

WESTMINSTER NEWS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2019 at Westminster Presbyterian Church

- June 2** **Seventh Sunday of Easter/Communion Sunday**
Lectionary: Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26;
Revelation 22:12-21
Focus Text: Acts 16: 16-34
Sermon: Opening Doors Scott Anderson preaching
- June 9** **Pentecost (Wear red to church)**
Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104;24-34, 35b; Romans 8:14-17;
John 14:8-17 (25-27)
Focus Text: Acts 2:1-21
Sermon: Us and Them Scott Anderson preaching
- June 16** **Trinity Sunday**
Lectionary: Prov 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5;
John 16:12-15
Focus Text: John 16:12-15
Sermon: A Complex God Scott Anderson preaching
- June 23** **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Lectionary: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29;
Luke 8:26-39
Focus Text: Luke 8:26-39
Sermon: The Cost of Healing Scott Anderson preaching
- June 30** **3rd Sunday after Pentecost - *Festival of Hymns***
led by Joe Chrisman
Lectionary; 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps 77:1-2, 11-20;
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Garden/Nature Walk Schedule for 2019

The Thursday Book Group is coordinating several nature walks and lunches throughout the summer. All are invited and welcome to join! Here is the schedule (All Thursdays)

6/27 Walk by Wisconsin River in Sauk City, Lunch-Blue Spoon Cafe

7/25 Rotary Gardens-Janesville, Lunch-Citrus Gardens

8/22 Olbrich Gardens, Lunch- Daisy Cafe

We will plan on meeting at church for those who want to car pool at 9:30 for each outing.

More specific directions and details will be available closer to each outing.

Put these dates on your calendar and we look forward to some great fellowship and fun for summer. For any questions, please talk to Connie Evans.

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. 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!

"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 after worship 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.

What Can I Do To Make Sure In 2020 That There Is A Thoreau Summer Reading Program?

In our second year of Westminster funding, Kelly McCann, a trained reading interventionist and current Thoreau Elementary teacher will set up, survey students, conduct and evaluate our 2019 program. Students selecting books that are not only age appropriate but cover subjects that they wish to learn more about, has been a key to one of the successful components of the program. Another powerful feature is that Kelly arranges home visits with students, bringing her skills, books for the student and all siblings in the household plus a readiness to interact with caregivers to help give them additional skills to help their struggling reader.

With reading, practice makes perfect, so the more reading that is done in the home and elsewhere the better. They found from prior Thoreau data that students who read at a certain grade level prior to the summer break return reading below that level in fall, with some taking until January to return to their prior reading level. This is referred to as the "summer slide," accounting for 80% of the rich vs poor achievement gap. Students who participate in this program are more likely to stay at the same reading level from summer to fall.

Some statistics from 2018, our first year funding this program are as follows:

20 students were served in grades 1-4 along with their 15 siblings; 520 books were given out, establishing libraries in each home; 60 home visits were conducted during June, July and August.

Please think of how it was for you when you were in elementary school. Maybe you knew someone who struggled with reading or maybe that person was you. We know that by third grade if you are not reading at

grade level it can have adverse consequences for your further education and ability to earn a living. Paul and I (Pamela) witnessed that problem in person when we volunteered at CHMS in May.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation so that Westminster can continue to fund this program. The great news is that \$1,300 of the \$5,000 needed to fund the 2020 program is in hand with \$2,000 earmarked from the mission budget as matching funds for congregational donations. Let's make this happen for our community. Your support is appreciated.

Short Term Volunteer Opportunity in our Neighborhood - Wednesdays June 19-August 14

Cherokee Heights Middle School (CHMS) Food Pantry will officially close when school ends, however, the need of families for perishable and non-perishable food will not end just because it is summer. Therefore, a pilot program for food distribution to about 20 qualifying CHMS families will begin on June 19 and end on August 14 with no food delivery the week of July 4th. This pilot program will involve volunteers gathering on Wednesdays to pack requested food items for families from noon to approximately 3 P.M. at CHMS Food Pantry. An additional set of volunteers will contact a designated adult so that the groceries can be delivered to the families. Please prayerfully consider this important volunteer opportunity. If you can help or you would like further details about this pilot program please contact Beth Bookland at booklandbeth@yahoo.com.

