

# The Window

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



November 2017

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## Cookie Walk

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Has anyone come to your door offering a free plate of delicious homemade cookies lately? The residents of a particular neighborhood in North Omaha have had that experience many times over the past four and a half years, thanks to many volunteers from West Hills Church. We became partners with Abide/Bridge Church in 2013 to help establish a connection with residents who live in a particular area in North Omaha. Other churches in Omaha also partner with Abide and have an “adopted neighborhood.” Our assigned neighborhood covers several blocks near 30th and Ames and on Cookie Saturday volunteers knock on the doors of the 63 houses in this assigned area offering a dozen cookies and taking any prayer requests.

Behind the scenes many West Hills volunteers made the needed dozens of cookies, other volunteers delivered the cookies to the Skinner Elementary School parking lot, and the volunteer cookie walkers gather on a Saturday morning in the parking lot, holding hands and praying before leaving with their cookies to their assigned houses, and as God’s disciples, going out three or four (sometimes more) at a time to show God’s love. Not an easy task to organize. However, Jan and Bob Drake have taken on this volunteer mission and are a very devoted and organized couple who not only made sure the Cookie Walk survived over the years, but were very instrumental and dedicated to other projects and activities in the East Skinner neighborhood.



The Cookie Walk format became a great opportunity to show God’s love to people one may never meet or get to know any other way. The Cookie Walkers became instrumental in demonstrating that love because every time a plate of cookies is offered to a neighbor they are asked “how can we pray for you?” The majority of these neighbors have a prayer request and as hands are held and heads are bowed one of the Cookie Walkers offers up the requested prayer to God. It is really an awesome feeling to be standing on the stoop of someone’s house you don’t know, holding their hand and praying with them to a God we both worship and love.

Doing this many times over the years with the same neighbors personal relationships are formed, names are exchanged and the neighbor’s family members become well-known to the Cookie Walkers through sharing of joys and concerns.

At the time of the first cookie walk in 2013 the neighborhood, according to the Drakes, “was pretty

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shaggy looking with lawns overgrown and full of weeds. There were also a number of houses which were empty and boarded up.” The West Hills Mission Ministry organized a neighborhood clean-up day twice a year as well as holding street corner cookout picnics. A



number of volunteers from West Hills participated in these events, and some of these volunteers stated that they had never traveled to the north side of Omaha and were amazed at the warmth and friendliness of the residents.

Did any of this make a difference to the neighborhood? Absolutely! “Today, because of what West Hills and Abide/Bridge Church have started, most of the neighbors are taking good care of their property,



lawns are mowed and litter is picked up,” Bob Drake shared. Because the neighbors began to take pride in their neighborhood many of the abandoned houses have been refurbished and inhabited since this area has become a nicer place to live. However, more importantly neighbors are caring about one another and are more involved with each other. God is definitely in the picture! At the recent fall picnic one of the neighbors proudly said to Bob Drake, “Look down the street, every lawn is mowed and our neighborhood looks so nice. I’m glad the church came to this neighborhood.” So are we.

Trink Traudt, a West Hills volunteer for many of the activities in this special neighborhood, shared a number of heart wrenching stories

about the prayers neighbors have asked her to pray, similar prayer requests that can sometimes be heard on a Sunday at West Hills, showing how very much alike we are. Some of these prayers were for healing after two heart transplants, prayers for ongoing grief over the loss of a son six years ago, a military man who returned from the Middle East with doubts about whether his efforts in serving made any difference, grandparents raising grandchildren whose parents are incarcerated....and the requests go on and on. Trink said that “few who answer the door ever turn us away when we offer to pray.” The cookies serve as a catalyst which opens hearts and minds...for both the neighbor and the cookie walker. After being told about Bridge Church, some in the neighborhood have begun attending services.

