

WESTMINSTER NEWS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Don't Miss It! September 9th Rally Day & Mission Fair

9:45 am **Worship**—Guest Preacher: Linda Ketcham, Madison area Urban Ministry (see below)

10:45 am **Mission Fair and Coffee Fellowship** in the Narthex. Peruse the various displays detailing the multi-faceted ministry of our church, and sign up to participate!

11:00 am **Education Hour:**

- **Adult Forum** - Kelly McCann, Reading Specialist at Thoreau Elementary School, will share her experiences this past summer in strengthening the reading skills of at-need children and families.
- **Children** - will meet for crafts and games in the Narthex
- **Confirmation Class** - meets in the Youth Room downstairs



Rally Day Guest Preacher: Linda Ketcham, Executive Director of Madison area Urban Ministry

Founded in 1971, Madison-area Urban Ministry (MUM) has served as a prophetic voice for justice in our community for over four decades. As an interfaith organization MUM seeks to live out the call across faith traditions to care for our brothers and sisters, to welcome the stranger, and to work for justice. MUM adheres to the words of theologian William Sloane Coffin;

“Charity yes, always, but never as a substitute for justice.”

MUM offers an array of direct services programs for individuals and families impacted by the criminal justice system, including prison reentry programming (since 1999), services for children who have an incarcerated parent (since 1999), community events designed to help people understand what it's like to walk in the shoes of someone newly released from prison, jail and prison in-reach programming, and an on-site emergency food pantry.

Part of MUM's mission is to serve as an incubator and fiscal agent for innovative ideas and projects. Over our forty plus years we have helped develop some of the most creative and effective programs in Dane County (Project Home, all of the Madison Senior Coalitions, and many more). MUM currently serves as an incubator for a Homeless Co-operative newspaper, a neighborhood association and a statewide social justice advocacy organization.



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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Worship Calendar

- Sept. 2 **Communion Sunday**
Texts: Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20
Sermon: Not for the Faint of Heart; Scott Anderson, preaching
(last of Scott's six-week sermon series on Ephesians)
- Sept. 9 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Rally Sunday & Mission Fair
Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Psalm 146; Mark 7:24-37
Sermon: Guest Preacher Linda Ketcham, Exec. Dir. Madison area Urban Ministry
Adult Forum: Kelly McCann, Reading Specialist, Thoreau Elementary School
Confirmation Class begins at 11 am in the Youth Room
- Sept. 16 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sunday School Begins
Isaiah 50:4-9a; James 3:1-12; Psalm 116:1-9; Mark 8:27-38
Focus Text: Mark 8:27-38
Sermon: A Cheap Form of Meaning; Scott Anderson preaching
- Sept. 23 **25th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Psalm 54; Mark 9:30-37
Focus Text: Mark 9:30-37
Sermon: Guest Preacher
- Sept. 30 **26th Sunday In Ordinary Time**
Blessing of the Animals on the Patio
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5:13-20; Psalm 19:7-14; Mark 9:38-50
Focus Text: Mark 9:38-50
Sermon: True Religion, Scott Anderson preaching



Music on the Lawn - A Benefit for Madison Area Jail Ministry Saturday September 29th 4:00 - 6:00pm RAIN OR SHINE!

The Mission Committee of Westminster invites ALL to attend a benefit concert for the Madison Area Jail Ministry (MAJM). Enjoy a jazz performance by Chance Allies. Sample delicious food options offered by "Let's Eat Out" food carts and "Just Bakery". More importantly, hear from Interim Chaplain Todd Marcotte about the work of MAJM serving the men and women incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. Everyone is welcome to bring a blanket or chairs to sit on the lawn. Patio seating will also be available, as well as, the Narthex where it opens to the patio. If it rains, the event will be held in Fellowship Hall. The fundraiser is a free will offering. A \$10 donation is suggested. The "Let's Eat Out" food vendors will donate 15% of their sales to MAJM.

Last year, Madison Area Jail Ministry celebrated its 50th anniversary. On any given day, more than 800 men and women are incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. So, the need is great. Given the limited resources of MAJM and safety rules of the jail, men and women may wait weeks, if not months, to see a chaplain. Nonetheless, the chaplain and volunteers remain committed to the Ministry's mission and values. Thus, they continue to give of themselves to meet the spiritual, intellectual, and basic comfort needs of the incarcerated. Hope to see you there. Invite your friends and families!

