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For our 11th Annual
Christmas Pageant

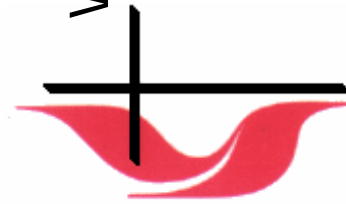


Saturday, December 11 & Sunday, December 12, 6:30 pm

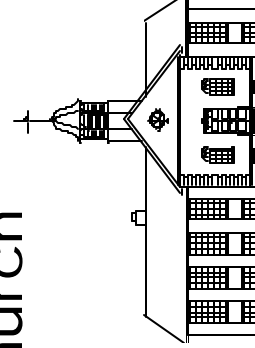
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PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the West Hills United Methodist Church is to be a living church, where we can learn about our Lord, love Him, worship Him, and serve Him. We want our church to emphasize fellowship with a sense of sharing one another's concerns and joys. We want our church to reach out to the needs of our youth, and encourage them to participate in our programs. We want our church to be actively involved in the world community, with outreach programs to help the needy and less fortunate, and to attract others in our community who



West Hills United Methodist Church



Newsletter

Rev. Hea-young Park, Pastor
Paul Knorr, Newsletter Editor

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Dear Friends,

Peace and greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ!

As I conclude my first year of ministry with you at West Hills United Methodist Church I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for calling me to be your pastor. This past year I have experienced a joy in ministry. I have the privilege of working with a talented and capable group of people that see their work as God given work and important to their lives. To Helen Rehfeldt, Claire Burvenich, Eddie Burvenich, Nadine Snelgrove, Kurt Schielke, Betty Berbrick, Harriett Matus, to name a few. I owe all the Choir members and many other a lot. I thank you for your service to our worship and music program. I pray that God will richly bless all of you, our members.

Many faithful workers have added tremendously to our common church life this year. People worked hard with great joy, creativity and innovation. To all Sunday School teachers and staff go my heartfelt thanks and my deep appreciation for the gift, integrity and liveliness you bring to our Lord God and to our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School programs. To Paul Weymouth, Eugene Walker, and George Friedell go my thanks and my deep appreciation for the talent, service, and skill you bring to the parsonage.

It is also a great honor and joy to serve you in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. In praying, preaching, teaching, pastoring, leading of our church, and in the ministry we share together we are called the West Hills United Methodist Church team. You have a combination of talent, gifts, and passion that are most uncommon. I thank you for the faith, hope and love you have brought to our church.

I thank you for providing me with love, care, challenge, hope and opportunity to think. I was able to think, pray, read, study, and spend precious time with you. I believe I have been better able to think as a pastor. Thank you for your love that makes so much possible: Vacation Bible School, bowling and picnics with children, our spiritual day apart, the loving preparation of the Holy Week, giving children's sermons, and much more.

It has been an amazing year, one filled with many miracles, with experiences of God's powerful presence. and yet there is still more to do. As we move toward November, it is important that we continually seek God's help in being open to God's blessings and love.

I believe that the time has come for us to undertake a serious thinking about our spiritual life. We need to ask some tough questions - do we have the right relationship with God? Do we want to be better
1 vards of the time, talent and material wealth with which God has

THE FUN PAGE



Deep Thought:

He who laughs last thinks slowest.

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. B. Magerkurth, Nov 20
Mr. & Mrs. Overbeck, Dec 5



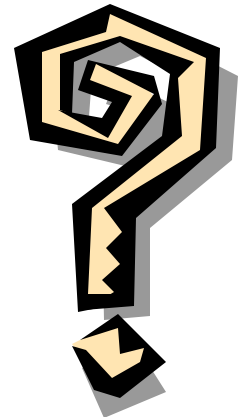
Birthdays!

Paul Weymouth, Nov. 7
Bob Gray, Nov. 9
Tom Ruth, Nov. 11
Chris Watson, Nov. 14
Rich Stewart, Nov. 27
Katie Schreiber, Nov. 28

Grace Hardgrove, Dec. 7
Elizabeth Columbia, Dec. 8
Rich Columbia, Dec. 10
Agnes Stanco, Dec. 24
Bill Magerkurth, Dec. 25
Bette Ann Watson, Dec. 31

Wacky Wordy Discover the familiar word, phrase or saying represented by the arrangement of letters.

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Library News

Since this past spring, the library has acquired several new videos including the excellent Prince Of Egypt, the animated version of the story of Moses.

The library has many motivational and spiritual books available as well as popular music and best selling books. Please feel free to stop by and peruse our extensive selection.



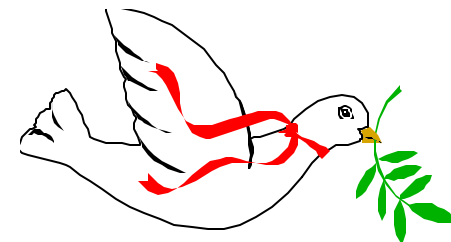
blessed us and our church? Are there any other things I would like to do for the church?

