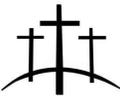


# Westminster News - APRIL 2021



## April Online Worship (HOLY WEEK) at Westminster

- April 1**      **Maundy Thursday/Communion**  
Texts: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;  
John 13: 1-17, 31b-35  
Focus Text: I Corinthians 11:23-26  
Maundy Thursday Meditation: In Remembrance of Me
- April 2**      **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
Collaboration with Covenant Presbyterian Church 
- April 4**      **Easter Day/ Communion Sunday**  
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Cor 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8  
Focus Text: Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8  
Sermon: The Power of Hope
- April 11**      **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 4:32-35  
Focus Text: TBA  
Sermon: Julie Waterdu, Guest Preacher
- April 18**      **3rd Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48  
Focus Text: Acts 3:12-19  
Sermon: Signs of the Presence
- April 25**      **4th Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18  
Focus Text: Acts 4: 5-12  
Sermon "By What Power?"

### Sunday School Schedule Notes:

- There will be no Kids Sunday School on **April 4 (Easter)**
- There will be no Adult Sunday School or Forums on **April 4 & 11.**
- There **will** still be zoom coffee hour every Sunday at 11am.



### Sunday Morning Bible Study With Pastor Scott Resumes April 18

Pastor Scott's 11:45a-12:30p Sunday morning Bible study via Zoom, immediately following coffee fellowship, will resume on April 18.

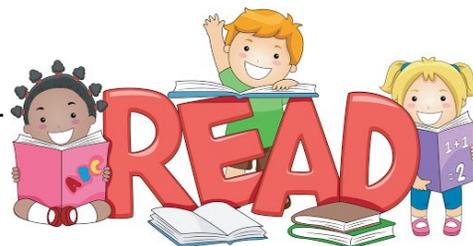
Pastor Scott will be preaching throughout the Easter Season on the lectionary texts from the Book of Acts, which is the New Testament's history book about the early church. Class participants will have the opportunity to discuss the scripture passage of the day and the sermon based on it each week. Join us beginning April 18! Zoom links will be provided in the Sunday morning email each week.



### Summer Reading Program - Help Students Read!

Westminster Presbyterian Church has supported the Thoreau Summer Reading Program for three summers. Kelly McCann, a Crystal Apple award-winning teacher at Thoreau, has guided the program since its beginning 7 years ago. By going directly to the student's home with age appropriate books based upon their interest profile, and involving other siblings in the process, Kelly has helped the students continue to read during the summer and has provided the family with a library of donated books for their enjoyment. In the wake of the pandemic closures of our schools, this program continues to be critical to student's success with reading and comprehension skills.

Donations remain critical to our ability to provide this needed service again this summer. Our teacher is ready and students are being selected, so please consider helping this worthy program. You can make checks out to Westminster with "Summer Reading" in the memo or donate online!



### In Need of Audio/Visual Volunteers for Sunday Mornings (It's easier than you think!)

Ever dreamed of a career in television? Here's your opportunity to get some hands on experience!

With the installation of permanent video equipment in the sanctuary, we are ready to train a new cadre of volunteers to assist John Tarr and Jon Tanke with running the equipment on Sunday mornings. The new video equipment is simple and easy to use, and kind of fun, too! We are going to schedule a formal training on use of the equipment with the vendor in the next few weeks which will be taped and made available to new volunteers, along with on-the-job training. Believe me, you can do this! We hope to recruit a group of at least four volunteers who would rotate on Sunday mornings. If interested, email Pastor Scott at: [scott@westminstermadison.org](mailto:scott@westminstermadison.org)

### The Symbolism of the Paraments

The liturgical season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday and continues through Holy Week. The liturgical color for this season is purple. Canadian liturgical artist Karen Brodie, who created the paraments on the lectern and pulpit, describes her work as follows:



"Lo, How a Rose" is a design that sprang from an idea I had to use this symbol of love, the rose, opening upward from a landscape which is like an early morning sky, a time of waiting for the light, but is hopeful and filled with beauty and a coming light. We must wait and prepare and wonder during Advent like an expectant mother. The other side of the love incarnate that comes to us is Jesus' ultimate death. Advent would not have the same meaning without this death, on a cross, for us. Lent is the season of preparing and reflecting and inward examination as we journey toward the cross and ultimately, the resurrection. The idea in "Lo How a Rose" was to use this rose upward in Advent, yet downward, grieving, and inward during Lent. The petals that were seen in Advent to be part of the flower opening, will appear like they were dripping off like blood during Lent. The design will be turned upside down or right side up, depending on your perspective.



