

# WESTMINSTER NEWS

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## World Communion Sunday October 1

*"All who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (I Cor. 11:29)*

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. The Apostle Paul tells us that we are to "discern the body" when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk, Paul wrote (I Cor. 11:21). Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.

### A Presbyterian Gift

World Communion Sunday is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

It was Shadyside's attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.,

Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the National Council of Churches promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated globally, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed.

—Scott Anderson



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# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Sermons from Westminster

Pastor Scott's sermons are available after Sunday worship in several formats. Sermons are posted to the westminstermadison.org website under the "Worship" tab. They can be downloaded as an audio file or listened to directly from the website. Print copies are available on Monday from the church office. If you wish to reserve electronic copies (pdf files) each week, our Church Administrator Katie Bencze can add you to the weekly email list to automatically receive them. Individual copies can be requested from Katie at [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org). Each week there are also a handful of printed copies placed in the display rack to the right of the entrance to the church office.

## Reading Material Still Accepted

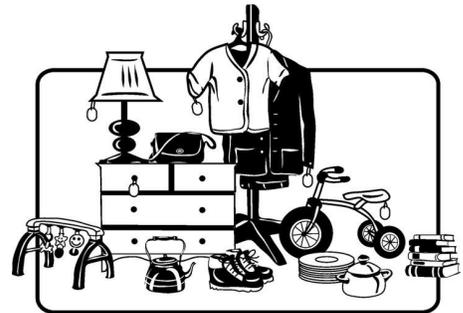
Jack Hamann, the son of one of our members Marjorie Hamann, is currently in the Dane County Jail and we are rounding up reading materials for Jack to help him cope with incarceration. Jack is very bright and has wide-ranging reading interests: gardening, fishing, art (especially watercolor) and art history, and National Geographic magazines, to name a few. He also desires a paperback dictionary and thesaurus.

The Jail has strict policies about reading materials mailed to inmates: only paperback books and magazines, no staples, and only two in one package. If you have a paperback or a magazine (or two) that you think Jack would enjoy, drop them by the church office and we'll make sure he gets them.

## Rummage Sale Oct 28

Westminster's big rummage sale is back and we need YOU!! Starting October 25, we really need folks who can help set up and haul items out of Room 8, as well as a big cleanup crew starting at 2 p.m Oct. 28. after the sale on Saturday. And of course we need lots of help organizing merchandise and pricing on Thursday and Friday (Oct 26 & Oct 27). Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex.

If you want to donate, please try to bring your items during the week of the sale (Oct. 25-27) during normal church office hours 8am-4pm. Remember that all donations should be gently used, free of rips and stains, and in working condition. If it's broken or soiled, we cannot sell it. Thanks for all the support. Our sales are great opportunities to build community, provide low-priced items to people who need them, and earn money that goes back into the Madison community. If you have questions, see Beth Swedeen - [ineedmycoffee2@aol.com](mailto:ineedmycoffee2@aol.com) or Sara Pope - [rosegirl1991@yahoo.com](mailto:rosegirl1991@yahoo.com)



## Rummage Sale

## Thank You on Behalf of Open Doors for Refugees

Westminster is a caring congregation, supporting the good works of many organizations. Throughout the year, we open our hearts and our wallets. On behalf of Open Doors for Refugees, the Mission Committee thanks you for your donations to help prepare a home for refugees arriving in Madison. Working with Jewish Social Services and Lutheran Social Services, all gifts are used to help in the resettlement of families forced to leave their homes under violent circumstances. Thank you!

*Thank  
you*

## A Festival of Hymn Singing

At 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 29, please join us in the sanctuary at Westminster for a Festival of Hymn Singing led by our Minister of Music, Joe Chrisman. In 2017, we celebrate Joe's 20th year of continuous service to the congregation of Westminster. In this special musical event, we lift our voices in song to offer praise and thanksgiving for the work God has done through the Westminster congregation and its ministry of music. There is no Packer game or symphony concert on October 29, so please invite a friend to join you to experience the friendly singing congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church!



