

## **I. *Friday Update Email* - Friday, Nov. 20 to Friday, Nov. 27**

*Happy Friday everyone! I hope you are hanging in there. As you saw in the e-mail yesterday, we are heading back to virtual worship starting on November 29<sup>th</sup> - the first Sunday of Advent. THIS Sunday we will have live streaming worship and worship in person if you would like to come. But the following Sunday we will be returning to virtual worship. More information is below.*

*Speaking of this Sunday, I would like to welcome Andre Towner as our guest preacher. Andre is a former Westwood staff member and I'm sure you will enjoy hearing from him. I am looking forward to taking a few days off next week before Thanksgiving.*

*Next week our Friday Update will be a Wednesday Update! Have a great Thanksgiving everyone, and I'll see you on the other side for the first Sunday of Advent.*

*~ Pastor Bryan*

### **CONTINUING WAYS TO CONNECT EACH WEEK**

**Sunday School** – Classes (adults and youth) are now meeting via Zoom. If you would like to join a class, please e-mail Pastor Stephen for info ([stephen.gray@westwood-baptist.org](mailto:stephen.gray@westwood-baptist.org))

**Sunday Worship** - Sundays at 11:00 am on FACEBOOK LIVE ([facebook.com/WestwoodBaptist](https://facebook.com/WestwoodBaptist)) and on our church website (<https://westwood-baptist.org/connect-online/live-worship/>). Sunday's worship guide is attached to this e-mail and is available on our website.

If you would like to attend worship in person this Sunday, please read the "Regathering Guide" posted on the Bulletin Board of our website. Also, everyone who attends must register by noon today. To register for this Sunday, November 22, click here: <https://onrealm.org/WestwoodBaptist/Registrations/Info/b63d55d0-3dff-4d16-98ea-ac67011dbeb3>

**Youth Sunday Night Live!** - Every Sunday at 6 p.m.via Zoom!

### **THIS WEEK – November 20-27, 2020**

#### **Westwood Youth**

Youth Friendsgiving today, November 20th at 5 p.m-7 p.m. on Zoom! Games, fellowship, and fun! Youth are encouraged to invite friends!

Youth Service Saturday: Echo Food Drive is Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 10a.m.-1 p.m. in the Westwood Parking Lot. Youth will be helping move items from the cars. Please make sure you wear your mask!

The youth are having Temple Thursdays!! Every other Thursday night is designed to have an innovative Bible study for grades 7-12 via Zoom at 6-6:45 pm! It is a creative way of digging into the bible for youth. There will **NOT** be a Temple Thursday on November 26th. The next Temple Thursday will be on December 3rd.

Keep up with the youth and check out what we are doing during the pandemic by following us on Instagram: [wbc.va.youth](https://www.instagram.com/wbc.va.youth) or on Facebook!

~Tiffany

### **Critical Westwood Food Drive to support ECHO this Saturday, Nov. 21**

ECHO continues to supply thousands of pounds of food to hundreds of families during this pandemic, and we really need your help to keep up with the critical demand. To this end we are hosting a food drive at Westwood this Saturday, November 21st from 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We are asking you to donate food and hygiene items through a no contact drop-off in the parking lot of Westwood. Volunteers will be there to take your donations from your trunk or car and transport them to the ECHO building. You can look at the ECHO website ([www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org)) for a list of most-needed food and hygiene items.

Another way you might consider helping is to hold a neighborhood food drive. I did this for the last food drive, and it was very successful. Neighbors are usually very interested in helping out those in such desperate need that they can't feed their families. If you are unable to come to the church on Nov. 21, please call the church office and arrange to drop donations at the church at an earlier time. You can also contact me and I will pick up your donation at your home.

Let me know if you have any questions. Blessings for your continued good health and safety. ~ Judi Kern

### **Women's Sunday Evening Group**

Hello Westwood Women!

Our bi-monthly women's meeting is this Sunday, November 22 at 7:15 pm for a brief chat time, then our discussion 7:30-8:30 p.m. Please note our **NEW TIME!** Join in at any time! This is a time to "see" each other and chat, pray together and share our thoughts, and invite a friend!

For our meetings in November and December, the Sunday Night Women's Zoom Group will be looking at the life, thinking and work of Fred Rogers in the podcast

series called "Finding Fred". Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was not a simple show. And Fred Rogers was not a simple man. He was radical. Spiritual. Revolutionary. Maybe even subversive.

On the third episode of the [Finding Fred](#) podcast, host Carvell Wallace grapples with Fred's faith and what it means to practice grace while accepting the brokenness of human beings. When brokenness happens God comes alongside us. God is present to us, not only through our prayers, through reading the Bible, but through other people. Fred believed in doing God's work in the world, being with people through the difficulty. No matter who those people were or what they believed, he looked for and communicated the things that people hold in common with one another, rather than the things that differentiate or divide them via sect, or denomination or Creed.

