The Westviewer

Westview Presbyterian Church



"I am happy because I'm grateful. I choose to be grateful. That gratitude allows me to be happy." Will Arnett

Dear Westview,

Tis the season...to be grateful. The celebration of Thanksgiving is upon us this month, but I confess sometimes I have a hard time with it. Am I grateful? Of course. Am I grumpy? I think so. There is a lot going on in this world to be grumpy about.

But gratitude is also about letting my grumpiness marinate in compassion and forgiveness. When we are grumpy, angry, frustrated, it is our wounded parts speaking to us. They are not necessarily wrong. They have something to say. Gratitude comes when we listen to the grief and learn what it has to teach us, otherwise we drown in a pool of aggrieved entitlement.

During Thanksgiving when we are mindful of the cultivation of the harvest, let us also turn our awareness and gratitude to the gifts the Earth provides us. Without the gifts of food and water, we do not exist. Let us share a harvest of generosity. Let us cultivate gratitude. Generosity and gratitude change us. We get shape-shifted by the love of God. As the scriptures say, we get "morphed" into the likeness of Christ (Colossians 1:24). As Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer writes, "Knowing that you love the earth changes you, activates you to defend and protect and celebrate. But when you feel that the earth loves you in return, that feeling transforms the relationship from a one-way street into a sacred bond." Amen, Robin.

In Gratitude,

Dr. Dan



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Special points of interest:

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

2022 Covenant Commitment—\$55.00

Date & Times to Note

- Nov 2—Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- Nov 2, 9, 16, 30—Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- Nov 6, 13, 20, 27—Sunday worship service, 9:30 am
- Nov 3, 10, 17—Men's Coffee @ Ziggi's, 1139 Francis, 8:00 am
- Nov 3—Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- Nov 3—Facilities & Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- Nov 5—Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, 8:00 am
- Nov 5—Fall Work Day, 9:00 am
- Nov 5—Finding Your Wild Retreat
- Nov 6—Westview Website Update (following worship)
- Nov 6, 20—Pantry re-set, 2:00 pm
- Nov 7, 21—Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- Nov 7—Creating Cards Ministry, 1:00 pm
- Nov 7—Worship MA, 6:30 pm
- Nov 8, 22—Round Pantry Drive-line, 2:00—6:00 pm
- Nov 9, 23—Pantry Community Distribution, 9:00 am
- Nov 9, 23—Bible Study group with Pastor Dan, 10:00 am
- Nov 10—Personnel Advisory Committee, 6:30 pm
- Nov 11—Veterans Day
- Nov 12—Legacy Lunch @ Dolquist's, 1:00 pm
- Nov 13—Walk in The Wild
- Nov 16—Dominoes, 1:00 pm
- Nov 17—Session meeting, 6:30 pm
- Nov 18—SafeLot meal provided by Westview
- Nov 20—"Exploring The True Self" study, 11:00 am
- Nov 21—Help Decorate Sanctuary for Advent, 5:00—8:00 pm
- Nov 24—Thanksgiving Day



Session Notes

At their regular meeting on October 20, 2022, Session took the following actions:

- Approved: Job descriptions for interim coverage of the vacant choir director
 position, which includes additional responsibilities for Karin Buer and volunteer
 responsibilities for Kay Daugherty. The search for a permanent choir director
 will resume in the new year. Much appreciation to Karin and Kay for filling in.
- **Approved:** Scheduling the Christmas Eve service at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Saturday, December 24, 2022 with fellowship and treats afterwards.

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The Worship Ministry Area would like to invite the congregation to join us as we *decorate the Sanctuary for Advent*.

We would love to have you join us for an evening of fun and creativity!

We will be meeting on **Monday, November 21,**from 5—8 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Feel free to come by for as long as you like, to help out.

If you have any questions, contact Ann Constantinides or Beth Kelsic.

Welcome to the Season of Advent!

Gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship on **November 27th**,
for goodies, and to pick up your **Advent Wreath kit and greenery** from Bill and Chris Deegan.
For many Westviewers, making an Advent wreath is a favorite event,
and for "first-timers" you can begin a new tradition!



Fall Work Day is Saturday, November 5,

Come enjoy Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. (hosted by Men's Breakfast Group)

Work Day will begin at 9:00 a.m.

