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WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

4100 Nakoma Rd, Madison WI 53711



WELCOME PASTOR JULIE!

Pastor Julie Erkel Hagee will officially be in the office on September 1. Here's a little more about her...

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.



**To contact Pastor Julie, contact the church office at
608-238-3121.**

News and Announcements

Meet & Greets with Pastor Julie

The Education Committee is sponsoring two Meet and Greets to welcome Pastor Julie and help her put names and faces together. Many of you will meet her at Session or committee meetings. For those without this opportunity, we welcome you to a Meet and Greet on September 20th or September 27th following worship. In order to keep the groups manageable, we suggest that those people with last names from A-L attend on the 20th and M-Z attend on the 27th. If you are not available your Sunday, please feel free to attend the other session. Thanks for all your efforts to make a smooth transition.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is in session. We are seeking 4 new elders and deacons to serve 3 year terms starting in 2027. If you know of someone you believe would be a good elder or deacon, or if you would like to nominate yourself, please contact anyone on the committee. Members include John Braden, Roger Fletcher, Rich Hein, Sue Hummel, Liane Kosaki, and Chuck Kamp.

Thursday Book Club: Discussion at 10AM, Fellowship (treats and coffee) at 11AM

The Thursday group is back and all are welcome! We meet in the MJB lounge at Westminster. Our first book is "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. Come join us for lively discussion and fellowship!

Sept 3: Meet Pastor Julie and decide on books for this year

Sept 10: video and start discussion of The Correspondent

Sept 17: discuss The Correspondent

Sept 24: Finish The Correspondent

Join the Choir!

The Westminster Chancel Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. All those interested participating in the Choir's music ministry are encouraged to attend. The basic requirements are the ability to sing in tune and hold a part, enthusiasm for the Choir's ministry, willingness to learn and grow, and a focused commitment to offering one's very best at weekly rehearsals and in Sunday worship. For more information about the Choir's ministry, please contact Joe Chrisman, Minister of Music, at westminstermusic@sbcglobal.net.

Women's Retreat: "Embodied Prayer: Movement & Meditation"

Saturday, September 26, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm at Holy Wisdom Monastery (4200 County Road M, Middleton, WI 53562) with Pastor Jessica Salt. Sign-up in the Narthex by September 14 or email Juanita Halls jjh71152@gmail.com. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Checks payable to Westminster with "Retreat" in the memo.

Mission Opportunity - Sunday September 13

The next mission opportunity to help the Beacon Homeless Shelter is September 13 after worship. We will be preparing sandwiches with delivery of the sandwiches plus cookies, and fruit, on Monday, September 14th. If you're willing to help order &/or pickup meat, cheese, butter, and frozen cookie dough from Gordon Food Service, or willing to bake cookies from the frozen cookie dough, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

PC USA World Communion Special Offering-Sept 6th to Oct 4th.

The World Communion Offering fosters worldwide unity and peace. Gifts to this offering support the ministries of racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness and ecumenical and interfaith relations. These ministries work to ensure all God's people have their place at the Table of Grace. Envelopes for this offering can be found in the pews or simply write a check and put "World Communion" in the memo line. Thank you!

As pertaining to the departure of our interim Pastor Sara – please read the following:

Appendix I Separation Ethics Policy Concerning the departure of a pastoral leader

Pastoral leaders and their congregations form unique, close personal bonds and relationships during their times of ministering together. When a pastoral relationship is dissolved or ended, it is understandable that the pastor(s) and the former parishioners would like to stay in touch and in some ways continue the relationship they have enjoyed. However, doing so makes it more difficult for congregations to begin forming new bonds and relationships with their new pastor(s).

Due to the disruption and harm former pastors may unintentionally or intentionally cause their successors and former congregations, failure to comply with this policy may result in ecclesiastical charges being filed against a former pastor, former associate pastor, former interim pastor or commissioned ruling elder under the Rules of Discipline D-1.02 with possible charges of failure to comply with Book of Order G-2.0905, Directory for Worship W-4.0404 e, and W-4.0404g.

Therefore, the presbytery rejects any pastoral activities which invade another teaching or commissioned ruling elder's arena or calling without a specific invitation by that pastor, including returning to former calling bodies for pastoral service.

The Presbytery affirms that this applies to all members of John Knox Presbytery, including interim pastors, commissioned ruling elders, and student pastors.

The Presbytery opposes any fostering of information relationships in parishes in which the former pastor(s) have served which in the perceptions of the current pastor(s), session, or the presbytery harm the ministry of the current pastor or pastors.

Commentary:

- These statements allow for the exchange of annual Christmas greetings, and the occasional sharing of other “news.”
- These statements prohibit a former pastor from saying: “Of course, I’ll officiate at a (wedding, baptism, funeral, or other pastoral activity) if you pastor asks me.”
- It prohibits a communication to the present pastor that “I am going to be in town and plan to visit a,b, and c; I hope that is all right with you.”
- It prohibits any other verbal or written statement that covers the above contingencies or similar ones.

Facebook:

While it may be appropriate to remain Facebook “friends” with former parishioners, it is not appropriate to “like” comment, or private message former parishioners except under circumstances like transition postings (births, baptisms, weddings, deaths, etc) where a brief congratulatory or sympathy note would be appreciated.

If a former pastor lives in proximity to the church (ie a reasonable drive), the former pastor, and each successive pastor, whether temporary or durable, shall meet with representatives of the Separation Ethics Policy and how the relationship will function for the betterment and upbuilding of the church. This shall be reviewed on a regular basis to assure the needs of the pastor and congregation are still being met.

This policy shall:

1. Be given to a retiring or change-of-pastorate pastor at the exit interview;
2. Be given to an incoming pastor at their initial interview with the COM; and
3. Be given by the COM to a church where there has been a pastoral change to be printed in the church’s paper or bulletin under the signature of the COM, with endorsement of the departing pastor and the session.

The COM is responsible for the enforcement of this statement.

Adopted by the COM: August 4, 2011, Adopted by the JKP: August 20, 2011

Update by the COM: February 23, 2012, Update by the COM: August, 2024.

Happenings at Westminster



School Supply Delivery to Thoreau - Thank you!



Saying good-bye with gratitude to our interim, Pastor Sara



Baptism Blessings!



The Jane Austen Tea Party!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Lee Despain, Andrea Kenny

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dorothy Hujik 09/01
Alice Appen 09/07
Anna Franklin 09/08
Mike Johnson 09/15
Bill Bridson 09/16
John Wright 09/17
David Wilke 09/18
Reese Manning 09/22
Mary Ihlenfeldt 09/23
Susan Paddock 09/23
Myles Manning 09/24
Richard Appen 09/25



LETS KEEP IN TOUCH!

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