

VIEWS AND VISTAS

The Newsletter of the

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From the Minister

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday Evening, November 26, 2024
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
7845 N. River Rd., River Hills

Assemble Blessing Bags
Service Project: 6:00 pm
Worship: 7:00 pm

We will gather with our partners from
Masjid Al-Qur'an,
Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun,
Brown Deer United Methodist and
St. Christopher's Episcopal in River Hills
Join us for this unique evening of service,
worship and prayer



WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

November 3 *All Saints Sunday*
Holy Communion
Daylight Saving Time ends
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2 *Surrounded*
Sermon: *Say Thank You...*

November 10 *Stewardship Dedication Sunday*
Pledges for 2025 will be collected
Scripture: Matthew 5:48 *Live Generously*
Sermon: *Generous*

November 19
Scripture: II Corinthians 5:7 *Walk by Faith*
Sermon: *Blessed Assurance -The Gift of Faith*

November 24 Rev. Elias Henry preaching
[Dee's Continuing Education week]

TUESDAY, November 26
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7:00 PM
Service Project, 6:00 PM
Assembling Blessing Bags
Host: St. Christopher Episcopal Church
7845 N River Road, River Hills

Live Stream West Granville
Live Stream will open 10 minutes before service



The Meaning of Faithful Community
West Granville Presbyterian Church

Our October Congregational meeting approved Elders for the Class of 2027: Hildegard Essoka, Joy Hartman, Patti Lorbiecki, and Marna Tess-Mattner.

Officers: Jacques Sewrey as Bookkeeper, Darren Hartman as Financial Secretary, Tammy Wood for Financial Review Class of 2027.

2025 Nominating Committee:
Kent Tess-Mattner, Sue Berray, Joe Hrovat, Tony Anderson, and Yaovi Ekue

We are grateful for these leaders and volunteers.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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-

Harry Reeder recovering from surgery
David Mikec recovering from surgery

Long Term Prayers

Dr. Tom Roberts being treated for lung disease
Mary Roberts, continuing recovery
Nicki Rupke, special care
Ruby Tylanda-Emmons, special need

AFRICAN DINNER on WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The African Puff Balls offered for our World Communion Sunday reminds us that we share communion on this special day with our brothers and sisters globally.

Thank you to all who shared their gifts! All who attended were impressed by the variety of foods and it was such fun to try so many new dishes!



Dr. Carrie Streiff-Stuessy, PhD, Executive Director of Forward Scholars, shares this encouraging note as tutoring begins at Maple Tree School. Thank you to all our tutors from West Granville and community volunteers.

Our community has done it again! We have a full roster of tutors at Maple Tree to serve all of the students. 🌈❤️ The only possible spot that might still be needed is a part-time spot just on Tuesdays to share a student. This is amazing! Thank you for stepping up to help out, and for continuing to share your experience with your friends, local organizations and groups you're part of in the community.

We can always use more substitute tutors AND we'd love to have a few regular tutors on call for when "life happens" as it sometimes does for our dedicated tutoring crew. If you know someone who is interested in tutoring, they can fill out the commitment form through our website at:

<https://www.forwardscholars.org/become-a-tutor>.

CHILI LUNCHEON A SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who helped cook, set up, and clean up for the Open Circle Chili Lunch with Pies. The food was terrific with a nice assortment of chili styles, cornbreads, and delectable pies. We had a large turn-out who were generous in their giving to Open Circle's mission. Thank you for your generosity.

~ Open Circle

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Bag Lady will be back, handing out grocery bags and lists of items needed by the St. Peter Immanuel Food Pantry.

If you are attending church in person and would like to donate non-perishable and unexpired food items, please drop them off in the box in the church narthex by Sunday, November 24th so that the food pantry will have them in time for Thanksgiving distributions.

These are the most-needed items:

Canned tuna, chicken, or other meats

Canned or dry soups

Canned chili or stew

Canned fruits or vegetables

Peanut butter

Pasta and boxed pasta dishes, mac & cheese

Beans, dry or canned, such as chili, pinto, lentil

Rice

Breakfast cereal, oatmeal, grits

Baby food and formula

Baby diapers

Cake & brownie mixes

If you prefer to make a financial donation (which is used for fresh produce, dairy, meats, and bread) please do one of the following:

1. Online – Go to the West Granville website and click on the Donate button in the bottom right corner. There is a box for Food Pantry.

2. Cash - Put your cash donation in an envelope marked "Food Pantry" and place it in the collection box (or give it to the Bag Lady, a/k/a Marna Tess-Mattner, who will direct it to the office).

3. Check - Make your check payable to "West Granville Presbyterian Church" and note in the lower left corner that it is for the food pantry. Send it to West Granville or place it in the collection box at church.

West Granville will combine all online, cash and check donations and send a single check to the food pantry.

Thank you for your generous support to help alleviate hunger in our community!

Mission Committee

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of money to our food pantry. God bless you for caring.

St. Peter – Immanuel Food Pantry

Thank you notes posted in Narthex

BELL CHOIR IS RINGING AGAIN

And if you would like to join us we could use more ringers! (Spoiler: you don't have to be able to read music – we have secrets!) Evening rehearsals are on most Wednesdays and occasional Thursdays. Please see Amy Mikec or contact her at mikec.amy@gmail.com.

