

NOVEMBER 2023

# The Westviewer

Official Newsletter of Westview Presbyterian Church

## LOOKING AHEAD AT NOVEMBER

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS:



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Westview Session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting, following worship on Sunday, November 19.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDING

Daylight Savings Time ends this year on November 5. Be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night.



### ANNUAL FALL WORK DAY

The Annual Fall Work Day on November 4.

**8:00 a.m.** – Breakfast hosted by Men's Breakfast Group

**9:00 a.m.** – Fall Work Day begins

All are welcome and needed!

Lots of exciting work projects – both inside and outside.

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# PASTOR'S PEN

CELEBRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023

Dear Westview,

I love the Apostle Paul's prayer for his people in the first chapter of Philippians:

*And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may approve what is excellent and be blameless until the day of Christ, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11*

The phrase that really catches my eye is "approve what is excellent." In order to not only do what is right but what is "excellent," Paul prays that their love may "overflow" with knowledge and depth of insight. Beautiful.

Celebration Sunday for the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ is November 12th. We all know we are the hands and feet of Jesus on 1500 Hover Street. But to be honest, we are his pocket book as well. Without our generosity and support, we don't have a mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. God has delegated to us this task, so Paul prays that the church's "love may overflow" and we might grow "with knowledge and depth of insight" to practice wise stewardship with the gifts given to us.

On November 12th we are invited to participate in worship and bring our pledge cards, which are being mailed to you if you haven't received one already. As we pray about what to give to the mission and ministry of Jesus in 2024, I pray with Paul that our love may overflow, that we may approve what is excellent, and harvest a righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.

Sincerely In Christ,

Dr. Dan

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DR. DAN





## Date & Times to Note

- Nov 1, 8, 29 Bible Study group, 10:00 am
- Nov 1 Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- Nov 1 Grief Care group, 2:30 pm
- Nov 1, 8, 15, 29 Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- Nov 2, 9, 16, 30 Men's Coffee @ 1950 Mountain View, 8:00 am
- Nov 2 Facilities and Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- Nov 4 Men's Breakfast Group, 8:00 am
- Nov 4 Fall Work Day, 9:00 am
- Nov 5, 12, 19, 26 Sunday worship service, 9:30 am
- Nov 5 Council gathering, 11:00 am
- Nov 6 Worship MA, 9:30 am
- Nov 6 Creating Cards ministry, 1:00 pm
- Nov 7 Personnel Advisory Committee, 2:00 pm
- Nov 8 Spiritual Journeys MA, 2:30 pm
- Nov 9 Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- Nov 12 Deacons Soup Lunch & Stewardship Sunday
- Nov 12, 19, 26 Adult Sunday School, 11:00 am
- Nov 12, 26 Pantry re-set, 2:00 pm
- Nov 13, 27 Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- Nov 14, 28 Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- Nov 14, 28 Round Pantry Drive-line, 2-6 pm
- Nov 15, 29 Pantry Community Distribution, 9am
- Nov 15 Session meeting, 10:00 am
- Nov 19 Congregational Meeting (following worship)
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day (office closed)

## FROM YOUR WORSHIP MINISTRY AREA

Worship will be doing the decorating for Advent this year over several weeks. Our first get-together will be Saturday, December 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to participate!

We would also like to invite everyone who has ever served as an Elder to sign up to help with Communion in 2024. The sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board around the corner from the Welcome Table.

## GATHERINGS MINISTRY

Thanks again to Tom Herman for acquiring, preparing, and roasting the beast for our Fall Pig Roast. The process required many hours and overnight tending of the smoker by Chef Tom in Westview's east parking lot! Thanks also to Wally Fleeger and family, and others who assisted or provided food for this lovely Luau Lunch.

Two months until Christmas! We will be making Advent Wreaths again on December 3rd, after the worship service. If you have any of the wooden candle bases from previous years that you don't plan to use, please drop those off in the church office so that they may be used.

## SESSION NOTES

At their regular meeting on October 18, 2023, Session took the following actions:

- 1. Approved communion dates for 2024 on the first Sunday of each month and on Maundy Thursday.**
- 2. Approved two changes to financial practices: who can sign checks, and the opening of a money market account to earn interest on our designated funds.**
- 3. Approved a two-Sunday Adult class, lead by Pastor Dan, focused on the current situation in Israel using a PBS documentary to facilitate discussion.**
- 4. Approved November 19, 2023 as date for the Congregational Meeting to receive the report of the Nominating Committee.**
- 5. Had a discussion to establish the expense budget for 2024 in preparation for approving a final budget following the 2024 Stewardship Campaign.**



Fall and fall holidays are full of nostalgia. We reminisce about times gone by. We think back on trips to the hills to see brilliant colors with family and friends.

We think back on the early days of Pantry - shopping, chatting, and.....waiting. On our busiest day, we served 308 households and it took more than an extra hour.

