

WESTMINSTER NEWS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2018



Worship at Westminster February, 2018

- February 4 **Communion Sunday-Worship moves to 9:45 am**
Focus Text: Mark 1:29-39
Scott Anderson preaching, "God's Dynamite"
Sunday School: 10:50 am children, 11:00 am adults
- February 11 **Transfiguration Sunday & Winter Farmers' Market**
9:45 Worship-Focus Text: Mark 9:2-9
Scott Anderson preaching, "Living in the Future Present"
11:00 Adult Forum: Winter Farmer's Market
- February 14 **Ash Wednesday**
7:00 pm Worship-Service of Ashes
Focus Text: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- February 18 **First Sunday in Lent**
9:45 Worship-Focus Text: Genesis 9:8-17
Scott Anderson preaching, "Looking for Rainbows"
Sunday School: 10:50 am children, 11:00 am adults
- February 25 **Second Sunday in Lent**
9:45 Worship-Focus text: Mark 8:31-38
Sara and Jeff Hayes preaching, Scott Anderson assisting
Sunday School: 10:50 am children, 11:00 am adults



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 Lenten Adult Education Series

Traditions of Repentance in Christianity and Judaism
Co-Led by Rabbi Jonathan Biatch and Rev. Scott Anderson
Thursdays 7 pm – 8:30 pm beginning February 15

Rabbi Jonathan Biatch from Temple Beth-El and Pastor Scott will be co-leading a seven-week series during the season of Lent exploring what the Jewish and Christian traditions teach us about the meaning of repentance. Members and friends from both congregations are invited to participate. Weekly sessions will include both presentation and small group discussion. The weekly focus will vary. At times we will be looking at the scriptural witness of both Judaism and Christianity as well as discerning what this ancient spiritual practice means for us today.

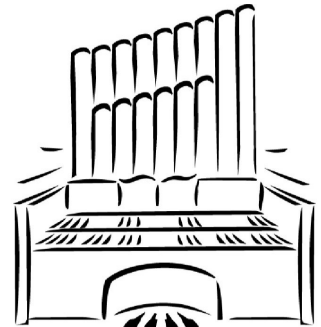
The venue for each class will alternate between the two congregations:

Thursday, February 15 7-8:30p	Temple Beth El
Thursday, February 22 7-8:30p	Westminster Church (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, February 28 7-8:30p	Temple Beth El
Thursday, March 1 7-8:30p	Westminster Church (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, March 8 7-8:30p	Temple Beth El
Thursday, March 15 7-8:30p	Westminster Church (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, March 22 7-8:30p	Temple Beth El

Because of limited parking at both locations, participants are encouraged to carpool. At the conclusion of the class, participants are invited to join Westminster for its Maundy Thursday service March 29th as well as participate in the traditional Jewish Seder at Temple Beth-El on Saturday, March 31. Please RSVP to Katie Bencze at : info@westminstermadison.org

Organ Project - An Update

In the last issue of Westminster Stories, Pastor Scott detailed information about the organ project. The fundraising goal for the project is \$150,000. We are pleased to inform you that, as of January 29, 2018, the total amount pledged to the project is just over \$130,000! Thank you! This is an outstanding response to the opportunity to invest in the long-term health and vitality of Westminster's instrument. We are hopeful that additional pledges in February will close the \$20,000 gap and enable us to achieve the stated goal. If you would like to pledge, please contact Katie in the church office. Thank you for your support.



- Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music

Sara and Jeff Hayes to Preach February 25

As many of you know the Hayes Family will be leaving Madison this summer for a year-long trip of mission service around the globe. Sara and Jeff will be in our pulpit on February 25 to share how God has led them to embrace this adventure along with more details about their trip. Please join us! - Scott Anderson



Mark Your Calendar

February Winter Farmer's Market at Westminster! We will be hosting the Monroe Street Farmer's Winter Market on **Sunday, Feb. 11 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.** The market will be in the narthex and will be open to the congregation and the neighborhood. Expected offerings include meat, eggs, overwintered produce, and soap-- all locally raised

or produced! In addition, there will be an Adult Forum presentation after worship about the value of winter markets to local farmers and the importance of Community Supported Agriculture to supporting sustainable, local agricultural production. We hope you will plan to participate in this event to support an important community market and local farmers!

