



## Updates & Announcements October 22, 2020



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### Leaf Raking at Church this Saturday - Help Needed!

We need some volunteers to join us this **Saturday October 24 from 10:30-12pm** to help rake the church grounds. Many hands make light work! We have rakes and tarps - we just need you! No need to call, just show up. It's a great opportunity to help and get out of the house!

### IMPORTANT! Special Congregational Meeting this Sunday at 11 am via Zoom. Join us!

The Session has called a special congregational meeting for this Sunday, October 25 at 11:00am via Zoom. The Zoom link is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87266461287?pwd=OERIUHJKbS9mSCtBaGFRVUhXTWJmZz09>

Or go to the website: [zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and click on "join a meeting". Then enter the meeting ID and password when prompted. Meeting ID: 872 6646 1287 & Password: 549557 We anticipate the meeting will last about 20 minutes, with coffee fellowship immediately to follow the meeting using the same link. The Sunday morning Bible Study will meet at 11:45a. The purpose of the special congregational meeting is two fold:

1. To consider two proposed amendments to the church by-laws to allow the congregation and the session to meet virtually. The amendments are: The first amendment will be the final paragraph in section **IV. Meetings of**



### Stewardship Time

Stewardship letters have been mailed. This is an important part of our budget process and especially vital these days as we navigate these challenging times. Please return your card and time/talent form by **Commitment Sunday November 8**. Alternately, you can submit your information online!

**SUBMIT PLEDGE** [CLICK HERE](#)

**TIME/TALENT** [CLICK HERE](#)

*Thank you for your support as we continue Westminster's mission in Christ's name.*

**the Church** and comes immediately before **A. Notice of Meetings**

*The congregation may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss and vote on business items. The quorum for such a meeting is 10% of the active membership.*

The second amendment to the by-laws allows electronic Session & Deacons meetings and will be in section **V. Church Councils** and follow **D.**

*E. Church councils may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, and discern the will of God and vote on business items. The quorum for such a meeting is 1/3 of active members and one moderator, temporary or called."*

Technically, all of the actions taken electronically have to be confirmed at the next in-person meeting of the congregation (which for us may be next fall)

**2.** To elect elders, deacons and congregational members of the church nominating committee for 2021. See your October church ([HERE](#)) newsletter for the list of nominees.

If you can't join the Zoom meeting, and would like to express your views, please email our Clerk of Session Andrea Kenny at [kennyjanda@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kennyjanda@sbcglobal.net) by Saturday at 5 pm.

Please join us for this important Zoom call on Sunday! I look forward to "seeing" you at the meeting.

-Pastor Scott Anderson



**Children's Time with Amy**

**-STORY TIME** -[CLICK HERE](#) for a weekly story with Children's Ministry Coordinator, Amy Poland. Friendship is important. God wants us all to



Westminster's **OCTOBER**

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**Homebound Highlights (rotating each week):** Patrick Mullin, Bucky Pike, Lou Ann Schermerhorn, Nell Seiberlich

**Members & Friends:** Betty Smith, Jerry Donnell, Dianne Stevens, Flora Adams, Lisa Jones. Wayne Schmidt, Sandy Butler and family



#### Staff

**Scott Anderson**, Pastor

**Joe Chrisman**, Minister of Music

**Amy Poland**, Childrens Ministries Coordinator

**Katie Bencze**, Church Admin

**Dorothy Blotz**, Accompanist

**Vern Forsberg**, Pastor Emeritus

love and respect each other but we are all different, but that doesn't mean we can't all be friends. Join Amy on an adventure with a curious crocodile that finds friendship in the smallest of places. The book is called "Crocodile's Crossing" by Yoeri Slegers.

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Have the kids log on or call in at 10:00 am this Sunday lesson with Connie Evans. [CLICK HERE](#) for the lesson.

To login click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84720364190?pwd=UTNVTjcweWl0YUR0RThlMUVlJWUvXUT09>

Or phone in: 312-626-6799 then enter Meeting ID: 847 2036 4190 and then Password: 566146

### **All Saints Day November 1 - Submit names due Tuesday**

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, we will be honoring members and loved ones who have passed. If you would like to honor a loved one, please submit their name to the church office by **October 27** (Call 238-3121 or email [info@westminstermadison.org](mailto:info@westminstermadison.org)). We will be lighting a candle and sharing those names during the service.

