



newsletter






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November 2022

November 6  	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Communion 10:30 AM Veteran Recognition Fellowship-C 11:00 AM Worship/Communion 1-4 PM Chin Church
November 13  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1-4 PM Chin Church
November 20  	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 10:30 AM "Hanging of the Greens" with a soup lunch to follow 1-4 PM Chin Church
November 27 	9:30 AM Worship/Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 1-4 PM Chin Church



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 20th, following the 9:30- AM service.
 Soup luncheon in Fellowship Hall will follow decorating.



The Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th & 25th, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

We are truly thankful for our Northwest Hills Church family!



Deadline for articles/information for the monthly newsletter is usually the second Sunday for the next month's newsletter. Thank you in advance for your contributions!

Thank You

Thank you to all who said blessings and gave cards to me for Clergy Appreciation Day. I feel incredibly loved by all of you. I am honored to serve you in Christ's name and I can't imagine ministering anywhere other than here at Northwest Hills Church.

— In Christ's love, Pastor Alex

Ralph Hawkins and his daughter stopped by the office October 11th just to say hi. He is in good spirits. He wanted to thank everyone for the birthday cards and well wishes... He was so thankful to get them!

— Deb Hawkins

A big "thank you" to our Northwest Hills Church family for all of the cards, well-wishes, kindness, and conversations with my mom, Gerry Conry, at her "surprise" 90th Birthday celebration on October 2nd. Your warmth in reaching out and making the day special truly meant the world to both of us.

— Sue Slowik

Thank you so much to all who expressed their support and sympathies during the recent illness and passing of my mother, Edna Albery. Your thoughtfulness and caring are truly appreciated. Blessings!

— Brenda and Bob Taylor and Family

THANK YOU, Northwest Hills Church family, for all of the hard work in pulling off another successful Craft/Bake Sale on October 15th! **Our Craft Fair NET PROFIT for two days was \$5,559.85!** Everyone who made items, baked, sorted, served, hauled "stuff" in and out, (and those of you that put up with those that did!) — you are the BEST! These earnings will go to support various projects here at Northwest Hills. Blessings to you all!

— The Women's Association

THANK YOU to each of you who donated books for the Book Sale. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Kathy Caito and Meliha Standley, Dennis Burright, Jerry May and Kathleen Hammond for all their time and help. We will continue to accept book donations in Room 119.

— Nan Schwerts

THANK YOU: We had a great "Trunk or Treat" on October 23rd. We had between 300 to 400 people attend! All said thank you and they enjoyed the soup and hot chocolate. Thank you to everyone who participated in countless ways: from decorating a "trunk" and wearing costumes, to "traffic control," serving warm soups and chili in the Fellowship Hall, donating candy, crackers, cocoa mix, and other "foodie" items, and those who contributed cash so that we could buy the items we still needed. Your servants' hearts and willingness to help in whatever way needed truly demonstrates the love of God to our community, and to each other.

— Kathy Caito, Mission & Service Committee

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We gather Weds. at 10 AM Room 128. All are welcome! Come join us for great discussion and fellowship around the Word of God!

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION will meet Thursday, November 3rd at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions by Isobel Taylor; dessert will be provided by Nicki O'Neil and Marilyn Walton. Questions? Call Kathleen Hammond, 402-981-3630.

RUTH CIRCLE will not meet until March of 2023. Call Ginger Broyles at 402-312-5126 with any questions.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Tues., November 15, 2022 at 1:15 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions and dessert provided by Isobel Taylor. Mission project for November: We will be focusing on the annual Thanksgiving Dinner provided by our Community Partner, Holy Cross Lutheran Church Food Pantry! We will be collecting the "fixings" for a Thanksgiving dinner for our local families in need. Last year we were able to provide a wonderful Thanksgiving meal care package (including turkeys from HyVee) to over 140 families! We anticipate the need will be greater this year. Items we will be collecting: dressing/stuffing, canned pumpkin, cranberry relish, green beans, sweet potatoes. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity! We will use the Food Pantry bin in the Commons for collections. Thank you for your help!

SARAH CIRCLE meeting to be determined. For any questions, call Terri Burright, 402-659-6913.

CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM in Room 128.

RECYCLING: After taking home and enjoying your altar flowers, please return the green containers/bases to the church. Look for the marked basket above the coat rack in the Commons to drop them off. We will clean and get them back to HyVee. They will give us a discount on our altar flower orders when we turn these back in! Thanks for helping us recycle and save a few dollars!

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST: The men of Northwest Hills Church will be getting together again for a Men's Ministry Breakfast! We will meet **Saturday, November 5th at 9:00 AM in the Commons**. It is a "BYOB: Bring Your Own Breakfast" or you can eat breakfast before you come. Mark your calendars to plan on attending for a great time of fellowship!

CANASTA CLUB will meet at the church on Thursday, November 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Dessert provided by Ardell Reuter and Carol Olsen. Please arrive before 10:00 AM to find your table and be ready to start playing. If you have any questions, or would like to join, please contact Deb Shafer at 402-392-0418 or 402-999-1052. We still need subs (men or women). Please contact Lois Gapen at 402-572-6792 or Ardell Reuter at 1-918-703-1068.

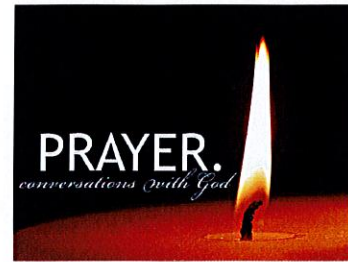
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MISSION & SERVICE COLLECTION PROJECT

For the months of November and December, Northwest Hills Church will be partnering with the Salvation Army to collect new and gently-used men's, women's, and children's warm winter coats to support the Salvation Army Winter Night Watch.

The Salvation Army Winter Night Watch brings help directly to the Streets of Omaha. The Midwest winter's frigid temperatures along with snow, ice and wind can make survival a challenge for Omaha's homeless and near-homeless population. Five nights a week between December and February, the Salvation Army's mobile food trucks make multiple stops across the city to distribute hot meals and beverages, as well as winter coats, gloves, hats, socks and blankets to anyone in need. Last year Winter Night Watch provided more than 8,000 meals and hundreds of winter outerwear items to those struggling to survive the harsh winter. Especially needed: men's sizes XL, 2XL and 3XL. Look for the poster and collection boxes in the Commons.



Thank you in advance for participating and making such a dramatic difference in the lives of the less fortunate.



Prayer chain requests can be called to Lois Gapen at (402) 572-6792 or the church office at (402) 572-8392.

Thank you for your kind responses regarding updating our prayer list. We are always encouraged to hear when our loved ones are much improved. Please continue to let us know of any changes so that we can update our list and assure that the prayers going out weekly are the most current and urgent needs expressed. Thank you in advance. The ongoing list is below:

Continued Prayer Requests: Drew Botsakos, Sandy Christopherson, Carol Scott, Connie Klaumann, Dianne Hasch (Dianna Cupps' friend), Jeff Walton, Susie Ryan, Cierra Ervin, Kelly Pitts, Kyle Hurt & Jacoby, Marti Elias, Marchelle Conrad, Peg Hawkins (friend of Annie Kuti), Amy (Allie Johnson's mother-in-law); Sonja Briggs (Sherry Mitchell's sister)

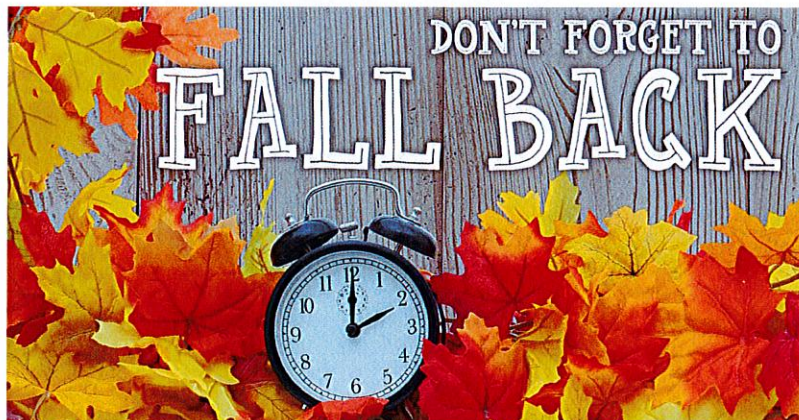
On-Going Cancer Treatment: Mike Lambert, Mary Larson, Sharon Kirby (Janet Delehoy's sister-in-law), Gail Schroeder, Dave Merriam, Sue Day, Robert Baker, Sharon McNutt (Ruth Negus' friend's sister), Betty Benskin, Judy Intlekofer, Gail Formanack (friend of Bev Ambrosius), Paul Nitsick, Gary Dutton, David Arthur (friend of the Vincents), Susan Higginson, Vicki Nolan, (Leigh Powell's sister), Ena Nolan, (Leigh Powell's niece), Tracy Else

