



WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN

YEAR 2025 REVIEW

Annual Meeting
March 1, 2026



2026 Annual Report Agenda

Sunday, March 1, 2026 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Windsor Presbyterian Church, Windsor Heights, IA To Review 2025 and Preview 2026

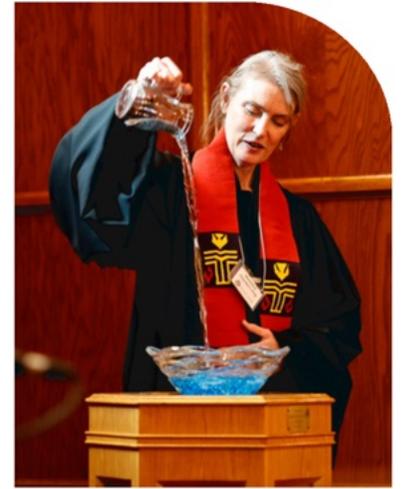
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Pastor's Letter by Shamaine Chambers King

Dear church,

It's been a year! I'm so grateful for this congregation. Your faithfulness and can-do approach make it such a privilege to serve as your minister. You are gritty and resilient and resourceful and you work together to be the body of Christ made visible in the world. You invite friends and welcome those God brings through the doors. It is beautiful to behold. In this report you will find reminders of how we have grown as a community of faith and how much we have been able to accomplish together.

A year ago I wasn't able to write my own articles for the annual report. We didn't know if I would be able to return from my traumatic brain injury or even what my ministry might look like. Facing uncertainty, you rolled up your sleeves and kept the ministries of the church moving forward. I thank God for your faithfulness, strength, and resilience. I'm immensely grateful to the session, staff, and everyone who stretched themselves in so many ways to allow me time and space for recovery. As I think back to that time, I'm flooded with gratitude for the gifts, cards, treats, prayers, and support. I appreciate how Cindy Ray, Bob Culbertson, and Jon Bailey not only preached, but also cared for and led the congregation. I'm grateful for the ways Presbytery and Windsor UMC supported the congregation and me during that difficult season.



The photos and articles in this Annual Report reflect how this community pitches in to make worship, fellowship, and service happen with beauty and excellence. The image of our baptismal font on the cover reminds us that by the waters of baptism we are welcomed into the family of God. The reflection of the stained glass window in those waters captures the beauty of our sanctuary. I hope you see the many ways the words and pictures in these reports reflect the joy and beauty of our people.

Happy reading!
Shamaine

Worship & Personnel by Laura Ward



REJOICING AND GIVING THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

For us, 2025 started out with new challenges. Due to a cycling accident on November 16th of 2024, Pastor Shamaine Chambers King needed time to receive therapy and rehabilitation. The brain injury dictated months away from the pulpit. We were blessed to have a number of people rush to our aid, supporting her and us in the process. Every congregation in Presbytery was sending up prayers.

Pastor Cindy Ray added us to her already busy preaching schedule and filled the pulpit when she was in town. Reverend Jon Bailey came over many times to speak, right after completing the service for his own flock at Windsor United Methodist. Long-time friend of Windsor, Reverend Don Elly, sermonized, having also stepped in for Shamaine the day after she was hospitalized. Our own Reverend Bob Culbertson, who had hoped his preaching days were behind him, got into a rhythm of sermonizing as needed. We are grateful to all of these people for filling our sacred space with their love and faith, and for going with the awkward flow!

Reverend Nathan Williams came to run our Session meetings, and was ready to help in any way possible. Many of us know him from Tuesday morning Text Study, so it was very comfortable to have him lead Session. Des Moines Presbytery's Ministry & Mission Executive Presbytery, Amgad Beblawi, and our Presbytery Liaison, Polk Davison, visited one of our meetings to show support and offer resources.



Worship & Personnel by Laura Ward (cont.)

Grateful for all Who Helped in the Transition

Our Secretary, Carol Heilman, was still new to the job and did everything she could during a fire drill type of situation. Since we were just getting into the season of Advent, there was a tremendous load picked up by Natalie Steenson and we will be forever grateful. (It doesn't always pay to know how to do everything).

Months of Rehabilitation

Pastor Shamaine was going through a lot of rehabilitation for months, and trying to devise new ways to function. For one so independent, it was awful. Conversations were difficult to follow with only one person, and impossible with two or more. It wasn't only confusing to follow the sentences and make sense of them. The voices themselves could be registering way louder than was accurate, or grate on her nerves. When her brain got overwhelmed, it would stop processing and leave her standing there wondering what she had just talked about. Her memory was no help to her, either. Reading screens was not possible because her vision was very messed up. She would have to wait for one of her daughters to get home to read the texts of encouragement to her.



Shamaine Returns to Pastoral Ministry with Challenges

Her first official function back with us was conducting the memorial service for Chuck Bryan on Saturday, February 15th and then sitting through worship the next day with Stephen for her first time back in the sanctuary. They were in the back row, where the sound is buffered a little. The music and amplified voices were very challenging for her.

We watched with tremendous gratitude as our own minister returned to preach on March 9th. It was important to continue with pulpit fillers while Shamaine got her worship muscles back. She was able to be at the church more and more as time went on, which is such a huge blessing to us all.

Continuing to Make Progress and to Heal

Although Shamaine continues to heal and find new ways to accomplish her tasks, our understanding and support is still needed. She had several oral surgeries in 2025 and is having more in 2026. Brains heal at their own pace. Her eyes are still not working as they were, her ears find some sounds irritating, and she doesn't always know what to say back to you. It is still a good idea to not grab her on her way into worship, so that she can keep track of details. It is also a great habit to write down what you need so that she can look at it again later. She is doing everything she can to get to full function again.

**REJOICING AND GIVING THANKS TO
GOD FOR PASTOR SHAMAINE!**



Worship & Personnel by Laura Ward (cont.)

Repairs and Improvements to Worship

In other news, our Organist, Jim Behrens, found out that our organ needed a new battery and arranged for its installation in April. We are so very grateful to the following who called up slides for us during worship. Thank you all!



- Shelley Mitchell
- Kaitlin Mogle
- Beth Mogle
- Tracy Miksell-Branch
- Lori Pope
- Krysta Tomes

We continue to be thrilled with the new sound system. It was a huge effort by a marvelous team and continues to use the energy and time of a lot of people. Thank you for the rehearsals, the training, the attention to detail, and the adaptability you all bring to the process. We are so grateful to the following people, and to those I will hate myself for leaving out :



- Brian Dobson
- Craig Branch
- Tracy Miksell-Branch
- Natalie Steenson
- Krysta Tomes
- John Baker
- Richard Ankeney
- Dwight Tomes
- Jim Behrens
- Dana Mitchell
- Shelley Mitchell
- Shamaine King
- Rich Teig
- Steve Pope

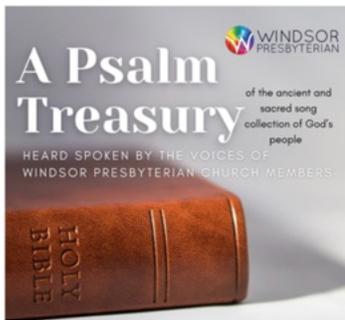
On May 18th we happily went outside and scattered some of the earth from our property south of University to the site of our parking lot and said a prayer. I think our church goes from long ago were rejoicing with us when it was paved.

