



THE CHURCHMOUSE

Windsor Presbyterian Church

November 2015



Please plan to attend as

**Windsor Presbyterian Church Ordains
Ekram Kachu as a Ruling Elder and
the Presbytery of Des Moines Commissions her to serve as
Organizing Pastor of
The First Arabic Presbyterian Church of Des Moines
Sunday, November 15 at 4PM**
Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center
1050 24th St., Des Moines, IA 50311

Happening This Month

- Nov 6 CFUMM Dinner
- Nov 10 Drop In Potluck
Presbytery Meeting
- Nov 15 Ekram Kachu's Or-
dination and Commission-
ing Service
- Nov 20 *Churchmouse*
Deadline
- Nov. 29 Advent 1
House Church

To the Flock . . .

On November 10, I will finish my year as Moderator of the Presbytery. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in this office. I have to admit that as much as I am looking forward to passing the gavel, I will miss it.

Some other things in November I am excited about:

A New Partnership—Our congregation is sponsoring the new worshiping community at Cottage Grove, The First Arabic Presbyterian Church of Des Moines Sudanese Worshipping Community. As such, we will help Ekram become their organizing pastor. Ekram has completed seminary but needs to pass ordination exams to be ordained as a teaching elder (pastor). She served Cottage Grove Presbyterian as a deacon but needs to be an elder to be commissioned to serve as their pastor until she can pass her ordination exams. So, she will join our congregation and be nominated for election as an elder for the purpose of being commissioned to lead them. The process is a bit complicated, but the result is that we are partners with a wonderful immigrant congregation and Ekram gets to be their official pastor!

Advent House Worship—see the worship page for details about reviving a Windsor tradition.

Thanksgiving—It is always good to stop and give thanks, but this year the King family will be in New York watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Watch for us on TV!

Shamaine

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Learning and Serving - Linda Newsom

Learning

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT 10 AM!!

On September 13th we started our new Sunday school schedule, which goes from 10 AM until 10:25 AM before worship. After study, the children will come down to the sanctuary for their part in the worship service. Following the children's sermon, the children have the option to go with Mae and Stella Murphy for a craft and play time.

Since the lesson time is short, we are hoping parents will have their children upstairs in the room adjacent to the nursery for the lesson promptly at 10 AM. Thank you for your support of Windsor Sunday School!!

Windsor On Wednesdays began on October 7th and will continue until the Christmas holidays, when we take a short break before the spring semester. We start with a shared meal, a short worship, and then Narrative Lectionary study and craft for the children while the adults study the parables. It is a great time to get to know each other, welcome our newest friends, and to study in a relaxed atmosphere. Everyone is welcome.

December 2: WOW begins its Creative Semester with the annual hanging of the greens to celebrate the beginning of Advent. All ages are invited to help make the church ready for the coming of our Christ in our lives and in the world. Other exciting Advent activities are planned, so please watch Windsor Weekly for more details as we get closer to Advent.

Adult learners, the narrative lectionary Bible study is being moved to every Monday at 9:30 AM. YOU are welcome to come study and discuss the Bible lectionary for the coming Sunday with Pastor Shamaine.

ALSO – You can join for a light lunch and a study with Dick Woods on Thursdays at noon. Come and join the group for a light lunch followed by a fascinating theological discussion and heartwarming fellowship.



Serving

Thank you to all who helped with the CFUM dinner on Tuesday, October 6th! We served over 120 adults and children, thanks to you all. They are able to stretch ever-tightening grocery budgets by being served a healthy dinner free of charge.

If you missed being able to help in October, or if Tuesdays and Thursdays are difficult for your schedule, never fear. We are serving dinner again, this time on a Friday, November 6th! If you are able to bring milk, desserts, vegetables for relish trays, contribute money, help prepare the food, or help serve at the CFUM headquarters, located at Trinity United Methodist church, please sign up on the volunteer sheet in Fellowship Hall. We need at least six people to serve and many hands to make light work of the food prep. This is a mission that truly makes a difference in our community and in so many individual lives.

