



# THE CHURCHMOUSE

Windsor Presbyterian Church

March 2015



## To the Flock . . .

Reading through the Daily Walk Bible, one of the things I am noticing is that God sends helpers. Moses gets helpers, Jesus sends the disciples out two by two, and the early church is full of examples of not going it alone. There are many dangers to trying to do it all by yourself. So this month, I will admit that I have tried to do too much alone. We have been trying to fill the administrative position for over four months and I appreciate Coralee even more these days. I am overwhelmed and don't even know how to accept the help that many of you have offered. Perhaps learning to identify how others can help is part of my Lenten discipline.

The administrative assistant we hired to start at the end of February had to rescind her acceptance due to personal issues. Hopefully we will have someone in the position very soon. **Pray for God's guidance and favor.** In the meantime, please accept my apology for being slow to accept help. Without an assistant to help in ministry, many things have fallen through the cracks, including the *Churchmouse* and other important communications. Thank you for your patience while we try to get it together.

I do want to brag on our staff. While we have been without an administrative assistant, ministry has not stopped. **Eve** has led the choir in making some very beautiful music. She has stretched their abilities and it really shows. **Jim** not only plays the organ but ably leads the men in singing, lending his strong tenor voice to the choir. **Duda** cheerfully and faithfully cleans the church and makes it ready for all our activities. **Mae and Stella** ably and lovingly care for our kids on Sunday mornings, helping them to understand the Bible lessons. Behind the scenes, **Deb** keeps us financially in-line and makes sure that our bills are paid. **Coralee** has been a Godsend, helping us in the office, even though she is retired, to make sure that some very important things get taken care of.

I am grateful for our staff and for the many volunteers that keep Windsor ministering. **Please pray for our staff and volunteers** that God would continue to bless them with the gifts they need to do the work God has given them.

As we work and play, fellowship and pray, let's be the church together!

### Happening This Month:

- *March 1, 1st Sunday of Lent*
- *March 8, 2nd Sunday of Lent*
- *March 8, at Noon, Session Meeting*
- *March 15, 3rd Sunday of Lent*
- *March 16-20, Spring Break*
- *March 22, 5th Sunday of Lent*
- *March 29, Passion/Palm Sunday*

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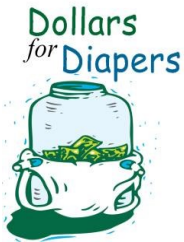
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March 1	Laborers in the Vineyard	Matt. 20:1-16
March 8	Wedding Banquet	Matt. 22:1-14
March 15	Bridesmaids	Matt. 25:1-13
March 22	Last Judgement	Matt. 25
March 29	Triumphal Entry	Matt. 21:1-13



# Caring and Outreach

Thank you for your continued support for Dollars & Dimes for Diapers and Food Pantry. Dollars and Dimes for Diapers is a worthwhile project and the need is great. We will collect donations on food pantry Sunday (3rd Sunday of the month) but will receive them anytime. Diapers are purchased and delivered to CROSS Ministries on a monthly basis. Packs of diapers are affordably available for \$5 at Aldi if you would like to purchase some. A thank you note from CROSS MINISTRIES is posted on the mission bulletin board. In February we donated 7 packages of diapers.



## One Great Hour of Sharing

This annual special offering follows God's call to take action to help those who are hungry, thirsty, without shelter or a safe place to call home. Your gifts have a global reach, providing food and water, relief from the effects of crises and catastrophic events, and assistance for those stricken by oppression. The 3 parts:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) provides support and relief to people affected by natural disasters and epidemics.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) works to eliminate hunger and its causes.
- Self-Development of People (SDOP) supports those affected by oppression and injustice to overcome hardships.

We will take this offering Palm Sunday (or whenever you would like to contribute). Thank you for your support.

## Children and Families Urban Ministries

**CFUM** Windsor volunteered to prepare and serve dinner at Children and Families Urban Movement (CFUM) four times this year (September-August). Tuesday, March 10, we served our fourth time. Volunteers are needed each time to prepare (1-2:30) and serve (3:30-6:00). Donations of food and money are also needed. We are in the process of deciding how many times to volunteer for the 2015/2016 school year. Please share your thoughts with Jim and Linda Newsom.