BOOK NOOK

Take a book ~ leave a book. There is a wide variety of books and puzzles among our 2 bookcases with many new titles since you last browsed and all 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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT ~ NOVEMBER 14th

All women of the church are invited to an evening out for dinner at **6:00 on Thursday, November 14** at *Sol Agave Mexican Restaurant*, N112W16344 Mequon Rd, Germantown, on the north side of Mequon Road just east of Squire Drive.

Please RSVP to Eleanor Ellner by 11.10.24.

OPEN CIRCLE-SPONSORED EVENTS

December 19, 2024, 7:00 pm: Christmas Party at Marna Tess-Mattner's home.

January 15, 2025: movie at Dickson Hollow theater. Deb Crane coordinator

February 2, 2025, 2:00 pm: Valentine Tea and card-making at Deb Crane's home.

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

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 orders due by 11th, pick-up on 18th; Shady Lane flower fundraiser

June 15, 2025. 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.

Dear Friends,

The month of October traditionally brings us the annual stewardship campaign. The theme for this year's campaign is, "Live Generously." "Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me."

1 Corinthians 16: 1-4

For God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). Jesus teaches us that it is better to give than to receive. When the state of the world seems uncertain, giving generously might evoke a sense of fear. However, when we focus on God's abundant love for us as well as our love for God, we extinguish this fear.

Giving generously becomes embodied in us when we practice it daily, which in turn, creates spiritual discipline. God calls us to join in loving and caring for all of creation.

Giving generously cannot be done if it is compartmentalized. Rather, it is important to embrace the fullness of giving. Giving can be meaningful whether it is financial, sharing our gifts, talents and/or our time. It is important that no one feels left out of the opportunity to give.

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then

everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."

1 Peter 4: 10-11

We respectfully request you return the pledge card on or before **Stewardship Sunday, November 10, 2024.**

Sincerely,

The Stewardship Committee

Leave a Legacy



We are grateful for all who name West Granville for Memorial Funds, IRA, or Estate Gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLIDAY CHORAL CONCERT

Start your holidays in November with a choral concert and join the Master Singers of Milwaukee for "Arise, Shine", a holiday concert of choral music that shines, blazes, heals, and inspires through the theme of light.

November 24, 4:00 pm

**Saint Matthias Catholic Parish,
9306 Beloit Rd. Milwaukee, WI**

(Just north of 93rd and Oklahoma)
Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at https://msm.ludus.com/index.php?show_id=200465940 Please see Marna Tess-Mattner if you have questions.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 John & Patti Lorbiecki, 1974
- 2 Jeff & Jodey Ellner, 1990
- 2 Benjamin Martens
- 3 Pat & Tom Grogan, 1967
- 4 Mavis Orr
- 5 Patti Lorbiecki
- 6 Shirley Wick
- 11 Christian Ellner
- 12 Carol Otten
- 12 Dave Pearson
- 13 Dawn Radder Berlin
- 14 Barbara Suyama
- 14 Roger Olson
- 18 Joan Schroeder
- 19 Alex Champion
- 20 Judy Calvert
- 23 Kaitlyn Lorbiecki
- 25 Karl Koslowski
- 27 Jean Casey
- 27 Cindy Anderson
- 30 Chris Pogorzelski
- 30 Kyle Von Drasek

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

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Please submit Dec. newsletter articles by 11/24.

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion team: Amy Mikec, Brad Meyer, Scott Prill ~ It is <i>All Saints Sunday</i> and families of loss are invited to attend. Ushers: Amy Mikec, Kent and Marna Tess-Mattner Stream Team: 3: Laura Meyer 10: Logan Cannestra 17: Logan Cannestra 24: Laura Meyer Coffee Hour Hosts: 3: Mikec family 10: Daniel family 17: Nyadzi family 24: Ekue family Zoom links may be found on our www.Westgranville.org website under the <i>Events tab</i> . Recorded sermons and videos may be found at our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq94r4FOEQUO3NpOGQtUKw/featured *Meetings may be via Zoom and/or may have been date- and/or time-changed; please stay tuned.					1	2 Daylight Saving Time ends tonight
3 – All Saints Sunday 9:15 Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Holy Communion	4 7 – Worship *	5	6 Bell Choir	7	8	9
10 – Stewardship Dedication Sunday 9:15 Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship 2024 Pledges will be collected Adult Choir sings	11 7 – Finance *	12	13 Bell Choir Rev. Eli out → 16 th	14 6-Ladies Night Out at <i>Sol Agave</i> , G'town	15	16
17 – 26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15 Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Adult Choir sings	18 7 – Session * Pastor Dee out → 24 th	19	20 Bell Choir	21	22	23 <i>December Newsletter deadline tomorrow</i>
24 – Christ the King Sunday 9:15 Sunday School, Adult Bible Study 10:30 Worship Rev. Elias Henry preaching	25	26 6 – Svc Project 7 – Interfaith Service St. Christopher Episcopal	27 Bell Choir Rev. Eli out → 12/1	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL	29	30