

January, 2024

The Westviewer

Official Newsletter of Westview Presbyterian Church

Happy
New Year
2024

LOOKING AHEAD AT JANUARY



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2024, for the purpose of holding the annual meeting of the corporation and approving the Pastor's Terms of Call for 2024. Meeting will begin immediately following worship, and you will have the opportunity to hear a short summary of how your ministry areas have supported Westview and the community during 2023.



Ordination and Installation

Ordination and Installation of our new elders and deacons is scheduled for Sunday, January 14, 2024. The congregation is an integral part of this installation, pledging its commitment of support.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Westview,

Welcoming in the New Year means saying "goodbye" to the past and "hello" to the future. Many times, it is hard to let go of the past. Past trials and trauma can send our minds spinning in a cycle hard to break. As a Lutheran pastor friend of mine said recently, "We are good at seeing the wonderfulness of others, but not so good seeing it in ourselves."

Part of the good news in letting go of the past and embracing the sacrament of the present moment is also a spiritual practice in which we can improve. To help us in this practice, I have an update on our Sunday morning schedule. **Beginning in January, we will have two different spiritual formation opportunities after worship that will rotate every other week:** Council on the first and third Sundays, Sunday School on the second and fourth Sundays (and fifth if there is one).

The Sunday School for adults will be a discussion on the sermon text for that week. For example, I will be preaching a series of sermons in January and February on "Loving God and Loving Neighbor". The Sunday School class content will be a further study on the text for loving God and loving our neighbor. There is no book to read, just a deepening into the text of scripture.

We will also expand Sunday "Council" from the first Sunday of the month to include the third Sunday of the month. Council is a form of gathering that encourages us to go deeper. It is a way of holding a "container" (the group field) where we can express what is happening to us without fear of someone trying to fix us or rescue us. Council affects us in a certain kind of way by allowing us the possibility to be "seen", which addresses a core wound almost everyone has of not being "seen" for who we really are. Council is a "kaleidoscope of hearing" that expands us and draws out attention to what the risen Christ is doing in and through us.

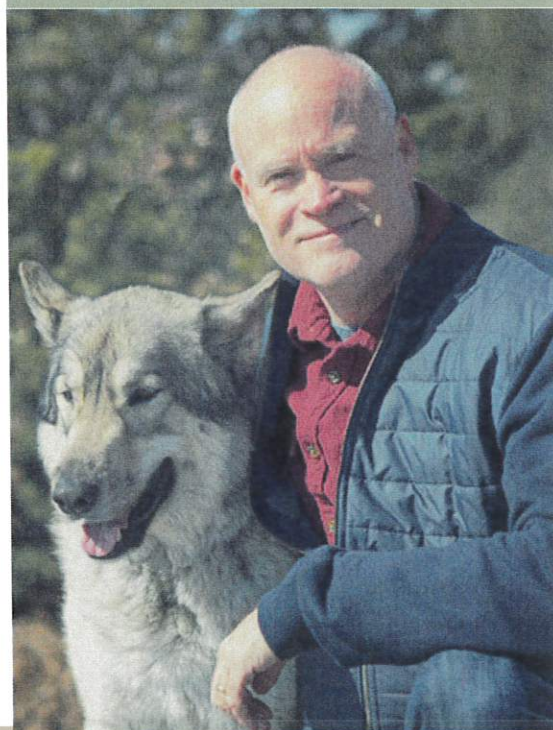
May God's blessing remain upon you as we enter into a New Year. May the risen Christ be present in ever more powerful ways, healing us, transforming us, increasing our love for God and one another!

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Dan

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DR. DAN





Date & Times to Note

- Jan 1 - New Year's Day (office closed)
- Jan 3, 10, 24, 31 - Bible Study group, 10:00 am
- Jan 3 - Deacons meeting, 1:00 pm
- Jan 3 - Grief Care Group, 2:30 pm
- Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Choir rehearsal, 6:30 pm
- Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 - Men's Coffee, 8:00 am
- Jan 4 - Facilities & Administration MA, 7:00 pm
- Jan 6 - Men's Breakfast Group, 8:00 am
- Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 Sunday worship, 9:30 am
- Jan 7, 21 - Council gathering, 11:00 am
- Jan 8 - Worship MA, 9:30 am
- Jan 7, 21 - Pantry re-set, 2:00 pm
- Jan 8, 22 - Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- Jan 9, 23 - Pantry Set-up, starting at 8:00 am
- Jan 9, 23 - Round Pantry Drive-line, 2-6 pm
- Jan 10, 24 - Pantry Community Distribution, 9am
- Jan 10 - Spiritual Journeys MA, 2:30 pm
- Jan 11 - Outreach MA, 6:30 pm
- Jan 14 - Ordination/Installation: new Elder/Deacon
- Jan 14, 28 - Adult Sunday School, 11:00 am
- Jan 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (off.closed)
- Jan 17 - Session meeting, 10:00 am
- Jan 17 - Dominoes, 1:00 pm
- Jan 19 - SafeLot meal by Westview
- Jan 28 - Congregational meeting

