



## Living Stones

**Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house... (1 Peter 2:4-5)**

One of my favorite places in the world is Yosemite National Park. I have spent time there nearly every summer of my life, and it is the origin of many of my fondest memories. As you drive into Yosemite Valley on Highway 41, the road twists alongside towering trees, then enters a long tunnel through the side of the mountain, and finally emerges on a glorious vista, aptly called "Tunnel View." It's always a spiritual moment for me, seeing the valley appear, stark granite cliffs carved by glaciers over millions of years.



I suspect that many of us feel deeply connected to God in these places of natural wonder, at least in part because of that majestic, awe-inspiring stability. We are so small in a place so vast. And yet this is only possible because the stones have changed over time—worn down by ice, rivers, and earthquakes. This May, we are centering our Stewardship season on the theme "Living Stones," considering how God calls us to keep building and adapting, each of us shaped by

time and experience, fitted together into something we could not construct alone.

When I look out on Yosemite Valley, even from this very popular tourist spot, my eyes are drawn to the places where I have experienced memorable moments: the glimmer of light on a distant peak I hiked with my brother, sunny rocks where I have warmed myself after swimming in the Merced River, or thunderclouds gathering over a part of the distant backcountry that I love. The landscape is always changing, but I feel steady surrounded by rocks that have welcomed generations before me. I think our faith is a bit like this too. There are always new things to learn and explore, but we are held safely in the love of God no matter what, grounded in memories and experiences of God's faithfulness.

I find that same steadiness and aliveness at Westminster. This is a community grounded in stability, tradition, and the cornerstone of Christ, but flexible and alive enough to keep growing and changing. I hope you'll join us this month as we explore together what it means to be living stones, and to prayerfully consider your pledge as part of how you might contribute. Stewardship letters and pledge cards have gone out this week, and we will wrap up the series in worship on May 17th, Dedication Sunday.

Peace,  
*Rev. Hannah Lundberg*

# Engaging Our Neighbors

## Sack Lunches for Hope: 96 in '26

The Mission Ministry Team is sponsoring Spring Sack Lunches for Hope Clinic. These simple bag lunches are meant to “tide folks over” between the nightly dinners available at HOPE. While basic, they are greatly appreciated—and the need is significant.

Our goal is 96 in '26: 96 lunches per drive in 2026. This covers approximately one day's worth of meals for HOPE. We can do it!

### Donation Guidelines:

- Items must be cellophane-wrapped or in pop-top cans (no can openers or cooking needed).
- Many items are listed in sets of 6 on the sign-up. If you'd like to donate more, simply sign up for multiple slots.
- Please stick to the requested items & sizes—space in the lunch bags is limited.

[Visit our website for the signup link.](#)



### Drop-Off Details:

- Start Date: Sunday, May 10
- End Date: Sunday, May 24
- Collection bins will be located in the Narthex coat area and outside the Library.

### Want to Help Pack Lunches?

Join us on Wednesday, May 27, from 10:30–11:30am. Sign up on the Bulletin Board outside of the library.

### Questions or to Volunteer:

Contact Lynda Berg at 743-649-0036 or [lrwberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lrwberg@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you for your continued generosity as we serve our neighbors in need.



## Recap: Letters Against Isolation

Thank you for spreading joy to isolated seniors through “Letters Against Isolation” during our Third Friday event on March 22nd. Together, Westminster wrote 41 colorful notes, including 1 in Spanish and 1 in German, for seniors in nursing facilities or isolated in their home.

These cards have been mailed to Meals on Wheels in Hancock, MI and a Nursing Home in Fremont, MI. If you are interested in writing more notes, ask Connie George or check out [lettersagainstisolation.com](http://lettersagainstisolation.com).

## Habitat House of Faith

Westminster has two Habitat work days coming up in the month of May: 5/9 and 5/22. We are looking for 4 volunteers each service date. No experience necessary, and all tools will be provided! Visit our website for more information and to sign up. Use code “Westminster” when registering. Reach out to Ron Fairchild ([ron@thefairchilds.net](mailto:ron@thefairchilds.net)) with any questions.

Thank you for your faithful support of those in need in our community!

## House N2 Home

After last summer's mission planning workshop, and in response to your feedback, we added the local nonprofit House N2 Home to our budgeted mission partners. House N2 Home furnishes living spaces for people transitioning from homelessness into housing in Washtenaw County. They welcome donations of household items, either new or gently used, making it a great place to turn to when cleaning out or downsizing. We are holding a donation drive from now–May 10. Collection bins are located outside the library, and a list of most needed items is below:



### Kitchen:

- Cutting boards
- Kitchen knives – all kinds
- Pot holders/oven mitts
- Cookie sheets
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Peelers

- Can openers
- Ice cube trays
- Paper towel holders
- Dish drying racks
- Coffee makers
- Microwaves

### Other:

- TV's
- Bagless vacuums
- Pillow protectors
- Brooms and dustpans
- Mops



## Recap: Kid's Easter Party!

Westminster's Easter-Joy was shared with our neighborhood on the first Saturday of April. Our "Kid's" Easter Party was celebrated by over 100 people of all ages. Activities included a petting farm, balloon animals, planting flowers, various crafts, rainbow bells, story time, and a search for 800 eggs in the sanctuary!

## Our Life Together



### Live Music by Writers Co

Local band, Writers Co (made up of Bekah Brudi, Zack Smith, and Nate Veldhoff) will bring their acoustic-driven, jazz-folk influenced sound for a show at Westminster on Friday, May 15! Enjoy some snacks and desserts at 6:30pm with music to begin at 7pm. Sign up on the bulletin board to help us get a head-count and to let us know if you can bring a treat to share.

Writers Co formed in Ann Arbor and have played all throughout Michigan. Multi-instrumentalists and masters of three-part harmony, the trio is excited to bring a set of original music along with some familiar covers.



## Children and Youth

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It's been a busy month for our children and youth as they prepared for and led worship on April 19th, a joyous reminder of the bold leaders, writers, actors, and artists we have among us. Through the month of May, our youth (6th-12th grade) are gathering with youth from First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor for a shared series on how we use imagination and journaling practices to deepen our relationships with God. The group met at WPC on April 26th, and will alternate between FPCAA and WPC for the next three weeks. Contact Pastor Hannah for more information.

## Summer Worship Time Change

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Mark your calendars! On Sunday June 21, we will be switching to our summer schedule, with worship beginning at 10am, rather than 11am. We hope this will give us all more time to enjoy long summer days, while still beginning the day with worship! On Sunday, September 13th, we will return to worship at 11am.



## This Month's Preaching Schedule:

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**May 3:** Rev. Hannah Lundberg (Communion)

**May 10:** Nate Veldhoff

**May 17:** Rev. Hannah Lundberg

**May 24:** Sean Eaton

**May 31:** Nate Veldhoff