



# News on the GO!

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Hello Friends!

I am hopeful that everyone had a good Christmas and New Year spent with the warmth of family and friends around you.

We had exciting trips last year starting with the Mystery Trip to Diamond Mo., to experience George Washington Carver's Museum, and then on to Joplin, Mo. And who can forget the trip to France for a river cruise?

I cannot wait to share with you all the exciting adventures I have lined up for 2023! To make trip reservations, email [cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com](mailto:cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com), or call 417-256-2147. I check and reply to emails on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Looking forward to seeing you on the trips and events that I have planned for you!

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Finley

## Mystery Trip – April 24-27, 2023

Let's get the bus wheels rolling with an exciting four-day Mystery Trip. "Where are we going?" you may ask. Our destination will remain a mystery, but I am sure you will be quite surprised when we get there! You will be enthralled with the history, culture, beauty, and, as always, fantastic food that we will experience on this fun adventure. There also is something that will delight the geek in you. Do not miss out on the fun of this Mystery Trip!

We will depart from the north end of the West Plains Civic

Center at 8 a.m., to start our journey.

Dinner the night of April 24 will be the Kick Back at the Drury Inn. Or you may venture out on your own if something is close by.

Cost will be \$550 per person double occupancy, \$440 per person triple occupancy, \$385 per person quadruple occupancy, and \$760 per person single occupancy. Full payment is due when signing up. Final date to sign up is March 10. Included in the price is a daily hot break-

fast, 2 dinner meals, 3 nights' accommodations, baggage handling, all taxes, fees, and admissions. Meal gratuities are included. Not included is gratuity for the local guide and bus driver.

Make your reservation by emailing [cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com](mailto:cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com) or calling 417-256-2147.



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## TRAVEL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

We are committed to doing our best to keep everyone well and happy during GO Club events and trips. Buses are cleaned daily. Hand sanitizer will be available and you can choose to wear a mask (please bring your own). Those sick or running a fever are asked to stay home.

## Queen Esther – Sept 7, 2023

Join me as we head to the beautiful Sight and Sound Theatre in Branson for the production of Queen Esther.

Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this?

Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals in this original stage production!

We will depart West Plains from the north end of the West Plains Civic Center at 8 a.m., for this day trip to Branson (quick break stop along the way). Upon arrival, we will begin with a little shopping and lunch on your own at the Branson Landing. We will depart the Landing for the Sight and Sound Theatre at 2:15 pm for the 3:30 showing of Queen Esther. After the show, we will enjoy dinner before returning home.

Cost for this day trip is \$140, which includes transportation on a motorcoach, admission to the Sight and Sound Theatre and dinner that evening (includes taxes and meal gratuity). A \$25 deposit is due when signing up and will hold your space on this trip and **final** payment is due August 1, 2023. This trip usually fills up fast. So, do not delay getting your name on the list by emailing [cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com](mailto:cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com) or calling 417-256-2147.



## GO Club Picnic—September 23, 2023

Save the date for this fun evening! The Annual GO Club Picnic will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, 6 p.m. in the Exhibition Hall of the West Plains Civic Center. More details will be coming later.

## Michigan's Upper Peninsula & the Grand Hotel – Oct 2-10, 2023

This trip is timed to experience peak Fall color on Michigan's Upper Peninsula and offers the perfect combination of pampering and natural splendor. Experience old-fashioned luxury and relaxation during a two-night stay at the Grand Hotel. See ribbons of red and gold in the cliffs of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and enjoy lake view lodging of three Great Lakes - Lake Huron from the Grand Hotel, Lake Superior from the Hampton Inn, Marquette, Mich., and Lake Michigan from the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, WI.

### Day 1 - Depart West Plains for St. Louis

We will depart from the north end of the West Plains Civic Center for an overnight stay in St. Louis.

### Day 2 – Depart St. Louis For Grand Rapids

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Grand Rapids, Mich. This will be a travel day with break stops and lunch on your own. Tonight, hot appetizers will be available for dinner.

