



Updates & Announcements December 16, 2021

CHRISTMAS EVE - HELP!

The holidays have made finding volunteers a bit tricky. Please consider helping!

-We are in need of **2 ushers for the 3pm service on Christmas Eve.**

-We also need **2 liturgists for the 7pm service on Christmas Eve.**

Both positions are easy and important parts of our service. If you can do either of these, please contact Katie asap in the office at 238-3121 or

info@westminstermadison.org. Thank you!

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- **Children's Story:** This week's story is a continuation of *The Story of Christmas* with Jesus and the Wise Men. [CLICK HERE](#)

Poinsettia In Honor/In Memory - Due This Sunday 12/19

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 or you can pay using our online giving website (noted to the right).



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List (rotating weekly): Jack Browning, Sandy Butler, Lynn Chapman, Shirley Dieter

Members & Friends: Kelly McCann, Gloria Stange, Bob Bush, Dale Rohde, Joel Jones, Joyce Schultze, Doug Rouse, Judy Braucht, Isabell Buffat (and Sam), Francoise Goddard (Johnson), Gay Didriksen



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

Christmas Eve at Westminster

Join us on Christmas Eve at either 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. for a Candlelight worship service. The liturgy for both services, which will be a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, will be the same in both services. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was first held on Christmas Eve 1918 at Kings College at Cambridge. This service was adapted from an order prepared by the Archbishop of Canterbury for a Christmas Eve service in 1880 by Eric Milner-White, a former army chaplain, who, at the age of 34, had just been appointed Dean of King's College. With the exception of 1930, the Cambridge Festival has been broadcast annually on the radio since 1928. Although the carols change each year, the lessons and the prayers used in the service have remained virtually unchanged since 1918. Like Westminster, many churches have adapted the Cambridge Festival service for use in worship during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Christmas Carol Sing on December 26

You are invited to gather in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. on December 26 for a Christmas Carol Sing prior to the Sunday worship service at 9:45 a.m. Led by Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, those who attend will be able to select the carols they wish to sing. For copyright reasons, the event will not be recorded or live streamed (but worship will). Invite your friends and family to join you at Westminster on December 26!

Coats for Thoreau Students

The social worker at Thoreau has informed us that they are in need of coats, hats and mittens for students. If you have a children's coat (sizes 6-12) that you would want passed along to the school, please bring it into the church (narthex) and the Mission Committee will make sure it gets there. Knitwits is donating hats and mittens and we will use mission funds to supplement donations so they have what they need. Thank you!

Christmas Joy Offering

The goal of this special offering remains the same as when it began. Retired church work-ers and their families are supported through pension assistance and housing supplements provided by the Board of Pensions. Emergency Assistance Grants are made available to those currently serving in churches when an unexpected need or financial crisis arises. And future leaders are aided through the Presbyterian Church's commitment to education and leadership development, including scholarships to many students of color to continue their education. The theme of this year's Christmas Joy Offering is a verse from the Book of Proverbs: "A gift opens doors." Your financial gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering open doors...doors to a more fulfilling or less anxious life... doors to higher education and lead-ership development. Please prayerfully consider this gift this time of year

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@westminstermadison.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!

Online Giving:

To contribute using a debit or credit card, follow the [THIS](#)

which will be collected through Christmas Eve. You can make checks out to Westminster and mark JOY in the memo. Thank you!



REMINDER - Weather Policy:

While we hope to never have to cancel service, sometimes it may be necessary for safety reasons. If so, please be aware of the following:

SUNDAYS: This decision to cancel Sunday Worship will be made by the Pastor and the Chair(s) of Worship Committee, with consultation from the Minister of Music . This decision will be made **by 7:00pm the day before the worship service**. All other church activities will automatically be cancelled for the day. A congregation wide email will be sent out noting the cancellation. Parishioners can also check the church website, our facebook page or call the church office to confirm at 238-3121 (a message will be left on the answering system). Situations and conditions that could effect a church cancellation include the following: snow, freezing rain, ice storm, tornado, power outage, or flooding.

DURING THE WEEK: If Madison Public Schools close due to weather, the church office will close as well.

[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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