Now we're serving about double that number in the Tuesday Drive Line.

And while we have no nostalgia for COVID restrictions...

We do think fondly of our volunteers who are now not able or available to volunteer. And, we rejoice in the number of Westview volunteers and their friends from over 20 other churches who have come together to see that people in distress receive the food that they need.

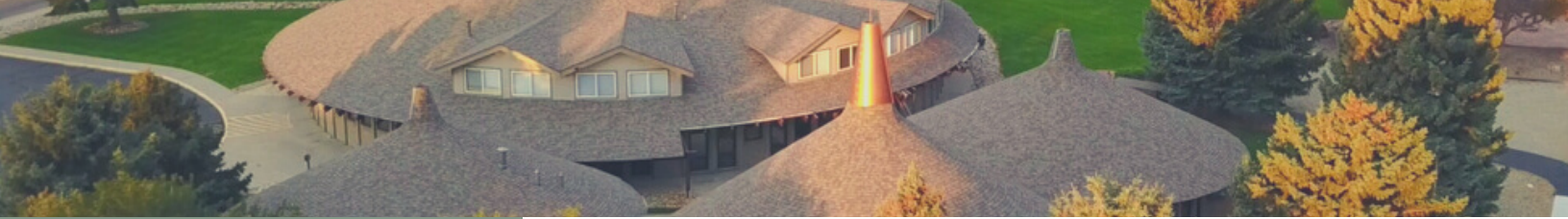
As much as we think back on the way things used to be, things change. The reality is that we physically could not fit the number of shoppers we have now and the food they need into the Pantry space and time. And some things stay the same. As much as life and economics have returned to a better place, for many day to day living is difficult – uncertainty about housing, medical situations, SNAP benefit cuts, jobs that are available but unsteady, the reality of knowing that you don't know where your family's next meal will come from.

Pantry is different now; we don't have the same means of interaction with our shoppers. And, we have a new way of sharing food and love and light with our shoppers and our fellow volunteers. Consider becoming involved in volunteering – the group of volunteers has a strong fellowship - If you want to see how it all works, please pay us a visit. Please consider donating food that will go directly to someone in need. And, continue in your prayers for the people who come to The Pantry.

Nostalgia may bring sadness and it may bring warm memories for which we can be thankful.

At this time of year we think of upcoming holidays. It has been the practice for The Round Pantry to do something special at Thanksgiving and in the month of December. If you would like to help provide food or funds, please consider a gift to The Round Pantry. (Especially appreciated would be: food for holiday meals, such as canned fruit or vegetables; funds for purchase of meat.





## BIRTHDAYS

- Jacque Blakeney 11/01
- Chris Deegan 11/02
- Jaci Steiner 11/04
- Sandy Moler 11/06
- Paul Lloyd 11/07
- Marnie Morris 11/12
- Adam Buer 11/18
- Carol Fleeger 11/21
- Susan Mossberg 11/22
- Arlyss Grosz 11/24
- Vickie Kintzel 11/25
- Alan Smit 11/25
- Robbie Sekich 11/27
- Fred Coats 11/30

## FROM YOUR DEACONS

YES!!! It's time for the Deacons annual SOUP LUNCH on November 12. We will have sign-up sheets available October 29 for you to sign up to bring your favorite soup, cornbread muffins, or cookies to share. Please join us during Fellowship Time to fill those tummies with delicious soup.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

LOOK WHAT IS HAPPENING:

- June Loan Balance: \$139,244**
- July Loan Balance: \$117,728**
- August Loan Balance: \$ 99,046**
- Sept. Loan Balance: \$ 89,377**
- Oct. Loan Balance: \$ 76,342**

We're really on the way -  
Thanks and Gratitude Westview!

### SAFELOT SHELTER MEALS

Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.

**Upcoming dates: November 17, December 15**

If you can help provide the main dish, a side dish, or a dessert, please call Vickie Kintzel.

## THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW

GROUP	DATE/TIME LOCATION	NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	Will not meet in November	Open to anyone! Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast Group	November 4th Fellowship Hall	Meets 1st Sat. of the month, 8am Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	November 2, 9, 16, 30	Meets weekly at 8am on Thursdays at Centura (LUH) Contact: Harry Heibein
Round Urban Garden	Come back in the Spring!	-









## ANNIVERSARIES

- Lee and Elaine Lawson 11/06
- Frank and Karen Robitaille 11/21
- John and Janet Mulay 11/27

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Virginia Arter

Jan. 16, 1950 - Oct. 3, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29 9:30am Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 10:00am Bible Study group 1:00pm Deacons meeting 2:30pm Grief Care group 6:30pm Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>2 8:00am Men's Coffee 7:00pm Facilities/Admin</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4  8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Fall Work Day</p>
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Sharon Boeye, Office Manager

**Worship Times:**  
Sunday morning at 9:30am  
In Person and on Zoom



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