**Agape Pregnancy Center's Basement Sale** is in need of Volunteers! Sales are held Spring thru Fall and all proceeds benefit Agape. They need people to place Basement Sale signs as well as people to work 4 hour shifts on a Friday or Saturday. You could serve individually or with a group. Call Sharon at 515.265.8829 to learn more.

**Douglas M. Woods** has committed to provide 50 cents for every dollar donated to the DMARC Food Pantry, up to the first \$20,000 in donations. **The Feinstein Challenge** is also through April. With the Feinstein Challenge your gift to DMARC Food Pantry will be matched with an additional \$1.50. Your \$1 equals \$2.50 to DMARC. Please give generously to the Food Pantry from now through the end of April.

Serving Schedule	Ushers and Greeters	Worship Assistant	Fellowship Host
March 1	Beth Schmitz	Elizabeth Adams	Jim & Linda Newsom
March 8	Rich Teig	Dwight Tomes	Beth Schmitz & Phyllis Barton
March 15	Barb Pomeroy	Taryn Ellis	Sue Cooper & Curt Weatherby
March 22	Sue Cooper	Linda Newsom	Dick & Becky Woods
March 29 Palm Sunday	Beth Schmitz	Jody Cox	Barb Pomeroy



## Music & Worship Team

**Thank you** to all who helped remove the Christmas greenery or brought lunch on January 11. With many hands, I think we did it in record time!

**Thank you** to everyone who cooked or celebrated fellowship in our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

**Thank you** to those who participated in our Ash Wednesday supper and service by worshiping, singing in the joint choir with our Methodist neighbors, or preparing and serving food.

We continue our observance of Lent this month. Mark your calendar

for a **Maundy Thursday supper and worship**, beginning at 6 p.m. on April 2. Also mark your calendar for our 10:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday worship service** on April 5.

You can be involved with Music & Worship in **big or small ways – whatever works best for you**. We need your help with:

- Preparing communion occasionally.
- Sitting in on a monthly meeting to see what small project might interest you.
- Sharing your feedback on WPC's

Music and Worship with JoAnn or another member of the team.

- Buying flowers to brighten the sanctuary on a particular week after Easter.
- Making a joyful noise in the choir or handbell choir.
- Sharing a creative idea to make our worship better than ever.
- \_\_\_\_\_(fill in the blank - you've got great ideas!)

If God is calling you to be involved in Music & Worship in big or small ways, please talk to JoAnn or join our next meeting on March 22.

~ JoAnn , Chair

## Community and Care

*We extend our heartfelt Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of*

*Jeauvette Nall*

*Jimmy Bassarear*

*Eunice Schroeder (former WPC member)*

*Bekva Jean Millard*

**Recent Prayer Needs:** Max Bridgewater, Carlson Family, Lawlor Family, Christie Family

**Continuing Prayers:** Michael Aksamit, Roy Aksamit, Keith Ankeney, Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Glenna Grohe, Dewey Heaton, Wanda Hill, Aaron Kittrel, Lawlor's triplet grandbabies, Sean McCubbin, Louise Newsom, Virginia Nichols, Wanda Ori, Jim Pomeroy, Betty & Stanley Rains, Leon Sanderson, Anne & Cliff Scholten, Judy Teig, Marylu Zimmerman

**Friends of the Church:** Dan Ankeney (Keith's son), Robert Chandler (Father of Jessica McCubbin), Will Cox, Darrel Cox, Jocelyn Dunn and Lucas, Nathan and Chloe (Lawlor's family), Don McWilliams (Norma's son), Lara and Kelly Newson (breast cancer), Ray Pederson (Shamaine's uncle), Rick Tallon (family friend of Barb Pomeroy), Sara Stimac (cousin of Brenda Enochs), Beth Strasburg, Quincy (friend of the King family), Susan Williams ( renter whose father recently died).



### March 2015

#### Birthdays

- 3 Lew Vierling
- 4 Jim Behrens
- 7 Heather Carlson
- 9 Bob Ray
- 10 Sabine Carlson
- Jim Clark
- 11 Lorin Knapp
- 19 Keith S. Ankeney
- Tyler Burnes
- 21 Richard Christie
- 29 Deb Hibbert
- 30 Helen Jones
- Jeff Burnes

#### Anniversaries

- 10 Stanley and Betty Rains
- 69 years



## Glory to God: 2014 Presbyterian Hymnal

Our blue hymnals are now approaching their 24th year of publication and have been in our church for approximately 20 years. Last year a new Presbyterian hymnal was published—entitled “Glory to God”. This new hymnal has almost 300 MORE hymns than our present hymnal but is near identical in size. In addition to new hymns it also contains a large number of songs from other sources including our 1990 hymnal. (see below for more detail).

