

Westminster Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Worship Times

Sunday

8:00 a.m. traditional service in the Atrium/Chapel

9:00 a.m. contemporary service in the Family Life Center

11:00 a.m. traditional service in the Sanctuary

Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.

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Rally Sunday

September 12th

Rally Breakfast: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

There is a program for everyone in the Family!!

Preschool: Ages 3 - 5 (AK)

The Village: Grades K - 4

Middle School: 5 - 8

High School: 9 - 12

Adult Sunday School

Nursery is always available during the Sunday School Hour.

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PASTORAL PREFACE

Westminster hosted a gathering of pastors and church staff from seven churches on the 3rd Ave corridor Wednesday morning, August 11. When I came to Westminster just over three months ago, I was surprised to learn that the pastors and church staffs in this neighborhood, which has its own unique challenges and opportunities, did not interact much or know one another very well. So, I organized a breakfast for those of us in the neighborhood to meet each other and get acquainted. I was blown away by the huge response. Between 15 and 20 pastors and program staff from seven churches arrived that Wednesday morning. The conversation was animated and fun. There was lots of laughter. It was almost like church leaders had been waiting for an invitation to break bread together and get to know other leaders of faith communities. All it took was an invitation, a coffee pot and some donuts. Before the initial meeting was over, the seven churches were already talking about how they could work together more closely in the community. They covenanted to meet again a month later at First Lutheran Church on Wednesday morning, September 8. I am thinking that this could become a habit!

It is amazing how much the churches are alike in this area. They have common histories. Most built sanctuaries about the same time. They have faced the same issues, like whether to stay in the city or move out to the suburbs. They share the same challenges, like attracting people to the core of the city to worship and participate in Christ's mission. They have even shared some of the same members who have transferred from one church to another for a variety of reasons.

Westminster's Session adopted a Long-Range Report in January, 2008. The report had six vision findings. These six findings were articulated as the vision of Westminster and its goals for its future here in the city. Funny, I just picked up the August 2010 church newsletter from First Congregational Church, and it said, "Thank you for the help you are giving your Long-Range Planning Committee as it begins working on the 'next' 2 major goals for you to pursue as a congregation. You have done well with the last 4 . . . clarifying your relationship to the neighborhood; revising your governmental structure; addressing stewardship issues; embracing the issues of church membership and growth." Gosh, I thought that could easily be a page out of Westminster's Long-Range Report of 2008! Oh, the wording is not the same as Westminster's, but the issues are. We are not so different after all. Each of the congregations is trying to be faithful. Each church is trying to be Christ's Church in the world.

Thank God that these key churches – Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, United Church of Christ, Catholic, Unitarian/Universalist – to name a few on the 3rd Avenue corridor - have decided to stay in the core of the city and provide valuable spiritual and material resources to the Cedar Rapids community. They are as much a part of the heart and vitality of this large city as its hospitals, public schools, arts, colleges, companies, businesses and city hall.

Grace and peace,
Don

SHAWL MINISTRY

Are you a new, experienced, or "want to learn" knitter looking for projects now that fall and winter are fast approaching? If so, the Prayer Shawl Ministry may be the group for you! This is a way to share your God-given talents with others. Shawls are made for others for many different reasons, which may include difficult life situations (such as serious illness, death of a loved one, etc), joyous occasions (such as marriage, birth, etc) or simply to honor another person. It has been written, "if one could wear the heartfelt sentiments of a greeting card, it would be in a shawl".

The group meets bi-monthly (2nd Monday evening and 4th Wednesday afternoon) to work on our projects and for great fellowship, although the majority of the knitting is done at home on your own time. We'd love to have you join our group. Youth are welcome also. A morning group or group for teens and pre-teens would be considered if there were interest—just contact Karol Cooper.

