

Voice of Westminster



February 2026

I have enjoyed my first month as your interim pastor. I want to share with you the advice I try to follow from some interim ministry experts.

Rabbi Friedman was an authority on family and organizational systems. And at one of his many seminars for interim pastors, he was heard telling them that they should “*Join the system, and then do what is fun.*”

Another interim specialist, Rev. Beverly Thompson, wrote that some congregations approach interim ministry like one would enter a corn maze. As we follow the paths, we often cannot see what is ahead and do not know which way to turn. We hit dead ends and can get frustrated and run out of energy. Thompson suggests that the better comparison is to the labyrinth prayer walk. Here the path is visible and the way to travel is evident and prayerful. The path spirals to a center, for a time of contemplation, and then back toward the entrance. One leaves the labyrinth and “*carries out into the world fresh awareness, hope, and energy.*”

May our transitional time together be not only fun, but also insightful, hopeful, and energizing!

Pastor Randy

BEAR CREEK



Summer Camp Registration is open!

Dear Churches and Ministry Leaders,

Hello from Camp Bear Creek! Though it might be cold outside, we are already anticipating summer and all that comes with it. We believe that the summer camp experience is a wonderful and powerful way to extend the work that you do beyond the walls of your church. Week in and week out, you are providing education and programming for the kids in your congregation and neighborhoods. Summer camp is an opportunity to get kids outside and immersed in God's creation and provide a faith-forming experience that is unique and impactful. At camp, kids get to live in the moment, away from phones and screens. They get to be their authentic selves and discuss their faith in a supportive community of peers their own age. They get to explore nature and the world around them. They grow in faith, spend time in worship, and escape the ordinary for one special week each summer.

Below are links to our Promo Video for the 2026 summer. You will also be receiving summer camp flyers for the families in your church via mail soon. We would love it if you'd share the video with your congregation during a service or week-night children/youth program and encourage them to sign up for camp. Our summer programs include both full and partial week options. Campers can register online through our website (bearcreek.camp), and early bird pricing is available until March 15th. After that date, all prices go up by \$25. Please encourage families to register as soon as possible.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership in ministry. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at (563) 488-3893.

Stay warm!
The Camp Bear Creek Staff

[Watch the Promo on Youtube](#)

Other News at Camp Summer Counselors

The Camp Counselors are one of the best parts of the camp experience for kids. They serve as role models and leaders. It's a great chance for college-age young adults to grow in skills, have fun, and make a difference this summer. Please encourage your young adult congregants to consider a summer at camp!

SUMMER STAFF INFO



ITS TP TIME! LETS BUILD A TOWER

February is the month of love, and we will be loving all our Loaves & Fishes clients. Please participate in this month of love by contributing a package of toilet paper to L & F. These can be brought to the corner of the large parlor, and we will watch our TP tower grow! A Picture of the progress of the tower and a count of rolls will be published every week in the e-news sent out on Saturday and in the Sunday announcements. Just a note that CEC (partners with L & F) is doing this also so game on Westminster!

When you pick up a package for yourself, please pick one up for our pantry. Remember when you do this, you are doing it unto our Lord. Last week we had 200 clients. We would love to be able to give each client 2 rolls each, so please consider donating a large pack of TP. We are hoping to collect 400 rolls. We provide such good food for our clients but even Jesus pointed out that eating results in the need for TP (Matthew 15:17, on our Deacon's reading list this week)!

MESSAGE FROM WPC OFFICE

As Pastor Randy and the staff settle into the newness of one another all is going great. We as a staff here at Westminster strive to make the church run smoothly and efficiently for all. If you would like to meet with Pastor Randy in a one on one meeting please contact Lisa at lisa@crwpc.org or call the church office and schedule an appointment. We always welcome smiling faces in the office.



Thank you to all the wonderful Westminster members and a special Thank You to all of those who volunteer to make the church a better place!