With Thanks and Praise

The Mission Committee wishes to thank you all for your gracious outpouring of help in purchasing the appropriate school supplies for Thoreau Elementary School, our Adopt-a-School Partner. The drive is scheduled to end on August 26th, with delivery of the supplies to Thoreau on August 27th. As of August 13th we had three packing boxes full of supplies with three additional boxes partially filled and ready for further donations. Check Westminster's next newsletter for information on the conclusion of our school supply drive.

*Thank
you!*

Gather your coins this September to fund a preschool student in South Africa.

Our own Mary Lathrop brought to our attention a very worthwhile global mission cause that she has participated in herself through her funding of two different preschool students in South Africa. The Mission Committee with session approval is seeking your donations during September from the Loose Change Offering, to fund one child for one year.

The South African government does not fund preschool education for their children 0-7 years of age. For twenty five years the Knysna Education Trust (KET) of Knysna, South Africa, has sought out preschoolers from the poorest of the poor in the community to educate and nourish in their KET Preschools. These impoverished children live in township shacks that remain in use from the days when apartheid laws ruled the land (1948-1990). The KET is privately funded and seeks sponsorship for these children. KET has served as a model for the country and won a South African government award. These honors are reflective of their results in that participating two year olds have literacy and numerical skills equivalent to those of six year olds who are not in the KET Preschools. According to KET literature, a child who attends preschool has a 70% better chance of being a successful adult.

Sponsorship for one child for one year is about \$175/year through the KET Adopt a Child's Education (ACE) program, which provides education, socialization and meals. Please bring your coins to the church in September and give one student a chance for a much better tomorrow. Your help is very much appreciated.



Chancel Choir Kick Off - Sing the Lord's Song with Us!

The Westminster Chancel Choir will officially kickoff of its season on Wednesday, September 5th. All those interested participating in the Choir's music ministry are encouraged to attend!

From September to June, the Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in preparation for leadership in worship on a weekly basis. Through its Christ-centered approach to worship leadership, the Choir plays a central leadership role in this congregation's worship life and offers its members an opportunity to respond to God's call to be effective stewards of their music talents. If you are sensing a call from God to serve in the music ministry of Westminster but are unsure how to respond, why not give the Choir a try during these months before Christmas?

The Chancel Choir ministers within itself by growing individuals, at whatever level of musical ability or faith formation, with the help of the whole ensemble. The Chancel Choir ministers to the congregation not through individual voices, but through its collective efforts in worship leadership. In this way, each singer gives what they can, and the whole of the worship experience is made greater. Each choir member is valued for the unique gifts they contribute to the ensemble. Some bring outstanding voices or great musicianship. Others bring equally valued gifts like leadership, humor, and warmth. The Chancel Choir is a community of faith in which singers develop all the gifts they have to offer. The basic requirements are the ability to sing in tune and hold a part, enthusiasm for the Choir's ministry, willingness to learn and grow, and a focused commitment to offering one's very best at weekly rehearsals and in Sunday worship.

For more information about the Choir's ministry, please contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, at westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net or speak with any current choir member. We hope to see you, and hear you, at the kickoff rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. on September 5th!



Welcome Our New Christian Ministries Coordinator!

Amy Poland is excited to be joining Westminster Presbyterian Church as the Children's Ministries Coordinator. Amy is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, where she has served as a Sunday School teacher, member of the Children's Ministries Committee, and Moderator of the Deacons. Before moving to Madison from Chicago in 2005, Amy was a member of Fourth Presbyterian Church, where she taught Sunday School and was involved in children's ministries and education. Amy holds a Masters in Elementary Education from Northwestern University, and taught fourth grade at a public school in Skokie, Illinois. Amy will be in the office weekly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and on Sundays twice a month. Her email is amy@westminstermadison.org.

Fall Rummage Sale Appeal

In an attempt to plan for the 2018 Fall rummage sale, I found out that neither Sara Pope or Beth Swedeen will be physically able to manage and oversee the Fall Rummage Sale. Sara is having back issues and Beth's fall schedule is full of travel for work. Before we make a decision not to have a Fall Rummage Sale, I am putting an appeal out for 2 to 3 people who would be willing to manage the fall rummage sale. Beth and Sara would be available for consult on all the details. And Ruth Hein would be willing to work on staffing the rummage sale as she usually has. Please consider whether you could do this. The funds raised at the rummage sale have been a wonderful asset to Westminster's Mission giving. If you have any questions or are considering answering this call, please talk to Ruth Hein as soon as possible.