Fall Learning Opportunities

Youth and Children Sunday School—

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Craft and Playtime
(after children's sermon)

Windsor on Wednesdays

- 5:15 p.m. Dinner
- 5:45 p.m. Group Activity
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Class
Adult Small Group Study
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Adult Study Opportunities

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| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | News Stories |
| Monday | 9:30 a.m. | Bible Study |
| Thursday | noon | Men's Group |

Caring and Sharing - Barb Pomeroy

Food Pantry: Items and donations are collected the 3rd Sunday of every month and can be brought anytime. Monetary donations are appreciated as it enables them to purchase needed items wholesale.

Dollars and Dimes for Diapers: The donation container is put out on the 3rd Sunday of the month. We purchase diapers from Aldi's for only \$5 a package and deliver monthly to CROSS

Ministries. Donations are appreciated. In October we donated 6 packages of diapers.

Helping a family at Christmas: We will provide the makings for a Christmas dinner and purchase gifts for a family in need. This year, we have chosen to "adopt" the same family we shared Christmas with last year. This is a multi-generational family of 10, including 7 children. Opportunities to help will be announced in the coming weeks.

Christmas Joy Offering: One of two special offerings we collect each year, our gifts help provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Thank you for your support in all our outreach and mission efforts.



Recent Prayer Needs: The family of Manny Perez, for the family of Keith Ankeney, and for Phyllis Barton

Continuing Prayers: Michael Aksamit, Roy Aksamit, Keith & Nancy Baker, Jim & Georgia Burnes, Jean Carlston, Dick Cox, Karen Fisher, Glenna Grohe, Dewey Heaton, Claude Jones, Norma McWilliams, Virginia Nichols, Wanda Ori, Anne & Cliff Scholten, and Marylu Zimmerman

Friends of the Church: Dan Ankeney, Katlyn Brouwer (Michael Aksamit's friend), Robert Chandler (Jessica McCubbin's father), Will Cox, Darrel Cox, Donna Eckham, Jeff Fisher (Karen Fisher's son), Jasper Kray (friends of the Kings), Charlotte Nelson, Rick Tallon (friend of Barb Pomeroy), Simmons Family (friend of JoAnn Seeman), Sara Stimac (cousin of Brenda Enochs), Don Yost (Pam Lawler's Father), Quincy (friend of the Kings)

November 2015

Birthdays

- 6 Anthia White
- 8 Kathleen Jones Hewins
- 14 Pam Lawlor
- 21 Lucy Sanderson
- 22 Mathew Grohe
- 24 Kristina Cox
- 27 Cheri Knapp

Anniversaries

- 1 Don and Ann Elly
- 1 Kenny and Louise Newsom
- 10 Jim and Barb Pomeroy
- 11 Eric and Pam Lawlor
- 19 Rod and Brenda Enochs

Serving Schedule	Ushers	Worship Assistant	Fellowship Host
Nov. 1—All Saints	Barb Pomeroy	Jody Cox	Phyllis Barton and Beth Schmitz
Nov. 8	Beth Schmitz	Barb Pomeroy	Ron Grohe
Nov. 15	Rich Teig	Don Beeson	Ann and Don Beeson
November 22—Christ the King	Barb Pomeroy	Beth Adams	
November 29—Advent 1			

Music and Worship - JoAnn Seeman

In October, we celebrated World Communion Sunday with songs, readings, special breads for communion and a potluck with international flair. We also welcomed new members into our congregation. God is good!



We also have many exciting ways to worship coming up!

Sunday, November 1: We will honor and remember loved ones who have joined the church eternal during our All Saints' Day service.

Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 pm: Ekram Kachu will be ordained and commissioned during this worship service of the First Arabic Presbyterian Church of Des Moines at Cottage Grove Presbyterian Mission Center, 1050 24th Street. WPC is sponsoring this congregation, so it's important to show our support. Make plans to be there!

Advent at Windsor

Friday, December 4 at 7:30 pm: Did you say that you love Christmas carols? Great! Join WPC for 15 minutes of singing Christmas carols at the Windsor Wonderland event, held at Colby Park. See Sue Cooper with any questions, and add your name to the sign-up sheet in Ward Hall.

Hanging of the Greens: We will hang the greens during WOW on Dec. 2. Please lend your hands!

Advent Candles & Readings: Let JoAnn know if you would light candles & read during worship.