Worship Music Rotation and Choir

We are getting into a new groove with our worship music. Our Sunday Band members will vary a little, but we are hoping to enjoy their music at regular intervals. We are having some weeks that are organ music only. The choir performs periodically. It seems like Natalie Steenson, our Director of Music and Liturgical Arts, always finds ways to top whatever she has created for us previously.



Worship & Personnel by Laura Ward (cont.)



Psalm Treasury Enhances Worship

Another of Natalie's creations is the Psalm Treasury, featuring members and friends of Windsor lending their speaking voices to read a favorite Psalm. Natalie then finds music and photographs to go with the text and makes a short movie out of all of it, both for worship and for our website, windsorpc.org. I am so moved to hear each of you read. Please remember we would love for you to read several psalms that are still available. There are 150 of them and not that many of us.

Wearing Windsor T-Shirts While Doing Good in the Community

It's been fun to see the red Windsor T-shirts on everyone when we are doing something special. Thank you for supporting the team in that way.

We had a changing of the guard in the fall. Carol Heilman left to work with her daughter, and Susie Guadalupe Rider came in to work in our office. We offer a big thank you hug to the Personnel team for finding a good person so quickly. The Personnel Committee members are Beth Mogle, Sue Cooper, and Laura Ward.

We Give Thanks to Windsor United Methodist for Shared Worship

On December 7th our friends at Windsor United Methodist came to have one of their last worship services with us. It was wonderful to have time with them again, for worship and a potluck, and to be able to lay our hands on them and share some tears as they started a new path, nesting with Immanuel United Methodist church. Over the years, our choirs have sung together, we've done Ash Wednesdays together, and enjoyed going back and forth between the two churches. We wish them every good thing and will miss them very much.



Please be praying for our staff throughout the year. They are:

- Shamaine Chambers King, Pastor
- Natalie Steenson, Communications Shepherd/Music and Liturgical Arts Director
- Susie Rider, Administrative Assistant
- Cindy Ray, Parish Associate
- Jim Behrens, Organist
- Deb Hibbert, Accountant
- Aldin Plavulg, Custodian

The Worship Committee, (Shamaine Chambers King, Jim Behrens, Natalie Steenson, Sue Cooper, Linda Newsom, Cindy Ray, Krysta Tomes), wishes to thank everyone who has shared worship with us this past year. We are grateful for your participation and for the inspiration you give us to keep trying new things.

Worship and Liturgical Arts by Natalie Steenson

A Rich Variety of Worship Music

Windsor Presbyterian Church continues to offer a wide range of musical styles in worship. We are blessed with many gifted musicians who enrich our Sunday services through strings, piano, organ, guitar, drums, and vocals.

This year, we introduced a new monthly rotation of worship styles:

- Traditional worship featuring organ
- Blended worship featuring both piano and organ
- Acoustic worship featuring piano and/or strings
- Band-led worship featuring guitars, drums, piano, and vocals

This rhythm allows us to experience different expressions of praise while honoring the depth and diversity of our congregation. It is truly a privilege to work alongside musicians who bring both talent and a deep, faith-filled commitment to the shared worship of God.



Our Dedicated Choir and Men's Ensemble Shine

Our choir of 12 members remain a faithful and vibrant part of our music ministry. Rehearsing weekly on Wednesdays from September through May, they prepare beautiful anthems for Sunday worship and special services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday/Good Friday, and Christmas Eve. If you have musical gifts to share, we warmly invite you to consider joining the choir or the worship band. There is a place for everyone to serve and grow through music at Windsor.

We also celebrate the formation and growth of a men's ensemble this year. In addition to singing during worship, they have ministered to our homebound members and brought joy through caroling at the 2025 Windsor Wonderland. Thank you to these men for sharing your voices and spreading such encouragement and joy throughout our community. A special thank you to Jim Behrens for coordinating these efforts!

We welcome you to join our music worship community!

Liturgical Arts Enhance our Worship

Thank you to everyone who helps create meaningful and beautiful worship settings throughout the year through flowers, candles, banners, lights, and seasonal decorations.



Parish Associate by Rev. Cindy Ray

2025 was a busy year and rather eventful.
A lot of changes have come for me.

By 2025, I was regularly serving First Presbyterian Church in Monroe, United Presbyterian Church in Newton, and the Presbyterian Church in Perry. I have loved working with the people in these churches, and I have enjoyed leading their services. I also served as substitute for the pastor in Ankeny this past summer. Up until February, I had utilized some of the Windsor Congregation to get me to these churches, especially Linda Newsom, but it seemed important, especially as my opportunities increased, that I find a driver, so I hired a lovely woman from Ankeny to drive for me.



I played a large part in preparing worship materials during Shamaine's illness, and it certainly was a benefit for me, and I preached three or four times here at Windsor Presbyterian Church.

David Hammel, the main member of the duo "Dave and Cindy," and I have continued performing together. Some of the places we have performed are Calvin Community, Wesley on Grand, Wesley the Village, MillPond, Urbandale Suites, The Arbordale retirement communities, and more. It has been a joy to serve them, but I am trying to take a slightly larger leadership role in the planning of these programs.

I have enjoyed an increased role here in our service, and appreciate Shamaine for helping me spread my wings a little further. I have continued in the choir and have played piano or organ during the year.



During the past year we down-sized from our rather large house on 76th Street to The Arbordale on 82nd Place. It was a bit of a traumatic move, but we had completed it by late August. Bob's cancer, which had been diagnosed last February, began to spread rapidly. He experienced a somewhat extended stay in the hospital and rehab in October and November. He continued to grow worse, and I found it necessary to step back from my churches that I was serving so that I could be with him at home. After chemo was suspended, we knew he wouldn't be with us a long time, but the joy we both experienced by his joining Windsor was a beautiful thing. He was thrilled when the New Member Class came to him at Edgewater, and Windsor became his new love, helping him to experience more and more the love of God. He "joined the kirk eternal" on January 6, and on January 20 we gave him a beautiful Windsor send off.

**THANK YOU,
WINDSOR FOR
ALLOWING ME TO
SERVE YOU.**

For this upcoming year I will begin to visit my churches in Newton and Monroe again, and maybe in Perry. I am already scheduled for two dates in Newton, and I look forward to it. I am enjoying writing prayers and helping with the service here as well, and I hope what I am doing will help to make me a better pastor.

Belonging & Christian Education by Angie King



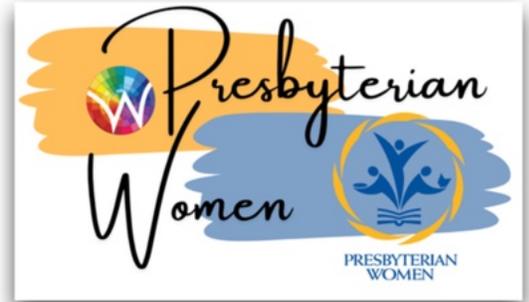
Our Windsor family had many opportunities in 2025 to gather for learning, camaraderie, growing in faith, and just plain FUN! Your Discipleship Team gives a big shout-out to all the folks who participated, shared, discussed, supported, argued, encouraged and laughed together.