Also, anyone is welcome to request a shawl from the group for a friend or relative that you feel would welcome the caring and prayers that come with a shawl. Contact Karol Cooper for more information (393-2569 or email at cooperlk@aol.com) or the Church Office.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2010

8:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

September 5th Jim & Sue Patterson
September 12th J.P. & Becky Ranck
September 19th Darwin Busch & Maggie York
September 26th Jack & Nancy Haney

9:00 a.m. Greeters/Ushers

September 5th J.R. & Jackie Alff
September 12th Shelly Teberg & Jenna Teberg
September 19th Sherry Cornish & Brian Cosgrove
September 26th John & Lisa Conkling

11:00 a.m. Head Usher

Scott Olson

11:00 a.m. Greeters

September 5th Bill & Kay Clark
September 12th Richard & Sandy Shoemaker
September 19th Willard & Bev Holtz
September 26th John Henderson & Suzanne Huebsch

11:00 a.m. Ushers

September 5th Claudia Warfel, Dale Weiske, Lorraine Worsfold, Herb & Carm Hammerberg
September 12th David Basler, Luman Colton, Bruce Crawford, Ed & Ardyce Brunsting
September 19th Chuck & Mary Jo Crull, Dee Davis, Carl & Velma Kintzel
September 26th Ted Kahler, Jean Kenison, Flora Kitzman, Mike & Nancy Walker

Offering Stewards

September 5th Martha Wilding & Tom Read
September 7th Dave Marnar
September 12th Rich Ripley & Tom Read
September 13th Martha Griffith
September 19th John Swanson & Dale Crosier
September 20th David Basler
September 26th Tim Stolba & Marcia Elhart
September 27th Ed Brunsting

Nursery Volunteers

9:00 a.m.
September 5th Brady Grimm
September 12th Abby Isenberg
September 19th Kim Langley
September 26th Michelle & Emily Pearson

10:00 a.m.

September 5th Shelly Teberg
September 12th Nick Shanklin
September 19th Abby Papesch
September 26th Alisa Shields

11:00 a.m.

September 5th Jenna Teberg
September 12th Lauren Zimmermann
September 19th Paula Maddy
September 26th Jack Brokaw

Liturgist

September 5th
September 12th
September 19th
September 26th

Handicap Host / Flower Delivery

September 5th Linda Cosgrove
September 12th Glenn Lane
September 19th Stephanie Martinez
September 26th Nancy Ritter

Coffee Hosts

September 5th Adryce Brunsting & Dick Trotter
September 12th Signe Munson & John Henderson
September 19th Betty Van Fossen & Fran Hanzel Johnson
September 26th Bill & Kay Clark

9:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Doug Wagner, Rich Ripley, Kirk Lampe

11:00 a.m. Communion Servers

Lindsay Meade, Dale Crosier, John Swanson, Jake Wilding, Bob Ferguson, Tim Isenberg, Ann Hearn, Nancy Evans, Rick Titus

Current Deacons

Tricia Brown
Katie Carfizzi (youth)
Linda Cosgrove
Jennifer Edwards
Marion Engel
Carol Ferguson
Fran Hanzel Johnson
Ted Kahler
Lois Kahler
Kirk Lampe
Glenn Lane
Stephanie Martinez
Signe Munson
Vicki Owens
Nancy Ritter
Deb Sprague
Pat Thies
Randy Walton
Bob Warner
Tim Winegarden

Current Elders

Jackie Alff
Jenna Alff (youth)
David Basler
Dale Crosier
Marcia Elhart
Butch Hataway
Kathie Lane
David Marnar
Tom Read
Debbie Richardson
Rich Ripley
Jim Sankey
Tim Stolba
John Swanson
Doug Wagner
Martha Wilding
Sue Winegarden
Mike Zimmermann

A NOTE FROM VAL NEUBAUER

In a sermon not long ago, Pastor Don referred to Elijah, the tired leader, and to his replacement Elisha, younger and energized. After seven years of being the lead Westminster Volunteer at Loaves & Fishes, I am an Elijah looking for an Elisha to take over. The food pantry has become an integral part of Wellington Heights. It is a wonderful ministry which has been so well received. I have enjoyed working with the volunteers from Westminster and Christ Episcopal as we work together to serve our neighbors.