## Annual Fish Fry

All are invited to the annual fish fry at Babe's (5614 Schroeder Rd ) on **October 20 at 6pm**. We hope you can join us for this fun night of fellowship. If you can join us please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex. For more information, please talk to Bob Bush [rkb@medicine.wisc.edu](mailto:rkb@medicine.wisc.edu).

## Walk With The World!

The leaves are turning, the air is crisp, the Packers are winning. All of that can mean only one thing: CROP Walk season! Westminster walkers and donors have raised thousands of dollars over the years for this worthy cause. CROP Walk donations are used by Church World Service to fund hunger-prevention programs throughout Wisconsin and around the world. How to get involved:



-Support the team of Westminster walkers with your donations and prayers. Walkers will be in the narthex for the next several Sundays.

-Join the Westminster walkers. All are welcome. Walkers meet at First Congregational UCC on Sunday, October 15 for a 1:30 walk. Carpooling is available. Want to learn more? Contact Kate Fletcher [kfletche@epic.com](mailto:kfletche@epic.com).

## Tuesday Bible Study

**Engaging the Word: Learning to read the Bible with confidence, understanding and openness.** Stories abound within the Christian community of people whose lives have been transformed Scripture. But a great many of us find ourselves paralyzed and frustrated at the prospect of reading the Bible on our own. The text of Scripture seems intimidating and perplexing. The scholarship surrounding it is often technical and dauntingly complex. The goal of this study is to better equip ourselves for fruitful personal encounter with Scripture as a way of deepening our connection with God. In pursuit of this goal the class will...

Formulate a "big picture" understanding of the entire biblical story as a way of providing context and a framework for understanding individual passages. Explore different types of writings contained in the Old and New Testaments, considering pivotal passages, key themes and concepts, major characters, and fruitful interpretive strategies for each type. Practice fruitful group reading and discussion of individual passages. Develop personal habits of devotional Scripture reading. The class will feature a mixture of presentation and discussion, with other viewpoints welcome. **Come join us Tuesdays, 4pm-5:30pm!**

## Thursday Morning Book Group

Join us Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30am in the Mary J. Bartholomew Lounge from September to June to discuss a variety of books and topics. A snack and a hearty portion of fellowship is served up by this lively group. We are currently finishing *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* and will start into our next book which is *Chosen?: Reading the Bible Amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* by Walter Brueggemann on Oct 12. On October 19, we will be taking a book break to enjoy a bread & salad potluck with the Madinah Teachers. John Koeppe will also be on hand that day to help anyone with technical questions for electronics. All are welcome.



### An Update from the Hayes Family

At the heart of Westminster is a commitment to mission. We share this commitment and so it is that with great faith we have chosen to spend a year abroad, living in the service of God's creation. Why are we doing this? There are so many reasons we would need a book to tell them all and to do them justice. But in a few words, we are doing this because we feel called. We have felt that for the last several years we have not lived up to the potential that we feel God has created for us. We have had success in our careers and education, we have a nice home and live comfortably. But we feel that we have pursued our earthly selves at the expense of our spiritual selves. We need this opportunity to give more of ourselves than we ever have and to simultaneously give our children an opportunity

to see that what we have already is more than we can ever need. We have spoken with Anjali, David, and Lucia and they, while a little scared of course, are excited about this endeavor and are looking forward to meeting new people, helping those who ask, and being part of this much bigger world than they have ever known.

