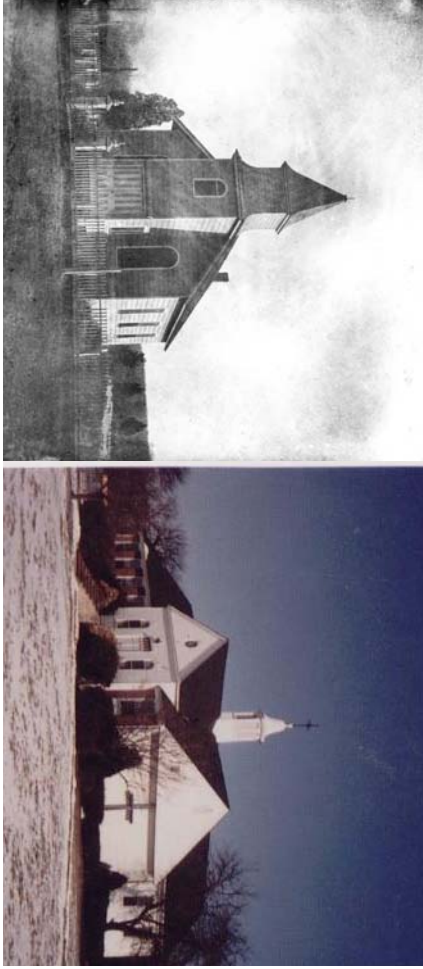


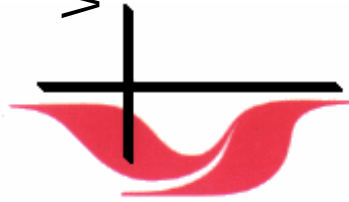
The purpose of the West Hills United Methodist Church is to be a living church, where we can learn about our Lord, love Him, worship Him, and serve Him. We want our church to emphasize fellowship with a sense of sharing one another's concerns and joys. We want our church to reach out to the needs of 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 are not currently attending worship service.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

CELEBRATING 160 YEARS SERVING OUR LORD

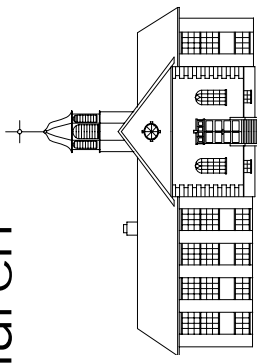


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CHRISTMAS LETTER
ENCLOSED!

From The Pastor

What can you say about Advent and Christmas that hasn't been said before? The answer is, of course, not a thing! But the wonder and transformative power of this season is all about *retelling* the story once again. The event of the birth of God into human form is the foundation of our faith as Christians and the source of our claim as members in the biblical people of God.

It is precisely in the retelling of this story that we become part of it. We are humbled by its humility and renewed and made whole by its quiet power that nothing has been able to stop in two thousand years. And while Advent and Christmas have been taken over by commercialism and the tinny secularism of our culture, still the Christmas story can remind us, once again, who we are and whose we are.

I would like to invite you, all of our members, friends and families, to be part of our Advent and Christmas celebrations in the weeks ahead. Make your Christmas a far more blessed event by joining with us here at West Hills United Methodist Church starting on the first Sunday in Advent, November 28, 2004. Each of our Sundays in Advent will feature special preparations in our worship services as we move toward the Christmas season.

One great way to “prepare” is to take part in our Advent Bible Study each Thursday evening in Advent at 7:30 starting December 2nd. Share ideas, questions, faith and fellowship as together we look at the theme, “What’s A Messiah, Anyway And Why Would You Want One?”

In addition, let me remind you of our special calendar of events:

Fist Sunday in Advent, November 28th: Fellowship fund raiser luncheon at Crystal Garden Chinese Restaurant right after worship.

Missions Update

We are excited to report that we reached our goal of collecting 1000 cans in less than a year! If you remember, we started this project back in April. The Huntington Food Council sent the church a letter thanking us for all the food we have been sending their way.



The congregation continued its great job of collecting food for the Thanksgiving food drive. We made three baskets and sent more bags to the Food Council! Thanks to everyone for the food they brought, and for those who helped package it after service on November 21st

Halloween Party Pics

Pictures from the Sunday School Halloween party on October 31st. The question is, which picture is scarier?????



Saturday, December 11th: 9-11 A.M. The Cookie Walk – Purchase your favorite Christmas cookies.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 12th: Decorating Our Christmas Tree and Our Sunday School Christmas Program.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 19th: Special Christmas Preparation Service

Monday, December 20th: United Methodist Women Christmas Party at Judy Knorr's home.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24th: 7:45 P.M. Carol Sing. Our worship service will start at 8:00.

First Sunday After Christmas, December 26th: Covenant Renewal And Holy Communion.

