



Newsletter & Announcements November 7, 2019

SCAM WARNING: Several members have reported receiving texts/emails from "Scott Anderson" asking for gift cards. This is a scam. We would never solicit members in this way. Please report them to the church office if you happen to receive any. Thanks.



Reminder - This is Stewardship Commitment Sunday (November 10)
Please turn in pledge cards and Time/Talent forms on Commitment Sunday November 10. This is very important to help us accurately plan Westminster's budget for next year. Forms can also be mailed or dropped off to the church office. If you need extra cards or forms, they can be found outside of the sanctuary and also the office (or call Katie and she will send you one, 238-3121). Thank you!

This Sunday Adult Forum after Worship: "Ending Extreme Partisan Gerrymandering in Wisconsin" with Attorney Douglas M. Poland

On June 18, 2018, the United States Supreme Court issued an opinion in Gill v. Whitford, a case in which a federal district court had held Wisconsin's 2011 state legislative districting plan (Act 43) to be an unconstitutional partisan gerrymander. The lawsuit was filed in July 2015 by 13 registered Democratic voters in Wisconsin who claimed that Act 43 violated their right to vote guaranteed by the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution, and their right to freedom of association under the First Amendment, by unfairly favoring Republican candidates for the Wisconsin



Please keep the following in your prayers...

Homebound Highlights (rotating each week):
Margaret Cunningham, Sam & Isabel Buffat, Vern & Sally Forsberg, Wade Waggener

Members & Friends: Dan Dohrn (father of Beth), Seema Tahir, John Smith, Betty Smith, Newt Roberts, Dorothy Schroeder



SUN 11/10
@ 9:45am - Worship
@ 11:00am
- Adult Forum: Ending

legislature, ensuring that Republican legislators would control the Assembly and Senate for the entire decade. After a one-week trial in Madison in May 2016, a three-judge panel of federal judges agreed, and held Act 43 to be unconstitutional. Without ruling on the merits of the claims, the Supreme Court vacated the judgment, and sent the case back to the federal district court for a new trial in July 2019. But on June 28, the US Supreme Court ruled in *Rucho v. Common Cause*, a partisan gerrymandering case from North Carolina, that partisan gerrymandering claims cannot be brought in federal courts. Consequently, the Whitford case was dismissed. Attorney Doug Poland served as one of the lead attorneys representing the Plaintiffs at trial, and was a member of the team that presented the case to the Supreme Court. Doug will explain what partisan gerrymandering is; why it is such a severe threat to representative democracy in Wisconsin and other states, regardless of which political party employs it to gain and hold political power; and efforts here and in other states to eliminate partisan gerrymandering in the wake of the Supreme Court's *Rucho* opinion.

Extreme Partisan
Gerrymandering in
Wisconsin
- Sunday School for Children
(room 12)
**@ 12:30pm - Visitation for
Donna Chandler Memorial
@2:00pm - Memorial
Service**

MON 11/11
@ 9:30am - Knitwits

WEDS 11/13
@ 12:30pm—Bible Study
@7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal

THURS 11/14
@9:30am—Thursday Book
Group

FRI 11/15
@ 7:00pm - Doin' R Thing
Dance

SUN 11/17 - Just Bakery
Sunday
@ 8:30am - Deacons Meeting
@ 9:45am - Worship
@ 11:00am Church
Thanksgiving Potluck
(Fellowship Hall)
@3:00pm - Pres House Meal
Prep (Meal at 6:00pm—all are
welcome)



Allied Food Pantry Thanksgiving Donation on Sunday November 17

Westminster will celebrate God's many blessings in a worship service of Thanksgiving on November 17th and continue our tradition of collecting food for the Allied Food Pantry. Please bring your sacks of groceries to the sanctuary that Sunday or donate by check with Allied Food Drive on the memo line. Dave Granquist will transport our offerings to the Allied Food Pantry. It's a way we can give thanks and support our neighbors in need.



Thanksgiving Potluck Next Sunday, November 17 After Worship (11AM)!

Westminster will provide home-roasted turkeys, and we ask you to bring your favorite holiday dish to round out the feast.

We also need four (4) volunteers to help carve those turkeys at 2:00 pm Saturday, Nov. 16. A signup sheet for carvers will be on the narthex table. Please contact Juanita Halls or Sandra Cole with any questions.



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Handbells

Six volunteers are needed to ring handbells for the worship service on December 15. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music: westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net.

Fall Rummage Sale Raised \$3000!

You all came together as a Team/Village to pull off another very successful Rummage Sale- about 60 of you volunteered and we had so much stuff, so Thank You for all the donations. Thank You to Pink Poodle and Orange Tree Imports who donated. A Special Thank You to our Leadership Team for the Rummage Sale: Rhea Schultz, Paul Quin, Sara Pope, John Tarr and Mary Ihlenfeldt. As you do your Fall/Winter cleaning, think about filling those boxes for the Spring Rummage Sale. The Presbyterian Women of Westminster Board will meet soon and make some allocations to local community agencies with money raised at the Rummage Sale. Thank You Again!! Ruth Hein, PWW Moderator

Madison Area Jail Ministry Book Collection

Books for the Chaplain's Library are an ongoing need for men and women incarcerated in the Dane County Jail. Chaplain Todd Marcotte currently requests SOFT COVER Christian fiction and nonfiction books. No specific titles have been requested. If you have some favorites you'd like to contribute (new or gently used), please drop them in the box located in the Narthex. Your gifts will be a blessing. Thank you.

Allied Personal Essentials Pantry

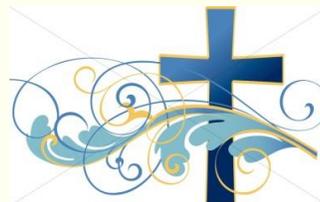
Joining Forces for Families and the Allied Wellness Center provide basic essentials to residents in the neighborhood on an as needed basis. Items requested for donation include: diapers (sizes 2 & 6 currently needed), toilet paper, women's body wash, razors & deodorants for both sexes, gentle soap (Dove, Ivory, Jergens), lotion, toothpaste. A collection box for current and ongoing donations has been placed in the Narthex. As items are received, they'll be delivered to the Essentials Pantry. Thank you in advance for your kindness. Any questions, please call Rhea Schultz 608-841-1878.

Allied Drive Annual Community Banquet

Westminster is invited to attend the Allied Drive annual banquet on this Saturday November 9th at 6:00pm. The event is a fundraiser and tickets are



Scripture this Sunday: 2
Thessalonians 2:13-3:5



Staff

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Music

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Ministries Coordinator

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Admin

Dorothy Blotz, Accompanist

Vern Forsberg, Pastor
Emeritus

\$45. Location is the Boys & Girls Club at 4619 Jenewein Road. During the evening, Westminster and other organizations/individuals involved with the neighborhood will be recognized. We're all welcome! If you'd like to attend, please contact Rhea Schultz at 608-841-1878.

Mitten Tree

The mitten tree is officially out! Knitwits is making and collecting new hats, gloves and sweaters to help local school kids in need (especially Lapham Elementary and the YWCA). Donations will be collected all winter. Just attach items to the mitten tree that is across from the sanctuary by the coat rack. Handmade or store bought items are fine. Any questions, talk to Jean Ruhde. Thanks!

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