



THE CHURCHMOUSE

Windsor Presbyterian Church

July 2015



To the Flock . . .

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Matthew 9:36-38 CEB

When Stephen and I were first married, we took a trip to Italy. It was an amazing whirlwind. As many of you have experienced, to stand in one of those great cathedrals is to experience awe—the artistry, the hushed sounds, the majestic enormity of it all. And the question, “How did they do that?”

Of course, I learned that many artisans worked for many years, most of them working on one small area, never realizing the end to their work. They used their gifts faithfully, diligently and proudly without ever seeing the final product.

These craftsmen serve as a great model for how we can build and be the church, Christ’s body, in the world. We are called to use our gifts—the ones God gave us, the ones we are best at, the ones that bring us joy—for God’s glory. Each of us has different gifts and God puts us together so that our gifts can compliment each other as we work in community.

Like those craftsmen, we are called to do our kingdom work faithfully, knowing that we may not see the end or even understand the immensity of the work. We are called to show up and use our gifts in community. In the church, that may mean cooking, sending cards, driving, balancing a budget, building, cleaning,

visiting, inviting, welcoming, serving, praying, teaching, studying... or simply being with someone. Sometimes the greatest gift we can offer is to give is our time.

We work best when we are prepared with proper training and proper tools. In the life of faith, we prepare for kingdom work by being in God’s word—reading it, studying it, discussing it with others and trying to live by it. Are you in God’s word? There is no way to follow Christ without understanding him. It seems daunting, but I encourage you to open to one of the gospels and read about Jesus. We learn about Jesus and try to walk in his way and we never do it alone. This is what being the church together is about.

As we continue to walk into the future that God has planned for us at Windsor PC, it is important to know that God has prepared us and gifted each of us for these ministries. God calls the unlikely and gives them the gifts they need to do the work. How is God calling you to serve in small or large ways? What gifts has God given you to help in this kingdom work? Will you use your gifts, the ones that God gave you, the ones you are best at, the ones that bring you joy, for the glory of God?

It is the mission of Windsor Presbyterian Church to be a warm, supporting family for worshipping God, learning and practicing Christ’s teachings, and sharing Christ’s good news with others.

Happening This Month:

- July 7 CFUM Dinner
- July 18 Presbyterian Women’s Council
- July 21-23 Vacation Bible School
- Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Movie Night

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Learning and Serving —Linda Newsom

Vacation Bible School

Hurray for Vacation Bible School! I hope you will be able to come to Vacation Bible School at Windsor, scheduled for July 21 – 23 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We'll begin with a light supper followed by adult and children studies. Our theme is Super Heroes from the Bible and Today! You just might see and learn some AMAZING things! Please join us for a fun-filled three days of Christian fellowship and learning.



Movie Night

So far we have watched "Up", "Harvey", "Short Circuit", "Short Circuit 2", and "Dave". Be sure to look in the announcements each week to see what we will be watching in July.

Door-to-Door

Our neighborhood outreach program is going great! As of June 20, we've sent out 1,130 post-cards and visited 1,070 households. If you'd like to get involved please contact Dick Woods.

CFUM Dinner

Windsor Presbyterian is scheduled to serve dinner at Trinity Methodist Church, CFUM Supper Program, on Tuesday, July 7th. This program serves dinner to underprivileged adults and children in the Moulton school community most evenings of the year. Many local churches and charities are involved in this effort. Windsor committed to four meals last fiscal year, and this year Windsor has committed to ten dinners, more than doubling last year's commitment.

Please let us know if you are able to help by bringing a dessert or a grocery item, donate milk or veggies, help cook the meal, or serve on Tuesday, by signing up on the volunteer sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. Cooks will meet at the church to begin prep at around 12:30 - 1 p.m. Tuesday and they will head to Trinity between 3:30 & 4 PM to set up. We are in particular need of servers, so if you can, please sign up.

Thanks for your support of this ministry. It is such a privilege to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community where the need is so great!

Music and Worship —JoAnn Seeman

In June We...

