



Newsletter & Announcements February 20, 2019

Weather Cancellation Policy

While we hope to never have to cancel service or close, sometimes it may be necessary. Please remember that you are always the best judge of your safety, so if we do not cancel service and you feel the weather is not safe, please don't risk it. We love to see you, but your safety is more important.

DURING THE WEEK: If Madison Public Schools close due to weather, the church office will close as well.

SUNDAYS: The decision to cancel service will be made with consultation from the Pastor, Minister of Music and Session. The decision to cancel the worship service will be made at least by 7:00pm the day before the worship service. All other church activities will automatically be cancelled for the day. A congregation wide email will be sent out noting the cancellation. Parishioners can also check the church website or call the church office to confirm (a message will be left on the answering system). Situations and conditions that could effect a church cancellation include the following: snow, freezing rain, ice storm, extreme cold, tornado, power outage, or flooding.

Celebration of Life for Linda Schultz

This will be at Westminster this Saturday, February 23 at 2 PM (visitation starts at 1 PM). Thank you to all of those that signed up to bring cookies/bars. We should have enough now.

Spring Rummage Sale

The date has been set to Sat. March 30th. So it's time to start cleaning those closets, attics etc - because of course, need donations! Please remember that all donations should be gently used, clean (free of rips and stains), and in working condition. We also cannot take major appliances, exercise equipment, mattresses, and tube TVs. It would be most helpful to us if you could bring your donations to fellowship hall on Wednesday 3/27, Thursday 3/28 or Friday 3/29. If you can't



SUNDAY 2/24
9:45 AM - Worship
11:00 AM - Sunday School all ages

MONDAY 2/25
9:30 AM - Knitwits

TUESDAY 2/26
7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY 2/27
12:30 PM Adult Bible Study
7:30 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY 2/28
9:30 AM Thurs. Morning Group

SUNDAY 3/3 - FOOD SUNDAY

make those days for drop off, you can still drop off early in room 8 during normal office hours. Any questions, contact Rhea S, Paul Q or Ruth H.

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Intergenerational Event March 10th

The Education and Mission Committees have planned another Intergenerational Sunday School session for March 10th. We'll be collecting new or gently used softcover books for the Madison Area Jail Ministry. Chaplain Todd Marcotte will use the books in his ministry to men and women incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. As an activity for the event, we'll make bookmarks to include as a personal gift. Chaplain Todd has provided a list of titles and authors for books frequently requested. Copies of the list will be available on the desk outside the Sanctuary as well as in the Lounge. If you'd like to drop off a book to donate in advance of March 10th, place it in the box outside the Sanctuary. If you would rather make a monetary donation, just mark JAIL BOOKS in the memo and we will go shopping for you. We hope you'll attend this Sunday School session. It's a wonderful way to show our support for those incarcerated and to learn more about the work of the Jail Ministry. Any questions? Please contact Connie E or Liane K. Thank you!



Focus Text This

Sunday: Luke 6:27-38



Staff:

Scott Anderson, Pastor

Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music

Amy Poland, Childrens Ministries
Coordinator

Katie Bencze, Church Admin

Dorothy Blotz, Accompanist

Vern Forsberg, Pastor Emeritus

Beyond the Broken Heart - a Grief Group led by Pastor Clara Thompson, will be offered this spring at Covenant Presbyterian Church

- *Are you grieving the loss of a loved one and feel like you're drifting aimlessly?*
- *Do you wonder if what you are feeling is "normal?"*
- *Do you seek an opportunity to learn more about grief so that you can respond to it more faithfully?*

Covenant Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer a four-week support and ministry program this spring. The group will meet on Sunday afternoons from 12:15-1:45 PM, (on March 17, 24, and 31, and on April 14 – note there is NO GROUP in April 7) with a light lunch being served and good opportunities for sharing and learning together each week. We will meet at Covenant in Room C-206.

Our conversations together will be based on the book *Beyond the Broken Heart, A Journey Through Grief*, by Julie Yarbrough. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$12) in advance of the first group gathering. I think you will find the book to be a good resource for your journey, as well as the companionship of others who have experienced grief first-hand. Though regular group participation is helpful, it is not mandatory. Come to the group as often as you are able!

Topics to be covered are as follows:

- March 17 Sharing our Stories of Loss, Naming our Grief, and Understanding Grief
- March 24 Yielding to Grief, and Responding to Grief
- March 31 Adjusting through Grief, and Responding to Grief
- April 7 NO GROUP MEETING this day!
- April 14 Growing Spiritually through Grief, and Living Beyond Grief

Feel free to bring a relative, friend, or neighbor! All are welcome!

Please sign-up by March 1st by calling the Covenant church office at 233-6297, or email Pastor Clara at cthompson@covenantmadison.org. Feel free to contact Clara for further information!

March Coins for a Cause

We can help those who are already close to our hearts. For the past few years the Allied area Girls Empowered by Motivated Sisters program (GEMS) supported middle school girls ages 10-14 with weekly evening meetings focusing on crafts and discussions of teen issues. Their meetings were changed to monthly gatherings due to lack of financial support. The girls are being surveyed to determine their interest in various activities so that they will again be a vibrant group when their meetings restart in the spring of 2019. The session has voted to devote our Coins for a Cause March donations to GEMS. Please help African American and Latina girls find their voice, skills and companionship in this neighborhood group by donating generously. Please hold this group in your prayers.