This new book of congregational songs include:

- Over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs.
- Approximately 50% of included hymns will be from the 1990 Presbyterian hymnal. The remaining pieces will come from former Presbyterian hymnals, other denominational songbooks, and individual authors and composers.
- A musical setting of almost every Sunday lectionary psalm.
- Music from six different continents.
- Music covering all major historical and contemporary sacred genres, including approximately thirty-five African American/Gospel hymns.
- Comprehensive indexes.

Glory to God will also contain worship aids and printed liturgies for Sunday services (including baptism and the Lord's Supper) and services for daily prayer. Complete orders of service will include congregational responses, prayers, and creeds. These will be perfect resources for "green" congregations, camps and conference centers, daily prayer services, and time-pressed pastors.

The pew edition of Glory to God is available in either of two colors, red and purple. Our Presbyterian version is Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal and will be stamped with the PC(USA) seal on the spine. Note that an ecumenical version, Glory to God: Hymns, Songs, and Spiritual Songs, has identical content but is intended for use for other churches who wish to use this new work. The editors and committee that developed this hymnal have emphasized their addition of a large number of hymns that are well known, singable for congregations such as ours, and organized in a manner that allows our pastor, choir director and others to find a variety of different songs that complement the scriptures of every service. In summary, this is a hymnal that will be easier to use to develop our worship and also with a number of songs that are easier to sing.

Our worship committee and session have endorsed proceeding with adoption of this hymnal for Windsor. As a matter of fact, we've been using a number of hymns in our worship over the past few months—perhaps you recall those that were printed on purple paper. We'll be continuing to use this music over the coming months.

If you'd like to read or know more, feel free to talk with any member of Session, to choir members, to Pastor Shamaine, Choir Director Eve, or to Jim our organist. You can also read more at this web site for the hymnal and different offerings including digital versions at this location:

<http://www.pcusastore.com/Products/CategoryCenter/PHYM/hymnal-products.aspx>

**Or to paraphrase the hymnal title “Glory to God—the Presbyterian Hymnal” is on its way to Windsor!**

~Dwight Tomes , Hymnal Work Group



## Learning Team

### Adult Study Opportunities

**Narrative Lectionary Study:** Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Study and discuss the upcoming Sunday's text. This is a great way to study a text in some depth in preparation for Sunday's worship.

**Adult Sunday School (9:00 a.m.)** is an opportunity to read a story from the news through the eyes of faith—where current events and our scriptures intersect. Come be part of the lively discussion around our *Wired Word* lesson each week.

**Men's Group:** Dick Woods gave an overview of what was going on in the Men's study on Thursdays at noon. He is happy with the turnout and with how the meetings have been going.

**Women's Study:** The women's study is on hold until this summer when Donna Dickerson will conduct a study. Details have not been drawn out as yet. A second study may be held after the beginning of the school year 2015-16.

**Chronological Bible:** Many of us are reading through the Chronological Daily Bible. Please join at any time. Just start with today's reading, listed in the Windsor Weekly or purchase this Bible which has the reading arranged chronologically (\$17.50). We are having check-ins every two weeks on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday following the men's group (1:15 p.m.)

~Linda Newsom

## WoW Schedule (Windsor on Wednesdays)

- 4:00** Dinner Preparation
- 5:15** Dinner
- 5:50** Worship
- 6:00** **Youth Class** (The children continue learning about the Bible story from the previous Sunday. Led by Linda Newsom and other volunteers.)
- Adult Class** (The adults are currently having conversations about prayer and the Christian Life led by pastor Shamaine.)
- 7:00** Choir

## WoW in March

	<b>Kid's Lesson</b>	<b>Adult Lesson</b>	<b>Dinner (every week—salad, milk, dessert)</b>
3/4	Laborers in the Vineyard	Prayer and Worship	Grilled Cheese/Tomato Soup
3/11	Wedding Banquet	Prayer and Study	Sloppy Joes, Cheese Sticks, Tater Tots
3/18		<b>Spring Break: No WOW</b>	
3/25	Last Judgement	Prayer and Service	Pizza



