



**Western Hills Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**December 4, 2018**

# The Messenger

***In Essentials...Unity  
In Non-Essentials...Liberty  
In All Things...Charity***

***Empowering Christ-Centered Lives***

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Please get your articles in by  
Monday at Noon so it will be in the  
2nd & 4th Tuesday Newsletter.  
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## MESSAGE FROM REV. BRENT POMEROY

The Christmas season is one of my favorite times of year around the church. When the wreaths and garland are hung in the sanctuary and the nativity scene is set above the baptistery and the Chrismons are placed on the tree, for me that's when it really starts to feel like Christmas. And as we light another Advent candle each week it's a reminder that we are moving closer and closer to the big day; the day we celebrate that the Light of the world has come.

We know the light of Christ shines all year, but in the weeks before Christmas it seems to shine just a little brighter. So how do you experience Christ's light? Where do you see it shining? You may notice it in the joyful anthems of the choir. It might shine for you as you sing the words of a familiar Christmas carol. You might see it in the hands of an Open Table volunteer or in the eyes of one our guests at the Food Bank. The light of God shines all around us.

The light of Christmas, the light of Christ, is a gift meant for us to enjoy but it is also a gift to share. So as we make our preparations for the big day, let's do our best to let God's light shine through us. You may be surprised at how easily it can cast out some of the darkness in your own life and in the life of someone else. Advent is here, with all its excitement, expectation and wonder. I look forward to sharing it with all of you and I'll be looking for you in church.

Brent

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# Please Pray For:

Donna Guthrie Lenear  
Family of Margaret  
Ruth Mann  
Patty O.  
Naman Carter  
Jim Fowler  
Shiner  
Larry Riley  
Alma Frausto  
Ken & Marlene Long



*Prayer requests for family and friends will be listed for four weeks. If you feel they should be listed longer, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.*



## **BIBLE BOOK FOR**

**DECEMBER**

Revelation



## **SUNDAY MORNING**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:15 AM**

**COFFEE CUP  
10:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:40 AM**

## **NAME TAGS**



Any church member needing a name tag, please contact the church office at 210-690-9327.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



This year's Christmas Cantata will be on Dec. 16 at 6:30 PM. The Choir will be performing "Sing Joy to All the World! A Christmas Celebration" by Lloyd Larson. Following the Cantata all are invited to come and enjoy a dinner of tamales, sides and desserts in Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up board in the foyer if you would like to help with food, set-up or clean-up. We hope you will come and enjoy an evening of great music, food and fun.

Church Women United meets THIS Friday, December 7, 2018 at 9:30AM at WHCC. We would love to have our ladies of this church to attend. We will be having a cookie exchange during the meeting. Bring 2 dozen if you want to participate.



**The Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the  
DWF Christmas Social at WHCC  
Wednesday, December 19, 2017 at 10:30AM.  
Please bring something good to eat to share with all.  
We also play a gift exchange game,  
So, you will need to bring a gift with a \$5-\$10 value.**

# Men's Breakfast Group



December 8, 2018 at 9:00AM

Men's Breakfast Group  
@ Western Hills Christian Church

Central Christian Church will be joining us!

Registration for **Chi Rho Midwinter Retreat**, January 18-20! This is for youth 6-8th grades. You may access the info here:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/89f2a1ba001/3366fcfd-c300-48e3-9f3e-a740675164ec.pdf>

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The Worship Ministry is offering the purchase of Poinsettias in memory of a deceased loved one, or to honor someone still living. The cost of each plant is \$13.00. You may take the plant home after the Sunday Service before Christmas or Christmas Eve, or donate it to one of our shut-ins. This is a nice way to remember those we love and beautify the sanctuary. A list of memorials and those being honored will be included in the December 25th bulletin. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or place in the collection plate with your payment **by Sunday, December 16th.** The Worship Ministry thanks you.

In loving memory of

By \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name

## **HELP NEEDED!!!**



As you all know, we have lost a vital member of our congregation. Rev. Maggie has filled so many areas that we need to ask for your help to fill the vacancies in support of Children's Church, Children's Moment, and Sunday School. In addition, our Prayer Band is in need of additional members.

Those who are interested in helping with **Children's Church** be responsible to conduct services for about 45 minutes during our regular worship service. An easy to follow curriculum is available or you can use DVDs or your own material. Several of our older youth assist with the puppet show, lesson, crafts, and serving snacks. Participants will be scheduled based on the number of people will to take responsibility (if we have four people, each person would be scheduled once/twice a month). Facilitating this service is a rewarding way to share your faith with our youngsters...please give it your prayerful consideration. We will have a meeting to answer any questions you might have.



The **Children's Moment** requires preparation for presentation to our children about every six weeks. There are a number of books available in the library and a lot of information is accessible on the internet. You can also come up with your own ideas. We try to have the Children's Moment go along with the morning scripture. Participants will be scheduled based on the number of people will to take responsibility (if we have four people, each person would be scheduled once/twice a month). Sharing our faith with our children is truly a blessing...would you please consider serving in this ministry. Just one warning....the kids can easily upstage you.