Presbyterian Women Studies Written by Women

Our Presbyterian Women study in 2025 was called "*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation.*" It covered social justice, water justice, environmental justice and others. After going through a few lessons, and after frank conversations and expressed concerns, the group decided to abandon this study because we found it to be quite depressing when contrasted against the current state of injustice that is occurring in our

country currently. We switched to "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ,*" which explores ways to not be consumed by conflict and anguish, but to find ways to become grounded again and renew our faith and reconnect to Jesus Christ. The first three lessons were on finding resilience; we are in the section on finding joy and will conclude by discussing finding our identity. We will be studying this book through May of 2026 and invite all

Windsor Women to join us on the third Saturday of the month in Ward Hall at 10:00am. As with all PW studies, the material is written BY women and FOR women, which gives us an opportunity for a personal look at our faith from a woman's perspective. In addition to our monthly conversations, PW participates in an annual mission project. Our current project is providing items for our Little Food Pantry.



WOW Fun and Fellowship

WOW (Windsor on Wednesday) started off in the spring with a departure from our usual studies by reaching down to find our inner child for a few weeks of goofing off, laughing, and playing games. Board games, card games, puzzles, whatever tripped our fancy. While digging through a cupboard in the kitchen, we found a real prize. A Bingo game donated by Leon and Lucy ages ago. So, we spent one evening playing Bingo with the Sanderson's Bingo game. It was a very special and fun time. The culminating event was a rowdy Pizza and Puzzles Contest. After enjoying lots of Casey's pizza, we had four teams competing to see who could finish the puzzle first. It was a riot to see how each team strategized, or, in some cases, had no discernible strategy! Three teams completed the puzzle, but the fourth team didn't quite finish (see "no discernible strategy" above!). Everyone had so much fun that a repeat was requested, which we did in late summer.



**THE WINNING PRIZE WAS, WHAT ELSE?
A PUZZLE!**



Fall WOW Study Featured "Practicing the Way"

For the fall WOW class, Craig shared his ideas and talents as a leader for the study called "Practicing the Way," based on a book by John Mark Comer, featuring eight sessions of teaching, guided conversations, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. We learned how to form a better understanding of spiritual formation and how to follow Jesus in a distracted and increasingly challenging culture. There are nine practices, and Craig is currently leading the WOW group on the practice of Scripture which includes reading, meditating, praying, and contemplating with a goal of moving Scripture from the head to the heart in an intentional way. WOW meets on Wednesday evenings at 5:45pm in Ward Hall and concludes by 7:00pm when Choir practice begins. Join Us!

The Wired Word: Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:15am in Ward Hall, using The Wired Word for our discussions. The Wired Word is published by Communications Resources, a business that publishes material for churches. There are an Editorial Board and a Senior Editor, Stan Pardum, who decide the topics. Scriptural reference material is provided to facilitate discussions about matters of faith raised by news of the week. Each Friday, the lesson is emailed to Sunday School participants to read before we meet, if they choose. No preparation is required. If you would like to be added to our email list, let me know. We explored a wide variety of different topics such as AI influencing churches and schools, how we approach death, the role of friendship in the Bible, the difficulties facing faith-based immigrant resettlement groups, materialism and generosity, the deaths of Jane Goodall and Pope Francis, effects of the government shutdown, weather disasters and climate change, along with a myriad of other subjects.

There's a lot going on at Windsor, that's for sure! Huge thanks to Laura W. and Beth M. for everything they bring to your Discipleship Team and to Bob Culbertson for helping with Sunday School.



**IN 2026, WE INVITE YOU TO
MAKE AN EFFORT TO EXPLORE
ANY AND ALL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR BELONGING AND
LEARNING AND SHARING IN
COMMUNITY AT WINDSOR**

Communications by Krysta Tomes



Our Upgraded Audio-Visual System

If 2024 was our year of installing and settling into our upgraded Audio-Visual system, then 2025 became a year of learning, practicing, and growing more comfortable with all the new pieces.

We are deeply grateful for our dedicated volunteers, who have embraced running slides, welcoming our Zoom worshipers, and managing the new sound board, cameras, and TV monitors with such grace and enthusiasm. Their commitment has allowed us to enjoy a wonderful variety of live music and to bring new elements of worship to life. Throughout the year, we offered several small training sessions on each part of the system, and we warmly invite anyone interested to come up to the balcony for a hands-on look at how everything works.

Website Statistics Show Encouraging Use



Our website, windsorpc.org, is a useful resource in learning about Windsor Presbyterian Church, the ministries, current events and activities, not only for our internal use, but also for sharing with those who might be interested in learning more about WPC! It also houses our Psalm Treasury, past issues of the Churchmouse and Sacred Moments newsletters

Churchmouse Newsletter Changes

We also made a few changes to our long-running Churchmouse newsletter, moving from a quarterly format to a monthly emailed PDF. This new two-page version includes a monthly calendar, a message from Pastor Shamaine, a brief financial snapshot, and a note from one of our Elders. It also highlights and thanks our Sunday volunteers, so crucial to keeping Windsor going week after week. The Community Connections weekly email complements our Sunday bulletin and provides links to our website for further details.

Psalm Treasury

The Psalm Treasury, a living collection of psalms read by our members, continued to grow this year. These immersive audio and visual video clips have become a meaningful part of our Sunday worship. If you'd like to participate, there are many psalms waiting to be read. See Natalie for simple instructions on how to join in.

I am excited to see how our worship experience will continue to grow in 2026. With new tools, new skills, and the steady support of our congregation, we look forward to discovering fresh ways to welcome new visitors and deepen our sense of community. May the coming year bring even more opportunities to connect, share, and worship together.

Communication Shepherd by Natalie Steenson



So Much to Share

This year, I've devoted time and energy to enhancing how we communicate and connect across a range of platforms. From our website, and weekly email updates (Weekly Connections), to our monthly Churchmouse and quarterly Sacred Moments, to printed materials like bulletin covers, brochures and special invitations for Lent, Advent, and Christmas Eve, as well as our presence on Facebook and Instagram, we are telling the story of our church in more ways than ever before. These tools allow us not only to broaden our outreach in the community, but also to keep our congregation informed and engaged in the many opportunities for worship, service, and spiritual growth at Windsor Presbyterian. I invite you to explore these resources and share them with friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family—so others may discover the meaningful, faith-filled community we are blessed to be part of.

The Art of Beholding

This summer, I completed a two-month self-guided online course through **Abbey of the Arts** called "*Eyes of the Heart*," which focused on Christian contemplative photography. Through daily practice, I learned to see more intentionally with the "eyes of the heart," discovering how photography can become a spiritual discipline—an invitation to notice the holy woven into the quiet details of everyday life.

Spending unhurried time outdoors with my camera, I practiced simply observing and beholding what was around me. In that stillness, I began to notice beauty and meaning in places I had previously overlooked. This rhythm of attentive seeing slowed me down, deepened my faith, and opened my eyes to the gentleness, beauty, and sacred presence of God all around us.

