

WESTMINSTER NEWS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March at Westminster

- March 3 Transfiguration of the Lord/Communion Sunday
Exod. 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
Focus Text: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)
Sermon: Dazzled
- March 6 Ash Wednesday - 7:00pm
Lectionary: Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Focus Text: Isaiah 58:1-12
Meditation: An Acceptable Offering
- March 10 First Sunday in Lent
Lectionary: Duet. 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
Focus Text: Luke 4:1-13
Sermon: Temptation
- March 17 Second Sunday in Lent
Lectionary: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
Focus Text: TBD
Sermon: Rev. Jerry Hancock, Guest Preacher (Scott will assist)
- March 24 Third Sunday in Lent
Lectionary: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; I Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
Focus Text: Isaiah 55:1-9
Sermon: Outrageous Abundance
- March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent
Lectionary: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
Focus Text: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32
Sermon: Come to the Party!



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please note that we cannot take major appliances, exercise equipment, mattresses, and tube TVs. Our storage space is limited, so 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 make those days for drop off, you can still drop off early in room 8 during normal office hours. We also are in need of many volunteers for the sale. If you can spare a little time, we would appreciate it! Please sign up in the Narthex on the Rummage Sale Poster. Any questions, contact Rhea Schultz, Paul Quin or Ruth Hein.

First Sunday - Food Sunday

On the first Sunday of each month we gather at the communion table to nourish our souls and we also have the opportunity to share nourishing food with those in need. In the Narthex we collect nonperishable food items for the Allied Food Pantry and can also give cash offerings in the collection plate providing for food purchases for the 18 meals a year that we serve at the Porchlight Men's Homeless Shelter. Because of increasing demand from other providers, it is now more difficult to obtain food from the Community Action Coalition of South Central Wisconsin's food pantry while needing to feed increasing numbers of homeless. Sunday March 3rd is a first Sunday, so please consider bringing a nonperishable food item for the Allied Food Pantry and/or a cash offering for our Men's Shelter meals. Your prayers are always appreciated that Westminster's outreach might continue with active volunteers willing and able to distribute food to those in need.

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 Evans or Liane Kosaki. Thank you!



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.



Westminster Hosts Aldermanic Forum for District 10

Come to Westminster's Fellowship Hall on March 4th, 7-8 P.M. to hear candidates Zachary Henak and Kristin S. Johnson during the District 10 Aldermanic Forum. Additional forums:
Monday March 18 at Sequoya Library 7pm & Saturday March 23 at Meadowridge Library 12:30 pm
Remember, the Spring election is April 2, 2019.

Have you ever had dinner at Liliana's? A new reason to go!

On March 6 from 5-10 P.M. Liliana's is holding a fund raiser for Cherokee Heights Middle School's PTO with 20% of your bill being contributed back to the PTO by just mentioning the school. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help others while enjoying your evening eating Cajun & Creole fare along with live music at; Liliana's, 2951 Triverton Pike, Fitchburg.

Another huge THANK YOU to Westminster's generous congregation

Joining Forces for Families - Allied thanks all who participated this year in their Angel Tree Christmas giving program for Allied families. I know that many have expressed their joy at being able to participate in this program and certainly Ryan, the community social worker and Kelsey, the field student at Allied, are thankful for your help as they remind us that "the holidays can be very stressful for many families." Westminster fulfilled 60 of the 300 requests for gifts. Please see the Thank You letter posted on the Mission bulletin board.

Thursday Book Group—New Book, Join Us!

The Thursday book group is starting a new book this Thursday, March 7 titled "The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World" by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. We hope you can join us for this fun and lively group on Thursdays at 9:30am. If you would like to purchase the book, they are available in the church office for \$17.

A Note from Seema (Madinah's School Principal)

Dear respected members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church,

I am writing to formally announce to you my departure from the Madinah Academy of Madison as Assistant Administrator and to thank you all for the precious goodwill, kindness, support, warmth and welcome you have given us over the years.

But for your generosity, the school could not have come off the utterly disabling situation that we had to confront some 7 years ago due to the fire in the old school building, just as the school year was about to start. I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my heartfelt gratitude for your all out help in the moment of our distress. Your humane concerns will always remain part of the Madinah history.