However, it is time for me to pass the baton. The head position is not a difficult one — ordering food from HACAP once a month, arranging for the food pickup, and serving at the pantry two hours on Tuesdays. It is a fun place to work, the volunteers are great and our guests are appreciative.

Most importantly, the congregation of Westminster is so supportive of our ministry. Whether I'm asking for plastic bags, toilet paper, peanut butter or winter blankets, you always come through for the pantry.

If you are looking for a way to make a difference, please consider becoming my Elisha.

God Bless you,

Val Neubauer

KIDS' CLOSET CORNER

Summer has been a rewarding season at Kids' Closet. We have served about 100 children with new or almost new summer clothes. Shorts, t-shirts, sandals and sun dresses went off the shelves and into the shopping bags to provide big smiles on little faces.

Thanks to all the people who donated clothing and gave of their time during distribution days. A special thanks to Middle and High School students who helped during a special opening in July in conjunction with St. Paul's meal program.

Our "Undies Sundays" project brought in hundreds of pairs of underwear. Families receive two pairs of new underwear for each child in their family each time they visit Kids' Closet. THANKS!

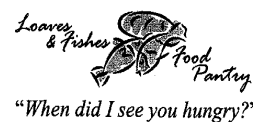
Summer is winding down and we plan to have fall/winter items out in October. All donations of baby - children's clothing are gladly accepted. Please place them in the box at the lower level lobby steps.

DIAPER DROP

During the month of September, Kids' Closet is collecting disposable diapers – all sizes. Diapers are an essential major expense, and for families on a limited income they really cut into their budget. We would like to offer bundles of 5-10 diapers (depending on our stock) to each family as they visit Kids' Closet. Look for the "Diaper Drop" display during the month of September and share a pack or two of diapers!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, September 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. Please see the article above on what the stages and steps are for the Pastoral Call process and make plans to attend the meeting.



LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

SEPTEMBER - BEEF STEW & PINEAPPLE
OCTOBER - GREEN BEANS & MANDARIN ORANGES

STAGES AND STEPS OF THE PASTORAL CALL PROCESS

The Presbytery of East Iowa, through its Committee on Ministry, will work with the Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) congregation, Session, and Pastor Nominating Committee in guiding and supporting Westminster through this time of pastoral transition. The Presbytery of East Iowa has its own variations and requirements for the transition from one pastor to the next. East Iowa Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) liaison, who is assigned by COM to Westminster, is available to work with and guide the Pastor Nominating Committee in the particulars of the pastoral call process.

The following is an outline of the general stages and broad tasks of a typical Presbyterian church in the transition from one called pastor to the next. Keep in mind that this is an overview of the process and that there are actually multiple tasks and multiple steps within each of the categories too numerous to list here. A forty-two page booklet, *On Calling a Pastor – A Manual for Churches Seeking Pastors*, can be found and downloaded from the Presbyterian Church (USA) website, www.pcusa.org. The manual goes into much greater detail in describing the various stages and tasks of the pastoral call process.

Transition Beginnings: The Work of the Session and Congregation

- Dissolving the Pastoral Relationship
- Planning the Transition
- Engaging the Congregation in a Mission Study
- Assessing the Church's Finances
- Electing a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Searching for a Pastor: The Work of the Pastor Nominating Committee

- Getting Organized
- Writing and Submitting the Church Information Form (CIF)
- Receiving Personal Information Forms (PIF's)
- Reading and Screening Personal Information Forms
- Contacting References
- Narrowing the Search
- Meeting Prospective Pastors Face-to-Face
- Choosing the Nominee and Extending the Invitation
- Preparing to Present the Nominee
- Finishing the Work of the PNC

Calling a New Pastor: The Work of the Session and the Congregation

- Preparing for the Report of the Pastor Nominating Committee
- Electing the Pastor
- Picking Up Where the Pastor Nominating Committee Leaves Off
- Ordaining and/or Installing the New Pastor
- Support for the New Pastor

Thank You

Thank you to Truman Johnson, Brian Cosgrove, Ben Fashimpaur and Jim Sankey for their help with the church roof in July. A spectacular job was done to recoat and seal the roof over the old preschool rooms. We appreciate their hard work!

