

August, 2020 at Westminster Presbyterian Church - Online Worship

- August 2** **9th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion**
Texts: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145: 8-9,14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
Focus Text: Matthew 14:13-21
Sermon: *Extravagance*
- August 9** **10th Sunday after Pentecost**
Texts: I Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
Focus Text: Matthew 14:22-23
Sermon: *Step Out!*
- August 16** **11th Sunday after Pentecost**
Texts: Isaiah 56:1, 6-9; Psalm 67; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32;
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 Focus Text: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28
Sermon: *Crumbs from the Table*
- August 23** **12th Sunday after Pentecost**
Texts: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20
Focus Text: Matthew 16: 13-20
Sermon: *Who Do YOU Say That I Am?*
- August 30** **13th Sunday after Pentecost**
Texts: Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28
Focus Text: Matthew 16: 21-28
Sermon: *The Defining Moment*

Our Current Worship Arrangements Will Continue Through End of Year

Our Session met Tuesday, July 28 and quickly reached consensus that the church will not meet for in-person worship and will continue with our current on-line worship service through the end of this year. As you may know, during the month of July, Wisconsin saw an uptick in the coronavirus infection rate. Madison public schools have decided to “go virtual” for the first quarter of the school year. Dane County, as a result of an increase in infections locally, tightened restrictions for the maximum capacity of restaurants and now requires that masks be worn indoors (except at home). For these reasons, coupled with the high number of our members who are in a high risk category, the Session made the prudent judgement to support the safety of our members, which has and will continue to be our paramount priority. The Session will continue to monitor the local situation on a month-to-month basis.

In the meantime we are continuing to explore new and safe ways to connect with each other and hope to have more details on that soon. - Scott Anderson

WE WILL GET THRU THIS

Together

Psalm 62:5-6

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.



Pastor Scott Resumes Sunday Morning Bible Study September 20th

Pastor Scott's Sunday morning Bible study will resume via a Zoom meeting on September 20th from 11:45a-12:30p, immediately following our congregation's successful virtual coffee fellowship gathering at 11:00a. We will continue with our usual pattern of following the lectionary texts, with our weekly discussions focused on the text for the sermon each Sunday. Members and friends of the church are encouraged to tune in to worship before the Bible study class meets each Sunday morning. Occasionally we will skip a Sunday for an adult forum on a timely topic which will also meet via Zoom. The Pastor's Bible Study class will continue to the end of November. Watch for your September newsletter and the weekly announcements for more information!

Madison Area Jail Ministry News

Westminster Presbyterian Church members and friends exceeded all expectations in responding to the request for general reading material for those incarcerated at the jail. Multiple bag loads of soft covered and paperback books were delivered to the grateful chaplain. The chaplain found some books that were appropriate to restock the chaplain's library. Many thanks to each of you who participated in this important mission work, particularly during the pandemic.

Thoreau Back To School Supplies Needed

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. In addition, when in person schooling resumes, student will not be permitted to bring items including books and backpacks 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), and colored markers are requested. As of this writing, no supply lists have been generated from Thoreau. If you wish to provide school supplies but 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.



We would like to thank the Education Committee for helping our church make sure that each student is valued. We are planning for some home crafts, such as key rings and notes of encouragement from fellow students and congregation members to be included with our back to school supplies. Watch for further information in the Westminster Announcements.

Westminster's Support for the Madison West High Area Collaborative

The Madison West High Area Collaborative not only occupies our Fellowship Hall as their distribution site during the pandemic but also benefits from the generosity of Westminster's congregation, which has donated \$5,105 to purchase food for the collaborative since the start of the school shutdown in March. Sandy Curran organized and carried out the first successful Westminster "cheese drive", donating 400 pounds of brick cheese, with an approximate value of \$1,500. Currently a second "cheese drive" is underway. Although not currently accepting direct food donations from individuals, food obtained from Second Harvest and purchased from other vendors is supplemented by more than a ton of food procured by Paul Quin using Westminster's access to the Community Action Coalition food bank.

The Westminster initiated Thoreau Weekend Food Bag Program donated several hundred pounds of canned and other food items nearing their "best if used by" date to the collaboration. In all of this, your generosity has been so greatly appreciated!

