

Westminster News OCTOBER 2021



SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 9:45 AM

- October 3** **World Communion Sunday**
Texts: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
Focus Text: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Sermon: God is Still Speaking
- October 10** **Intergenerational Education: Blankets for Afghan Refugees**
Texts: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; 2:5-12;
Mark 10:17-31
Focus Text: Hebrews 4:12-16 Sermon: Sharper Than a Two-Edged Sword
- October 17** **Stewardship Kickoff Sunday**
Texts: Job 38:1-7, 16-17; Psalm 104:1-9, 24,35c; Hebrews 5:1-10, 2:5-12;
Mark 10:35-45
Focus Text: Hebrews 5:1-10 Sermon: What Does God Want?
- October 24** Texts: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8(19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28;
Mark 10:46-52
Focus Text: Hebrews 7:23-28 Sermon: Our Great High Priest
- October 31** **Reformation Sunday**
Texts: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
Focus Text: Hebrews 9:11-14 Sermon: All Sinners, All Saints





Stewardship Campaign will launch on October 17

Watch your mail for the materials you'll need to support Westminster's presence and programs throughout 2022. Materials will be mailed during the week of October 11th, and we'll kick off our stewardship campaign with special messages on Sunday, October 17th. Your Time and Talent form is your chance to offer to participate personally in whichever of Westminster's activities are most meaningful to you. Whether you enjoy using your skills and talents quietly behind the scenes or want to be "out front" and visible, our church depends heavily on our skilled and dedicated volunteers. This is your best and easiest chance to raise your hand and say, "call on me!"

In addition to giving of our time and talent by volunteering, we are also called to support our church financially through our pledges. The Stewardship mailing will include a "highlights" letter from the Stewardship Committee; a narrative budget explaining how our spending supports Worship, Missions and Outreach, Christian Education, and Care and Compassion; and a pledge card on which you can indicate your estimate of the amount you aspire to give to further Westminster's work during 2022. You can save a stamp by placing your pledge card in the offering on Stewardship Commitment Sunday, Nov. 7th. You can simplify your life even further by setting up automatic transfers from your bank; our Administrator, Katie Bencze, has all the information and forms you'll need.

In its work supporting our members, our community, and the needs of so many around the world, Westminster gives freely, never asking how it will be repaid, nor assessing any individual's worthiness. Instead, Westminster gives its support as our call is discerned through the debates and decisions of our members, acting through our leaders and committees. Your support of time, talent, and finances provides the essential foundation for all this work. Please take the time to consider carefully and prayerfully how you are called to respond with generosity and love to this year's Stewardship Campaign.

-Paul Thompson, Chair of Stewardship Campaign



Pres House Meals

Karen Stephens is coordinating the dinner for the students at Pres House on selected Sundays throughout the 2021/22 academic year. All volunteers are welcome! If you would like to help out, there are several opportunities. At this time we especially need side dishes (salad, rolls, vegetable, dessert). The dates Westminster Presbyterian signed up for are: **October 17, November 21, December 19, and February 20.** You can volunteer one time or many times –

whatever works for your schedule! Contact Karen - Email: kjstephens24@att.net or Cell: 714-705-3004, Thank you!

Community Fundraiser

Our friends at Glenwood Moravian Church (725 Gilmore St.) are hosting a German Dinner on Saturday, October 23, 2021 3:30 – 6:30 pm - Carry-out, or (limited distance) delivery \$18 per meal. **Call 608-233-8709 to place order by October 10!** Menu: sauerbraten, spaetzle, green beans with bacon, red cabbage, sauerkraut salad, and apple crisp dessert. They will be donating 50% to hurricane relief in gulf coast states.



