



This month we are finishing up our summer series, *A Curriculum of Love: Deepening Our Love for God, Our Neighbor, and Ourselves**. It has been a wonderful time of leaning into what it means to live a life of faith—loving ourselves, loving God and loving others. It has been a back to basics kind of summer. When we needed to move worship from the sanctuary to Ward Hall, I was worried that it would feel like a let down. But it has been such a gift. It has been fun to worship in a less formal atmosphere, be so close together, and move so effortlessly into a time of fellowship. We are still experimenting with how to best worship in that space, so please share what you like (and don't) with any of the worship leaders.

A Congregation Full of Giftedness!
One of the greatest gifts of this summer was having time away for travel, then hearing the wonderful reports of worship while I was gone. I am so grateful to Bob Culbertson, Tracy Miksell-Branch, Beth Schmitz, and David Steenson for so ably sharing their testimonies, their gifts, and their faith with you. For such a small congregation, our bench is VERY deep. God has blessed us greatly with a congregation full of untold giftedness. Thanks to all of you for having the courage to share your own gifts and for encouraging each other. It gives me a little glimpse of what the kingdom of God is like in the here and now.

**see Curriculum of Love scriptures for August on page 4*

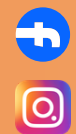
Special Sundays in August
We have some special Sundays coming up in which we will continue to share our gifts. On 8/2 we will celebrate communion around our new round tables. On 8/9 we will ordain and install elders and deacons to use their gifts to serve the congregation. This month we will collect school supplies for students at Cowles Montessori and Windsor Elementary. Then on 8/16 we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks and we will pray God's blessings over the school supplies, students, teachers, and all those who work in education. There is never a dull moment in our little congregation!

Inquirers' Class Coming in September
We will be holding an Inquirers' Class in September for those who would like to become members of Windsor Presbyterian or are interested in learning more about the church and the faith. Please make a note on the friendship register, contact the church office, or let Shamaine know if you would like to be part of this group. We will find some times to meet together to learn more about being Presbyterian, Windsor PC, and how God might be calling you to live out your faith in this community. I'd love to you have you join us!

I hope you take time each week, or each day, to contemplate the scriptures, questions, and journal prompts that go along with our curriculum as we work together to deepen our love for God, ourselves, and our neighbors. I can't wait to see how God continues to use this curriculum to help us grow in knowledge and service.

I can't wait to see you in worship!
– Shamaine

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
AUGUST 2026						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10:30am - Worship 12pm - Deacon	4:30pm - Bldg &	9:30am - Text Study 7:30pm - AA (PPG) Mtg	Session Reports Due 11:45am - Comm.	1:30pm - CFUM Meal 3:30pm - Set Up/Serve	Facebook Follow	7:30pm - Set Aside
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:30am - Ordination & 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Session		9:30am - Text Study 7:30pm - AA (PPG) Mtg	2:30pm - Prayer Circle	Facebook Follow		5pm - Set Aside 7:30pm - Set Aside
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10am - Food Pantry 10:30am - Blessing of 10:30am - Worship		9:30am - Text Study 7:30pm - AA (PPG) Mtg	11:30am - Women's	Facebook Follow		7:30pm - Set Aside
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:30am - Worship		Churchmouse Deadline 9:30am - Text Study 7:30pm - AA (PPG) Mtg			Facebook Follow	9am - Iowa Presbytery 7:30pm - Set Aside
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
10:30am - Worship						



MONTHLY FINANCIALS – Ron Grohe

The month of June was another step backward for Windsor even though we received a nice gift during the month of \$5,000 in total. We had a month of \$1,600 in loss for the Operating Fund. Total Income was \$4,400 under budget as General Contributions were \$1,400 below budget and Total Expenses were \$2,800 budget below budget which is good. Total cash in bank has remained strong for the six months year to date at \$10,899.

WINDSOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OPERATING ACCOUNT - JUNE 2026				
	June	1 Month Budget Figure	Year To Date-Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Contributions	\$ 12,587.00	\$ 13,958.33	\$ 82,963.69	\$ 83,750.00
Operating Income	1,262.04	4,316.67	12,987.89	25,900.00
Operating Expenses	15,497.79	18,275.00	102,025.37	109,650.00
Net Gain(Loss)	\$ (1,648.75)	\$ -	\$ (6,073.79)	\$ -

Land Sale Account:

Interest Income in the amount of about \$4,493 was received for the month of June and will be shown in August.

Building Rentals:

We have been told that there will be no summer camps this year for Girls Rock.

AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

August Highlights

- 2 Communion Sunday
- 2 Deacon Meeting
- 3 Building & Grounds Meeting (Zoom)
- 5 Communications Team Meeting
- 6 CFUM Meal Prep and Serve
- 9 Ordination of Elders and Deacons
- 9 Session Meeting
- 13 Prayer Circle
- 16 Food Pantry Sunday
- 16 Blessing of the Backpacks
- 20 Women's Luncheon
- 29 All Iowa Presbytery Gathering

August Birthdays

- 2 Kathy King
- 9 Della Hinschberger
- 12 Dana Mitchell
- 12 Beth Mogle
- 19 Lex Cashmore
- 20 Kyle Cox
- 26 Duda Plavjil
- 27 Donna Dickerson

August Anniversaries

- 22 Beth & Chris Mogle

AUGUST 2026 SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE



Sunday Volunteer Schedule - August 2026

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Usher	Don B	Steve N	Steve R	Judy H	Beth S
Greeter	Beth S	Don B	Judy H	Barbara W	Steve N
Worship Assistant	Richard A	Linda N	Don B	Becky Y	Cindy R
Fellowship	Judy H	Lori P	Mary S	Shelly W	Tracy & Craig
Zoom Host	John B	Richard A	John B	Richard A	John B
Slides	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M	Shelley M	
Sound	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M	Dana M	

OUR FUTURE NEIGHBORS - Richard Ankeney



What Does Loving Our Future Neighbor Look Like?

During the summer lecture series, we've been learning about the importance of sending out love. Love towards God, love for our neighbor, and love towards self. Each week in worship we repeat **The Greatest Commandment** to remind ourselves how God calls us to live in the world. But what about the many ways we receive love? To consider how we receive love from others, both known and unknown ways, helps open our eyes to the kingdom building happening before us.

We are All Recipients of Love from Others

Each of us at WPC are recipients of love from others every Sunday when we walk into the building. I'm not referring to the welcoming smiles and warm fellowship of the other worshipers. I'm talking about the members who came before us, including those none of us have met. Those faithful members who sent out their love to us decades ago when they committed themselves to starting this church, and all those who followed, to maintain and expand the church and building to benefit those who came after them. Love towards our neighbor takes on a different meaning within this context of time. To only consider sending out love in the present is to miss a big opportunity.

Opportunity to Give a Little More

Fortunately, we have such an opportunity at WPC right now. The air conditioning serving the sanctuary has "retired." We can show our love to the future members of WPC by doing our part to provide a comfortable worship space for them. Like those who came before us, we won't meet all of them, some haven't been born, but by replacing the air conditioning system, they will know us by our love.

The Way is Simple

The way of our love is simple. Each member of the congregation contributes an additional \$5.00 every week to a building maintenance fund. This continual input of money over time, along with the income being generated from the church's savings and investments, will be enough to pay for the new air conditioning equipment.

Past, Present and Future Celebrating Together!

I look forward to the day when all of us, past, present and future members of WPC, are in the same room together. I hope we'll need a big room; there will be so many of us.

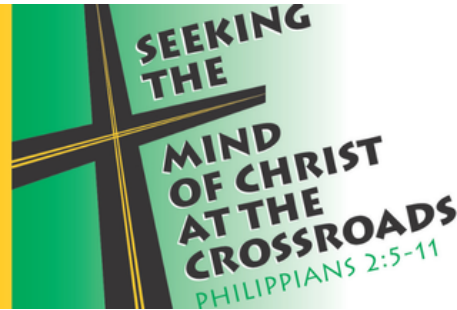
Let's be the church together!

