



## Updates & Announcements May 13, 2021



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### **SURVEY - Returning to Worship**

Planning to come to in-person worship NEXT Sunday, May 23 at 9:45am? Let us know - [CLICK HERE](#) for a quick 2 question survey. This will help us with our planning.

Please note that the safety of the congregation is our main priority. In addition to wearing masks and social distancing, we have taken steps to maximize safety by upgrading our filters in our system and increasing the air exchange rate. We also plan on opening windows and doors of the sanctuary to promote further air flow (weather permitting).

### **Wednesday Zoom Chat FYI**

**The Wednesday morning Zoom group will meet one more week (5/19)**

before the summer break.

### **Reminder for Usher & Communion Training**

Please volunteer. This is an important and necessary part of our opening. Zoom links will be sent a few days prior to training. Questions – contact Katie at 608-238-3121.

-Pastor Scott's Zoom Training for Ushers under COVID Guidelines: **Thursday, May 20th 4:00pm**

-Pastor Scott's Zoom Training for Communion Servers under COVID Guidelines: **Thursday, May 27 4:00pm**



Since we were last in

person, we have installed a hearing loop in our sanctuary! If you have hearing aids and want to use the system, you need to have your audiologist activate your t-coil. For more information on the system [CLICK HERE](#). (This includes information to give to your audiologist.)



### **Homebound Highlights**

(rotating each week): Bucky Pike, Lou Ann Schermerhorn, Nell Seiberlich, Shirley Toomey

## Youth Gardening Project May 23!

Break out the shovels, trowels and gardening shears. Youth in grades 6 through 12 are needed to help weed, rake, plant, and water. Join Amy Poland outdoors at Westminster **from 2-4 pm on Sunday, May 23rd**. We will be sprucing up the Westminster grounds and planting some pretty blooms. Bring garden tools if you have them and a water bottle. Your help is needed! Please contact Amy Poland at [amy@westminstermadison.org](mailto:amy@westminstermadison.org) for questions or additional information.



- **Children's Story:** This week's lesson is from Mark 12:41-44. It is the story of the poor widow who gave all of her coins as an offering - the most generous of all. To read the story [CLICK HERE](#). To see the video [CLICK HERE](#). To access the coloring page [CLICK HERE](#).

- **Kids:** Join Erin Nass for this week's lesson on Sunday at 10:00am. [CLICK HERE](#) for the lesson. (Zoom link in Sunday's worship email)

- **Checking in with our Grads:** Please let the church office know by **May 27th** if you or a member of your family is graduating from high school or college this spring. We would like to recognize all 2021 graduates in June: [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org).

### Success!

The Thoreau Spring Rummage Sale raised \$1,600 for the PTO. They graciously thank Westminster Presbyterian Church for lending them 10 tables for the sale and all congregation members who participated in any way to make this sale such a success.

### Breaking News - Thoreau Summer Reading Program

We have just learned of the ongoing medical therapy needs of our lead teacher, Kelly McCann, so our usual Thoreau Summer Reading Program will not be possible this year. We rejoice that Kelly has been discharged from the hospital and is back in her home. Please continue to hold her and her family in your prayers. Feel free to contact Katie in the office with any questions.

### Dine Out for Thoreau Tuesday, May 18

Hello taco lovers and burrito bowl connoisseurs! Join us for our May dine-out fundraiser at Chipotle (4000 University Ave) on Tuesday, May 18th!

Orders must be placed on the Chipotle website using the **Code CWZ96YQ** and be picked-up in person. The PTO will receive 33% of our evening sales!

**Members & Friends:** Betty Smith, Dianne Stevens, Seema Tahir, Carla McCann, Sara Pope, Kathy Key, Judith Rouse's daughter-in-law (Dani), Betsy & Patrick Mullin, Kelly McCann, Joyce Buseman, Lynn Chapman, Nancy Prine, Joel Beally & family (loss of his grandfather)

### Kelly McCann

Kelly is home and currently awaiting further treatment. She is grateful for the outpouring of support. If you'd like to send her a card her address is:  
50 Whitcomb Circle #2  
Madison, WI 53711



### Staff

**Scott Anderson**, Pastor

**Joe Chrisman**, Minister of Music

**Amy Poland**, Childrens Ministries Coordinator

**Katie Bencze**, Church Admin

**Dorothy Blotz**, Accompanist

**Vern Forsberg**, Pastor Emeritus

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## Volunteers Needed

Madison West High Area Collaborative (MWHAC) is seeking volunteers for Friday car deliveries of pre-packaged food to families in need. Alexa, from the Collaborative, has provided the following instructions for anyone wanting to sign up. **(Note that this is an update of information provided last week.)** Feel free to share this information with friends outside Westminster.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This is the direct link to the Collaborative's United Way site: [https://www.volunteeryourtime.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=508905](https://www.volunteeryourtime.org/need/detail/?need_id=508905). You have to create an account/sign up with United Way AND also make sure you sign up for our program. After you sign up you will be on the email distribution list and will receive a weekly notification email from Laura Glaub offering you the opportunity to sign up for a Friday delivery time slot via an online doodle poll. Deliveries go out between 9:30 AM and Noon on Friday mornings and generally take between 1 and 1.5 hours. Modest lifting is required.

## Pentecost Offering Sunday May 23

The Pentecost offering provides young people with opportunities to grow and share their faith in Christ. Twenty-five percent will support the Young Adult Volunteer program, providing yearly service opportunities around the world. Another Twenty-five percent goes to Ministries with Youth. The final ten percent supports ministries to improve education and provide safe havens for at-risk youth. And Forty percent of funds raised will stay with our congregation to help support local programs for youth. If you would like to donate, you can make checks payable to Westminster and mark "Pentecost" in the memo. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## Summer Backyard Book Groups

Westminster Presbyterian has traditionally held a series of summer backyard book discussions over the years. We are looking for some volunteers to host these events over the coming summer months. The hosts would have the choice of facilitating via Zoom, meeting outdoors in their backyards, or using the patio or lounge at the church, or using a combination of online and in-person interaction. Three books have been suggested, although hosts are also free to suggest their own choices for books. The suggestions:

- 1) The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
- 2) Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
- 3) Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

If you are interested in being a host, please contact Betty Bush, email: [bettybush@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bettybush@sbcglobal.net); phone: [608-273-0396](tel:608-273-0396). Thank you all!



## Online Giving:

To contribute using a debit or credit card, follow the [THIS LINK](#) to our secure giving site. **Please make sure to specify the name of the offering in the "notes" part of the second page.** You do not have to create account unless you want to save your information for quicker use in the future.



There is even a phone-friendly app that you can also use for this online donation. Download Give Plus from your phone's app store. Then just search for us by zip code "53711." Look for Westminster Presbyterian (make sure it's at 4100 Nakoma Rd. in Madison) and then you can donate.