E-NEWSLETTER

If you are interested in receiving the newsletter by email instead of a hard copy by mail, please contact Christina in the Church Office at 366-7185 or westmin@crwpc.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he or she is someone today.” ~Stacia Tauscher

This summer, I had a wonderful opportunity to make it down to Camp Wyoming for worship at the Christwalk. This is a Camp Wyoming original where the campers walk in groups along a trail and meet counselors dressed in period-style clothing who share a short monologue as if they were a character from the Bible that personally knew Jesus. The Christwalk is an amazingly powerful experience, and this particular service culminated in a light ceremony ending at Horsethief Cave. Several of our own children from Westminster were in attendance for this particular week of camp.

Now, Christwalks are nothing new to me, having spent six summers as a counselor, character, guitar player, and planner of the services throughout my tenure at camp. However, it has been at least all of about five years since I have actually had the opportunity to simply participate as a worshiper in the service. Let me be the first to tell you, the spiritual growth that happens in children is an amazing thing to behold, and that became starkly apparent to me when I heard the children sing.

As summer finally concludes and we look to the start of a brand new programmatic year flourishing with possibilities, I find myself thinking back to the end of that Christwalk service in the cave and hearing all the children’s voices – young kids and older alike – raise their voices to the heavens singing “Sanctuary”. The song has very simple lyrics that most have grown up knowing, yet they are also profoundly powerful when raised to God together. So often, we as adults lose sight of the fact that children are people with hopes, fears, loves, joys, anger, and frustrations. We are so focused on growing them and nurturing them for tomorrow that we forget what they are today. As I look towards this new programmatic year, it is my goal to see that the growth and wisdom bestowed over this next year has all of the innocence of those children’s voices. If we, as a congregation and a community of believers, can find half as much passion for these children that those children showed toward God with their voices, then we will have our eyes opened only to recognize the “someone” that each of the children in this congregation is today. And as we move toward tomorrow together, let us not forget that our Lord set the standard when He said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

A.J. Plummer

VBS Wrap-Up

A special thanks to all of those who helped with our “Come Together” Vacation Bible School. To all those who put in time leading activities, ordering food, cooking food, baking cookies, and setting up, my sincerest and humblest thank-you. To the Deacons, my warmest thanks for organizing and running the Ice Cream Social. Lastly, thank you to all those families who attended. It is my hope that my prayers were answered and you truly were able to “come together” in every way discussed.

Toy Give-Away Update

As the summer wraps up, I want to take a moment to thank all those who brought in toys this summer. I heard several stories of people approaching garage sale holders and asking if they’d donate whatever toys were left over after the sale. It is these small actions that will resonate immensely with the local community on December 1st for the Give-Away. **If you have not yet donated new or gently-used toys, please consider joining us in this mission.** Let us make it our goal to fill the small table outside the Family Life Center with toys every few weeks, as all the hard work that we do now will be returned a hundredfold in smiles, laughter, and joy on December the 1st!

Logos Registration Dinner

It’s that time of year again for...you guessed it...Logos!!! Logos is one of our Wednesday night youth programs for kids Kindergarten through 5th grade. Whether you’re new to the church or you’ve been a member forever, come to our kick-off dinner on September 22nd from 6-7 P.M. to register your child and learn more about what this year has in store. If you plan to be in attendance, please RSVP to the Church Office at 319-366-7185. We’ll be seeing you!

