



Updates & Announcements July 15, 2020

Say CHEESE!

Back by request...Sandy Curran is going to do another purchase of cheese from a local cheese plant that uses milk from some of her clients' cows. She will again donate that cheese to the United Way food distribution that feeds almost 500 families a week from our Fellowship Hall. Some have asked - can we buy cheese for ourselves? YES! Not only can you purchase cheese to help local families - you can also purchase some for yourself! Next week we will send out specifics including a price list, so keep an eye out! Any questions, feel free to call or email Sandy at ultrascn@charter.net.

Scott on Vacation

Scott will be out of the office through July 20. (Sermons will be sent out again upon his return). Rev. Julie Waterdu will be covering during worship on July 19. Rev. Sandy Nuernberg will be covering pastoral needs and emergencies during this time and can be reached at 608-695-4248 (or feel free to call the office at 238-3121).



Children's Time with Amy

[-CLICK HERE](#) for a weekly story with Children's Ministry Coordinator, Amy Poland, as we explore God's world.

Words are amazing. They have the power to hurt but they also have the power to heal. Using kind words makes everyone feel good, including God. Join Amy as she reads "When God Gave Us Words" by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and illustrated by Darcy Day Zoells.



Homebound Highlights (rotating each week):

Shirley Toomey, Wade Waggener, Mayme Williams, Jack Browning, Isabell & Sam Buffat

Members & Friends:

Betty Smith, Kathy Costello, Seema Tahir, Rick Zimmer, Scott Anderson and the family of Ian MacAllister, Dan Prine, Hugh Moss, the family of Tammy Barton (Erin Nass's Aunt) on the

- SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Have the kids log on or call in at 10:00 am today for a fun Sunday School lesson!

To login click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84720364190?pwd=UTNVTjcweWl0YUR0RThIMUVJWU VXUT09>

Or phone in: 312-626-6799 then enter Meeting ID: 847 2036 4190 and then Password: 566146

A Note From Stewardship:

Dear Westminster Congregants,

In ordinary times, the Westminster Church Stewardship Committee provides periodic updates about Church finances from the pulpit. In this extraordinary time, however, we are providing a written update so that all of us, whatever our circumstances, will receive the news.

As we do so, we recognize that pandemic-related economic turmoil affects our congregation just as it affects the broader public. Some of us may be unable to give as we normally would. If this describes your situation, and it would be helpful for you to inform someone at Church about your dilemma, please feel free to contact any member of the Stewardship Committee. Your information will be kept confidential, but it will enable us to do a better job of preparing for rough financial waters that may lie ahead.

Overall, the Church's financial news is good. Those of us who made annual pledges have stepped up to the plate – pledged income is arriving as promised and ahead of schedule. For obvious reasons, "plate income" (cash contributions made at Sunday services) is way down. A related area of concern is contributions from persons who do not pledge but have identifiable histories of giving. Based on those histories, we plan for such contributions to continue in the future, and they are an important part of the budget. This year, those unpledged but identifiable contributions are about half the amount we would usually receive by mid-year.

We are glad to report some "new news" on the financial front. First, thanks to the initiative of Church Administrator Katie Bencze, Westminster will soon have the capability to receive online contributions made with credit or debit cards. The Church is in the process of adopting donation software sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation. Details will be announced when the system is ready. This

sudden passing of Erin's Uncle.



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Scott Anderson, Pastor
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Vern Forsberg, Pastor Emeritus

will be a useful tool for making one-time donations for special purposes. However, ongoing periodic contributions can be made more effectively (as well as at lower cost to the Church) using automated bank transfers. Katie can supply information about setting up such transfers. Second, Wrede “Bud” Smith was recently appointed by Session to succeed the venerable Dave Granquist as Church Treasurer. The Granquists recently moved to Oconomowoc, necessitating a change.

In closing, we thank the congregation for your ongoing support of the ministries of Westminster Church. Let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely, *The Stewardship Committee*

Ed Cothroll (chair), John Braden, Paul Thompson, Dorothy Hujik, Dave Granquist, Bud Smith, Cindy Kornetzke, Bob Forsberg, Doug Halls, Bill Tanke

Renting from Madison Boats?

If you are renting from Madison Boats, you will find at the end of your reservation that you can donate to a local charity including the Madison West High Area Collaborative, which is the food distribution that is housed right here in Westminster's fellowship hall. This is just one more way to get the word out so feel free to pass it on - madisonboats.com/donate.

Paper Bags Requested (ongoing)

Paper bags (with or without handles) are still needed by the United Way food program in Fellowship Hall. You can put them into the plastic bins sitting outside of Westminster by the Yuma St. entrance (note sometimes the bins are at the end of the entrance by the parking lot).

Join us for Online Coffee Hour Each Sunday at 11:00am!

Grab your coffee and join Lynnette Tortorich and fellow members for some quality chat time on Zoom. There are two ways to connect: If you have a web camera and microphone on your desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone, you can join Zoom Meeting this Sunday by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87266461287?pwd=OERIUHJKbS9mSCtBaGFRVUhXTWJmZz09>

If you don't have a computer (or don't want to use it), you can phone in via a landline or cell **phone: Dial: (312) 626-6799**, follow instructions and then enter **Meeting ID: 872 6646 1287 and Password: 549557**

Mid-Week Coffee Chat

We miss you and we miss each other - so why wait until Sunday for another get-together? Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00am for a zoom chat with your fellow members and friends. Paul and Pamela Quin will be hosting while Scott is away. All are welcome!

Join via zoom by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85024200857?pwd=aVVJL3BjOUxzQmVBZHdNci9rdVFhZz09>

Or Call: 312 626 6799, then enter **Meeting ID: 850 2420 0857** and
Password: 661599

For Sunday Worship & Bulletins click the image below:



General reminders:

-For pastoral care: Rev. Sandy Nuernberg will be covering pastoral needs and emergencies while Pastor Scott is away and can be reached at 608-695-4248 (or feel free to call the office at 238-3121).

-Supporting the church: We've had inquiries about pledges. Yes, you can mail it to Westminster at 4100 Nakoma Rd., Madison, WI 53711. We will be making deposits to the bank. You may also drop it off to the office during normal business hours or sign up for auto payments. Thanks!

- You can always find church information including updates, weekly announcements and sermons on our website at [westminstermadison.org](https://www.westminstermadison.org) or just call us!

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