

# WESTMINSTER NEWS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## May - Easter Season at Westminster Church

May 5

### Third Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday

Lectionary: Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-20; John 21: 1-19;  
Revelation 5:11-14

Focus Text: Acts 9:1-20

Sermon: Saving Saul

May 12

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary: Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30;  
Revelation 7:9-17

Focus Text: Psalm 23

Sermon: Song of Passage

May 19

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### Last Day of Sunday School & Teacher Recognition

Lectionary: Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35;  
Revelation 21:1-6

Focus Text: Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon: Sunday school teachers and education staff

May 26

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lectionary: Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; John 14:23-29;  
Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5

Focus Text: Acts 16:9-15

Sermon: Lydia's story



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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Shelter Meal Volunteers Needed

The new sign up for Porchlight Men's Shelter Dinners and Breakfasts is posted in the Narthex on the kiosk. Please consider signing up to help (prep or serving)! We are especially in need of a couple volunteers for breakfast on May 11. For more information, please contact Paul Quin at paquin@wisc.edu or the church office.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

## Westminster Wants to Feed God's Children All Year Long

Mother's Day is just around the corner. On this day we celebrate and remember the women who care for us, including filling our bellies. Our mothers feed us when we are small and teach us to feed ourselves when we are older. But what if you are a mother that faces food insecurity? What if you are a mother whose needs increase due to the fact that your children are going to be out of school for the summer? With these thoughts in our minds and hearts we are requesting that non-perishable food items be donated on Mother's Day to our church for distribution to the Allied Food Pantry. In celebration of all mothers, please donate generously. Help us fill the shelves so food is available all summer long. If you don't want to shop or carry food in, please designate your financial contributions to Allied Food Pantry. Your generosity and prayers are appreciated.

## Consignment Corner - Help Needed

Beth Testa will be doing a consignment corner at Westminster for the Nakoma neighborhood sale on May 10 & 11. Half of all sales will benefit Westminster to support our many programs including mission. If you would like to sell something, please contact Beth (half would go to you and half to Westminster). She is also looking for volunteers to help set up/take down and help at the tent - can you spare a few hours? Sign up on the Narthex kiosk (pink sheet) or contact Beth at: 608-320-0963 or thepinkpoodleinc@yahoo.com .

## Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

### Mallard's Baseball Game Wednesday, June 26 – 6:30 PM



We are planning an all-church outing to see a Mallard's Baseball game on the evening of June 26th. If you have not been to a Mallard's game at Warner Park, they are great fun. We are reserving covered picnic tables along the third baseline. Tickets are \$31 per person (children under 5 are free). The price includes ALL-YOU-EAT ballpark food and 3 tabs that can be used for beer, wine or kid's games. So come early and come hungry and bring the kids/grandkids! There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex on the table by the coat racks. A final count and payment will be due June 10. You can make checks payable to Westminster. Please note that scholarships are also available, please contact Katie in the office for more information. We hope you can come!

## Thank you!

Westminster's generosity is evident yet again. When our congregation heard that the shelves were bare at our Adopt-a-School Partner Thoreau Elementary School, you filled them with 1,299 donated items! For details of your gifts please see the Local Mission Bulletin Board across from the MJB Lounge. The school staff is very grateful for all that we are doing to support Thoreau students.

## How to Spell Presbyterian: An Exploration of Church Membership Sunday, May 19 12-1:30p in the Church Lounge

Pastor Scott Anderson will be leading a discussion for those interested in learning more about church membership at Westminster May 19th following Sunday School at noon. Child care will be available and a light lunch will be served. We will be discussing what Presbyterians believe and the meaning of church membership here at Westminster. Those who desire to join our congregation as a member will meet with the Session (the church's governing board) and be received into membership in worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. Class participants will be asked to read a small paperback about the Presbyterian faith prior to the class, which is available at no charge. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Pastor Scott at [Scott@westminstermadison.org](mailto:Scott@westminstermadison.org) or by calling the church office at 238-3121.

### Coins for a Cause

March was another successful month for our Coins for a Cause donations. Girls Empowered by Motivated Sisters (GEMS) will receive \$115 to reactivate the Allied program for middle school girls.

### Save the Date!



Westminster has decided to be a venue for the Make Music Madison event. Make Music Madison is part of Make Music Day, the global music celebration happening in over 1,000+ international cities. It's a free, citywide, outdoor day of music held annually on the summer solstice, June 21. Make Music Madison turns the city into a stage welcoming performers and the community. So mark your calendars for Friday, June 21 from 5:00-7:00pm and come and enjoy live music right here. More details to come!