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE=STEWARDSHIP

Have you noticed how much news is about recycling lately? I was thrilled to see that the AmeriCorps workers had two collections the end of July. I hope you were able to participate in them. I was able to give them old blue jeans, plastic bottle caps, crayons thrown away at church, hearing aids, and to get rid of all the styrofoam packaging collected in my basement. Hopefully there will be more of these collections of “odd” recyclables regularly. Please never throw styrofoam packaging in the trash! The popcorn style is accepted at mailing companies, and the other should be kept for a recycling event such as this. Shingles are being recycled at a new company, Roof 2 Road, in Cedar Rapids. If you are having your roof redone, why not ask your contractor to use them to get rid of your old shingles? The asphalt shingles they collect are recycled to be used as road construction material.

A Dear Abby article recently mentioned that small long-term care facilities would love to have extra greeting cards, craft supplies, fabric scraps, wrapping paper, games, cards, jewelry boxes, etc. Check with the area facilities if you are getting rid of items they could use. As one reader wrote, “It should be the responsibility of the consumer to find [someone who can use what you have]. It is the right thing to do.” I couldn’t agree more!

One of our church members wrote to the *Gazette* to ask for recycling stations at the end of the Fifth Season race on the 4th of July. Thanks, Dr. Roof!!!

Please remember when buying school supplies, office supplies, etc. to buy the material with the least packaging, and then recycle the parts of the packaging that are recyclable. Tear out the cardboard/paper inserts in the plastic. Recycle what plastic is marked with the recycling triangle. Hold it up to the light—some symbols are very faint, but they are there. The same goes for cookie containers. Some of the plastic inserts should be recycled.

Thanks from our future generations!

Marilyn Lodge

FAITHFULNESS SUSTAINS THE GENERATIONS

Westminster Presbyterian Church is a family. Whether I know someone or not, I truly consider everyone at WPC to be a part of my church family. Westminster is blessed to have several families who have worshiped here for generations. We, the members of Westminster, give of our time to nurture young and old alike, so that they will grow in their faith with Jesus, and be called to serve the Lord. This is all done in so many different ways: volunteering “behind the scenes” in the office, setting up for worship or working on building maintenance, or the more obvious: teaching Sunday School, serving as a deacon or elder, and leading in worship. We are to work as disciples of Christ to bring others to God. Many feel God’s call while worshiping and being a part of the Westminster family. From generation to generation God’s presence is strong in this place we call Westminster. **Faithfulness Sustains the Generations.**

Faithfulness Sustains the Generations is the stewardship campaign theme and you will be hearing that theme quite a bit this fall. Its basis is found in Deuteronomy 7:9, “*Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.*” Our **faithfulness** to Jesus’ church today will **sustain the generations** to come at Westminster.

This year’s stewardship campaign will kick off on October 10th with members of the stewardship committee handing out Ministry Opportunities and pledge packets. The stewardship ministry team asks that you prayerfully consider how you will support Westminster during 2011 with your time and talents. The next week, on October 17th, you are asked return the forms and cards for Celebration and Commitment Sunday and they will be collected during the worship services.

Thank you for *your* faithfulness!

Tim Stolba
Stewardship Committee Chair

Grace Notes

THANK YOU TO OUR SPECIAL SUMMER MUSICIANS

This summer we have been blessed with a terrific variety of music solos and ensembles at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday services. Westminster members and guests provided vocal solos, some duets, a trio and a quartet, a flute solo and a trio, a piano solo, a brass quintet, and the amazing “*Battle Hymn*” Festival Choir. Our thanks go to Rebecca Mummaw, Jenny Titus, Gayle Elliott, Julie Read, Darin Read, A.J. Plummer, the Cedar Brass Quintet, Lauren Zimmermann, Lindsay Meade, Charles Worsfold, Rick Titus, Bernie Tiede, Deanna Long, Paula Grady, Julia Titus, Ann Buckheister, the Sweet Adelines Onyx Quartet, and Jake Wilding. A special thanks to Marilyn Lodge and Julia Titus for providing accompaniment for many of the musicians, and to Julie Read, conductor, and the MULTITUDE of folks who took the time to join together to sing the “*Battle Hymn*” in July. Please take a moment to visit with these folks and thank them for sharing their time and talents with us in worship this summer!