- praised the Lord with guest musicians and others in our congregation
- welcomed each other to worship
- enjoyed the worship leadership of the **Pride of Iowa Chorus**, a men's barbershop singing group on June 28.



Early Worship

There were seven people at the 7:30 worship service on June 21. All seven are current members of Windsor Presbyterian. We're still hoping that the 7:30 service will attract new people into the church or make worship attendance possible for current members who work on the Lord's Day and can't attend the 10:30 service.

Worship in July—The Season of Pentecost

7/5	Dick Woods Preaching	1 John 2
7/12	What Love Looks Like	1 John 3
7/19	Love as God Loves	1 John 4
7/26	Confident and Careful	1 John 5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2015</h1>						
			1 7 p.m. 	2 TOPS Noon Men's Group	3 Office Closed Holiday	4
5 NO Early Worship 8:30 Sunday Prayers 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship	6	7 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Drop-In CFUM Dinner	8 7 p.m. 	9 TOPS Noon Men's Group	10	11
12 7: 30 am Early Worship 8:30 Sunday Prayers 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Fellowship	13	14 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Drop-In Potluck	15 7 p.m. 	16 TOPS Noon Men's Group	17	18 9:00—2:30 Fellowship Hall Presbyterian Women's Council
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Caring and Sharing —*Barb Pomeroy*

Food Pantry

Items and donations are collected the 3rd Sunday of every month and can be brought anytime. Please donate far before the expiration date. Thank you for your monetary gifts to the Food Pantry. They are able to purchase items wholesale. Thank you for your support.

Dollars and Dimes for Diapers

The donation container is put out on the 3rd Sunday of the month. With monetary dona-

tions we purchase diapers from Aldi's for only \$5 a package - in sizes 3,4 & 5 (most needed sizes). Diapers can be brought anytime and are delivered monthly to CROSS Ministries. In June six packages were purchased and delivered! Thank you for your support.



the Nepal earthquake and TX and OK flooding. Your One Great Hour of Sharing offering gifts are put to work. In disasters in this country as well as all over the world we provide assistance. Please pray and consider giving.

Save the Date

The "Walk to End Alzheimer's" will be held in Des Moines on Sept 19th. We will once again be forming the "Windsor Warriors" team. Watch for more information.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is helping survivors of



Recent Prayer Needs: Roy Aksamit, Nancy Baker, Dick Cox, Janice Swanson

Continuing Prayers: Michael Aksamit, Keith Ankeney, Max Bridgewater (On with Life), Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Glenna Grohe, Dewey Heaton, Claude Jones, Norma McWilliams, Virginia Nichols, Wanda Ori, Anne & Cliff Scholten,

Judy Teig, Marylu Zimmerman

Friends of the Church: Dan Ankeney (Keith's son), Robert Chandler (Father of Jessica McCubbin), Richard and Linda Christie, Rick Condit (Callie's Dad), Will Cox, Darrel Cox, Jasper Kray (friends of the King family), Rick Tallon (family friend of Barb Pomeroy), Sara Stimac (cousin of Brenda Enochs), Don Yost (Pam Lawler's Father), Quincy (friend of the King family),

Our Church: Pray that God's Spirit would continue moving within our congregation so that we show God's love and are witnesses to God's grace in the world. Pray for God's blessings on our outreach efforts.

(To add a prayer concern, please contact the church office.)

Serving Schedule	Ushers and Greeters	Worship Assistant	Fellowship Host
July 5	Don and Ann Beeson	JoAnn Seeman	Beth Schmitz and Phyllis Barton
July 12	Beth Schmitz	Duncan Leitch	Ann Beeson
July 19	Barb Pomeroy	Jody Cox	
July 26			

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Birthdays

- 2 Norma McWilliams
- 4 Esther Chol
- 10 Jerry Lee Burnes
- 14 Max Bridgewater
- 28 Tammy Burnes
- 28 Mindy Millard

Anniversary

- 16 Ryan and Heather Carlson

Finance and Personnel —Ron Grohe

The Operating Fund has a net loss of \$800 for the month.

