



THE CHURCHMOUSE

Windsor Presbyterian Church

September 2022



To the Flock . . .

RE: This church

I've been reflecting on this two-letter prefix (RE). As used above, it can mean "in the matter of" and lets us know what a document is to concern or be about. It can also be the second note of a major scale (as in do, re, mi). For Presbyterians, RE stands for Ruling Elder who are chosen by the congregation "to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life." [Book of Order, G-2.03.01]

As a prefix, "re" means to do something again, afresh or anew. It can imply mutuality and also frequent or intense force. This is the sense that has captured my imagination lately. We have been RE-Freshing the church in exciting ways. Some of our members have been attending RE-Formation of the Congregation workshops to learn and think together about God might be RE-Newing our congregation for the sake of God's mission in our neighborhood.

After more than two years of living in COVID limbo, we are figuring out how to RE-Connect with each other in new and exciting ways. Last month there was a well-attended, fun, and by all accounts, yummy potluck and the Presbyterian Women will be hosting another Sunday Potluck this month! We are RE-Connecting with our neighborhood in some exciting ways—

little food pantries, serving cookies at Movies in the Park, and taking part in the Windsor Heights Festival this month. Not only will we be there, but we will be sporting our logo on our beautiful new T-shirts.

There is excitement about RE-Connecting, but we might be a little rusty. Some of us have fallen out of the habit of hearing each other's stories and more deeply knowing each other. One of the highlights of the last year for me has been the sharing of testimonies and stories in worship. During Lent, we shared stories of spiritual practices and how they had brought us closer to God. This summer as we talked about Discipleship and living our faith in the world, we shared stories of radical welcome, baptism, communion, worship, prayer, justice, teaching, fellowship, light shining, and generosity. I loved hearing those stories and learning more about each other. They were diverse and precious, funny and tear-inducing. They were us.

Those testimonies, along with the stories told at Wanda Hill's memorial service, piqued our curiosity about how we might dig a little deeper in hearing each other's stories and finding out more about the people with whom we share the pew. Packing up CFUM dinners and talking about Story Corp, The Moth, and other storytelling shows, a few of us began to talk about learning

to tell stories better, maybe bringing in someone to teach us to tell our stories.

So, as we start up Windsor on Wednesdays (WOW) in person after two-plus years, I am excited that the focus of this fall is going to be on telling our stories. During September, we will share and listen and play and reconnect. In October, we will have a storytelling workshop led by professional storyteller Maureen Korte. She will teach us about stories and help us write some of our own stories. She will prompt our memories to name our family

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Discipleship (Belonging & Christian Formation)

Angie King

Windsor on Wednesdays

As we roll into September and fall, we're excited about starting Windsor on Wednesday again. Our first **WOW** is September 7. We're going to be back in Ward Hall and will start at



5:15 p.m. with a light supper, which will be provided, followed by our lesson at 6:00. Pastor Shamaine plans on sharing insight on the importance and purpose of testimony. Over the summer, we've had a time for testimonies during our Sunday worship service, and several people shared stories or experiences that brought deeper meaning to their lives and actions. At WOW, we'll learn how hearing and telling our stories can enhance and influence us. We'll be meeting in person and on Zoom and encourage as many as possible to attend in person to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie. After all, hanging out together is the best part of WOW! So, come to Ward Hall on September 7, grab something to eat, pull up a chair and enjoy some mighty fine company!

Presbyterian Women



Calling all Windsor women to our first **Presbyterian Women** meeting of the year on Saturday, September 17. We start at 10:00 a.m. in Ward Hall and try to wrap up by 11:30. Our study for this year is called "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." In the nine lessons,

we'll read scripture from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts, and consider Sabbath as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness and to remember that life is precious and working too much is against God's plans for our lives. We'll discuss how the Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.

The lesson books will be handed out at church or delivered so everyone can have a chance to look them over before our first meeting. If you need a book brought to you, contact Angie. It will be great to see everyone from last year and even greater to welcome new people. Please join us. It's a lot of fun! We really look forward to our second year of PW and hope to have a good turnout of wonderful Windsor women!