Julia Titus, Director of Music Ministries

NEIGHBORHOOD MEALS & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

N.M.E.P. concluded a busy summer on August 20th. A total of **7792 meals** were served in July (Imago Christi - 3151 meals and St. Paul's United Methodist Church - 4641 meals). **Thank You** to all of our members and friends who have given so generously of your time and energy to serve as volunteers this summer. We also thank the participating churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals who have made financial and in kind contributions to this important neighborhood mission. You are greatly appreciated by the N.M.E.P. Board and the clients whom we serve. (Statistics for the entire 2010 summer meal program will be available later this month.)

Ruth and Mary Jo

JOTTINGS FROM PASTOR JIM

Have you ever had to deal with discontent in your life? It's a silly question, because we all deal with discontent at some time or another. We aren't happy with our job or our salary or our child's performance in school. We're discontented with our marriage or a friendship or some other relationship. We're worried about our retirement or our way of life in the midst of a financial meltdown. Anxiety, doubt, fear, discontent...call it what you will, when it rears its ugly head in our lives it can bring us down and sap even the most meager amount of joy from each day.

As a pastor, even I experience a certain degree of discontent from time to time and not just in my personal life. The church can often be full of discontent. Sometimes it's a parishioner who doesn't like how we're doing things. Other times it's the fact that it doesn't feel like the church is moving forward. Another time it might have to do with a staffing issue. Still other times it might have to do with a decision the denomination or another body in the church made that I don't agree with. How do you deal with the discontent that so often comes with human life?

Fortunately, as people of faith, we've been given a deep storehouse of resources to combat difficult and challenging times. Scripture is full of stories of God's faithful action and intervention on behalf of his creation. The exodus from Egypt, the redemption of Israel from its captivity in Babylon, Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross all remind us of God's deep love and compassion for us. God is not absent or unconcerned with our pain and suffering. Instead, God's compassion and love for us are infinite and absolute.

When discontent makes its way into our lives, it's always easy to want to give up and walk away...to look somewhere else for fulfillment. But I firmly believe that God gives us the strength to endure. Moments of discontent and unhappiness become opportunities for growth and development if only we keep on going. What can we learn about ourselves in the midst of adversity? How can this time prepare us for something later? How can I use this time to bring glory to God?

Times of discontent are never easy. They require perseverance and faith. But do not fear, for God has said, “I will never forget you nor forsake you.” We know how the story will end. In Christ, we have our clearest picture of God's heart. In Christ, we encounter a God of resurrection and redemption. In Christ, we experience the complete and total transformation of our lives and our world. In Christ, God transforms life from death, hope from despair, faith from fear, grace from guilt, victory from defeat. But we have to keep on going!

Jim Langley

LIFE GROUPS

“LIFE Groups” is the name of Westminster's small group ministry program. LIFE is an acronym for Living In Faith Everyday, which is what these groups help us do. Westminster has LIFE Groups that meet in a variety of locations at a variety of times. Some meet weekly; some meet every other week. Each group has its own focus – from book discussions, to Bible studies, to women's and men's groups. To learn more about joining a LIFE Group, please contact Kay Basler at 550-2614 or email her at ksbangel@mchsi.com. Or you can also contact Pastor Jim for more information by emailing him at jlangleyley@crwpc.org or by calling the Church Office at 366-7185

LIFE GROUP LEADERS WANTED!!!

Do you have a passion for spiritual growth? Are you kind and compassionate? Would you be willing to give up a couple of hours each week to help other members of the Westminster family grow in their faith, while growing in faith yourself? If so, please let Pastor Jim (jlangleyley@crwpc.org) or Kay Basler (ksbangel@mchsi.com) know! We are always looking for new leaders for our LIFE Groups. Training will be offered, so sign up today!

