

September 2020 at Westminster Presbyterian Church - Online Worship

- September 6 14th Sunday after Pentecost/Communion
Texts: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14;
Focus Text: Matthew 18:15-20
Sermon: The Tie That Binds, Scott Anderson preaching
11:00a-Virtual Coffee Fellowship
- September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Rally Sunday
Texts: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13; Romans 14: 1-12;
Focus Text: Matthew 18:21-35
Guest Preacher: Jon Anderson, Director of The Collaboration Project
*****8:30a-10:30a- Drive-Up Donuts available outside the Yuma entrance**
11:00a-Virtual Coffee Fellowship
11:45a- Zoom Adult Forum: Shannon Murphy, Kibera Soccer Academy
- September 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Texts: Exodus 26: 2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Matthew 20:1-16
Focus Text: Philippians 1: 21-30
Sermon: From Tolerance to Empathy, Scott Anderson preaching
11:00a-Virtual Coffee Fellowship
11:45a-Zoom Pastor's Bible Study & Sermon Talk-Back resumes
- September 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Blessing of the Animals
Texts: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Matthew 21:23-32
Focus Text: Philippians 2:1-13
Sermon: The Secret Life of Dogs, Scott Anderson preaching
11:00a-Virtual Coffee Fellowship-bring your pets!
11:45a-Zoom Pastor's Bible Study & Sermon Talk-Back

Rally Sunday- September 13 - Join us for a special Sunday worship!

Guest Preacher: Jon Anderson, Founder and Executive Director, The Collaboration Project
Westminster welcomes Jon Anderson to our pulpit for Rally Sunday. Jon served as a pastor in the Madison area for twenty years before launching Collaboration Project in 2019. He has a passion for serving the local church and encouraging the church as they serve the most vulnerable. Jon has a history of starting programs centered on engaging the church in local service. He helped begin Madison Missions, a local youth service camp, that engages hundreds of students every summer. He also co-founded the Kingdom Justice Summit which annually brings together hundreds of people from dozens of churches around Christianity and justice in our city. Jon is thrilled to dedicate his time and talents toward bringing churches together for the good of our city.

The Collaboration Project is a unique coalition of evangelical and mainline churches in the greater Madison area that are committed to serving the needs of our community. A major component of their work is to engage congregations in serving Madison area public school through school and community partnerships. For more information about The Collaboration Project, go to <https://www.collaborationproject.us>



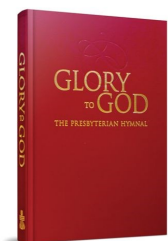
NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Scott Resumes Sunday Morning Bible Study & Sermon Talk-Back September 20th

Pastor Scott's Sunday morning Bible study will resume via Zoom on September 20th from 11:45a-12:30p, immediately following our congregation's 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. Bible study participant handouts will be included in the weekly announcements and also in the Sunday morning email blast to the congregation with Zoom links. 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.

Wednesday Bible Study this Fall—It's not too late to join!

Rev. Jessica Salt will be leading the Fall Bible Study starting on Wednesday, September 9th (virtually) on the Gospel of Matthew: God With Us using the Kerygma Resource Book. Matthew describes the church as an earthly manifestation of the Kingdom of God, comprised of Jesus' followers who have been called to live righteously in the world. Study this community as it strives to understand what it means to serve in the manner of Christ for the blessing of the world. Please contact the church office if you need a Resource Book (\$24).



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! Contact the church office at info@westmintermadison.org or 238-3121 to request one. Arrangements may be made for you to either pick it up or have it dropped off to you. You can return the borrowed hymnal when the pandemic has ended.

Blessing of the Devices August 30th

Westminster's familiar Blessing of the Backpacks is adjusting to reflect the times. 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 virtual 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.

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, please let Katie in the office know by Tuesday, September 8. We plan to have a sugar-free offering.



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. 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 the Education Committee will work on compiling them and figuring out distribution. Bon appetite!

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!

September Loose Change

For the last few years, our September Loose Change offering has supported Knysna Education Trust (KET) through their Adopt a Child's Education (ACE) program. Most recently, we sponsored Jaylin through their preschool program. Jaylin left the program but we would like to continue our sponsorship with another child through this worthy program in South Africa. KET, like the rest of the world, has been trying to adapt during a Covid lockdown. With the assistance of the local community and volunteers, they have continued to support the children (and educators) in their program through food vouchers, education packs and toys, books, clothing and blankets and parent wellness books. Once the children are back in school, we will learn which child we will sponsor. Since we are not in the sanctuary and cannot put our loose change into the collection plate, a jar has been placed in the office instead. Please drop off or send loose change (or small bills) to be placed in the jar. Together we can continue to fund this commendable program and make a difference in a young life.



