



Updates & Announcements November 12, 2020



Click on photo for the weekly message from Pastor Scott



Children's Time with Amy

**-STORY TIME** -[CLICK HERE](#) for a weekly story with Children's Ministry Coordinator, Amy Poland. Join Amy as she explores this big beautiful world in "All Things Bright and Beautiful" by Cecil Frances Alexander and illustrated by Bruce Whatley. When you're done you can listen to this hymn that goes along with the story: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT\\_oDqOEGpc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT_oDqOEGpc)

**- SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Have the kids log on or call in at 10:00 am this Sunday lesson with Erin Nass. [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

**Homebound Highlights (rotating each week):** Jack Browning, Isabell & Sam Buffat, Sandy Butler, Lynn Chapman

**\*\*Mayme Williams's** son informed us that she has started receiving hospice care in her home. She is in good spirits and welcomes calls and cards. She would be happy to hear from her church family.  
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## Quick Westminster Survey

During this time of social distancing, the Fellowship Committee has been exploring ways to transform our regular activities so that we can all still have time together. One of our popular yearly programs is the Plates for 8 where a group of 8 (ish) meet regularly and get to know each other. We are proposing that we continue this tradition but with one small change: groups would meet over Zoom. Please fill out this quick survey, [CLICK HERE](#), so that we can judge interest and get this going. Thanks!

## Drive By Pie, Advent Wreaths and Food Drive THIS SUNDAY November 15

**THIS SUNDAY IS DRIVE BY PIE at Westminster from 8:30am-10am.** Just drive up to the Yuma entrance and we will safely pass you your pie and advent wreath making kit. We also have a fun Advent box for the kids!

Don't forget to bring your nonperishable food for our annual Thanksgiving food drive for Allied Drive or any change for December's Fund a Farm change collection. (More information on this below)

**Volunteers will be wearing masks and can load and unload items for you - just place items in your back seat or trunk. Please stay in your car.** We ask that people do not stay and congregate on the grounds this time due to the large spike in Covid numbers.

## Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - November 15th

As we enjoy this new Drive by Pie 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!

## Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making Workshop

The Education Committee invites everyone to join us on Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 am for an intergenerational Advent Wreath making Zoom

**Members & Friends:** Betty Smith, Jerry Donnell, Dianne Stevens, Flora Adams, Lisa Jones, Seema Tahir, Cliff Voegeli, Kurt Hermsen and family



**November's Newsletter is ready! [CLICK HERE](#) for all the happenings at Westminster!**



### Staff

**Scott Anderson**, Pastor

**Joe Chrisman**, Minister of Music

**Amy Poland**, Childrens Ministries Coordinator

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program. Zoom link will be included in the weekly announcements. Advent wreath kits will be available at no cost and can be picked up during the Fellowship Committee's Thanksgiving Pie distribution on Sunday, November 15. Additionally, the wreath kits will be available in the office during the week of November 16 or delivered by special request. Please call the office at 238-3121 if you want your kit delivered.

### **Fund a Farm November and December Loose Change**

Once again we will collect loose change to raise money for Fund a Farm! We will extend collecting coins through the months of November and December. Through the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission, money collected will be used to donate an agricultural gift to a family so they can raise food and products to use themselves or to sell and provide income for their family. Whether it is a family of chickens that provides eggs, feathers and fertilizer or a pair of goats to provide milk for cheese, butter or yogurt, the donation of animals provides an ongoing gift. Please collect your coins during the week and drop them off at the church office or bring them to the Drive Through Pie event on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Set your "alarm cluck" to make it on time or you can mail donations in with a "Hen-velope" in addition to dropping them off in person. Thank you for your generosity every year to this project!

### **To All Knitters**

If you have been knitting hats, mittens and scarfs over the past few months that you want to donate, we have determined that they can be used by Allied Drive neighbors. You can drop them off at church in the office or Kathy Kamp would be happy to pick them up from you and drop them off (give her a call at 608-441-0970). Even though Knitwits can't be together, we can still knit and donate! Adult hats are welcome too!

### **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, or 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. Blank cards are available at the church office. Call Rhea to have some delivered to your home. (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 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 (608-841-1878 or rannschi@gmail.com) for pickup or drop off. Our deadline is November 16. THANK YOU!

### **Westminster Church Book Drive**

As you know, Westminster has been participating in the Angel Tree program at Allied Drive for many years. Unfortunately, this program will NOT take place this year because they are not able to find a way for it to work safely.

But we will still offer an alternative opportunity to help this year. During December, Westminster will be sponsoring a book drive to support the Thoreau School Reading Program. We will be working with Mystery To Me, a local bookstore right here in our own neighborhood.

There are a couple ways you can contribute to this effort including:

1. Dropping off or mailing a check at the church with BOOKS in the memo line and the Mission Committee can use those funds to buy books at Mystery to Me.
2. If you have good children's books that are in like-new condition, you could also donate those. We are looking for board books to give to siblings and picture books for 1-3 graders. If you are cleaning book shelves and have things to donate, there will be a box at church for you to donate them.

As in all things in 2020, we are adapting to our new COVID reality. Thanks for your continued support and flexibility!



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