

March 2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

4100 Nakoma Rd, Madison WI 53711



MARCH WORSHIP

March 1 - 2nd Sunday in Lent
A New Way of Life: Kingdom Come
Matt. 5:3-16

March 8 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
A Rule of Life
Matt. 6:1-15

March 15 - 4th Sunday in Lent
Messiah: Merciful Ministry
Matt. 11:2-15,19

March 22 - 5th Sunday in Lent
Cross Purposes
Matt. 16:13-28

March 29 - Palm Sunday
6th Sunday in Lent
An Anti-Triumphal Entry
Matt. 21:1-17

LENT



**The best way to reach Pastor Sara
Tonje is to text or call her at
402-541-4200.**

Church Office Hours in March

Katie will be on vacation from March 9-20. During this time the office will be staffed with volunteers Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm. For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Sara directly at 402-541-4200 (text/call).

Session Highlights from February

The Westminster Presbyterian Session met on Tuesday, February 24. The highlights of the work:

- The elders encourage members to join in the mission and ministry of the church. A roster of the leadership assignments will be shared by Easter.
- Mission committee asks members to bring coins every Sunday for the offering. All coins starting in April will go for a mission project selected by the children of the church.
- An on-boarding plan for the new pastor will receive oversight from the Personnel committee.
- Liane Kosaki will serve on the Endowment Committee.
- **Sunday, March 29 from 2:30pm-4pm**, the Wisconsin Council of Churches invites our congregation to participate in an action at the state capital building as resistance to the rising authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism. The action will include prayer, song, and consideration that the Christian vision of power is via humility, mercy, and courageous love. Details can be found at: www.wichurches.org/palmsundaypathmadison
- Installation and ordination of officers is scheduled for March 15 in worship.

News and Announcements

Just Bakery

Just Bakery will be back on March 1st bringing cookies, rolls and other baked goods to sell for a good cause. Just Bakery is a training program of Just Dane. It provides training to people post-incarceration, so that they can develop skills necessary for a life outside the walls of the prison. Add this great cause to amazing baked goods and it is truly a win-win!



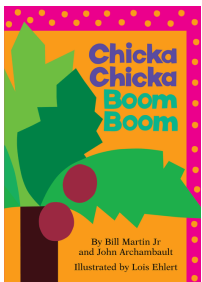
Journal of the Journey

The Worship committee is inviting you to share poetry, prose and pictures for our Easter celebration. Share your unique insights about mission, ministry, scripture, faith and hope. Please participate in this creative endeavor today! Take a text from the table by the MJB lounge and **return your contribution by Sunday, March 8.** Your insights will be your gift to others at church. The final project will be distributed on Easter.

Sunday Mission Together, March 22

After worship on Sunday, March 22, join us as we make sandwiches for the Beacon Homeless Shelter. We will then be delivering them along with cookies and fruit on Monday, March 23rd. This time around, we're looking to involve more Westminsterites! We need help with picking up of all the food, baking cookies before the event, and also the delivery of the foods to the Beacon Shelter on the 23rd. If you're willing to help order &/or pickup supplies, or you're willing to bake cookies from the frozen cookie dough, **please sign up on the table outside of the MJB lounge.** For more details, feel free to email/talk to Bill Tanke at bltanke@gmail.com. Thanks!

Easter Board Book Drive



This Easter season, we invite you to help us share the joy of reading with our youngest learners. We will collect infant and toddler board books for Thoreau Elementary School's Summer Reading Project and provide children with books to enjoy and keep at home over the summer months. These sturdy board books help build early literacy skills and foster a lifelong love of reading. Please bring new board books with you to the Easter Service and place them in the collection area. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support families and children in our community. Your kindness makes a meaningful difference.

April Coins For a Cause

The next "Coins for a Cause" collection will be happening this April beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing through April 26. Bring your spare change and drop it in the collection plate on any of those 4 Sundays. Our children will be using the collections to select items from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog with Amy's guidance.

