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WEST DES MOINES CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS AND INFORMATION

STEWARDSHIP 2018/2019

Gratitude is like breathing in—letting ourselves be touched and filled by the goodness in others and in our world. Generosity is like breathing out—acknowledging the goodness of our communities and the people in them and investing in the maintenance of that goodness. Our acts of generosity help to cultivate in us a sense of purpose and a spirit of gratitude. We have a lot to thank God for. What are the *Moments of Generosity* that fill your days? For what are you most grateful to God?



We invite you to join together as church so we might continue to share God's love and inspire our community and world to praise the Lord. *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

On **Sunday, November 4**, the Stewardship Committee will share the many ways our own congregation is making a difference in this world.

Their sermon will be a time to:

- Give thanks for the important ministries of WDMCC.
- Celebrate the generosity and faithfulness in supporting our annual budget
- View video snapshots that capture members' moments of gratitude and the joy of giving
- Learn how we're inspiring the love of our neighbor, and
- Invite you to join us in this amazing ministry

During the week of November 5, you will receive a letter from the church, as well as your pledge card. We ask you to prayerfully consider your commitment to the life and ministries of WDMCC before returning your pledge card by **Sunday, November 18—Commitment Sunday**. Together we can cultivate a spirit of giving, show our gratitude for God, and share the light of Christ.

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34*

Trunk Or Treat With Us!

Join us in our parking lot on **Sunday, October 28 (2:30 - 4 p.m.)** as we provide a safe, fun, free trick-or-treat environment for the community. Children, ages 12 and under can "trick or treat" at the many theme decorated (*not scary*) vehicles. Plus, we'll have a bounce house, fun games mini-hayrack ride, and snacks.

WAYS TO VOLUNTEER:

(1) Decorate your vehicle trunk or SUV cargo area in a *non-scary* Halloween or other theme. **New This Year: Trunk In A Box** for those that want to participate, but don't have a lot of time to put things together. Check out a box filled with everything needed to decorate your trunk! Remaining trunks in a box: Valentines Day and Beach themes.

Please bring a large bag of individually-wrapped candy to get started with and we'll keep you resupplied.

(2) Donate bags of individually wrapped candy or snacks; place in the red wagon next to the kiosk in The Gathering area.

(3) Make a monetary donation and we'll purchase the candy.

(4) Be a candy runner or

(5) help with cleanup.

For more info, contact Joy at joy@wdmcc.org or Kendal at kendal.bartlett@gmail.com.

New Church Door Locking System

In the next month, a new automatic locking door system will be installed on the front doors of the Fellowship Hall and Gym Buildings. Once the new system is installed, it will be necessary to use a "Fob" to unlock the doors instead of a key. For staff and laity needing access, we will be exchanging keys for fobs. By the end of the year, we hope to rekey all outside doors.

This new automatic locking door system will help with the varied use of our buildings, outside groups using our facility, keeping a record of entry into the building, and providing security. If you arrive at the church and the building is locked, there is an intercom system to ring the office.

We want to thank our Safety and Security Committee and Property Department for helping with this project.

Youth Sunday November 11

We are pulled in a lot of different directions these days. We commit to a lot of things. So what would it take for us to go ALL IN on the things that really matter: our faith, our relationships, our service to one another, and our passion to see God's will done on earth as it is in heaven?

On **Sunday, November 11**, our Chi-Rho and CYF youth will lead us in an exciting, joyful and engaging time of worship, helping us discover ways we can more fully commit to one another, to our communities, and to God. Join us as the youth inspire us and as we encourage them in their leadership and formation.



Order Your New Church Sweatshirt Beginning October 28

Back by popular demand! WDMCC quarter zip sweatshirts are for sale. These sweatshirts are offered in a variety of colors and will have the WDMCC logo embroidered on them. Adult sizes are \$25 and youth sizes are \$20. Stop by the kiosk to see the color options and ask any questions. They would make great Christmas gifts! **Orders will be taken through Sunday, November 25.** Don't miss out!