When it comes to being a disciple for Christ through the simplicity of a dozen cookies, prejudices on both sides disappear and we all share the same path: followers of a loving God, totally accepting of one another. You don’t have to travel a long distance to be part of a mission team at West Hills. It may be making a dozen cookies, or volunteering on a Saturday morning to visit some friends on the north side of Omaha and hold hands while praying together. It is so simple, and so very important to God and to those who choose to get involved. Won’t you join us the next time you read about a scheduled Cookie Walk? It will be so worth your time, whether to make a dozen cookies or walk with other volunteers. You won’t regret it.

## Spiritual Correspondence

by Jana Prescott



What kind of thanks do you have? For this holiday we are about to celebrate, and for your life, which is celebrated every day?

Having thanks, at least in my heart, seems to still be a struggle most of the time. I’m willing to bet most or all of you have that struggle too.

In my heart, I know I need to open up to Christ and follow Him as He leads me toward love and thankfulness. Being thankful can signify an action of indebtedness for sure,

but also an attitude of satisfaction. On both sides: for the giver and for the receiver. The giver: Christ! The receiver: each one of us! I hope we all have a Thanksgiving we can celebrate with the inspiration and awe given us!

### DID YOU KNOW?

You can read “The Window” newsletter, see the weekly bulletins, and listen to past sermons, ALL on our website?

Great information on events available.  
Check it out at: [www.whcomaha.org](http://www.whcomaha.org)

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# Why People Stay At Churches

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This article was going to be “why people leave churches,” but after doing some extensive research on the reasons why, the facts seemed more meaningful as to why people choose to stay when others leave. Some of the research on the reasons parishioners leave vary, but basically the following was found from members of various denominations and churches: they didn't like the new minister, they didn't like the new colors the sanctuary was painted, they didn't like what the priest said at a friend's funeral, they didn't like what the session did, they didn't like what the session didn't do, and the all-time favorite: the flag at the front of the church was always on the south wall, and one Sunday it was changed to the north wall. No joke. Those who disagreed with the change left and founded their own church, placing the flag in concrete on the South wall!!

While sitting in a Thursday morning Bible study at West Hills recently, the question "Why Are You Staying at West Hills" was discussed for over an hour with the seventeen ladies who were present and there wasn't one woman who didn't share. The following are some of their comments:

- The thought of leaving this church is unthinkable, this is my home and to leave would be cutting out a part of me.
- We are the church, those relationships we've made over the years cannot be replaced. Those relationships take years to develop. There was a time when I considered leaving, but it actually made me physically sick.
- We all have had difficult times in our personal lives and we often worked through many of those problems with someone who is at this church. The feeling of comfort was overwhelming.
- It takes a long time to build such strong relationships with other women who have the same Christian values. I'm not about to lose that by leaving West Hills.
- All my memories are here, my grandchildren were baptized here, there are so many groups I've been in over the years where others echoed similar beliefs as my own.
- My grandson's first communion was here and I remember when he was older describing to him what the beautiful stained glass window up front represented, I couldn't leave, too many wonderful memories.
- Although some friends are no longer here, through death or choice, I still love the memories I have.
- I look around and notice some people I knew are no longer here, but those familiar faces that are still here trigger some wonderful memories, and I'm beginning to know others I hadn't known before.
- No matter what, we will survive for this is God's church and I don't want to miss the wonderful future He has in store for us. I believe God wants us to remain faithful to our commitment to this church.
- This has been my family for so many years, leaving is as foreign to me as moving to another country. It's all about God and I believe He wants me to stay for the growth that is going to take place in this wonderful church.
- Early in my attending West Hills, during Joys and Concerns, I stood and shared about my father who had just passed away. I

didn't know many people then, but I received the most loving and caring note from someone who was at church when I shared. It wasn't signed, but it helped me so much.