Thursday Book Group - New Book!

The Thursday book group will be starting a new book on March 12 called *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. We hope you can join this fun group on Thursdays starting at 10am. Discussion goes until 11am and treats/fellowship follow. Books will be available in the office starting March 3 for \$12. Contact the office if you would like to be added to group email list 608-238-3121.

News and Announcements



PC USA 2026 One Great Hour of Sharing through April 5

Love and justice are at the heart of our Presbyterian tradition. God's immense love for us is the reason for our very existence. As Christians, we are called by Jesus to show and share that love by ensuring justice for all people.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) gives us a way to share God's love for justice. In fact, OGHS is the single largest way Presbyterians come together to work for a better world. Through OGHS, you provide safety, sustenance and hope to people who lack access to food, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Your kindness helps those who are fighting for their basic needs and changing structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice through the revolutionary act of sharing love. Give if you can. Watch for the envelopes in our pews and also for the fish banks.

Deacons on Duty

Would you like a visit, food, prayers, or help making your house accessible, etc.? Your deacons want to help. Watch for the Deacon banner on nametags, or chat with whoever is wearing the Deacon on Duty button.

DEACON

SHOWING: SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

ALL AGES WELCOME!

JOIN US FOR A MOVIE AND PIZZA! AFTER WORSHIP

A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

NURSERY WORKER POSITION!

Westminster Presbyterian Church is seeking a reliable and caring Nursery Worker to provide a safe, welcoming environment for children during Sunday worship.

SCHEDULE

- 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Two Sundays a month
- Nursery care is typically provided alongside a second worker
- Most Sundays include a few children ages 3 and up



COMPENSATION

\$50 per Sunday
Compensation provided for all scheduled Sundays, including days when no children attend

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Must pass a background check
- Babysitting certification preferred
- Experience caring for young children and a warm, dependable presence



If you are interested in supporting families and serving our church community, please contact:

Roger Fletcher

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We look forward to hearing from you.

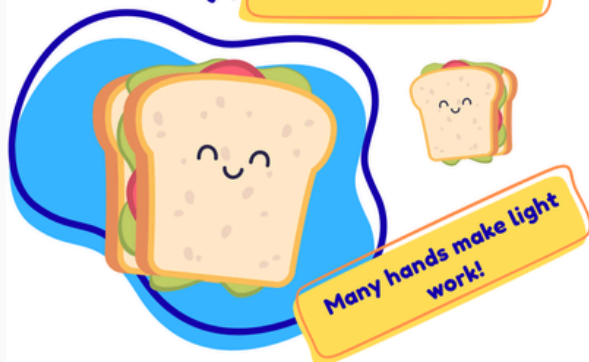


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WESTMINSTER
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Happenings at Westminster

Sunday, March 22nd



The Mission Committee invites everyone to join us after worship on Sunday because...



Please join...
We are making sandwiches for the Beacon Day Shelter!

Join us downstairs in the fellowship hall, after worship

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One Great Hour of Sharing

Every cent goes to disaster recovery, hunger alleviation, self-development of people, climate change efforts, and support for immigrants and refugees. Bring your filled-up fish back for our Easter celebration.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Ledger Dalton, Bob Goller, Alice Appen

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- Ron Behling 03/01
- Betty Bush 03/04
- Wally Douma 03/05
- Carol Lee Iverson 03/05
- Agnes Dako 03/07
- Pat Mullin 03/09
- Nell Seiberlich 03/10
- Connie Jones 03/14
- Sam Fletcher 03/14
- Rick Dettloff 03/15
- Kathy Key 03/15
- Kathy DePaul 03/21
- Karen Stephens 03/24
- Kate Fletcher 03/26
- Claire Tanke 03/29



LENT WORSHIP SERIES

REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS!

Live each day secure in the love and care of God.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.”
Mt. 7:7-8

A mission focused congregation.

9:45 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Visit our website at westminstermadison.org or connect with us on Facebook!

LETS KEEP IN TOUCH!

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