Make Music Madison at Westminster! June 21

Enjoy the sounds of the Cajun Spice Duo when they come to our patio from 4:30-5:30 P.M. on June 21, 2019 as part of the Make Music Madison, a city wide event. Susan Padberg, the vocalist and guitar player has been attending our Thursday gatherings. She will perform with Cynthia Moore, on the fiddle. In case of rain, the event will move indoors.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost offering on June 9 will provide young people with opportunities to grow and share their faith in Christ. Forty percent of funds raised will stay with our congregation. Twenty-five percent will support the Young Adult Volunteer program, providing one year service opportunities in communities 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. Thanks to the generosity of Westminster Presbyterian Church members, in 2018 \$971 was sent to Presbytery and \$647 was kept right here to offset the cost of snow pants for students at Thoreau Elementary School. Please prayerfully consider your Pentecost offering. Your contributions collected today will again be used to fund programs for children. You can make checks payable to Westminster and mark "Pentecost" in the memo.

May Session Highlights by Andrea Kenny (Clerk of Session)

Laura Andrews from Gather X met with Session in April. The program is working to connect Madison's young professionals together for service, friendship, and spiritual growth. At the May meeting the Stewardship Committee moved and Session approved that Westminster donate \$3,000.00 to GatherX for their mission.

Pamela Wilson Quin was our commissioner to the John Knox Presbytery meeting on May 21st at Westminster. People from congregations in Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota gathered for worship, study and to conduct business. Many people shared with me how welcomed they felt by our hospitality." Thanks to Anne Rowley who played the organ for the worship service.

The Education Committee recommended that Amy Poland be on staff and Session approved a motion to extend Amy Poland's contract from 10 months to 12 months through August.

Stewardship and Property Committees held a joint meeting to discuss needs for the building and develop a list of priorities.

The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, July 22nd. There will be NO June meeting.

A Moment for Music from Joe Chrisman...

Summer Sings!

Have you ever wanted to sing in the Chancel Choir, but haven't been able to commit to the weekly rehearsal schedules? Are you now, or were you ever, a choir member who misses the particular blessings of making music and leading worship? If you answered yes, then a Summer Sing Sunday is for you!

On Sunday, July 21, and Sunday, August 18, you are invited to assemble with fellow singers in the rehearsal room (Room 7) at 9:00 a.m. We will rehearse music that will be used in the 9:45 a.m. worship service that morning. You can choose to participate on either date (or both) depending on your personal schedule.

If you have adult children or older grandchildren home visiting you on a Summer Sing date, invite them to join you and participate! This opportunity is open to anyone senior-high age or older and it's a wonderful way to introduce a singing neighbor or friend to worship at Westminster for just one Sunday.

Because we will be singing at various points and leading throughout the worship service, Summer Sing participants will sit together in the choir loft during the service. However, we will not wear choir robes.

Are you nervous about whether you can learn the choral music in just 45 minutes? You'll be fine! However, if insufficient time with the music creates a barrier to your participation, please stop by the rehearsal room after July 14 (for the July 21 Summer Sing) and after August 11 (for the August 18 Summer Sing) and take a music packet from the piano. (Note: Copies are limited. Please only pick up music in advance if you are certain you will be participating in that Summer Sing and be sure to bring it with you on that Sunday morning!)

I hope to see you for summer choir on July 21 and/or August 18.

Handbell Week!

In yet another opportunity to serve God through the gift of music, please consider joining us for Handbell Week. This is a wonderful musical experience to share together...especially for those who may not feel they have been blessed with the gift of song. There is no singing involved in handbell ringing. Those age mid-high and older are welcome to participate.

The music we learn during handbell week will be incorporated into the worship service on Sunday, July 14. The schedule will be as follows:

- Wednesday, July 10 – we will rehearse from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Sunday, July 14 – we will meet for a final rehearsal and service prep at 9:00 a.m. and then contribute these musical offerings in the 9:45 a.m. service.

Because of the particularly collaborative nature of handbell music, those interested in participating must be available for both rehearsals identified above.

I hope you will join us for this opportunity for music and fellowship as we prepare to glorify God through music. Be sure to invite a friend to join you!

Summer Soloists!

How would you like to share your musical gifts in worship this summer? Please contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, to volunteer to offer a vocal or instrumental solo in worship. Contact Joe at westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net.



Children's Corner

Our Sunday School program concluded for this year on May 19th with a special thank you to the dedicated Children's Time and Sunday School teachers: Betty Bush, Connie Evans, Kate Fletcher, Liane Kosaki, Erin Nass, Ann Rowley, and Janet Sausen. The Children's Time program during worship will continue without break over the summer but will be staffed with guest teachers. Sunday School will begin again in the fall following Rally Sunday on September 8th. This month the children studied Psalm 23, learned about how God works through people, and imagined and discussed a future that has been made new by God. We are looking ahead to ROAR! Vacation Bible School taking place June 17 – 20 where we will play games, make crafts, hear stories, and learn about God's goodness all while making new friends at Christ Presbyterian Church.