A Note from the Worship Committee

The Worship committee continues to plan for 2018. We felt that Christmas Eve service and hymn sing were well attended and received very positive feedback on the start time. We will be looking at and updating the Wedding Policy for Westminster and the associated fees and coordination of such events. Our main focus right now is the planning for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Ash Wednesday will be on February 14 (yes, Valentine's Day). There will be services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (possibly in conjunction with Covenant). Only one service will be offered on Easter Sunday (April 1st). More details will follow. If you wish to be a part of planning the Church year and focus on the Worship events at Westminster, please consider joining us. The Worship committee meets on the first Sunday of the month.

Rummage Sale Update

Due to schedule conflicts, the rummage sale will be changing dates (most likely to April). As soon as that date is decided, we will update everyone. More details to come!

Candle Making & Dinner February 11

Dave & Kathy Granquist & Ruth & Richard Hein will head-up a Candle-making session. We need to have an extended time so we can work on the candle making for 2 hours (4 to 6 pm). The candles need to cool before they are carried home so we will have supper at 6 pm. Then after eating, pack up the candles to take home. We will provide all the supplies, but would welcome ideas about supper, pack your own, order pizza or something else order out or potluck. At this point we know at least 4 of the girl scouts and 2 leaders of the girl scouts plan to attend. **We would appreciate it if you would sing up on the sheet in the narthex to know our numbers.** Feel free to invite friends.



More Than a Protest: Nonviolence Training Workshops

Friday, March 16th and Saturday, March 17th

Deadline to apply is February 25th; participants notified by March 5th. Workshop spaces are limited.

Student Leaders Training, Saturday, March 17th, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Lunch provided)

This workshop is designed for student leaders who have influence on campus and who will use the tools they gain from this training to lead others.

Community Leaders Training, Friday, March 16th, 5:00 – 9:00 PM (Dinner provided)

This workshop is designed for community leaders who have influence over groups of people (i.e., clergy, faculty/staff, directors, etc.), so that they can help equip people in their networks with resources for this kind of work. Community leaders will be invited to attend the all-day training on Saturday, March 17th, but we ask that they come in the stance of observers so students remain the primary focus.

In this time of rising hate crimes and unparalleled environmental destruction, our communities need a movement for social justice like never before. In response to the rising tide of violence and injustice, people are joining protests and marches in numbers that we have not seen in decades. Yet, protests and marches alone will not bring us the changes that we seek. While the need for direct action is clear, organizing a successful march or a direct action should never be a goal in and of itself. Direct actions are tools that we use as part of a larger organizing campaign that gets us to a larger goal.

In this workshop, we will engage in conversations, practice role-plays and study current and historical movements to:

- Explore several different campaign and movement building frameworks
- Learn how to create pressure and leverage through direct actions
- Learn how to utilize that leverage to get us closer to a goal
- Understand the difference between tactics, strategies and goals
- Explore key concepts and tools such as power mapping, spectrum of allies and pillars of support
- And much more.

Whether you are new to organizing and want to understand how to do it better, have some experience and want to brush up some skills, or a veteran activist with wisdom to share, we need you now!!!

These workshop will be facilitated by trainers from Eastpoint Peace Academy. Go to www.preshouse.org for more information and to sign up. *This event is sponsored by Pres House, the Crossing, and Impact Badger.*





Sunday Mornings

9:45am - Worship

9:50am - Children's Message (during Worship) followed by Children's time in Rm 12 for K-3.

10:45am - Coffee in the Narthex

Sunday School:

10:50am - K-5 in Room 12, Youth (middle & high school) in Youth Suite downstairs

11:00am - Adult Bible Study or Forum in the Mary Jean Bartholomew Lounge

Preschool and younger are welcome in the nursery

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



January Session Highlights: Session met for its stated meeting on January 23rd.

Session approved study leave for Scott to attend two conferences:

April 26-27: at the University of Wisconsin for the Conference on Howard Thurman and the May 21-25: Festival of Homiletics in Washington DC.

The Clerk reported that the annual statistics had been filed with John Knox Presbytery and General Assembly

Mission is planning An Interfaith Lent discussion on "Jewish and Christian Perspective on Repentance" will begin on Feb. 15th at Temple Beth El. The 7:00 p.m. Thurs. evening series will alternate classes at Westminster and the temple and everyone is invited to participate in Westminster's Maundy Thursday service and Temple Beth El's community Seder Saturday, March 31st.