Wednesday Bible Study this Fall

Rev. Jessica Salt will be leading the Fall Bible study in September (virtually) on the Gospel of Matthew using the Kerygma Resource Book. It will be a fantastic way to delve deeper into a foundation for the Matthew 25 movement with which Westminster has recently connected. For this study we will need to order the resource books which are \$24. So please let the church office know if you need a book by **August 12** (email info@westminstermadison.org or call Katie at 238-3121). We hope you can join us!

Ukuleles - Another opportunity to serve your community

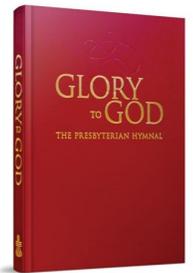


As many of you are already aware, Madison public schooling will be virtual (online) until at least October 30, 2020. This situation has presented a particular challenge for the Cherokee Heights Middle School's Band Director, Trina McPeake. Her sixth grade students likely do not have experience with band instruments. She has suggested a creative solution to this problem, and she is requesting help from her Adopt-a-School Partners like us. Trina would like to instruct students on the Ukulele to incorporate the basics/structure of music education. Currently CHMS has no Ukuleles and are looking to purchase 45 of them from Heid Music for approximately \$1,350. To help with this need, the Mission Committee voted to donate \$500 to a matching fund in an attempt to reach their goal. Any donation will be appreciated and will be enriching student's lives. And remember, every donation will be matched by the WPC Mission committee (up to \$500)! Please prayerfully consider this cause. If interested, you can make your checks out to Westminster with Ukuleles in the memo line.

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:

1. 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.



2. Purchase one by contacting the church office who can order it for you. The pew edition of the hymnal, used in the sanctuary, is \$20.00. The large-print edition is \$30.00. An anonymous donor has agreed to cover the costs of shipping. You may make your checks payable to Westminster.

You may request to borrow a hymnal at any time but if you would like to order one for purchase, please let us know before **August 14**. 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.

Calling all Current or Wannabe AV Techies!

With online worship becoming a permanent feature of our worship life, we are looking for a team of 3-4 volunteers who are interested in learning more about video-taping and editing and to assist John Tarr in the production of the online worship service each week. No formal A/V experience is required. We will teach you! Interested team members should just be comfortable with learning new software, simple filming techniques, and available to assist with taping on Saturday mornings. Ideally, we will be able to rotate team members so that no one person is burdened with an every-week commitment. If you're interested in learning more, please email Pastor Scott at scott@westminstermadison.org or reach out to John Tarr with any questions.



Children's Corner

Hello Westminster families! I hope you can continue to join us for Sunday School which we are doing at 10:00am on most Sundays through the summer (watch your weekly email for login info).

Take Out VBS was a big success! We had a lot of fun sharing God's word and serving others!

< Lucia Hayes decorating her cross!



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Betty Smith, Kathy Costello, Seema Tahir, Rick Zimmer, Dan Prine, Hugh Moss

General Church Reminders:

-We are still here in the office and available by phone, email or by appointment if you want to come by.

-Sunday worship is online and will be posted each week on our website. Go to: westminstermadison.org and watch our weekly worship from the comfort of your home! A link is provided on the weekly email announcements. Call us if you're not signed up.

-You can also join our weekly sermon email, just call or email Katie in the office. (Or let her know if you need it mailed): info@westminstermadison.org or 238-3121

-You can drop off pledges and donations during normal office hours or mail them to Westminster at 4100 Nakoma Rd., Madison, WI 53711. Thank you for your continued support!

-You can always find church information including updates, weekly announcements and sermons on our website at westminstermadison.org.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED! (call or check your email for more details)

BOOK GROUP THURSDAYS at 10:00am

WEEKLY ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Every Sunday on westminstermadison.org

**ONLINE COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM
AND WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00AM**



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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Chuck Kamp 08/04
- Vicki Cothroll 08/05
- Sue Bridson 08/08
- Sophia Lepien 08/08
- Carol Birch 08/09
- Jaxon Mou 08/09
- Mary Cornelius 08/11
- Sharon Donnell 08/12
- Douglas Halls 08/17
- Nanci Knutson 08/18
- Jennifer Mou 08/18
- Pat Marshall 08/19
- Gloria Stange 08/20
- Liane Kosaki 08/21
- Ruth Peach 08/23
- Lee Wilke 08/23
- Linda Tanke 08/24
- Lee Ihlenfeldt 08/29
- Abe Aberle 08/30

Missed July Birthday:
Mary Koeppe 07/07

