



**Westminster
Christian
Church**

UPDATE

JANUARY 2019

New Church Officers' Installation This Sunday, January 6th

An Installation Service will be held in each worship service this Sunday for our General Board members. Please be in prayer for these people listed below as they lead our church into 2019.

ELDERS

Ellen Cancino	Zack Jeffreys
Linda Flaherty	Greg Kahler
Heather Gonzales	Danette Silaban
Curt Jeffreys	Kay Stevens
Jacquie Jeffreys	Stacey Walters

DEACONS/DEACONESSES

Bonnie Ashton	Janine Kahler
Karen Black	Gary Perryman
Judy Clay	Bonnie Pierce
Jacquelyn Dennis	Jackie Rimmer
Charlotte Ellsworth	Linda Stocker
Jack Ellsworth	Charlie Vasquez
Marilyn Harclerode	

BOARD MEMBERS: The first General Board Meeting will be Sunday, January 13th, 12:45 pm. This will be a luncheon meeting so please bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert.

New Sermon Series Begins This Sunday, January 6th

For the next sixteen weeks, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark in worship and in both of our Adult Bible Studies. Join us as we learn about the life, ministry, death, resurrection, and gospel of Jesus Christ!

Wednesday Activities to Resume January 16th

Our adult groups will be going through a study called, "What's the Book About?" In this course, you'll gain insight into how the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, tells an overarching story. Not only will you learn about God's story, you'll discover the purpose and role you play in it! Wednesday's schedule is:

9:30 am – Adult Bible Study

6:00 pm – Potluck Supper

6:30 pm – Youth Groups: Kids For Christ, Gr. K-6th, and Lost & Found Youth, Gr. 7th-12th

7:30 pm – WCC Choir Rehearsal

Thank You To.....

**Everyone who served on Christmas Eve to help make the service so special.

**Our choir, the narrators, Director, Will Kubie, and Accompanists, Teresa and John Crane for the beautiful and meaningful presentation of the Christmas cantata, "Canticle of Joy."

**Our membership for your many expressions of love and encouragement to our church staff with your gifts and cards. You mean so much to each of us!

Personally From The Pastor....

To My Church Family,

It's hard to believe that it's already 2019! I don't know about you, but the past year has been a blur for me. It's been a hard year in many ways as well. As a community, we have experienced a lot of loss in the past twelve months. Many of you are still recovering from those difficult losses, and you can't wait for a fresh start.

If that's how you're feeling right now, then I have good news for you: our God is a God of new beginnings! Indeed, God wants to do a new thing in all of us. A fresh thing. Something we have never seen before. Something unfamiliar and unprecedented and unexpected. He wants to make a way in those circumstances where there seems like there is no way.

But so often, we fail to see what God is up to in the present and what He's going to do in the future because we're so focused on the past: our past hurts, our past disappointments, our past regrets, and even the best parts of our past.

But the truth is, God has never been overly impressed by the way things were. His promises are always given in future tense. Take a serious look at the Bible and you'll quickly discover that Scripture is filled with signposts pointing forward, onward, and upward!

God simply doesn't want us to dwell on our past; rather He wants us to dwell on what He still has in store for us. This doesn't mean God expects us to have amnesia, to erase the past from our memories. He simply asks us not to dwell on our past, not to define ourselves by our past, not to be enslaved by our past, not to hold the past in higher regard than what it still yet to come.

So if you feel that 2018 has left you worn and weary and in a rut, then I want to encourage you to stop dwelling on the past, and instead trust in where God has yet to lead you. Instead of dreading the new year, I want to challenge you to look to 2019 with excitement and anticipation!

In Christ Alone,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Giverson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "M" and "G".



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
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Installation of 2019 Church Officers Both Services 9:30 am Traditional Worship 10:35 am Bible Study for All Ages 11:30 am Contemporary Worship 5:00 pm Russian Church	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9:00 am Litter Pick Up
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