Advent Devotionals: We will have weekly Advent Devotionals, hosted in each other's homes. There will be a short service, followed by fellowship together. The first devotional will be at the home of Sue and Bob Cooper. Hosts will provide the space and lead the devotional, and everyone else is welcome to bring a snack to share. If you are willing to host one of the devotionals at your home, please see Sue Cooper.

Blue Christmas: On the longest night of the year (12/21 6:00 p.m.), we hold a simple, solemn service of prayer and song. It is a gift in the midst of a busy season to give voice to our grief, sadness and hope.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship: Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 24 at 7 pm** for our Christmas Eve communion service!

Worship in November

11/1	Kingdom Divided	1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29	All Saints Day
11/8	Elijah at Mount Carmel	1 Kings 18:20-39	
11/15	Hosea	Hosea 11:1-9	
	4:00 pm Ekram Kachu Ordination and Commissioning Service		
11/22	Isaiah's Vineyard Song	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11: 1-5	Christ the King
	Sunday		
11/29	Josiah's Reform	2 Kings 22:1-10, [14-20]; 23:1-3	First Sunday of Advent



No more plastic flowers! Would you like to sponsor fresh flowers for the Sanctuary on a Sunday? You may bring flowers or have the church office purchase them for you. Sign-up in Ward Hall or contact the church office to provide worship flowers. Let us know if there is anything special you would like to commemorate with your gift of beauty for the sanctuary.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November 2015</h1>						
1 All Saints Sunday  7: 30 am Early Worship 8:30 am Sunday Prayers 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am Kid's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship	2 9:30 Bible Study	3 10:30 Drop-In	4 WOW 5:15 Dinner 6 pm Classes 7 pm Choir	5 TOPS Noon Men's Group	6 CFUM Dinner	7
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22 Christ the King Sunday  8:30 am Sunday Prayers 9 am Adult Sunday School 10 am Kid's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship Deacon Check-In 	23 9:30 Bible Study	24 10:30 Drop-In	25	26 Thanksgiving  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;">Office Closed</div>	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 7: 30 am Early Worship 8:30 am Sunday Prayers 9:00 am Sunday School 10 am Kid's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Fellowship Ministry Team Check-In Advent Devotionals (Coopers) 6:00 PM	30 9:30 Bible Study					

Finance and Personnel - Ron Grohe

August

The Operating Fund had a net loss of \$2,400 for the month. Total Operating Income (\$8,245) was \$3,400 under budget. General Contributions were \$1,000 under budget, Capital transfers were \$2,000 under budget while Mission offerings were \$200 under budget. Total Expenses (\$10,604) were \$1,000 under budget. Personnel Expenses were \$400 less than budget, Mission expenses were \$800 under budget and Building and Grounds and Worship expenses were each \$100 over budget.

The Capital Fund showed net income of \$2,000 for the month. Income was even with the budget. Expenses were

\$2,000 below as Operating Transfers were \$2,000 under budget for August.

Our contributions for Local Mission in September will not be made due to cash shortages and the need to pay property taxes in September.

September

The Operating Fund had net income of \$400 for the month. Total Operating income (\$11,974) was \$400 over budget due mostly to General Contributions being \$1,200 over budget. Transfers from Capital were \$500 under budget and Mission Offerings were \$300 under budget. Expenses (\$11,620) were even with the budget, as Personnel expenses were \$1,000 under

budget and Mission expenses were \$1,300 over budget. The other expenses were all either slightly over or under budget.

The Capital Fund showed a net loss of \$3,400 for the month, Income was \$2,000 over budget due to a temporary transfer of \$2,000 from Memorial funds so that property taxes could be paid. Expenses were \$5,400 over budget as property taxes were paid in September.

Our contributions for Local Mission will not be made in October as we hope to improve our cash position so that we can meet the annual budget for Local Mission giving before the end of the year.