"He sent His Word, and healed them"

— Psalm 107:20

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

— Isaiah 53:5



FROM PASTOR ALEX WOLF

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fall is my favorite time of the year. The leaves are turning beautiful, vibrant colors. The reds, yellows and browns excite my eyes as they fall from the trees. The air is cool and crisp, which brings to mind thoughts of cozy blankets and steaming bowls of soup. The children who attend our preschool come in their cute tiny jackets and mittens. Families are headed off to have fun at pumpkin patches. The weekends are filled with football. And Christmas is right around the corner!

But before we get to Christmas, we need to remember a major holiday before it: Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving holiday has become a quick day of family gatherings, over-eating, and football. By the end of the day, we move on to Christmas shopping and the like. Thanksgiving comes and goes so quickly, we take for granted the significance of the holiday, of actually "giving thanks."

In his letter to the Colossian church, the apostle Paul prays that God fill the people in Colossae with the knowledge of God's will so that they may live a life worthy and pleasing to God. Paul lists four characteristics of what a worthy and pleasing life looks like in the following verses. The last characteristic Paul lists is "giving joyful thanks to [God] the Father" (Col. 1:12).

This is a great reminder for us. Our Christian lives should be full of thanksgiving to God. Let us give thanks to God, for he has been good to us and blessed us with many blessings. I encourage you to take a few moments and give thanks for what God has done in your life. Even when you find yourself in the midst of life's battles, even when things feel like they're falling apart, there is still much to be thankful for in our lives. Simply start as I did in the beginning of this letter. Thank God for the trees and the leaves and the beauty of creation. Thank God for the warmth of blankets. Thank God for family and friends. Before long, you'll have a whole list for which to be thankful. Most importantly, let's be thankful for what God has done for us in Jesus. The apostle Paul reminded the Colossians (and us!) that through Jesus, we are the beloved children of God who "have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:12-14). As the old hymn goes, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

Know that I am thankful to God for all of you here at Northwest Hills Church and the ministry we share.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Alex



Sermon Topics and Scriptures for November

November 2022 Sermons

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| November 6 — | 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, "Called To Be Saints" |
| November 13— | (Stewardship Sunday) - Mark 6:30-44,
"A Table in the Wilderness" |
| November 20— | Colossians 1:12-20, "Christ at the Center" |
| November 27— | (First Sunday of Advent) - Matthew 24:36-44 |



BAD WEATHER

Should very severe weather (dangerous travel and/or frigid temperatures) cause Northwest Hills to cancel a Sunday service, there will be three sources used to communicate a closure to you by 8:00 AM that morning: 1) The three major local television channels (WOWT NBC-6, KMTV-CBS-3, and KETV ABC-7) will have a continually updating scroll of closures at the bottom of the screen. Look for Northwest Hills under "church closures" 2) Facebook post and 3) Email.

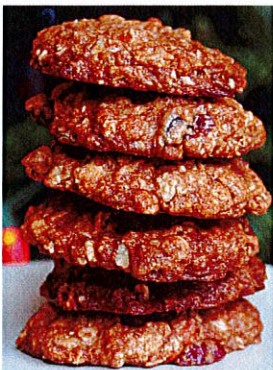
Although we would love to see you and fellowship with you at church, please always choose caution and personal safety regarding attendance, even if services are NOT cancelled. If there is a concern regarding walking and driving in the white stuff and frozen patches, we'd rather you be safe and snuggled up at home rather than taking a chance of a fall or accident. We love you and care about you!