AUGUST'S SUNDAY SCRIPTURES

Curriculum of Love Scriptures for August

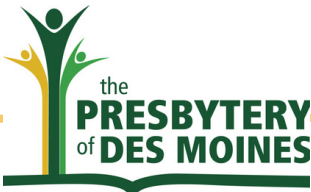
Date	Week	Deepening Our Love for God, Our Neighbor, and Ourselves
		Loving Our Neighbors
8/2	10	Do Not Judge (Communion Sunday) Luke 6:32-38, John 12:44-50, Romans 2:1-4, Psalm 97 (Beth S)
8/9	11	Boundaries and Forgiveness (Ordination & Installation of Elders & Deacons) John 8:54-59, Luke 17:1-4, Luke 23:34, Psalm 100 (Judi L)
8/16	12	Confession and Repair (Blessing of the Backpacks) John 21: 15-19, Philippians 2:1-11, Psalm 123 (Steve R)
8/23	13	Truth-Telling and Loving Communication Matthew 5:33-37, Philippians 4:4-9, Psalm 122 (Kathy K)
8/30	14/15	True Service and Loving Your Enemies Matthew 5:43-43, Luke 23:32-34, Romans 12:9-21, Hebrews 13:1-3 Psalm 47

PRESBYTERY NEWS



All-Iowa Presbytery Gathering
Saturday, August 29, 2026
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Ames

This annual event is an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, worship together, and engage in fellowship, thoughtful discussion, and shared learning. There will also be opportunities to hear updates and ask questions about the discernment process of the possible unification of the three presbyteries.



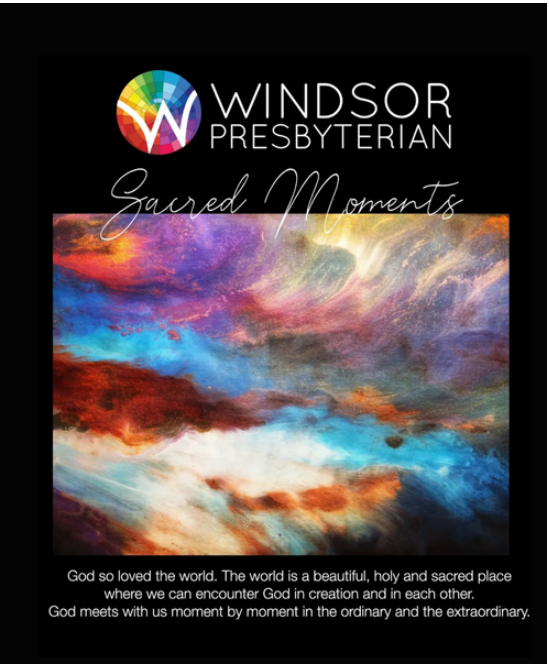
OUTREACH MINISTRY

Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday August 18th

BRING YOUR BACKPACK
AND JOIN US ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH, AS THE CONGREGATION PRAYS OVER STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AS THEY PREPARE TO HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL. BRING YOUR BACKPACK AND RECEIVE A BLESSING FOR YOUR NEW YEAR OF LEARNING AND GROWING!



SACRED MOMENTS BOOK – Natalie Steenson



Sacred Moments Commemorative Book Available
Get a printed collection of the past 3 years of our **Sacred Moments** quarterly emailed newsletters as a soft bound book for a discounted cost of \$15. A copy is available for you to view in Ward Hall.

To receive a copy, contact Natalie Steenson or sign up on the “Sacred Moments Book” sheet in Ward Hall. Printed copies will be available to purchase and receive by the end of August. Please connect with Natalie directly to pay for and receive your copy or copies.

These would make wonderful personal devotional books or for Christmas giving!

We will resume the quarterly emailed version of **Sacred Moments** October 2026. If you'd like to receive the upcoming emailed newsletters, please sign up with Natalie Steenson –natalie@windsorpc.org



Praying
by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be the blue iris,
it could be weeds in a vacant lot,
or a few small stones;
just pay attention,
then patch a few words together
and don't try to make them elaborate,
this isn't a contest
but the doorway
into thanks,
and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

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SUMMER WORSHIP IN WARD HALL - D. Tomes