I believe God has given me a vision of where West Hills is going. I see a church filled with more people worshipping and more children in Sunday School on a Sunday Morning. We are men, women, children and folks with the great experience of years, people with differing abilities and opinions, all gathered to worship God and love our neighbors. We are partners in this ministry and it's proclamation of the Word, celebration of the sacraments, and care. We have a vision of building up the congregation for faithful living and witness. Is this just my vision, or is it something God is giving us all? We have to test it. We have to pray, think, worship and listen for God's speaking to us.

Our greatest Teacher and Savior Jesus Christ tells his disciples not to be anxious about what we will eat, drink or wear, but to first seek the Kingdom of God and then all these things will be ours. The sixth chapter of Matthew's Gospel is a kind of manual on how to be a church, written for first century Christians. Seen in this light, Jesus' admonition to "seek first the Kingdom of God" has not only to do with our inner spiritual life, but also says something about how we should conduct our life as a community of faith, as a church. If as a community, we seek God's Kingdom above all else we will insure that none of us are lacking in the things we need. Our living out the law of love will ensure that we are all clothed, fed and cared for in body, mind, and spirit so that God may be glorified and the world might know its Redeemer. Amen.

In the Love of Christ,

Hea-young Park



I Am Thankful For...

I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.

I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means that I have enough to eat.

I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means that I have a home.

I am thankful for my shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.

I am thankful for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.

I am thankful for all the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.

I am thankful for the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.

I am thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.

I am thankful for my huge heating bill because it means that I am warm.

I am thankful for the alarm clock that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I'm alive.

I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means that I have been productive.



November Nostalgia

He wishes summer would resume,

This cricket in our laundry room,

An echo of his former choir

Singing solo by the dryer.

- Yankee Magazine

New Layout / News-less-letter

As you may have noticed, the layout of our newsletter has changed. The layout offers several benefits, including the ability to place a full page calendar in the center fold. The new format also gives us more space, in fewer pages, reducing our printing costs, and allowing for more articles at the same time.

Speaking of articles, I have not received any “substantive” articles in quite some time. While I appreciate the jokes, puzzles, sayings, and short stories I would like to include some actual **news** in our **news**letter. If you have some information that might be helpful to others, or some news about a committee that you are on, please write it down, if only a few sentences, and place it in the Library / Newsletter Box by the office.

Thank you,

Paul Knorr, Newsletter Editor.

Diaper Drive Continues Toy Drive Starts

Our Diaper Drive is a year round effort to collect necessary items that are not covered by food stamps. These include soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tampons, diapers, wipes, razors, shaving cream, hair care products, and perfume and cologne. If you have any extra around the house, bring it in so someone in need can make use of it. This is a constant need, and the items collected go directly to those who need them most through Family Service League and Program Home.



With the coming of the Christ child, we also have the coming of the Christmas Toy Drive. As in years past, we would ask that every member of this congregation who can please bring in a **new, unwrapped** toy. The toys will be distributed by Family Service League at their annual toy boutique.

The Family Service League Toy Boutique is a unique way to distribute donated toys. Instead of simply handing a child a wrapped toy on Christmas, based on age and gender, as Toys for Tots, and others do, the Toy Boutique allows the parents to pick out toys from the selection that was donated. Parents are allowed to receive two toys for each child in their family and a gift wrapping service is made available (through volunteers) or they can wrap the toy themselves. This is a great program because it gives the parent the power to *choose* a toy for their child rather than be handed or assigned one without any choice.



Pageant Sponsors!

This year we hope to have many many pages of advertisers and sponsors. The best Pageant Sponsors have always been members of our own congregation and we want to keep it that way! Sign up now to be a Pageant Sponsor by purchasing advertising space so you can shout "Merry Christmas" to everyone who attends our Pageant. Or, if you are more modest, you can be a Pageant Booster. For just \$2 per name, we will list your name under "Pageant Boosters" - no fanfare, no big message to the community, just your name indicating you have helped to make the Pageant possible.

Pricing for Pageant Program advertising is as follows:

Booster	\$2 / name
1/8 page (business card size)	\$10
1/4 page	\$15
1/2 page	\$25
Full Page	\$50

It has never been easier to advertise in our Pageant Program. Simply fill out the Advertiser / Booster form available in the narthex. If you can't find the narthex (why is it called a narthex anyway?) you can send camera ready artwork, or a business card, or simply what you want your ad to say, and how you want it to look (if you care) to:

Paul Knorr
44 Ciro Street
Huntington, NY 11743

Send your completed forms there as well if you can't hand them to Paul at church.

The Deadline is December 3rd!



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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Men's Breakfast	10 Bible Study (Chapter 26)	11	12	13 Christian Parenting Seminar Couple's Club
14 Stewardship Sunday	15	16	17 Bible Study (Chapter 27)	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Eve Service	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1	2	3	4 Pageant Rehearsal (after Service)
5	6	7 Pageant Rehearsal	8	9	10	11 Cookie Walk 9:00 AM Pageant 6:30 PM
12 Pageant 6:30 PM	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve candlelight service	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

To add dates to the calendar, please contact the church secretary, Darlene Friedell (827-0311)