So What's New In Our Westminster Neighborhood?

One answer is the new Cherokee Heights Middle School (CHMS) Food Pantry. Westminster has reestablished our association with CHMS through the Adopt-a-School Program, similar to our mission involvement with Thoreau Elementary School. We have taken a leadership role in helping stock the food pantry prior to its official opening on September 4th, the start of the academic year for Madison students. Via the weekly Westminster Announcements, the Crawford, Marlborough, and Nakoma Neighborhood Association's website cmnna.org and social media, appropriate food donations were solicited to be collected here at Westminster until the Cherokee site was ready.

Your Mission Committee allocated \$1000 from our church's mission funds to help with startup costs for the CHMS Food Pantry. The money was given to the Food For Thought Initiative (food4ti.org), the organization that is establishing their fourth school based food pantry in a Madison Metropolitan School District location. Although they received a grant to help with startup costs, their experience in prior pantries indicated the need to seek professional grade refrigeration equipment from the start, so our donation helped bridge the gap so that they could purchase an appropriate refrigerator and freezer that are being installed today (August 14). The Food For Thought Initiative has already secured four promised years of funding at the \$10,000/year level. They have a volunteer Program Director for CHMS, Beth Bookland, Ph.D. She will inform us about food needs in our community and the new food pantry when she comes here to speak at an open forum on August 26th.

Please stay tuned for further mission and educational opportunities regarding the changing demographic environment in our community and our outreach to those in need. Please contact, Pamela for any questions.

Pamela, Mission Chair

Join us for African & Cuban food, wine & beer, and great music with Tony Castañeda's Latin Jazz Group!

Friday, September 7, 2018 from 5 to 8 pm at 810 West Badger Road, Madison (Suggested donation \$25)

For several years Westminster has supported the work of the Wisconsin Medical Project through mission grants. WMP collects donated medical supplies and used equipment to send to hospitals and clinics in areas of need. This year a record 5 shipping containers – 40'long x 8'high x 8'wide – have been packed full and sent to Gambia, Ivory Coast, and three to Senegal. Smaller donations provide equipment and supplies to help local projects and other organizations working in underserved areas. Church members Jack and Andrea Kenny are active with WMP. The annual fundraising Warehouse Party is a chance to learn more about the work of the Wisconsin Medical Project. We hope to see you there.

Golf Fellowship

The church 4th and final golf outing of this summer is in the planning stage. It will be on a Saturday in September at around 9:30 at Odana Hills golf course. Those who are interested, please email Ken Sadeghian ksadeghi@wisc.edu and indicate all the following Saturdays you will be available: September 8, 15, 22, and 29. A Saturday with the most number of players will be chosen.

Hayes Family Update



Hallo aus Deutschland!! We wanted to write a quick note to our wonderful family at Westminster to share how things have been going thus far. We successfully made it to Germany with only a few snags along the way. We were able to help and participate Kinder-Bible-Tage (Kids Bible Days—aka: VBS). This was a lot of fun for all of us. The kids played and met other kids while Jeff and Sara attempted to work a station and communicate with the 60+ children. Some of the children really got a kick out of the fact that we couldn't speak German. Anjali (Grade 6), David (Grade 4), and Lucia (Grade 1) have started school here in Schönebeck. They all seem to be enjoying school and we are all trying to learn some basics of the language. Jeff and Sara have started working during the day. Jeff is working in Felgeleben, a nearby village, to repair a brick wall (mauer). He is enjoying the work outside, but his hands are feeling the pain of masonry work. Sara just started volunteering at the elementary school where David and Lucia attend. She is working with a student who needs some extra help and direction and despite the language barrier, is really enjoying the day. The people here have been wonderful, patient, and welcoming. Johannes, the pastor here at St. Jakobi, and his wife Birgit have become wonderful friends who have taken us to Eisenach to see a medieval castle, J.S. Bach's House, and Martin Luther's House, as well as trips to a lake for swimming. We have also connected with another family from St. Jakobi and have become good friends with the parents and their 9 year old daughter. We are planning several trips with them during the next 6 weeks, including Buchenwald, Amsterdam, and Magdeburg. We will do our best to send an update each month to let everyone know how things are going. We hope that you all are doing well and want you to know how much we miss you.