Special shout out to Andrea, Dana, Maggie, and Lisa for volunteering in our classrooms and helping our teachers to shaping the young minds and help them to be good humans and better citizens of the world.

Although I will no longer be holding any official position at the school, I will be a part of this school community and I am hoping to continue the bond of friendship and fellowship with you all. Katie in the church office has my personal contact information, so if you would ever like to contact me, please feel free to do so.

Thank you again and may God bless you.

Warmest regards, Seema Tahir



A Note From the Hayes Family:

Dear Westminster Family,

We want to thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, and well wishes. They mean so much to us and bring us so much joy. We miss our wonderful church family so much, especially the fellowship, the service, and the music on Sunday mornings. We think of you often and look forward to seeing all of you in just 5 short months.

We finished up our time in India at the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission (aka: The Farm) with tearful goodbyes on January 25. We had a bit of a snafu with our transportation, our domestic flight into Delhi was cancelled so we had to brave the 10 hour drive from Banbasa to Delhi. In addition to the arduous journey Sara was struggling quite a bit our last 2 weeks in India as the air quality made it very difficult to breathe. She spent the next 2 weeks allowing her lungs to clear out and to heal. We fortunately had an unplanned vacation in between our services which allowed for some R&R and preparation for the last half of our trip.

In mid-February we headed off to our current station in Sri Lanka at the Kosgoda Sea Turtle Conservation Project. This project has been a wonderful learning experience for all of us, but it also has been a lot of work. The kids are enjoying it, but finding it difficult to adjust to the manual labor and the down times. It is funny because either the work is too hard or there isn't enough to do! But we are managing and we all are enjoying learning about the sea turtles and working hard to help them have a better chance of survival (in the wild they have a 1% chance of surviving to adulthood, which is 20-30 years old when they are able to reproduce). We have been fortunate to experience the whole range of life from nesting to hatching and releasing and also to, unfortunately, to the passing of one of the conservancy's longest resident turtles.

We leave Colombo (and the stifling heat and humidity) for the cooler climate of Romania on March 4th. We are not quite looking forward to the 17 hours of travel time, but the kids have become great travelers. We plan on starting our work at the children's hospital on March 6 where Jeff and Sara will be on alternating shifts at the hospital while the other works in the office and supply house with the kids. We are really looking forward to this time in Romania. Sometime around the 7th of May we will be heading for Kenya where we will be working with the Kibera Girls Soccer Academy.

Please continue to keep in touch with us; we love the emails and cards. We look forward to seeing you all again very soon! We wish you all the very best and know that you all are close to our hearts.

Sara does have a prayer request. Her Grandmother was just recently released from the hospital to a skilled nursing facility. She is not doing well, which makes it very difficult being this far away from family.

Love, The Hayes Family



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

April 14 - Palm Sunday: 9:45 AM Worship

April 18 - Maundy Thursday (Fellowship hall): 6:30 PM Seder Dinner and Worship

April 19 - Good Friday: 7:00 PM Combined Worship with Covenant (service is at Westminster)

April 21—Easter Sunday: 9:45 AM Worship, 11:00 AM Catered Breakfast & Kids Easter egg hunt after worship!

Children's Corner

February may be a short month, but there has been no shortage of happenings here at church. The children of Westminster have been worshipping, praying, and investigating our Christian faith. We are so blessed to have wonderful teams of dedicated teachers! During this time of Epiphany, the children have studied the prophet Jeremiah, how Jesus called his first disciples, and the surprising ways that God brings blessing to the world. They have created scrolls, brainstormed ways to tell others about Jesus, and discussed what it means to be "children of God." The second Sunday of the month was our Intergenerational Sunday School event. The Education and Fellowship committees jointly hosted a pizza and game playing get-together. Clue, Yahtzee, Connect Four, and pepperoni pizza were enjoyed by all!

February Fun - Intergenerational game day was a great success!



Westminster Members Make a Difference for 20 Students!

