

Voice of Westminster

Maundy Thursday at WPC New Newsletter Format



Lenten Collaboration

We are already going into the third Sunday of Lent which means Easter is just 4 weeks away: March 31, which means Maundy Thursday will be here before you know it: March 28.

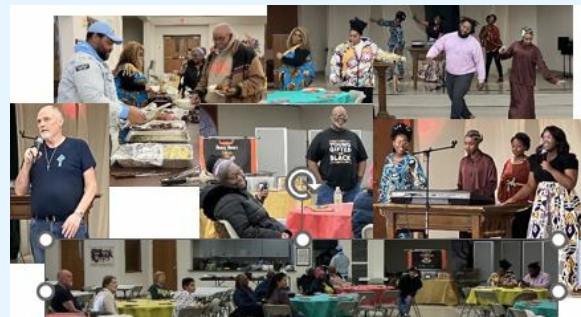
We will be coming together for Maundy Thursday with First Presbyterian, and inviting folks from Olivet Presbyterian, Faith Presbyterian, Christ Church Presbyterian, plus our two partner churches, Beacon of Light and Evangelical Global Pentecostal Church. We will have a simple meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by a service at 6:30 p.m. Further information will be coming soon in the weekly announcements of details how you can help with the meal.

Our Sunday Lenten Series: "Wandering Heart:" Figuring Out Faith with Peter is, and will continue to be a fascinating journey! - **Pastor Roger**



Gale Smetana Retirement Celebration

Black History Month Celebration



Saturday, February 17 Beacon of Light, a partner of Westminster, had a celebration of Black History Month in the FLC. There was music, dancing, history tidbits and food. The history

On Sunday, February 4 we said good-bye to Gale as our Director of Communications and shared Ministry. After the Sunday service Pastor offered a prayer, than Jan Kosowski gave a heartfelt thank you to Gale for her time here at Westminster and also highlighted some of the wonderful things she had participated in. We followed up Jan's speech with some good old fashioned treats. Gale will surely be missed but she has agreed to stay on and do live streaming currently.



There have been a few staff changes just since the beginning of February. Mary McDonald resigned immediately upon accepting the position of Bookkeeper due to health issues. We have since hired Connie Adams as the new bookkeeper for Westminster. Lisa Freeman, our office manager has taken over Gale's communication responsibilities. If you have information for either announcements or the e-newsletter, please contact Lisa at lisa@crwpc.org or call the office at 319-366-7185.

tidbits had a particularly fascinating piece of history about our own Cedar Rapids School Board. The CR School board had never hired a black person since the beginning of it's existence in 1855. The first black person to sit on the board was in 2009 and the second was in 2021 and that is our own Marcy Roundtree. The school board finally in 2023 hired the first black superintendent. "God is definitely on the move" as Marcy stated during the celebration. After the program everyone was served a delicious meal from fried chicken to beans and rice. It was an evening to remember.

Ash Wednesday at First Presbyterian



Westminster celebrated Ash Wednesday with First Presbyterian and 4 other sister churches on February 14. There was a soup supper to start the evening off in the Fellowship Hall. Following the meal everyone moved over to the Gathering Space where there were 6 stations set up for everyone to attend. A couple of the stations were to receive the cross of ashes another was a prayer station. After attending stations everyone moved into the sanctuary where the night concluded the evening with singing and prayers.



Calendar: Special Events



This Month's Birthdays

March 4 - Deacons Meets 5 p.m.

March 10 - Sunday Service
Ordination/Installation of Elders/Deacons

March 11 - Property Meets 1 p.m.

Mission Meets 6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

March 18 - Finance Meets 4:30 p.m.

March 19 - Session Meets 6:30 p.m.

March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Supper at 5:30 p.m. Service at 6:30 p.m.

March 31 - Easter Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.

(He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed)

Access the updated WPC calendar at
crwpc.org/calendar

Calendar: Regular Events

Sundays:

Breakfast 8 -9:30 a.m. - Old Dining

Adult Education 8:30 a.m. - Atrium

Worship 10 a.m. - Sanctuary

Beacon of Light 11:30 a.m. - Chapel

EGPC-1:30 p.m. - Old Dining

Chorale Midwest 3 p.m.- Large Parlor

Mondays

Bridge 11 a.m.-4 p.m. - FLC

Tuesdays

L&F Pantry 2:30-5 p.m.

Beacon of Light (100 in 24) 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - Atrium

Prayer Shawl Ministry-1 & 3 Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. - Small Parlor

Choir 7 p.m. - Choir Room

Thursdays

Bible Study-2 & 4 Thursdays 9:30 a.m. -

Atrium

Beacon of Light (Youth Group) 6 p.m.

Fridays

Office Closed

Saturdays

EGPC 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Old Dining

Glenn Lane	March 2
Marjorie Daft	March 2
Darwin Busch	March 4
Ed Mumford	March 6
Julie Schlader	March 6
Linda Cosgrove	March 11
Jane Heck	March 17
Bill Moss	March 23

Liturgist Schedule for March

March 3 - Heather Wagner

March 10 - David Basler

March 17 - Val Neubauer

March 24 - Warren Feerer

March 31 (Easter)- Barb Read

Communion Schedule

March

Brian Read, Barb Schultz, Barb Moss,
Veronica Ndungu, Sharon Colton

April

Terry Perkins, Sara Tyler, Jan Kupka,
Joyce Sedlacek, Glenn Lane

New Newsletter Format

The March "Voice of Westminster" newsletter will no longer be mailed to you, but delivered to your email inbox. This change was approved by Session. Homebound members will still receive a printed copy of the e-newsletter as many do not have access to a computer. Printed copies also will be available in the foyer kiosk.



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