

Lent, Holy Week & Easter (Online)

We will be continuing to worship together online via Westminster's YouTube channel until we are allowed to meet again. Please note that we are celebrating communion several times this month. We invite you to participate by using your own bread and grape juice (or drink of your choice) and following along.

- April 5 Palm Sunday/Communion Sunday
Lectionary: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Focus Text: Matthew 21:1-11 Sermon: To Stir a City
- April 9 Maundy Thursday/Communion (posted online by 7:00pm)
Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; I Cor. 11:23-26;
Focus Text: John 13: 1-17; 31b-35
- April 10 Good Friday Service of Tenebrae (posted online by 7:00pm)
Lectionary: Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19:42
- April 12 Easter Day/Communion
Lectionary: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-21
Focus Text: Matthew 28:1-10 Sermon: The Dawn
- April 19 2nd Sunday of Easter
Lectionary: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
Focus Text: John 20:19-31 Sermon: The Gift of Doubt
- April 26 3rd Sunday of Easter (Earth Sunday)
Lectionary: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23;
Focus Texts: Genesis 1:1-2:3; Luke 24:13-35 Sermon: Matter Matters

Updates from Westminster

As most of you know, the Governor has mandated that we can not have a physical worship or church activities until at least April 24, but that doesn't mean we can't stay connected!

-Although the office is not open to the public, religious organizations (under 10 people) are exempt from the stay at home order, so we are still here and available by phone, email or by appointment.

-Scott, Joe and John Tarr have been working hard behind the scenes to produce worship services and will post them online on our YouTube channel! A bulletin and a link will be emailed weekly. You can also go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search "Westminster Presbyterian Madison".

-Wednesday Bible Study and Thursday Book Group are now meeting via Zoom. Zoom is an easy way to chat with multiple people using a computer or your phone. If you would like to join either group, you are welcome! Call the office and we will teach you how.

-Committees continue to meet via email or online. Committees are welcome to use Zoom, please reach out to Pastor Scott for details.

-You can also join our weekly sermon email, just call or email Katie in the office. (Or let her know if you need it mailed): info@westminstermadison.org or 238-3121

-Amy is gathering resources to keep our families and kids connected including a story time that is also available on our YouTube channel!

-Deacons are calling and checking on many members, but we also encourage all of you to reach out to fellow friends and members. It's amazing how just hearing someone's voice can brighten someone's day, especially during this challenging time.

-For pastoral care you can call Scott in the office at 238-3121 or for emergencies you can call his cell at 358-6153

-We encourage you to visit our website at www.westminstermadison.org for more updates, weekly announcements and sermons.

-Supporting the church: We've had several inquiries about pledges and donations during this time. Yes, you can mail it to Westminster at 4100 Nakoma Rd., Madison, WI 53711. We will be making deposits to the bank. You may also drop it off to the office during normal business hours (call ahead if you can) or sign up for auto withdrawal. Thank you!

-If you have any other thoughts or ideas, feel free to reach out to us!

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Risen

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Roger Fletcher 04/01
Bill Tanke 04/08
Len Van Ess 04/09
Mary Tarr 04/11
Lisa Smith 04/18
Annie Levihn 04/21
Gary Stephens 04/21
Dave Granquist 04/22
Evangeline Smith 04/23
Anjali Hayes 04/26
Sophie Hermsen 04/26
Francoise Goddard (Johnson) 04/26
Anjali Hayes 04/26
Sophie Hermsen 04/26
Paul Quin 04/26
Fanny Kwok 04/28
Patricia Miller 04/28
Erin Nass 04/28
Shirley Dieter 04/29
Amy Poland 04/29
John Tarr 04/30



Rummage Sale Postponed

Please note that the Spring rummage sale has been postponed due to the current situation. We will reschedule as soon as we can.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Westminster's Congregation generously reaches out to others when we join with all fellow Presbyterians in our yearly One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. Here we are following the Jesus of Matthew 25, teaching his flock to feed the hungry and thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." The funds raised serve many purposes, including helping people recover and find hope after devastating natural or human-caused disasters, taking action to alleviate hunger and systemic causes of poverty, and supporting communities seeking to eradicate racism, oppression, poverty, injustice, and other social ills. Daily we see the neglect if not the outright repudiation of the second great commandment "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." We choose to follow Jesus Christ's teachings and love of all humanity by supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing. Your generous response to this appeal is appreciated by all who are served.

Prayer Requests for members and friends

Betty Smith, Kathy Costello, Seema Tahir, Francoise Johnson's grandson (Nicholas), Mayme Williams, Kate Dooley's grandson, Karen Stephens & family, Sam Buffat, Kathy Key's son-in-law, Peggy & Dick Zimmer (on the loss of their siblings), Bill Butler

Wonderful things are Happening in Fellowship Hall for the Community.

Westminster's Fellowship Hall became the focus for the collected food items from the Thoreau PTO drive in addition to the site for all of the perishable and non-perishable items from the Cherokee Heights Middle School Food Pantry on Monday, March 16th as both school closed their doors. As you read in another church announcement, Westminster donated \$730 of the approximately \$6,800 that the PTO raised to fund this new food effort. Delivery of food to our site from Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin was arranged. The need was identified as being far greater than just involving Thoreau and Cherokee Heights families so Laura Glaub, the Thoreau social worker, arranged to have our location designated as a United Way relief site. It made the most sense to organize this site as a partnership for all Madison Metropolitan School District schools whose students ultimately would go to West High School. These schools include; Lincoln, Leopold, Midvale, Wright, Thoreau and Cherokee. This structure provides;

- A shared location at Westminster Presbyterian Church
- A shared set of volunteers through United Way that are all following CDC protocols for volunteer and community safety
- A shared ability to communicate and collaborate, especially where our efforts involved shared families
- A means to easily collaborate when applying for the United Way relief grant for families
- Although we are working collaboratively, each school in the program will still order food from Second Harvest to meet the needs of their own school community as identified by staff. Monetary donations are appreciated as we continue to serve these families with food and additional needs such as toiletries, etc. Checks made out to the church with Thoreau PTO in the memo line will be donated. Additional means of helping at Westminster involve signing up as a team or individually to volunteer. Please follow this link [HERE](#). Although Westminster has provided the space, we would like to especially thank Alexa Wautier, the Thoreau PTO President and Abby Ray, the Cherokee Heights Middle School social worker in addition to Laura Glaub. Your prayers for the success of this feeding project are appreciated. Westminster is living up to the designation by the Presbyterian Church of being a Hunger Action Congregation. For more details, check out the article in the Cap Times [HERE](#).



Fellowship Hall packed with food!

Congratulations to Jon & Amanda Tanke! (and to proud grandparents Bill & Linda)

Westminster is thrilled to share the news that Claire Elise Tanke arrived Sunday, March 29 at 9:18 am. She's 19 inches long and weighed in at 6lb 14oz. Mom, dad, and baby are all doing well. Grandma and Grandpa couldn't be happier for them. During these trying times we rejoice in God's greatest blessing to us all!



Busy Little Bees

Special thanks to Sandy Curran and Carol Birch for coordinating the lovely update to our sanctuary back wall. We can't wait for everyone to see it in person! (Seasonal banners are designed to hang over the artwork)



COMING UP - JOIN US (call for details 608-238-3121)

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 12:30pm: Bible Study with Rev. Jessica Salt via ZOOM

EVERY THURSDAY @ 10:00am: Book Group with Pastor Scott via ZOOM

WORSHIP: Every Sunday & Holy Week (Maundy Thursday & Good Friday) via [Westminster's YouTube](#) channel.