Crop Walk - Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

Each year congregations across the United States walk to raise funds to end hunger and poverty through long term sustainable approaches to significantly reduce or eliminate hunger. This year, the Crop Hunger Walk will be held on October 17—you can register to walk or contribute funds to the Crop Walk by going to this link:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/madisonwi>

October Intergenerational Event

Come join the Education and Mission committees on **Sunday, October 10** following worship for an intergenerational event to make fleece blankets for Afghan refugee children in Wisconsin. We will be tying fleece blankets (like we've made for Project Linus) to give to the children currently housed at Fort McCoy. The Mission committee will be assembling resettlement packages to give to the families (more information will be coming regarding this) and we wish to include an item specifically for the children to keep for themselves.



Congratulations

After over 45 years, Westminster's Sue Bridson recently retired as a long-time Arboretum naturalist. A special congratulations goes to Sue for her amazing contributions and dedication. To read more about her story, check out this article from Arboretum director, Karen Oberhauser - [CLICK HERE](#).

Rummage Sale

We have tentatively scheduled the Rummage Sale at Westminster for Saturday, October 23. A final decision will be made 2 weeks before depending on volunteers and covid guidelines. As you know, this is a big undertaking and we can't do it without a lot of hands on deck. From set-up to cashiers...please consider helping. There is a sign-up in the Narthex or you can email Katie in the office. For donations, you are welcome to bring them during normal church office hours **the week of the Rummage Sale (starting October 18)**. Please do not bring anything earlier as we currently do not have any available space.



Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Carla McCann, Kelly McCann, Gloria Stange, the parents of Jessica Salt, Ruth Hein & family

Fall 2021 Confirmands



David Hayes is a seventh grader attending Blessed Sacrament School. He enjoys sports and outdoor activities. He also enjoys video games. He has two sisters. He wants to be a part of this church to help others. David has two dogs, one hamster and three chickens.

< mentor Doug Evans & David



Reese Manning goes to Savannah Oaks Middle School. She enjoys language arts and all her friends at school. She loves to play volleyball and soccer. She involves herself at school by being in a group that helps younger students learn about the school. She is passionate about helping other and being a leader. She has a dog named Kendal who she really loves, along with her parents and brother. She is participating in confirmation to learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian.

< mentor Erin Nass & Reese



Mac Yackee is currently going to Edgewood Campus School. He loves math and art and enjoys learning new moves to use in basketball. Friends are very important in Mac's life, and you will always see him with one. Mac has a brother and a sister, along with his Mom and Dad. Mac plays basketball and tennis. He also enjoys playing with his dog. Mac is participating in confirmation to learn more about the following of God.

< mentor Doug Halls & Mac



Blessing of the Animals



LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Nathan Wilke 10/04
- Karen Hansen 10/05
- Mary Lathrop 10/06
- Aidan Lepien 10/08
- Julie Madden 10/09
- Albert Whitney 10/09
- Tom Buchhauser 10/11
- Gary Watters 10/12
- Karen Osborne 10/13
- Thatcher Root 10/13
- Donna Norton 10/15
- Hannah Kwiatkowski 10/15
- Joyce Buseman 10/19
- Jeff Hayes 10/27
- Warren Kenney 10/31

CURRENT WESTMINSTER HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

(For details on any of the below, feel free to call the church office)

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

9:45AM: IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMING ONLINE WORSHIP
 (recorded service available online immediately after)
 Nursery is open for children 5 and under.

10:45AM (ish): OUTSIDE COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP (Yuma side)

CHILDREN'S TIME - During Worship
 11:00AM ADULT EDUCATION/FORUM (MJB Lounge)

KNIT WITS: knitting group at WPC every 2nd & 4th Monday at 9:30am

PWW (Presbyterian Women of Westminster)
 Every 3rd Tuesday at 1:00pm - Esther Naomi Circle
 Every 3rd Thursday at 6:00pm - Mary Elizabeth Circle

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY (via zoom) - Wednesdays at 12:30-2:00pm

THURSDAY BOOK GROUP (hybrid zoom/WPC) - Thursdays at 10:00-11:00am



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