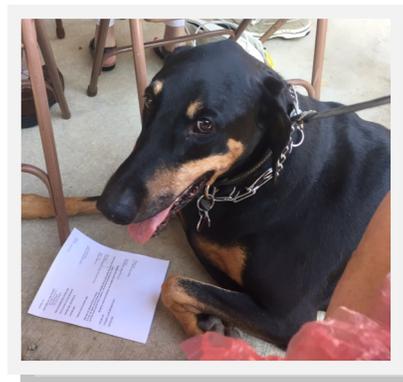
We will be leaving Madison mid-July 2018 and will shortly thereafter take up our first post in Schonebeck, Germany. There we will work with a local church and community assisting with congregational needs as well as with their Vacation Bible School. Next we travel to Thailand where we will assist a rural school in teaching English, then to India where we will spend time on The Farm, a working agricultural farm and an orphanage for Indian children, and to Sri Lanka to assist at a wildlife conservancy. We are praying for another opportunity to complete the rest of our year and have several options available, but have not secured anything at this time.

We have made preparations already with teachers in Madison who have given generously their time and knowledge to ensure that we can help the kids stay ahead of their class work and be prepared to re-enter the fold upon our return, rich with new life experiences unlike any their peers have encountered. We have researched exhaustively to ensure that the locations at which we will stay and work provide access to sufficient healthcare, educational resources, and a reasonable degree of safety. Most importantly, we have confirmed that these are places that are in need of people who care and who can provide life giving love and support. We have not taken this endeavor lightly to be sure. While there can and will be surprises we feel that we are prepared to deal with what will come either through our own abilities and resources or, in those instances above our threshold, in an abundant belief that God will provide.

We are grateful for the support and prayers from our church family. We also encourage you to check out the website of our non-profit organization, *Casting Off Globally - Family Volunteers Inc. (COG)* at [www.castingoffglobally.org](http://www.castingoffglobally.org) for more information. COG was established with the purpose of helping families find worthy volunteer opportunities abroad as well as to help financially and spiritually support them during their time of service. You can also follow us on our journey now and in the future via our Blog (to which the children will also be contributing), as well as on Facebook ([Casting Off Globally - Family Volunteers](#) and [Going Deep](#)—our personal Facebook Page).

**Thanks to all of our furry and fantastic friends for bringing their humans to our special Blessing of the Animals service, September 24. It was a PAWSitively wonderful morning!**

**(If anyone has additional photos of the service, please send them to Katie in the office: [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org))**



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Nizar Jarjour 10/01  
Nathan Wilke 10/04  
Karen Hansen 10/05  
Mary Lathrop 10/06  
Julie Madden 10/09  
William Butler 10/11  
Tom Buchhauser 10/11  
Karen Osborne 10/13  
Thatcher Root 10/13

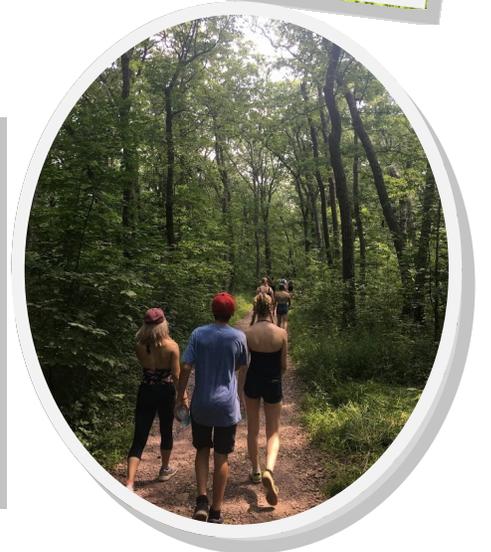
Donna Norton 10/15  
Hannah Kwiatkowski 10/15  
Joyce L. Buseman 10/19  
Michelle Zebrowski 10/19  
Marcy Braucht 10/20  
Aaron Kornetzke 10/22  
Kimberly Pedracine 10/26  
Jeff Hayes 10/27



