



Newsletter & Announcements March 29, 2019

Calling All Scripture Readers!

On Palm/Passion Sunday, April 14, we will have a “reader’s theatre” style recitation of the passion story of Jesus during worship, with the whole congregation participating in the reading. We are looking for several individual readers as well, including Jesus, some of his disciples, Pilate and a few others. There is nothing to memorize. We will have one rehearsal at 8:30a prior to worship on Palm Sunday. If interested email Scott Anderson at scott@westminstermadison.org no later than April 7.

HOLY WEEK:

April 18 at 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service and Seder Dinner:

Join us in fellowship hall for a traditional Seder Dinner and Maundy Thursday service. This is a family friendly event and all are welcome! [RSVP](#) by April 14 (Palm Sunday) so we know how much to prepare. There will also be a sign up sheet on the coat rack table in the Narthex if you prefer to RSVP that way. We hope to see you there!

April 19 at 7:00pm - Good Friday Service at Westminster Presbyterian

(combined service at Westminster with our friends from Covenant Presbyterian)

April 21 - EASTER

9:45am - Worship

10:45am - Children's Egg Hunt

11:00am - Breakfast

Easter Breakfast at Westminster!



LENT

Prayer Requests: Jack Browning, Shirley Toomey, Vern Forsberg, Wade Waggener, Jack Hamann, Ann Friedley, Hugh Moss, Nancy Prine, Patricia Miller, Bill & Sandy Butler, The Hayes Family



SUNDAY 3/31

9:45 AM - Worship

10:45 AM—Handbell rehearsal

11:00 AM - Sunday School

WEDNESDAY 4/3

12:30 PM Adult Bible Study

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Come celebrate Easter with us at our annual Easter Breakfast! This year we are offering a catered breakfast including eggs, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, and coffee cake for only \$7/person. Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the Easter service for food and fellowship. Contact Lynnette Tortorich for more information.

One Great Hour of Sharing

During the season of Lent, Westminster participates in the special offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Our gifts support ministries providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, food for the hungry, and resources/education to oppressed and disadvantaged communities to overcome poverty and injustice through initiatives they develop. It's a blessing to support the work of these ministries. More information will be shared over the next weeks and our offerings will be collected on Easter, April 21.

Spring Clean Up - Help Needed

Westminster's Spring Clean-up and raking will be April 6 10:30am-11:30am. We have some rakes and brooms, but feel free to bring your own. If we can get 5 people, it will go very fast! Talk to Lu Kummerow or just show up!

Porchlight Informational Meeting and Brunch

Karla Thennes, Porchlight's Executive Director, has invited all who helped serve meals at the Grace Episcopal Church Drop-in Shelter to an informational meeting and appreciation brunch on Saturday April 13 at 9:30 AM at the Grace Episcopal Church (Guild Hall). Karla wants to thank all who showed up with hot food on the coldest nights and mornings, bringing enough servings for a wildly fluctuating population. You will get a personal tour of the shelter by Preston Patterson, the shelter manager, so you can finally see more than just the kitchen. Plus, you will see a video of Isaac a former guest who is now doing great. Please let Katie in the church office know if you plan to attend by April 4. You can also check out the flyer on the narthex kiosk.

Save the date!

Westminster will be combining forces with Christ Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School, June 17th to 20th, from 5 pm until 7:30 pm. VBS is open to all children ages 3 through current 5th graders and will include dinner, stories, games, crafts, and more! CPC will be the host site for this year's

THURSDAY 4/4

9:30 AM Thurs. Book Group

SUNDAY 4/7 - FOOD

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10:45 AM—Handbell

rehearsal

11:00 AM - Sunday School



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Focus text for Sunday: Luke 15:1-3,11b-32



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program and will be staffed with volunteers from both churches. Our program is open to all. We hope you can come!

Last Sunday for the March Coins for a Cause

A reminder that all coins collected in the offering plates will go to GEMS - Girls Empowered by Motivated Sisters program that supports middle school girls ages 10-14 with weekly evening meetings focusing on crafts and discussions of teen issues. Thank you for considering donating to this worthy local cause!

The Shelf is Bare

All of the wonderful school supplies Westminster provided to Thoreau Elementary School, our Adopt-a-School Partner, are gone. More supplies are welcome to get students to the end of the school year. Needed items include; colored pencils, large markers, crayons, pens, and kid-sized scissors. You can drop off supplies in the church office. Let's welcome them back from Spring Break with more school supplies for their projects.

Allied Wellness Center Receives Grant!

The Wellness Center for the Allied, Belmar, and Dunn's Marsh Neighborhoods was the February recipient of the Forward Community Investments (FCI) "Game Changer Grant". Through its mission, FCI strives to reduce social, racial, & economic disparities in WI communities. The Wellness Center was established in 2004. It now serves an area with a population of 4,480 that is 63% non white. Volunteer health professionals average 100 contacts per month. Services provided include health education; assistance with medical co-pays; bus fares and gas cards for transportation to medical visits; support for people with addiction; and referrals for other health concerns. The \$3,000 grant will be used to train 9 area residents to become Community Health Workers. They'll receive stipends to attend classes & to assist fellow residents define individual health needs. Congratulations to the Wellness Center!

Reminder:

Handbell Rehearsals are at 10:45 AM on March 31, April 7 & April 14.