

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. And, for the new community in Jeanton, Haiti, a cow, two goats and five chickens were purchased. Thank you for blessing above and beyond families in our community and a community abroad!

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERING AT HEARTLAND HOPE MISSION

Help to sort and distribute toys and food at Christmas in South O!

Toy distribution dates:

Tuesday, Dec. 17 6 pm-9 pm

Thursday, Dec. 18 1 pm-4 pm

Those interested in volunteering should contact **Amanda at Heartland Hope** directly by sending an email to: amanda@heartlandhopemission.org



SLOPPY JOE MINISTRY: Much appreciation to the faithful volunteers that have provided sloppy joes every month for years! If you want to contribute to this ministry, drop off cooked sloppy joe meat and buns by the third Thursday of the month and it will be taken to an outreach location to be enjoyed by many. Bless you West Hills for your continued generosity!

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.



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.

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!

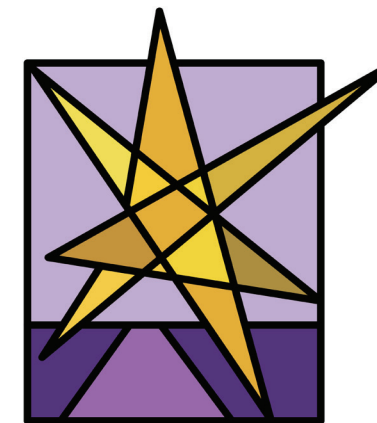
THIS WEEK

- SUN 12-15** **Sunday Service: 9a & 10:30a**
Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.
Children's Crosswalk: check-in 8:45a (LL) 4 yrs.-6th grade
Youth Sunday School: 9a (LL) 7th-12th grade
Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a
Discipleship Class: 10:30a
Chili & Caroling: 11:30a
- MON 12-16** AA Group: 8p
- TUE 12-17** **Men's Bible Study: 6:30a**
Session: 6p
- WED 12-18** **Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:30p**
 Open Arms Bereavement Support Grp.: 7p
- THU 12-19** **Women's Bible Study: 9:30a**
Sloppy Joe drop-off: 1p
 Al-Anon: 12p
- FRI 12-20** **Celebrations Field Trip to Durham Museum: 1p**
 Al-Anon: 7p
 AA Group: 8p
- SAT 12-21**
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- TUE 12-24** **Christmas Eve: Informal Family Service: 5p**
Tranditional Candlelight Service: 7p
- WED 12-25** **Merry Christmas! Church office closed, reopen Dec. 26**

Preaching: Andy Hamer
Advent Candle: Gaylen and Jan Vermilyea
Assisting: Dan Travaille
Sound: Matt Huck

Media: Julie Burgess
Music: Al Anderson, Steve Dostal, Kevin Gibson, Kathy Leach, Stan Parker, Trink Traudt

Attendance	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
12-8-2019	197	106	303
12-1-2019	176	87	263



December 15, 2019

Worship Celebration

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Welcome & Announcements

Preparing to Encounter God's Word Call to Worship

O Come All Ye Faithful

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Lighting of the Advent Candle - Hope

Light the Light, the Fire of Life

Encountering God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10, Rev. 22:16-17, 20 (page 496 & 873)

"Testing Hope"

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

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

Responding to God's Word

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Pastoral Blessing

He Came Down

Postlude

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 connecting with God, others and the world

CONNECTING WITH GOD

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

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.*

ALL CHURCH



CHILI AND CAROLING IS TODAY!!! Even if you haven't already signed up, come on down to Fellowship Hall after second service and join us. After a simple but tasty meal, we will divide into small groups to visit and carol for West Hills family members who are experiencing special challenges this season. Join us as we share the Good News of love and hope - Jesus Christ is born!

"CELEBRATE" AT THE DURHAM MUSEUM! Folks from West Hills will be touring the Durham Museum on Friday, Dec. 20, at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome; the cost is \$5.00 and you can sign up by calling the church office. Come and enjoy the forty-foot-tall twinkling Christmas tree along with the current exhibit Louder Than Words: Rock, Power & Politics.

MEN - MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Saturday morning, February 8, 2020. **That's the date for West Hills' tenth annual Men's Game Day!**

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS: You're invited to a class on Advent taught by Tom Backer in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

EGYPT PRESENTATION: Please join us in the chapel on January 5 as Nancy Kehrli 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.

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FLEXIBLE SERVING OPPORTUNITY! If in the new year you are wondering how you're going to fill some of your time, we have a suggestion for you! Come be a front desk volunteer! The shift is 12:30-4:30 p.m. and the schedule is flexible. 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 Norman at 402-391-8788 if you would like more information.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Are provided today by John and Marcia O'Donovan in celebration of Jason Scheopner's birthday and the joy he has brought to their family. Happy birthday, Jason!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HOSPITAL/REHAB: Phil Oftelie - Hillcrest Rehab Papillion, Barb Spiecker - Old Mill Rehab, Bill Tate - Lakeside Hospital, Bonnie Aden - Nebraska Medicine for knee replacement

DEATHS: Prayers for the Huck family on the passing of Matt's dad on December 10. Also, prayers for the family of Jean Andersen on her death December 10. There will be a memorial service for Jean at West Hills on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

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 shurlnelson@gmail.com
Carolyn Collins; 402-331-7481 or carolyn4nu@aol.com

This Week's Prayer Focus...

Congregation: **Bill Tate:** Prayers that he would have healing and recovery from his health problems.

Leadership: **Heather Hipp, Admin/Asst. to Pastor:** Prayers for those coming into our building during Advent. May they feel the love and hope Jesus has for them.

Monthly Mission Partner: North Omaha Good News Bears