Sunday School

Summer Sunday School is morphing into Fall Sunday School by popular demand! We've enjoyed these conversations so much that everyone wanted to continue. Our topics vary from week to week: a Gallup poll researching how Americans view the Bible, Mary McLeod Bethune, a black educator recently honored with a statue in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol, why don't kids raised in the church attend as adults, a word museum in Washington, D.C., the Pope's apology in Canada for the treatment of indigenous people, medical debt, and many others. Each subject connects to our lives of faith and scripture. Plan on joining us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Ward Hall. The coffee is always ready for you.



Men on a Mission

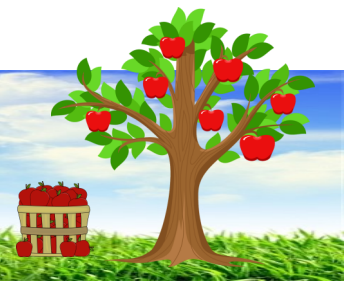


It has been decided that **Men on a Mission** will not meet in September. We are making plans to resume in October but at a different time. We welcome ideas as we move into the fall. If you have any questions or suggestions for the

group, contact Bob Culbertson at 515-279-4551 (home), or 515-720-6663 (cell).

Celebrations (Special Events & Visibility)

Jody Cox



Movie Night

We had a table and handed out cookies at the Windsor Heights movie night on Aug 5. There was a small turnout, but we passed out some info about the church and had some giveaways for the children.

Fall Festival

We are going to be involved in the Windsor Heights Fall Festival this year on September 23 & 24. We plan to have a table again so we can hand out information about the church and be available to talk to anyone interested. We will have some handout items and perhaps some treats or other giveaways.



Also, the Festival committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the entire event. So, I'm looking for volunteers to help with the table or who might want to volunteer for the festival. We should have our T-shirts by then, so you would be representing the

church no matter what you do. The time frames for the table would be Friday from 5:00 to 7:30 and Saturday from 3:00 to 7:30. Festival volunteer opportunities are available Friday evening and all day Saturday.

Please contact me as soon as you can if you are interested. It should be fun! Here is the link to the festival: www.windsorheightsfallfestival.com.

100-Year Anniversary

We continue to work on ideas to help celebrate our 100-year anniversary. I'm planning our big celebration to be on **November 20**. More details about this will be forthcoming.



We are looking to do something special we celebrate on All Saints Day on November 6. This may include a tour and explanation of the

stained-glass windows.

We plan to do a Windsor Moment each Sunday, where we can 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 like to write a short story/note about any of these groups or special events at the church from your memories, that would be fantastic, as well.



Also, Natalie is putting information out on our website about the 100 years, so keep checking back there as well. Here is that link: <https://windsorpc.org/>

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.



Re-formation of the Congregation

Third Session: The Dangerous Act of Worship and Its Implication for Faithful Witness
Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ames, IA
We would love to have you join the WPC delegation even if you haven't attend the other sessions. Lunch is provided. Contact Pastor Shamaine or the church office if you are interested.



Communications Shepherd

Natalie Steenson

Website, Facebook and Instagram, Oh my

As we travel down the yellow brick road spreading the news of God's Love at Windsor Presbyterian, our online presence as a church is a crucial piece of our outreach to the community. Simply put, we want others to know about the incredible ministries and worship at Windsor Presbyterian Church. You can easily help in spreading the word by sharing our website link (windsorpc.org) to others and inviting them to visit it often. You can join our Facebook page by searching for <https://www.facebook.com/WindsorPresbyterianChurch> and like/follow our pages. We will soon have an Instagram account. If you are on that social media platform, please follow us there, as well. Then when you notice something new posted, please like and share those with your contacts to help increase our reach.

Website



Here are a few photos of the "front page" of our website windsorpc.org.

Please visit the website regularly for an active calendar and listing of events and classes. We also have a page that will feature our 100 Years of Worship and Service in the community. We invite you to send in your memories, pictures, recipes and anecdotes of Windsor Presbyterian Church to be included on this page (please contact Jody Cox, committee chair, or Natalie Steenson). The website will have other features that will roll out throughout the next several months. Be on the look out...oh, my!

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Communications Continued



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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

The congregation really loves God and has so much fun joyfully worshipping together. Using our best gifts, we praise God with heart, mind, soul, and voice! All are welcome and we'd love for you to join our relaxed, faithful, and beauty-filled service. We worship in person at 10:30 a.m.

Please plan to wear a mask to help protect others. Those who can't come to the building are welcome to join us on [Zoom](#).

Sunday Worship

Join us in our sanctuary or on Zoom each Sunday morning at 10:30 am.

