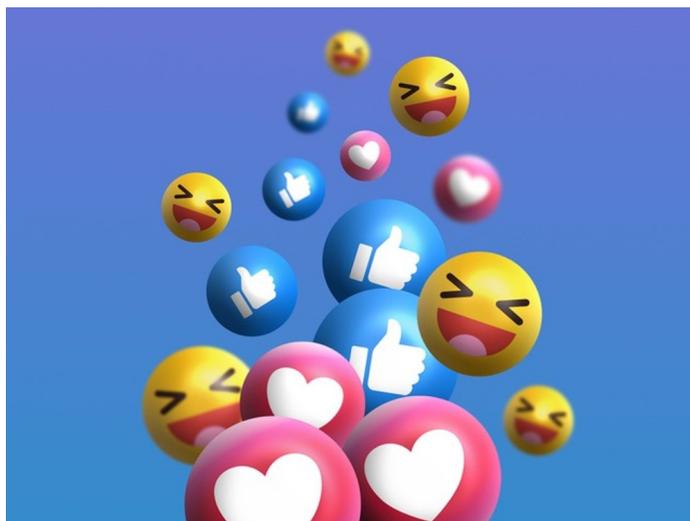
We also have more coffee mugs at \$10 each. These could make excellent Christmas gifts or if you'd like, you can always donate money for having some available to give as gifts to visitors.

If you'd like an additional car window cling, these are free, just ask. If you'd like a yard sign, coffee mug, or window cling, please order at info@windsorpc.org. We have a few T-shirts left for \$20 each.

By Liking, Loving, Sharing, Commenting on Social Media

Thank you for your participation on our Social Media channels of Facebook and Instagram. Remember, your likes, follows, shares and comments give us greater visibility and reach. Facebook is the most popular social media channel and can be one of the first places a potential visitor might look to find out about the culture and activities within the church. Facebook has demographics across all age groups, particularly millennials and baby boomers. Instagram is an excellent choice for reaching a younger population with the highest usage among those who are 18-24.

I'm posting content several times a week, so there will always be opportunities to help others know about WPC! Weekly watch Facebook and Instagram and be prepared to react with your likes, shares and comments and let's grow our presence!



Congregational Care



We extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to 3 Windsor families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Chris and Danny Zimmerman's brother, Steve, passed away in September.
- Anna Krull, sister of Jayne Owen's daughter-in-law, lost her 5-year battle with metastatic breast cancer in October.
- Helen Jones' daughter-in-law, Laura Jones, was hit and killed by a car while on a walk in Ireland. Helen's son Doug suffered 2 broken legs and required surgery on both.

And also to former WPC secretary Ruth Winkler, whose husband, John Park, died of COVID in the spring of 2021.



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

Recent Prayer Requests: Family of Anna Krull (Jayne & Dwight), Leon Sanderson, Family of Laura Jones, Family of Steve Zimmerman, Dick Piphon (our Gideon's liaison)

Continuing Prayers: Brad Behrens, Chuck & Phyllis Bryan, Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Esther Chol & Makya, Dick Cox, Henry & Kandy Jackson, Eric Lawlor, Virginia Nichols, Barb Pomeroy, Lori Pope (chronic cough), Steve Pope, Sandi Ryan, Leon & Lucy

Sanderson, Judy Teig

Friends of the Church: Aria (infant relative of Barb P), Karli (daughter of Barb P's cousin), Kayla (treatment for MS) 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), Ken Lee (Laura W), David Leitch, Maurice Lubalo, Chris McDougal Family, Shirley Miller (Jody C), Derek Mullennax (Ruth H), the Ray Family, Rachel Schneider (Steensons), Mickey Starr (Jayne O), Betsy (Ruth H), Natalie C, Jasper & Quincy (Kings)



Worship in November

**11/6 All Saints Sunday;
Communion
Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17
Ten Commandments**

**11/13 24th Sunday of Pentecost
Exodus 32:1-14
Golden Calf Shows Unfaithfulness**

**11/20 Christ the King Sunday
Joshua 24:1-15
Story of God's Deliverance
100-Year Kickoff Celebration**

**11/27 First Sunday of Advent
Ruth 1:1-17
Your God Will Be My God**

November



Birthdays

- 3 Anastasia McKenna
- 6 Thia White
- 7 Don Beeson
- 13 Dan Aksamit
- 14 Pam Lawlor
- 20 Larry Haver
- 21 Lucy Sanderson
- 22 Anna Steenson
- 23 Dick Woods
- 24 Kristina Cox