Blessing of the Animals- Send in your photos!

Thank you for sharing your furry loved ones (below). If you would like your animal to "take part" in our Blessing of the Animals service (September 27), **please send us a photo by September 18.** You can send them to Katie at info@westminstermadison.org (or by mail if you prefer). If you've sent one in already - thanks!

Blessing of the Animals: Getting to know your furry and feathery loved ones!



Mary Lathrop: Cuddling, cute, capricious, sometimes crazy, my cat Lovie endlessly entertains me, and I love her DEARLY!!!

Dale & Marian Rohde: Our cat is Leo Rohde, age 17, named for the MGM lion.

Nansi Colley: Abby is a 12 years old Golden Retriever and loves going for walks and greeting neighbors. She will miss seeing you all at the Church this year. Rose is our cat and loves playing with peacock feathers.

Sandy Curran: Meet Max, unconditional love and abounding joy covered by dog hair. Holly, Chloe & Charley are all fur shedding, lap warming, purring reformed barn cats who found a home in the city.

Katie Bencze: We have a goldfish named Syrup that my daughter won at Brat Fest over 8 years ago! He is now about 5 inches long and 2 inches wide.

Amy Poland - Hana is a 10 year old border terrier that loves to snuggle and play tug of war.

The Kosaki-Franklin Family - Tamsin is a Shiba Inu who is quite the diva— everything she likes (including my chair) she claims as hers. Sarah the cat is the perfect pet— does not trigger allergies, is so affectionate, and loves to cuddle.

Judy Graham & Len Van Ess: Fluffer, a constant source of joy for us and she thinks everyone loves her, and they do!

The Fletcher Family - Gator Fletcher is a rescue dog who looks like a cross between a corgi and a lab, although he is neither. He is a Very Good Boy whose hobbies include slow walks and demolishing squeaky toys.

Sue Dornfeld - Cinder, my 14 year old cat, has been a shining light for me during this pandemic.

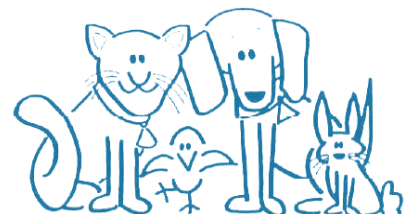
Lu Kummerow - Joey is a Chihuahua mix who is the most loving, sweet and playful furry friend.

The Hayes Family - The Lord has blessed our family with an abundance of creatures. Our nights are filled with the gentle whirring of exercise wheels for our adorable hamsters Sushi and Hades. We awake each morning to the excited clucks of our three chickens, Websters, Albus, and Lt. Dan. Finally our family is now complete with the addition of twin rescue puppy sisters, Hazel and Tikka.

Sue & Bill Bridson - We have an 8 year old yellow lab "puppy" who loves balls and other soft toys, lobbying for 4 pm supper.

Sandra Cole - Willoughby is a 6 year old dark tabby with green eyes and an adventurous spirit. He loves to hear the voices of his beloved people on the phone and responds to them with loud purring.

Scott Anderson - My dogs, Sam and Debbie, provided me with such love and support after my husband's death. They are an important part of my family!





Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Betty Smith, Kathy Costello, Rick Zimmer, Dan Prine, Dianne Stevens, Lou Ann Schermerhorn

JULY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session took action to thank Joel Jones for his many years of service keeping the church pianos in excellent working order. Joel is retiring from his piano tuning business and we wish him a most happy and well deserved retirement.

Property reported that the sanctuary roof will be replaced with work starting in August. They will also be meeting with a consultant on the type of video equipment we need and how best to permanently install it so that we can continue providing online worship services in the future.

Mission reported \$1000 was distributed to the Madison Area Jail Ministry plus the paperback books donated by the congregation. They also distributed over \$5000 to the West High Area Collaborative (Fellowship Hall) to feed families in need.

General Church Reminders:

-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.

-For pastoral care call Scott in the office at 238-3121 or for emergencies call him at 358-6153

-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 or just call us!

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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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Dorothy Hujik 09/01
- Sue Jerome 09/02
- Kate Martin 09/03
- Ken Sadeghian 09/04
- Jack Kenny 09/06
- Alice Appen 09/07
- Anna Franklin 09/08
- Mike Johnson 09/15
- Bill Bridson 09/16
- Mia Luz Sleeman 09/16
- John Wright 09/17
- David Wilke 09/18
- Shirley Toomey 09/19
- Barb Ricker 09/21
- Mayme Williams 09/22
- Mary Ihlenfeldt 09/23
- Susan Paddock 09/23
- Richard Appen 09/25
- Jane Kwiatkowski 09/25
- John Koeppe 09/28