Before the Sunday meeting, please take 38 minutes to listen to this audio, Finding Fred Episode 3: Break, Don't Bend.

<https://www.fatherly.com/love-money/lessons-learned-being-stepfather/>  
(if listening on iphone, you may need to click on icon, AA "Hide Reader View")

(December 6 is Episode 9. All 10 episodes are worthy!)

### **Monday Morning Coffee Fellowship** - November 23 at 10:30 am

Join us this Monday, November 23, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom. Grab your coffee and your favorite snack and we will catch up with each other and pray. This will be the last Coffee Fellowship in 2020.

### **Dine Out & Donate**

Asian Grill: Monday, November 23

Milano's: Tuesday, November 24

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Westwood's deacons have partnered with local restaurants who have agreed to donate a portion of each patron's bill to support Food for Neighbors. Donations provide weekend food packs for vulnerable students in our area.

Please plan to dine in or carry out lunch/dinner to support and show appreciation for these local small businesses and, in turn, help our students! Gift cards are also included.

When you place your order be sure to use the code #FoodforNeighbors. For online orders include #FoodForNeighbors in the transaction notes.

A copy of this announcement is attached to this email. Please share with family, friends and neighbors!

### **Thanksgiving Holiday**

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26-27.

## **MORE NEWS**

### **Advent Wreaths for Home Worship**

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, and to help you celebrate we have ordered Advent wreath kits for you to light at home. Each kit contains a base and four candles. A limited number of kits are available for \$10. You may purchase one on Sunday mornings after worship; or by calling the church office (703-451-5120) Monday-Thursday at 9 am-3 pm or Friday at 9 am-12 pm; or by sending an e-mail to Martha Newman.

### **Advent Study**

Our Advent Study, "Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas," features best-selling author Adam Hamilton examining the names of Christ used by the gospel writers, exploring the historical and personal significance of his birth. Video sessions will accompany the study. Sign up by emailing Pastor Stephen at [stephen.gray@westwood-baptist.org](mailto:stephen.gray@westwood-baptist.org) or by calling the church office at 703-451-5120. Books cost \$10 and can be picked up at the church. The four-session study begins on Monday, Nov. 30, at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. The Zoom link will be included in the Friday Update the week before the study begins.

New this year: Can't make it on Mondays? Join us on Advent Sundays at 12:30 p.m. The Zoom link for the Sunday meeting will also be included in the Friday Update.

### **Dear Westwood family,**

Thank you for your prayers, calls and cards during my recent surgery. I hope to have a functioning shoulder again soon. Your support and encouragement are so important and make me grateful that I am part of the caring Westwood family.  
*Sandy Milam*

### **Dear Friends,**

At this time of Thanksgiving, my extended family and I are especially thankful for you and for the many kindnesses you have extended to our mother, Kay Cumbie. Friends from this church continue to call her, provide her with tech support so she can participate in weekly services, and keep her supplied with the many

small things that make her life easier and more pleasant. Since she has no family closer than an hour away, and since we are not allowed to visit with her at this time, it is so very helpful when people drop off food and other small items that she'd like to have.

Sincerely,  
*Beth Fogg*

### **Irving MS Snack Bag Distribution for November and December**

Hi, Westwood Family! As you know, we are in charge of staffing the table in front of Irving Middle school to give away weekend food bags every Friday between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. We currently have no one signed up to help with the distribution on Dec. 11 or Dec. 18 and we could really use your help. The students and parents you will interact with are so grateful and uplifting it turns out to be a blessing to you! Could you please consider volunteering to help us through the month of December?

IMPORTANT: Check your temperature at home and record it on the sign-in sheet when you "report for duty."

*Kathy Milburn*

### **Food for Neighbors Snack Bag Packing**

Volunteers are needed to help pack weekend food packs with our partners, Food for Neighbors. Volunteers are especially needed every other Thursday at 12-1:30 pm here at the church. These are the bags that we hand out at Irving Middle School on Friday mornings. To sign up to pack snack bags, go to the FFN Signup Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d45afac29a5fc1-ffnfall2>

### **Financial Update: 11/15/20**

Budget to Date \$224,817  
Income to Date \$ 211,148  
Actual Expenses to Date \$ 194,774  
Surplus/(Loss) \$ 16,374

### **Bold Challenge II Update 11/15/20**

Pledges \$ 96,980  
Received \$ 74,835  
Balance of Pledges \$ 22,145  
Total Collected \$ 128,698.90  
Non-Pledge Collected \$ 53,863.90  
Expenses Paid \$ 146,274.10  
Balance BC II (**\$ -17,575.20**)