

# WCC UPDATE

## JANUARY 2026

### PERSONALLY FROM THE PASTOR

To My Church Family,

My office here at the church (actually, I prefer to think of it more as a study) has desperately needed a deep cleaning for a couple of years. It's crazy how quickly things accumulate, isn't it? I had several Bibles and books that needed to be shelved. Piles of papers to sort through and files to put away. Some decor that needed to be moved around. Things that I've been intending to donate to Goodwill taken to my car so that I can actually donate them. I've been dreading this task because it seemed so overwhelming. However, I finally decided to stop procrastinating this past week and spent several hours cleaning. And I'm so glad that I did because now that the clutter is gone, I feel like I can actually use the space without feeling overwhelmed in it!

I've been thinking about how that experience applies to all of us in this new year. To be sure, many of us carry things for far longer than we need to—habits, worries, regrets, or even good things that have simply outlived their season. Paul offers us some helpful wisdom in this regard: "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus," (Philippians 3:13-14). Paul isn't saying that we should pretend the past never happened or that our pain doesn't matter. Rather, he's reminding us that we don't have to keep dragging yesterday's clutter behind us. Some of us are trying to follow Jesus while our hearts are stacked with "what ifs," "if onlys," old accusations, old failures, old fears. And just like my study, that inner clutter doesn't only take up space; it drains energy, steals focus, and makes even good work feel heavy. But in Christ, we aren't sentenced to live in a constant replay. We are invited to lay down what belongs in the past, to receive again God's mercy for what we can't change, and to step into the future with the freedom of people who know where they're headed!

May the Lord bless you all in 2026!

P.S. I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for the generous offerings that were given to the church in 2025. I put out a call to action during a sermon last January, and your response rose over and above my wildest expectations—2025 was our most successful year in terms of general fund giving since 2019! Your faithfulness to our *plucky* church continually brings glory to God.

In Christ,

**Matt Stiveson**



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## MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the extremely generous Christmas gifts! Your special words and gifts were so meaningful to me. What a special church family we all have.

I was so pleased with the choir's Christmas cantata. They all worked so hard, as they always do, even as some of them were going through extremely hard trials. I am so thankful for your dedication as volunteers.

The children will once again be presenting a special song every month during the morning worship service. They are very excited to sing for you again!

God bless you all!

Teresa

**Dr. Teresa Crane, D.M.A.**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Josh and Miranda Huffman and son, Jecht  
Tracey Huffman  
Frank Larsen and children, Lyric, Emily, and Declan  
Angela and Scott Dean



## THANK YOU!

From your church staff—we so appreciate the warm wishes and the generous gifts you shared with us in December!

To Teresa Crane and our choir members for the blessing of the Christmas cantata!

To everyone who contributed to our Advent Service projects!



Reminder: the first **General Board meeting of 2026 is this coming Sunday, January 11, at 11:30 am!**

The Lord is doing big things at our church! We have yet another **baptism scheduled for Sunday, January 18!** Now's the perfect time to join in if you haven't yet officially committed yourself to Jesus.

## OUR MISSION AND VISION

### Our Mission

Sharing God's perfect love with an imperfect world.

### Our Vision

To be a welcoming family of Christ followers who are committed to growing in and living out our faith on a daily basis.

## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN 2026

There are several ways to get involved here at W.C.C. in the new year.

