



# The Voice of Westminster

*We are a servant church, nurturing each other's spiritual journey and personal gifts. All are welcome!*

September 2018

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## The Power of Connection

Our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), prides itself and grounds itself in the idea that we are a "connectional church." This means that while we belong to our local church, we are part of a bigger whole. Through the sharing of resources, our common polity (how we structure and govern ourselves), and our reformed theological identity, we live out our faith both locally and more broadly through our denomination's mission initiatives, social witness, and partnerships with one another and other entities both here and abroad.

Sometimes being connectional means that we send our church members on mission trips through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), our denomination's disaster recovery mission arm. Sometimes being connectional means that we host (PDA) volunteers at Westminster when our own town is faced with its own natural disaster - a 100 year flood.

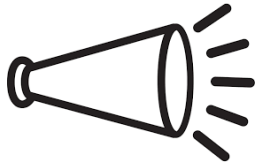
We are being connectional when we host the Coe College diversity and inclusion orientation program or the Wednesday night bible study. And we are being connectional when we choose to participate in the denomination's Special Offerings like "One Great Hour of Sharing" and "Peace and Global Witness." And we are being connectional when we send our youth to Camp Wyoming or the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.

And most recently, our church has demonstrated its commitment to being connectional by welcoming the Presbytery of East Iowa (PEIA) into our building as a "tenant." Until last month, the PEIA's offices were located in an office building on the southeast side of Iowa City. Moving into a church building and "nesting" the offices here, not only saves money (that can now be used for PEIA sponsored mission, church development and leadership training), but it reflects, in very concrete ways, that the presbytery is the church – not separate from the church – and that we are, indeed, a connectional church.

Please know that this arrangement is atypical of presbytery offices and, in many ways, is ahead of its time. And, we think we might be on the verge of setting a new trend in the denomination. So, please come by the church and say hello to our new friends – our new colleagues. A warm welcome from the Westminster church family will mark the beginning of a positive relationship.

The PEIA office suite is located in the offices adjacent and including the "old pastor study" located near the entrance to the chapel.

Peace,  
Pastor Kristin



## Calling New Members

Have you been coming to Westminster for a while and like it here? Would having a church home make your spiritual journey more meaningful? Membership does have its privileges!

That's why we're inviting people who would like to become members of Westminster to a membership meeting on Sept. 16 between services in the Adult Classroom on 2nd Floor. Pastor Kristin will discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian, what membership entails and how to join.

Westminster has a rich history in Cedar Rapids and an even greater future lies ahead. Remember, membership has its privileges. Are you in good hands?

## 5th Sunday Celebration!

September is a 5th Sunday month and that means we'll have a joint service and lunch together on September 30. The service will be held at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Afterward, we'll head to the Family Life Center for lunch. The church will provide food and beverages.

We will have a special presentation with the latest on The Long View campaign. And we'll finish up with cake in honor of our newest members who will be accepted into the church.

Good food, good fellowship and good cake! We hope to see you there.

## Labor Day Weekend Joint Service

There's also a joint service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2 which is Labor Day weekend. That service will be held in the Family Life Center. Sorry, no lunch this time.

## Take the Long View Update



### Take the Long View

#### Amount Needed:

**\$165,000**

#### Amount Raised:

**\$51,488.16**

#### Still Needed:

**\$113,511.84**

### What's Been Accomplished So Far...

Westminster's "Take the Long View" property repair and improvement campaign is already producing results.:

- ◆ The first roofing project, replacement of the leaking part of the flat roof, has been finished - \$65,557
- ◆ Parking lot islands landscaped with rock - \$5,314

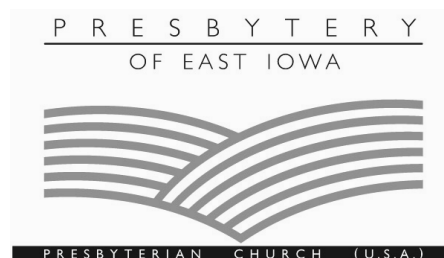
### Coming Up:

- ◆ Sidewalk repairs

### Westminster to Host Presbytery of East Iowa Meeting-Volunteers Needed

Westminster will host the 184th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of East Iowa on Saturday, September 29. This gathering of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders will begin with Registration at 9 a.m. that day, followed by worship, then lunch and a business meeting in the Family Life Center. We expect to welcome 85-100 guests. We will need:

- 3 volunteers for registration help
  - 6 greeters at various points in the church
  - At least one parking lot attendant.
  - 8-10 meal servers for lunch in the FLC.
- . Look for more details and sign-up sheets in the near future!



## Back to School in September!

Westminster-ites head back to Sunday School in September. Adult Education kicks off on Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. First up is a history lesson on Westminster and our neighborhood from historian Mark Stoeffer Hunter. The following two weeks, Haji Ali says thanks to Westminster for helping him come to the U.S. and discusses differences between life now and back in Ethiopia.

Kids Sunday School will start Sept. 16 at 10:10 a.m. Kids are asked to gather on the landing for a brief opening ceremony and will then head to the classroom to begin learning about the "Greatest Hits of the Old Testament ." First up is the creation. We have 7 teams teaching classes this fall. Butch and Lee Anne Hataway will teach the first two weeks. If you have kids or grandkids or know someone who does, invite them to Westminster's Sunday School. It will include creative Bible storytelling, music and fun activities!