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2015</h1>						
<b>1 2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Fellowship	2	3 9:30 Bible Study  	4 <b>WOW</b> 5:15pm Dinner 5:45pm Worship 6pm Classes (kids & adults) 7pm Choir	5 Noon Men's Group	6	7 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Scrap-booking</div>
<b>8 3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Fellowship  <b>Session Lunch &amp; Meeting</b>	9	10 9:30 Bible Study   <b>Potluck</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">CFUM Dinner</div>	11 <b>WOW</b> 5:15pm Dinner 5:45pm Worship 6pm Classes (kids & adults) 7pm Choir	12 Noon Men's Group <b>1:15 Daily Bible Check-In</b>	13	14
<b>15 4th Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Fellowship  <b>12:00 Daily Bible Check-In</b>	16	17 	18 (no WOW) 7pm Choir	19 Noon Men's Group	20	21
<h2 style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 10px;">Spring Break</h2>						
<b>22 5th Sunday of Lent</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Fellowship <b>Ministry Teams</b>	23 <b>Churchmouse Deadline</b>  	24 9:30 Bible Study  	25 <b>WOW</b> 5:15pm Dinner 5:45pm Worship 6pm Classes (kids & adults) 7pm Choir	26 Noon Men's Group  <b>1:15 Daily Bible Check-In</b>	27	28
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 9am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Fellowship <b>5:00 Daily Bible Check-In</b>	30	31 9:30 Bible Study  	1 <b>WOW</b> 5:15pm Dinner 5:45pm Worship 6pm Classes (kids & adults) 7pm Choir	2 <b>6 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship</b>	3 Good Friday	4 Holy Saturday



## Personnel, Finance and Stewardship

The **Operating Fund** had a net loss of \$2,600 for December. Total Operating Income (\$9,516), was \$2,000 under the budget as the amount transferred from the Capital Fund was \$2,000 under budget. Expenses (\$12,156) were \$600 over budget, mainly due to Building and Grounds being \$500 above budget because of various accounts being over budget by small amounts.

The **Capital Fund** had a Net Income of \$800 for the month. Total Income was \$1,000 under budget as the rental house at 1148 63rd was vacant. Total Expenses were \$1,800 under budget as transfers to the Operating Fund were \$2,000 under budget.

This month, we will contribute

- \$200 to Habitat for Humanity,
- \$200 to Agape, and
- \$100 to the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center

~Ron Grohe, Moderator

<b>Financial Report— Jan/Feb 2015</b>	<b>January 2015</b>	<b>February 2015</b>	<b>1 Month Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget</b>
<b>General Contributions</b>	\$ 9,917.49	\$4,706.90	\$7,083.33	<b>\$14,624.39</b>	\$14,166.67
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$ 3,402.88	\$4,298.62	\$4,525.00	7,701.50	\$9,050.00
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 10,860.57	\$9,751.74	\$11,608.33	\$20,612.31	\$23,216.67
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	\$ 2,459.80	(\$746.22)	—	<b>\$1,713.58</b>	—
<b>Capital Income</b>	\$ 3,765.46	\$3,537.46	\$4,158.33	\$7,302.92	\$8,316.67
<b>Capital Expenses</b>	\$ 2,256.78	\$ 3,280.49	\$4,158.33	\$5,537.27	\$8,316.67
<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	\$ 1,508.68	\$256.97	—	<b>\$ 1,765.65</b>	—

### Per Capita

The *per capita* for 2015 is \$40 This is the amount we pay per member to support the work of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The session invites you to designate payment to assist with our annual payment.

#### What is Per Capita?

It is a set amount of money (apportionment) that a congregation pays to the larger Presbyterian Church (USA) on a yearly basis. Every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC (USA)'s ministries, so every Presbyterian is asked to share the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system. The annual per capita amount is a combined request from a congregation's presbytery, synod and the General Assembly, based on their respective budgets for the coming

year. A presbytery's per capita rate depends on its geographical location and size, its mission needs, and the needs of the respective synod. What is our rate for 2015?