Presbytery-wide workshop

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY SUMMIT

Join us as we explore what church vitality can look like today for small and rural congregations, especially those facing the challenge of dwindling resources. While this event is focused on small church vitality, people from all contexts would benefit from the expertise provided by our incredible workshop leaders.

GUEST SPEAKERS: REV. DR. ALLEN STANTON & REV. PHILIP BLACKBURN
Director of Townsquare Collaborative &
Author of 2 books on rural ministry

Saturday, April 25, 2026
10 AM to 3:30 PM
9:30 AM Check-In, Coffee & Gathering
Hotel Millwright, Weaving Room, Amana, Iowa

Event sponsored by Plentiful Gifts. \$10 for lunch
March 16 - early bird registration with free book (1 per church)
April 10 - registration ends

Questions: sarah.f.hegar@gmail.com or bobby@peia.org



Calendar: Special Events

- Feb. 1** - Communion Sunday
- Feb. 2** - **GROUND HOG'S DAY**
Deacons Meet 5:00pm
- Feb. 7** - Good Morning w/Dr. Lannin (CR School Superintendent) 10:00am - **Beacon of Light Hosting**
- Feb. 9** - Mission Committee Meets 2:30pm
- Feb. 14** - **VALENTINE'S DAY**
Allen Lincoln Douglas Banquet 1:00pm
- Feb. 16** - **PRESIDENT'S DAY**
Property Meeting 1:00pm
Finance Meets 4:30pm
- Feb. 17** - Session Meets 6:30pm
- Feb. 21 - Black History Month Event 3:00pm - **Beacon of Light Hosting**
- Feb. 23** - 28 Coe College using South parkinglot all day

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry will be every Tuesday from 2:30 - 5 p.m. at Westminster.

Access the updated WPC calendar at crwpc.org/calendar

Calendar: Regular Events

(Some Groups may be meeting in different locations)

Sundays

- Natural Swedish Pentecostal Church 9am - Theater
- Westminster Worship 10am - Sanctuary
- Beacon of Light 11:30am - Chapel
- EGPC 11:30pm - Old Dining
- NA (Face Anything/Fear Nothing) 5pm - Atrium

Mondays

- Staff Meeting 11 am - Pastor's Office
- Bridge 11 a.m.-4pm - FLC
- Marion Gospel Hall Youth Group 7pm - Atrium



This Month's Birthdays

Tamene Gelashe	February 4
Bob Ferguson	February 6
Lois Kahler	February 6
Catharine Johnson	February 7
Anne Bluder	February 14
Ruth Chipokas	February 17
Ruth Nash	February 17
Jeanne Pickney	February 21



This Month's Anniversaries

NO FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

ATTENTION - If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the specific month please contact the office so we can get your information updated.

Tuesdays

L&F Pantry 2:30 - 5pm - Downstairs
Beacon of Light (100 in 24) 6pm

Wednesdays

Men's Breakfast 7:30 am - Atrium
Prayer Shawl Ministry - 1 & 3 Wednesdays
9:30 am - Small Parlor
WPC Chancel Choir Practice 7:00pm - Choir
Room

Thursdays

NA (Face Anything/Fear Nothing) 5pm - Atrium
Beacon of Light Life Groups 6pm - Chapel

Fridays

Office Closed

Saturdays

Office Closed
EGPC 10 am to 3 pm - Old Dining
Natural Swedish Pentecostal Church 10am to
4pm
NA (Steps in the Right Direction) 11am - Atrium

Liturgist Schedule for February

February 1 - Jan Walton
February 8 - David Basler
February 15 - Val Neubauer
February 22 - Heather Wagner

Greeters

1st Sunday - Jim Fine
2nd Sunday - Terry Perkins
3rd Sunday - Jim Patterson
4th Sunday - Neubauers
5th Sunday -

**If you would like to greet any Sunday
please be in the foyer between
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.
Everyone is encouraged to greet
anytime.**



Westminster Presbyterian Church | 1285 3rd Ave SE-Cedar Rapids, IA | 319.366.7185 | crwpc.org

Westminster Presbyterian Church | 1285 3rd Ave SE | Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!