20 fortunate Cherokee Heights Middle School (CHMS) students participated in the first crockpot cooking class on February 19, 2019. Learning how to prepare food for themselves and their families, these girls were also gifted with other items needed for more easily preparing a meal at their homes. Westminster's generous financial gifts allowed Beth Bookland, the food pantry volunteer director, to purchase ingredients for crockpot meals for each student to take home with them along with the laminated recipes they learned how to use to select the correct amount of each item. In addition, your donations allowed for each participant to get a can opener, a large stirring spoon, a cutting board and measuring cups with attached measuring spoons. The donations from Westminster and our neighborhood allowed each student to take home their own crockpot in a reusable bag. Each student was excited about learning these new skills that led to being able to eat items they enjoyed. Discussions are ongoing as to how new crockpot lessons can be conducted now that they have their own crockpots. The food pantry is prepared to support items needed for crockpot cooking. Please see their notes of thanks posted on the local mission bulletin board. Beth again wishes to thank the congregation as without our input this special event would not have taken place. Please continue to hold these students in your prayers.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Ron Behling 03/01
Isabell Buffat 03/04
Betty Bush 03/04
Wallace Douma 03/05

Agnes Dako 03/07
Pat Mullin 03/09
Nell Seiberlich 03/10
John Ringsmuth 03/11
Lou Ann Schermerhorn 3/12
Connie Jones 03/14
Rick Dettloff 03/15
Kira Dohrn Jones 03/15
Kathy Key 03/15

Kathy DePaul 03/21
Jerry Tarr 03/21
Karen Stephens 03/24
Julia Sherman 03/25
Judy Thompson 03/25
Kate Fletcher 03/26
Scott Anderson 03/28
Nanci Bjorling 03/30

UPDATED WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
3/3/2019	Patricia Miller	Judy Stone	Fletcher Family	Ed Cothroll
		Andrea Kenny		Abe Aberle
		Bob Weber		Erin Nass
		Ken Sadeghian		Thatcher Root
3/6/2019 Ash Weds 7:00PM	Patricia Miller		TBD	
3/10/2019	Lynnette Tortorich	Lee DeSpain	Kwiatkowski Family	
		Rhea Schultz		
		Kathy Key		
		Karen Osborne		
3/17/2019	Karen Stephens	Bob Weber	Dale Rohde	
		Ed Cothroll	Marian Rohde	
		Richard Appen		
		Alice Appen		
3/24/2019	Erin Nass	Ed Cothroll	Dick Zimmer	
		Kathy Key	Peggy Zimmer	
		Paul Bishop		
		Linda Bishop		
3/31/2019	Liane Kosaki	Mark Tortorich	Abe Aberle	
		Lynnette Tortorich	Carrie Aberle	
		Bob Klassy		
		Dave Granquist		

Please Keep Us in the Loop

Have a change in address? Are we missing your birthday? Do you have an announcement for the newsletter or weekly insert? Please let us know! Just call or write Katie in the office: info@westminstermadison.org or 238-3121. Newsletter articles are due on the 15th of each month. Weekly insert announcements are due the Tuesday before the Sunday that it is published. Thanks!

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,
Jack Hamann, Ann Friedley, Hugh Moss, Judy Thompson & family,
Pat Marshall, Nancy Prine, Bill Vogelsang*



MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24 9:45 AM Worship	25	26	27 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	1 5:30 PM DBSA	2
3 FOOD SUNDAY 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School for all	4 7:00 PM District 10 Aldermanic Forum at WPC	5	6 12:30 Bible Study 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	7 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	8 5:30 PM DBSA	9 5:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
10 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Intergenerational Event—Bookmarks and Books for MAJM	11 9:30 AM Knitwits at WPC	12	13 12:30 Bible Study 1:30 PM Oakwood West Worship 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM AA	9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group		16
17 JUST BAKERY SALE 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School for all	18	19 1:00 PM Esther- Naomi Circle 3:00 PM Stewardship	20 12:30 Bible Study 7:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM AA	21 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group 6:00 PM Mary- Elizabeth Circle	22 5:30 PM DBSA	23
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Ever seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit, we strive to follow Jesus Christ by being...

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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9:45am Sundays

Sunday Schools:
11:00 am: K-4th grade &
Adult

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