

# VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the  
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CHURCH

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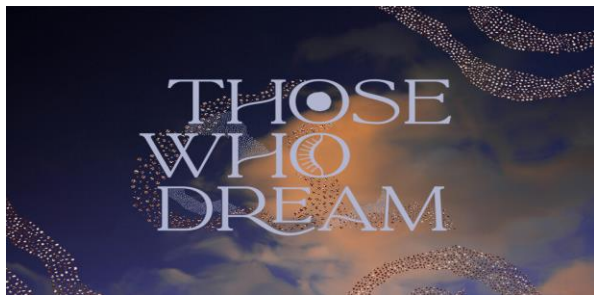
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## From the Minister



"When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream"

— Psalm 126:1

What does it look like to live as those who dream? How can we embody and bring forth God's dreams? How do we dream of a better world when our current one is disorienting? These are some of the many questions guiding our creative process for this Advent Season.

This Advent, we invite you to join us in dreaming ~ as an act of hope, as an act of resistance, as an act of faith. Our theme is provided by Sanctified Art—a church worship resource.

## WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

**December 1** Advent 1  
Hope and Advent Candles  
Holy Communion  
Hope ~ Those who dream... keep awake  
Mark 13:24-37 | Psalm 80 1-7 Restoring hope  
Winnebago Christmas presents due  
Rev. Eli away

**December 8** Advent 2  
Peace and Advent Candles  
**9:00 Sunday School Advent Breakfast**  
Peace ~ Those who dream... prepare the way  
Mark 1:1-8, Isaiah 40:1-11

**December 15** Advent 3  
Joy and Advent Candles  
Rev. Elias Henry preaching  
Joy ~ Those who dream... sow joy  
Luke 1:46-55, Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Decorate the Christmas Tree

**December 22** Advent 4  
Love & Advent Candles  
Love ~ Those who dream... are not alone  
Luke 1:26-45 Mary

**December 24 Christmas Eve**  
**Tuesday Evening**  
5:00 PM Early Christmas Eve  
7:00 PM Lessons and Carols

**December 29** First Sunday of Christmas  
No Sunday School  
Christmas Caroling  
Scripture: Luke 2: 1-20 The Birth of Jesus  
Sermon: : Hymn 114  
Away in a Manger - An American Carol  
Rev. Eli away

[Live Stream West Granville](#)  
Live Stream will open 10 minutes  
before the start of service

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### In Sympathy

We, in a solidarity of sacred sympathy, give thanks for the life and witness of our beloved Dr. Tom Roberts, who Entered the Church Triumphant, Tuesday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at the age of 86. Tom struggled for over 3 years with a progressive lung disease.

Professionally, Tom had been a surgeon in Menomonee Falls, served as the Medical Director of Medical Associates, and known throughout our community for his healing hands. Tom also served in the Navy during Vietnam as a ship surgeon. Tom was also on the Board of Directors for the Wildlife in Need - Animal Rehabilitation Center near Delafield.

We, at West Granville, remember Tom and his beloved wife, Mary, as regulars in their pew and after Tom became ill, as regulars on our streaming service. Tom served on our Finance Committee contributing his years of guidance and vast wisdom. Tom was generous in support of West Granville. One of Tom's unique gifts was making wine for our Communion. Raspberry Merlot was a congregation favorite.

We grieve that Tom's body could no longer bear up so vibrant a spirit. We are deeply blessed to have stood in Tom's long and lasting shadow. We lift up Tom's wife Mary and their family in love and support.

We say thanks be to God who gives us the victory.

### **Military**

Abraham Cosico (husband of Kali Grogan-Cosico),  
United States Navy  
Major JT Lorbiecki of the Wisconsin Air National  
Guard 115 Air Wing in Madison.

### **Prayers**

For Carol Buck's mother, Louise, recovering from a  
fall and broken bone.  
Request from the Daniel Family, prayers for a  
family member Ryan Berger. Ryan is being  
treated for two kinds of cancer.  
Shirley Jaccard, cracked pelvis  
Sue Heiser, fall and broken elbow  
Tony Anderson, treatment for prostate cancer  
Hildegarde Essoka, prayers for leg pain

### **Long Term Prayers**

Nicki Rupke, special care  
Ruby Tylenda-Emmons, special needs.

### **STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION 2025**

The Stewardship Pledge Drive has concluded. If  
you would still like to turn in a pledge card, please  
do so as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone  
who has submitted a pledge card. This information  
is used to help the Finance Committee create a  
budget for the following year.

*Finance Committee*



Leave A Legacy ~ Have you considered naming  
West Granville in your **Memorial gifts, IRA or  
Estate Plan**

### **SESSION SHARING**



The Meaning of Faithful Community  
West Granville Presbyterian Church

Acts 2:41-42 The early Christians  
"continuously devoted themselves to  
fellowship." The word for "fellowship" is  
koinonia, which means "to have in common".

Our November Session meeting focused on  
the theme of Community. Rev. Eli led us in a  
conversation and exploration of what  
community means to us and how we practice  
it.