RE:FORMING CONFIRMATION

All 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited to join Pastor Jim and Jackie Alff in the Atrium at 10:00 a.m. on Rally Sunday, Sept.12th to learn more about our re:formed confirmation program. This year, confirmation will meet on Sunday mornings beginning in Sept. and ending in early April. We'll be using a new and very engaging curriculum to help us tackle powerful ideas of faith and theology. If you're in 7th or 8th grade and want to be confirmed into the active membership of the church, bring your parents and join us for this informational meeting!

A CALL TO COMPASSION

One of the responsibilities of Deacons in the church is to offer the support and compassion of Jesus Christ to those who are unable to attend worship due to physical ailments or the general aging process. Deacons visit as often as they are able, but at least once or twice a month. They provide a way for those who can't get out to worship or other church events to remain connected to the life of the church. Through the compassion and ministry Deacons provide, they become the tangible presence of Jesus Christ in the life of someone in need. If you know of an individual or couple who might benefit from having a Deacon, please contact the Church Office or Pastor Jim (jlangleyley@crwpc.org).

FINANCE CORNER

July provided a bit more for revenue than June. The general contributions in July were \$38,016. Hopefully, August will even go up more.

<u>General Contributions thru July 31, 2010</u>	
Amount Budgeted	\$320,649
Amount Received	<u>294,988</u>
Deficit	\$ -25,661

We are in the process of getting a Pictorial Directory through Lifetouch this fall. There is no cost to the church for this directory. Sign ups will start in August. You can also sign up on line. Pictures will be taken September 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and October 1 and 2. Mark your calendars. Every family who comes to be photographed receives a free 8 x 10 and a directory.

Marilynn Shoger

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Edie Hembree	13	Cynthia Davisson
01	Andrew Christofferson	13	Leah Romanelli
01	Wendell Snow	13	Katherine Brokaw
01	Scott Cornish	14	Ed Winter
02	David Loomis	14	Gary Teig
02	John McCrane II	15	Brandis Negrin
03	Jacob Alff	18	Steven Sankey
04	Robert Current	18	Jenny Titus
04	Dorothy Benesh	18	Benjamin Lee
04	Bryan Hawkins	19	Sandy Shoemaker
04	Marcia Elhart	19	Alex Philpott
04	Marybrent Debth	21	Donna Gladhill
04	Lisa Conkling	22	Laura Koontz
04	Sara Estle	22	Beth Roof
04	Mike Daugherty	22	Matt Weems
05	Bill Altorfer	22	Tricia Brown
05	Angela Fowler	23	Don Thomas
05	James Ngombwa	24	Carolyn Wilson
06	Tim Ironside	24	Melissa McCracken
06	Becky Ranck	24	Doug Wagner
06	Kathie Lane	25	Kim Brokaw
06	Cheanne Cosgrove	25	Todd Pearson
06	Kaitlin Kalous	25	Debra Salz- Steenblock
08	Kellar Elliott	26	Maggie Wright
08	Barb Mumford	27	Alice Crosier
08	Amy Jo Tubbs	27	Bob Moore
09	Bill Clark	27	Peggy Crawford
09	Jan Kosowski	28	Tyler Crawford
09	James Walker	28	Marilyn Alford
10	Scott MacTaggart	29	Robert Allsop
10	Eileen Naber	29	David Keeran
10	Sandra Etter Johnson	29	Mike Canning
10	Christopher Van Horn	29	Elise Hataway
12	Virginia Lehr	30	Julie Houdeshell
12	Hailey Voyek	30	



WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, September 5th
One Service at 11:00 a.m. - Pastor Jim Langley
"The Intentional Church: Work"
Text: Ephesians 4.1-16

Sunday, September 12th
All Services - Pastor Don Houdeshell
"Found One!"
Text: Luke 15:1-10

Sunday, September 19th
All Services - Pastor Don Houdeshell
"Faithful in Little, Faithful in Much"
Text: Luke 16:1-13

Sunday, September 26th
All Services - Pastor Jim Langley
"The Intentional Church: Witness"
Text: John 17.1-5

JUST A REMINDER: YOUR MEDICATION LIST MATTERS! A HEALTH MINISTRIES ARTICLE BY LINDA SMITH

Does it really make a difference? Is it really necessary? "The doctor's office has records of my medications and health history..." "I was just in the hospital six months ago..." "The hospital records show what medicine I take and my health problems..." "My pharmacy has all my medications on file..." "Do I REALLY need to carry that information in my wallet, too?" The answer is...YES! Your medical information can change between visits. Offices and pharmacies may be closed and you may be in an emergency situation.