You are welcome and needed—work indoors or outdoors.





From Becky and Tom Herman —
Prayers of Joy for the birth of our
new grandson, *Daniel Thomas Pullen*,
born October 1, 2022. Daniel's parents
are Emily and Joe Pullen



Congratulations to Robin and Gerard Bernales on the birth of their son **Sebastian Benjamin Jun Bernales**, born October 12, 2022.



Time Change Coming
Fall Back to Standard Time
Sunday, November 6th

The ROUND PANTRY at Westview Presbyterian Church



After 10 years of operating as an in-door shopping experience, serving under 250 shoppers, COVID infections and restrictions meant that The Round Pantry needed to operate in a different manner. And, so, the Drive Line was put in place...and, as a consequence, so was Community (Agency) Distribution.

The first Drive Line occurred just about a week after the COVID restrictions were put in place. We had no idea how many households might come for food. We ended up with a moderate amount of bread, produce, and dairy that we felt should be distributed, and not held over for the two weeks until the next day Pantry would be open. We thought of a couple of volunteers who had mentioned that their apartment building neighbors were in need of food but in many cases were not physically able to come to The Pantry. We called our friends and found out the they lived in a building in downtown Longmont that is for seniors who receive "Section 8" housing assistance.

Depending on the amount of food available from Community Food Share [CFS], The Round Pantry provides to each household at least 50 pounds of groceries as well as larger items (such as: a gallon of milk, a bag of potatoes, a watermelon, etc.) Funds donated to The Round Pantry are used to purchase items such as canned vegetables, tuna, and soup — especially as CFS struggles with supply chain and cost issues that limit what they can provide to The Pantry.

The amount of food provided / desired by the people who benefit from Community (Agency) Distribution varies widely. Households or individuals rarely receive 50 pounds of food or more. They receive what they need / can use. For example, our friends in the senior living apartment... the manager of the building comes to Pantry on Wednesday morning and selects food that residents can use. The food is taken back to the apartment building and set out in a "mini-Pantry" in the foyer of the building. (This was the idea of the manager ③.) Residents are called down a few at a time to select food. A typical selection may be a can of soup, a box of mac n cheese, a bag of rolls and some apples – what the resident wants and will use.

Current Pantry Needs:

- Donations (food or money)
 - As of Nov., 2022 these are our most needed items, (alphabetized, not ranked by need):
 - 1. Canned Fruit
 - 2. Canned Meat
 - 3. Canned Soup
 - 4. Canned Vegetables
 - 5. Cereal (hot or cold; whole grain and low sugar preferred
 - 6. Dry Beans

- 7. Macaroni and cheese
- 8. Pasta or Rice Meals, e.g., Pasta-Roni, Knorr Rice Sides
- 9. Plain Pasta
- 10. Peanut Butter
- 11. Protein Bars or Granola Bars low sugar
- 12. Rice (plain)
- Volunteers (thank you for referring your friends and neighbors to our volunteer crew; they help SO much)

Note: We do **NOT** need egg cartons. (*Paper egg cartons* can be recycled in your local recycle pick up.) We do **NOT** need plastic bags from grocery or other stores. These can be recycled at your local store.

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Other News (cont.)

Elaine and Lee Lawson Karen and Frank Robitaille

Sally and Jim Crowell

Janet and John Mulay





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SafeLot Shelter Meals

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

Upcoming dates: **November 18, December 16**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!

GROUP	DATE & TIME	PLACE	SPECIAL NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	Nov. 16	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Anyone Meets: Wednesday in between Pantry dates Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast	Nov. 5	Fellowship Hall	Open to: Any interested men Meets: Oct—May, 1st Saturday of the month Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	Nov. 3, 10 17	Ziggi's, at 1139 Francis	Open to: All are welcome Meets: Weekly on Thursdays, 8:00 am, 1139 Francis Contact: Harry Heibein
Round Urban Garden		1500 Hover	Open to: Anyone— No activities in November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Stewardship Sunday Town Hall (following worship) 9:30am Worship Service 11:00am Annual Soup Lunch	31	NOVEMBER	2 1:00pm Deacons meeting 6:30pm Choir rehearsal	3 8:00am Men's Coffee 6:30pm Outreach MA 7:00pm Facilities/Admin	4	5 Church S:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Fall Work Day
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