

December, 2021

# The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



Dear Westview,

Even though the nights are long, Christmas is my favorite time of year. I love the music (yes I listen to Christmas music on the radio. Better yet, I have a Christmas music app on my phone), I love the lights, I have fond memories of Christmas and love the thought of family coming together to celebrate the incarnation of God on Christmas morning.

For some folks however, Christmas is their least favorite time of year. Perhaps they do not have happy memories of the holiday season. Perhaps they are deeply missing someone and this time of year is really difficult because it reminds them again and again of their loss. I know

women who were not able to become mothers, and this time of year with the baby Jesus in the manger only serves to remind them of the baby they cannot have.

**This year we are adding a new worship service on December 12th at 2:30 p.m. called “Blue Christmas”** that honors the grief many people feel this time of year. We will meet in the sanctuary and provide a welcoming space for the array of emotions and a place where it is okay not to be okay. The service will include dedications, candles, scripture, some music, and a time of prayer and healing that gives voice to the longing and loss in our hearts. If this sounds appealing to you, we hope you will find your way to this special service during the Christmas season. We will also broadcast the service on Zoom.

**Our traditional Christmas Eve Service will be on Friday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.** I confirmed this week that my son Nathaniel, a professional singer now living in Los Angeles, will be here to sing “O Holy Night” (this alone is enough reason to come to the service!). We will sing carols, hear stories and scripture, and open our hearts to how God might come once again into our lives.

On Sunday, December 26th we have a treat from the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks. The Presbytery will be doing a special worship service on Zoom, and we will be able to give our wonderful tech team a Sunday off. Thank you tech team and thank you Presbytery!

I have been reading a lot of John O’Donohue recently. Here is part of his Christmas Blessing:

May the Angels in their beauty bless you.  
May the Angel of Awakening stir your heart  
To come alive to the eternal within you,  
To all the invitations that quietly surround you.  
May the Angel of Healing turn your wounds  
Into sources of refreshment.  
May the Angel of Wildness disturb the places  
Where your life is domesticated and safe,  
Take you to the territories of true otherness  
Where all that is awkward in you  
Can fall into its own rhythm.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be the name 'Dan'.



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**Date & Times to Note**

- Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Chancel and Bell Choir rehearsal
- Dec 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Men's Coffee @ Ziggii's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- Dec 2— Communications/Evangelism MA, 6:30 pm  
Facilities & Administration MA, 6:30 pm  
Outreach MA, 6:30 pm  
Worship MA, 6:30 pm
- Dec 4—Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am
- Dec 5, 12, 19—Sunday Worship Service, 9:30 am
- Dec. 6—Creating Card Ministry, 1:00 pm
- Dec 8—Dominoes, 1:00 pm
- Dec 9—Personnel Advisory Committee
- Dec 12—Christmas Cantata, Worship service, 9:30 am
- Dec 12—Blue Christmas service, 2:30 pm
- Dec 13—Pantry Set-up
- Dec 14—Round Pantry, 2:00—6:00 pm
- Dec 16—Session meeting, 6:30 pm
- Dec 17—SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- Dec 19—Longmont Symphony Orchestra Concert, 4:00 pm
- Dec 24—Christmas Eve service, 7:00 pm
- Dec 25—**Christmas Day**
- Dec 26—Worship with Presbytery on Zoom
- Dec 31—New Year's Eve

*Special points of interest:*

Join us for Worship:  
In-person,  
and on Zoom  
Sundays at 9:30 am

- 2021 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00



Session Notes

At their regular session meeting on November 15, Session took the following actions:

- Approved: To accept the Maintenance Technician position.
- Approved: To offer PayPal for receiving church donations.

May the JOY be with you all this Christmas Season.

Gatherings invites you to a “get to know you”

during Fellowship for **Sue Dolquist**.

We are so blessed to have Sue as part of our congregation..

Join together on **December 12**, following worship, to say hello.

See Janet Mulay if you would like to assist.



As detailed on page 1, Westview will be having a Blue Christmas service on December 12th at 2:30 p.m. The intent of this gathering is to recognize and offer comfort to those who struggle with the holiday season. For those who can't be present, a dedication may be submitted to the Worship Committee to be presented at the service on their behalf.



Anyone interested in singing in the choir during the Advent season is invited to join in!

Worship Ministry

### The ROUND PANTRY thanks you for your gifts.

Christmas is a time of gifts and it is a time to say thank you for the gifts we have been given. It has been a lot of work to continue the Pantry through a year of continued restrictions and continued high levels of need.

By the time you read this, we will have provided food to households nearly 18,000 times. Food provided will total at least 600,000 pounds.

Making this possible were hundreds of shoppers, generous donors and the support of Westview Presbyterian Church and the gift that each of these is.

To all of you who have been part of the greater ROUND PANTRY operation, your acts of kindness and selfless effort may seem small to you, but the impact they make on those who are hungry is huge. Thank you for the gift of YOU! Thanks for volunteering, donating, supporting and praying for The ROUND PANTRY.



The Communication/Evangelism Ministry Area  
is looking for new members.  
Contact Alan Smit if you are interested  
in helping with this important ministry!





**Sunday, December 19, 4:00 p.m. @ Westview Presbyterian**

**Longmont Symphony Orchestra**

presents

**“ Candlelight: A Baroque Christmas”**

A performance of contemplative and affirming music for the Christmas holiday, including J.S. Bach, Arcangelo Corelli, Gustav Holst, and Ottorino Respighi.