## NEW MEMBER

Nii Addo (Nii) Abrahams is a second-generation Ghanaian immigrant who spent most of his life in southwest Missouri. He has an M.A. in Religious Studies from Missouri State University and a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Nii currently works at Pres House and plans to pursue ordination as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Nii has a deep passion for the Star Wars universe (pre- and post-Disney) and is an avid supporter of Manchester United Football Club. He also appreciates a high-quality donut. Nii, his partner Haley, and their cat Poe are thrilled about life in Madison.



### Youth Mission Event

The last youth group mission project, helping the West Area Food Collaborative, was so successful, we are going to do it again! WPC youth in grades 6 through 12 are needed to help with sorting food and packing grocery bags with Amy for distribution to families in need. Parents, feel free to drop off the kids in Fellowship Hall **from 2-4 pm on Sunday, April 18**. Laura Glaub from the West High Area Collaborative will get us started on our very important tasks. The Collaborative feeds over 400 families per week. Please consider helping! Contact Amy Poland at [amy@westminstermadison.org](mailto:amy@westminstermadison.org) for questions or additional information.



### Wednesday Bible Study

The Bible Study on Acts with Rev. Jessica Salt continues through May 12 (Wednesdays from 12:30pm-2pm). It's never too late to join! This class explores the biblical text to better understand the history-shaping events that took place in the years following Christ's resurrection paying particular attention to highlights of the gospel of grace throughout the book. Please let Katie know if you would like to join at 238-3121 or [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org).

### Session Highlights:

Session held its stated meeting on Tuesday March 23rd via Zoom.

Stewardship presented a proposal for insurance coverage from Church Mutual Insurance Company to provide property and liability insurance and a Workman's Compensation Policy. The proposal was approved with thanks to John Braden, Ed Cothroll, Bob Forsberg, Bud Smith & Bill Tanke who investigated four companies and brought our coverage up to date at a reasonable cost.



Nii Abrahams, Associate Director of Campus Ministry at Pres House joined the meeting and introduced himself to the Elders. He explained his interest in making Westminster his church home and the Elders unanimously welcomed Nii Abrahams to membership. He will be received by reaffirmation of faith at the worship service on March 28th.

The congregational survey on Covid 19 was reviewed. There were 74 responses prior to the meeting with the majority of people having been vaccinated and expressing a desire to return for in-person worship services with appropriate health restrictions. After extensive discussion Session approved exploring the possibility of returning to the sanctuary for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. Committees will work with staff to develop protocols that meet Dane County Public Health requirements. We will discuss the protocols for worship services and community gathering at the April meeting before making a decision on re-opening. Worship services will continue to be available through the website when we do return in person.



**Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:**  
 Betty Smith, Dianne Stevens, Seema Tahir, Carla McCann,  
 Sara Pope, Kathy Key, Judith Rouse's daughter-in-law (Dani),  
 Michael Mullin (Betsy & Patrick's son)

**LET'S STAY CONNECTED! (call or check your email for more details)**

**ONLINE COFFEE FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00AM**

**VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS at 12:30PM**

**VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP THURSDAYS at 10:00AM**

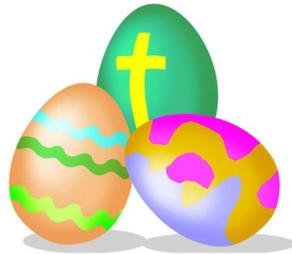
**SUNDAYS ONLINE:**

**VIRTUAL WORSHIP**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM**

**ONLINE COFFEE HOUR 11:00AM**

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/FORUM 11:45AM**



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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  
 Jean Loup 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  
 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

