



Updates & Announcements November 18, 2021

Allied Drive Thanksgiving Food Collection THIS Sunday, November 21

Westminster will be doing our annual food drive to benefit the Allied Food Pantry. We will be collecting items on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This is one way we spread our own gratitude to others in our community. In addition to basic cooking supplies, these are some specific items the pantry is looking for: Hearty soups, Pasta sauces, Baby wipes, Condiments, Cereal, Personal care items, Jam/Jelly...

Our confirmation students will be available to help you get food into the church if you need help--we will place it at the altar on that Sunday before worship and we will deliver it to the food pantry the following week. Monetary donations are also accepted.



The church directory has been updated – for a copy, email info@westminstermadison.org.

 **CLICK HERE** for *Pastor Announcements* 



Haven't turned in your 2022 pledge card? No problem - just [CLICK HERE](#)



- **Children's Story:** Join Amy and learn about the prophet Amos and how he listened for God's message and shared it with the people. For the story [CLICK HERE](#). For coloring page [CLICK HERE](#).



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List (rotating weekly): Jack Browning, Isabell & Sam Buffat, Sandy Butler, Lynn Chapman

Dessert and Auction, Saturday, December 11

Join us for fellowship, fun and some early Christmas shopping at the PWW Dessert and Christmas Auction, Saturday, December 11 from 1pm - 3pm in the narthex. We will be following the church's Covid protocols. If you would

Members & Friends: Kelly McCann,

like to donate to the auction, please bring a new item that you have created, cooked or wish to donate to the auction.

Proceeds benefit local community agencies and our Westminster PWW mission work. Thank you! For questions contact Judy Graham.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is up! We will provide 60 gifts to Allied Drive families so they can have a fun and happy Christmas! If you'd like to help simply:

- Choose a tag from the tree.
- Write your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet.
- Keep gifts around \$35 total--you don't have to buy everything on the tag, just up to the \$35 amount.
- Wrap gifts and tape the Angel Tree info tag securely to the package.
- Return gifts to church by Sunday, December 12th.

If you do not want to shop and wrap a gift, but you do want to participate in this program, our Westminster confirmants are here to help! Just:

- Pick a tag.
- Put your \$35 donation in the basket on the table near the tree with your chosen tag, and put your name next to that

Christmas Cards for Dane County Jail

The congregations of MAJM provide Christmas cards to the men and women in jail during the holiday season. Westminster is seeking volunteers to write heartfelt messages of encouragement. Cards can have no embellishments. Blank Christmas cards are available on the table in the Narthex (next to the white card collection basket), so feel free to write a few after worship! Any questions, please contact Rhea Schultz at rannschu@gmail.com. Examples are available. Cards due by December 1st. We hope to collect 75. Thank you!

Help at Fort McCoy

Wisconsin Council of Churches is looking for volunteers at Fort McCoy. They are looking for people who would make a commitment of volunteering regularly; either volunteering once a week for a set time (for example, every Tuesday for 8 weeks) or people who would like to go up to Ft. McCoy and stay for a week (there is housing on base available). The volunteer will need to have lots of energy and an ability to work with people (especially children). There is a huge need for female volunteers and educators. Volunteers have to be 18+, pass a background check, and be given a base pass before they can begin. The Wisconsin Council of Churches will help with this process. Contact volunteer@wichurches.org if you are able to help out.

Gloria Stange, Ruth Hein, Dale Rohde, Sandra Cole, Bob Bush, Joel Jones, Joyce Schultze, Doug Rouse



Have a hearing aid? We have a hearing loop in our sanctuary! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information!

Nursery Reminder

We are pausing the nursery during worship due to lack of use. However, if you are interested and would like to have it open in the future, please send us an email ahead of time at info@westminsternadison.org and we would be happy to arrange care again.



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

For Sunday Worship and Bulletins, click the image below:



Coffee Fellowship

A reminder that coffee hour takes

place in Fellowship hall downstairs after worship. Feel free to join us!

An Advent Devotional for You

Rise Up Shepherd: Advent Reflections on the Spirituals by Luke A. Powery. African American spirituals give us profound insights into the human condition and the Christian life. Dr. Luke Powery, who is Dean of Duke Divinity Chapel and Professor of Homiletics at Duke Divinity School, leads the reader each day through the spirituals as they confront the mystery of incarnation and redemption throughout the season of Advent. This is a follow up to the popular Lenten devotional that we used last Spring, also written by Dr. Powery.

Each daily reflection includes scripture readings, a focus on one of the spirituals, and a closing prayer, and is an ideal companion through this special season. The first day of Advent is Sunday, November 28.

Books are \$12 and will be available in the church office within a week. It is also available on Kindle and can be purchased through Amazon.

Poinsettia In Honor/In Memory

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas worship with poinsettias and you are invited to purchase these poinsettias in honor or memory of a loved one for \$13 each. To order, fill out a form at church or online: [CLICK HERE](#). You may also call the church office at 608-238-3121. Please make checks to Westminster and mark "Poinsettia" in the memo.

2022 Dine with Nine (or Ten)

As in the past we will form groups of 9-10 members who will meet several times over the year for fellowship and food. We anticipate that for 2022, groups will be able to meet in person with whatever COVID precautions are recommended at the time. In the past groups have met at church, in homes, at restaurants, at Concerts on the Square, etc. The group decides the venue and the menu. This is a great opportunity to get to know fellow members better and in a fun setting!

We will have a brief meeting for those interested, immediately after church, in the Narthex, on Sunday December 12th. Or if you want to sign up to participate, there is a sheet in the Narthex or contact Katie in the office info@westminstermadison.org.



Our **WPC NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER** is now available. [CLICK HERE](#) and catch up on all the church happenings!

Online Giving:

To contribute using a debit or credit card, follow the [THIS LINK](#) to our secure giving site. **Please make sure to specify the name of the offering in the "notes" part of the second page.** You do not have to create account unless you want to save your information for quicker use in the future.

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