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 June and we hope you can come! Contact Katie in the office for more information at: info@westminstermadison.org.

A Note from Pres House RE: Pres House Meals

We had a wonderful celebration at our Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Sunday this past week, where we heard testimonies of how your faithful support creates a spiritual home for students at UW Madison. You can listen to the student stories and watch this short **Thank You Video** at <https://vimeo.com/333420684>. It highlights some of the ways you have had an impact on the lives of young adults. Please feel free to share these with your congregation as an encouragement to the ministry it provides!

As we wind down spring semester, students are busy preparing for final exams. On the weekend of May 17-19th, the student leaders will go on their annual retreat to plan for 2019-2020. Please keep them in your prayers as they discern how God is calling them to faithfully lead the community.

And so we are already planning for next year! I have put Westminster Presbyterian Church down for the third Sundays, but please go ahead and edit if those dates do not work for you. I am sharing this document with all churches so that people can sign up for the dates which work for them, and also so contacts can communicate with one another if they need to switch dates.

We say goodbye to graduating students this Sunday, always a bittersweet time. Because our community turns over so much, we are especially grateful for the steadfast support our local congregations provide to Pres House. We could not provide this spiritual home to students without you!

Rev. Erica Liu

Campus Pastor, Pres House



UPDATED WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers				
6/2/2019	Linda Kwiatkowski	Kathy Key	The Fletcher Family	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Sandra Cole</td></tr> <tr><td>Jean Loup</td></tr> <tr><td>Alice Appen</td></tr> <tr><td>Ed Cothroll</td></tr> </table>	Sandra Cole	Jean Loup	Alice Appen	Ed Cothroll
		Sandra Cole						
		Jean Loup						
		Alice Appen						
Ed Cothroll								
Bob Forsberg								
Carrie Aberle								
Abe Aberle								
6/9/2019	Liane Kosaki	Paul Bishop	Mark Tortorich					
		Linda Bishop	Lynnette Tortorich					
		Karen Stephens						
		Karen Osborne						
6/16/2019	TBD	Rhea Schultz	Dick Zimmer					
		Lee DeSpain	Peggy Zimmer					
		Erin Nass						
		Ed Cothroll						
6/23/2019	Tonja & Aidan Lepien	Doug Halls	Ken & Libby Sadeghian					
		Juanita Halls						
		Mark Tortorich						
		Lynnette Tortorich						
6/30/2019	HYMN SING	Judy Stone	Dale Rohde					
		Julie Madden	Marian Rohde					
		Andrea Kenny						
		Bob Weber						

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Ann Martin 6/1
 Jamie Ringsmuth 6/1
 Denise Meier 06/03
 Jon Tanke 06/04
 Britton Markland (Zebrowski) 06/05

Charles Franklin 06/07
 Tonja Lepien 06/07
 Jan Browning 06/08
 Joel DeSpain 06/08
 Judy Stone 06/10
 Doug Kornetzke 06/11
 Ed Cothroll 06/12
 Judith Braucht 06/13
 Robert Bush 06/13
 Abby Watters 06/14

Jeff Zebrowski 06/15
 Lynn Chapman 06/18
 Cliff Voegeli 06/18
 James Siverhus 06/21
 Margaret Murphy 06/22
 Arnold Chandler 06/24
 Jean Berndt 06/27
 Vern Forsberg 06/27
 Sandra Curran 06/28
 Pamela Vicen 06/28

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, Patricia Miller, Bill & Sandy Butler, Bill Vogelsang, Wayne Schmidt (father of Kate Fletcher), Donna Chandler, Mayme Williams



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Food Sunday 9:45 AM Worship	3	4	5	6 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	7 5:30 PM DBSA	June 1 June 8
9 Pentecost 8:30 AM Fellowship Committee 9:45 AM Worship	10 9:30 AM Knitwits	11	12	13 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	14 5:30 PM DBSA 6:00 PM Shelter Dinner 7:00 PM Doin R Thing Dance	15 5:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
16 Trinity Sunday Just Bakery Sale! 9:45 AM Worship	17	18 1:00 PM Esther- Naomi Circle	19	20	21 5:30 PM DBSA	22
23 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Worship Committee	24	25	26	27	28 5:30 PM DBSA	29
30 9:45 AM Worship	1	2	3	4	5 5:30 PM DBSA	6

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Ever seeking guidance from the Holy Spirit, we strive to follow Jesus Christ by being...

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

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