

WOODLAND HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

# The Connection

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## What's on Your Wish List?

If you were at the Budget Town Hall held on October 1st, you got to hear some of the items on our church's wish list as we kick off the yearly Stewardship drive. One item mentioned was repaving the parking lot. This badly needed improvement will be possible if we can all chip in.

The main concern expressed by the people was the salaries of Pastor Craig and other staff. Did you know it's been eight years since we gave Pastor Craig a raise? His vision for turning around the financial foundation of our church, from an income based on renting out our space to an

income based on identified giving, is finally becoming a reality. What this means is that the church is now less reliant on outside sources of income and more reliant on the faithful generosity of the congregation, which is a healthier way for a church to operate in that it provides a more stable source of income. The Church is growing again, organically, with many new families having joined WHCC over the past few years, due in large part to Pastor Craig's vision and leadership. The relationship with the Nursery School is stronger than ever. It continues to thrive, again due in large part to the relationship Pastor Craig has fostered with Lisa and the Nursery School.

Prayerfully consider what you want your financial contribution to be this year.

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## ADVENT SERIES BEGINS NOVEMBER 20

Get a head start on Advent! The study will begin on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 PM in the Breese Chapel and continue each Monday evening through December 18. It will explore Tom Fuerst's book *Underdogs and Outsiders: A Bible Study on the Untold Stories of Advent*. The study will use the genealogy laid out in the Gospel of Matthew to explore the lives of 5 women (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba & Mary) – and what each of them can teach us this Advent season. Pastor Craig has eight copies of the book. Individuals can also order an electronic version of the book at Amazon.com. Participants are asked – if possible – to contribute \$12.00 to cover the cost of the book. Individuals need to read the first chapter ("Tamar: Girl Interrupted") for our first meeting on November 20.



## SING-A-LONG SCHEDULE FOR THE REST OF 2017

Everyone Welcome!

November 4— Oliver  
December 2—Chitty Chitty Bang Bang  
Thanks for a fun filled year!  
2018 Sing-a-longs will begin February 3



November 5, 2017. Registration begins at 12:30 pm, and the Hunger Walk begins at 1:15 pm. The event will be located at Northridge United Methodist Church (9650 Reseda Blvd. Northridge, CA 91324). Not able to walk? Special CROP Walk envelopes are available during offering in the Church pews and on the community table. For more information contact one of our Crop Walk team: Joanne Franco, Pam McCoy, Mira Nasarenko or Emma Wilkins

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

This month we will start a special journey toward Christmas called Advent. It is a season when we wait and prepare our hearts for the coming of the promised one. So how will you spiritually prepare?

You will have many opportunities to do that at WHCC: Sunday and Tuesday morning services, our annual Christmas concert, and the choral cantata are a few ways you can do that. Another way will be to join our weekly Advent study.

Our Advent study will explore Tom Fuerst's book "Underdogs and Outsiders: A Bible Study on the Untold Stories of Advent". The book examines the way five women (Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary) prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. We will meet Monday nights from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Breese Chapel – starting November 20 and concluding December 18. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time together as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child!

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Craig



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### MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Second Tuesdays

at 2:00 p.m.

in Smith Lounge

We are going through the book of Revelations, one chapter at a time and then reading the study Bible's copious notes to see what it all means! Contact Zazel Whitney for details

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## CAMPUS WORK DAY

November 4

Join the Nursery School families as they get some much needed work done around our campus! The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and goes until 12:00. Wear long pants, closed toe shoes and bring gloves, a hat, sunscreen, and water. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex where you can choose the chore you want to do. For more information, contact Betsy Zentner or Erika Hawkins.

### *November Birthdays*

1 John Van Egmond

9 David Eychner

10 Jeremy Walter

11 Dianne Meyer

15 Joanne Franco

21 Emma Valentine

28 Walter Wegner



## Prayer Requests

Audrey Johnson is back in church after her recent illness and hospital stay. She is grateful for our prayers.

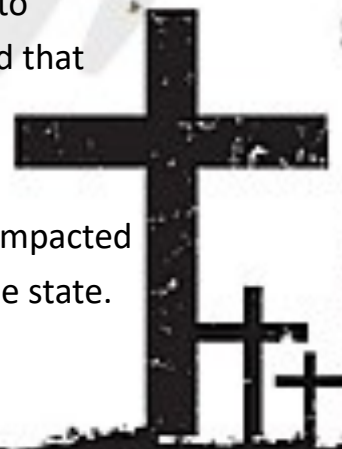
Kathi & Clark McIlvain ask that we pray friends, Parry and Tony, who lost their home in the Santa Rosa fire.

Ginette Reitz, a member of our Youth Groups in the '70's, is waiting to find a kidney donor. Prayers for a match.

Jonathan Carlisle & Larry Moad ask prayers for George and Myriam Gottl who both have serious health issues.

Ray and Joan Wagner are happy to report the Ray is doing better and that John Wegner is home from the hospital and doing better, too.

Continued prayers for everyone impacted by the recent fires throughout the state.



## Here are some of the upcoming events to help us prepare for Baby Jesus

Advent Series begins November 20th at 7:00 p.m. in Breese Chapel.



Be part of the WHCC tradition! Prepare the sanctuary for the Advent Season with "The Hanging of the Greens" on November 26 after church. There is a job for everyone, big and small. Contact Nita Standke for questions.



WHCC's annual Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.



This year's Christmas Eve Service will be at 6:00 PM. That's an hour later than the last few years. There will be a time of enrichment for children under the age of 13 during the service.