Hat & Mitten Collection

The 19th annual Hat & Mitten Collection runs **November 4 – December 2**. Donations of new or clean gently used hats, mittens, scarves and other winter items are needed to help keep local area children and adults warm in this winter.

In this season of giving, remember those in need of some of the basic things we take for granted.

Place donations in the marked containers in The Gathering area.

Sponsored by the children of WDMCC. For more information, contact Martha McDanel.

Hayrack Ride Event For 19-29 Year Olds

Are you looking for a group of friends who you can have fun and grow in faith with? The season of life we're in can make it difficult to make new friends and build friendships into lasting relationships. Some of us are in new jobs or have recently moved. Some of us are in routines that make socializing difficult. If only there was a way for all of us to get together and hang out. *Well, the wait is over!* Let's meet at Bill and Stephanie Murphy's home at **6 p.m. – Saturday, November 3**, (4962 Johnson St. in Prole) for a hayrack ride, cookout & campfire!



We'll provide hotdogs and a few sides, s'mores, a few group games and a frisbee. You bring your favorite blanket or lawn chair and your excitement! Hopefully this is the first of many gatherings with no agenda, but to spend time with one another and make friends. Please give us a heads up if you think you'll make it by texting Mark (515) 418-6124 or Luke (515) 867-3946.

Bring friends if you'd like, the more the merrier!

Luke Eckhardt
Mark Eckhardt



November Food Drive Fills Baskets For Local Families In Need

All food items collected in November will be used to fill Thanksgiving food baskets for our "adopted" local families. The youth groups and their families will assemble/deliver these baskets on **November 18**.

Needed: nonperishable items (canned goods, stuffing mix and items for baking) that can be used by our "adopted" families to prepare Thanksgiving meals. Monetary donations are also appreciated; please earmark checks "Food Drive"; place in the offering tray.



Thanksgiving Worship

On **Sunday, November 18**, we will worship and celebrate the many reasons we have to give thanks to God. This will also be the last day to bring nonperishable food donations for the Thanksgiving food baskets (see article above). Thank you for your generosity in helping make Thanksgiving a joyful occasion for those who would otherwise be without food! Thanks be to God!

Help WDMCC Stay Connected Through Caring!

As a caring faith community, we want to respond to the needs of our church family in a timely manner. Communication is the key.

- We encourage you or a family member/friend to contact the church office directly whenever you or a loved one enters the hospital or other health care facility. This will alert the pastoral staff and allow them to respond.

- It is also very helpful if you contact the church again upon discharge. Privacy laws prevent hospitals and other facilities from sharing any discharge information. Contacting the church allows pastoral care to continue beyond the hospital stay.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner at WDMCC

If you or your family will be spending the holiday alone, we invite you to join WDMCC friends for a delicious, home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner. The meal is served family-style at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and features traditional Thanksgiving fare, including turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, salads, fresh baked rolls and pie. We also share the meal with other members of our community who otherwise would be alone on Thanksgiving Day.

Reservations are requested by Thursday, November 15 as seating is limited. Sign up on Sundays at the kiosk or contact the office. If you would like to assist with preparation and/or serving of the meal, contact the office.

Volunteers Needed For Children's Shopping Spree!

Our Churches Outreach Group (COG) needs chaperones for the **Children's Christmas Shopping Spree on Saturday, December 8** from approximately **9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** Chaperones will assist children, who are clients of WDM Human Services, in buying Christmas gifts for their family members, using gift cards from COG, for their purchases. Afterwards, the children and chaperones wrap the gifts.

Sign up at the kiosk on the bulletin board outside the office. Include your name, phone#, and email. Questions? Contact Larry Willson: 975-7036 or LaVae: 975- 7037. *Join us for the fun!*

Covenant: A Way Deeper

New Worship Opportunity — November 25 Service

A Covenant...it's about relationship, shalom, harmony with one another and with God. When we worship together, we commit ourselves to covenantal relationship with God and with the people with whom we are in community.

"Covenant" is a community of worshipers looking for **A Way Deeper** in their faith.