~ Sara, Jeff, Anjali, David, and Lucia



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Dorothy Hujik 09/01
Kate Martin 09/03

Ken Sadeghian 09/04
John Kenny 09/06
Alice Appen 09/07
Anna Franklin 09/08
William Vogelsang 09/12

Mike Johnson 09/15
Bill Bridson 09/16
John Wright 09/17
Shirley Toomey 09/19
Mayme Williams 09/22

Mary Ihlenfeldt 09/23
Richard Appen 09/25
Jane Kwiatkowski 09/25
John Koeppe 09/28

JULY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Session approved the baptism of Jocelyn Mau and Nicholas Tortorich on August 12th. And also approved revisions to the Wedding Manual that Worship Committee completed.
- Education Committee proposed hiring a Children's Ministries Coordinator and their draft for the position description was approved. Education and Personnel Committees will work together to fill the position. We have funding for a 9-month contract and will need to provide for continued staffing in the 2019 budget.
- Mission Committee reported on the allocation of local and global mission funds. Session approved using \$175 from loose change offerings to fund a child for a year of early childhood education at Knysna in South Africa. We will also be assisting Cherokee Middle School with their new food pantry with funds designated for local mission from the denominational special offerings. 63% of Cherokee students are on their free or reduced lunch plan.
- The Treasurer reviewed the June financial report with the elders and Session confirmed consolidation of various accounts that he and Church Administrator worked out to complete migration to the new financial software.
- Liane Kosaki will be Westminster's commissioner to the August 19th video conference meeting of John Knox Presbytery; Carrie Aberle is able to attend if Liane cannot.

The next Session Meeting was Tuesday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m.



UPDATED WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Liturgists	Ushers	Greeters	Communion Servers
9/2/2018	Lee DeSpain	Kathy Key	Abe Aberle	Dorothy Hujik
		Julie Madden	Carrie Aberle	Alice Appen
		Ed Cothroll		Ed Cothroll
		Ken Sadeghian		Abe Aberle
9/9/2018	Agnes Dako	Andrea Kenny	Dave Granquist	
		Karen Osborne	Kathy Granquist	
		Richard Appen		
		Alice Appen		
9/16/2018	Bud Smith	Bob Weber	Doug Evans	
		Rhea Schultz	Connie Evans	
		Ed Cothroll		
		Judy Stone		
9/23/2018	Richard Appen	Bob Forsberg	The Donnell	
		Dave Granquist	Family	
		Abe Aberle		
		Carrie Aberle		
9/30/2018	Linda Kwiatkowski	Lee DeSpain	Ken Sadeghian	
		Ed Cothroll	Libby Sadeghian	
		Bob Weber		
		Dorothy Hujik		

Thank
you

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, Ann Friedley, Marjorie Hamann and son Jack, Jan Browning, Patricia Miller



SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Food Pantry Sunday 8:15 AM Personnel 9:45 AM Worship 11:30 Worship Committee	3	4	5 12:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Group 5:30 PM Sunday School Teacher Meeting	7 5:30 PM DBS	8 5:00 AM Shelter Serving at Grace Episcopal
9 9:45 AM Worship Rally Day & Mission Fair! 	10 9:30 AM Knit Wits	11 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study	12 12:30 PM Bible Study 1:30 PM Oakwood West Worship with Communion 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Group	14 5:30 PM DBS	15
16 9:45 AM Worship Just Bakery Bake Sale WELCOME AMY POLAND!	17 9:30 AM Knit Wits	18 1:00 PM Esther Naomi Circle Meeting 3:00 PM Stewardship	19 12:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	20 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Group 6:00 PM Mary/Elizabeth Circle	21 5:30 PM DBS 7:00 PM Doin' R Thing Dance	22
23 9:45 AM Worship	24	25 6:00 PM Budget Meeting 7:00 PM Session	26 12:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	27 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Group	28 5:30 PM DBS	29 4:00 PM Music on the Lawn at Westminster 
30 9:45 AM Worship Blessing of the Animals 	1	2	3 12:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	4 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Group	5 5:30 PM DBS	6

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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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9:45am Sundays

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