

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Everyone! We are glad you have joined us for worship and hope the Holy Spirit meets you here today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, juice, and treats.

November is Stewardship Month - Looking toward 2026, pledge cards help with the planning process and demonstrate a commitment to work together in God's mission. We invite you to prayerfully consider your anticipated giving for 2026 and return your pledge card anytime this month. All of your gifts are appreciated.

Stomping Grounds Coffee Fundraiser, Monday, Nov. 17 - All of the Stomping Grounds Coffee locations, including the new one in Gresham, will donate 25% of all sales to the East County Food Pantry. Invite a friend or two to catch up over coffee, and help support our food pantry at the same time.

Free Community Meal, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5:30-6:30 pm - On third Wednesdays, everyone is welcome to join us for a free dinner. This month is a Thanksgiving potluck, so please sign up in the entryway and let us know if you are able to bring an item to share that fits with the Thanksgiving theme.

Today, Help us Decorate the Church for Christmas, 11:30-1:30 pm - We will be putting up our Chrismon Tree (decorated in white and gold-symbolizing the purity and glory of Christ). Help is appreciated.

Crafts & Chili, Sunday, Nov. 30, 11:30 - This is our annual Advent Workshop, so we will make Christmas crafts and decorate Christmas Cookies to take home. It is the fifth Sunday, so everyone is invited to bring a dessert to share. If you want to do crafts, please talk with Janet Emch or Janet Pomazi so there are enough.

Scrooge Performances - Dec. 5-6 and 12-13 at 7:00 pm, plus matinee shows Dec. 7 and 14 at 3:00 pm

Gresham Community Choir Concert - Dec. 7, 3:00 pm. Admission is non-perishables for our food pantry.

Conchord Chorale Christmas Concert - Dec. 21, 2:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Dec. 24 at 7:00 pm. (Prelude begins at 6:30 pm)

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC (<i>schedule changes in italics</i>)					
Day (next date)		Time	Event	Place	Contact
Sundays		11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (12/14)		11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
2nd Sunday (12/14)		After worship	Family Funday	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Tuesdays		10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Wednesdays		10:00 -11:30am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Sonja Flener
Wednesdays		10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays		6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
3rd Wednesday (11/19)		5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Thursdays		8:15 - 9:00am	Online Bible Study	Via Zoom	Pastor Brad
Thursdays		10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Linda Murphy
Thursdays		2:15-3:45pm	Line Dancing	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
2 nd /4 th Thursday (12/11)		12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Fridays		9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturdays		10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry Distribution	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3rd Saturday (12/20)		Time Varies	Outriggers	Location Varies	Barb Lintner
5th Sunday (11/30)		After Worship	Crafts & Chili	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
NEXT WEEK'S (NOVEMBER 23) SUNDAY SERVANTS					
Greeters	Rob Pomazi & Leesa Pomazi		Opening Prayer	Robert Pomazi	
Ushers	Janet Emch and Ron Emch		Scripture Reader	Berni Mueller	
Special Helper	Steve Marker and Felista Marker		Counters	Leesa Pomazi and Jon Bachelder	
Refreshments	Exercise Group				
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



This is one of the oldest Christian tapestries in the world. It is dated to the 500s and was found in Egypt. The two peacocks in the upper half of this composition are common symbols of immortality in the ancient Greek culture and thus many Christians associated peacocks with the resurrection. Between the peacocks is a Christogram formed by the first two letters of Christ’s name in Greek, X (chi) and P (rho). Beneath the arch, an *ankh*, an ancient Egyptian symbol of life, is framed by two birds. IXΘYC or ichthus “fish” is an acronym for “Jesus Christ, God, Son, Savior.” On the bottom section is another Chi-Rho flanked by the letters Alpha and Omega, describing Jesus as the beginning and the end. The three worshippers might be a reference to the book of Daniel in which the three worshippers were unharmed in the fire because someone was with them who had the appearance of God. This tapestry is housed at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

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