### Day 3 – Depart for Mackinac Island

We take a ferry across Lake Huron to Mackinac Island and enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride to the island's premier luxury resort, the incomparable **Grand Hotel**, where the longest porch in the world overlooks the Straits of Mackinac. Savor an elegant 5-course dinner in the Grand Dining Room with entertainment. **B, D\***

### Day 4 – Mackinac Island

After breakfast in the Grand Dining Room, enjoy a full day to relax at the hotel and explore the Island. Take a carriage tour of Mackinac Island State Park (on your own), browse quaint shops, rent a bicycle to ride around the island, play lawn croquet or explore the Grand Hotel and learn a little more about its history. You have the day to be as active or relaxed in your wonderful surroundings as you wish. Your tour guide will be available to help you plan your day (cost of additional activities not included).

Tonight, enjoy another exquisite dinner in the Grand Dining Room.

**B, D\***

(Dress code for the Grand Hotel: jacket and tie for men, evening attire for ladies at dinners)





## Michigan's Upper Peninsula & the Grand Hotel – Oct 2-10, 2023 (cont.)

### Day 5 - Sault Sainte Marie

After another restful night in one of the Grand's magnificent rooms and a superb breakfast, depart for Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., known as the Northern Gateway to Canada. Visit Tahquamenon Falls State Park for a ranger-led tour and see the awe-inspiring natural beauty of Upper Falls. Enjoy rustic charm during lunch at Camp 33 before visiting the Falls, one of the largest East of the Mississippi. On beautiful St. Mary's River, cruise through Soo Locks, one of the great wonders of the world and largest waterway traffic system on earth. See locks up close as we travel along the international shoreline of the lower harbor. Unpack for a 2-night stay in Sault Ste. Marie. **B, L\***

### Day 6 – Historic Sault Sainte Marie

Spend the morning with our local guide exploring the historic Sault Sainte Marie and a free afternoon in the picturesque lakeside town. Or, enjoy the optional Agawa Canyon Train Ride (additional cost). Pack your passport for a full-day wilderness rail excursion through rugged Canadian wilderness, 114 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Travel over the towering trestle at Montreal River, ride alongside remote lakes and impressive granite formations aboard a provincial train to see the pristine beauty of Canyon Park. **B (Passport required for the Agawa Canyon Train Ride)**



### Day 7 - Marquette

Depart after breakfast for a drive along the shoreline of Lake Michigan dotted with colorful fall foliage to visit delightful Munising, Mich. Experience the splendor of the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, lit by rays of sun during a scenic boat ride. Cruise along crystal-clear waters of Lake Superior for perfect views of colored cliffs, sea cave, and pristine beaches. Overnight on the shore of Lake Superior in beautiful Marquette, Mich. **B, D\***

### Day 8 – Wisconsin

After breakfast we depart for charming Sheboygan, partake in a delicious dinner and overnight at the unforgettable Blue Harbor Resort, located on the shore of Lake Michigan. Relax while enjoying the natural beauty of the classic lakeside retreat. **B, D\***

### Day 9 – Return Home

After breakfast we depart for home with fond memories of this amazing adventure where we have enjoyed three Great Lakes, The Grand Hotel, cruising, and even a train ride.

The cost for this impressive trip is: \$2,685 per person, double occupancy; \$2,585 per person, triple or quadruple occupancy; \$3,584 for single occupancy. A \$500 deposit will hold your space with **final payment due August 9, 2023**. Included in the price are: 8 nights' accommodations, 13 meals, baggage handling at most hotels, on board refreshments on travel days, and activities as indicated. \*Not included gratuities for bus driver and tour guide.

Make your reservations by emailing [cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com](mailto:cheryl.finley@westplainsbank.com) or calling 417-256-2147. You do not want to miss out on this adventure. \*B, L, D – breakfast, lunch and dinner (letters included at the end of each day of the trip indicate meals included in the trip price)

**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

All trips depart from north side of West Plains Civic Center—110 St. Louis Street, West Plains, Mo.

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## 2022-23 Upcoming Events

### Bank Holidays

The following list of dates represents days all West Plains Bank and Trust Company locations will be closed in 2023:

- Monday, May 29, 2023—Memorial Day
- Monday, June 19, 2023—Juneteenth
- Tuesday, July 4, 2023—Independence Day
- Monday, September 4, 2023—Labor Day
- Monday, October 9, 2023—Columbus Day
- Saturday, November 11, 2023—Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 23, 2023—Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 25, 2023—Christmas

### GO Club Events & Trips

- **Mystery Trip**—Monday, April 24-27, 2023
- **Queen Esther Trip**—Thursday, September 7, 2023
- **GO Club Picnic**—Saturday, September 23, 2023
- **Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Grand Hotel**—Oct. 2-10, 2023

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