- I found this church to be very giving and loving, no matter who you are. There was always someone who greeted me before church, and others who were giving hugs. So much good feelings took place before the service with those who greeted one another like they really missed them all week.
- I can't imagine, no matter what happens, that I would ever leave this church. I belong here. My heart is here and I will be here as long as the doors are open, this is my home. We'll overcome these losses and continue to move forward, we'll survive.
- We need to focus on God and not how many there were in service this morning, it just doesn't matter. Let God do what He does best for His church and just get out of the way, don't be a stumbling block.
- I've moved so many times and attended so many churches over the years that I can honestly say this is the only church I've attended where there was genuine love and care for others; the people are so giving. I'd be a fool to think I could find that somewhere else.
- We would always welcome anyone who returns to West Hills with loving and open arms. However, if someone chooses not to return we will continue to love them and wish them well.
- I found it difficult when Derek left and it would have been easy for me to leave, but I believe you don't toss the church away just because a pastor leaves, no matter what the circumstances.
- I don't believe my staying at West Hills is due to any pastor, but I truly believe in this church, the people, and know God is directing us. I've enjoyed a number of ministers at West Hills, but stayed because we are the church, not the ministers who come and go.
- I believe people who have left West Hills loved something more than the church, maybe they felt they were justified with their anger, or their reasons for leaving, I don't know. I just know this church is strong with people who know who's in charge: God.
- This church is very familiar to me. I love sitting in the sanctuary and looking at the window, I enjoy the environment all around me, I just could never leave. On Sunday this is my comfort zone.
- On Sunday morning I could sit and criticize so many things that have changed, and the leaders who are no longer here, but what would that accomplish? If I went to another church everything would be new and different. No, I like what I have here.
- I left for a couple of Sundays and attended another church, I just didn't feel Jesus was attending with me. When I made the decision to stay it was for good, no matter what comes along, this is my church, I'm committed to West Hills.
- I miss seeing what was once familiar, those who have left, but I found I have peace with what is most important, the church itself.

The first sentence in Pastor Rick Warren's best seller, **The Purpose Driven Life** states: "It's not about you." Thanks to the seventeen women who shared their hearts one Thursday morning with such sincerity as well as their strong faith of commitment toward our wonderful church.



### Candy Glasgow

This is the recipe for the bars I usually bring to funeral lunches.

### CHOCOLATE CRUMB BARS

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 cups chocolate chips, divided
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 350.  
Grease 9" x 13" pan.

Beat butter until creamy. Beat in flour, sugar and salt until crumbly. With floured fingers, press 2 cups of the mixture into the bottom of the pan, reserve remaining mixture.

Bake for 10 - 12 min. until edges are starting to brown.

Combine 1 cup choc. chips with condensed milk in small saucepan. Warm over medium low heat, stirring until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Spread over hot crust.

Sprinkle on remaining crumb mixture. Sprinkle with remaining choc. chips and nuts if desired.

Bake 25 -30 min. or until center is set.  
Cool in pan on wire rack.  
Cut into bars.

### Have a Recipe to Share?

With both parents working these days it's difficult to come up with a healthy dinner after work.

Do you have a recipe for an easy-to-prepare meal?

Please send your recipes to Maralee Gifford:

[giffordgr@msn.com](mailto:giffordgr@msn.com)

**In the subject line please put "Recipe for Newsletter"** (she will know it is a safe to open.)

### Maralee Gifford

With the cold weather already here, nothing sounds better than a hot bowl of soup to warm us up. This **Tomato Basil Soup** is not only easy but delicious. ENJOY!!

### TOMATO BASIL SOUP

4 large tomatoes (peeled) or 1 large can diced tomatoes

4 cups V-8 juice

1/4 cup dried basil leaves

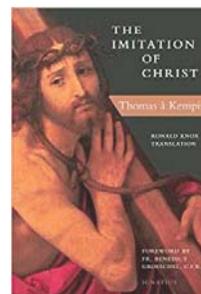
1 cup heavy whipping cream

1/2 cup butter

salt and pepper to taste



Simmer tomatoes & V-8 juice for 30 minutes. Puree with basil leaves either in a blender or with an immersion blender right in the pan. Return to pot. Stir in rest of ingredients. Heat through but **DO NOT BOIL.**



Among the many offerings in the Soul Café is a book first published in 1418 and written by Thomas A. Kempis. **The Imitation of Christ**, is said to be, "second only to the Bible as a source of religious instruction and inspiration."