Many of the images from this journey have already found their way into our Psalm Treasury, Sacred Moments newsletters, and the photo display in East Hall. In the years ahead, you will continue to see more of these reflections as I keep exploring—with camera in hand—the many ways God's presence can be revealed and shared within our community.

If you would like to see a sampling of some of these images, you can go to the ArtHouse website arthousedsm.com *Artist@Heart* tab you will find *The Art of Beholding* section to see some of my own images, but also images from members of our congregation and friends. Below are a few of my favorite images from my lens this summer.



Artist@Heart



Mission & Generosity by Beth Schmitz



Engaging in Mission to Our Community

Mission and Outreach is flourishing with the help of the congregation (members and friends alike) of Windsor Presbyterian Church and their commitment to the Outreach we do in this community and the broader world. Our ability to engage in Mission to the community is thanks to a dedicated Outreach team and caring congregation members and volunteers. Thanks to everyone for your contributions and for being a part of a small group doing mighty and wonderful things.

SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART FOR MISSION & GENEROSITY

CFUM Mission Project is A Message of Hope

In 2025, Children and Family Urban Movement (CFUM) continued to be a strong mission project for us under the guidance of Linda and Jim Newsom. We provided many meals to adults and children each month on the first Thursday of the month. A balanced meal of cheesy potato casserole, corn, green beans, fresh veggies, a homemade dinner roll, a cherry Jello salad, cake, and assorted cookies is our offering each month; and, we continue to receive compliments from the CFUM staff and the families that are served. Jokes and joyful contact fuels the mission which is served by many volunteers. This is an outreach project that has also attracted individuals from outside of the congregation to support and experience the joy of taking God's message of hope into the world. In December, we once again provided a \$10 gift to individuals in the program. This was made possible by generous donations from the congregation. Linda and Jim Newsom are supported by many volunteers and donations. Linda Newsom shares that the volunteers enjoy the time together in fellowship with each other working on a project that aligns with Windsor Presbyterian's values and Christ's values. It is a program we will continue to support through the coming year. Thank you to Jim and Linda for all your time and dedication in leading this mission and to all the members/volunteers who have contributed in some way to the success of this program.



Mission & Generosity by Beth Schmitz (cont.)

Iowa Fresh Start: A New Mission Connection

This year we continued a new mission connection with the Iowa Fresh Start program. This program was introduced to us by Bob Culbertson and has been championed by Craig and Tracy Miksell-Branch along with other members of the congregation. Iowa Fresh Start is a program that works with 48 adult females who are moving from incarceration back to the outside world, providing them with support with job placement, education, and substance abuse programming. Members of the congregation provided an evening meal to the participants in January, May, and September of 2025. Tracy provided additional support around Mother's Day and in December. Lasagna and a potato bar were our offerings and they were well-received by the program. The group prepared the food and served the meal to them and then joined them in the meal, allowing an opportunity to connect with them. A chance to tell their individual life stories is a valuable resource to women who are dealing with difficult lives and circumstances. We also participated in a fundraiser with them in August. It was a barbecue competition with meat provided by the Mogle family and a dessert provided by Tracy. During 2026, our plan is to provide dinner three times to the program spread out over the year. Thanks to all who have contributed to this project.



Food Pantry Collections for DMARC and Little Food Pantries and Annual Hunger Hike

We continued our participation with the DMARC Food Pantry, reaching our goal and making a total contribution of \$5,555.00. We collected money for DMARC throughout the year on the third Sunday of the month (known as Food Pantry Sunday) and during some special food pantry offerings. The DMARC contributions continue to reflect the generosity of our members and our commitment to addressing the issue of food insecurity in the local community. We have set the goal for DMARC contributions at \$5,000.00 again this year and there is no doubt that we will reach and exceed it again. We had a special collection of soups for Souper Bowl Sunday and were truly blessed by the amount of soup that was donated for our little neighborhood food pantries. It carried us through the tough winter months. Replenishing the food pantries is required frequently throughout the week. Anyone who is interested in this Outreach opportunity is welcome to participate in providing donations for the little pantries and replenishing them when they are empty. Several members of the congregation participated in the Fourth Annual Short Hike for Hunger through our neighborhood in October.

Mission & Generosity by Beth Schmitz (cont.)



SPECIAL OFFERING:

Financial Offerings to PCUSA Special Offerings Extend our Global Reach

Special offerings were taken for One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, and Christmas Joy. This was the last year for the Pentecost and Peace and Global Witness offerings. In the coming year, the Special Offerings will continue for One Great Hour of Sharing and Christmas Joy, with the addition of the World Communion Offering which will take place from September 6 to October 4. We gave generously this past year and I know we will continue this tradition in the coming year.

Supporting Our Community by Helping

In addition to these financial offerings, support was provided to Cowles for cleaning up the gardens and doing watering over the summer. We gathered supplies to support back to school needs for children in our neighborhood schools of Windsor Elementary and Cowles Elementary. Treats were provided to the teachers at Cowles and Windsor on two different occasions during work days for the teachers to show our appreciation of the work they do with the kids. Thanks to Rich Teig for heading these projects and to all who participated. In July, Pastor Shamaine Chambers King organized a group of volunteers to participate in a day of the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build. The joy experienced by the participants could be seen in the photographs from the day. In October, we participated in a Trunk or Treat with Windsor Elementary. Lots of kids were treated and the families had good questions about the church. In December, we provided gifts for a family of four at Windsor Elementary and a family of three at Cowles Montessori School.



Supporting Our Community Financially

Several members joined together to ring bells for Salvation Army on December 12, 2025. And we contributed a total of \$5,000.00 to 20 worthy organizations to help in their service to our community. We also sent \$7500.00 to the PCUSA Mission. I continue to be amazed and humbled by the good work this small church with a big heart does in the community. I really never worry about mission at Windsor Presbyterian Church because each and every time we all step up and do what is needed. And we experience the joy of working together to do the work. All of this shows me that God is truly working through us to enrich the lives of others.

EXPANDING OUR OUTREACH OF GOD'S BLESSINGS

Providing wonderful guidance and support through the committee are: Linda Newsom, Rich Teig, Ron Grohe, Shelley Mitchell, and Tracy Miksell-Branch.

Pastor Shamaine Chambers King has been instrumental in her support of the committee and the Outreach efforts.

Our plan for 2026 is to continue the work we have committed to in the past and add new projects and organizations that allow us to expand the Outreach of God's Blessings to our local community and the larger world. The committee has been taking a close look at what we are doing to ensure that it reflects our mission and that it is sustainable.

