

November 2020 at Westminster Presbyterian Church

- November 1 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/All Saints Day/Communion
Texts: Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; I Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23: 1-12
Focus Text: Joshua 3:7-17 Sermon: God Makes a Way
- November 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Stewardship Commitment Sunday
Texts: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; I Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Focus Text: Matthew 25:1-13 Sermon: Prepared for the Expected
- November 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Thanksgiving Sunday (Drive by Pie)
Texts: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12; I Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Focus Text: Matthew 25:14-30 Sermon: Reluctant Servants
- November 22 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Reign of Christ Sunday
Texts: Ezekiel 23:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23;
Focus Text: Matthew 25: 31-46 Sermon: The Big Sort
- November 29 1st Sunday of Advent
Lectionary: Isa. 64:1-9; I Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13: 24-37
Focus Text: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-1 Sermon: The Yearning



^ Drive by cookies
and coffee was a hit
at Westminster! >



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Drive By Pie, Advent Wreaths and Food Drive November 15

Let's celebrate Thanksgiving together! On Nov. 15th from 8:30-10am the Fellowship Committee will be serving slices of pie at the Yuma entrance. Come by and enjoy! We are also teaming up with the Mission Committee to hold our annual Thanksgiving food drive (see details below)—so feel free to bring your non-perishable food items to the church when you pick up your pie! Additionally, the Education committee will be giving out Advent wreath kits to all members—so be sure to grab yours. Or, let us know and we would be happy to deliver them (and pick up food donations if you like. If you would like to make a pie for this event, please contact Lynnette at lynnetteet@outlook.com or Juanita jjh71152@gmail.com.



Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive - November 15th

COVID-19 has required our congregation to be flexible. We quickly adapted to virtual worship and Zoom meetings. The Fellowship Committee then came up with the "Drive-by" idea: 1st donuts, then cookies, and, on November 15th, PIES! As we enjoy this new 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!

Pledge Cards

Pledge cards have been mailed. This is an important part of our budget process and especially vital these days as we navigate these challenging times. Please return your card by Commitment Sunday, November 8. Alternately, you can call Katie at the church office 608-238-3121 or go to westminsternadison.org to submit a pledge card online. Thank you for your support as we continue Westminster's mission.

Unwrapping the Gifts of Christmas- Daily Advent & Christmas Devotional

The Worship Committee is producing a daily devotional guide for the season of Advent, which runs from Thanksgiving through Christmas Day. We are looking for about 30 volunteers to write a brief daily devotional based on the scripture texts in the daily lectionary for the season. We have a detailed instruction sheet that will guide you through the process. If you are interested in helping out, send an email to Meg Beally at megbeally@gmail.com and she will forward the instruction sheet along with your assigned scripture text. You can also call the church office at 608-238-3121.

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, 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 rannschu@gmail.com) for pickup or drop off. Our deadline is November 16. THANK YOU!

Children's Ministries

Take Out Advent boxes will be available for pickup on November 15th during "drive by pie", from 8:30 am -10:00 am or in the office during the week of November 16. These special boxes will include devotions, prayers, activities, and crafts for children and their families to assist them in preparing for Christmas. As part of the Take Out Advent boxes, families will be receiving a gift bag labeled "Sealed: Do Not Open". This bag contains items that will be used during the December 6th 10:00 am Sunday School class. Come join your teachers for this unique Zoom class. This class is open to all children who receive a Take Out Advent box. Please contact Amy Poland at amy@westminstermadison.org if you would like your Advent box delivered.



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 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.

Session Highlights

Pastor's Report - Scott reported that officer training for the newly elected Deacons and Elders will be via Zoom in December. Officers will be installed during a January worship service.

Mission Committee - Minutes from the October 4th meeting reported on the distribution of funds. The committee distributed \$4,000 in Global mission allocations and \$10,500 to Local Mission programs. The Thoreau Summer Reading program has \$1,4770 additional funds toward the program for 2021. Thanks were expressed for the committee's good work.

Stewardship Committee met on October 21st. One week after the stewardship letter went out approximately 50% of pledges have been turned in including three new pledge units.

Endowment Committee - The investments have done well and \$15,134.08 is available to transfer to the church for 2021 special projects.

New Business - Covid 19 update - Session discussed possible options for in-person participation in worship. Given the current rise in cases in Wisconsin the consensus was that we should continue with the virtual worship services as we have been doing at least through the end of the year. We will have some drive-by fellowship opportunities in November and December.





Please keep the following members and friends in your prayers:

Betty Smith, Jerry Donnell, Dianne Stevens, Flora Adams, Lisa Jones. Sandy Butler and family, Cliff Voegeli, Andrew & Joe Bridson (and family)

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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LET'S STAY CONNECTED! (call or check your email for more details)

VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS at 12:30pm*

VIRTUAL BOOK GROUP THURSDAYS at 10:00am*

**SUNDAYS:
ONLINE WORSHIP
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00AM
& ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/FORUM 11:45AM**

ONLINE COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AND WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00AM*

*If you don't have access to a computer, we can arrange for you to join via zoom at the church. Just call the church office for details!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Adam Dohrn Jones 11/03
 Paul Bishop 11/04
 Ruth Hein 11/04
 Michael Knutson 11/04
 Bob Forsberg 11/06
 Theresa Knutson 11/06
 Nicholas Tortorich 11/06
 Barb Vogelsang 11/08
 Kathy Waggener 11/08
 Peggy Douma 11/09
 Bob Klassy 11/10
 Rosita Gonzalez 11/15
 Howard Kidd 11/16
 David Hayes 11/19
 Sue Dornfeld 11/21
 Doug Evans 11/21
 Michael Grady 11/22
 Karen Pridham 11/22
 Beth Dohrn 11/26
 Nancy Whitney 11/28
 Gloria Hanson 11/29
 Cara Swedeen 11/30

