



Mini Mouse



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The Season of Pentecost

"Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth and marks the culmination of the church's seven week celebration of Jesus' resurrection. On Pentecost Sunday, we remember for the coming of the Holy Spirit with wind and flame which empowered the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. We give thanks for God's gift of the Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in the Mission of God in all the world.

Because the presence of the Holy Spirit is so important to our participation in God's ongoing mission in the world (and because we have such lovely Pentecost banners) we will continue our celebration of the Holy Spirit through the summer

and mark a season of Pentecost. If you are watching for the signs, you might notice the transforming power of the Spirit present and active at Windsor Presbyterian Church!

Where do you see the Spirit of God at work in the church, in the world, and in your life?

¹ Adapted from the Book of Common Worship (PCUSA), ©2018, p. 344.



Summer Worship Series 'Creation Care' | June 9-July 14

“Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.” —I Corinthians 4:1

Genesis 1 tells us that in the beginning God created all that is and called each part good. We humans were created in the image of God and given the responsibility to tend and care for all of God’s good creation. “God sends the Church to share in the stewardship of creation, preserving the goodness and glory of the earth God has made. God cares for us through the gifts of creation, providing all that we need in abundance.” (Book of Order, Directory for Worship, W-5.0305)

This summer in worship, we will spend time thinking about the gift of creation and God's command for humans to care for and be stewards of that good creation. We will give thanks for God's gifts by acknowledging God's call to stewardship, sing songs that glorify and lift up the goodness of nature, confess our collective failures to care for creation, and commit our lives and resources to be stewards of creation until the day when God will make all things new.

June 2 Wrapping up Paul's Letter to the church 1 Corinthians 16

June 9 Created to Care Genesis 1:1-2:4a 6

June 16 Humans and the Sky Job 38:4 -38

June 23 Humans and the Water Psalm 65

June 30 Humans and Animals Psalm 104 (Cindy Ray)

--Pastor Shamaine Chambers King

Keeping up with the WPC Calendar

As a reminder, the WPC calendar of events can be found on our website. Here is a direct link you can bookmark: [WPC Calendar](#)

If you use an electronic calendar (outlook, google, ical, etc.) and would like to have all the WPC calendar events automatically added to it, you can subscribe using this link: [Subscribe WPC Calendar](#). Contact Shamaine if you have questions.

June 2024 Calendar

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

Windsor Presbyterian							Jun 2024 (Central Time - Chicago)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:15am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Fellowship 5:30pm - OA Meeting	27	28 9:30am - Text Study	29	30	31	1 9:30am - Steenson 3pm - Flying Pig Fiddle	2 9:15am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Fellowship 1pm - Hykes Student	3	4 9:30am - Text Study	5	6 11:15am - 1:30pm - CFUM Meal 3:30pm - Set Up & 4pm - Girls Rock	7	8
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Calendar Highlights for this Summer:

- **June 1** Flying Pig Old-Time Jam 3:00-5:00pm -- FREE
 - All players of acoustic string instruments welcome.
 - Come to play or listen. WPC wear your red shirts & help host!
- **June 6** CFUM Meal Prep 1:30pm
- **June 6** CFUM Serving at Trinity UMC 3:30pm
- **June 15** Presbyterian Women 10:00am
- **June 20** Men on a Mission 5:30pm
- **June 25** Newsletter Articles Due
- **July 9** Men on a Mission providing dinner for Fresh Start women
- **July 31-Aug 4** Habitat Faith Build -- see more information below



WPC SESSION REPORTS

June 2024

BUILDING & GROUNDS TEAM

Dana Mitchell, Session Leader

- Ward hall floor was stripped and waxed.
- Tuckpointing on the exterior of Ward hall has been completed.
- A workday was held on April 27th. Thanks to everyone that showed up to assist, several tasks were completed in the Church and also the outside landscaping was attended to.
- Along with the list of tasks, a sewer blockage was discovered that caused several inches of water to be in the basement kitchen floor area. Smith Sewer Service was called to clear the blockage and they also discovered a break in our sewer line between the building and the street that will need addressing.
- Cole Clark has been hired to provide lawn mowing services this summer.

APRIL FINANCIALS

Ron Grohe, Finance Committee

The month of April has not been a good one, financially, for the **Operating Account** at Windsor.

- **Total Income** was \$7,700 less than budgeted
- **Contributions** were \$4,900 below budget.
- **Total Expenses** were, generally, below budget for most categories.
- **Actual Expenses** were \$1,600 under budget.
- **Net Loss** for the month was \$5,800 (\$6,100 below budget)

Reflection:

One main problem continues to be a slowdown in contributions. We all need to continue our normal giving amounts so that the amount needed to be taken from Land Sale Income is kept to a bare minimum.

PARKING LOT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Angie King, Session Leader

Your task force has been extremely busy this month, holding multiple meetings with our Civil Engineer, Shane Devick, whose contract the Session approved in March. He has shown us two different proposals for the site plan, which are being considered. The Session approved the contract with Earthworks to demolish the three houses. Shane has filed the demolition permit with the city. Mid-American will remove overhead lines, gas and electric meters, and will cap gas lines by the end of May, followed by an inspection to assure safety for the demolition. Shane has sent out information for bids to unhook the water and sewer lines. Upon completion of that work, it will be inspected by the Water Works and the city of Windsor Heights before proceeding. Once gas, electricity, water, and sewer issues are resolved satisfactorily, the demolition can begin. Affected neighbors on 64th Street are being informed about the removal of the trees along the property line. Laura Ward has been invaluable about making those contacts. The project is on track and moving forward. To be continued...