[Worship Zoom Link:](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/755291341>

or call +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 755 291 341



Facebook

Many of you have Facebook accounts. Here is a picture of our cover page in Facebook. Please "Like" our page so that whenever we post something it will appear in your newsfeed. When you see a post, please like/share as you feel comfortable.



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Communications Continued



Instagram — Be-Attitudes

If you are on Instagram, please find us there as well. Soon we will be launching our presence on Instagram with a Fall Kick-off called “Be-Attitudes— 30 ways to be.”

Here are a few examples:



Again, when you see these posts, like/share them with others! Need Help? If you aren't sure what all this means, or how to find our online presence, I will be hosting a Social Media workshop after church in Fellowship Hall later this fall. Watch our Windsor Weekly email for more information. Let's all join together on the yellow brick road of social media to share what's happening at the corner of 63rd and University!

August Session Highlights

The Session meeting was held Thursday, August 11, with all elders attending, except for Jody, who was excused. All the minutes for calendar year 2021 were reviewed by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and were approved without exception. Many thanks to Clerk Dwight Tomes and Coralee Meusberger, who work long and hard to prepare the minutes and fill out the required forms for this required annual review.

Natalie presented a report as the Communications Shepherd, emphasizing the re-freshing of our physical space and the re-imagining of room usage. Items with the Windsor logo are available for purchase to promote our church to the community. Social media postings on Facebook, Instagram and our website will begin in late August.



With our enhanced technology, the internet capability throughout the first floor is greatly improved. You can connect to our network using Windsor Guest.

A job description for the parish associate position has been sent to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry for input.

Shamaine reported a recent conversation with a neighbor who has a small food pantry in his yard, and they discussed ways in which WPC could work collaboratively with our neighbors to address food insecurity in Windsor Heights. If you have questions, concerns, items you'd like Session to discuss, or anything else, please contact one of the elders.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2022</h1>						
Regular Sunday Schedule: 900 a.m. Orthodox Church (Lower Level) 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 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: 5:15 p.m. WOW Meal 6:00 p.m. WOW Study	Monthly Events First Thursday: 12:00 p.m. CFUM Meal 7:00 p.m. Uke Jam Second Saturday: 9:00 a.m. B&G Work Day		
For our up-to-date events calendar and locations, please go to the calendar page on our website: www.windsorpc.org				1 12:00 CFUM Meal Prep 7:00 Uke Jam	2	3
4 Sunday School, Worship with Communion Fellowship 	5	6 Text Study	7 5:15 p.m. WOW Meal 6:00 p.m. WOW Study	8 5:00 Session	9	10 8:30 a.m. Juice, Coffee & Donuts 9:00 a.m. B&G Work Day
11 Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship	12	13 Text Study	14 5:15 p.m. WOW Meal 6:00 p.m. WOW Study	15	16	17 10:00 a.m. PW
18 Food Pantry Sunday Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship 	19	20 Text Study	21 5:15 p.m. WOW Meal 6:00 p.m. WOW Study	22	23	24 Re-formation Session #3 <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Windsor Heights Festival </div>
25 Sunday School, Worship & Fellowship 	26 Newsletter Articles Due	27 Text Study	28 5:15 p.m. WOW Meal 6:00 p.m. WOW Study	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Coming in October 10/2 Sun. World Communion 10/6 Thu. CFUM Meal 10/8 Sat. Work Day </div>



Congregational Care



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

Recent Prayer Requests: Henry Jackson, Anna Krull (Jayne & Dwight)

Continuing Prayers: Brad Behrens, Chuck & Phyllis Bryan, Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Esther Chol & Makya, Dick Cox, 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)



Bring a dish to share for our potluck after worship on **September 25**. It is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. We always have plenty of food, so if you don't have time to fix anything or if you forget, come anyway! If you have questions, contact Angie.