This book was printed more than 745 times before 1650. No book has ever been translated into more languages with the exception of the Bible. Why is this book so popular? Because of the information it covers,

and the comfort it brings to those who read it.

The book is divided into the following four main sections:

- 1) Helpful Counsels of the Spiritual Life (stresses importance of solitude and silence in following Christ).
- 2) Directives for the Interior Life (contains guidelines for peace, purity of heart and good conscience)
- 3) On Interior Consolation (dialogue between Jesus and the disciple)
- 4) On the Blessed Sacrament (how to internally receive the sacrament)

Although known as a "classic" in Christian literature, this book is also very readable and excellent as a daily devotional.

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## Connection Group Tips & Tricks by Steve Seyler

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It's October and we're coming down the home stretch in following The Story. I thought I'd share a few ideas for maximizing your experience with your weekly studies. I hope this will help your group finish strong, but don't expect to stop focusing on connecting with God and your group members in November with the end of The Story. We'll all have more opportunities for growth again in January when we shake things up with a new set of groups!

Think small. Sometimes it's helpful to zero in on a single verse, or even a single word, when reading a difficult passage. Some high falutin' (and meaningful!) words which came up in our group recently included atonement, justification, and propitiation. Wow, that's a mouthful! But a little investigation could help your group appreciate the depth of Jesus' death on the cross. You may need to consult a dictionary, a commentary from the church library, or Google to uncover the mystery. But what could be more fun than solving a potentially life-changing puzzle with your group?

Think big. There are some grand themes which thread their way through the Bible – often through the Old and New Testaments. The passage you're considering may be related to God's plan of redemption, or the power of God, or Christian fellowship, or a host of other topics. One approach to building your understanding of these themes would be to read a passage and restate a key principle in your own words. Then, read some similar passages and decide if your principle is still valid. Expand, change, or qualify your principle each time as needed. Be patient! No one reaches 100% knowledge of the infinite God, but this process can strengthen the faith of you and your group.

Monogram it. You've all seen catalogs or online stores where you can personalize your shirt or luggage (or whatever!) with your initials. The Bible isn't just a book of historical facts, inspiring stories, and clever teachings, it should get personal. Hebrews 4:12-13 tells us that the Word of God can reveal some deep insights into our lives. Be brave, be bold... look at how God might be talking to you personally through your reading and share it with your group. What a great way to learn from each other and help everyone draw closer to God.

Be the preacher. No, you don't have to stand in front of hundreds of people to show off your shaky knees! However, our weekly sermonizers make a list of insightful questions for our groups to consider. Jot down some questions of your own for your group as you're doing your reading or your "small" and "big" study. Good questions can begin with, "One thing really got my attention...", or "I had a hard time piecing this together...", or "How did God speak to you about this passage...".

Make it sing. Incorporate your readings and "small" and "big" study into your daily devotional routine. Depending on your own preferences and habits, it could be the central point or your time, or something to enhance it. You may want to meditate on some of the readings which you find particularly inspiring or challenging. Don't forget to pray for the other members of your group. I try to "write" down group requests on an iPhone app. for future reference, but it is still OK to use old-fashioned paper.

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## Session Notes/John O'Donovan

