



# Spreading the Word

Washington Presbyterian  
Church

June 2023

*From the desk of the Pastor . . . .*

June is here, and there are lots of things to celebrate. The weather is getting nicer, the days are getting longer, and the smell of grills have begun to permeate the spring air. We will be spending a greater amount of time outdoors. We will be tinkering with our gardens, counting stars, and watching lightning bugs illuminate the night sky. For the church though...this is the time of year when things seem to slow down. Studies are placed on hold and programs are put on temporary hiatus. Many people take the warmer months to travel and take a well-deserved break. But this does not mean that the church doors are shuttered, as there are still things going on at Washington Presbyterian. In the month of June, we have our annual church picnic on June the 11<sup>th</sup> at Wenger Shelter in Washington Park as well as our Movie with Meaning at the church on June 27th. So, with the arrival of June let's plan to spend more time outdoors, and let's plan to attend our church picnic and our Movies with Meaning here at Washington Presbyterian Church.

Peace and Blessings,

Reverend John Napoli



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The *deadline* for submitting  
articles for the  
**July Newsletter**

**June 24 at 5 p.m.**

e-mail information to:  
**jsq85@aol.com**



***The May session meeting was held May 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. If you have any concerns for session, please communicate them to the Clerk of Session.***

Linda Locke provided devotions from 1 Chronicles 16:11. *"Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."*

June Devotions: Bill Strawbridge

### **Clerk's Report:**

\_Charles R. Brandt (44) passed away April 25, 2023, at the age of 96. He was an Elder of the Washington Presbyterian Church. Rev. John Napoli III provided the service.

Mark R. Wolf passed away May 1, 2023, son of Rod and Amy Wolf. Private family interment at Center Grove Cemetery, Kirkwood, IL.

Honored our friends Dick and Fran Freeman request for transferring their membership to the First Presbyterian Church of Marion, Iowa.



### **Report of the Pastor:**

Upcoming vacation – June 12 – June 24. Back in the pulpit on June 25.

Study hiatus – Finish John's Gospel then take a break. In the fall will begin Bible Study with Revelations. Mindfulness class will take a leave for summer and start early fall.

Movies with Meaning May 23rd will be "October Sky."

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

### **Report of Commissioner to Presbytery:**

April 29 - Westminster, Springfield, Doug Hathaway, Report will be sent separately.

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):**

The Wednesday Bible Study on the Gospel of St. John is coming to an end. We are in the midst of Jesus' trial and Peter has denied Jesus 3 times. The cock crows and Peter is devastated - what has he just done? Our Suffering Servant, the Lamb of God is about to be crucified. But even though the "Temple was destroyed - it will be built again in 3 days." WOW-- How God Loves and Forgives us. Can you wrap your mind around all of this? We have been saved through Grace.

As always a very special Thanks to Terry and Gary for setting up coffee, plates and napkins. And Marge Honeg for helping to provide a coffee cake or muffins .

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

Carpet Cleaning in Fellowship Hall was completed on 5/16/23- thank you to all members who helped move the tables and chairs out of the area.

Roofing- scheduled for the week of 5/15/23. Kevin is coordinating with the roofing company, Theinert Construction.

Heating and Cooling- project approved. Fritch is scheduling this for June 12, week that Pastor John is on vacation. Judy is aware of work to be done in her office also.

Ameren lighting project with S/S Electric. Ken will coordinate the installation of lights with the vendor.

ADT project- this proposal cannot be expanded to include fire notification. Further discussion is needed on the current proposal. Rick Becker is continuing to develop this project.

Mowing was done on Sunday 5/14/23- Kevin will review with the contractor that Thursday or Friday, weather permitting, are the appropriate days.

Use of the building – on the Calendar

June 12 12:00 - -3:00 p.m. PEO will use Fellowship Hall

June 24 10:30 – 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Wedding

**Session Minutes cont.,****Financial Report (Bill Strawbridge):**

The Support & Endowment Committee received one application for scholarship money this year from Summer Swearingen. She plans to attend Iowa State University and major in Agriculture Communication. Session approved the recommendation from the Support & Endowment (S&E) Committee to award Summer Swearingen a scholarship for the 2023-24 school year.

**Member Care (Linda Locke):**

Movie Night on April 25th was a Documentary on Fred Rogers and attended by 16 members.

The next Movie Night will be Tuesday, May 23 at 5:30, October Sky.

Remaining Dates: 6/27/2023, 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: May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17.

Upcoming events:

June 11: outdoor service at Wenger Shelter at 10:30 a.m. Committee has met to coordinate set up.

