



Updates & Announcements December 23, 2021

Note: The church office will be closed Monday, December 27 and Monday January 3 in observance of the weekend holidays.

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Announcements



- **Children's Story:** This Amy reads the story "Who Built the Stable" by Ashley Bryan. [CLICK HERE](#)



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Care List (rotating weekly): Sally & Vern Forsberg, Ann Friedley, Jack Hamann, Gloria Hanson

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



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. **NOTE:** The link for the live stream for both services will be sent out via email tomorrow morning around 9am (Dec. 24) or you can find it on our website.

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!

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 leadership development. Please prayerfully consider this gift this time of year which will be collected through Christmas Eve. You can make checks out to Westminster and mark JOY in the memo. Thank you!

Spreading Joy - THANK YOU

Westminster's deliveries of food to Thoreau families have been completed. Thank you to all the volunteers, who participated on either, or both, December 3rd and December 17th. It's wonderful that we've had the opportunity to be part of this collective effort to meet a basic need. Wishing all of you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. - Rhea

The Joy Continues...

Thank you to everyone who donated and attended the PWW Desert and Auction and especially to Judy Graham for organizing it. About \$1,047 was raised, which will all benefit local charities!

Pastor Scott Away

Pastor Scott will be on vacation starting December 25 and will return December 29. During that time, Rev. Sandy Nuernberg is available for pastoral emergencies. You can contact her at 608-695-4248 or sn333@aol.com.

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](#)

[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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