This worship community encourages self-reflection for the purpose of 1) assessing where we're currently at spiritually, and 2) informing our Christian ethics which guide how we live our daily lives.

Sunday, November 25th at 6:30 p.m., we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for worship. This service will be intimate as we worship in a circle. It will be unrestricted by structure or formality and will operate free from many of our assumptions about what worship has to be. First and foremost, we strive to offer authentic worship to God, stripped of any misconceptions we carry about what worship should be and who worship is for. The first service (Nov. 25.) takes place on the eve of Advent. Come prepare for a season of preparation with us!

SMALL GROUPS, BIBLE STUDIES, AND ADULT MINISTRIES

Small groups are a great way to get connected to other people and build lasting relationships at WDMCC! New members are always welcome!

ADULT CHOIR always welcomes new members! See article on page 8 for more information. Contact Pam Redford (pam@wdmcc.org).

CONNECTIONS This Sunday Church School (9:30 a.m.) discussion class is led by Dr. Randy Ehrhardt & other members looks at current topics/issues from a faith/scriptural perspective. Join us in Gym Bldg. #113 to discuss how our daily practices can animate our faith. **Topics:** Christian perspectives on food, prayer, worship, sacraments, service, community, and money.

CROSSROADS is a Sunday Church School (9:30 a.m.) member-led class for those seeking ways to live their faith beyond the church pew. Whether you have kids at home, or still feel like a kid yourself, we can all learn and laugh with one another as we figure out how to bring our faith to life in our busy, everyday lives. This Fall, we're joining the global conversation about finding true belonging in an age of increased polarization, as we discuss Brené Brown's book, *Braving the Wilderness*. Bring a friend and join us in the Gym Bldg.-room 110.

DELISH! For all ages (*working or retired couples & singles*) wanting to dine with fellow Disciples. All are welcome to join the group on **Tues., Nov. 27 (6p)** in Fellowship Hall for a potluck. See more info on page 6.

FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY meets in the Fellowship Hall bldg. Chapel to study the Book of Acts. For more information, contact Janice Cord @ 222-2279. All women are welcome!

GAME DAY (*Dominos, Cribbage, cards, etc.*) will take a break through winter and resume in March. Questions? Call Stephanie in the office.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY is a Sunday Church School (9:30 a.m.) multi-generational Bible study led by Pastors Mike Armstrong and Alice Bolen. It is open to all adults and meets in the Library of the Fellowship Hall Bldg. This Fall, they are studying the book of Philippians.

HELPING HANDS This volunteer group meets on **Mondays at 8 a.m.** in the kitchen to do light housekeeping and enjoy fellowship.

MEN'S CURRENT ISSUES DISCUSSION GROUP meets **Mondays @ 7 a.m.** at **Panera Bread** (4150 Westown Pkwy Ste 202). Contact: Cliff Rood @ 537-0598 or Jim Kratz @ 865-7505. All men are welcome!

MUNCHING WITH MARTHA This fun monthly lunch group is for all! On **Tues., Nov. 13 at 11:30 a.m.**, they will meet at *Maxie's on Grand* in WDM. See more info on page 6.

THERAPEUTIC THURSDAYS meets on **Thursdays at 9 a.m.** in the Gym Bldg. #111. This group is for anyone who enjoys fun while helping others. Our focus: mission projects along with crafting and creating. We have projects for those of any level of craft experience or none! Supplies are furnished; ideas welcomed. *Helping others is therapeutic!* To be on a reminder email list, call or email Martha in the office.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP reads about women all over the world to help broaden their outlook. Mary Armstrong will review *Operation Bonnet* by Kimberly Stuart on **Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.** in the Library (Fellowship Hall bldg.) Questions? Contact: Jan Stump (440-1293).

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP meets monthly on the **1st Friday**. On **Fri., Nov. 2 at 9 a.m.**, they will meet at *Perk Up* (2700 University—WDM). **All women are welcome!** Contact: Phyllis Clark (225-2181).

