



Spreading the Word

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The *deadline* for submitting articles for the **October newsletter**
September 23 at 5 p.m.
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Greetings,

Things are about to get busy here at Washington Presbyterian Church. Here is the schedule to place on your refrigerator. Please plan to spend some time with your church family. Invite your friends and neighbors!

September 7 (Thursday morning at 10:00am)

Study on the Book of Revelation begins.

September 14 (Thursday evening at 6:30pm)

Mindfulness Class returns.

September 26 (Tuesday evening at 5:30pm)

Movies with Meaning Presents, *the Jesus Revolution*

September 10 (Sunday at 9:30am)

That '70s Service

September 17 - November 5 (Sunday Mornings at 9:30am)

Sermon Series on the Apostle's Creed

See you all at the church,

Pastor John



The August session meeting was held August 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. If you have any concerns for session, please communicate them to the Clerk of Session.

Susan Proffitt Cox provided devotions with "Canticle of the Creatures" (St. Francis of Assisi (1881-1226)

September Devotions: Cathy Strawbridge

Clerk's Report:

Laurel Paul, (29 and 416) a past member of our church, passed away August 4, 2023.

August 5, 2023, Clerk and spouse attended the Session Records Review at First Presbyterian Church in Normal, IL. Minutes were approved through December 2022. Several items were discussed that WPC will need to incorporate.

1) Session declares its own quorum in the first meeting of the session year. (Where new members have their first meeting.) Example – A quorum for Session meetings shall consist of the Pastor or Moderator and 1/3 of the ruling elders. (This will require a change to our by-laws.)

2) Book of Order (G-3.0104): **The Clerk of Session shall be a ruling elder elected by session** for such term as it may determine.

3) Called and Installed Pastors: 12-week paid family leave policy effective July 7, 2023. Policy is for bereavement, birth, adoption, or care of family member.

Report of the Pastor:

1. September 7, 2023 - Restart Bible Study, Thursday 10:00 a.m. on the Book of Revelation.
2. September 10, 2023 -70s throwback service
3. September 14, 2023 - Restart Mindfulness group, Thursday, 6:30pm
4. September 17 - November 5, 2023 - New Sermon Series on The Apostle's Creed.
5. September 26, 2023 – Movie night, **The Jesus Revolution**, (based on a true story).

Report of the Treasurer: Accepted the Treasurer's report of June/July 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)

Bible Study: Christian Education is very EXCITED to announce that Pastor John will be leading us in a Study on the Book of Revelation this Fall. This Study will be held at 10:00 a.m. on THURSDAYS beginning on September 7th in the Fellowship room at church. (downstairs). I personally am so looking forward to this. The Book of Revelation is not one of those books of the Bible that we read every day, if ever. It has much symbolism in it, which is difficult to understand if you are not a theologian. So, I am so grateful to Pastor John taking on this challenge to teach a class made up mostly of the "older retired Population." Talk about a "Brain Stimulating" study - this is it. And this study is for EVERYONE. As usual, we will also be enjoying Fellowship with one another, coffee, and our taste buds will be delighting in a Sweet Pastry of some sort.



Still several other items being addressed.

Member Care (Linda Locke):

Movie Night on July 25 was **Oh Brother Where Art Thou**. Attended by approximately 22 members.

Movie Night, August 22, at 5:30 p.m. will be **Hidden Figures**.

Dates for Upcoming Movies with Meaning in 2023: 8/22/2023, 9/26/2023, 10/24/2023, 11/28/2023, and 12/12/2023.

After church Fellowship Coffee dates: August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17. Sign-up sheet for volunteers on the table in the East Room.

Upcoming events:

Wienie Roast date is **September 30, 2023**, 5:00 p.m. Jean and Lance Escue will host the event.

November 26 will be the Hanging of the Greens with a Potluck after service.

Mission (Jean Escue):

There are 4 special offerings each year. Two of the offerings our church keeps a percentage to use in the community according to guidelines set forth by the Presbytery: 1) Peace and Global Witness Offering – Collection in the fall. 25% of total collected used locally (Center for Prevention of Abuse) 2) Pentecost Offering – Collection in the spring. WPC retains 40% (\$266) of total offering (\$665) received and is used for children at risk (School mentoring program).

WPC paid \$8,000 towards 14 agencies for our Mission Projects for 2023.

Lila Gammon coordinates with the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Paula Sights coordinates donation of religious books to Love Packages. Carol Voorhees coordinates for WHIP.

