

August 2026

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

4100 Nakoma Rd, Madison WI 53711



AUGUST WORSHIP

8/2 Guest Preacher:
Nii Addo Abrahams

8/9 I Kings 19:9-18
Elijah Framed as "Most Wanted"

8/16 Psalm 133
Everyone In the Frame

8/23 Romans 12:1-8
Frame of Mind

8/30 Matthew 18: 15-22
Repairing the Framework



For pastoral care, the best way to reach Pastor Sara is by texting her cell at 402-541-4200.

Welcome Pastor Julie!

We are excited to announce Rev. Julie Erkel Hagee as the new pastor at Westminster Presbyterian! She will officially be in the office starting September 1. Here's a little more about her...

Meet the Reverend Julie Erkel Hagee

Julie Erkel Hagee was born and raised in Iowa and also considers Georgia and New Jersey home for the formative roles their people and places have played in her life. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia (2016), Julie takes her work as pastor-theologian seriously and herself a bit less so. She knows that ministry requires thoughtful engagement with theology and culture, a heart full of grace, and a good sense of humor.



Julie's call to ministry began in childhood and eventually led her to attend Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri, earning a BA degree in Biblical Studies with a minor in Pastoral Counseling in 2002. After changing denominations, she served as the Director of Children's Christian Education at Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church in Cedar Falls, Iowa, before heading to Georgia for her Master of Divinity degree. Upon graduation she and her family moved to Princeton, New Jersey, where she served as the church administrator for Dutch Neck Presbyterian Church while also serving as a children's minister for Nassau Presbyterian Church. Ordained life began in 2018 when she became the Pastor of Campus Ministry and Adult Spiritual Formation in Ames, Iowa. Her current call as Pastor/Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa, began in June of 2020. Her six years there have been incredibly meaningful and formative.

Julie says, "It is an amazing privilege to witness the light of discovery in the eyes of folks when they realize that God truly loves them and that they have been empowered to share that love with others. It is my desire to help develop in people of all ages the skills they will need on their continued faith journey. When I look back at the prompting that brought me to candidate at Westminster Presbyterian Church, I am amazed by the leading of the Holy Spirit. I am excited to serve with Westminster Presbyterian Church on a collaborative ministry journey."

On days away from church life, Julie, her husband Andrew (a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary and Princeton Theological Seminary), and their son, Michael (19), enjoy exploring the community, visiting art museums, making and drinking espresso, and solving word puzzles.

News and Announcements

Westminster Women's Retreat: "Embodied Prayer: Movement & Meditation" **Saturday, September 26, 2026, 9:00 am-4:00 pm - Holy Wisdom Monastery**

Retreat Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Jessica Salt, Certified Yoga Instructor Jessica Salt celebrates her 25th ordination anniversary in the PC(USA) in July 2026 and currently serves as Transitional Lead Pastor to the good people of Christ Presbyterian Church, Madison. Originally from Northern California, the majority of her ministry has focused on the congregation, serving a variety of congregations in both Michigan and Wisconsin. She received her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary in the area of Christian Spirituality.



From Jessica:

This retreat is an invitation to experience prayer from the inside out, awakening our souls to God through our bodies. This is not just for those who have some natural sense of movement or for those who are in prime physical shape. It is for all who want to expand the language of prayer with their Creator—and pray with the bones. Our time together will include opportunities for learning, moving, and reflecting. There will be invitations to share in the larger group, small groups, and individually through journaling, and several opportunities to experiment with yoga and/or chair yoga and other ways to practice praying with our bodies. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel, water bottle, sturdy shoes (if you plan to walk on the trails), and layer clothing appropriate for the weather of the day (there is a patio available).

My hope is that this retreat will allow you to discover the gift of your body, not only in the life of faith, but also in understanding what it means to be fully human. For those of you who have already included your bodies in the spiritual journey, my hope is that you will be given food for your ongoing journey in embodied prayer. May we all be nourished by praying with our bones!

Sign-up in the Narthex or email Juanita Halls
jjh71152@gmail.com.

Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. (checks payable to WPC
memo line "Women's Retreat".

Deadline for signing up will be September 14.



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School Supply Collection

We are collecting much needed school supplies for Thoreau and Cherokee students. We are looking for pencils, markers, erasers, folders, spiral notebooks, pens and more! Students are also in need of backpacks. We are happy to shop for you if you prefer to donate via check (just note school supplies in the memo). There is a collection bin in the Narthex. We deliver the supplies in time for the end-of-August back to school night, where students can pick up supplies from school so that they are ready to start the school year.

Jane Austen Tea Party- Prayers of Austen Program

Join us for a little tea party to celebrate the wit and wisdom of Jane Austen, and to hear some of the prayers she wrote. The Tea Party is Friday, August 15th at 11 AM, and we hope that you will invite many friends to come and join the party! Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office at (608) 238-3121 by Tuesday, August 18. If you are able to distribute flyers, bring sweets & sandwiches, or a lend a tea pot, please contact Beth Douma at bethdouma@gmail.com or (303)204-8782 by August 10. Tea pots can be dropped off at the church August 9 - 16. Please make sure to label your items!

Celebrating Pastor Sara

Join us on Sunday, August 30th as we celebrate Sara's interim ministry with Westminster. This will be Sara's last service, and we plan to have cake, a few words of gratitude, and most of all, a chance to say farewell to someone who has given so much in such a short time. To show our appreciation, we are collecting contributions as a parting gift. If you would like to participate, please note "Sara" in the check memo. Contact Roger with any questions at 608-359-9311 or Fletcho923@gmail.com.

Artist News

Congratulations to Westminster friend Jack Hamann. Jack was selected to paint a large mural at Fox Lake Correctional Institute. Here (right) are a couple of panels from the mural.

Jack welcomes letters and painting requests. His mailing address is:

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#554778, 3-B
Fox Lake C.I.
PO Box 189
Phoenix, MD. 21131



Happenings at Westminster

Baptisms!



Dine With Nine Group Dinner



Pontoon Boat Ride & Ice Cream from Babcock



Sandwich and Cookie Making for The Beacon



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following
in your prayers

Lee DeSpain,
Sandra Cole

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Kamp 08/04

Sue Bridson 08/08

Sophia Lepien 08/08

Carol Birch 08/09

Jaxon Mou 08/09

Sharon Donnell 08/12

Doug Halls 08/17

Nanci Knutson 08/18

Jennifer Mou 08/18

Vicki Schultz 8/18

Liane Kosaki 08/21

Lee Wilke 08/23

Eileen Ahearn 08/24

Linda Tanke 08/24

Abe Aberle 08/30



LETS KEEP IN TOUCH!

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