Y.E.S. (Young Energetic Seniors) is a Sunday Church School class (9:30 a.m.). The group also meets for social and mission events, and breakfast on the **1st Saturday** each month (**Nov. 3**) @ **7:45 a.m.** at the Hy-Vee (N.E. corner of I-35 & Mills Civic Pkwy). Contacts: Karen/Ron Townsend (225-0464). See info at right re: Christmas event.

U.S. Adult Mission Trip '19

This year we will be staying local and helping with two important projects right here in central Iowa. First, many people are still recovering from the tornado that hit Marshalltown, so we'll help with the rebuilding process while

staying at the Christian Conference Center in

Newton. We will also work on the new shelter being built out at the Chi-Rho camp. The trip is scheduled for **February 24 thru March 1**. *If you're interested in going, email Stephanie@wdmcc.org by Sunday, December 16.*



WDMCC Garden Update

As of October 23, the WDMCC garden has donated 445 lbs. of beans, beets, cabbage, cucumbers, peppers, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, and zucchini to the DMARC Food Pantry.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join the YES group for **THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS** event on **Friday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Mills Civic HyVee club room. This will be a special evening featuring a delicious dinner, holiday festivities, and fun and fellowship for all. \$22.50/person. Sign up at the church office or with Karen/Ron Townsend (225-0464).

Make Holiday Shopping Easy With SCRIP!

There are only two more times to order Scrip Cards in time for Christmas: November 11 and December 2.



Buy cards as gifts or for your own shopping. Or buy a Starbucks card for your daily coffee or Panera for out-to-lunch. These also work great for the Christmas Angel Tree gift cards and shopping. Every order, big and small, adds up to help us pay down debt! We've raised more than \$5,700 to put towards the sanctuary debt since starting

this program in March of 2012. Help us end the year strong and place an order – it's so easy!

For more information, contact Stephanie in the office during the week or at the kiosk on Sunday.



FREE CONCERT AT WDMCC

**Friday, November 16
6:30 P.M.**

A MUSICAL JOURNEY

featuring solo recital works
by **Nathan Green**

with collaborative pianists
Sheryl Neal and Lisa Lewis

Followed by selections from



Congratulations To Our Octogenarians!

They will be honored in worship on Heritage Sunday, October 28.



Roberta Abbott	Jim Kratz	Barb Mott	Lloye Wilson
Shirley Sharp	Shirley Gillman	Mary Lou Palmer	Ernestine Varde
Wayne Weidmann	Dick Morris	Mary Lewiston	Mildred Linn
LaVae Willson	Norm Townsend	Eileen Triggs	Ardis Clark
LaVerda Lockard	Pat Murray	Winnie Clements	Hilda Crouse
Darlene Obr	Shirley Conner	Lois Colton	Cliff Rood
Gerald Harn	Morris Page	Lee Klein	Jackie Rood
Jan Townsend	Doris Baskerville	Marvin Colton	Bobbie Breman
Don Jordison	Jerry Proudfit	Lucy Turner	Juanita Finestead
Tom Abbott	Pauline Davis	Ole Isacson	Vince Triggs
Claudine Allison	Joyce Reese	Bev Broyles	Ruth Hiatt
Grace Young	Alice Cooper	Verna McManus	Nadine Wiley
Pat Kratz	Bob Cooper	Bill Salmon	Phyllis Wheeler
Carol Campbell	Pat Oxenford	Laurie Anderson	Colleena Thornton
Ron Townsend	Delores Heckathorn	Tina Knosby	Marge Hargens
Sue Clark	Laura Ingram	Isabelle Swanson	Dottie Van Blaricom
Shirley Isacson	Nancy Johnson	Jeannette Leonard	Merna Murray
Phyllis Clark	Joyce Landis	Joy Huey	Joann Schlemmer
Nellie Bobenhouse	June Bowers	Dick Hoffa	Maxine Woolley
Marie Fredrickson	Larry Willson	Marcy Hill	Ruby Allen
Marvin Edson	Arlene Willis	Jim Anderson	Helen Rule
Joann Gaer	Nancy Brown	Chuck Landis	Hap Finestead
Judy Harvey	June Dop	Helen Michelson	Boyd Granberg
Myra Cox	Perry Baker	Howard Turner	Doris Van Winkle
Shirley Ehrhardt	June Van Wey	Audrey Watson	Louise Stout
Dan Murray	Maxine Fulton	Annie Earle Burris	Helen Doris Wright
Neal Fredrickson	Nancy Peeler	Vada Babcock	Bernice Boyce
Dick Baskerville	Lois Young	Dorothy Hill	Juanieta Naylor