Financial Report— August/September	August 2015	September 2015	1 Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Contributions	\$5299.33	8,275.56	7,083.33	65,296.99	63,750.00
Operating Income	\$4186.085	3,698.08	4,525.00	31,614.77	40,725.00
Operating Expenses	\$10711.85	11,620.10	11,608.33	96,275.55	104,475.00
Net Gain (Loss)	(\$5,412.52)	(353.54)	—	636.21	—
Capital Income	\$4180.51	6,195.60	4,158.33	34,016.35	37,425.00
Capital Expenses	\$3109.28	9,195.60	4,158.33	36,834.68	37,475.00
Net Gain (Loss)	\$1071.23	(3,381.01)	—	(2,818.33)	—

Buildings and Grounds - Rod Enochs

So many improvements have been made to the church during the last several months. The older brick parts of the building, trim, and doors have been painted, sidewalks leveled, ceiling tiles replaced, and last but not least our beautiful stained glass windows shine clearly with new plexi-glass. A huge thank you to all those working to keep our beautiful church building looking its best.

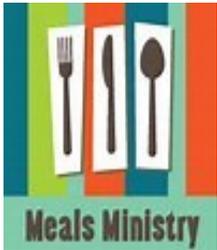
Outreach - Dick Woods

The Door to Door Campaign is finished (for now)! A BIG thank you to Dick Woods and all the volunteers who addressed **3060** postcards, prayed, visited **3004** homes, invited them to try our church, and wrote countless follow-up notes to people who were receptive to our visit. What a great ministry! Please continue to pray that God will nurture the seeds that have been planted. **Who can you invite into the life-giving fellowship of this congregation?**



Sunday, Nov. 1 is the **last Sunday for our 7:30 a.m. worship service.** Thank you to Dick Woods for leading this service and preaching. Thank you to Cindy Ray for providing music. The early service has been a blessing to those in attendance.

Community Meal



For the last few years we have celebrated Thanksgiving worship with Windsor Methodist and Lutheran churches. This year, as we began to plan the service, we wondered if instead of worship, we might be able to serve the community. There are many opportunities for meals around Thanksgiving, but not so many at other times of the year. So volunteers from the three churches are planning to host a meal for the residents of the Hickman Motor Lodge this winter. If you would like to be part of the planning, please see Ron or Jayne.

Christmas Caroling

On Friday, December 4, Windsor Heights will be host a cocktail party at the community center in Lyons Park and would like people from Windsor Presbyterian, Lutheran and Methodist churches to represent each church with some type of entertainment. We will be singing Christmas carols for about 15 minutes. If you would like to represent our beautiful church, please contact Sue Cooper or sign up in Ward Hall. Be there wearing something festive, ready to sing by 7:30pm. Let's have a big turn-out for this event!

All Saints —Remembering the Dead

"When we lose a dear friend, someone we have loved deeply, we are left with a grief that can paralyze us emotionally for a long time. People we love become part of us. Our thinking, feeling and acting are codetermined by them: Our fathers, our mothers, our husbands, our wives, our lovers, our children, our friends ... they are all living in our hearts. When they die a part of us has to die, too. That is what grief is about: It is that slow and painful departure of someone who has become an intimate part of us. When Christmas, the new year, a birthday or anniversary comes, we feel deeply the absence of our beloved companion. We sometimes have to live at least a whole year before our hearts have fully said good-bye and the pain of our grief recedes. But as we let go of them they become part of our "members" and as we "re-member" them, they become our guides on our spiritual journey."

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

Dear Church Family,

I have been back with you for two years and on October 4th became a member along with seven others. I was so proud to be introduced with these beautiful servants and am forever grateful for the friendship of this church. Please know how much I appreciate each of you.

Yours truly,
Curt Weatherby

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**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.**

Staff

Shamaine Chambers King, Pastor
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Vacant Director of Music Ministries
Jim Behrens, Organist
Deb Hibbert, Accountant
Duda Plavulj, Custodian
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)

Advent House Church Devotionals

Years ago Windsor families held Advent worship services in their homes. This year we are reviving that tradition. We will be hosting simple Advent devotional services in our homes on Sunday evenings. Sue and Bob Cooper will host the first Sunday of Advent on November 29 at 6 PM. You are welcome to bring a snack to share after our short time of prayer and reflection. We need 3 other volunteers for the remaining Sundays of Advent. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sundays in Advent at 6:00 p.m.

November 29 Coopers, 3400 S. James St. Grimes

December 6

December 13

December 30