Oct Wienie Roast-Dates to consider: Sept 23 or 30

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

Chip clips with Logo are in as well as banner for Marketing use.

**Mission (Jean Escue):**

**Special Offering, Pentecost Offering April 10-May 28** - Donations will be accepted April 24– June 5

Helps youth begin life with a strong start – a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood. **40% of the amount collected stays with our church and will be used to support the mentoring program at the schools.** 60% of the amount collected will be sent to Presbytery of Great Rivers (25% - Young Adult Volunteer; 25% - Youth Ministries (ages 12-18); 10% - supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World national initiative.

**Snack Pack** fund raiser June 6, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Location is the Ice Cream Shack in Sunnyland, IL.

**Donations for May**

**Carle High Risk Nursery: Dr. Brown’s baby bottle nipples**

**Almost Home Kids:** None

**Whip:** canned chicken/canned tuna in water

**Donations for June**

**Carle High Risk Nursery: None**

**Almost Home Kids** batteries (AAA, AA, C or D)

**Whip:** Soup/canned pasta

**Worship and Sacraments (Melody Wiseman):**

Attendance:

April 23<sup>rd</sup> -37

April 30<sup>th</sup> – 38

May 7<sup>th</sup> – 41

May 14<sup>th</sup> 42

Communion was served on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Those serving Communion on June 4th will be Susan Cox, Annette Bremmer, and Patti Patton.

May 28 - Pentecost Sunday, wear red

**Old Business:**

New Photo Directory (Melody Wiseman): Photos completed.

Website updated.

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

Good Neighbor Days: May 31 - June 4 at Uftring lot. Our church has a table on June 2 (4:00-8:00) and June 3 (11:00-6:00).

We need volunteers to hand out chip clips to people.

**New Business:**

Reviewing Safety Guidelines for our Church.

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.  
– Jim Valvano

When you're young, you think your dad is Superman. Then you grow up, and you realize he's just a regular guy who wears a cape. –  
Dave Atell

Pastor John closed the meeting with prayer. The next stated meeting is June 29, 2023.



**Charles R. Brandt**, 96, of Washington, IL passed away Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at Snyder Village in Metamora, IL.

He was born to George and Meta Jensen Brant on August 23, 1926, in Peterson, IA. He married Mary Jane Womack on August 27, 1950. She passed away on September 30, 2016. He was also preceded in death by one sister Phyllis Tibbetts.

Surviving are his children Rebecca A. Brandt of Washington, IL; Steven (Lori) Brandt of Arlington Heights, IL; and Linda Brandt Pinney of Ankeny, IA. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Brandon Pinney of Denver, CO, and Kristen (Robert) Pinney Stratton of Tempe, AZ.

Charles was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran. He graduated Iowa State University in 1948 and MEA Bradley University in Peoria in 1965. He worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company from 1956 until his retirement in 1989.

Charles was a member of Washington Presbyterian Church, where he taught Sunday school, and was a former church elder. He was also a Washington District Library board member for ten years. Charles was a volunteer escort at Proctor Hospital for ten years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Sutherland, IA, and the Scottish Rite Bodies Valley of Peoria. Charles was also a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Private family services will be held at Mason-White Funeral Home in Washington, IL. Private family burial will be in Oakland Cemetery in Peterson, IA. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Washington Fire Department or the Washington District Library. Mason-White Funeral Home in Washington is assisting the family with arrangements. To share notes of condolences, visit [www.masonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.masonfuneralhomes.com).





**Mark R. Wolf, 64, of Washington, IL passed away at 8:05 pm. Monday, May 1, 2023 at Carle-Unity Point Health Center, Peoria, IL.**

Mark was born May 23, 1958 in Peoria, IL the son of James Rodney "Rod" and Amy L. (Birdsell) Wolf. He was raised and educated in Washington, IL, graduating from Washington High School. During his Junior year in high school Mark was an AFS Exchange Program student living with the Leon Miranda family in Antofagasta, Chile. In three and a half years he graduated with Honors from Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL majoring in International Business. He was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

Prior to his early retirement he was employed by Unisys Corporation where he designed computer software systems for the banking industry. His main hobby was travel. He traveled extensively including visits to most of the U.S. as well as trips to Canada (many times on fishing trips with his grandparents), England and Germany, several times, the Netherlands and France, several times.

He is survived by his parents, brother, Scot (Carrie) Wolf of Peoria, IL; his niece, Carly (Chad) Scott and a special great nephew and buddy, Luca Wolf Scott all of Washington, IL.

