



Newsletter & Announcements November 20, 2018

Choir Reminder

No Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday, November 21. Starting November 28 (and continuing through 12-19), rehearsal is at 7:00 p.m.

How to Spell Presbyterian: An Exploration of Church Membership- This Sunday, November 25th 11am-1pm in the Lounge

Pastor Scott Anderson will be leading a two-hour class for those interested in learning more about church membership at Westminster November 25th following worship. Child care will be available and a light lunch will be served.

We will be discussing what Presbyterians believe and the meaning of church membership here at Westminster. Those who desire to join our congregation as a member will meet with the Session (the church's governing board) and be received into membership in worship on Sunday, December 16th.

Class participants will be asked to read a small paperback about the Presbyterian faith prior to the class, which is available at no charge. It's not too late to participate. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Pastor Scott at Scott@Westminstermadison.org or call the church office at 238-3121.

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.



SUNDAY 11/25
9:45 AM - Worship
11:00 AM - New Member Class
(No Sunday School)

MONDAY 11/26
9:30 AM - Knitwits

TUESDAY 11/27
6:00 PM Stewardship
7:00 PM Session

WEDNESDAY 11/28
12:30 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Angel Tree

Westminster has committed to providing 60 gifts to youth living in the Allied Drive neighborhood. The tree is up and tags are available! Please pick a tag and note the one you took on the sheet next to the tree. There are suggestions provided--you should select one of more of the suggestions spending about \$35. Please wrap the gift and affix the name tag to the gift and return it to church by December 9th so we can get them delivered in time for Christmas. If you want to contribute money and let others do the shopping for you, put a tag and money in an envelope and leave it by the tree and we will shop and wrap it for you. As always thanks for your generosity in helping our neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kamp.

Poinsettias

You are invited to share in the Christmas decoration of the sanctuary by purchasing a poinsettia plant for \$13 each. This is a lovely way to 'remember' someone who has passed, or to 'honor' someone living. Forms can be found outside the sanctuary and church office. Please complete and return it to the church office with your payment (mark poinsettia in the memo line) by Dec. 16.

Calling All Kids!

We are looking for children and youth, ages 3 and older, who would like to participate in the 4 pm Christmas Eve service. Costumes will be involved, but there are no lines to memorize. Please contact amy@westministermadison.org if you are interested or have any questions.

Fund a Farm

During the weeks of Advent, the loose change offering will be used again this year to "Fund a Farm" through the PCUSA Presbyterian Mission. Our goal is to purchase chickens so households can get eggs for food, feathers for pillows and fertilizer for crops. This is truly a gift that keeps on giving. Perhaps we will even be able to purchase a piglet (or more than one) that can provide income to a family when the pig is grown and sold at the market. If we want to dream big, we can purchase a pair of goats that will provide food security for a family through milk, cheese, butter and yogurt. Consult those piggy banks and bring your change to worship on

THURSDAY 11/29
9:30 AM Thursday Morning Group

SATURDAY 12/1
10:00 AM New Deacon & Elder
Orientation

SUNDAY 12/2
First Sunday Food Donation
9:45 AM - Worship
11:00 AM - Sunday School



Focus Text This Sunday is:

Revelation 1:4b-8

Focus Text Next Sunday: I Thess.

3:9-13



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

any Sunday in December. All the coins collected during the four Sundays of Advent will go for this worthy mission.

Intergenerational Event - Cookie Decorating!

The Education, Mission, and Fellowship Committees are excited to announce an intergenerational event for all on December 9. We'll be hosting a cookie event to provide cookies for our shelter dinner dessert in December. There will be a short activity and discussion of our shelter dinners, followed by decorating holiday cookies. We'll need volunteers to provide ONE of the following:

1) Two dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies— they can be any type. This is a great way to share your holiday tradition with others.

2) Two dozen undecorated sugar cookies in holiday shapes (e.g., bells, stars, angels, etc.)— these will be decorated during the session and will provide a festive dessert.

A sign-up sheet will be available on the kiosk in the narthex for those who would like to bring cookies. This is not just a great way to serve the community, but it is a lot of fun as well. If you have any questions, please contact Liane Kosaki or Amy Poland. We hope to see you!

Soup Luncheon & Auction Saturday December 8

Join us for fellowship & fun at the PWW Soup Luncheon & Christmas Auction Saturday December 8 from 11:30-2pm in the Narthex. Proceeds benefit local community agencies and our Westminster PWW mission work. For questions please talk to Judy Graham.

New Elder & Deacon Orientation

Saturday, December 1st, 10am-12noon: New Elder and Deacon Orientation in the church lounge. This will be our first opportunity to discuss the responsibilities of being an elder and deacon and also to look at the big picture with respect to our ministry and direction here at Westminster. This will be a valuable conversation even if you have served as an elder or deacon in the past.

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 Ruhde. Thanks!

**Building HOPE: Lessons & Carols for Advent Sunday, December 2@
7 pm**

First Congregational United Church of Christ -1609 University Ave.,
Madison

(Parking in UW Lot 17 and UW Engineering Bldg. see church website for map)

A Benefit for Dal al-Kalima University College in Bethlehem, a Ministry Supported Through Bright Stars of Bethlehem. All proceeds to fund college scholarships.