## YOUTH



**August Youth Lock-In**  
**Fun, Food, Fellowship & Philanthropy!**



# WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## Liturgists

## Ushers

## Greeters

## Communion Servers

<b>10/1/2017</b>	Ed Cothroll	Judy Stone	Dave Granquist
		Jerry Donnell	Kathy Granquist
		Bob Forsberg	
		Bill Bridson	
<b>10/8/2017</b>	Juanita Halls	Gay Didriksen	Karen Osborne
		Bob Goller	Kathy Key
		Bob Weber?	
		Linda Kwiatkowski	
<b>10/15/2017</b>	Richard Appen	Ed Cothroll	Linda Kwiatkowski
		Julie Madden	Hannah Kwiatkowski
		Lee DeSpain	
		Doug Kornetzke	
<b>10/22/2017</b>	Lee DeSpain	Ken Sadeghian	Carrie Aberle
		Rhea Schultz	Abe Aberle
		Bob Weber	
		Judy Stone	
<b>10/29/2017</b>	Liane Kosaki	Richard Appen	Doug Halls
		Alice Appen	Juanita Halls
		Dave Granquist	
		Ed Cothroll	
<b>11/5/2017</b>	TBD	Karen Osborne	Dave Granquist
		Julie Madden	Kathy Granquist
		Bob Forsberg	
		Kathy Key	

Margie Knott
Chuck Kamp
Andrea Kenny
Julie Madden
Ed Cothroll

Ed Cothroll
Dorothy Hujik
Alice Appen
Richard Appen
TBD

### Session Highlights

Session met on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and heard reports from the committees. There will be a new member class in late November. A new print directory is almost finished.

The majority of the meeting was concerned with budget items. The Budget Committee, comprised of the chairpersons of church committees and members of Stewardship including the church treasurer, presented a proposed 2018 budget of \$382,133. Data from the fixed and discretionary expenses, pledges received, and other income sources project a shortfall for 2017. After deliberation Session approved cuts of \$35,500 in order to present a balanced 2018 budget. Given fixed and contracted expenses Session reduced discretionary spending by eliminating the \$25,000 line for an additional pastoral position and reducing pledges to General Assembly mission to \$7,645, local mission to \$7,700, and Building Maintenance to \$17,000. Committees will also take a critical look at spending for the remainder of this year.

In other action Session called a Meeting of the Congregation to elect officers on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service.

# JOYS & CONCERNS

Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers for health, peace and wholeness:

*Jack Browning, Betty Fox, Shirley Toomey, Vern Forsberg, Wade Waggener, Ann Friedley, Lil Marsh, Marjorie Hamann and son Jack, Sara Hayes's cousin Courtney, Howard Thompson, Joel & Connie Jones' niece Caitlin Murray, Nancy and Bob Dott (friends of the Bridsons), Arnie Chandler, Jacqueline Stevens, Gloria Stange*



## OCTOBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Food Pantry Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:40 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship committee 11:45 AM Property 11:45 AM Organ meeting	2	3 12 PM JKP Regional Meeting	4 7:00 PM AA 7:30 PM Choir Practice	5 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	6 5:30 PM DBSA	7
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15 <b>Just Bakery Sale!</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:40 AM Sunday School 4:00 PM Pres House Dinner	16	17 10:00 AM Allied Partners Meeting 1:00 PM Esther - Naomi Circle 4:00pm-5:30pm Bible Study 6:30 PM Stewardship	18 7:00 PM AA	19 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group (Lunch w/ Madinah)  6:00 PM Mary - Elizabeth Circle	20 5:30 PM DBSA  6:00 PM Fish Fry @ Babe's 7:00 PM Doin' R Thing Dance	21
22 9:30 AM Worship 10:40 AM Sunday School	23 9:30 AM Knitwits	24 4:00pm-5:30pm Bible Study  7:00 PM Session	25 7:00 PM AA  7:30 PM Choir Practice	26 9:30 AM Thursday Morning Book Group	27 5:30 PM DBSA	28 RUMMAGE SALE 8am-2pm
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**Faithful** to our covenant with God and each other, and

**Diligent** in ministering to the needs of the world.

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## OCTOBER

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### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Worship Service:**  
9:30am Sundays

**Sunday Schools:**  
10:40am: K-4th grade &  
Youth (5th - high school)  
10:50am: Adult

~ Child Care available ~