Donations for September:

Almost Home Kids: Baby Wipes

Whip: Peanut Butter

Sarah's Classroom: None

Worship and Sacraments (Melody Wiseman):

Attendance for July/August:

July 2 - 37, Communion was served.

July 9- 39

July 16- 36

July 23- 32

July 30- 41

August 6- 36, Communion was served.

Communion servers for September 3 are Melody Wiseman, Carol Voorhees, and Susan Brunner.

Old Business:

Stronghold Retreat – plan to do next year (2024)

New Business:

The Historical Society has requested, and Session has approved, putting our church on the list for the Christmas Home Tour, Tuesday, December 12, 1:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Volunteers needed to inform the visitors about the history of the church.

Pastor John closed the meeting with prayer. The next stated meeting is September 21, 2023.



With Sympathy
 Laurel Paul
 August 4, 2023

Thank you ❤️
 For your thoughts, prayers
 and cards.
 Cathy Strawbridge

BITS AND PIECES



**THAT 70's SERVICE
 SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

Come enjoy a GROOVY service on September 10th! We will be celebrating a FAR OUT throw back service including with many songs most of us will remember from our younger years, scripture and a wonderful message from Pastor John.

After services, we will gather for a potluck fellowship time with additional entertainment and other surprises. Dress in your 70s finest! Invite a friend to "pack the pews"!



December Home Tour
 The Washington Historical Society has invited our church to be part of the 2023 Historical Society December Home Tour.
 Tuesday, December 12, 2023,
 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
 Volunteers are needed

PRAYERS FOR:
 Florida residents—Hurricane Idalia
 Carol Eichelkraut
 Cathy Strawbridge



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 To receive the newsletter please go to
Greatriverspby.org
 Click on Menu at the right and then click on newsletter

MISSION

WHIP

Peanut Butter



ALMOST HOME KIDS

Baby Wipes



SPECIAL OFFERING

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace.

Washington Presbyterian Church sends 25% of the offering to the Center for Prevention of Abuse. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

September 3, 2023– October 1, 2023



Camp Hope's mission is to serve children affected by cancer, blood diseases and other catastrophic illnesses with free, in-person and medically safe camps and other support programs. These programs are designed to help heal the emotional wounds caused by these diseases with activities that build friendships, community, and confidence. Camp Hope program overview:

1. 5 nights, 6 days (Sunday-Friday) of camp free of charge to families at an ACA accredited and fully accessible campground.
2. Day Camp for kids ages 5+ or patients that are unable to sleep overnight at camp.
3. Arts & Crafts, boating, canoeing, climbing wall, fishing giant swing, hiking, horseback riding, medical education, swimming, target sports and ziplining
4. Provide 3 meals for all campers and volunteers

In the coming months, in addition to WHIP and Almost Home Kids suggested donations for Camp Hope 2024 will be added. For more information about the camp please visit www.camphopefoundation.org.





Mindfulness Group
Thursday
September 14th
6:30 pm

Bible Study
Thursday, September 7th
10:00 AM
Book of Revelation

September 17– November 5th
Sermon Series
The Apostle's Creed

 Movie's with
Meaning
September 26th

Upcoming Dates for Movies with
Meaning
October 24, November 28 and
December 12

Fellowship
"Essential for Growth"
September 17, November 19
October 15 December 17

Wiener Roast

September 30th
5:00 pm
Jean and Lance Escue's
809 Wellington Dr
Washington




*Hanging
of the
Greens*
November 26, 2023



2023

SEPTEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Classical Music Month Civil Service Month Disaster Preparedness Month Better Breakfast Month</p>					1	2 International Bacon Day
<p>3 WORSHIP Communion 9:30 am</p>	<p>4</p>	5	6	7 Bible Study 10 am	8 Hug your dog day 	9
<p>10 WORSHIP 9:30 am</p>	11	12	13 Positive Thinking Day	14 Bible Study 10 am Mindfulness Class 6:30 pm	15	16
<p>17 WORSHIP 9:30 am</p>	18 Locate an Old Friend Day	19	20	21 Bible Study 10 am Session Meeting 6:30 pm	22	23
<p>24 WORSHIP 9:30 am</p>	25	26 Movies with Meaning 5:30 pm	27 Ancestor Appreciation Day	28 Bible Study 10 am Mindfulness Class 6:30 pm	29	30 Wiener Roast 5 pm Escue's 809 Wellington Dr Washington

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| 1 Carol Eichelkraut | 12 Mike Fritz |
| 5 Brad Swearingen | 12 Dan Sights |
| 9 Tommy Nino | 15 Kevin Gall |



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