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Angie King, Session Leader



Our PW group is sponsoring a **"Clean Out Your Closet"** clothing drive throughout the month of June (or whenever you bring stuff). Right now, we're concentrating on summer clothes - t-shirts, shorts, tops, bottoms, shoes, socks, pajamas, etc. for men, women, and children. If you have some out-of-season clothing, we'll take that too, and keep it at the church, because next fall, we're going to do a repeat performance for winter clothes. The donations will go to [Families Forward](#), a recently formed organization that combined the Bidwell-Riverside Center, which has a food and clothing pantry and a childcare center, with Hawthorn Hill, which focuses on providing housing for families in need. Windsor has given monetary donations to Families Forward, and PW thought a clothing drive would supplement our other contributions quite well. So, start cleaning out those closets and bring stuff to the church, CLEAN, of course!

MISSION OUTREACH

Beth Schmitz, Session Leader

It is amazing to see the work we do in the name of Our Lord to support those in need in the community. It is a blessing to have such an active Outreach committee and the huge amount of support from all the members and visitors of the church.

Little Food Pantry

Summer items needed for our Little Food Pantry: Peanut Butter, boxes of cereal, cans/packages of chicken and tuna, rice or pasta meals, dry and can soups, canned vegetables, dry or shelf stable milk products. *(I have been keeping a very rough estimate of items and during the months of April and May, we had 468+ items donated for our little food pantry.)*

DMARC Food Pantry



We are collecting money for the DMARC Food Pantry on the third Sunday of the month (or really whenever you feel called to

Habitat 2024 Faith Build Week

Wednesday, July 31st - Sunday, August 4th



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- Volunteer shifts on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
 - 8:15am-4:00pm
 - Volunteer shifts on Saturday
 - 8:15am-1pm
 - Volunteer shifts on Sunday
 - 8:15am-11:30am

The **Faith Build** will be supporting two homes this year. We will have exterior opportunities on one home and interior opportunities at the other home. Teams of 6 volunteers needed.

Exterior opportunities can include capping the foundation, raising the wall panels, framing, siding, exterior paint, building steps, etc.

give). The need is still high throughout the community. Father's Day is coming up; so, please consider a donation to the food pantry in honor of our dads.

Monthly \$250 Donations

In May, we made \$250 donations to Orchard Place and to Families Forward.

PCUSA Pentecost Offering

Our Pentecost Offering finished up on May 19. We collected \$890.00. We get to keep 40% of what we collect and this year's donation brings our cumulative amount to \$1,940.00. The committee is considering a couple of good ideas for using a portion of this money and will likely move forward on this during the summer and early fall months.

Meals from the Heartland



Craig Branch is spearheading an effort to complete a shift for Meals from the Heartland. If you signed up, you will be hearing from him soon about possible dates for this activity. If you didn't get signed up and are interested, let Craig know so that you will be included in the communication loop for this worthwhile project.

Interior opportunities can include trim, painting, building cabinets, installing flooring, installing cabinets, installing appliances, finishes and cleaning.

We would like to put together a WPC team of at least 6 volunteers for a shift. If you are interested, please sign up in Ward Hall or contact Shamaine or Steve Rodda.

Both homes have been selected by partner families in the homeownership program:

- **Exterior Work**—3023 E. 13th Street is being purchased with an affordable mortgage by Semere & Abrehat.
- **Interior Work**—2528 Morton Avenue is being purchased with an affordable mortgage by Diarra.

Fresh Start Meal Prepared by Men on a Mission

Bob Culbertson is spearheading a meal for the women at Fresh Start in Des Moines. The meal will occur on July 9 with Men on a Mission preparing and delivering it. Please contact Bob if you are interested in contributing to this project and be watching for his Minute for Mission on June 9 to tell us more about this opportunity.

COMMUNICATIONS

Krysta Tomes, Session Leader

Help Us to Grow on Social Media



Have you seen the gorgeous sunset graphic for "Follow Friday" in our *Windsor Weekly* email, and wondered what it is all about?

Each Friday (or throughout the week) on Facebook, we have new posts for our community. Something to ponder, a beckoning invitation to go on a faith journey, a shout out to our volunteers. We invite everyone to *Follow*, an echo of the invitation Jesus made to each of the disciples to take up the work of the church.

Each engagement – a "like", a heart, sharing with your own social media followers, a thoughtful comment – helps:

- Get the word out about Windsor, without a sound.
- Gives a friendly wave to our neighbors, all over the city.
- Opens our red door wide, every day of the week.

Help Spread the "Word"



Help spread the "Word" by sharing Pastor Shamaine's Sunday sermons with others, or listen again to catch what you may have missed. Each Sunday's sermon is readily available to listen to right on our website's home page (just find the green graphic like the one above). Click on the forward "arrow" to listen. We also have a **"Sermon Library"** with several months of sermons to listen to at windsorpc.org/sermon-library.

Don't miss the opportunity to spread God's word with others!



WPC T-Shirts to Arrive Soon!

Kaitlin M. will be contacting you if you have ordered a t-shirt, as soon as the re-order of WPC T-shirts arrive. You can pay by cash, check (made out to WPC), or Venmo

- Generates compound interest in what's happening, without spending a penny.

This small action can make a big impact in how likely we are to bring in potential visitors Sunday morning or to other promoted events. It enables us to be the church together, even when we are away from our favorite pew or Zoom screen.

See you on Social Media!

Kaitlin \$20 each.



Worship & Fellowship at Windsor



CFUM Meal Service



Special thanks to Dwight Tomes for our photographs.



Click on the image above to see a short video about the blessing of serving meals at CFUM from Jeree or select the button below.

SERVING CFUM
