



Spreading the Word

Washington Presbyterian
Church

July/August 2023

Greetings,

Summer has arrived and it's getting hot! But thankfully here at Washington Presbyterian Church we are prepared. July is here, and with it comes the month's selection for *Movies with Meaning*. This month we have a masterpiece to watch and discuss. The Homeric adventure set in depression time Mississippi...*O Brother, Where Art Thou?* The 2000 film is directed by the Cohen Brothers and stars: George Clooney, John Turturro, Tim Blake Nelson, John Goodman, Holly Hunter, Charles Durning, and Stephen Root. With its All-Star cast and its award-winning soundtrack, the movie quickly became a cult classic. And because of the heat we have decided to help cool things down a notch. Instead of our normal pizza supper, we will be serving up an ice cream bar! So, grab your neighbors and friends because on July 25th at 5:30pm it's time to go to movies!!!

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The *deadline* for submitting
articles for the
September newsletter

August 19 at 5 p.m.

e-mail information to:
jsq85@aol.com

The June session meeting was held June 29, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. If you have any concerns for session, please communicate them to the Clerk of Session.

[Bill Strawbridge provided devotions from Ephesians 6:13, 14: **Therefore, take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore.** A devotional on courage – The source of courage is the Holy Spirit of God, our Comforter.](#)

August Devotions: Susan Proffitt Cox

Clerk's Report:

Received Thank You note from Julio Garcia, Chair of PGR Administrative Team for our per capita contribution.

Received Certification of Reception for Dick and Fran Freeman who were received into membership to the First Presbyterian Church of Marian, Iowa on May 23, 2023.

Received a "Thank You" from Stronghold for camp donations. Posted on Board at church.

Received a "Thank You" from Summer Swearingen for WPC Support.

Report of the Pastor:

Reminder - "LEON" Sunday, July 9, Christmas in July, wear Red and Green

Report of the Treasurer: Accepted the Treasurer's report of May's financials. Financials posted on church bulletin board.

Report of Commissioner to Presbytery:

August 26 - United Pres, Peoria, Bill Strawbridge

November 11 - Faith United Presbyterian Church of Monmouth, IL, Bill Strawbridge

All meetings are on Saturdays, starting at 10:00 a.m. They will be hybrid: both in person and on Zoom.

Report of the Session Committees

Christian Education (Carol Voorhees):

May 31st concluded the Bible Study on the Gospel of John. Thank you, Pastor John, for the insightful look into the Apostle John's understanding of who Jesus truly was - The Messiah, The Prince of Peace. St. John taught us all the Love, Mercy and Grace Jesus showed to all the lost in His world. Jesus walked the earth to SERVE, not to be Served. To LOVE all people. And most importantly to GLORIFY GOD and SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS. Who wouldn't want to Believe in Jesus???

Thank you again to Terry and Gary for always having the coffee, cream and sugar and napkins and plates set up. And Thanks also to all those who baked our sweet morning coffeecake or muffins.

Christian Education is on break for the summer. This fall Pastor John will begin the Bible Study in the book of Revelations. We are moving **Bible Study to Thursday mornings** at 10:00 a.m. beginning on September 7. The Mindfulness class will start on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Facility and Maintenance (vacant): Susan Proffitt Cox reporting.

Plumbing hot water for kitchen sink and dishwasher was completed.
The roof replacement has been completed.

Ongoing projects:

Heating and Cooling (HVAC) units were installed in the two offices.

Ken installed 24 candelabra lights in the sanctuary and has gotten good feedback. Session approved the purchase of up to 90 more candelabra bulbs for the remaining interior lights.

Other concerns:

The mailbox was moved closer to the main entrance of the building for convenience and with the approval of USPS.

New projects:

Several other projects are under review. Cost and safety prioritization will help determine their importance



Financial Report (Bill Strawbridge):

Fidelity Account:

We bought (effective 5-24-23) \$50k worth of 2-year, call protected, brokered CDs from Popular Bank through Fidelity that mature on 5-22-25 at an APR OF 4.85%.

Our \$100k CDs matured on June 22, 2023, and yielded \$2,268.77 in interest. We bought (effective 7-5-23) \$100k worth of call protected, 6-month brokered CDs from Wells Fargo Bank NA through Fidelity at an APR of 5.35% that mature on January 5, 2024.

Session approved to have David Mills, C.P.A. LLC, to perform our one-year review of books for a cost of \$600.

Member Care (Linda Locke):

Movie Night on May 23 was **October Sky** and attended by approximately 20 members. June 27 movie night was **Yesterday** and attended by approximately 20 members.

The next Movie Night will be Tuesday, July 25. We will have an ice cream social instead of pizza.

Remaining Dates: 7/25/2023 – Ice Cream Social, 8/22/2023, 9/26/2023, 10/24/2023, 11/28/2023, 12/12/2023.

The sign up for 2023 Coffee time was put out for volunteers to sign up.

Remaining Dates: July 16, August 20, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17.

Upcoming events:

October Wienie Roast Date: September 30, Jean and Lance Escue will host the event at 5:00 p.m.

November 26: Hanging of the Greens and Potluck after service.

