

## CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD



Pick up a catalog in Geneva Lounge to see the special giving and serving opportunities available to you and your family this Christmas season!

**GOD'S GIFT SHOP:** This year we are offering two giving opportunities. We will once again sponsor families from Westgate School. You can pick up a tag and purchase the gift items suggested or make a donation and we will shop. We are also offering the opportunity to give the gift of livestock to our new community in Jeanton, Haiti. You can purchase a livestock item or make a donation and we will add the donations together and purchase the livestock. We will also have items from Cameroon, Syria, and Ecuador for sale at our table. You might find something that would make a perfect gift. Stop by the table and pick up our God's Gift Shop catalog for other opportunities to get involved and serve this holiday season.

**EGYPT PRESENTATION:** Peg Shirley will be presenting a talk on her trip to Egypt at Monday morning Bible study at Westgate Assisted Living at 10 a.m. . Please feel free to join us on Monday, Dec. 8, whether you are a member of the Bible study or not, we think you will enjoy this presentation.

### CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERING AT HEARTLAND HOPE MISSION

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

#### Set up dates:

Thursday, Dec. 12 1 pm-4:30 pm  
Friday, Dec. 13 9 am-12 pm and 1 pm-4 pm

#### Toy distribution dates:

Saturday, Dec. 14 9 am-1 pm  
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](mailto:amanda@heartlandhopemission.org)



**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](http://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 12-8** 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

**MON 12-9** Bible Study Fellowship (BSF): 6:40p  
AA Group: 8p

**TUE 12-10** Men's Bible Study: 6:30a  
Men's Ministry Meeting: 6:30p

**WED 12-11** Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:30p  
Spiritual Formation Meeting: 6:30p  
Open Arms Bereavement Support Grp.: 7p

**THU 12-12** Women's Bible Study: 9:30a  
Al-Anon: 12p  
Young Life - Capernaum: 7p

**FRI 12-13** Celebrations: 11:30a  
Al-Anon: 7p

**SAT 12-14**

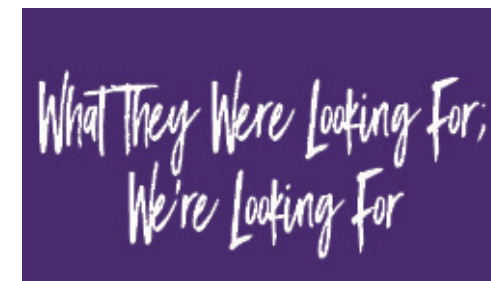
**SUN 12-15** Sunday Service: 9a & 10:30a  
Nursery: 9:00a service infants to 3 yrs. & 10:30a service infants to 5 yrs.  
Children's Crosswalk: check-in 8:45a (LL) 4 yrs.-6th grade  
Youth Sunday School: 9a (LL) 7th-12th grade  
Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a  
Discipleship Class: 10:30a  
Chili & Caroling: 11:30a

Visit our website for all upcoming events: [whcomaha.org](http://whcomaha.org)

**Preaching:** Andy Hamer  
**Advent Candle:** Bill and Joanne Tate  
**Assisting:** Beth Anderson, Julie Burgess  
**Sound:** Greg Schuchmann  
**Media:** Ian Meyers

**Music:** Al Anderson, Kaitlin Bates, Steve Dostal, Kevin Gibson, Kathy Leach

Attendance	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
12-1-2019	176	87	263
11-24-2019	152	119	271



December 8, 2019

### Worship Celebration

*Even So Come*

### Welcome & Announcements

### Preparing to Encounter God's Word Call to Worship

*Christmas Is Coming*

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

*Your Name*

### Lighting of the Advent Candle - Joy

*Light the Light, the Fire of Life*

### Encountering God's Word

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6, John 7:37-39 (page 481 & 745)

### "Overflowing with Life"

*First Song of Isaiah*

### Sharing of Joys & Concerns

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

### Responding to God's Word Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

*Adore*

### Pastoral Blessing

*He Came Down*

*Postlude*

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

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## CONNECTING WITH GOD

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## 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



**Celebrations**  
*Join us for a special Christmas event...*

<b>Friday, Dec. 13</b> 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Meal & Entertainment \$10 per person	<i>Women's quartet will perform all the season's favorites!</i>
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*Supported Mission: Good News Bears*

**A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS “CELEBRATIONS”!** You’re invited to attend Celebrations on Friday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and entertainment! A women’s quartet will bless us with a special holiday performance. Sign up today in Geneva Lounge; the cost is just \$10. Everyone is welcome!

**“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 in Geneva Lounge. Come and enjoy the forty-foot-tall twinkling Christmas tree along with the current exhibit *Louder Than Words: Rock, Power & Politics.*



**CHILI AND CAROLING**  
SUNDAY, DEC. 15 | 11: 30 A.M.

*Come and  
Make a  
Joyful  
Noise!*

*Be a Blessing to  
our Homebound  
Family!*

**CHILI AND CAROLING:** Sign up today for this special West Hills tradition that will be held on Sunday, December 15, immediately following second service. Enjoy a simple meal and then share the good news of Jesus’ birth through song with members of our West Hill family who are experiencing special challenges this season. Everyone is invited to join in. Just come with a hearty appetite and a joyful heart!

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### ALL CHURCH

**2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** To date through five weeks of the 2020 Stewardship campaign there have been a total of 154 pledges returned. “Thank you!” for all your generous responses to help complete the work God has for West Hills. Pledges returned through this Sunday, Dec. 8, will be used in finalizing our planning for 2020 ministry, so please prayerfully consider returning your faith promise to enable West Hills to do the exciting work God has set before us in 2020.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:** You're invited to a class on Advent taught by Tom Backer in the chapel at 10:30 a.m. Come for one week or come for all. Everyone is welcome!

**CHANCEL FLOWERS:** Are provided today by Mary Ann Olig in honor of her parents, John and Jeane Olig

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**HOSPITAL/REHAB:** Jean Andersen - ICU at Nebraska Medicine, Phil Oftelie - Hillcrest Rehab Papillion, Barb Spiecker - Old Mill Rehab

**DEATHS:** Prayers for the friends and family of Sister Loretta Sedlmayer on her passing November 30, 2019.

**A STEPHEN MINISTER** is available in the quiet room after the service for private prayer. Need to contact a Stephen Minister during the week? Pick up a brochure in any of the wall racks for a list of names.

**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: Jean Andersen:** Prayers for Jean after a very serious fall. Prayers for her son Tom and her medical team as they make difficult decisions about her medical care.

**Leadership: John Good, Facility Coordinator:** Prayers for health and endurance during this busy season and church schedule. Also, thank you to those that helped decorate the building for Advent. Your helping hands were a huge blessing!

**Monthly Mission Partner:** North Omaha Good News Bears