Doctors and hospitals encourage everyone to carry a current list of medications and a brief health history in their wallet. Convenient cards called "Medication Matters" are available. Fill out the card, keep it updated, and carry it with you. Or simply write out your information on a piece of paper and carry it. It is a quick method of providing an accurate, updated list of medications and health history to doctors, nurses, and emergency medical staff.

PW CIRCLE NEWS

Watch for more info on our No-Tasting Tasting Luncheon coming up in October!!

Martha/Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 15th, at 9:30 a.m. at Perkins on Collins Rd. Please join us for this time of fellowship. Guests are always welcome!

Naomi/Esther Circle will meet on Friday, September 17th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Small Parlor. We will share our

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30 am Men's Breakfast WNA	2	3 9:30 am Women at the Well	4 10:00 am Kids' Closet
5 Communion 11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary No Emmaus	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7 10:15 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting 7:30 pm Nursery MTg	8 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:15 am CR Child's Theatre WNA	9	10 9:30 am Women at the Well	11
12 Rally Sunday 8:00 am Worship in Atrium 8:30 am Breakfast in FLC 9:00 am Worship in Sanct. 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship in Sanct.	13 9:30 am SAM Meeting	14 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting 4:45 pm Stewardship 5:30 pm Children's MT Mtg	15 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha/Ruth WNA 5:30 pm Logos MT Mtg Session Email	16 Newsletter Deadline 5:00 pm Foundation Mtg 5:30 pm Health Ministries	17 9:30 am Women at the Well 9:30 am Naomi/Esther	18
19 SMA Confirmation Begins	20 4:30 pm Finance Meeting	21 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Session Meeting	22 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 1:00 pm Shawl Ministry WNA Logos Registration Banquet in FLC	23 9:30 am Kindred Spirits (A. Smith's House) 2:00-9:00 pm Pictures	24 9:30 am Women at the Well Proof Newsletter	25 10:00am-4:00 pm Pictures
26 10:00 am Congregational Meeting in F.L.C. SMA 3:15 pm EvenSong 6:30 pm Emmaus	27 7:00 pm Property Print Newsletter	28 9:30 am Bible Study 10:15 am Staff Meeting 2:00-9:00 pm Pictures Mail Newsletter	29 7:30 am Men's Breakfast S.A.M. Trip 2:00-9:00 pm Pictures 5:00 pm Logos Training WNA	30 2:00-9:00 pm Pictures		

SMA—Sunday Morning Activities
8:00 am: Worship in the Atrium
8:30 am: Breakfast
9:00 am: Worship in the FLC
10:00 am: New Member Class
10:00 am: Sunday School
11:00 am: Worship in the Sanctuary

WNA - Wednesday Night Activities
6:30 pm: Middle School EnterActive
6:30 pm: Minster Bells
7:30 pm: Chancel Choir

Music Schedules
Sun. 9/12 - Chancel Choir Returns
Sun. 9/26 - Minster Bells @ 11:00am

SCHEDULED TO SERVE AND CAN'T MAKE IT?

If you are scheduled to serve on a Sunday and cannot serve on your scheduled day, please find a replacement or someone to switch with you. Please let the Church Office know of any changes by Thursday of each week to ensure that it is printed correctly in the bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the schedule, please call the Church Office at 366-7185 or email Christina at westmin@crwpc.org. Thank you for your willingness to serve!