Mission (Jean Escue):Donations for July

Carle High Risk Nursery: Phillips Avent Pacifiers

Almost Home Kids: None

Whip: applesauce/canned fruit

Donations for August

Carle High Risk Nursery: None

Almost Home Kids: Wrist rattles/foot/ankle rattles

Whip: cereals

**Let us always meet
each other with a
smile, for the smile is
the beginning of love.**

Worship and Sacraments (Melody Wiseman):

Attendance:

May 21st - 37

May 28th - 43

June 4th – 47, Communion was served.

June 11th - 32

June 18th - 31

June 25th - 37

Rev. Dr. Laura Reason filled our pulpit on June 18th during Pastor John's vacation.

Ushers have now begun to lock the outer doors at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings per Session discussion last month.

Communion servers for July 2nd are: Linda Locke, Bill and Cathy Strawbridge.

Old Business:

WPC sponsoring "Music in the Park," July 30, 2023, 6:00-8:00 p.m. through the Washington Park District. Band is Banjovi & Hawkins.

Reviewing Safety Guidelines for our Church.

New Business:

Stronghold Retreat in the fall was discussed.

Pastor John closed the meeting with prayer. The next stated meeting is August 17, 2023.



July 9, 2023

Leon Service

9:30 am

Christmas in July wear red or green



July 25

Movies with Meaning
O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Ice Cream bar—5:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

FELLOWSHIP HOUR
July 16 & August 20
FOLLOWING SERVICE

Coffee Social



BITS AND PIECES

Mindfulness Class
Thurs September 7, 2023
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS FOR:

Cathy Strawbridge
Carol Eichelkraut



MOVIES WITH MEANING
AUGUST 22, 2023
FELLOWSHIP HALL -5:30 PM

MUSIC IN THE PARK

JULY 30, 2023
Rotary Shelter
815 Lincoln St
6-8 pm
Sponsored by
Washington Presbyterian Church

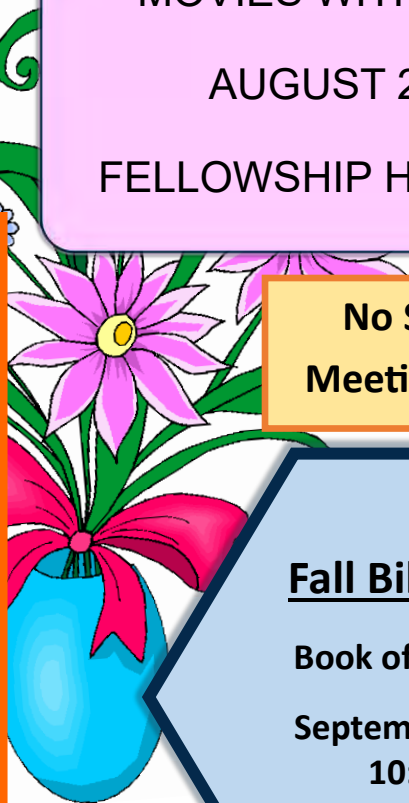


BANJOVI & HAWKINS

No Session
Meeting in July

Fall Bible Study

Book of Revelation
September 7, 2023
10:00 am
Fellowship Hall



MISSION

WHIP

Applesauce/ canned fruit –July



CEREAL—August



High Risk Nursery

Philips Avent Pacifiers



ALMOST HOME KIDS

Wrist rattles/foot & ankle rattles





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
National National National	Baked Bean Month Blueberry Month Grilling Month					
2 WORSHIP Communion 9:30 am	3	4 	5	6	7	8
9 WORSHIP 9:30 am Leon Sunday Christmas in July	10	11	12 Simplicity Day	13	14	15
16 WORSHIP 9:30 am Fellowship Hour	17	18 World Listening Day	19	20	21	22
23 WORSHIP 9:30 am	24	25 Movies with Meaning 5:30 Fellowship Hall Ice Cream Bar	26	27 Bagpipe Apprecia- tion Day	28	29
30 Music in the Park 6-8 pm Rotary Shelter	31					



Birthdays:

- 2 Jim Milano
- 5 Michelle Escue
- 13 Michael McDonnell
- 15 Ray Laughlin
- 27 Darrell Ainsworth





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Play Ball Day 	2	3	4 HOORAY FOR KIDS DAY	5
6 WORSHIP Communion 9:30 am	7	8	9	10 NATIONAL SMORES DAY 	11	12
13 WORSHIP 9:30 am	14	15 National Relaxation day	16	17 Session Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19 Newsletter info due
20 WORSHIP 9:30 am	21	22 Movies with Meaning 5:30 pm	23	24	25 Banana Split Day 	26
27 WORSHIP 9:30 am	BE KIND WEEK		30 NATIONAL BEACH DAY 	31	GET READY FOR KINDERGARTEN MONTH CHILDREN'S EYE HEALTH AND SAFETY MONTH	

Birthdays:

August:

- 3 Jerry Hamilton
- 4 Lance Escue
- 5 Jazz Kroeger
- 6 Drew Voorhees

- 6 John Milano
- 7 Garrett Siebert
- 9 Tess Gilfillan-Jones
- 14 Judy Wilder

- 20 Paula Sights
- 22 Neah Miller
- 25 John Napoli
- 31 Asia Nino



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