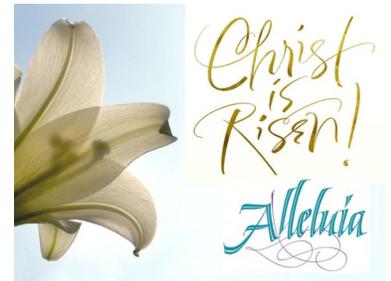


# Westminster News April 2022

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## April Worship - Season of Lent

- April 3      **Fifth Sunday in Lent/Communion Sunday**  
Lectionary: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Phil. 3:4b-14;  
Focus Text: John 12:1-8      Sermon: The Fragrance of Faith
- April 10      **Palm Sunday & Fellowship treat after worship**  
Lectionary: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40  
Focus Text: Luke 19:28-40      Sermon: Spellbound
- April 14      **Maundy Thursday/Communion 7 p.m**  
Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19;  
I Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,31b-35
- April 15      **Good Friday Tenebrae 7 p.m.**  
Lectionary: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Heb 10:16-25 or  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42
- April 17      **Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Day & Children's egg hunt after worship**  
Lectionary: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118: 1-2,14-24; Acts 10:34-43;  
Focus text: Luke 24:1-12      Sermon: Roll the Stone Away
- April 24      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter & Adult Forum after worship**  
Lectionary: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31  
Focus Text: Acts 5: 27-32      Sermon: Embodied Memory



### Lenten Study

Pastor Scott continues his 45-minute discussion session based on the devotional readings from the book Living into Lent. There are two opportunities to join the discussion each week during Lent: Sundays at 11:15am (in lieu of the pastor's Bible Study) and Thursdays at 6:30pm (via Zoom—link sent in Thursday Announcements). Note: the last class will actually be on Wednesday, 3/13 at 6:30pm due to Maundy Thursday service.

### Easter Choir!

The Chancel Choir returns to participate in worship leadership on Easter Sunday (April 17). Those interested in participating are invited to attend rehearsals from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 3, and Sunday, April 10, in the sanctuary. For more information, please contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, at [westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net](mailto:westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net).

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### WPC Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars—it's back! The fabulous Westminster rummage sale is coming on Saturday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m!

We will need help setting up Wednesday afternoon, April 20, and all day Thursday and Friday, April 21-22. We also could use willing hands to clean up 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. We can take donations ONLY the week of the sale. Want to volunteer? Contact Beth Swedeen at [ineedmycoffee2@aol.com](mailto:ineedmycoffee2@aol.com) or Sara Pope at [rosegirl1991@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegirl1991@yahoo.com) You can also sign up in the narthex!

Sale profits go to local non-profits, and we often donate unsold items at the end of the sale to local charity groups. Everyone who volunteers is guaranteed a fun time!

NOTE: We are collecting paper bags for the sale. Please drop them off in the bin inside the Yuma entrance any time before April 23.



### Allied Drive Volunteers Needed

The Allied Drive Food Pantry is looking for volunteers one or two Wednesdays a month to help clients who are picking up food. If you are interested in volunteering, please be in touch with Carol Rushmore, the Food Pantry Director. You can contact her by email at [Rushmore5116@gmail.com](mailto:Rushmore5116@gmail.com) or call her at 608-332-9773.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people face challenges to obtain food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing is a special collection throughout Lent to

help improve the lives of people around the world in challenging situations.

Your gift supports 3 different programs: the Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP), the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Programs (PDA) and the Self-Development of People Program (SDOP). These programs and monies serve individuals and communities providing initial disaster response, alleviating hunger, and supporting ongoing community development.

Last year this fund provided over \$6 million worth of aid and assistance in the US and in 56 other countries. In particular, significant funding and resources were provided to support a global response to COVID 19.

Mathew 25 encourages us to see Christ in those who are hungry, thirsty, and oppressed. This special collection is our opportunity to reach out and assist those in need. Please consider making a contribution anytime through Easter. Checks can be made to Westminster with "OGHS" in the memo or through our online portal listed in the email announcements.

### Worship Help

As we continue to normalize (hopefully!) we are in need of ushers, greeters and liturgists. Since it's been a while, we want to update our list. If you can help out in any or all of these rolls, please sign up on the coat rack table in the narthex or contact Katie in the office (608) 238-3121. All info and training are provided, so this is an easy and important way to serve the church and your fellow attendees. Please consider helping!



### Adult Forum April 24

Community organizer and activist Sheray Wallace will update the congregation about issues and advocacy regarding public health and wellness on April 24th at 11 am. Sheray, a certified Community Health Worker and Certified Nursing Assistant created the Meadowood Health Partnership which provides this neighborhood on Madison's southwest side with health education.

## A NOTE FROM SESSION

With the departure of the Madinah School to a new location, Pastor Scott and the Session have been working to find new tenants for Westminster. Continuing the use of the church building by outside tenants serves the church by providing greater outreach to the neighborhood and the larger Madison community, serving their needs as well as providing a source of revenue for the church. Our partnership with Madinah accomplished these goals, and our hope is to find new tenants that can continue to build Westminster's visibility and our potential to increase our service to the local community that resulted from that relationship.