Maggie leads the **CYF Sunday School**; we need a replacement for this class. We have a great group of kids that will welcome you to take this challenge. It will require preparing your material and conducting the class on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15.

The **Prayer Band** is a vital part of WHCC's ministry. It provides spiritual support for those in need who give us requests, and often includes people outside our congregation. We have seen many miracles that we feel were attributed to our prayers. A Prayer Band is provided with a list showing a Day and Night group; "B" Moore, the first contact, calls the first person on the list and gives them the message so they can call the next person. Detailed instructions are included on the Prayer Band list.

If you have any questions about serving in any of the above areas, contact Pastor Brent at the church office, 210-690-9327 or Betty Wright, (210) 696-5163. Contact "B" Moore regarding the Prayer Band (210) 492-5284.

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc	3 1PM Quilting Bee 6PM Praise Band	4 7:30PM AA Meeting	5 7:00PM Choir	6 10AM Bible Study 6PM Bible Study	7 Christian Women United 9:30AM @ WHCC	8 9AM Men's Breakfast @ WHCC with Central CC 4-6PM The Open Table/FB	
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16 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc After Worship—Board Meeting 6:30PM Choir Cantata	17 1PM Quilting Bee 6PM Praise Band	18 7:30PM AA Meeting	19 10:30AM DWF - Christmas Luncheon 7:00PM Choir	20 10AM Bible Study 6PM Bible Study	21	22 4-6PM The Open Table/FB	
23 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc	24 Christmas Eve - Office Closed 6PM Praise Band 6:30PM Christmas Eve Service		25 Christmas Day - Office Closed 10AM-2PM St. P.'s Children's Christmas/Lunch/ BBQ	26 -Office Closed	27 10AM Bible Study	28	29
30 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc	31 New Year's Eve -Office Closed		1 Jan 2019 Happy New Year! -Office Closed				

## Honored to Serve

	<u>Sunday December 9, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday December 16, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday December 23, 2018</u>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 1:39-45
<b>Worship Leader</b>	David Rico	Bill Mann	Frank Gloria
<b>Bread Elder</b>	Brian Brown	David Rico	Bill Mann
<b>Deacons</b>	Team 2	Team 2	Team 2
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Ann Griffith	Betty Wright	Jody Campbell
<b>Children's Church</b>	Ann Griffith, Sadie	Betty Wright, Brianna	Betty Wright, Saffron
<b>Acolytes</b>	Rhianna Burgess	Rorie Griffith	Sadie Griffith
<b>Stewards</b>	Bill & Jody Campbell, Terri Brown	Earl & Lou Critchlow, Myrna Lorenzana	Jim Collier, Frank Gloria, Linda Kirk

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

<b>Senior Minister</b>	Rev. Brent Pomeroy 210-464-5267 pastor@whccsa.org
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<b>Prayer Band</b>	"B" Moore 210-492-5284

### Lectionary Readings



#### December 9, 2018

Malachi 3:1-4  
 Luke 1:68-79  
 Philippians 1:3-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

#### December 16, 2018

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
 Isaiah 12:2-6  
 Philippians 4:4-7  
 Luke 3:7-18

#### December 23, 2018

Micah 5:2-5a  
 Luke 1:46b-55  
 or Psalm 80:1-7  
 Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Luke 11:39-45, (46-55)

## Marketplace

### Catering

Doug Critchlow 210-414-6948  
 c/o Annie Marie's Catering 210-545-2249

### House & Garage Cleaning/ General Organizing & Independent Advocare Consultant/Distributor

www.advocare/130457732.com health and wellness  
 Supplements  
 Loretta Clayton 210-872-8726

### Fire and/or carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home. - someone will be sent out to install them for free (for single-family dwellings only)!

Call the Fire Chief's office at 210-207-8400

### Real Estate

Irene Lime 210-681-8818/cell 210-573-6169  
 SA Homefinders—Buy/Sell & 10% donated of the commission to WHCC  
 Property Management

Dianne Cortez 210-535-2059/cell 210-684-7349  
 Spiros Realty, LLC

### Health and Wellness Consultations

Alternative Health Protection Donna/Bob Gebing 210-521-9111  
 or NASA Purifiers Air/Car/Heater/Laundry Join/Learn FREE at  
[www.Vollara.com](http://www.Vollara.com)

### Roofing

Carlos Cortez 210-696-9812  
 Cortez Roofing  
 Drywall/Painting/Tree Trimming/General Handyman

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Dec 7	9:30AM	Church Women United Meeting @WHCC
Dec 8	9:00AM	Men's Breakfast with Central Christian Church @ WHCC
Dec 9	12:30PM	Elder Meeting
Dec 16		Board Meeting
Dec. 16	6:30PM	Choir Christmas Cantata
Dec 19	10:30AM	DWF Annual Christmas Social
Dec 24	6:30PM	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25	10:00AM-2:00PM	St. P.J.'s Children's Christmas/Lunch/BBQ
Jan 4		Registration Deadline for Chi Rho -(6-8 Grades) Midwinter Retreat
Jan 18-20		Chi Rho Midwinter Retreat @Camp Gonzo

 *"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."*