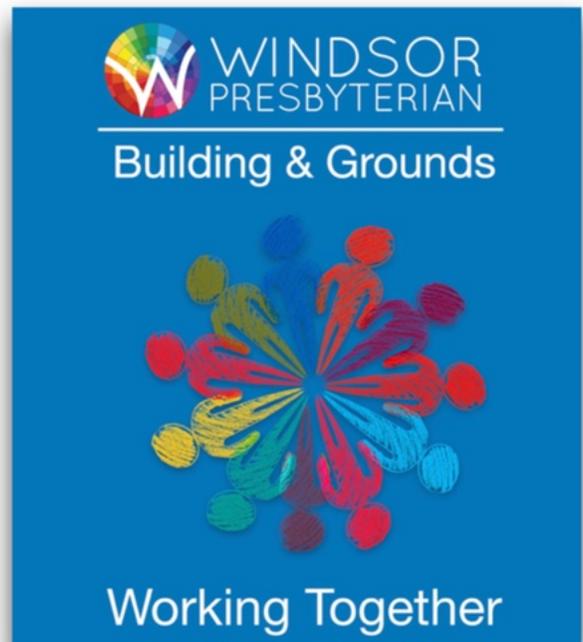
Building & Grounds by Dana Mitchell



Thankfully 2025 was uneventful as far as the Buildings and Grounds Committee was concerned, we had no major mechanical or building problems to speak of.

- **Workdays:** Thanks to all the committee members and church members that showed up for several workdays held in 2025. Lots of cleaning, yardwork and painting was accomplished. Some of the routine maintenance tasks completed included getting carpets cleaned, some sidewalk (other than the parking lot) repairs.
- **Snow Removal:** We contracted with a new company for snow removal and were quite pleased with the job they did.

- **Air Conditioning Concerns:** We received quotes from Bell Brothers for replacing the air conditioner units. After discussion we decided to continue to keep ours maintained as best we can and hopefully in a couple of years of earnings from the investments we can save enough to fund the new air conditioners.
- **Outside Hand Rails:** In the spring we will have new hand railings installed to the north of the Ward Hall door extending to the new parking lot.
- **Kitchen Refrigerator:** The Kitchen Refrigerator Task force acquired a replacement for the ailing refrigerator in our kitchen.

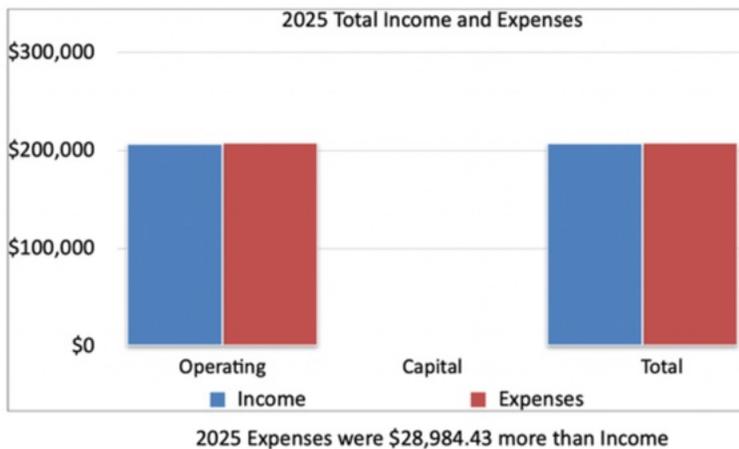
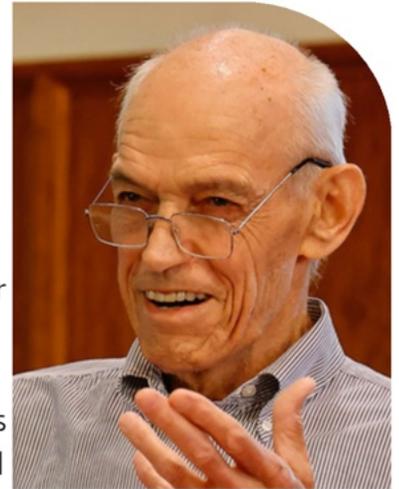


Budget & Financial Stewardship by Ron Grohe

2025 Financial Statements Summarized

Operating Account

The year of 2025 has been a successful one for our financial operations at Windsor. We did show a net loss of about \$1,200 for the year which was that much under budget. Total Income for the year was \$3,000 under budget and Total Expenses were \$1,800 under budget. General Contributions were well over budget by \$16,900 which offset the fact that we did not need to transfer any funds from savings or any other non-operational accounts throughout the year. We ended the year with \$14,200 in our checking account. Our congregation has been very generous this year and this has contributed to the continuous financial success that we have enjoyed in 2025.



Land Sale Account

The income shown from the Land Sale amounts came from interest and dividends on invested proceeds of the sale which was consummated in November, 2023. The amounts shown as expenses indicate what we have spent so far for the construction of the parking lot. The construction is probably about 98% complete. There are a few small tasks that need to be completed when the weather is more favorable. We have held back an amount of \$12,000 which will be paid to the contractor when the job is complete. We should end up with about \$450,000 plus, approximately \$100,000+ in our Endowment Fund. The interest or dividends earned from the total on hand can be used to fund future projects for the church.

Memorial Account

I would like to say that, during this last year, from the deaths of Chuck and Phyllis Bryan, Chuck's estate provided Windsor Church with over \$5,000 to be used to assist Cowles and Windsor schools with money from time to time for school supplies and teacher recognition rewards.

Parking Lot Income and Expenses to Come

We will make available a complete list of income and expenses from the Land Sale account from November, 2023, to the ending date of Parking Lot Construction which will occur later this year.



Parking Lot Progress 2025 by Ron Grohe



Parking Lot Update

We are close to finishing the project. The parking lot itself, is, essentially, done. There are a few small, related, tasks left.

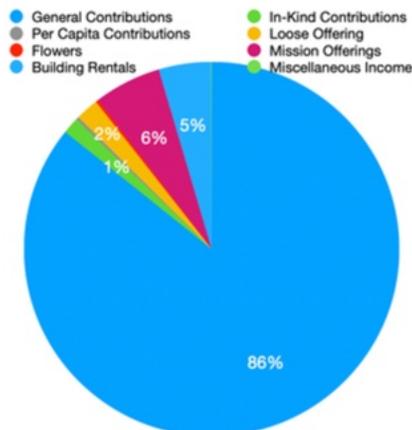
- The open area between the sidewalk and the east side of our building will be cemented as soon as weather permits.
- The large rock, which was unearthed when the three houses were demolished will be moved to the northwest corner, just off the new lot to help with possible erosion.
- The median curb on 63rd St. will be extended (cemented) north as soon as, again, weather is favorable.
- Some of the striping in the new lot is defective and the lines will be corrected.
- There is a problem with some erosion between the southeast wall of our building and the block wall by the sidewalk. This will be corrected.



We are on the home stretch.