Wishing all of you the most blessed of Christmases ever! And may our prayers for peace and healing be answered in the coming year. Blessing to all.

Pastor Bruce



REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARD!



Cookie Walk

The UMW Annual Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 11, 9 to 11 A.M. Donations of cookies from church families are happily accepted. Please bake 15

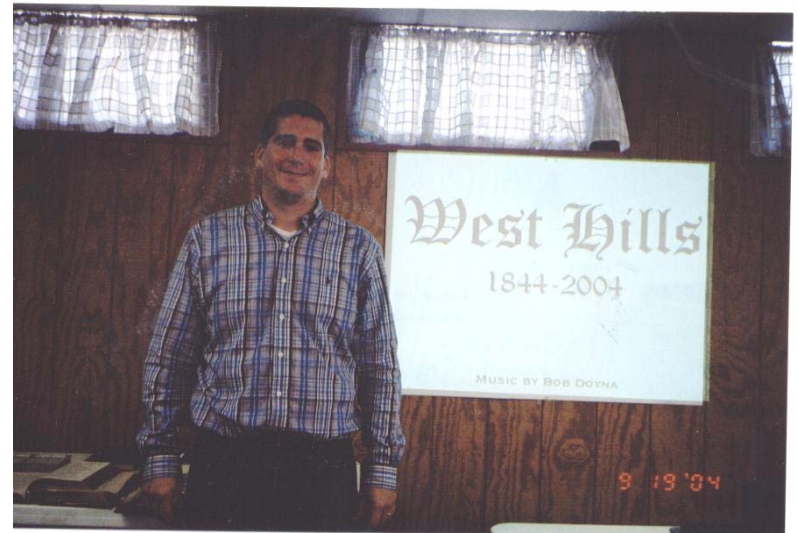
dozen homemade Christmas cookies (all from one recipe) and deliver them to the church by 7:00 P.M. on Friday, December 10. A sign up sheet is on the church bulletin board to help avoid duplication of types of cookies. Any questions call Judy Knorr-427-3304. This is a great fundraiser for the UMW, and for the church as a whole. Please find a way to contribute.

UMW Christmas Party

The UMW Christmas Party is Monday, December 20, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Judy Knorr. All women in the church are invited to attend. Please bring an exchange gift not to exceed \$10.00 and join in an evening of Holiday Fun.

West Hills 160th Anniversary

A Sunday Brunch and presentation was the order for the day to commemorate the 160th anniversary of West Hills. A Powerpoint presentation combined the rich past of West Hills with powerful modern technology. A big thanks to all those who cooked the great food, and to everyone for coming downstairs!



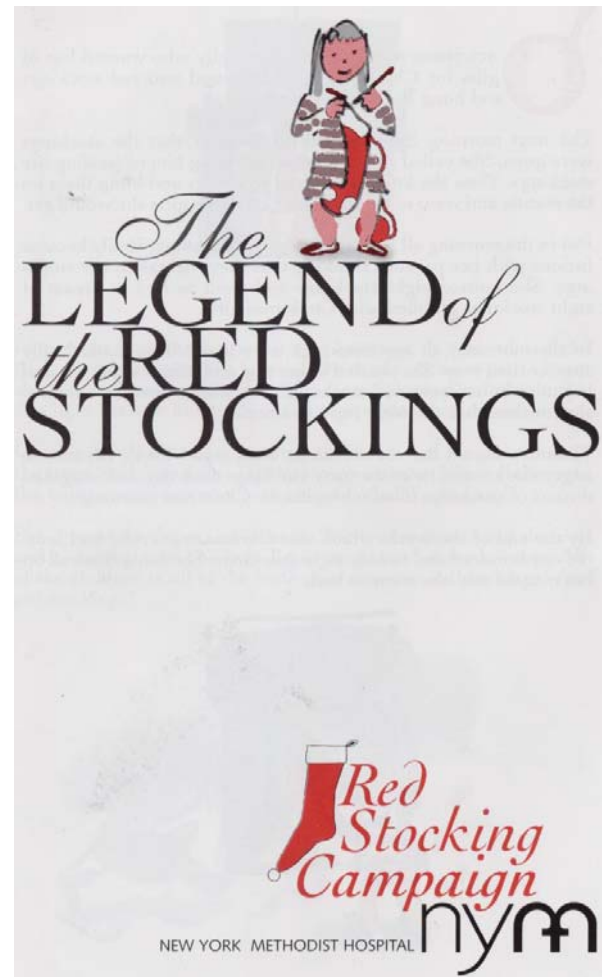


West Hills Says Goodbye!

After years of service to West Hills, Betty Berbrick and the Hansons are relocating to new “digs”. We wish them the best of luck. We will miss you!

The Red Stocking

The Missions Committee will again be collecting money for the “Red Stocking” - the fundraising campaign for the Methodist Hospital. The envelopes will be in the bulletins in the end of November, and also on the Narthex table.



