



Newsletter & Announcements February 20, 2020

This Sunday- Forum After Worship

Join guest speaker Rebecca Bedell as she updates us on the exciting ministry that is happening with our friends at Pres House!

Ash Wednesday Service

Please joins us for Ash Wednesday Service at Westminster this week on February 26 at 7:00pm.

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 outside 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. **(Note: this study is in lieu of the normal Sunday Forum during Lent)**

It's not too late! **You can still 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.



Please keep the following in your prayers...Homebound Highlights (rotating each week): Shirley Dieter, Shirley Toomey, Millie Stevens, Bucky Pike

Members & Friends: Betty Smith, , Kathy Costello, Seema Tahir, Francoise Johnson's grandson (Nicholas), Mayme Williams, Kim Marsh, Kate Dooley's grandson, the family of Beth Dorhn and the family of Margaret Cunningham, Gordon Fletcher (Roger's Dad)

UPCOMING
Events

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!

***** For those who asked for a book, they are in and can be purchased in the church office (\$16 - make checks to Westminster).**

Candle Making THIS SUNDAY

A reminder that the candle making event was rescheduled for this Sunday 2/23 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. If you signed up to bring a side, Thank you!

A Note of Thanks

Dear Westminster Friends,

Thank you for your cards, calls and prayers while I was recovering from my knee replacement. Thanks to Pastor Scott for prayers and visits. I am so blessed to have my church family. Blessings to all, Dorothy Schroeder

Margaret Cunningham Memorial

Member Margaret Cunningham recently passed on February 11. A memorial service will be held at Milestone Senior Living, 1870 Market St., Cross Plains, 2 – 4pm on Saturday, Feb. 29. All are welcome. Please keep Margaret's family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Koda at Church

Mary Koeppe will be bringing Koda to church on March 8. Koda is a certified therapy dog. Therapy dogs can be petted and are very beneficial which is why many in our congregation have expressed gratitude for the opportunity to have her here occasionally. Mary understands there may be some animal allergies, so she stays in the back of the sanctuary and makes it a point to stay away from those who have any sensitivities (please feel free to her know if you do). The MJB Lounge and coffee area in the Narthex will be designated as animal free zones. We will continue to give advanced notice of any future visits by Koda.

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

THIS SUN 2/23

@ 9:45am - Worship

@ 11:00am - Sunday School
& Adult Forum with Rebecca Bedell

MON 2/24

@ 9:30am - Knitwits

TUES 2/25

@ 7:00pm - Session Meeting

WEDS 2/26

@12:30pm - Bible Study at WPC

@7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

@ 8:00pm - Choir Rehearsal

THURS 2/27

@ 9:30am -Thursday Book Group

SUN 3/1

@ 9:45am - Worship

@ 11:00am - Kids Sunday School & Lenten Small Group Book Discussion "Unafraid"

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

[CLICK HERE](#) to see all the latest happenings at Westminster!



Scripture text: Matthew 7:1-14

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 the shelter have also doubled. When it is 20 degrees 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 they need. A list of these items and sizes is posted in the narthex as well as the weekly e-mail announcements. In the first 2 weeks of February, you have responded generously and filled the bins we had in the narthex. We made our first delivery of your donations on 2/17 and they were very much appreciated. We welcome your ongoing donations to fill the bins again. Thank You ! (Joint project of The Mission Committee and Presbyterian Women of Westminster-PWW)

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 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



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

open to all. We hope you can come! Stay tuned for registration forms and our exciting theme!

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