## Habitat Build Set for September 7 & 8

Westminster will join Third Avenue Churches to help build a home at 1638 3rd Avenue SE on Sept. 7 & 8. We'll also be serving lunch to workers on Sept. 7 at the site. Once completed, the house will go to Donacien Nzeyimana and Safila Fedisoni, who are originally from Burundi, then went to Tanzania in search of "the American Dream" and arrived in the US as refugees in 2007. They have four daughters. We could use a few workers for 4-hour shifts-both on the Friday and Saturday. If you can help, please sign up outside a worship area of call Gale in the office.





## International Peacemaker to Discuss Rwanda Genocide



### September

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry is stocking up on the following items during the month of September:

- Beef stew
- Cornbread mix
- Toothbrush

Thank you for supporting this important mission!

Olivet Presbyterian Church (237 10th St NW) will be hosting an international peacemaker on Friday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. The presentation is open to the public and there is no charge.

The Rev. Bizimana Nkumbuyinka Jerome is President of Remera Presbytery in Rwanda. He is the initiator of the Light Group, bringing together survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 genocide of Tutsi Rwandans. He will share how the church helps bring about reconciliation.

### *Prayer for the PNC*

God who calls us into being the church and who calls each one into ministry, we join our hearts in prayer as we continue to search and wait for our next installed pastor. May the whole church trust that you are already at work - preparing us for our next pastor and preparing our next pastor for us. We pray for those members of our church family who, on our behalf, are doing all the hard work: Signe, Tom, Val, Jan, Bob and Prince.



Continue to give them wisdom, openness and patience as they discern their next steps. Cultivate in them a strong sense of purpose and a strong sense of your presence - especially when they might feel discouraged or tired. And give them the confidence to trust the process, to trust themselves and to trust that we support them. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## The Month of September

### Offering Stewards

Sept. 4\*—Warren Feerer & Tom Read  
Sept. 10—Barb & Bill Moss  
Sept. 17—Pat Teig & Mark Tyler  
Sept. 24—Maggie York & Ann Buckheister

### 9 a.m. Liturgists

Sept. 9—Jan Kosowski  
Sept. 16—Barb Mumford  
Sept. 23—Leslie Wright

### 10 a.m. Joint Services Liturgists

Sept. 2—Ben Fashimpaur  
Sept. 30—Loren Neubauer

### 10 a.m. Joint Services Ushers

Sept. 2—Joan Charters & Claudia Warfel  
Sept. 30—Flora Kitzman & Barb Schultz

### 11 a.m. Liturgists

Sept. 9—Barb Moss  
Sept. 16—Butch Hataway  
Sept. 23—Dick Trotter

### 11:00 a.m. Ushers/Greeters

Sept. 9—Dick Trotter, John & Signe Henderson  
Sept. 16—Jean Kenison & Sharon Colton  
Sept. 23—Jim & Cheryl Shanklin  
\*moved to Tuesday due to Labor Day Holiday



### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jacob Alff	3
Dorothy Benesh	4
Lisa Conkling	4
Marcia Elhart	4
Bryan Hawkins	4
Angela Fowler	5
James Ngombwa	5
Cheanne Cosgrove	6
Kathie Lane	6
Becky Ranck	6
Barb Mumford	8
Janalee Kosowski	9
Gary Teig	14
Tricia Brown	22
Beth Roof	22
Don Thomas	23
Doug Wagner	24
Debra Salz-Steenblock	25
Alice Crosier	27
Bob Moore	27
Marilyn Alford	29
Bob Allsop	29
Mike Canning	29
Elise Hataway	30



# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Communion Sunday 10 am Joint Service FLC	3 Office Closed – Labor Day	4 3 pm – L & F Pantry 6pm – Deacons	5 7:30 am – Men's Breakfast 7 pm – Choir Practice	6	7 9 am Habitat Lunch Preps	8 WPC workers at Habitat House
9 9 am – FUEL Worship 11 am – Traditional Worship 4 pm – Chorale Midwest 7 pm – Cedar Singers	10 12:30 pm - Property	11 3 pm – L & F Pantry	12 7:30 am – Men's Breakfast 9:30 am – Prayer Shawl 7 pm – Choir Practice	13 9:15 am – Kindred Sisters 5:30 - Personnel	14 Church Closed	15
16 9 am – FUEL Worship 11 am – Traditional Worship 4 pm – Chorale Midwest	17 Newsletter Deadline 4:30 pm - Finance	18 3 pm – L & F Pantry 6:30 pm - Session	19 7:30 am – Men's Breakfast 7 pm – Choir Practice	20 8 am – WPC does Habitat Devotions	21 Church Closed	22
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30 10 am- Joint Service – Sanctuary 11 am – Lunch – FLC 4 pm – Midwest Chorale 7pm – Cedar Singers						

Please visit [www.crwpc.org/calendar](http://www.crwpc.org/calendar) to stay informed of changes to this month's calendar.

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Sunday Worship Times

9:00 a.m. Blended service in the Family Life Center  
11:00 a.m. Traditional service in the Sanctuary

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