HATS GLOVES, MITTENS & SCARVES!

From October 23rd through November 20th Sarah Circle will be collecting and donating these items to a local school to help keep children warm this winter. Look for a display in the Commons along the back windows. For any questions, please call Terri Burright at (402) 659-6913.

2022 Sarah Circle Thanksgiving Cookie Order forms are here! One is included in this month's Newsletter. Orders are due by Sunday, November 13th. Pick-up date will be Sunday, November 20th from 9-11 AM in the Commons. Checks are made payable to Sarah Circle. Orders can be submitted by email to trumpetvinecraft@aol.com. For Questions/and/or orders you can call Terri Burright at 402-659-6913 or Jan Jacobsen 402-660-4718. Order form and payment check can also be mailed directly to Jan at 13505 N. 108th Street, Omaha, NE 68142-1313. Thank you for your support!



(Yummm!)

Northwest Hills Preschool



SPROUT, BLOOM, GROW

We have a total of 11 kids attending preschool! The kids have been having fun learning new things each day....from stories being read, science experiments, pumpkin activities, making their own snacks, learning self-help skills and being responsible for themselves and their belongings. They love playing on the playground and using the outdoor classroom to try out new things!

On October 26 we had our annual Fall Parade. First they paraded upstairs while Bible Study participants handed out treats, then they went in Fellowship Hall where they paraded for their parents. The kids had a great time and looked so cute in their costumes.

Conferences were held on October 27 & 28 to inform the parents where their kid's strengths and areas of improvement are needed.

NOVEMBER 6TH

On November 6, 2022, we are honoring all our Veterans, both the living and those gone on ahead of us. We are inviting all veterans and their family members to bring a picture of their veteran, IN UNIFORM, to display at church. We will have refreshments following the service so everyone can view the photos. We look forward to honoring all of our Veterans. Questions, please call Kathleen Hammond at 402-981-3630.



2022 Sarah Circle Thanksgiving Cookie Orders**Orders Due-November 13****Pickup Date-Sunday, November 20**

9:00-11am in Commons Area

Checks Payable to Sarah CircleCan be submitted by email to trumpetvinecraft@aol.com

Questions/orders - Call Terri Burright (402)659-6913

or Jan Jacobsen (402)660-4718

Address- 13505 N 108th St.

Omaha, NE 68142

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Price- \$6 per dozen, \$3 per 1/2 dozen

	Dozen	Half Dozen	Total
Almond Joy Cookies (almonds & coconut)			
Chocolate Chip Cookies			
Cool Whip Cookies (Variety)			
Cranberry Pistachio Sables			
Gingersnap Cookies			
Fudge-Chocolate			
Fudge-Peanut Butter			
Lemon Bars			
Monster Cookies			
Oatmeal Raisin Cookies			
Peanut Butter Bonbons			
Peanut Butter Cookies			
Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies			
Pecan Pie Bars			
Pumpkin Bars			
Scotcheroos (Rice Krispie Bars)			
Snickerdoodle Cookies			
White Chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookies			
Variety Pack (Our Pick)			

Cranberry Bread (5"x 9" pan)-\$5.00		
Peanut Brittle (1/4 lb.)-\$2.00		

Total Owed		
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Special Requests: _____

Thank You!

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEALTH PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT

It's that time again – the Medicare Prescription Drug and Health Plans Annual Open Enrollment Period starts OCTOBER 15 and ends DECEMBER 7! The 2023 plans' information will be on the Medicare website and the best way to determine how the changes will affect you and determine which plan will be best for you next year is to use Medicare's Plan Finder at www.medicare.gov.

Statewide Senior Health counseling will be providing assistance only via phone due to Covid again this year. Call 402-444-6617 and Volunteers Assisting Seniors will set up a PHONE appointment. Rick Scofield (who is an official VAS Volunteer) has kindly agreed to help those in our congregation by phone after October 30th. Also, if you're approaching 65 or retirement, Rick can provide Medicare counseling about the decisions you need to make.