Tickets may be purchased at [longmontsymphony.org](http://longmontsymphony.org)

Please note: All patrons 12+ will be required to show proof of COVID 19 vaccination or medical exemption, and all patrons will be required to wear face covers while indoors. This performance is under 90 minutes with no intermission. Your ticket includes access to a delayed on-demand streaming option.

### **Calendar Notes**

Recognition of Outgoing Elders & Deacons, December 5

Creating Cards Ministry—December 6, 1:00 p.m.

Mexican Train Dominoes—December 8, 1:00 p.m.



### **Starting Back in January, 2022**

In the past, we have had a basket in the narthex,  
and collected toiletry items throughout the year.

These donations included small size toothpaste, shampoo, lotion, etc.  
In January we will begin collecting again and appreciate any donations.

These donations are available when needed,  
and also are taken to the OUR Center on a regular basis.

Thank You to Marcia Poll for coordinating this service.

## Other News (cont.)



|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Morgan Deegan        | 12/02 |
| Barbara Emery-Geiger | 12/02 |
| Madison Steiner      | 12/03 |
| Emily Deegan         | 12/05 |
| Gary Kelsic          | 12/06 |
| Judy Coats           | 12/09 |
| Kathy McGannon       | 12/10 |
| Sarah Hurianek       | 12/11 |
| Bruce McQueen        | 12/12 |
| Harriet Kracklauer   | 12/13 |
| Sally Crowell        | 12/15 |
| Katy Constantinides  | 12/16 |
| Don Hill             | 12/16 |
| Nancy Hurianek       | 12/17 |
| Drake Milroy         | 12/19 |
| Maria Shupe          | 12/19 |
| Betty Morgan         | 12/20 |
| Darrell Bowman       | 12/21 |
| Kay Daugherty        | 12/25 |
| Angela Thompson      | 12/25 |
| Carol Heepke         | 12/26 |
| Louise Beierle       | 12/28 |
| Lucas Hurianek       | 12/28 |
| Lih Shin Lim         | 12/28 |



Nancy and Lynn Goin 12/28

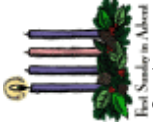

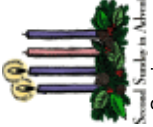




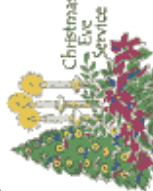

### SafeLot Shelter Meals

Westview furnishes the evening meal for 12 people on the 3rd Friday of each month.  
 upcoming dates: **December 17, January 21**  
 If you can help provide the main dish, a side dish, or a dessert, please call Janet Mulay.

**THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESTVIEW!**  
 We would LOVE to have you be a part of us!

| GROUP                        | DATE & TIME                  | PLACE           | SPECIAL NOTES  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Mexican Train Dominos</b> | <b>Dec. 8,<br/>1:00 p.m.</b> | Gathering Place | <b>Open to:</b> Anyone<br><b>Meets:</b> Dec. 8<br><b>Contact:</b> Wanda Heibein  |
| <b>Men's Breakfast</b>       | <b>Dec. 4,<br/>8:00 a.m.</b> | Fellowship Hall | <b>Open to:</b> Any interested men<br><b>Meets:</b> Oct—May, 1st Saturday<br><b>Contact:</b> Harry Heibein   |
| <b>Young at Heart</b>        |                              | Perkins         | <b>Open to:</b> All who are young at heart<br><b>Meets:</b> Monthly, 3rd Friday<br><b>Contact:</b> Wanda & Harry Heibein<br><br><i>Pending Re-open</i> |
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# DECEMBER 2021

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>28</p>  <p>First Sunday in Advent<br/>9:30 AM Worship Service<br/>10:45 AM Advent Wreath making</p>  | <p>29</p>                                       | <p>30</p>   | <p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>                                    | <p>2</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee<br/>6:30 PM Comm/Evang. MA<br/>6:30 PM Facilities/Admin<br/>6:30 PM Outreach MA<br/>6:30 PM Worship MA</p> | <p>3</p>  <p>December</p>                | <p>4</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p>   |
| <p>5</p>  <p>Second Sunday in Advent<br/>9:30 AM Worship Service<br/>10:45 AM Recognition: outgoing elders/deacons</p>                          | <p>6</p> <p>1:00 PM Creating Cards Ministry</p> | <p>7</p>   | <p>8</p> <p>1:00 PM Mexican Train Dominoes<br/>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee<br/>6:30 PM Personnel Advisory Committee</p>   | <p>10</p>   | <p>11</p>   |
| <p>12</p>  <p>Third Sunday in Advent<br/>9:30 AM Worship Service<br/>10:45 AM Reception for Sue Dolquist<br/>2:30 PM Blue Christmas service</p> | <p>13</p> <p>Round Pantry Setup</p>             | <p>14</p>  <p>2:00 PM Round Pantry at WestView</p> | <p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>                                   | <p>16</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee<br/>6:30 PM Session meeting</p>   | <p>17</p> <p>Volunteer for Safelot meal</p>   | <p>18</p>   |
| <p>19</p>  <p>Fourth Sunday in Advent<br/>9:30 AM Worship Service<br/>4:00 PM Longmont Symphony Orchestra</p>                                  | <p>20</p>                                       | <p>21</p>   | <p>22</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>                                   | <p>23</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee</p>   | <p>24</p>  <p>Christmas Eve Service</p> | <p>25</p>  <p>Merry Christmas</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship Service</p>   | <p>27</p>                                       | <p>28</p>   | <p>29</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>                                   | <p>30</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Coffee</p>   | <p>31</p>   | <p>1</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Breakfast</p>   |



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