



Updates & Announcements August 20, 2020

NOTE: Katie will be out of the church office Monday & Tuesday of next week (Aug 24 & 25). Volunteers will be in the office those days from 9am-1pm if there are any immediate needs.

CALLING ALL PET OWNERS!

Tell us about your pet! In celebration of our annual Blessing of the Animals service on September 27th, we invite you to write a one-sentence introduction to your pet to be placed in the September newsletter. The newsletter is currently being put together so please send this quick sentence to Katie by tomorrow **FRIDAY August 21**. You can email her at info@westminstermadison.org. We look forward to meeting your pet!



Newsletter

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT WESTMINSTER IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER!](#)



[Click the photo for a weekly message from Pastor Scott](#)



Homebound Highlights (rotating each week):

Jack Browning, Isabell & Sam Buffat, Bill & Sandy Butler, Lynn Chapman

Members & Friends: Betty Smith, Kathy Costello, Rick Zimmer, Dan Prine, Dianne Stevens, family of Chris



Children's Time with Amy

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

God's world. Today we talk about the story of the Good Samaritan from the Bible.

- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School this weekend (Aug. 23). See you next week!

We Want to SEE You!

We miss your lovely faces in worship! We are all here in spirit but now we want you to join us by putting your photos in our church pews. We hope that you will take part in this fun and symbolic gesture of love, community and inclusivity. There are several ways you can participate:

1. **Email us** at info@westminstermadison.org - a high quality photograph either via email in jpg format (it can be as easy as taking a photo with your phone).
2. **Mail** in a photo by mail for us to scan (should be at least 8x10).
3. **Tell us to use your photo from the church directory** (we have them from the last 2 directories)
4. **Have a new photograph taken** by Sandy Curran who can come visit you and take your picture. Call her at 608-469-6100 or email her at ultrascn@charter.net.

Families, please send in individual pictures of each of yourselves so we can put them side by side in the pews. If you would like, you can donate the cost of \$2.25 for each picture but that is not

necessary to be part of this project. Photographs are due by **August 30th**. Let's fill the sanctuary for Rally Day!

Updates from the Wisconsin Medical Project

Our friends from the Wisconsin Medical Project have been as busy as ever during this time. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to check out the latest happenings. Be sure to join them for their annual celebration virtually on Friday, September 11 at 7:00pm. Go to <https://wismedproject.org/> for more information.

Coming soon – Drive-by Donuts – on Rally Sunday

Rally Sunday is coming soon – **September 13**. Fellowship will be providing donuts that can be picked up between 8:30 and 10:00 AM at the Yuma Street entrance. We encourage you to save your donut to share during the Coffee Hour Zoom that morning. If you have not joined us on Zoom for Coffee Hour yet, this would be a great time to try it out. We will also be happy to deliver donuts to anyone who cannot do the drive-by pick-up. If you would like delivery, call Katie in the office at 238-3121. Please let us know by Tuesday, September 8. We also plan to have a sugar-free offering.

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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

Intergenerational Recipes

Hello Westminster families! Since we can't gather in person for an intergenerational potluck this year, the Education Committee would love to put together a Westminster Cookbook instead so we can still share our favorite recipes with one another. Please send us your passed-down family recipes or old favorites, along with any special memories or stories that accompany them to Erin Nass, by email erin.e.nass@gmail.com or mail (church address 4100 Nakoma Rd. Madison, WI 53711). In the spirit of a true intergenerational event, please include your kids or grandkids! Do they have special meals they love, around the holidays? We'd like to include them all! Please have all submissions sent in by October 31, and we will work on compiling them and figuring out distribution. Bon appetite!

Thoreau Back To School Supplies

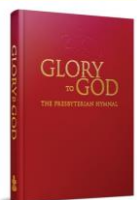
Although a pandemic time, back to school supplies are still needed by students at our Adopt-a-School Partner Thoreau Elementary School. Virtual school will put a slightly different slant to the needs of the students. When in person schooling resumes, students will not be permitted to bring items from home. So, no backpacks are being requested at this time. Students will require supplies that they can use at their homes, so **pencils (Ticonderoga or Dixon preferred), crayons (Crayola preferred) , paper, notebooks, coloring books, scissors, pens, colored pencils and colored markers are requested.** You can drop off the items at church or if you are not interested in shopping during a pandemic, we can do it for you. Just make checks payable to Westminster indicating school supplies in the memo line.

Blessing of the Devices August 30th!

Westminster's familiar Blessing of the Backpacks is adjusting to reflect the times this year. Students and non-students are encouraged to grab their computers, phones, iPads and other devices and watch the August 30th worship for a special blessing during the service. This tradition reminds us that God is with us wherever we go and these digital tools of schooling, working and life can be a means by which we serve and bless our neighbor.

Madison West High Area Collaborative Going Strong!

[CLICK HERE](#) to check out this great article about Westminster's collaboration with the food distribution program in fellowship hall that serves about 400 local families each week!



Hymnal at Home Program

As online worship continues at Westminster, we are pleased to announce the “Hymnal at Home” program. If you do not currently have a copy of “Glory to God,” our denominational hymnal, you may **Borrow one** from the church. Contact the church office to request to borrow a hymnal for your home use during the COVID-19 pandemic. Arrangements may be made for you to either pick up the hymnal from the church office or have someone follow all applicable safety guidelines to deliver a hymnal to you. You will return the borrowed hymnal when the pandemic has ended. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 238-3121 or info@westmintermadison.org or Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, at westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net.

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

Grab your coffee and join Pastor Scott and fellow friends 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, friends and Pastor Scott.

Join via zoom by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85024200857?pwd=aVVJL3BjOUszQmVBZHdNci9rdVFhZz09>

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

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