

PRAYER FOR A NEW SEASON

January always marks a new season in our church. Over the last four years, we have begun the year with prayer focused on our plans for the coming year. This year we will do the same over the first three weeks in January, culminating with our annual meeting where we gather to vote on our ministry plan. When we pray, we have the opportunity to hear and respond to the voice of the Spirit. My prayer is that I will have ears to hear and the courage to respond to wherever the Spirit leads. Even if He leads me where I don't want to go!

I look forward to this next year facing the challenges and celebrations together. We are certain to experience loss and sorrow, as well as blessing and joy. And we will experience these together as only a true family can.

~ Pastor Tom

CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Our neighborhood outreach team handed out over 150 turkeys for Thanksgiving and hams for the Christmas holiday. The City of Wood Village supplied the turkeys and hams and WVBC had the privilege of organizing the distribution. Thanks to Maria Herrera and her team!



A wonderful time of focusing on the birth of Christ was enjoyed by over 30 people at our Christmas Sing on December 15. Led by Zeke Goodrick, Tim Collins and Jewell Joslen, it was a time for people of all ages to share in singing Christmas songs, decorating (and eating!) Christmas cookies and getting to know others better in a relaxed environment. The next gathering like this will be a Hymn Sing on Sunday, February 2, 3:00-4:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend!



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT



December 13-15, we took our young adult group to Tumalo State Park to go yurt camping and sledding on Mt. Bachelor. We had a great time building relationships, playing games, and enjoying the cold... next to the firepits! We discussed following Jesus- dedicating our whole lives to living for Him. It seems scary, but the reality is that it's far riskier to live according to our own will and desires rather than complete submission to Jesus. We give him our whole selves and we receive the fullness of Christ in return. What a deal!

~ Pastor Patrick

TOY GIVEAWAY

This year was another wonderful opportunity for our church to bless our community in a very tangible way. For the Toy Giveaway on December 14, we partnered again with the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the cities of Wood Village, Fairview and Troutdale. I am so very thankful for everyone in the church and community members that made this possible. We had over 70 volunteers that helped out in all the different parts of the event. On the day, we served over 300 families which equaled over 1200 gifts given to children for this Christmas season. We saw so many smiles from volunteers and families alike. Families were very grateful for the toys and care we provided for them! It was a wonderful way to be a part of so many families' lives in a positive way. I pray that these families see how much we care and that we were able to be a wonderful example of Christ to them all!

~ Vera Hallman



HOME TO HEAVEN



Harold Johnston
November 23, 2024



Lea Darrah
November 30, 2024

LAS POSADAS

A beautiful event celebrating the coming of Christ to earth was attended by over 120 people from the community on December 21. A huge thanks to Maria Hererra and her crew, who provided a delicious meal of tamales, pozole, dessert and hot drinks. The tradition of piñatas with lots of candy was a highlight. Pastor Tom gave the Christmas message, translated by Maria. Thanks to everyone who contributed!



SILENT AUCTION



About \$4500 was raised to support Women's Ministries on December 7. This event is much more than a fundraiser, though. It is a wonderful time of visiting with the church family, enjoying a sausage and pancake breakfast together and allowing people the opportunity to purchase really nice gifts at very affordable prices. Huge thanks to Jane Merhar, Darcy Schunke and Virginia Schrenk for their tireless work for months, preparing for the event, and for all of those who helped with setup, cleanup and food prep!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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