A private family interment will take place at Center Grove Cemetery, Kirkwood, IL. Memorials may be given to the Washington District Library, Washington, IL or the Cardiac Department at Carle-Unity Point and sent to the funeral home. McGuire & Davies Funeral Home and Crematory, Monmouth, IL, is in charge of the arrangements.



### Three Examples of Righteous Fathers in the Bible

**Noah**

**Abraham**

**Joseph**

Fathers protect their families and provide for their needs. Examples of righteous fathers in the Bible are timeless and, even today, show how families are blessed by a father who follows God with all his heart and teaches his children to do the same



# MISSION

## Almost Home Kids

### Batteries

AAA, AA, C or D



## WHIP

Soup or Canned Pasta



## Methodist Special Care Nursery

# NONE



## SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PENTECOST - SPECIAL OFFERING

APRIL 10-June 5

Children at Risk \* Youth \* Young Adults



I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, . . . To give you a future with *hope*.

Jeremiah 29:11

The Pentecost offering helps our youth begin Life with a strong start— a solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

- **Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people**
  - The Day of Pentecost is referred to as the birthday of the Church
  - Pentecost is usually represented with the color red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$16 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more—to support and care

# WANTED

## PIZZA COUPONS

Please save your unwanted Pizza coupons. We can use them to reduce the cost of pizza's for Movie's with Meaning evenings. Please put them in the Member care file outside of the office.

The Member Care Committee thanks you!

# BITS AND PIECES



## Prayer Requests

Karen Kroeger  
Toby Quinn—friend of Brad Swearingen

## MUSIC IN THE PARK JULY 30, 2023 WENGER SHELTER

Sponsored by Washington Presbyterian Church



**BANJOVI & HAWKINS**

## Fall Bible Study

Book of Revelation

More information

coming soon



## CONGRATULATIONS

2023 Scholarship

Recipient

Summer Swearingen

Iowa State

Ag Communication



Marshall and Lindsay Escue

May 15, 2023 in Moab, Utah

Best Wishes!



# FELLOWSHIP HOUR

## June 18

FOLLOWING SERVICE

Coffee Social



# SUPPORT Snack Pack program

With your purchase at the Ice Cream Shack of Sunnyland

June 6, 2023

5:00 pm—8:00 pm

July 25, 2023

Ice Cream Social

Location: TBD

# CHURCH IN THE PARK

Wenger Shelter

Sunday, June 11 at



# GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS

May 31-June 4

Uftring Lot

Church will have a table in the Merchant Area

June 2—4:00-8:00 pm

June 3—11:00 am—6:00 pm

Need Volunteers

# MOVIES WITH MEANING

June 27 , 2023

5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall



July 9, 2023

Leon Service

9:30 am

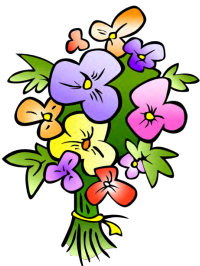
Christmas in July wear red or green





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NATIONAL MEN'S HEALTH MONTH NATIONAL CANDY MONTH CHILDREN'S AWARENESS MONTH				1 <b>Oscar the Grouch Day</b> 	2	3
4 <b>WORSHIP</b> 9:30 am <b>Communion</b>	5	6 <b>Snack Pack Fundraiser</b> <b>Ice Cream Shack</b> <b>Sunnyland</b> 5-8 pm	7	8	9 <b>Donald Duck's b-day</b> 	10
11 <b>Church in the Park Wenger Shelter</b> 10:30 <b>Potluck to follow</b>	12 <b>PEO in Fellowship Hall</b>	13	14 <b>Flag Day</b> 	15	16	17
18 <b>WORSHIP</b> 9:30 am <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</b>	19	20 <b>Baseball invented 1839</b> 	21 	22	23	24 <b>Wedding 10:30-1:00</b> Newsletter info due
25 <b>WORSHIP</b> 9:30 am	26 <b>Toothbrush invented 1498</b> 	27 <b>Movie with a Meaning - 5:30 pm</b>	28	29 <b>Session Meeting 6:30 PM</b>	30	

## Happy Birthday



- |                  |                 |                      |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 3 Betty Laughlin | 9 Sydney Ksycki | 26 Roberta Spitz     |
| 6 Karin Earl     | 10 Beau Carter  | 28 Kent Casey        |
| 7 Lee Moore      | 11 Hayley Earl  | 30 Jennifer Proffitt |
| 8 Sandy Fritz    | 21 Jacob Reese  |                      |



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