Anniversaries

- 11 Eric & Pam Lawlor
- 19 Rod & Brenda Enochs

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2022</h1>						
Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:00 AM Orthodox Church (Lower Level) 10:30 AM Worship Fellowship		Regular Tuesday Schedule: 9:30 AM Bible Study	Regular Wednesday Schedule: 5:15 PM WOW Meal 6:00 PM WOW Study	Monthly Events First Thursday—CFUM Meal Second Thursday—Men on a Mission Third Sunday—Food Pantry Third Saturday—Presbyterian Women		
		1 Bible Study	2 5:15 Meal 6:00 Study	3 12:00 CFUM Meal Prep	4	5  Fall Back
6 	7	8 Bible Study	9 5:15 Meal 6:00 Study	10 11:30 Men on a Mission 5:00 Session Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 Bible Study	16 5:15 Meal 6:00 Study	17 5:00 FAPC in Kitchen	18	19 10:00 Presbyterian Women
20 Christ the King Sunday/ Communion 100-Year Anniversary Kickoff Celebration Food Pantry Sunday	21 Newsletter Info Due	22 Bible Study	23 No WOW	24 	25	26
27 First Sunday of Advent	28	29 Bible Study	30 5:15 Meal 6:00 Advent WOW	Coming in December: Thu., Dec. 1—CFUM Thu. Dec. 8—MOM Sat., Dec. 17—PW Sat., Dec. 24—Christmas Eve		

Outreach (Mission & Generosity)

Beth Schmitz



Greetings from Mission and Stewardship. What a wonderful Hunger Hike in our neighborhood!! Thanks to all who participated in the walk and brought food for the little food pantries. Any non-perishable food items are welcome throughout the coming months. You can leave them in the Food Pantry cart.

We are also still honoring our commitment to the **DMARC Food Pantry**. The 3rd Sunday of the month is when we really focus on donations for the DMARC Food Pantry, but remember that donations to the DMARC Food Pantry can be made at any point in the month by including a monetary contribution with your offering. I encourage you to give as generously as you can...food insecurity is something we can work hard to eradicate. Many of you may have seen the recent news about the termination of agreement between the Food Bank of Iowa and DMARC Food Pantry. So our donations to the DMARC Food Pantry will be particularly important for the coming winter months.



Next CFUM Meals

November 3

December 1

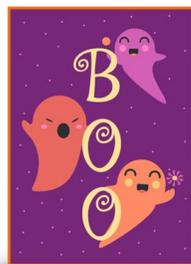
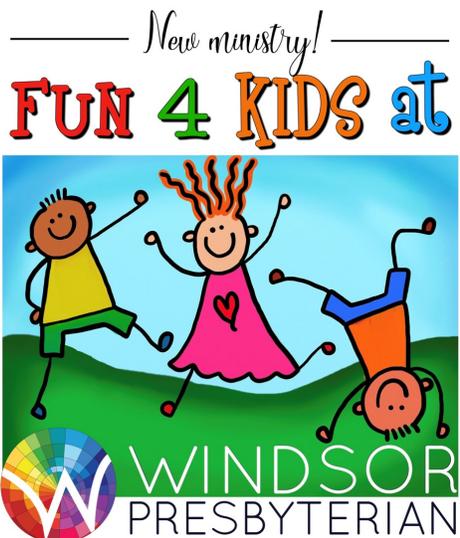
January 5

In October, volunteers prepared and delivered 150 meals for **CFUM**. Linda and Jim Newsom wish to thank everyone for their support. They have indicated a need for 6-7 volunteers each month and have been a little stretched the past couple of months, so they would appreciate help on November 3 from noon to 3 p.m. If you are available, please let them know.

In October, we finished up the **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**. This was our first time collecting for this offering and I am excited that we could be part of peace efforts locally and throughout the world. We raised \$1,225.00.

We made a donation of \$250 in October to **Dorothy's House**. We will be making a couple of more donations before the end of the year. We are also looking forward to upcoming projects, including adopting families for

Christmas, gathering mittens/gloves and hats (and maybe boots) for students at Cowles and Windsor Elementary Schools, and ringing the bells for Salvation Army. If you have ideas for outreach projects, please feel free to let me know. We are always looking for ideas and ways to support the community.



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30th 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Windsor Presbyterian Church Parking Lot
6301 University Avenue

more information at
windsorpc.org



Sunday, October 30, is our **Trunk or Treat** in the parking lot on the east side of the church, with food in Ward Hall. We hope to have lots of neighborhood kids and families stop by. We need everyone to help. Please see Kaitlin Mogle, Youth Elder, ASAP to see where you can best serve!