General Assembly	\$ 7.07
Synod of lakes & Prairies	5.30
Presbytery of Des Moines	27.63
<b>Total Per Capita</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>



## Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center Update

*Ron Grohe and Shamaine Chambers King served on the Cottage Grove Administration Commission which proposed using the Cottage Grove church as a mission center which would allow the existing ministries to continue while making way for a future of ministry honoring the congregation's legacy of mission in the community.*

Last year the Presbytery of Des Moines voted to establish a Mission Center in the building that was formerly Cottage Grove Presbyterian Church. The Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center will be home to CROSS Ministries, the CROSS/DMARC Food Pantry, two Sudanese worshipping communities, and the offices of the Presbytery of Des Moines. In addition, rental space will be available for other non-profit groups who share the Mission Center's vision of service. The plan to create this Mission Center is a bold move that will provide a meaningful purpose to Iowa Presbyterians, and bring life-giving hope to individuals in need in our community.

At the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, February 14, commissioners voted to approve the sale of the current Presbytery offices, with the money going toward the establishment of the Cottage Grove Mission Center. Commissioners also voted that the Presbytery offices would move to the Mission Center. Later in the meeting, the Presbytery approved a resolution stating that the Cottage Grove Mission Center is a mission of the Presbytery of Des Moines, to be supported by individuals, congregations, and the leadership of the Presbytery. These actions will jump-start the Mission Center project and provide necessary support to move forward. Now additional

fundraising can begin in earnest, and the architect and contractor can proceed with the necessary building renovations.

In the days ahead, there will be opportunities for everyone in the Presbytery to get involved by volunteering your time and talents, and giving your financial support. Covenant Council Chairperson Ginny Hancock says, "This is a project of the whole Presbytery, and we look forward to partnering with each and every congregation to fulfill the Presbytery's vision of service through the Mission Center." If your congregation would like to hear a presentation about the Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center, please contact Covenant Council member Jan Davison, 515-277-0444 or [janpolk@msn.com](mailto:janpolk@msn.com).

A few weeks ago, a 1918 newspaper article about the Cottage Grove church was discovered. The article prophetically stated, *"...This church is not a church; it is an establishment. It will be a community center. The people of the neighborhood will realize that they have a place for all kinds of meetings. The pastor is a friend of the human race, and he will want the people to appreciate the church without regard to creed or condition. The church will be more than local in its influence. It will be everything to the neighborhood, for it has all the facilities of a modern club house with all the dignified appurtenances of a house of worship. There is nothing about it which seems to say 'church.' Everything seems to say, 'This is a home.'"*

## Buildings and Grounds

**Rentals:** The new renters have moved into 1148. Work is being done on the washer and dryer.

Waiting to see if damage to the roof of the rental property at 1146 will be covered by the insurance company.

Renters have moved out of 1144. Property is in good shape and is being prepared to rent. Carpets

have been cleaned. The main bathroom has some mold and other moisture damage that is being repaired.

**Church Building:** The rebate request for the lighting project was sent to Mid American on 2/25.

The fire department has inspected the church building. We need to pay the inspection fees and sched-

ule an inspection of the four rental properties.

Receiving quotes for a railing along sidewalks. Plans are to use Kenny Newsom memorial funds. Other funding sources will be needed to complete.

~Rod Enochs



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

### Staff

**Shamaine Chambers King**, Pastor

**Vacant**, Administrative Assistant

**Eve Copeland-Clark**, Director of Music Ministries

**Jim Behrens**, Organist

**Deb Hibbert**, Accountant

**Duda Plavulj**, Custodian

**Mae & Stella Murphy**, Children's Worship

### Session

**Ron Grohe** (2016) Personnel, Stewardship & Finance

**Barb Pomeroy** (2016) Caring & Outreach

**Linda Newsom** (2017) Learning

**JoAnn Seeman** (2017) Music & Worship

**Rod Enochs** (2018)

**Dick Woods** (2018)

**Dwight Tomes**, Clerk of Session

### Deacons

**Nancy Baker** (2016)

**Jessica McCubbin** (2016)

**Beth Schmitz** (2017)

**Rich Teig** (2017)

**Sue Cooper** (2018)

**Donna Dickerson** (2018)

## WPC Holy Week 2015

### **Palm Sunday** (10:30 a.m. Sunday, 3/29)

join us Sunday morning to wave the palms and remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**Maundy Thursday** (6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 2—Dinner and Worship ) Please join us for a simple supper, celebration of the Eucharist and a time of worship and remembering Jesus' last night with his disciples, his arrest and crucifixion.

**Easter Sunday** (10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 5) Come celebrate the resurrection at Windsor Presbyterian.