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- Over the past few months the Session has taken steps to manage expenses and align our 2017 spending with our income. Decisions to reduce operational costs as well as your faithful giving are starting to show results. We are not out of the woods and will continue to do what is necessary to be faithful stewards of gifts and talents offered in service of God's purposes.
- Our decisions to reduce operating costs include aligning our structure with reductions.
- We have a hiring freeze in place for most vacant positions.
- We have consolidated ministry areas: Children and Nursery were consolidated with NextGen under a single Director. We replaced the vacant full time Children's Director position with a part time Children's Coordinator and eliminated one part time position in youth which saved personnel costs while continuing to meet the current needs of that ministry.
- In a similar move, we consolidated Mission, Caregiving and Spiritual Development under the Associate Pastor. As part of that, we reviewed the level of effort based on our reduced operating costs and priorities and realigned the tasks of both the Mission and Spiritual Development Directors from two positions totaling 60 hours into a single 40 hour position. The new position was titled Coordinator of Mission and Spiritual Development. We offered this full time position to our present Mission Director, Caitlin O'Hare, however she has decided to accept the part time Mission Coordinator position. We are advertising to fill the position of the part time coordinator for Spiritual Development
- The status of the position of Worship and Music Director, which has been filled on an interim basis by Michael Dryver. The position has been advertised, applications have been received and the application period has closed. The next step is rating, ranking and short listing candidates. We will move as quickly as possible to fill this position.
- The agreement and term of service with our bridge pastor is over at the end of December. The Session is working with the Committee on Ministry to fill this position starting January 1, we expect to announce the interim shortly.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee for calling the next installed Pastor will be formed after the interim is in place.
- We receive information from the Congregational Relations Committee, emails and letters to the Session, as well as discussions with members. We discuss and prayerfully consider these. We will continue to provide feedback on decisions.
- We ask for your prayers continued faithfulness to God's purposes here at West Hills.



*Commitment Sunday - November 12*

## God In Iraq-October 2017 by Steve Burgess

I had been to Iraq before in 2012. In fact, my first short term mission trip to the Middle East had been to Iraq. Both trips have been under the auspices of The Outreach Foundation. During the earlier trip, we had gone to Basra to spend time with the Presbyterian Church, and then traveled north to Erbil to be part of what is called a "consultation." The purpose of the consultation was to learn what the churches in Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon had been doing with the money provided to them from churches and Christian agencies worldwide. During the consultation we learned about the amazing relief efforts the church had been pursuing to help refugees cope with the loss of their homes, incomes...basically everything.



My latest trip was much more about spending time with the leadership and members of the churches in Basra and Baghdad. We had hoped to also visit the church in Kirkuk, but the recent political tensions resulting from the Kurdish Independence Referendum made this leg of our trip unfeasible. We did get to meet with Haitham Jazwari the pastor of the Kirkuk Church as he traveled to Baghdad to be with us.

So what was my time like with the churches in Baghdad and Basra? For sure it was a time of blessing and encouragement. To be with Christians in that part of the world can only be described as humbling. In the midst of many obstacles, the churches continue to reach out to people in many, many ways. Of course one of the activities is caring for the needs of displaced people – both Christians and Muslims. But, one of their strongest ministries is running schools for children, primarily for ages 3-6. The evangelical churches have been operating schools for a long time and they are so popular that demand far exceeds the space they have available. And approximately 95-100% of the students are Muslims! To see the love and dedication of the teachers was inspiring. The bright shining eyes and beautiful smiles of the children was even more inspiring; it touched my heart in many ways.



Another outreach that the churches engage in is through their own radio stations. Both the church in Kirkuk and the church in Basra broadcast a variety of programs and music. The church in Baghdad is looking to start a radio ministry. This is a powerful tool, not only ministering to Christians, but as an outreach to Muslims. One story we heard is that many of the taxi drivers play the Christian stations in their taxis. This is due, in part, because these stations broadcast positive messages to a country that has so much to be discouraged about. And they have found that many people of Muslim background have converted to Christianity through this ministry. I met one of these believers in the pastor's office in Baghdad. He is a young man from northern Iraq (Kurdistan) with a wife and a child on the way. Much of his story was about the difficulties of being a Muslim background believer (MBB). But in the midst of his struggle there was joy in his heart. It challenged me to think about my own faith journey and how it would fare under such conditions.

Both pastors, Farouk Hammo in Baghdad and Amgad Samir in Basra, expressed the belief that the future of the church is to be found in MBB's. In spite of their shrinking congregations they believe that God will bring new members and new strength to his church through outreach to these people. The possibility of this was evidenced by something we saw on our last morning in Baghdad. We were standing in the church courtyard waiting for a taxi when we saw a group of four Muslim women come into the courtyard and go up the steps of the church to light some candles they had brought and place them on the ledge of a window.