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

— Theodore Roosevelt

*"Love is a language which the blind can see
and the deaf can hear."*

— Donald E. Wildman

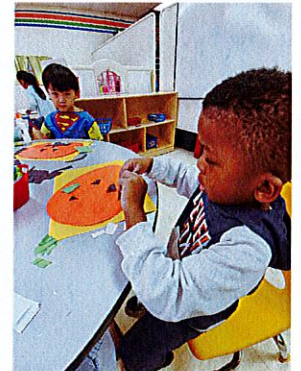


LADIES MAHONEY WINTER RETREAT

Thursday, January 26th through Sunday, January 29th

All women of the church are welcome for a fun and relaxing weekend at Mahoney State Park. Call Terri Burrigat at (402) 659-6913 or Jan Jacobsen (402) 660-4718 to make your reservation or if you have any questions.

Some recent pictures of our Preschoolers hard at work and play.....



November 2022



PK-4th Grade

All children and youth are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas Program on December 18th at the 9:30 AM Service. Practices will be held on November 13, 20, December 4 and 11 during the Sunday School hour. There will be an additional practice on Saturday, December 17th at 10:00 AM.

November 6	Gifts from God
November 13	Christmas Program Practice
November 20	Christmas Program Practice
November 27	No Sunday School

EPIC Re-Charge

5th Grade-Senior High School



November 6	Join your families in church service for Communion
November 13	Christmas Program Practice
November 20	Christmas Program Practice EPIC YOUTH 6:30-8:00 Christmas Toy Shopping for Salvation Army's Angel Tree. Meet at church at 6:30 PM to carpool to Walmart.
November 27	No Sunday School

Save the date for EPIC YOUTH Annual Christmas Dinner, December 18th. Place and time TBD.

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 PM Bell Practice 7 PM Scouts—FH	2 10 AM Bible Study—128 6:30 PM Choir	3 12 Women's Assoc. Mtg—FH	4	5 9 AM Men's Breakfast—C 11-6 Sue Ganow-FH
6 9:30 Worship/SS 10:30 Veteran Recognition-C 11:00 Worship 1-4 Chin Church-S NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	7 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	8 VOTING—C 6:30 PM Bell Practice 7 PM Scouts—FH	9 10 AM Bible Study—128 12-3 Kensington-C 6:30 PM Choir	10 7 PM Church Council Mtg.-128	11 VETERANS DAY	12 Barbara Karstens 10 AM Visitation 11 AM Service with Lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall
13 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 Worship/SS 11:00 Worship 1-4 Chin Church-S	14 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	15 1:15 PM Hannah Circle—FH 6:30 PM Bells 7 PM Scouts-FH	16 10 AM Bible Study—128 6:30 PM Choir	17 10-2 Canasta-FH	18 6-10 Old Dominion Dancers-FH	19
20 9:30 Worship/SS 10:30 Hanging of the Greens 1-4 Chin Church-S	21 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	22 9 AM Newsletter Crew—C 6:30 PM Bells 7 PM Scouts-FH	23 10 AM Bible Study—128 6:30 PM Choir	24 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:30 Worship/SS 11:00 Worship 1-4 Chin Church-S	28 6:45 PM AA Mtg-FH	29 6:30 PM Bells 7 PM Scouts-FH	30 10 AM Bible Study—128 6:30 PM Choir			S: Sanctuary C: Commons L: Library FH: Fellowship Hall

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Tanner Hurt	10	Dave Jacobsen	20	Margaret Scofield
2	Jim Wozny	10	Jack Williams	24	Charles McIntosh
3	Linda Chandler	12	Virgil Beaty	24	Nan Schwes
4	Ken Evitts	12	Cindy Ervin	25	Chris Scofield
5	Aaron Woods	13	Dan Jacobsen	28	Tim Brusnahan
5	Ethan Woods	14	Stephanie Bertch	28	Duane White
6	Susan Higginson	15	Sherry Mitchell	30	Melissa Brusnahan
7	Mary Ellen Fields	18	Brenda Taylor		
9	Michelle Hultman	19	Judy Cratty		
9	Adalyn Volmer	19	Emilie Tracy		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

15	Chris and Courtney Scofield	22	Jim & Charlene Wozny
22	David & Susan Higginson	24	Richard & Sondra Putzstuck