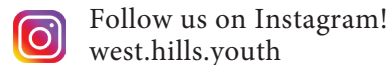


CONNECTING WITH THE WORLD

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



A FEW MORE DAYS 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.

SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP 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

H2O @ 9 A.M.: According to Kyle Idleman's Bible study, H2O, everyone thirsts, but there is only one drink that truly satisfies. H2O is a DVD-driven Bible study designed to create a safe atmosphere in which people are comfortable considering the person of Jesus Christ. Essentially, it is 10 episodes and 10 stories that examine the desire every one of us has to quench the thirst that burns within our spirit.



EGYPT PRESENTATION @ 10:30 A.M.: Join us on Jan. 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.



CONNECTING THE DOTS: A FAITH DISSERTATION @ 10:30 A.M. Join Julie Burgess as she connects seventeen trips with The Outreach Foundation to be present with the church in the Middle East and twenty graduate hours in Creighton's master of ministry program. Let's look at theology, Christology, spirituality and some church history as we travel the roads of Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. Five weeks beginning January 12, 2020.



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 12-29 **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

MON 12-30 AA Group: 8p

TUE 12-31 Men's Bible Study: 6:30a

WED 1-1 Happy New Year! Church office closed, reopen Jan. 2

THU 1-2 Al-Anon: 12p

FRI 1-3 **West Hills Game Night: 6-8p**
 Al-Anon: 7p
 AA Group: 8p

SAT 1-4 BSF Leader's Mtg: 6:15a

SUN 1-5 **Sunday Service with ordination/installation of elders: 9a**
Sunday Service with ordination/installation of deacons: 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
Discipleship classes - chapel: 9 & 10:30a
Joint Service Fellowship: 10-10:30a

Preaching: Eric Rafferty
Assisting: Kathy Padilla
Sound: Greg Schuchmann

Media: Al Anderson
Music: Kaitlin Bates, Kathy Leach, William Scheopner

Attendance	9:00	10:30	TOTAL
12-22-2019	187	122	309
12-15-2019	123	109	232

If you requested 2020 pledge envelopes, they are available in Geneva Lounge.

The staff would like to THANK the congregation for the MANY gift cards we received from you! We love doing ministry with this church body and appreciate, so much, your abundant generosity! Thanks again!!
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



December 29, 2019

Worship Celebration

Rejoice (arr. Rouse)

Welcome & Announcements

Preparing to Encounter God's Word Call to Worship

Sing We Now of Christmas

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Prayer of Confession

The Good News of God's Forgiveness

Encountering God's Word

Scripture: John 12:20-26 (page 750)

Sermon from Eric Rafferty

Take My Life And Let It Be

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

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

Responding to God's Word

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

You Say

Pastoral Blessing

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Postlude

West Hills Church
 3015 S 82ND AVE • Omaha NE 68124 • 402-391-8788

On a journey with the living Christ;
 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.*

Children's Crosswalk and Youth Sunday school are on Christmas break. Classes will resume Sunday, January 5, 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ALL CHURCH

LET'S PLAY GAME NIGHT! FRIDAY, JAN. 3 6-8 PM! It's the perfect time to try out a game you got for Christmas. Game players of all ages are invited to join the fun! Bring a friend, bring your family, bring a favorite board game, card or group game and we'll have an evening of game time for all ages and skill levels!



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](https://www.indeed.com) and search West Hills to apply.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ WEST HILLS WILL RESUME ON JAN. 8!

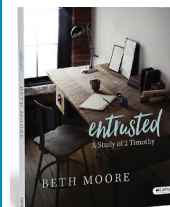
Join us for a buffet dinner from 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. and then one of these offerings:

Women's Bible study @ 6 p.m. - Entrusted by Beth Moore

**Co-ed Bible study @ 6:30 p.m. - Everything You Need by Dr. David Jeremiah
Choir @ 6:30 p.m.**

Youth Group and Worship @ 6:30 p.m.

"ENTRUSTED" BY BETH MOORE: We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves. In this DVD study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live lives of faithfulness. All ladies are welcome! Facilitated by Leann Schaffer and the cost of the workbook is \$15.



"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!



CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

ALL CHURCH

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 a shift each week. You may bring projects from home to work on while you're here to greet visitors, answer the phone and assist with jobs from the staff. Please call Rosa at 402-391-8788 for more information.

2020 FLOWER CHART: If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday in the new year, sign up on the chart. You may wish to provide flowers to celebrate a special occasion or to honor a family member or friend. The cost of the flower arrangement is \$40 and you can take the flowers home after second service to enjoy all week. The chart is posted in Geneva Lounge, near the coffee makers. Thank you!

CHANCEL FLOWERS: The chancel flowers are given today by Judy Gardella in memory of her son John Nielsen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

This Week's Prayer Focus...

Congregation: Phil Oftelie: Prayers for Phil as he recovers from a fall and hip replacement surgery. Prayers for complete healing. Also, congratulations to Phil and Mariel celebrating their 65 wedding anniversary.

Leadership: Luke Burns, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator: A joy that three sister in-laws are expecting a baby in 2020! Prayers for each one to have a safe and healthy pregnancy.

Monthly Mission Partner: North Omaha Good News Bears