Mark Your Calendars!

- Oct. 28 Hayrack Ride
- Nov. 4 Youth Sunday Practice
- Nov. 11 (Youth Sunday) Escape Room
- Nov. 18 Thanksgiving Family Dinner
- Nov. 25 Ministry Teams

Youth and Family Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 18 is our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for all youth and their families. Please consider joining us for this time of celebration. We'll meet at **5 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall to organize food donations for the Thanksgiving baskets which we'll distribute to families later that night. If you're able to help deliver food baskets to our adopted Thanksgiving families after our meal together, please let Stephanie know. As far as our eating together, we ask that each family unit bring a dish (size 8-12 servings) to share with the group according to the following break-down:

Last name A - M: salad or side dish Last name N - Z: dessert

Church will provide the meat and drinks. We look forward to celebrating together all that we have to be grateful for!

Life Line Screenings Coming February 4

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at WDMCC on **Monday, February 4**. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, a Heart Rhythm Screening, and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!

Dining Disciples Groups

WDMCC has 2 monthly going-out-to-eat ministries. Enjoy great food and fun fellowship! All are welcome (working, retired, couples and singles). Contact Martha to be put on an email reminder list (martha@wdmcc.org).

MUNCHING WITH MARTHA is a monthly **LUNCH** get-together. Join us **Tuesday, November 13 @ 11:30 a.m.** at *Maxie's* on Grand in WDM. Carpool from church at 11:15 or meet at the restaurant at 11:30. Sign up at the kiosk by the previous Sunday or email martha@wdmcc.org



DELISH is a monthly **6 p.m. DINNER**. Join in on the fun with a good old fashion potluck in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, November 27**. Table service, beverages and dessert will be provided. Bring a dish or two to share. Please sign up by Sunday before the event at the kiosk or email martha@wdmcc.org.



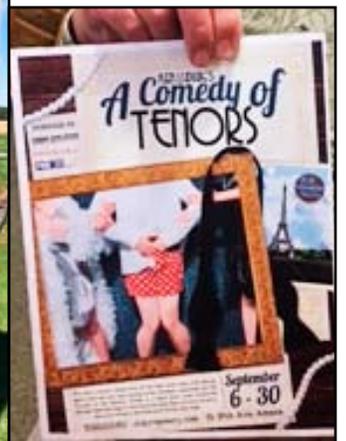
Arial shot of Friends in Faith children —courtesy of Stephan McDanel.



Thanks to the Friends in Faith Children and Youth Helpers for decorating our church campus so beautifully each fall season!



Y.E.S. Group & Friends
Amana Trip
September 26, 2018



Thank You For Donating!

The Social Concerns Committee thanks the congregation for donating personal care items that filled 18 bags for Children and Families of Iowa's Women's Shelter. A carload of fall and winter clothing and coats was also donated to WDM Human Services. Also received: \$1,225.50 for the Hunger Hike... \$680.50 for Hurricane Michael relief...over 100 pairs of socks and \$40 for Central Iowa Shelter Services! Many thanks to the congregation! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Join Us In Thanking...