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Our Outreach Ministry area is accepting winter clothing donations for HOPE. You may bring your donations of **Coats, Gloves, Hats** to the church during the first two weeks in January, and they will be taken to HOPE to distribute as needed this winter. Thank you!!

COVENANT COMMITMENT - 2024

The Presbytery has voted for the 2024 Covenant Commitment to continue at \$56.00 per person. There will not be an increase next year.

SESSION NOTES

At their regular meeting on December 20, 2023, Session took the following actions:

- Approved:** Annual Congregational meeting on January 28, 2024.
- Approved:** Ordination and Installation of new Elders and Deacons on January 14, 2024.
- Approved:** Outline of Spiritual Journey's next Adult Study

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! We wish everyone a WONDERFUL NEW YEAR filled with happiness, love and prosperity!

As the New Year begins, The Leadership Team of The Round Pantry wants to send heartfelt thanks to all the individuals, volunteers, donors, businesses, agencies, community groups, and, of course, Westview Presbyterian Church, for their help over the years. As we approach our 14th year of service, we are humbled and extremely grateful for the support shown on behalf of our Shoppers. Without your love and generosity, we would never be able to help so many.

To all of you who have been part of the greater ROUND PANTRY operation in whatever ways over the years, your acts of kindness may seem small to you, but the impact they make on those who are hungry is huge. Thank you! We hope that part of your New Year's intentions will be volunteering, donating, supporting and praying for The ROUND PANTRY.

Please note that volunteer sign ups are now managed using a system called VolunteerLocal. It can be accessed by visiting: [The ROUND PANTRY portal page](#)



BIRTHDAYS

Janet Mulay **01-05**
 Joe Pazier **01-06**
 Sara Olsson **01-09**
 Sharon Cely **01-12**
 Laura Bickers **01-13**
 Wally Fleeger **01-19**
 Roger Peck **01-19**
 Lynn Smit **01-19**
 Susie Reed **01-25**
 John Sekich **01-27**

ANNIVERSARIES

Marilyn & Bruce McQueen **01-28**



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Great News:

June Loan Balance: \$139,244
December Balance: \$68,928

Thank You Westview!

SAFELOT SHELTER MEALS

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

Upcoming dates: Jan. 19

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 LOCATION	NOTES
Mexican Train Dominos	Jan. 17	Open to anyone! Contact: Wanda Heibein
Men's Breakfast Group	January 6 Fellowship Hall	Meets 1st Sat. of the month, 8:00 am (Oct. - May) Contact: Harry Heibein
Men's Weekly Coffee	Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25	Meets weekly at 8am on Thursdays at Centura (LUH) Contact: Harry Heibein
Round Urban Garden	Come back in the Spring!	



In Loving Memory of:

William (Bill) Grove

May 23, 1944 - December 17, 2023



From Presbytery of Plains and Peaks

Are you interested in participating in a multi-generational mission trip to Mexico? You're in luck!

There will be a Presbytery-wide trip to the Yucatan Peninsula from June 4-11, 2024. We will be working and staying at YPM - Yucatan Peninsula Mission








<https://www.ypmusa.org/>

We have worked with YPM for many years in the village of Leona Vicario, Mexico. This trip is open to all ages (under age 13 will need a parent or designated chaperone to attend). There are a variety of jobs available, so you don't have to be a construction worker to sign up.

If you are interested in attending this trip, please e-mail Cindy Cassens at cbcassens@gmail.com to request an application and more details.

Westview Presbyterian Church

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30am Worship Service	1 	2	3 10:00am Bible Study Group 1:00pm Deacons meeting 2:30pm Grief Care group	4 8:00am Men's Coffee 7:00pm Facilities/Admin	5	6 8:00am Men's Breakfast
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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Dr. Karin Buer, Pianist
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Worship Times:
Sunday morning at
9:30am in person and on
Zoom



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