2026 Budget for Windsor Presbyterian Church

OPERATING ACCOUNT INCOME			
	2025 YTD Actual	2025 Annual Budget	2026 Proposed Budget
General Contributions			
General Contributions	177,610.02	160,800.00	160,000.00
In-Kind Contributions	2,949.29	5,000.00	3,000.00
Per Capita Contributions	510.00	500.00	500.00
Loose Offering Contributions	4,108.17	2,000.00	4,000.00
Total General Contributions	185,177.48	168,300.00	167,500.00
Special Contributions			
Worship Flower contributions	466.13	300.00	300.00
Total Special Non Mission Offerings	466.13	300.00	300.00
Mission Offerings			
Mission Pentecost Offering	1,085.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission Christmas Joy Offering	667.00	800.00	800.00
Mission - Little Food Pantry	120.00	0.00	0.00
Mission Food Pantry Offering	5,405.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Mission Special Mission	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Mission - PDA	15.00	1,000.00	0.00
Pease & Global Witness	1,525.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission - CFUM	1,310.00	500.00	500.00
Mission - CROSS Ministries	380.00	500.00	500.00
Mission O.G.H.S. Offering	1,502.74	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total Mission Offerings	12,009.74	14,300.00	12,300.00
Miscellaneous Income			
Building Rental Income	9,320.00	10,000.00	12,000.00
Transfers- Capital	0.00	17,000.00	27,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	121.00	100.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Income - T-shirts/Cups	0.00	100.00	100.00
Interest Income - Savings Account	0.41	0.00	0.00
Dividends Exxon Mobil Stock	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	9,441.41	27,200.00	39,200.00
Total Income After Transfers	207,094.76	210,100.00	219,300.00



2025 Income

	2025 Actual
General Contributions	\$177,610.02
In-Kind Contributions	\$2,949.29
Per Capita Contributions	\$510.00
Loose Offering	\$4,108.17
Flowers	\$466.13
Mission Offerings	\$12,009.74
Building Rentals	\$9,320.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$121.00
Total Income	\$207,094.35

2026 Budget for Windsor Presbyterian Church (p 2)

OPERATING ACCOUNT EXPENSES			
	2025	2025	2026
	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Proposed Budget
Finance and Personnel			
Minister Housing	43,399.94	43,400.00	44,700.00
Minister Salary	7,399.96	7,400.00	7,600.00
Minister Retirement Contribution	12,960.00	12,960.00	13,350.00
Minister Expenses (Worship Lab)	3,417.72	5,000.00	5,000.00
Mileage Reimbursement	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Minister Disability Insurance	740.04	740.00	750.00
Continuing Education	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Parish Associate Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Music Director Salary	9,991.80	10,300.00	10,600.00
Secretary Salary	6,040.00	6,400.00	10,400.00
Substitute Office Help	198.00	0.00	0.00
Accountant Hourly Fees	4,966.25	4,700.00	5,000.00
Staff Social Security & Medicare	2,847.12	3,000.00	3,350.00
Custodian Salary	9,360.00	9,300.00	9,600.00
Communications Director	11,825.00	12,900.00	13,300.00
Personnel Miscellaneous	165.78	0.00	0.00
Accompaniasts	5,280.00	5,000.00	5,050.00
Total Finance and Personnel	118,591.61	124,800.00	132,400.00
Stewardship and Mission			
Pledge Card/Envelopes	173.37	100.00	200.00
Per Capita Apportionment	3,099.96	3,100.00	3,250.00
PCUSA General Mission	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Local Mission Disbursements	5,000.00	5,500.00	6,000.00
*Mission Christmas Joy Offering	0.00	800.00	800.00
*Mission Food Pantry Expense	5,555.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
*Mission O.G.H.S. Offering	1,502.74	1,500.00	1,500.00
*Mission Pentecost (40% remains @ WPC)	1,085.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
*CFUM Ministry	789.55	500.00	500.00
*CROSS Ministries	380.00	500.00	500.00
*Peace & Global Witness (25% remains)	1,525.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission Special Mission (WOW)	131.58	0.00	0.00
Mission Special Mission	1,018.97	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Stewardship and Mission	27,761.17	28,500.00	29,250.00
Christian Education Expenses			
Christian Education	387.90	750.00	500.00
Total Christian Education	387.90	500.00	500.00
Worship Expenses			
Flower Disbursement	443.18	300.00	300.00
Choir Music Supplies	455.33	500.00	300.00
Substitute Ministers	950.00	600.00	1,050.00
Guest Musicians/Organist	600.00	1,000.00	500.00
Substitute Musicians	800.00	0.00	500.00
Piano Tuning (Twice/Year)	697.51	400.00	600.00
Worship Expenses	467.45	1,000.00	600.00
Total Worship Expenses	4,413.47	3,800.00	3,850.00

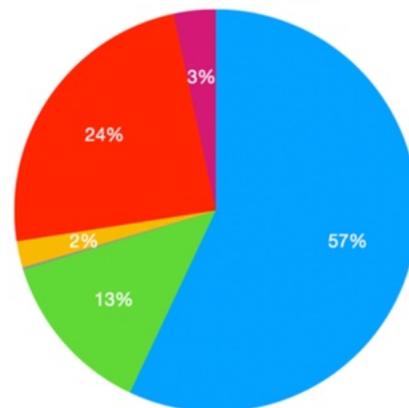
2026 Budget for Windsor Presbyterian Church (p 3)

Buildings and Grounds Expense			
Maintenance & Repairs	14,265.07	12,500.00	10,000.00
Property/Liability Insurance	15,499.08	14,000.00	16,200.00
Snow, Lawn & Trash	8,214.83	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cleaning Supplies	344.88	300.00	200.00
Water, Sewer for Church	3,663.02	4,000.00	4,000.00
Gas, Electricity for Church	8,114.21	7,500.00	8,500.00
Total Buildings & Grounds Exp	50,101.09	44,300.00	44,900.00
Office Expenses			
Phone, Fax/Internet	3,303.97	3,200.00	3,500.00
Website Hosting & Domain	515.96	400.00	600.00
Promotion-Color Copies	1,377.10	1,500.00	1,500.00
Promotion - Visitors (Mugss, Magnets)	118.75	1,200.00	700.00
Copy Machine Lease	1,100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Office Supplies	406.77	200.00	400.00
Postage	146.00	300.00	300.00
Bank Charges	39.37	200.00	200.00
Total Office Expense	7,007.92	8,200.00	8,400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	208,263.16	210,100.00	219,300.00
Net Income/(Loss)	<1,168.40>	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL ACCOUNT (Savings)			
	2025	2025	2026
CAPITAL INCOME	YTD Actual	Annual Budget	Proposed Budget
Ind Contrib to Capital Acct	190.00	400.00	300.00
Transfer from Operating	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Income	0.00	25,000.00	32,400.00
Total Capital Income	190.00	25,400.00	32,700.00
CAPITAL EXPENSES			
Misc Expense/Reinvest Funds	0.00	400.00	5,700.00
Transfer-Operating	0.00	17,000.00	27,000.00
Total Capital Account Expenses	0.00	17,400.00	32,700.00
Net Income/(Loss)	190.00	8,000.00	0.00

2025 Expenses

	2025 Actual
Personell	\$118,591.61
Mission	\$27,511.17
Christian Education	\$387.90
Worship	\$4,413.47
Building and Grounds	\$50,101.09
Office Expenses	\$7,007.92
Total Income	\$208,013.16

● Personell
 ● Mission
 ● Christian Education
● Worship
 ● Building and Grounds
 ● Office Expenses