- ... Barb Dirks for donating fabric.
- ...Dr. Marcia Blake for donating fleece hat kits.
- ...Youth for cleaning up around the pond on the city hall complex.
- ...The Friends in Faith children for decorating the church grounds and inside halls with beautiful fall décor.
- ...Malinda & Darrell Geisler for delivering the straw bales to church.
- ...Stephan McDanel for flying his drone for the Friends in Faith children and taking an arial shot of the group.
- ...Children's Church School volunteers for rotation 1 and Worship & Wonder: Kendal Bartlett, Betsy & Bryan Burkhardt, Deb Chiafos, Claudia Doty, Carla Eakins, Kathy Elliott, Rachel Falahpour, Brooke Hagenhoff, Misti & Eric Johnson, Stephan, Emily & Ruth McDanel, Diane Moorman, Joni & Steve Nicoll, Adam & Angie Porath, Heather Praska, and Angela Wehrspan.
- ...Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity's "Rock the Block" event
- ...Congregation for donating to the clothing drive, Hunger Hike and compassion offering to help the hurricane damaged areas.
- ...Social Concerns committee for sorting/ delivering clothing and personal care items to the agencies in need.
- ...Weekly worship service volunteers; bus drivers, deacons, elders, greeters, ushers and sound techs.
- ... Other weekly or monthly volunteers: Care Connection, Children and Youth, Chore Corps, Communion and Visitation prep, Helping Hands, laundry, office, and plant care.

We value our volunteers, who give many hours of their time to make WDMCC such a wonderful church. If you know of a person or group that needs thanking or for more information on any of these groups, please contact the office.

Consider volunteering a little of your time. The rewards are heavenly!



DSM Playhouse Honors Volunteers

Shirley Sharp has volunteered with guest services at the Des Moines Community Playhouse for more than 50 years. *From the Playhouse:* "Shirley and her crew of 6 are greeting guests and show audiences to their seats for every Mainstage show each season except one, when many of them

go to Florida or Texas for the winter. Shirley's dedication for so many years is an inspiration to our entire volunteer corps."



Thank you to Pastors Randy, Luke, Mark, and Alice for their visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. It really means alot!
—June Van Wey

Thank you to everyone there who made it possible for our Iowa Conference meeting to go so smoothly! It was a great place for us to join together over the 2 days we were there. Again...thank you!
—Mary Beth
Hope UCC, Hiawatha



New Choir Members Are Always Welcome!

The Adult Choir has begun rehearsing Advent and Christmas music during our 6:30 p.m. Wednesday rehearsals (in the Music Room behind the Sanctuary). This year, the Adult Choir and Ensemble will share a special Cantata titled "God Came Near" during the 1st Sunday of Advent on December 2. It's a wonderful time to join and be a part of the beautiful seasonal music! *All experience levels are welcome* – come enjoy rehearsal, fellowship, and the beauty of sharing music with our wonderful congregation! Questions? Contact Pam Redford: pam@wdmcc.org



ADULT SPIRITUAL RETREAT
@ beautiful Lake Ahquabi
September 29, 2018





Volunteers Needed For Highway Cleanup

On **Saturday, November 3**, we will do highway cleanup. WDMCC has a commitment to pick up litter on both sides of the Mills Civic I-35 off ramps. **Starting with donuts & coffee at 8:30 a.m., cleanup will begin at 9.** We are hoping for many volunteers so it will only take approximately an hour to do. Dress accordingly and bring work gloves. We will provide safety vests and trash bags, etc. Help WDMCC contribute to a cleaner environment!

Sunday Greeters Needed

Greeters are needed ½ hour prior to each December Sunday service and for Christmas Eve services. All you need is a smile and/or handshake to make all who enter feel welcome! Contact Joy in the office (joy@wdmcc.org or 865-2159).

Mark Your Calendars!

- Oct. 28 Heritage Sunday and Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 4 Stewardship Sunday II
- Nov. 11 Youth Sunday
- Nov. 22 Community/WDMCC Thanksgiving Dinner
- Dec. 2 Christmas Cantata
- Dec. 9 Christmas Luncheon
- Dec. 14-16 Live Nativity
- Dec. 15 Christmas Wonderland
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship
- March 6 Ash Wednesday

Future Board Meetings

All WDMCC members are welcome to attend these 7 p.m. Tuesday meetings in the Fellowship Hall:

- Nov. 20
- Jan. 15
- March 12
- May 24



WE INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO OUR



9th Annual
Trunk or Treat
 WEST DES MOINES
Christian Church
 4501 MILLS CIVIC PKWY
 (across from Valley Stadium)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

2:30 - 4:00 PM

Wear your costumes to this FREE and FUN (not frightening) Halloween event!