### ***"Allied Partners and Westminster....a Long History"***

#### ***A Panel Discussion - June 2nd Adult Forum***

For many years, Westminster has been a member congregation of Allied Partners. Join us for a panel discussion that will include the history of the Allied Neighborhood, the history of Allied Partners, and Allied Partners - today and tomorrow. Our guest speakers will include Alice Howard, President of the Allied Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood; Marge Lyford, representative from Bethany United Methodist; and Wynn Davies, Allied Partners Treasurer and representative from First Baptist. Come learn about the work being done by Allied Partners and the importance of your ongoing support.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Laura Andrews was a guest at the April Session meeting on the 23rd. She is the recently hired "Lead Instigator" of Gather X. The program is working to connect Madison's young professionals together for service, friendship, and spiritual growth. It started at Pres House with initial support of Covenant, Christ & Westminster Presbyterian churches and also received a grant from the Lilly Foundation. We will be exploring additional ways to support this new ministry.

Elders gave committee reports, but there were no items for Session action. The next Session meeting will be May 28th.



## The Hayes Family Update

The Hayes family is currently in Brasov, Romania. Jeff recently completed the Brasov Half Marathon (his first!) to raise funds for the Good Shepherd Agricultural Mission (GSAM), a charity that he worked closely with in India. GSAM has launched a new program called *Mission: University* where the aim is to aid in enrolling Grade 12 graduates and alumni in University. Anjali, David and Lucia spend their days helping around their community, getting to know the culture and studying. Jeff and Sara spend their days at the local hospital caring for orphaned newborns, infants and toddlers. Some have families that simply can't make the journey to tend to them daily and some have been orphaned due to various reasons. It is a heart wrenching and wonderful job. There are simply not enough resources and homes to care for all of the children, but Jeff and Sara find it incredibly rewarding. Here is recent post from Sara's Journal:



April 23, 2019

*Jeff stayed home with the kids today to work on school while I headed to the hospital for baby time and donation sorting. My time at the hospital was wonderful, snuggling and loving on the sweet littles ones. I love my time there, but it is absolutely heartbreaking to play with these children and watch them laugh and smile, but as soon as we pack up to leave the tears and screams begin. I can't even begin to share the ache in my heart every time I see their eyes fill with tears when we leave and watching them reach out their arms just begging to be picked back up.*



*I guess school was pretty successful. David will finish with his common core math lessons this week and should be able to finish up the rest of his work by next week. Lucia is not far behind, but she will be finishing up First Grade, since she completed the Kindergarten curriculum in about 3 months. It seems that Anjali also has another 2 weeks and she will be done with all of Grade 6 plus Grade 7 Math. I am so thankful that God has given us all the strength to finish out this year of homeschooling. God has definitely been my strength throughout this task. This was very challenging for me and I know it was for Anjali and David too, I think because Lucia has never been in a formal school it was easier for her to transition into the homeschooling routine.*

*Jeff isn't feeling so great today, so after teaching the kids he went and took a nap. The kids played with their friends downstairs, catching up for lost time since they were on vacation this past week. I think they are very excited to have their playmates back. The older kids came inside and played Exploding Kittens, a game I picked up while back in the US, while Lucia and her friend played downstairs. It was otherwise a relaxing evening with leftovers for dinner.*

*I love this scripture reading for today. It affirms everything that led us on this journey. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation (Isaiah 12:2). It reminds me that as long as I put my faith and trust in God, I have no reason to fear and I know that God will guide me where I need to be. God has always provided for us and has shown time and time again that I have no reason to fear, that He will take care of us; He is my salvation and my foundation.*



## Children's Corner

April has been filled with many special events! The month began with the collecting of coins to fill the One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks. Money collected enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need. The children discussed and then practiced the value of serving Jesus today by helping others. Holy Week included learning about the Passover celebration and the special practices of the Seder dinner. The children made decorative Afikoman bags. These bags hold a piece of matzah broken off at the beginning of the Seder which is then saved until after the meal is finished. Jewish families often hide the Afikoman bag to be found by a lucky child. Our Easter celebration concluded with an egg hunt; the children hunted both indoors and out for candy and sticker filled eggs. What a fun month!

Looking ahead to the summer, please consider signing up to teach a Children's Time lesson and giving our dedicated teachers a Sunday off. The summer curriculum begins on May 26 and continues through the end of August. All curriculum and materials will be provided.