Budget & Financial Stewardship

Richard Ankeney

September contributions and income were almost sufficient to make up the continued high level of expenses, \$1,826.70 above budget in September, to finish with a \$125.90 loss for the month. Including the \$10,000 in transfers from the Capital Account, the Operating Account has a \$19,801.32 loss through the first nine months of 2022.



The Budget and Financial Stewardship Committee met Thursday, October 6, and discussed what areas to prioritize as we begin work on the 2023 Budget. While some expenses can be anticipated, such as utilities, building maintenance, and staff salaries, each year unexpected bills pop up, which affect how much we're able to do in our mission work. As the committee decides how to make the best use of our resources, please remember we're only limited by the congregation's generosity.

Financial Report 2022	September 2022	1-Month Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
General Contributions	13,867.80	12,216.67	117,752.07	109,950.00
Operating Income	2,083.00	2,033.33	25,441.62	18,300.00
Operating Expenses	16,076.70	14,250.00	150,110.01	128,250.00
Net Gain (Loss)	(125.90)	—	(6,916.32)	—
Capital Income	35.00	—	220.95	—
Capital Expenses	138.71	—	13,105.95	—
Net Gain (Loss)	(103.71)	—	(12,885.00)	—

Baldwin Spinet Piano Free to Anyone!

If you know of anyone who would like a spinet Baldwin piano that is in good condition, we are looking to find a new home for this one.

Please contact Natalie at:

natalie@windsorpc.org.



Building & Grounds

Don Beeson



Our last Saturday morning work session had seven members of the congregation, all working on the three residences north of the church, cutting down saplings, weeds and trimming bushes in order to keep up our commitment to be good neighbors to the community. We strive to keep all of our church property, which includes seven houses and several tree-covered acres, as well as the church, the best we can.

Arrangements have been made for commercial snow removal to the driveway way and parking lot after one or more inches of snowfall. In addition, the sidewalks along our properties will be handled by Joey Walling when any snowfall has passed. I mention this so that you are aware that we need to keep automobile activity to a minimum until the driveway is cleared during snow times.

Our heating system is in good condition at this time. However, please be aware that with substantial energy costs ahead this winter, we need to refrain from seeking to change the pre-set temperature settings.

We received word from our roofing company recommending that we have our insurance company review the condition of the sanctuary roof following the hail-storm this past September. This has been done and we are awaiting their report in a week or so.

To the Flock ~ continued from pg. 1

of transformation from death to birth, an ending and a beginning or end, they represent eternity and the process of transformation from death to birth, an ending and a beginning. In many cultures and religions, a circle represents the divine life force, or spirit, that keeps life in motion. The circle is symbolic of God's shalom—vitality, wholeness, competition, and perfection. The circle contains and conveys time, energy, cycles, change, and upward/forward movement. Biblically the circle refers to order and even heaven is referred to as a circle (Job 22:14).

The focal point of our logo is the white W which feels like it is in motion. Some have suggested it looks like a bird in flight. As such it calls to mind the movement of the **Holy Spirit** in our midst. We know that God's Spirit is at work in this place and continues to move in and through the work of our congregation.

The main purpose of a logo is to give a business or organization an identity. Humans are wired to identify visuals. Images stick in our memories and help us derive meaning and tell stories. We recall little of what we read and less of what we hear, but we remember images. We want to tell people who we are and celebrate this great community of faith. Our distinctive, colorful logo communicates who we are in ways that words can't.

The logo and all our communication efforts are aimed at sharing with the wider community who we are so that we can invite others to know God and experience God's presence in this place. We remember Jesus said the greatest command is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. My greatest hope is that our communication strategy helps people encounter the living God and in doing so have their lives transformed. And that together, out of mutual love for God, we can be part of God's mission to show love to our neighbors in ways that truly change the hearts, minds and lives of those we are called to serve.

I give thanks to God for all God is doing in this place with our congregation! May we participate with all we are in God's mission and ministry.

Shamaine



WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN

Return Service Requested

6301 University Avenue
Windsor Heights, IA 50324-1815
Phone: 515-277-8379
info@windsorpc.org
E-mail: info@windsorpc.org



We're on the Web!
www.windsorpc.org

Like us on Facebook!

Staff

Shamaine Chambers King, Pastor
Natalie Steenson, Director of Music, Worship & Arts,
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 Elder
Richard Ankenev (2024), Budget & Financial Stewardship
Don Beeson (2024), Buildings & 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 November Dates

- 3 - CFUM Meal**
- 6 - All Saints Sunday**
- 10 - Men on a Mission**
- 19 - Presbyterian Women**
- 20 - Christ the King Sunday;
100-Year Anniversary
Kick-Off**
- 24 - Thanksgiving Day**
- 27 - First Sunday of Advent**

