

Voice of Westminster

Ash Wednesday at First Pres
Maundy Thursday at WPC
New Newsletter Format



Lenten Collaboration

The season of Lent is right around the corner. Easter is as early as it gets: March 31, 2024, which means Ash Wednesday is less than a month away: February 14, 2024. I encourage you to take your significant other out on another day, and reserve Valentine's Day to express your love for your Lord, and begin what I believe will be an exciting journey leading to Holy Week.

We will not only be coming together this year with First Presbyterian for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, but we will be inviting folks from Olivet Presbyterian, Faith Presbyterian and Christ Church Presbyterian. On both Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday we will begin with a simple meal at 6 p.m. followed by a service at 6:30 p.m. First Presbyterian will host Ash Wednesday, and Westminster will host Maundy Thursday. You will have an opportunity to contribute to these meals. (See upcoming bulletins) Our Lenten Sunday theme will be "Wandering Heart:" a study of the life of Peter. It promises to be a fascinating journey! - **Pastor Roger**



Westminster To Send Kenyan Girl to
High School

Mission Committee Supports
Neighborhood Meals

Many of you have spent a week or two helping to serve summer meals at St. Paul's Church-part of the Neighborhood Meal Enrichment Program (NMEP). Although the number of people being served diminished, an increase is expected this coming summer. The reason is two fold: this past year, the state of Iowa accepted federal funding that provided families with children eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, a summer payment of \$40 per month per child. That money has since been rejected by the state in part because of a lack of accountability in how the money is spent.



In anticipation of once again feeding a significant number of families during the summer months, WPC's representative, Tom Read, requested \$1,000 be allocated from the Mission Committee to NMEP. This amount is what WPC has historically allocated to this program. During the January Mission Committee meeting, the Committee approved this allocation. - *Mission Committee*

In a country where going to high school is a given, we sometimes forget what a privilege it is in other countries. Westminster's Christian Education Fund will help a young Kenyan woman, Anne, with money to go to high school with a \$600 allocation approved by Session. She is a friend of WPC member and Deacon, Veronica Ndungu. In the photo above, she is standing to the left in the picture. Her headmaster is on the right. How fortunate we are to be able to help in such an important way.

Staff Updates

There are a few staff changes beginning in February.

Mary McDonald will begin training as the new bookkeeper for Westminster. Our current bookkeeper, Tina Mueller, is preparing to move to the Kansas City area to be closer to family. Second, Lisa Freeman, our office manager, will take 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. Both Tina and Gale plan to leave at the end of January.

Annual Meeting Moved to February

Westminster's Annual Meeting has been postponed to Sunday, Feb. 18, immediately after the service. Due to repeated winter storms and bitter temperatures, Westminster has had to cancel services twice and there hasn't been time to get out Annual Report packets as we typically do in advance of the meeting. This change has been approved by Session. Please make note of the change to Feb. 18.

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The February "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



Calendar: Special Events

- Feb. 5- Deacons Meet 6 p.m.
- Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday (@1st Pres)
Dinner - 6 p.m. Worship - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 17- Beacon of Light Black History
Month-FLC 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Feb. 18 - Annual Meeting after worship
- Feb. 19-Finance Committee - 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20-Session - 6:30 p.m.

Access the updated WPC calendar at crwpc.org/calendar

Calendar: Regular Events

Sundays:

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

Wednesdays

- Men's Breakfast-Atrium
- Prayer Shawl Ministry-1 & 3 Wednesdays
9:30 a.m.
- Choir-7 p.m.

Thursdays

- Bible Study-every other week 9:30 a.m.

Fridays

- Office Closed

Saturdays



This Month's Birthdays

Tamene Gelashe	February 4
Robert Ferguson	February 6
Lois Kahler	February 6
Catharine Johnson	February 7
Anne Bluder	February 14
Patti Horton	February 16
Ruth Chipokas	February 17
Ruth Nash	February 17
Jeanne Pinckney	February 21

Liturgist Schedule for February

- Feb. 4 - Deb Liljedahl
- Feb. 11 - Val Neubauer
- Feb. 18 - Jan Walton
- Feb. 25 - Brian Read

EGPC - Old Dining



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