Worship in September

9/4 14th Sunday of Pentecost; Communion
Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17
Jacob Receives God's Promise

9/11 15th Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34
Joseph Is Enslaved

9/18 16th Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 39:1-23 or 41:1-32
Joseph in Prison or Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams

9/25 17th Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-21
Joseph Reunites with His Brothers

September

Birthdays

- 4 Barb Pomeroy
- 4 Linda Newsom
- 8 Ruth Hardin
- 10 Jody Cox
- 12 Anna White
- 15 Krysta Tomes
- 15 Dick Cox
- 17 Ann McGowan
- 18 Sue Cooper
- 21 Dwight Tomes
- 24 Ryan Carlson
- 24 Michal King
- 25 Jessica McCubbin
- 27 Beth Adams
- 28 Nancy Baker

Anniversaries

- 18 Jessica & Sean McCubbin
- 21 Sue & Bob Cooper

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

Outreach (Mission & Generosity)

Beth Schmitz



Greetings from Mission and Stewardship. Our committee had a great meeting recently to talk about various projects. Thanks to Shelley Mitchell, Linda Newsom, Rich Teig, Ruth Hardin, and Ron Grohe for their participation and ideas. Thanks also to Bob Culbertson for some great ideas, as well as arranging for a truly inspiring speaker on August 17. If you don't know about **Dorothy's House**, I encourage you to look it up or talk to a member that was at the presentation. As always, the support and help of any interested member is welcome as we strive to do God's work in our community. \$250 contributions were made in August to DMARC Compassion in Action and Beacon of Life. Thanks to Ruth Hardin for providing a Minute for Mission report on The Beacon during worship services on August 28.

The 3rd Sunday of the month is when we really focus on donations for the **DMARC Food Pantry**, but remember that donations to the Food Pantry can be made at any point in the month by including a monetary contribution with your offering or by placing food items in the Food Pantry Cart at church. These contributions are more important than ever, as DMARC recently shared that the need for food has increased 42%-63% over a similar period last year. Additional sad news sees the end of the Hunger Hike after 52 years. As a response to the food need in this community, we are hosting our first **Little Hunger Hike** for our Little Local Food Pantries. It will be after church services on Sunday, October 2. Please plan to bring a non-perishable food item (or two or three) and join us for a short hike around Windsor Heights.



On August 4, several volunteers prepared and delivered 150 meals for **CFUM**. Support for our CFUM efforts comes in many forms, including hands on help on the day of the event, donation of food items, and monetary donations directed to CFUM as well as the prayers and support of the church. Thanks to all who work to make this very important mission a success.

We recently did a **Back To School** drive to support children at Cowles and Windsor Elementary Schools with school supplies. Many items were donated and a special thanks goes out to all the members who contributed.

Lastly, we are gearing up for the **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**. It is conducted from September 4-October 2. I will sharing more about it during Sunday services and through some special bulletins. This will be our first time collecting for this offering, so I am looking forward to sharing more about it with you.

Local Mission Project - Ron Grohe

We at Windsor have an opportunity to participate in a special local mission project in our neighborhood. It has come to our attention that a block west of our church on the south side of University, there is a house that has a small stand in the yard by the sidewalk that offers free food. It is functioning as a neighborhood food pantry.

Recently, the householder, who has been supplying the stand with food for whoever wants or needs it, has been overwhelmed. The demand is exceeding the supply. We have offered to help stock the stand and ask that any of you that are so inclined to participate. Bring to the church any canned goods or other non-perishable items that you would like to donate. Leave them in the office, East Hall, or in the Food Pantry cart in the hallway by Ward Hall.

Since the pandemic started, most of our donations to DMARC's Food Pantry have been in cash. That is good and we don't want that to stop. However, we now have a chance to help with a need in our neighborhood by giving a few food items that we all have for folks close to us. Committee members will pick up the donated items two or three times a week and keep the stand supplied.

Thank you.

The Mission Committee



Worship & Personnel

Laura Ward

One of the best things about attending worship in the church is seeing friends and meeting new people. A great way to do that is to serve as usher/greeter. You don't need to be a deacon or elder to do so. Being YOU is enough! Here's how:

It's best to get to church around 10 a.m. (Feel free to come to Sunday school and leave early). Don your name tag. Check that the front doors are unlocked, and set the sandwich board style signs outside. There will be bulletins on the pew in the hallway, along with the script for the worship assistant. Set the offering basket or plate on the pew for people to voluntarily set their joyful offering or prayer request card in it. Greet people by name, if you can, as they arrive. Give them a bulletin.

Write their names in the red registry. Encourage them to grab their name tag. If there are visitors, try to get contact information from them and write on the registry.



Around 10:20 a.m., slip up to the front of the sanctuary and light the two candles on the communion table. At Joyful Giving time, take the offering plate to the front to be prayed over. After worship, blow out the candles and take the attendance sheet to the secretary's mail bin on the wall outside the church office. Now pat yourself on the back for making everyone's day brighter. We appreciate your help!