Balance Sheet & Memorial Funds 12/31/25

BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/25		
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking-BankersTrust(GenFund)	\$	14,160.76
Checking-BankersTrust(Memorial)		17,067.59
Checking-BankersTrust(Capital)		1,123.16
Checking - Schwab Bank		1,426.57
Checking-B.Trust (Land Sale)		53.78
MM - Schwab Bank @ 3.5%		19,000.00
CD - FS Bank @4.3% due 2/21/26		250,000.00
CD-BK of Sierra@3.906% 3/12/26		200,000.00
Savings- B.Trust(Rent Deposit)		886.11
Prepaid Expenses		830.50
Credit Card - Accts Receivable		(1,245.00)
Total Current Assets		503,303.47
Property and Equipment		
Church Building		1,160,000.00
Land 1214, 1220, 1228-63rd St		368,071.00
Parking Lot Preconstruction		119,407.00
Parking Lot Construction Cost		678,740.00
Furniture		5,000.00
Art/Paintings		3,000.00
Equipment		25,000.00
Total Property and Equipment		2,359,218.00
Other Assets		
ExxonMobil (Capital Fund)		102,169.00
New Covenant Mutual Fund		3,075.00
Total Other Assets		105,244.00
Total Assets	\$	2,967,765.47

BALANCE SHEET as of 12/31/25		
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$	856.84
Total Current Liabilities		856.84
Long-Term Liabilities		
Rental Deposits		900.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities		900.00
Total Liabilities		1,756.84
Capital		
Market Fluctuation		10,975.00
Beginning Balance Equity		1,786,110.41
Retained Earnings		1,792,566.47
Net Income		(623,643.25)
Total Capital		2,966,008.63
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	2,967,765.47

Memorial Funds 12/31/25

Memorial Funds as of 12/31/25					
In Memory/Honor of:	Date	Balance 12/31/24	2025 Additions	2025 Expenditures	Current Balance
Undesignated Memorials					
Interest		10.93			10.93
Glenna Grohe	6/26/20	1,000.00			1,000.00
Ken King	9/5/20	25.00			25.00
Bob Snyder	4/28/21	2,150.00			2,150.00
Curt Weatherby	11/14/22	1,610.00			1,610.00
Kandy Jackson	4/4/23	25.00			25.00
Dick Cox	5/15/23	1,500.00			1,500.00
Lucy Sanderson	2/22/24	820.00	100.00		920.00
Stenson	4/2/24	25.00			25.00
Jeff Young	11/17/2024	100.00			100.00
Lyle Rodda	8/15/2025		25.00		25.00
James Burns	10/5/2025		200.00		200.00
Georgie Burns	11/5/2025		50.00		50.00
Leon Sanderson	12/20/2025		475.00		475.00
Undesignated Donation	11/24/13	4.00			4.00
Bank Service Charges		(79.47)			(79.47)
Total Undesignated Memorials		7,190.46			8,040.46
Designated Memorials:					
Stacking Chairs: F. & W. Nation		285.00			285.00
Library: Marjorie Traxler		116.69			116.69
Higher Education Scholarships	1/1/08	40.91			40.91
Bryan Fund: Cowles/Windsor Schools	2/20/2025		5,680.00		5,680.00
Peace & Global Witness	12/15/22	932.00	381.00		1,313.00
Youth Programs: Evelyn Miller (Christies)	7/31/05	651.53		500.00	151.53
Youth Programs: Pentecost	8/18/22	1,006.00	434.00		1,440.00
Total Designated Memorials	8/1/22	3,032.13	6,495.00	500.00	9,027.13
Total Memorial Fund Balance		10,222.59	7,345.00	500.00	17,067.59

2025 Clerk's Report by Dwight Tomes & Angie King

Elders

- Class of 2026: Angie King and Krysta Tomes
- Class of 2027: Ron Grohe and Dana Mitchell
- Class of 2028: Beth Schmitz, Laura Ward

Deacons

- Class of 2026: Beth Mogle and Judy Teig
- Class of 2027: Shelly Weatherby and Sue Cooper
- Class of 2028: Lori Pope and Becky Young
- At Large 2025 Nominating Committee: Natalie Steenson, Steve Rodda, Richard Ankeney
 - Sue Cooper, Deacon Representative
 - Angie King, Chair; Krysta Tomes, Vice Chair Sue Cooper

2025 Officers of the Corporation

- President: Angie King
- Vice-President: Laura Ward
- Treasurer: Rich Teig
- Secretary: Dwight Tomes
- Asst. Treasurers: Ann Beeson, Richard Ankeney

2025 Meetings of the Session and Congregation

- The session held twelve stated Session meetings: January 8, February 20, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 20, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11,
- The Annual Meeting of the congregation was held on February 16, 2025.

Communion

Communion is shared at least once a month on liturgically appropriate Sundays and sometimes on the first Sunday of the month. In 2025 communion was shared in worship 15 times. Those on Zoom participated from their homes.

Deacons

The deacons met by Zoom and in person and made efforts to care for people within and outside the congregation. They took communion to home-centered members and others in need. They have plans for more active ministries in 2026.

Membership Changes

Membership as of December 31, 2024	61
• Deaths	- 4
◦ Chuck Bryan (January 28, 2025)	
◦ Jim Burnes (September 18, 2025)	
◦ Georgia Burnes (October 10, 2025)	
◦ Leon Sanderson (December 8, 2025)	
• Total removed from membership:	4
• Transfers.....	2
• Reaffirmation or Commitment.....	3
• New Members.....	5
Total Membership as of December 31, 2025	62

Confirmations: none

Baptisms: One

Marriages: One

2025 Annual Meeting Minutes by Dwight Tomes

Windsor Presbyterian Church Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes February 16, 2025

Guest Moderator Nathan Williams opened the meeting at 12:23pm with prayer. Clerk Dwight Tomes stated that Robert's Rules of Order was the parliamentary authority for the meeting and that a quorum was present.

The minutes of January 28, 2024, Annual Meeting were approved.

Elders provided reports about the events and activities of their respective Ministry Teams and reviewed goals for 2025.

Ron Grohe gave the report from the Parking Lot Task Force. We have received three bids and the Task Force, and the Session will be selecting a contractor by the end of the month.

The 2025 budget was presented by Ron Grohe, Chair of the Financial Stewardship Committee. The Pastor's Terms of Call were explained, with one change being Pastor Shamaine's enrollment in the PCUSA Board of Pensions for part of her retirement. Pastor's salary and benefits package exceeds the Presbytery minimums.

Dwight Tomes summarized the Clerk's Report by reporting that Windsor has sixty-one members at the end of 2024, down two from last year having lost Helen Jones and Lucy Sanderson to the Church Eternal. In addition, Windsor has thirty-nine adherents, or Friends of the Church.

The Nominating Committee report was placed before the Congregation for approval as follows: For the office of Elder, Class of 2028: Beth Schmitz, Laura Ward; For the office of Deacon, Class of 2028: Lori Pope, Becky Young; At-Large Members for the 2025 Nominating Committee: Richard Ankeney, Steve Rodda, Natalie Steenson. The report of the Nominating Committee was approved. Donna Dickerson was recognized for her Deacon service, as she is rotating off the Board of Deacons.

For the Pastor's Report, Laura Ward provided an update on Rev. Shamaine's recovery. She is continuing therapy for her eyes and light and sound tolerance and is working with her cognitive therapist. She is extremely committed to a full recovery and a return to Windsor as our pastor.