Treasurer Dave Granquist presented year end financials which were approved. Session also approved sending \$3000 to Pres House for its downtown ministry and setting aside \$15,000 from special funds to provide pastoral assistance with educational staff. Dave expressed gratitude for the pledges and early payments for Phase II which will enable us to pay an extra \$35,000 on the mortgage bringing that to under \$100,000 and saving considerable interest. He will present all this information to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in more detail.

The Endowment grew by 17.9% in 2017 which gives Session over \$11,000 to fund special projects. Ed Cothroll will report on the Endowment at the Annual meeting.

February 10th will be a joint Session Deacons meeting for officer training and to plan for the coming year. We will have a retreat at Covenant Presbyterian Church from 10 am-2 pm. There will be no regularly scheduled Session meeting on the 4th Tuesday.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Judy Pfaehler 2/2
 Walter Pridham 2/4
 Connie Dettloff 2/6
 Carl Martin 2/10
 Jack Browning 2/13
 Cynthia Bush 2/19

Carol Wright 2/20
 Dorothy Schroeder 2/21
 Ann Rowley 2/22
 Judy Graham 2/25
 Grace Ringsmuth 2/27
 Susan Webb Yackee 2/28



UPDATED WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Liturgists

Ushers

Greeters

Communion Servers

2/4/2018	Karen Stephens	Ron Behling	Dave Granquist
		Kathy Key	Kathy Granquist
		Judy Graham	
		Bob Forsberg	
2/11/2018	Donna Chandler	Judy Stone	Ken Sadeghian
		Andrea Kenny	Libby Sadeghian
		Rhea Schultz	
		Lee DeSpain	
2/14/2018 Ash Weds	Patricia Miller	TBD	TBD
		TBD	
2/18/2018	Andrea Kenny	Ed Cothroll	Karen Osborne
		Doug Kornetzke	Julie Madden
		Dave Granquist	
		Ron Behling	
2/25/2018	Richard Appen	Paul Bishop	Rhea Schultz
		Linda Bishop	Julie Madden
		Ed Cothroll	
		Ron Behling	

Ed Cothroll
Thatcher Root
Karen Stephens
Dorothy Hujik

Thank
 you

JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers for health, peace and wholeness:

Jack Browning, Shirley Toomey, Vern Forsberg, Wade Waggener, Ann Friedley, Lil Marsh, Marjorie Hamann and son Jack, Howard Thompson, Agnes Dako, Shirley Dieter, Tom Buchauser, Mary Lathrop's sister Louise



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:45 AM Worship	29	30	31 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	1 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	2 5:30 PM DBSA	3
4 Food Sunday 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	5	6 12 PM JKP Regional Meeting	7 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	8 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	9 5:30 PM DBSA 5:30 PM Parents Night Out at WPC 6:30 PM Shelter Dinner	10 5:00 AM Shelter Breakfast 10am Session/ Deacon Retreat
11 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM—1:30 AM Winter Farmers Market at WPC 4PM Candle Making at WPC	12 9:30 AM Knitwits at WPC	13	14 1:30 PM Oakwood West Worship 7:00 PM AA 6:30PM Choir Warm Up 7 PM Ash Weds. Service	15 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group 6:00 PM Mary-Elizabeth Circle	16 5:30 PM DBSA 7:00 PM Doin' R Thing Dance	17
18 Just Bakery Sale! 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	19	20 1:00 PM Esther-Naomi Circle 10:00 AM Allied Partners Meeting 7:00 PM Stewardship	21 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	22 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	23 5:30 PM DBSA	24
25 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	26 Church office hours 9a-1p 9:30 AM Knitwits at WPC	27 Church office hours 9a-1p	28 Church office hours 9a-1p 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	1 Church office hours 9a-1p 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	2 5:30 PM DBSA	3

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Attentive to the Word,

Faithful to our covenant with God and each other, and

Diligent in ministering to the needs of the world.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Service:
9:45am Sundays

Sunday Schools:
10:50am: K-4th grade &
Youth (5th - high school)
11:00am: Adult

~ Child Care available ~