

CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD



THANK YOU WEST HILLS for your generosity to God's Gift Shop again this year. Through your kindness, thirty-two children from Westgate School will receive Christmas gifts from our congregation. For the new community in Jeanton, Haiti, a cow, two goats and five chickens were purchased. Also, with the items sold at the God's Gift Shop table an additional check was sent to these mission partners: For His Children - \$246, ChrisWOV - \$353 and Outreach Foundation for Syria - \$305. Thank you for blessing above and beyond families in our community and communities abroad!

A COUPLE MORE WEEKS TO SAVE HY-VEE RECEIPTS: We are again collecting Hy-Vee receipts for the benefit of Westgate Elementary School. Receipts can be left in the white box located on the north side of Geneva Lounge. PLEASE NOTE: The receipts must be dated between the dates of September 1 and December 31, 2019.

EGYPT PRESENTATION: Please join us in the chapel on January 5 as Nancy Kehrl and Peg Shirley share with you their adventures on their mission trip to Egypt this year. You will hear about the work of the Evangelical Theological Seminary and their success at helping strengthen and grow the church in



Egypt in the midst of difficult times. You will get to hear about their church visits. One of the churches you will hear about is Adaima church, our sister church in Egypt. You will also get to see the pyramids, the sphinx, the Nile River, the tombs and temples and the Egyptian countryside. Feel free to invite a friend to join you for this great Sunday school class.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR MEN: Our mission partner, **Youth for Christ**, is looking for men to engage in authentic, Christ sharing relationships with middle and high school boys. If you would like to know more, or would like to volunteer to connect with a small groups of boys, please call or text Joann Topolski at 402-733-7153. Volunteers are needed at Westside Middle School on Tuesdays from 6:45-8:00 a.m. and at Westside High School on Mondays from 2:45-4:30 p.m.



DID YOU KNOW? You can read "The Window" newsletter, weekly bulletins, and listen to a past sermon all on our website: whcomaha.org.



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ARE YOU NEW? NEWER?

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WORSHIPPING WITH US!

Are you a visitor or wishing to learn more about West Hills? Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew so that we may become better acquainted. Visitors are invited to the **Welcome Center** in Geneva Lounge to pick up a West Hills visitor's bag. We hope that you will join us in worship again soon!

THIS WEEK

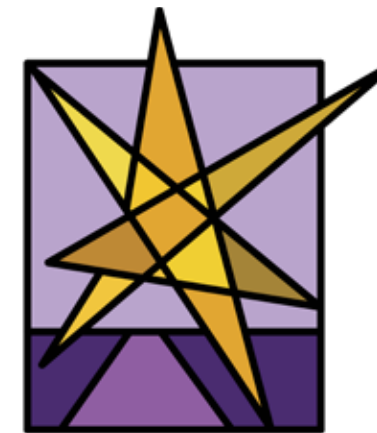
- SUN 12-22** **Sunday Service: 9a & 10:30a**
Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.
Children's Crosswalk and Youth Sunday School are on Christmas break. Classes will resume January 5, 2020
Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a
Discipleship Class: 10:30a
- MON 12-23** AA Group: 8p
- TUE 12-24** **Men's Bible Study: 6:30a**
Christmas Eve: Informal Family Service: 5p
Traditional Candlelight Service: 7p
- WED 12-25** **Merry Christmas! Church office closed, reopen Dec. 26**
- THU 12-26** Al-Anon: 12p
- FRI 12-27** Al-Anon: 7p
 AA Group: 8p
- SAT 12-28**
- SUN 12-29** **Sunday Service with Healing Prayers: 9a & 10:30a**
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Preaching: Andy Hamer
Advent Candle: Dunn Family
Assisting: Johnny Dunn, Lisa Harrison
Sound: William Scheopner

Media: Trink Traudt
Music: Al Anderson, Steve Dostal, Brian Eichhorn, Kevin Gibson, Kathy Leach, Sarah Weller

Attendance	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
12-15-2019	123	109	232
12-8-2019	197	106	303

The Session would like to thank the congregation for their contribution to the staff gifts this year. Thank you for your ongoing love and support of this community!



