



Newsletter & Announcements November 8, 2018

This Sunday is Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Please turn in pledge cards and time/talent forms. This helps us properly balance our budget for next year. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Need a pledge card or Time & Talent form?

You can find extra forms and cards on the counter outside of the sanctuary or additionally on the small rectangular table by the office.

Special Congregational Meeting November 11 following Worship

The Session has called a special meeting of the congregation on November 11th following the worship service for the purpose of electing elders and deacons and the 2019 Nominating Committee. We anticipate that the meeting will be brief.

Food Donation Sunday During Worship Sunday Nov. 18

Westminster will celebrate God's many blessings in a worship service of Thanksgiving (November 18) and will continue our tradition of collecting food for the Allied Drive Food Pantry. Please plan to bring a sack of groceries with you into the sanctuary that Sunday. We will collect these gifts of food as part of our tithes and offerings. It's a simple way to give thanks and to support neighbors in need.

PRAISE & PIE POTLUCK SUNDAY NOV. 18

Please bring your favorite pie to share with the congregation after worship next Sunday. We'll meet in the Narthex to mingle and kickoff this season of Thanksgiving together. We hope you will join us!

Thank You Thank You from Ruth H

My sincere appreciation for all the prayers, cards, food care packages,



SUNDAY 11/11
9:45 AM - Worship
10:45 AM - Congregational Meeting
11:00 AM - Sunday School
3:00 PM Sing a Welcome Choir

MONDAY 11/12
9:30 AM - Knitwits at Westminster (Pat Marshall Hosting)

WEDNESDAY 11/14
12:30 PM Bible Study
1:30 PM Oakwood West Worship
7:30 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY 11/15
9:30 AM Thursday Morning Group

visits. Have changed prayer request from quick healing (which does not seem to be happening) to prayers for patience and sanity. Peace Ruth

Statements

Giving statements through third quarter are available in the Narthex (in alphabetical order). Please pick up yours today. Those that are not picked up will be mailed next week.

Multi Congregational Concert!

At 3:00 p.m. this Sunday, November 11, the choirs of Christ Presbyterian, Covenant Presbyterian, and Westminster Presbyterian will combine together at Covenant (326 South Segoe Road) for a musical program titled "Singing Welcome: Hymns and Songs of Hospitality." Drawing from new multicultural hymn settings created by the Hymn Society of America and international songs reflecting many faith traditions, this program will celebrate the wideness of God and the community of all. The musical program will be followed by an information fair featuring several local organizations who work in support of the refugee community. Please join us and be sure to invite a friend!

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 question, talk to Jean R. Thanks!

Handbells - An Opportunity!

Six volunteers are needed to ring handbells for the worship service on December 16. Rehearsals will occur on December 2, 9, and 16. If you are interested in participating, please contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, at westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net.

Christ Presbyterian in Need of Thanksgiving Hosts

Thanksgiving is a special occasion usually celebrated with family and friends. The campuses are closed and most domestic students go home to spend the holiday, but for international students, this can be a lonely time.

6:00 PM Mary Elizabeth Circle

SUNDAY 11/18 - Thankful Sunday

Food Donations in Worship

9:45 AM - Worship

11:00 AM - Sunday School



Focus Text This Sunday is:

Mark 12:38-44

Next Sunday:

Adult Focus Text: Hebrews

10:11-25

Children's Sunday School

Text

Mark 13:1-8



Staff:

Scott Anderson, Pastor

Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music

Amy Poland, Christian Ministries

Coordinator

Katie Bencze, Church Admin

Dorothy Blotz, Accompanist

Vern Forsberg, Pastor Emeritus

Christ Presbyterian connects international students with local families so that they can be part of the Thanksgiving celebration. They are currently in great need of hosts willing to share their Thanksgiving meal and traditions with international students on Thanksgiving Day (November 22).

This is a memorable moment for internationals as they experience American culture and learn more about this special holiday. For host families, this is a rich and unique cross-cultural experience that adds some international flavor to their Thanksgiving celebration. Last year, the Hayes family hosted and said that they have made life-long friends from China, which they hope to visit during their time abroad. So please consider inviting international students to your celebration this Thanksgiving! To do so you can sign up through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y8oopb7o> or contact Katie in the office for details: info@westminstermadison.org or 238-3121