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Dana & Shelley



Beth S



Testimony



Worship Leadership



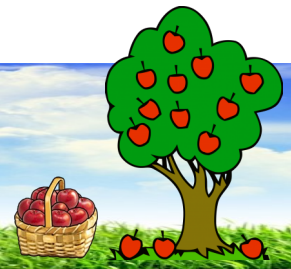
Nicole & her dolly



Joyful Giving

Budget & Financial Stewardship

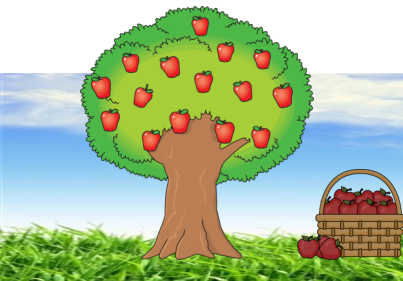
Richard Ankeney



July was a positive month for Windsor Presbyterian Church, with a generous congregation giving \$22,879.57 in contributions. Total income was \$23,848.57, against total expenses of \$18,983.26, resulting in a net income of \$4,865.31.

Expenses in multiple areas, particularly in maintenance and repair of the building, continue to be above budget. However, contributions have mostly kept pace with the church's needs, and if this trend continues, we should finish the year without having to make another transfer from the Capitol Account.

Financial Report 2022	July 2022	1-Month Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
General Contributions	22,879.57	12,216.67	94,017.76	85,516.67
Operating Income	969.00	2,033.33	21,058.62	14,233.33
Operating Expenses	18,983.26	14,250.00	116,536.38	99,750.00
Net Gain (Loss)	4,865.31	—	(1,460.00)	—
Capital Income	80.95	—	185.95	—
Capital Expenses	80.51	—	12,886.43	—
Net Gain (Loss)	0.44	—	(12,700.48)	—



Building & Grounds

Don Beeson

We had an excellent turnout for our monthly 2nd Saturday morning of the month work effort. Twelve members attended to trim walkways, remove weeds from driveway, trim evergreen bushes, wash windows, paint handicap parking areas and dismantle library shelving. It's truly amazing what can be accomplished with a team effort!

Another work session is planned for September 10. All are welcome to join in. Orange juice, doughnuts and coffee will be available at 8:30 a.m.

The Windsor Heights neighborhood had substantial wind, rain and hail during a downpour on August 19. At the present time, we are not aware of any substantial damage to our building, but we do plan to ascertain whatever work needs to be done to maintain our building the best we can.





Why Can't We Be Like Them?

Cindy Ray

It seems a little silly to write something like this for a newsletter, yet we have been talking about relationship building all summer. Building relationships is hard, but we should look at our furry pups to see the best way to do that.

I continue to marvel at Rickey. I've seen this in other dogs, of course. My guide dogs were much more restrained about it because they were "professional." I could probably take the exuberance out of Rickey, too, but it is so beautiful.

Sometimes we go somewhere for several hours and shut him in a little kennel. I am sure I wouldn't be terribly fond of the arrangement, and I've wondered what he is feeling. Dogs live in the moment, of course, so my daughter says that they figure they won't see you again. They have no expectations.

When I come home, though, and we let him out, he is just so excited. He tries to climb me, and if I go and sit down, he is on me licking, wagging his tail, and showing profound joy. He doesn't hold grudges, he's just happy we came home. After the initial joy has worn off, he lies in my lap and goes to sleep, anxious to get his regular routine back in place.



Do I do this? Oh, no. I may say someone is forgiven, but I save up grudges and pull them out for use if a good

reason to do so comes up. I might think of ways to get even and do that if the time is right. I might grouse because I have been unjustly treated. But Rickey, he has forgiven and forgotten and just wants to be loved. He trusts that when push comes to shove, I will be there for him. Over and over this scenario is repeated, and over and over it ends with my fur baby in my lap. Is there anything more beautiful than that?

God is like that. We stay away from church to have a little fun, or we aren't as attentive as we might be to church. We forget to pray. We gossip and judge. We are sinning, and God knows that we are frail and can't help it. God has to be disappointed. Then, when we return to God, renewing our commitment and working hard to show love and strengthen our relationships with others, God is there, smiling upon us and giving us grace on grace. We try and try to do the right thing, and most often we get it wrong, but God is ever watching and waiting for us to get it right.