The congregation engaged in conversation about the Mission and Ministries of Windsor Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Williams adjourned the meeting with prayer at 1:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Dwight T. Tomes, Clerk of Session
& Angie King, Assistant Clerk of Session

Nominating Committee 2025 by Angie King

The nominating committee of Windsor Presbyterian Church nominates the following:

For the office of Elder, Class of 2029:

Krysta Tomes, Tracy Miksell-Branch

For the office of Deacon, Class of 2029:

Steve Nichols, Nancy Snyder

At-Large Members for the 2026 Nominating Committee:

Shelley Mitchell

Jody Cox

Kent Ryan

Submitted by the members of the 2025 Nominating Committee:

Chair, Angie King; Vice Chair, Krysta Tomes; Richard Ankeney, Natalie Steenson, Steve Rodda, and Sue Cooper

2026 Pastor's Terms of Call

The Reverend Shamaine Chambers King serves as a Temporary Stated Supply at two-thirds time ($\frac{3}{4}$ time September - April, $\frac{1}{2}$ time May - August).

Her contract is renewed annually by the session with the Presbytery of Des Moines. Because she is not a called and installed minister, her Terms of Call are approved by the session as part of the budget and do not need to be approved by the congregation.

Note, church does not pay FICA or other payroll taxes. Pastors are considered "self-employed" for tax purposes.

	2025	2026
Salary including Housing Allowance	\$50,800.00	\$52,300.00
Fringe Benefits — 27% of Cash Salary	\$13,700.00	\$14,100.00
Compensation Subtotal	\$64,500.00	\$66,400.00
Discretionary and Reimbursable Expenses:		
Professional Expenses (Expense Account)		
Books and Subscriptions		
Computer & Technology (cumulative for 3 years)		
Worship Lab	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Continuing Education (cumulative for 3 years)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Travel: Mileage Reimbursement at IRS Rate	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Subtotal	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Total Terms of Call Package	\$72,000.00	\$73,900.00

- Paid vacation leave of four weeks annually.
- Paid continuing education leave two weeks annually.
- Professional expenses are annual.
- The cash salary and retirement fund, in total, are above the minimum effective equivalent for a full-time minister as required by the Presbytery of Des Moines.

Worship at Windsor Presbyterian Church 2025



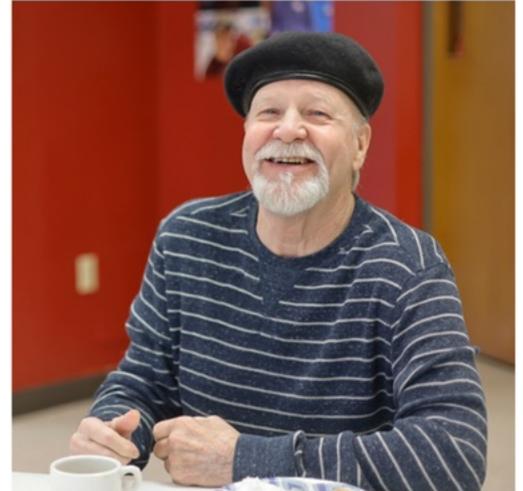
Worship at Windsor Presbyterian Church 2025



Service at Windsor Presbyterian Church 2025



Community Life at Windsor Presbyterian Church 2025



Pastor's Report by Shamaine Chambers King

Reflections: It is almost impossible to remember what it felt like to be out of commission at the beginning of last year. Reading these reports, hearing from the ministry leaders, and looking back over the year 2025, I am aware of how very present God has been and how incredible this congregation is. Though it's nothing new, the Windsor way is a beautiful thing to behold in action.

Recovery: I am particularly humbled by how you supported me while I was gone and welcomed me back with open arms. You have constantly encouraged me during my continuing brain injury recovery. You have given me grace as I learn new ways of doing even the simplest of things. Though there has been much improvement, I continue to struggle with vision, hearing, concentration, memory, reading, digesting information, time management, and completing tasks. I have a concerning lack of self-awareness about how I'm doing, how I come across to others, and what parts of my brain and behavior need attention. Most difficult of all, I'm often detached from my emotions and have to use cognitive skills to access my feelings and empathy. I appreciate your continuing prayers and support.

Highlights: Reading through this annual report, I am amazed at how healthy and vibrant our congregation is—a hive of activity, growth, and faithfulness. We are committed to serving and are having a stronger and stronger presence in the community. We welcome new people and help them find a place to belong. We want to care for and feed people's bodies, minds, and spirits. I am so proud of our hands-on mission efforts, including serving dinner at CFUM every month, serving dinner at Fresh Start, working on the Habitat for Humanity Faith build, and partnering with Cowles and Windsor Elementary to provide school supplies and Christmas presents and assist in other ways as needed.

The new member class this fall exemplified the kind of church we hope to be in the best way. After our first class, I visited with Bob Ray who expressed interest in joining. As he was not strong enough to attend, the group decided to take the next class to him. They provided lunch and were so supportive. Though they may not have learned all the polity, church history, and theology lessons, they certainly embodied how we are called to be church to each other.

Perhaps the biggest achievement this year, was the (near) completion of the parking lot. Fifty years in the planning, praying, and making, Windsor Presbyterian now has a parking lot, which will allow easier access for all church activities and community outreach. I look forward to seeing what we are able to do with the

parking lot and our continued commitment to loving God and serving our neighbors through community, the arts, and food. There is so much potential!

We are incredibly blessed with a great music program and talented musicians. This year we were able to add Band Sundays, which has infused worship with a new energy. God continues to bless us with gifted people to create holy and excellent worship. All those gifts came together to create a holy and wonderful Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

I am also excited that I have finally been able to help the Deacons take a more active role in caring for the congregation. This is long overdue on my part and they are more than capable. Their ministry will be a tremendous help to me and to the congregation.

One last thing I want to celebrate is the rising hunger of folks in the congregation to know God better and to grow together in our walk of faith and service. Windsor on Wednesday enjoyed a Lenten study with WUMC, fun and games through the summer, and this fall began to explore faith practices. I am excited about what God is doing in the congregation and in lives of our folks.

I am so grateful for the addition of Steve Nichols, Bob Ray, Kent Ryan, and Mary Sonksen to our membership. I give thanks to God and grieve the loss of Chuck Bryan, Jim and Georgia Burnes, and Leon Sanderson. They gave much to the church of Jesus Christ and will be greatly missed.

As I stepped back into the pulpit I knew I would need help to learn to preach again. I had, and continue to need, lots of help. One of the places I have received help is through continuing education. I chose to join the Backstory Preaching Mentorship (August 2025-May 2026) to intentionally learn and apply best practices in preaching. I am part of a mentorship group that meets monthly, learning and growing together in the craft of preaching. Additionally I attended pastor retreats in Missouri (9/15-18) and Colorado (10/6-9) through the Pastoral Leadership Revitalization program of the Omaha Seminary Foundation.

I had an interesting year. You likely did too. As you reflect on how your life and faith are progressing, I hope WPC is a beautiful part of your development and gives you strength in difficult times. I am proud of how far we have come and excited for the future.

Let's be the church together!
Shamaine

It is the mission of Windsor Presbyterian Church to be a warm, supporting family for worshipping God, learning and practicing Christ's teachings, and sharing Christ's good news with others.



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Special thanks to Dwight Tomes for many of the photos in our Annual Report.