In discussing this future development, the Session has identified the following guiding principles in determining appropriate tenants and building use:

1. We desire tenants that align with the mission of Westminster Church.
2. We desire tenants that can provide rental income to the church to help cover our operating expenses and offer new mission activities to serve the community.
3. We desire tenants that will require minimal refurbishment of existing vacant space and little management oversight.
4. We desire tenants that express flexibility in utilizing space shared with the church, such as the Fellowship Hall and adjacent kitchen.

A small committee consisting of Pastor Scott and members from the Property, Mission, and Stewardship committees have been consulting informally with two commercial realtors, Rob Helm of Helm Commercial Real Estate and Kent Yan of Plato Real Estate, about the building's fair rental value and potential uses, as well as about finding clients that would be compatible with the principles listed above. Both realtors were recommended by Lu Kummerow, who has worked with them in a professional capacity, and vetted by John Braden, chair of the Stewardship Committee.

At its March meeting, the Session approved the following motions to facilitate identifying appropriate tenant(s):

Approved retaining the two realtors, Rob Helm of Helm Commercial Real Estate and Kent Yan of Plato Real Estate, jointly to represent Westminster Church as commercial real estate brokers for a period of six months, with the usual broker commission to be paid when a tenant is secured. If the church identifies a prospective tenant, the commission is 3%. If the brokers identify a prospective tenant, the commission is 6% split between brokers according to their agreement.

Appointed three people to serve as a working group: John Braden, Chair (representing the Stewardship Committee), Lu Kummerow (representing the Property Committee), and Kathy Kamp (representing the Mission Committee). Scott Anderson and Katie Bencze will serve as staff.

Authorized the working group to consult with the real estate brokers, interview prospective tenants, secure related legal services as needed, and negotiate a lease to be presented to the Session for final approval. Our goal is to have a tenant by September 2022. The working group will work closely with other members of the Stewardship and Property committees as lease negotiations proceed.

Agreed that once a lease agreement is secured, the working group will dissolve, and the Session will need to determine how the landlord-tenant relationship will be managed going forward.

The Session also agreed to call a special congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, April 10, 2022 to provide the congregation with more information and answer questions regarding building use as well as request assistance in identifying possible future tenants for the building. The Session invites all interested congregation members to bring their questions and ideas to this meeting. We will need everyone's efforts to achieve the best uses for Westminster going forward.



**Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:**

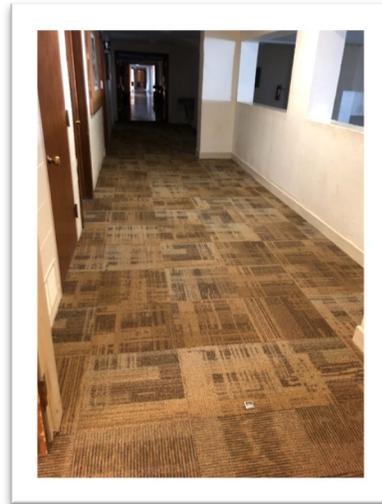
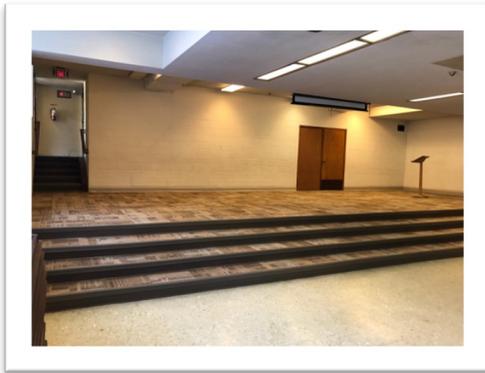
Joel Jones, Jerry Donnell, Joyce Schultz, Judy Braucht, Ken Kummerow (Lu's nephew), the family of Sandy Butler, the family of Jim Browning, Irene Oetzel (Karen Stephen's mom), Pat Marshall

**Ukraine Assistance**

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to the refugee crisis happening in Ukraine. Over one million Ukrainian people have already been displaced since the invasion began. As the violence continues, the number of people becoming homeless due to fighting or fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. If you would like to make a donation to support PDA's humanitarian response, you may donate through Westminster. Please make sure to mark "Ukraine" in the memo. We will be passing these donations directly to the PDA efforts. For more information, you can go to: [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

**Check it out - updated carpet downstairs!**

Special thanks to John Tarr for leading the project.



**Session Highlights:**

- Reviewed the need for website updates. Recognizing the excellent work of Paul Quin in designing and maintaining the website over the past few years, there is now a need to continue updating and maintaining the site in light of Paul's move out of state. Pastor Scott has been authorized to seek bids for this work and has been doing so. Session expects to authorize a contract with a provider soon.
- Was pleased to see in-person attendance beginning to increase in the wake of continued sharp declines of cases and hospitalizations due to Covid. With another variant on the horizon, however, the Session has decided to continue current policies re: masking and distancing. These policies will be reviewed at the April meeting.
- Received continued good news re: Westminster's financial status. The church's finances remain in good shape.
- Recognized the good work of the Property Committee as reflected in their vigilance in maintaining the church building and their most recent completed work on freshening Fellowship Hall.
- Continued to discuss future uses of the building in the wake of Madinah School's departure.



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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
- Bob Binhammer 04/28
- Patricia Miller 04/28
- Erin Nass 04/28
- Shirley Dieter 04/29
- Amy Poland 04/29
- John Tarr 04/30