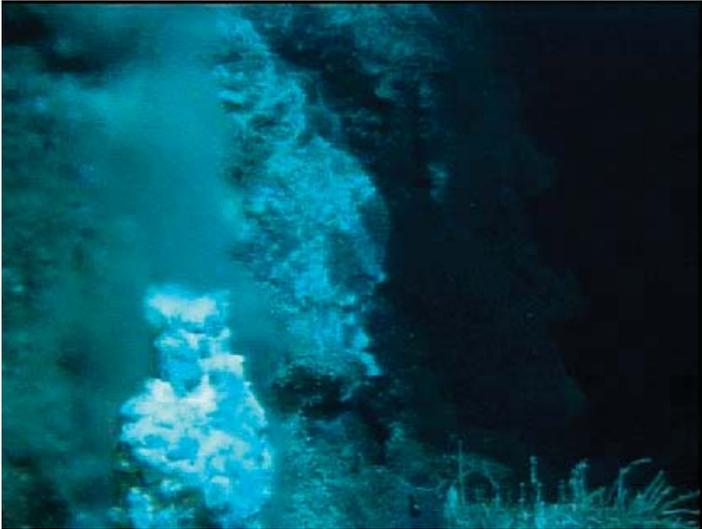
Just a few days after arriving in Baghdad I had a profound moment of serendipity. On a street in Baghdad, I noticed something sparkling on the ground. When I bent to look at it closer, I realized that it was a piece of jewelry that must have fallen off of a necklace or bracelet. The piece spelled out a word in English. And that word was "LOVE." I carried this around in my pocket all over Iraq knowing that this was no coincidence. God's love was everywhere, and it was expressed in remarkable ways by the people of Iraq, both Christian and Muslim.

# Science and the Bible

Job 38:16

**God asked Job:**

***“Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?”***



Oceans contain springs. The average depth of the ocean is about 12,000 feet deep. Almost all the ocean floor is in total darkness and the pressure there is enormous. It would have been impossible for Job to have explored the “springs of the sea.” Until recently, it was thought that oceans were fed by rivers and rain. Yet, in the 1970’s, with the help of deep diving research submarines that were constructed to withstand 6,000 pounds-per-square-inch pressure, oceanographers discovered springs on the ocean floors.



**American Red Cross**

**West Hills Church Blood Drive**

**Sunday - November 19, 2017**  
**7:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Schedule your donation in Geneva Lounge today!**

redcrossblood.org 1-800-RED CROSS

## **SEPTEMBER** OPERATING FUND REPORT

### COMPARED TO PRIOR YEAR:

|                          | <small>as of Sep. 30th</small><br><b>2016 YTD Actual</b> | <small>as of Sep. 30th</small><br><b>2017 YTD Actual</b> | <b>over/(under) Prior Year</b> |
|--------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Revenues                 | \$ 858,129   | \$ 815,101   | \$ (43,028)                    |
| Expenses                 | \$ 1,031,072   | \$ 993,038   | \$ (38,034)                    |
| <b>surplus/(deficit)</b> | <b>\$ (172,943)</b>                                      | <b>\$ (177,937)</b>                                      |                                |

### COMPARED TO BUDGET:

|                          | <small>as of Sep. 30th</small><br><b>2017 YTD Budget</b> | <small>as of Sep. 30th</small><br><b>2017 YTD Actual</b> | <b>over/(under) Budget</b> |
|--------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Revenues                 | \$ 995,914   | \$ 815,101   | \$ (180,813)               |
| Expenses                 | \$ 1,126,885   | \$ 993,038   | \$ (133,847)               |
| <b>surplus/(deficit)</b> | <b>\$ (130,971)</b>                                      | <b>\$ (177,937)</b>                                      |                            |