1. **“Living as a Christian in Today’s World”** is a book and discussion group that meets second Saturday of every month at 10:00 am. They will be finishing *Mere Christianity* this month and starting a new book next month. Keep your eyes open for more information.
2. **“Lessons in Grief”** is a grief support group that meets the third Saturday of every month at 12:00 pm. The mission of Lessons in Grief is to promote the love, hope, and comfort of Jesus Christ through caring, sharing, supporting, and exhorting one another as we learn to grow through loss. Losses can include loss of a job, health, relationships, and loss due to death.
3. **“First Steps”** is an orientation group for those of you who are newer to the church. We talk about the church’s history, our beliefs, mission, vision, and answer any questions that you might have pertaining to things like baptism and membership. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, January 25** at 11:45 am. Lunch will be provided. Please use the sign-up in the bulletin to RSVP.
4. Our **men’s Bible study** meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am at the IHOP at 221 W. 104th Ave., Northglenn.
5. Our **dad’s breakfast and prayer group** will be meeting on the final Saturday of every month at 10:00 am. It turns out that a bunch of dads don’t like discussing parenting books 🙄, but we do like talking about our parenting highs and lows and praying for one another! Breakfast will be provided. Please let Matt know if you plan to attend.
6. Our **Ministry Teams** are how we do, well, ministry. There is a form in the bulletin that lists all of our Teams and gives a snapshot idea of what they do. Don’t be afraid to try something new!
7. Our **Food Pantry** serves approximately forty people on a weekly basis. We are always in need of volunteers, including people to pick up donations from City Harvest on Wednesdays and people to actually run the pantry on Thursdays. Please see Matt or Kay Stevens for more information.



## **STUDENT MINISTRIES UPDATE**

God sent His one and only Son, Jesus, into the world because of His deep love. Jesus extended that love to the people He hung out with as He traveled and taught. **In this series, kids will be introduced to the love Jesus has for all people, including them.** He wants to be with us every day. He sees each of us for who we are and knows our needs before we even tell Him. Jesus offers love and care like no one else can, and His love is so great that He eventually died on the cross to save us from sin. Jesus loves us more than we can even imagine, and He invites us to hang out with Him ... forever!



The youth group will also be heading back to Skate City in Westminster this coming **Saturday, January 10, from 2-4 pm!** Parents are more than welcome to join in the fun!

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING UPDATE**

All of our Wednesday evening activities will resume on January 14.

Join us for potluck at 6:00 pm (bring some food to share with everyone else), Bible study for adults and youth group for kids and teens at 6:30, and choir rehearsal at 7:30.

Many people have expressed that Wednesday evenings are their favorite part of the week!

## **SUNDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE AND STUDY SCHEDULE**

January 11—1 Corinthians 3

January 18—1 Corinthians 4

January 25—1 Corinthians 5

Thursday, January 1

# JANUARY

Sunday, January 4

We collect Pocket Change offerings on the first Sunday of every month and use the money given to this program to promote and purchase materials for the church.

9:30 am

**Worship**

10:30 am

**Bible Study for All Ages**

Tuesday Mornings

8:30 am

**Men's Bible Study**—meeting at IHOP at 221 W. 104<sup>th</sup> Ave., Northglenn. See Steve Cancino for information.

Thursday Afternoons

12:00 –2:00 pm

**Food Pantry** (Beginning on January 8)

Saturday, January 10

10:00 am

**"Living as a Christian in Today's World" Book and Discussion Group.** See Missy Luzzi or Wolf Thompson for more information.

2:00 – 4:00 pm

**Youth Group at Skate City**

Sunday, January 11

9:30 am

**Worship**

10:30 am

**Bible Study for All Ages**

11:30 am

**General Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 14  
**All Wednesday Evening Activities Resume**

6:00 pm

**Potluck Dinner (Bring a dish to share)**

6:30 pm

**Adult and Youth Bible Studies**

7:30 pm

**Choir**

Saturday, January 17

12:00 noon

**Lessons in Grief Group**—please bring a sack lunch with you. Contact Sharon Keel or Kay Stevens for more information. The mission of Lessons in Grief is to promote the love, hope, and comfort of Jesus Christ through caring, sharing, supporting, and exhorting one another as we learn to grow through loss. Losses can include loss of a job, health, relationships, and loss due to death.

Sunday, January 18

9:30 am

**Worship and Baptism**

10:30 am

**Bible Study for All Ages**

Sunday, January 25

9:30 am

**Worship**

10:30 am

**Bible Study for All Ages**

11:45 am

**First Steps Class**—We talk about the church's history, our beliefs, mission, vision, and answer any questions that you might have pertaining to things like baptism and membership.

Tuesday, January 27

9:30 am

**Church Women United**—join the ladies of our church and other local churches as they create items to give to local care centers.

Saturday, January 31

10:00 am

**Dad's Breakfast and Prayer Group**