LOTS OF DECORATED VEHICLE TRUNKS & TREATS, BOUNCE HOUSE, MINI-HAYRACK RIDE, GAMES, TWISTED BALLOONS and more!

Food Pantry Sundays

When: Every 3rd Sunday of the month!



Give Cash: Money donated buys more food, which is purchased at wholesale prices.

Give Food: Most-needed items: **100% Juice** (tomato, orange, or vegetable in a can or plastic bottle); **Fruit** (canned in water or 100% juice); **Vegetables** (tomatoes, green beans, mixed vegetables, or sweet potatoes, canned with no salt added); **Beans** (dry or canned in water); **Fresh Fruits & Vegetables** (potatoes/sweet potatoes, bananas, apples, carrots, grapes, oranges, tomatoes, melons, broccoli, or bell peppers); **Peanut Butter**; **Meat** (tuna or chicken canned in water); **Whole-Grain Pasta/Egg Noodles**; **Brown Rice** (regular or instant); **Vegetable Soup** (low-sodium); **Whole Grain Crackers** (wheat saltines); **Spaghetti Sauce**; **Cereal** (instant or regular oatmeal with no sugar added, whole grain brands, granola, or shredded wheat); **Fresh Whole Grain Bread Items**; **UHT Milk** (shelf-stable, low-fat in aseptic packaging, no canned milk); **Infant/Baby Formula**; **Diapers/Baby Wipes**; **Personal Products** (shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene, toothpaste, or deodorant).

Please donate well in advance of expiration date and prime ripeness.

Give Bags: Paper and plastic are needed by DMARC Food Pantry.

Some portions of this newsletter have been deleted to protect the privacy of our congregation.



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WDMCC is on Instagram!
Follow @wdmcc
for exciting images and stories featuring our life together as church!



We are updating our records as we have upgraded

our membership software this summer. Please let us know of any address, phone, email, etc. changes you may have. Also, if you're a snowbird and would like us to send your mail directly, let us know that address. Thanks for your help in keeping our records current!

Church School Offering Update

We Are God's Hands and Feet through Church School Offering!

Church School offering collected in September totaled \$185.14.

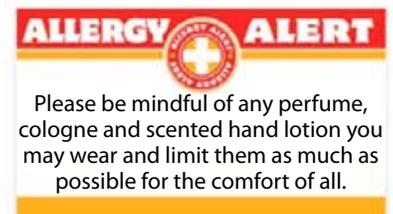
Offering from all classes, 4 year-old – adult for the 2018-19 year will benefit the Church's U.S. and International Mission trips.

Thank you for giving through your church school offering to minister to others at home and abroad.

OPERATING INCOME

Received year to date as of October 14, 2018...\$601,036.84

Expected year to date as of October 14, 2018...\$682,452.88

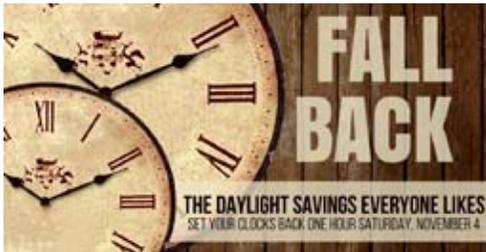


UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

OCTOBER 28 (Heritage Sunday)

The Only Light We Need Galatians 3:27-29

Preacher: Raccoon John Smith



NOVEMBER 4

Moments of Generosity:

The Ministries of WDMCC

NOVEMBER 11 (Youth Sunday)

ALL IN Hebrews 10:24-25

WDMCC Youth

NOVEMBER 18 (Thanksgiving Sunday)

ThanksLIVING

WDMCC Drama Troupe



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We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



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