The total Operating Income (\$9,276) was \$2,300 under budget. General Contributions were \$1,000 less than budget and transfers from Capital were \$1,100 under budget as rent from one rental property was not collected until June.

Total Expenses (\$10,667) were \$1,500 under budget. Person-

nel expenses were \$500 less than budget as several Expense items were lower than budget. Mission expenses were \$800 under budget as local mission expenditures were not made. Buildings and Grounds Expenses were \$200 under budget.

The Capital Fund showed a net gain of \$1,000 for the month. Income was \$1,500 below budget as rents were lower for May due to rent for one property

being paid in June and not paid for another property as it was empty. Expenses were \$2,500 under budget due to having no expenses for the month.

Our contributions for local mission in June will be \$200 to Calvin Community, \$200 to Epworth Methodist Church for serving community meals and \$500 to CROSS Ministries. These were not made in May.

Financial Report— May 2015

	May 2015	1 Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Contributions	6,110.70	7,083.33	36,494.48	35,416.67
Operating Income	3,165.00	4,525.00	19,403.59	22,625.00
Operating Expenses	10,067.23	11,608.33	53,150.94	58,041.67
Net Gain (Loss)	(791.53)	—	2,747.13	—
Capital Income	2,717.29	4,158.33	17,927.31	20,791.67
Capital Expenses	1,675.00	4,158.33	18,722.29	20,791.67
Net Gain (Loss)	1,042.29	—	(794.98)	—

Session Highlights

- With the deacons, studied and discussed the role of deacons at WPC
- Approved the baptism of Lillian Rose Coria-Booth (Barb and Jim Pomeroy's granddaughter)
- Celebrated that we are ready to begin the new hand rail project to make the church exterior more accessible (additional donations are appreciated)
- Established a pastor's discretionary fund from Hume Ward's memorial monies as requested by Alice Ward
- Celebrated our good stewardship and monetary gifts to Calvin Community, Epworth Methodist Church and CROSS ministries
- Celebrated a new roof on one of the rentals and sump pumps in the church that are working
- Celebrated the great things happening in our worship, especially surrounding the season of Pentecost and the Spirit's work in our congregation
- Confirmed the goodness of presenting bibles to our third graders
- Heard about preparations for Vacation Bible School around the theme of Bible Super Heroes and Heroes of our Time
- Celebrated that we are on target to visit 3000 homes this summer
- Began planning a community ice-cream social for the end of summer
- Set the summer deacon and session meeting for July 26, 2015

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Mae & Stella Murphy, Children's Ministries

Session

Ron Grohe (2016) Finance and Personnel
Barb Pomeroy (2016) Caring and Sharing
Linda Newsom (2017) Learning and Serving
JoAnn Seeman (2017) Music and Worship
Rod Enochs (2018) Buildings and Grounds
Dick Woods (2018) Outreach
Dwight Tomes, Clerk of Session

Deacons

Nancy Baker (2016)
Jessica McCubbin (2016)
Beth Schmitz (2017) Secretary
Rich Teig (2017)
Sue Cooper (2018) Chair
Donna Dickerson (2018)

CROSS Back to School Giveaway

Mark your calendars. The annual CROSS Back to School Giveaway will be held on Thursday, August 6 from 3:00-8:00 p.m. (or until supplies are gone).

1,500 Free Filled Backpacks will be given to children in Headstart-12th grade at Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center.

We will be collecting donations of school supplies, backpacks and monetary donations. Volunteers will be needed to assemble and distribute the school supplies. Questions? Call 279-8877 or 279-9998.



Small Gift, Big Impact

November 4-11, 2015 a team of 20 doctors, nurses, and support staff will be traveling to Berlin, Usulután, and El Salvador to serve 800-1,000 residents. The estimated cost of medical supplies is \$2,600. If you would like to make a donation please send them to Presbytery of Des Moines, 2400 86th St, Suite 20, Urbandale, IA 50322. All donations are tax deductible and are due on August 1.



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