### ROAR into Vacation Bible School!

Our theme, ROAR! is an epic African adventure that explores God's goodness and celebrates the ferocious faith that powers us through this wild life. Westminster will be joining with Christ Presbyterian Church (CPC) for Vacation Bible School, June 17-20 from 5:00-7:30 pm. VBS is free and open to all children ages 3 years through 5th grade and will include dinner, stories, games, crafts, and more! CPC will be the host site and it will be staffed with volunteers from both churches. Registration opens in May and we hope you can come! Contact Katie in the office for more information at: [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org).



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



Genie Campbell Rostad 05/02  
Dorothy Blotz 05/06  
Linda Bishop 05/07  
Louis Yackee 05/08  
Jocelyn Mou 05/09

Mary Allbaugh 05/11  
Bud Smith 05/11  
Aileen Zebrowski 05/12  
Cindy Kornetzke 05/13  
Pamela Wilson (Quin) 05/13  
Elliott Sweet 05/16  
Dick Zimmer 05/16  
Sara Hayes 05/17  
Sandy Butler 05/18  
Andrea Witt 05/18

Ruth Davis 05/20  
Gay Didriksen 05/20  
Cindy Grady 05/24  
Chris Wehnes 05/24  
Sarah Wehnes 05/25



# UPDATED WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## Liturgists

## Ushers

## Greeters

## Communion Servers

<b>5/5/2019</b>	Jean Loup	Mark Tortorich	The Donnell Family
		Lynnette Tortorich	
		Kathy Key	
		Andrea Kenny	
<b>5/12/2019</b>	Lee DeSpain	Karen Osborne	Julie Madden
		Ed Cothroll	Sue Dornfeld
		Judy Graham	
		Bob Weber	
<b>5/19/2019</b>	Cindy Kornetzke	Rhea Schultz	Doug Halls
		Doug Kornetzke	Juanita Halls
		Judy Stone	
		Ken Sadeghian	
<b>5/26/2019</b>	Richard Appen	Dick Zimmer	Bill Tanke
		Peggy Zimmer	Linda Tanke
		Dave Granquist	
		Dorothy Hujik	

Bill Tanke
Linda Tanke
Erin Nass
Cynthia Bush

*thank you*

### Please Keep Us in the Loop

Have a change in address? Are we missing your birthday? Do you have an announcement for the newsletter or weekly insert? Please let us know! Just call or write Katie in the office: [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org) or 238-3121. Newsletter articles are due on the 15th of each month. Weekly insert announcements are due the Tuesday before the Sunday that it is published. Thanks!

# JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers for health, peace and wholeness:

Jack Browning, Shirley Toomey, Vern Forsberg, Wade Waggener, Jack Hamann, Ann Friedley, Hugh Moss, Nancy Prine, Patricia Miller, Bill & Sandy Butler, Betty Smith, Gay Didriksen, Bill Vogelsang



## MAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:30pm Bible Study 7:00 PM AA	2 No Thursday Book Group	3 5:30 PM DBSA	4
5 <b>FOOD SUNDAY</b> 9:45am Worship 11:00am Sunday School  3:00pm Pres House Dinner	6	7	8 12:30pm Bible Study  1:30pm Oakwood West Service  7:00 PM AA	9 9:30am Thursday Book Group	10 5:30 PM DBSA	11 5:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
12 9:45am Worship 11:00am Sunday School	13 9:30am Knit Wits	14 10:00am Membership committee  5:00pm Education Committee	15 7:00 PM AA	16 9:30am Thursday Book Group  6:00pm Mary Elizabeth Circle	17 5:30 PM DBSA  7:00 PM Doin' R Thing Dance	18
19 <b>JUST BAKERY SALE</b> 9:45am Worship 11:00am Sunday School  5:00pm Mission Committee	20	21 1:00pm Esther Naomi Circle  3 pm Stewardship	22   7:00 PM AA	23   9:30am Thursday Book Group	24 5:30 PM DBSA	25
26 9:45am Worship	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church office Closed  	28 7:00 PM Session	29 7:00 PM AA	30 9:30am Thursday Book Group	31 5:30 PM DBSA	1

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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**Attentive** to the Word,

**Faithful** to our covenant with God and each other, and

**Diligent** in ministering to the needs of the world.

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship Service:**  
9:45am Sundays

**Sunday Schools:**  
11:00 am: K-5, Youth &  
Adult

~ Child Care available ~