When we are about to poke harmless fun at someone, about to do something, setting our God responsibilities aside, or any number of things, think of the fur babies, how they forgive us unconditionally and show us unconditional love. Think of God, who also loves us unconditionally. Then pray for God's help to do relationships better and to help us start over if we have slipped.

God is in this with us, and God will always have mercy. Thank you, God.

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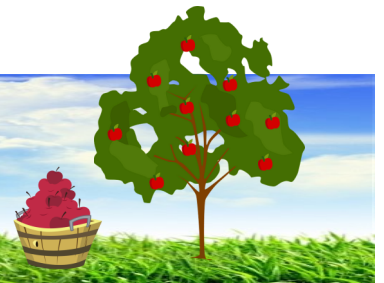


traditions and our church traditions. It is going to be amazing and fun. And it will help us proudly tell the congregation's story for the 100th Anniversary Celebration.

In the meantime, we will share Windsor Moments, Minutes for Mission, Milestones, and Testimonies in worship. We will RE-Connect by volunteering, worshipping, praying, pot-lucking, and enjoying each other. As my friend Don says, the family that works and plays, eats and prays together, stays together. My prayer is that WPC would be a place where people are radically welcomed, graciously enfolded, and joyfully belong.

Shamaine

More News



WPC Cornerstone Connection

Recently, the church office received an email from Duane W. Krohnke of Minneapolis, MN, in which he indicated that he and his family had lived in Des Moines during the years 1944 to 1949. He recalled attending our church as a youth from age 5-9. He happened to be in the area and drove to WPC but it was closed. He indicated that his father was a mason who had done engraving of stonework. The reason he had stopped at the church was to see what information we might have about the stonework on the church

As Ann McGowan and I considered this email, it occurred to me that Duane's father had been one of the workers on the construction of the sanctuary which was completed in 1948, and that the "carving" of stonework had been his father's efforts for the that cornerstone. Perhaps it is the 1924 Windsor Community Presbyterian Church cornerstone and the inscription over the red double front entry doors: **"THIS IS NONE OTHER BUT THE HOUSE OF GOD AND THIS IS THE GATE OF HEAVEN' GEN 28:17.**

Ann has replied to his email and sent him a copy of our Century of Christian Service booklet. His family's name does not appear in our church records, but that is not all so unusual considering the 1940's. What is a coincidence is that Ann Weatherby Beeson and Duane quite possibly crossed paths at Windsor at the same time, as they were attending in 1948 together. It is a pleasure to learn of a connection's in this, our celebration year, with

a construction person family member associated with the first above-ground building of Windsor Presbyterian Church.

Needless to say, we have had a stranger at our church who is now a friend – there might be a song written for us in this place

Diverting Clothes from the Dump

There's a new way in Des Moines to get rid of that shirt with the stain or pair of sneakers with a hole in the side toe. Clive businessman Brad Burtette has installed more than a dozen vivid green clothes bins to collect items throughout the metro as part of a national franchise. He plans to add about 80 more in coming months. Any clothing item or textile that's dry and has no odor may be donated.



This is a good way to divert items that can't be worn again from the landfill. Nearly 100% of clothing can be recycled, according to the Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association. More than 11 million tons of textiles — mostly clothing and footwear — went to the landfill in 2018, according to the most recent EPA estimates.

This is part of a for-profit business. Donations are not tax deductible. A portion of the proceeds from the donations goes to local schools. One of the bins is located outside Windsor elementary school.

COVID Safety Team Recommendations — August 11, 2022

- A reminder with this new variant that is so contagious we need to be careful with one another. If you have been exposed or are positive, please follow the guidelines to isolate for 5 full days and wear a well-fitting mask when with others until day 11.
- In all group gatherings, the COVID Safety Team recommends that people maintain distance from each other and wear masks.
- So that we can keep worship area a safe space for all, please wear your mask into the sanctuary and when you are walking around, singing or speaking.
- In Ward Hall and other common areas, you may remove your mask for fellowship and meals if you feel comfortable doing so and have not been exposed to COVID.



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Session

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Important Sept

- 1 – CFUM; Uke Jam
- 7 – WOW Begins
- 10 – B
- 17 – Presbyterian Women
- 18 – Food Pantry
- 24 – Re-formation Session #3
- 25—Potluck