The Session highlighted four key themes of  
Community at West Granville:  
Supporting one another physically, emotionally,  
and spiritually;  
Accepting each other for who we are;  
Celebrating our children in the life of the  
Church; and Mission, lived out in many key  
ways.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Christine and Tim Schneller  
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Milwaukee, WI 53202  
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### **DIRECTORY UPDATE**

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### **WINNEBAGO INSTITUTE CHRISTMAS**

The Giving Tree is set up in the narthex. We invite  
you to choose an ornament from the tree and  
return the items unwrapped or in a gift bag. **Gifts  
are due by Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Any  
questions please contact Pat Grogan, 414-807-  
9104.

### **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Orders for Christmas Eve flowers are being  
accepted through Sunday, **December 8.** Please  
use the order form included in Sundays' bulletins  
and in Perseverance Hall. Call or e-mail Sara  
Nygaard in the office with questions, 414.353.8680.  
Please include cash or check payment with your  
order. Plants may be taken following the Christmas  
Eve 7pm service.

6" potted red poinsettia, \$12.00

6" potted jingle-bell poinsettia, \$12.00

### **Christmas Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sing**

Suggestions for carols for the 10:30 a.m. service  
can be e-mailed or phoned in to the office by  
**December 8:** [SaraNygaard@Westgranville.org](mailto:SaraNygaard@Westgranville.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, August 24, 2025.**

For Rev. Dee Anderson's Retirement Party after  
church at Davian's in Menomonee Falls when we  
will celebrate his 40 years of service to our  
congregation. Please stay tuned for all the details  
coming in the New Year.

Thank you, Deb Bascom and Jo Ann Olson

## **OPEN CIRCLE**

**Thursday, December 19, 2024, 7pm.**

**Christmas Party** at Marna Tess-Mattner's.

All women of the church are invited.

Please bring your gift for your Secret Pal. If you did not have a Secret Pal please bring a little something to exchange. We will choose new Secret Pals for 2025, disburse donated funds to local charitable groups and missions, enjoy delectable treats, and maybe even sing!

**Wednesday, January 15, 2025.** Movie at Dickson Hollow theater. Deb Crane, coordinator.

**Sunday, February 2, 2025, 2:00.**

**Valentine Tea and card-making** at the home of Deb Crane, to mail to WGPC home-bound members and friends.

**Friday, March 14, 2025.** Poppy & Thyme, Cindy Anderson, coordinator

**Saturday, April 12, 2025.** No-sew blankets and salad luncheon in Perseverance Hall. Patti Lorbiecki, coordinator.

**May 2025.** Book discussion. Title and place TBD.

**May 2025** flower orders due by 11<sup>th</sup>, pick up on 18<sup>th</sup>; through Shady Lane Greenhouse. Fundraiser coordinated by Deb Crane.

**Sunday, June 15, 2025,** Father's Day, 11:30,  
*Strawberry Festival*

All women of the church are welcome to any Open Circle events. Watch future newsletters and weekly emails for more details about each event.

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1	Marcie Mangas-Prill
4	Darren Hartman
5	Sally & Bob Schwarz, 1971
5	Mary and Tom Roberts
7	Heidi Heiser Rasmussen
8	Tim Grogan
11	Delbert Clay
12	Autum Zinda
17	Abel Bichler
18	Lorelai Ryan
20	John & Nancy Rupke 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
20	Michelle Fitzgerald
22	Charlie Wood
22	Nancy Rupke
22	Paul Martens
25	Eleanor Ellner

If your dates are missing or in error, please inform the church office.

## **BOOK NOOK**

Take a book ~ leave a book. There is a wide variety of books and jigsaw puzzles among our 2 bookcases with many new titles since you last browsed and all are in alphabetical order by authors' last names. There are also review slips to use for each book you've read so that you can note comments and recommendations to help potential readers. Take a look, read a book!

## **PULL-TABS**

We continue to collect the pull-tabs from soda and soup cans.

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# DECEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Team: 1: Adjo Alogavi, Farrukh Daniel, Aaron Tracy Ushers: 8, 15, 22: Sue Berray, Linda Ryan; 24 at 7pm: Angie Snowden, Beau Snowden; 29: Mawuena and Afi Alogavi Coffee Hour Hosts: 1: Ntaba family 15: ?? 22: Alogavi family						
<b>1 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Hope</b> 9:15 Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Holy Communion Winnebago gifts due	2  7 – Worship *	3	4 6:30 Bell choir rehearsal	5	6	7 <i>Poinsettia orders due tomorrow</i> <i>Christmas Hymn sing requests due tomorrow</i>
<b>8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Peace</b> 9:00 Sunday School Advent Breakfast 10:30 Worship	9  7 – Finance *	10	11 6:30 Bell choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
<b>15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Joy</b> 9:15 Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Rev. Elias Henry preaching 11:30 Decorate Christmas tree	16  7 – Session *	17	18 6:30 Bell choir rehearsal	19 7 -- Open Circle Christmas party	20	21
<b>22 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent ~ Love</b> 9:15 Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:00pm Service 7:00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols	<b>25</b> <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> Rev. Eli out →1/4	26	27	28 <i>January Newsletter deadline tomorrow</i>
<b>29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</b> 10:30 Worship Hymn Sing	30	31	* Meetings may be via Zoom or may have been date- and/or time-changed; please stay tuned. ZOOM links may be found on our <a href="http://www.Westgranville.org">www.Westgranville.org</a> website under the <i>Events</i> tab. Recorded sermons and videos may be found at our YouTube channel <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPrOpTv3k_4JE8gYRM4-Dw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPrOpTv3k_4JE8gYRM4-Dw</a>			