On the Lighter Side....

In the beginning, God created the Heavens and the Earth, and populated the Earth with broccoli and cauliflower and spinach, green and yellow and red vegetables of all kinds, so Man and Woman would live long and healthy lives.

Then using God's great gifts, Satan created Ben and Jerry's and Krispy Creme Donuts. And Satan said, "You want chocolate with that?" And Man said "Yea," and woman said, "and another one with sprinkles."

And they gained 10 pounds.

And God created the healthful yogurt that woman might keep the figure that man found so fair. And Satan brought forth white flour from the wheat, and sugar from the cane, and combined them.

And woman went from size 6 to size 14.

So God said, "Try my fresh green salad". And Satan presented Thousand-Island Dressing and garlic toast on the side.

And man and woman unfastened their belts following the repast.

God then said, "I have sent you hardy, healthy vegetables and olive oil in which to cook them." And Satan brought forth deep fried fish and chicken-fried steak so big it needed its own platter.

And man gained more weight and his cholesterol went through the roof.

God then brought running shoes so that his children might loose those extra pounds. And Satan gave cable TV with a remote control so Man would not have to toil changing the channels.

Couple of Friends Club

Marge and Michael Klein and Jon and Harriet Matus hosted the Couples Club (A.K.A. Couple Of Friends Club) on Saturday, November 20. After a tailgate party in the church parking lot, the group journeyed to the IMax Theater and Cradle Of Aviation Museum in Garden City.



Hymn Match Hymns For All Things

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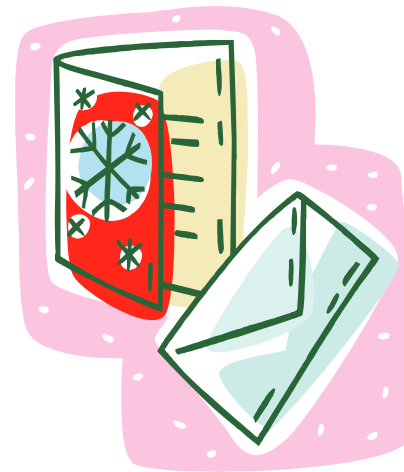
The Dentist's Hymn	Holy, Holy, Holy
The Contractor's Hymn	Standing on the Promises
The Politician's Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Massage Therapist's Hymn	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
Weatherman's Hymn	He Touched Me
The Tailor's Hymn	The Church's One Foundation

MISSIONS INFO: December

The Missions Committee will be collecting food for a Christmas Food Basket, so keep bringing in holiday food! We also will be continuing our Hat and Mitten tree, collecting new hats and mittens for those in need.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
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A HAPPY, HEALTHY
NEW YEAR TO ALL



Bring in your Christmas cards for church members and put them in the Christmas card box. Instead of giving the money to the Post Office, make a donation to the Missions Committee. This fundraiser has helped the Missions Committee raise over \$200 in the past three years.

Keep Your Calendar Clear!

January 15th



Spaghetti Dinner

More Info to Follow

The church altar will again be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Eve service. Poinsettias are \$9.00 may be donated in Honor of or Memory of Loved Ones. Checks should be made out to Mohlenoff's Nursery and given to Judy Knorr by December 12



And man and woman laughed and cried before the flickering light and gained pounds.

Then God brought forth the potato, naturally low in fat and brimming with nutrition. And Satan peeled off the healthful skin and sliced the starchy center into chips and deep-fried them.

And man gained pounds.

God then gave lean beef so that man might consume fewer calories and still satisfy his appetite. And Satan created McDonald's and its 99-cent double cheeseburger. Then said, "You want fries with that?" And man replied, "Yeah! And super-size 'em." And Satan said "It is good."

And man went into cardiac arrest.

God sighed and created quadruple bypass surgery.

Then Satan created HMOs.

Moral of the story?

Let Santa eat the cookies this holiday season



West Hills United Methodist Church

December 2004

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2nd Sunday in
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Cookie Walk
9-11am

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3rd Sunday in Advent
Decorating of our Tree.
Poinsettia orders due.
Sunday School Program

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Church Charge Conference

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

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UMW Christmas part
7:30pm at the Knorr's

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7:45—Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

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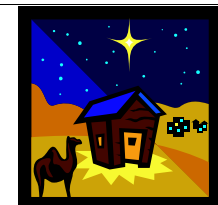
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West Hills Family Christmas Tree

The Church Christmas Tree will be decorated on Sunday, December 12 during the morning service. Each church family is invited to bring an ornament to hang on the tree for the holiday season. This is a fabulous Christmas tradition here at West Hills and reminds us of how West Hills truly is a family.



Please be advised that the tree decorating is at the beginning of the service, so be sure to be punctual!

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WINTER 2005

Deadline: February 1, 2005

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