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| Lisa Harrison (new) | Nominating          |
| Mark Hawkins        | Worship & Music     |
| Mike Kelley         | Stewardship         |
| John O'Donovan      | Personnel           |
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### **Congregational Relations Committee** [crc@whcomaha.org](mailto:crc@whcomaha.org)

#### **Congregational Relations Committee** Purpose Statement

Led by God’s grace and love, we will care for the heart of all people attending West Hills Church. We are committed to listen, pray, and hold all concerns in confidence. We will seek to facilitate unity, improve communication, and lead all to believe in the future of West Hills Church, focused on Jesus Christ.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**GLORIA**  
**IN EXCELSIS DEO**  
**INTERGENERATIONAL**  
**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 3 10:00 AM**



First Sunday of each month.

Services: 8:15, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Nursery: 9:10a-noon

Kids Church: 9:10a-10:30a

6th-8th grade SS: 9:30a-10:30a

# November

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|    |  |   | Women's Bible 9:15a* <b>1</b><br><br>WNC-Wed. Night Connect<br>Dinner: 5:30p<br>Connection Groups, choir,<br>children/youth activities,<br>nursery care: 6:30p-8p<br>Youth Band Rehearsal: 8p | Women's Bible 9:15a* <b>2</b><br><br>Al-Anon 12p*<br>Women's Leadership: 12p<br><br>Financial Peace: 6:30p<br>Capernaum-Young Life: 7p  | <b>3</b><br><br><br>AA Ann. Event: 7:30p*<br>Al-Anon: new 7:30 & reg. 8p*  | <b>4</b><br><br><br>Arabic Fellowship<br>Service: 5:30p*   |
|  <b>5</b><br>Fall Back Breakfast<br>8:45a-10:45a<br><br>Familia De Dios: 2-4p*<br>Next Gen Worship: 7p*<br>Daylight Saving Time Ends | <b>6</b><br>Newsletter Writing<br>Team: 11:30a<br><br>Worship Team: 6p<br>BSF: 6:25p*<br>AA mtg: 8p* | <b>7</b><br>Men's Bible<br>Study 6:30a*<br><br>Arts for All: 5, 6 & 7p<br><br>InGathering:<br>6:30/snacks<br>7p/meeting<br>Election Day | <b>8</b><br>WNC-Wed. Night Connect<br>Dinner: 5:30p<br>Connection Groups, choir,<br>children/youth activities,<br>nursery care: 6:30p-8p<br>Youth Band Rehearsal: 8p                          | <b>9</b><br><br><br>Financial Peace: 6:30p<br>Capernaum-Young Life: 7p  | <b>10</b><br><br><br>  | <b>11</b><br><br>Special Saturday<br>Open to ALL!<br><br><br>Veteran's Day   |
| <b>12</b>   | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><br>Arts for All: 5, 6 & 7p<br><br>Worship Team: 6p<br>Caregathering: 7p   | <b>15</b><br>WNC-Wed. Night Connect<br>Dinner: 5:30p<br>Connection Groups, choir,<br>children/youth activities,<br>nursery care: 6:30p-8p<br>Youth Band Rehearsal: 8p                         | <b>16</b><br>Siena Francis House<br>sloppy joe<br>pick up: 9:30a <br><br>Christian Heritage<br>Support Group: 6p<br>Financial Peace: 6:30p<br>Capernaum-Young Life: 7p | <b>17</b>  | <b>18</b>  |
| Red Cross<br>Blood Drive <br>7:30a-12:30p<br><br>Kurt Kandler Lunch<br>410 Bridge-partner  | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b><br><br>Arts for All: 5, 6 & 7p<br><br>Worship Team: 6p<br>Session: 7p   | <b>22</b><br><br>Thanksgiving Eve<br>Service: 7pm<br>Pie Feast to follow  | <b>23</b><br>NO Women's Bible<br><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br><br>Thanksgiving Day   | <b>24</b><br>NO Women's Bible<br><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br><br>Worship Team: 6p<br><br>Westgate Neighborhood<br>Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  | <b>29</b><br>WNC-Wed. Night Connect<br>Dinner: 5:30p<br>Connection Groups, choir,<br>children/youth activities,<br>nursery care: 6:30p-8p<br>Youth Band Rehearsal: 8p                         | <b>30</b><br><br>Financial Peace: 6:30p<br>Capernaum-Young Life: 7p   | October 2017<br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3 4 5 6 7<br>8 9 10 11 12 13 14<br>15 16 17 18 19 20 21<br>22 23 24 25 26 27 28<br>29 30 31 | December 2017<br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2<br>3 4 5 6 7 8 9<br>10 11 12 13 14 15 16<br>17 18 19 20 21 22 23<br>24 25 26 27 28 29 30<br>31 |