### **Westminster to produce an Advent Daily Devotional - Pick a day!**

The Worship Committee is producing a daily devotional guide for the season of Advent, which runs from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day. We are looking for about 30 volunteers to write a brief daily devotional based on the scripture texts in the daily lectionary for the season. If you are interested in helping out, send an email to Meg Beally at [megbeally@gmail.com](mailto:megbeally@gmail.com) and she will forward a detailed instruction sheet along with your assigned scripture text. You can also call the church office at 608-238-3121. Deadline for daily devotionals is November 15.

### **Drive By Pie, Advent Wreaths and Food Drive November 15**

Let's celebrate Thanksgiving together! On Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10am the Fellowship Committee will be serving slices of pie at the Yuma entrance. Come by and enjoy! We are also teaming up with the Mission Committee to hold our annual Thanksgiving food drive (see details below)—so feel free to bring your non-perishable food items to the church when you pick up your pie! Additionally, the Education committee will be giving out Advent wreath kits for every family—so be sure to grab yours. Or, let us know and we would be happy to deliver them (and pick up food donations if you like. If you would like to make a pie for this event, please contact

Lynnette at [lynnetteet@outlook.com](mailto:lynnetteet@outlook.com) or Juanita [jih71152@gmail.com](mailto:jih71152@gmail.com)

### **Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - November 15th**

COVID-19 has required our congregation to be flexible. We quickly adapted to virtual worship and Zoom meetings. The Fellowship Committee then came up with the "Drive-by" idea: 1st donuts, then cookies, and, on November 15th, PIES! As we enjoy this new event, we don't want to forget Westminster's tradition of collecting food at Thanksgiving for the Allied Food Pantry. We have 2 ways that you can participate. Bring a bag of food with you to the "Drive-by Pie" on November 15th at the Yuma St entrance. Or request pickup at your front door! For the latter, simply call Rhea Schultz (608-841-1878) or Sandy Curran (608-469-6100) NO LATER THAN November 13th to schedule. We will happily pick up your donation that Sunday. If you have a conflict on the 15th, let us know. We'll schedule pickup for Saturday November 14th. **FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED DUE TO SUPPLY CHAIN SHORTAGES INCLUDE: Hearty canned soups, ramen, jelly, canned veggies other than green beans, pasta of various shapes, dry beans, and dry cereal. Personal care items are always appreciated.** Thank you for your participation. And an early Happy Thanksgiving greeting!

### **Diversity Forums from UW Madison**

UW is hosting a free virtual event on diversity **October 27 and 28**. Speakers include Robin DiAngelo, Ph.D., author of the widely acclaimed bestseller "White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism" and Austin Channing Brown, author of New York Times bestseller, "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness." For more information or to register [CLICK HERE](#).

### **Requests from the Madison Area Jail Ministry**

Can you help with any of the following? Chaplain Todd has requested WINTER COATS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, & BOOKS for the men & women in the Dane County Jail. 1) Clean, gently used coats of all sizes are needed for those who have none and are released during cold weather months. 2) Christmas cards with heartfelt handwritten messages of encouragement, hope for the future, God's love, joy for the Christmas season. The cards should have no sequins, glitter, ribbon, wood, cardboard flaps, or envelopes. Sign with first name only. Seeking 15 - 20

more people to each provide 3 cards with handwritten notes. (Many thanks to those who have already provided cards.) (3) Books to replenish the Chaplain's Library: Consider donating SOFTCOVER books that have inspired you spiritually. Or go to [madisonjailministry.org](http://madisonjailministry.org) and do a search for Wish List. Consider the list of spiritual books requested by inmates. The UW Library at the Jail is closed due to COVID-19. Carts with books are circulated, but those who enjoy reading would like new titles to read. Your favorite gently used books would be appreciated. If you can help with any of these requests, please contact Rhea Schultz ([rannschi@gmail.com](mailto:rannschi@gmail.com)) for pickup or drop off. Our deadline is November 16. THANK YOU!

### 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](mailto:erin.e.nass@gmail.com) or mail (church address 4100 Nakoma Rd. Madison, WI 53711). 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 we will work on compiling them and figuring out distribution. Bon appetite!

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