



Newsletter & Announcements November 28, 2018

Angel Tree

Westminster has committed to providing 60 gifts to youth living in the Allied Drive neighborhood and there are still a few 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 or more of the suggestions spending about \$35. Please wrap the gift and affix the nametag 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 questions, please contact Kathy K.

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.



SUNDAY 12/2

First Sunday Food

Donation

9:45 AM - Worship

11:00 AM - Sunday School

Monday 12/3 & Tuesday 12/4

Church office hours: 9am-

1pm (Katie will be out)

WEDNESDAY 12/5

12:30 PM Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY 12/6

9:30 AM Thursday Morning

Group

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

Intergenerational Event - Cookie Decorating (Cookies needed)!

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 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.

SATURDAY 12/8

11:30 AM Christmas Auction
at WPC

SUNDAY 12/9

9:45 AM - Worship

11:00 AM - Sunday School &
Intergenerational Event -
Cookie Decorating!



Focus Text This Sunday is:

I Thess. 3:9-13

Focus Text Next

Sunday: Luke 3:1-6



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

New Elder & Deacon Orientation

This 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!

Madison Area Jail Ministry - Christmas Cards & Reading Glasses

Share the joy of Christmas with the men & women incarcerated in the jail. Drop a Christmas card in the "Jail Ministry" basket in the Narthex by Sunday December 16th. The cards will be delivered by Chaplain Todd. FEW RULES: 1). The cards should be simple: no envelopes, no glitter, no sequins. 2) They should be signed with a first name only. READING GLASSES: The Jail Ministry needs reading glasses of all strengths, both new and used, for the incarcerated. The Dollar Store has a great selection! Drop them in the "Reading Glasses" basket in the Narthex. Thanks!

MARGARET CUNNINGHAM—Soon to be 103!

Margaret Cunningham, a treasured member of our congregation, will celebrate her 103rd birthday on New Year's Day. Let's help to make her birthday special. All are invited to write cards of good wishes to let Margaret know that we're thinking of her. There will be a basket in the Narthex labelled "Margaret" to collect the cards. Plans are being discussed with Margaret's son as to when the cards might be delivered to her home in Cross Plains. Any questions, please contact Rhea Schultz.