## Happy Birthday to ...

### NOVEMBER

1-Rod Hansen  
Megan Merrill  
MacKenzie Saitta  
Lynn Vana  
2-Alex Bergman  
Beckett Dunn  
Judy Schnabel  
Nick Vanhessche  
3-Natalie Root  
4-Sonia Ditter  
Josh Isaac  
Paul Nelson  
Vincent Nelson  
5-Mardel Bridgman  
Nicole Degand  
Shirley Krysl  
Claire Neil  
Nathanael O'Reilly  
6-Owen Mielke  
Michael Olson  
7-Dorothea Brady  
Mason Brauckman  
Carolyn Reeves  
Bruce Workman  
8-Kerry Ault  
Nan Henry  
Chris Olson  
Janet Saar  
9-Juliana Scheopner  
10-Allison Clements  
Catie Scheopner  
Will Scholtz  
Faith Thomas  
Rich Voshell

11-Denise Dolezal  
Paul O'Dell  
Emily Seyler  
Colleen Sherman  
Laura Sherman  
Corrine Wenck  
12-Virginia Pickett  
13-Bonnie Aden  
Andy Dingman  
Lynn Dingman  
Ginny Jansen  
Rick Reeves  
14-Bethany Bailey  
Veronica Rohlring  
15-Charissa Wells  
16-Michael Andersen  
Seth Anderson  
17-Luke Bailey  
Paige Gratton  
18-Will Cook  
Amelia Larson  
Chris Pokorny  
19-Anna Crinklaw  
Susan Pape  
Jana Prescott  
20-Brian O'Reilly  
21-Travis Dingman  
Will Pittack  
22-Kelly Briggs  
Ross Wells  
23-Robert Hilkemann  
Mary Jirak

23-Cheryl Stout  
24-Julianne Gill  
25-Jeff Smith  
26-Ava Bohnert  
Lonnie Hawkins  
Kaden Kopperud  
Donna Peterson  
Cleo Snyder  
Doug Stout  
27-Tricia Freeman  
Dick Holquist  
28-Kyle Grossoehme  
29-Vesa Gacaferi  
Dave Moats  
30-Zach Armstrong  
Todd Curran  
**DECEMBER**  
1-Zoe Dozier  
Candy Glasgow  
Riley Kelley  
Stacey Mielke  
Nicole Tromler  
2-Jeff Vojtech  
Steve Woodworth  
3-Kelsey Beles  
4-Wilson Geiler  
Bruce Hawkins  
5-Wayne Moore  
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### Special Saturday November 11

Men, women and children are invited to attend a day of honor and remembrance as entertainer; Darrell Draper shares his portrayal of Theodore Roosevelt.



He will review Teddy's life achievements and biography in a humorous and historically accurate presentation ranging from his childhood affliction with asthma to his rise as the youngest president in history. This is sure to be a special Saturday on a day we pay tribute to America's heroes. Join us for a soup and salad luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Freewill offering accepted. Contact Heather Hipp to register: [heather@whcomaha.org](mailto:heather@whcomaha.org)



American  
Red Cross

West Hills Church  
Blood Drive

**November 19!**  
**7:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**No appointment? No problem!**

**Walk in's NEEDED!**

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) 1-800-RED CROSS