December 22, 2019

Worship Celebration

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Welcome & Announcements

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly - Purifoy

Preparing to Encounter God's Word Call to Worship

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Angels We Have Heard on High

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Love

Light the Light, the Fire of Life

Encountering God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 40:9-11, John 10:11-18 (page 500 & 748)

"The Shepherd"

Love Has Come

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Responding to God's Word Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

What Child Is This

Pastoral Blessing

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Postlude

On a journey with the living Christ;
connecting with God, others and the world

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NURSERY & CHILDREN

WE ARE GLAD YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE HERE! We love having families worship with our "big West Hills family." Your children are welcome in the worship service. A quiet room is available at the back and north side of the sanctuary, if the need arises. Worship resources for children are just outside the main sanctuary doors. The polka dotted bags are for pre-readers and solid colored bags for readers. *Please leave your used bags on the pew after the service.*

Children's Crosswalk and Youth Sunday School are on Christmas break today and Dec. 29. Classes will resume Sunday, January 5, 2020. Merry Christmas!

ALL CHURCH



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Begining Jan. 8, at 6:30 p.m., you're invited to a DVD Bible study titled "Everything You Need" by Dr. David Jeremiah taken from 1 and 2 Peter. Dr. Jeremiah says, "Have you ever seen so many people under so much pressure? That's the nature of our times, but don't despair! God has given you everything you need to withstand the stresses of life and overcome the challenges of the journey." Facilitated by Jan Drake, Maralee Gifford and Gloria Zinn. Everyone is welcome!



SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHP CLASSES! 2020 is fast approaching and that means new class offerings on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

Date	9 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 5	H2O - Rick Mason	Egypt Presentation - Peg Shirley & Nancy Kehrli
Jan. 12	H2O - Rick Mason	Connecting the Dots: A Faith Dissertation - Julie Burgess
Jan. 19	H2O - Rick Mason	Connecting the Dots: A Faith Dissertation - Julie Burgess
Jan. 26	H2O - Rick Mason	Connecting the Dots: A Faith Dissertation - Julie Burgess

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CHECK OUT THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Do you enjoy planning and organizing events? The **Celebrations Planning Team** is looking for additional people to be on the team to assist in planning four events a year. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Heather at heather@whcomaha.org
- The **Funeral Committee** could use people who are willing to make a salad or dessert to help feed the family and friends of those in our congregation who have passed away. It's a special way of supporting people who are in the midst of grieving a loved one. If you can help, please contact Maralee Gifford at 402-393-0244.
- We're recruiting a couple more people to cover the **front desk** during the week. The shift is 12:30-4:30 p.m. and the schedule is flexible. You can work one shift a month or each week. You may bring projects from home to work on while you are here to greet visitors, answer the phone and assist with jobs from the staff. Please call Rosa at 402-391-8788 for more information.

PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY! West Hills is seeking a part-time Children's Ministry coordinator to lead Crosswalk, our Sunday morning children's ministry. This is a part time position, with 5-8 hours of work each week. If you have questions, please email jessica@whcomaha.org. If you would like to apply for this position, please go to indeed.com and search West Hills to apply.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given today by Julie & Steve Burgess and Jana Prescott in celebration of the incarnation of Immanuel, God with us. What better gift could we receive?!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BIRTH: Congratulations to the Wohlgenuth family on the birth of Austin Michael on December 13, 2019. Austin is welcomed by big brother Gavin, big sisters Haley and Kayla, and mom and dad, Jennifer and Michael. Praise God for this new addition to our church family!

HOSPITAL/REHAB: Phil Oftelie - Hillcrest Rehab Papillion, June Rogers - Bergan Mercy ICU

ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS and the drop box are located at the Caregiving table by the north doors. Send a word of encouragement to someone this week!

PRAYER REQUEST? Please use the YELLOW prayer cards in the pew racks. Place your request in the offering plate.

PRAYER CHAIN: Shirley Nelson; 402-391-8370 or shurnelson@gmail.com
Carolyn Collins; 402-331-7481 or carolyn4nu@aol.com

This Week's Prayer Focus...

- Congregation: Brody Anderson:** Prayers for Brody and his family as he recovers from surgery. Prayers that his pain is managed well and for complete healing.
- Leadership: Peggy Shirley, Mission Elder:** Please pray for a smooth transition for the new Mission Elder, Steve Burgess. Also, pray for me as I have experienced loss of family and friends during this holiday season.
- Monthly Mission Partner:** North Omaha Good News Bears