WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Newsletter & Announcements February 13, 2020

Lent 2020 Churchwide Book Read

Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

Small Group Discussion Beginning Sunday, March 1

I (Pastor Scott) invite you to join me on a Lenten journey as we read *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton. Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton shows how to untangle the knots we feel about disappointing others, failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance, and aging. Then he helps readers understand and counter fear related to such outsize perils as terrorism, death, and the apocalypse.

Beginning March 1st, each week we will focus on a section of the book and continue through the five Sundays in Lent. Small groups of 6-8 people will meet during the Sunday school hour after worship or during the week for follow up discussions. I hope this will be an opportunity to meet others in our congregation and together explore this timely theme.

You can sign up for a small discussion group by: a) CLICKING HERE to fill out an online form or b) filling out a form at church. Please let us know by February 23.

You can order the book on your own or indicate on your registration form that you'd like the church to order one for you (cost is $16). Scholarships are also available - just talk call or email me scott@westminstermadison.org

For our Westminster snowbirds, I will also be facilitating a small group discussion through Skype so please be sure to sign up as well!

Church-wide Friday Fish Fry at The Hilltop - Feb. 28 - 5:00 PM

Join us for some good food and fellowship at our annual Friday Fish Fry which is scheduled for February 28. It will be held again at The Hilltop restaurant in

Please keep the following in your prayers…Homebound Highlights (rotating each week): Mary Cornelius, Hugh Moss, Jack Hamann, Nell Seiberlich, Bill & Sandy Butler

Members & Friends: Dan Dohrn (father of Beth), Betty Smith, , Kathy Costello, Seema Tahir, Francoise Johnson's grandson (Nicholas), Mayme Williams, Kim Marsh, Joe Testa, Gordon Fletcher (Roger's Dad)

SUN 2/16 **Just Bakery Sunday**

Cross Plains and we will meet there at 5:00 PM sharp. Please sign up by February 24 on the sheet in the Narthex. We hope to see you there!

Locals in Need

In March, all loose change (Coins for a Cause) will be designated for the Salvation Army Women and Children's Shelter. This winter, the usual 45 women and children has been up to 60. Families in shelter have also doubled! When it is 20° or below no one is turned away. To further help the Salvation Army Women and Children's Shelter, during February and March we will be collecting items that they need. A list of these items and sizes is posted in the narthex as well as the weekly email announcements. The Presbyterian Women of Westminster (PWW) has supported the shelter for several years but the need is greater than ever. Thank you for any donations to this worthy cause!

Neighborhood Night Out March 8 !

The Westminster fellowship committee invites you to a fun night of games, ice cream and magic (Jimmy Denver: Dynamic Illusionist). It all takes place right here at Westminster on Sunday March 8 starting at 3:30pm to 5:30pm. This is a free community event so invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Eyeglass Collection

Do you have eyewear in your home that you no longer need? Donate them! Just bring your reading glasses and sunglasses to Westminster during February. Our donations will go to the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program who distribute them to people in developing countries. No money is taken up in administrative costs by the Lions Clubs. They clean and store usable recycled eyeglasses. Even broken glass, although discarded, is turned into "scrap to cash" income that can aid local community projects. Please check your home for any extra glasses and donate them in the box on the desk outside of the sanctuary. Thanks!

Save the date for Vacation Bible School!

Westminster will again be combining forces with Christ Presbyterian Church for VBS, June 15th to 18th, from 5 pm until 7:30 pm. VBS will include dinner, stories, games, crafts, and more! CPC will be the host site for this year's program and will be staffed with volunteers from both churches. Our program is open to all. We hope you can come! Stay tuned for registration forms and our exciting theme!

@ 8:30am - Fellowship Committee
@ 9:45am - Worship
@ 11:00am - Sunday School & Sermon Talk-back
@ 3:30pm - Pres House Meal

TUES 2/18
@ 1:00pm - Esther Naomi Circle
@ 3:00pm - Stewardship Committee

WEDS 2/19
@9:30am - Membership Committee
@12:30pm - Bible Study at WPC
@ 7:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURS 2/20
@ 9:30am -Thursday Book Group
@ 6:00pm - Mary Elizabeth Circle

SUN 2/23
@ 9:45am - Worship
@ 11:00am - Sunday School & **Adult Forum**
*Rebecca Bedell, Coordinator of Residential Programs for Pres House, will be preaching on February 23. She will also be leading the Adult Forum that day to update us on the ministry at Pres House.

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Scripture text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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