



Newsletter & Announcements December 6, 2018

Intergenerational Event - Cookie Decorating THIS SUNDAY!

We'll be hosting a cookie event to decorate and 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. This is a great way to serve the community and have fun. We hope to see you after worship.



Soup Luncheon & Auction This 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 G.



Angel Tree

Thank you to all who helped buy gifts for Angel Tree this year! Just a reminder that gifts are due back at church by this Sunday December 9.

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

In the worship service on December 16, the Westminster Chancel Choir will lead us in a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. This service is rich with musical offerings, many of which are drawn from the English carol tradition. However, as with all worship services at Westminster, the faithful expression of God's word is our primary focus. In this service especially, the music—the handmaid of the liturgy—is our response to God's word proclaimed. In this Festival, we have an opportunity to respond to God's word through carols and choral compositions from the 4th to the 21st centuries, which exhibit our rich heritage of Christmas music. The

SUNDAY 12/9

9:45 AM - Worship

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

MONDAY 12/10

9:30 AM Knitwits

WEDNESDAY 12/12

12:30 PM Bible Study
1:30 PM Oakwood West
Service
7:00 PM Choir Practice

service will be enriched by organ, piano, trumpets, and handbell accompaniments along with the congregation. Please invite a friend to join you for this special service of worship at Westminster on December 16!

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

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!

THURSDAY 12/13

9:30 AM Thurs Morning
Group

FRIDAY 12/14

6:30 PM Shelter Dinner

SATURDAY 12/15

5:00 AM Shelter Breakfast

SUNDAY 12/16

Just Bakery Sale

9:45 AM - Worship - Festival
of Nine Lessons & Carols

11:00 AM - Sunday School



Focus Text This Sunday is:

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

MARGARET C—Soon to be 103!

Margaret C, 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.

Help Cherokee Heights Middle School while Dining Out.

December 12, Gates & Brovi, 3502 Monroe St. is hosting "Cherokee Dines Out". Guests need to mention that they are from Cherokee and then 15% of Cherokee's receipt totals will be donated to the school whether you eat out or dine in. This is just another opportunity to support Westminster's Adopt-a-School partnership with Cherokee Heights Middle School.

Shop while helping support our Adopt-a-School Partner - Thoreau

If you shop Barnes & Noble (7433 Mineral Point Rd.) on December 16th, a portion of your sales to be used to support the Thoreau PTO (just make sure to mention that you are there to support Thoreau when you check out). It's a win-win for you and our adopted school! Barnes & Nobel is more than a bookstore, it has gifts and coffee - and it all goes to help Thoreau. Students might even be there to sing for you around noon!

Share Your Career Story and Make a Difference!

"Schools Make a Difference" (SMAD) would like to invite YOU to share your career story with students as they consider their future academic and career plans. The Cherokee Heights Middle School event will be on Wednesday, December 19 from 9:45 a.m. -11:45 a.m. They are in need of volunteers to share with students (career info) at this event. If interested, contact Katie in the office for more information.

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
R. Thanks

Mark Your Calendar - Westminster's Annual Fish Fry

Join us for our annual fish fry on Jan 25, 2019 promptly at 5:30 pm at the Hilltop located at 4173 Co Hwy P, Cross Plains. Interested parties must sign up **no later than Jan 17th**. A sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact Bob B.

