

Westminster Weekly Update
November 17, 2026

Helping people find purpose in Jesus through genuine relationships.

GOOD WORD: GOD'S CHARACTER, HUMAN FLOURISHING



Week 4: Shalom–The God of Peace

How is your peace these days? In a world of constant change and uncertainty, peace can often feel fragile, if not completely out of reach. But the peace Scripture describes goes deeper than quiet circumstances or an absence of conflict. The Hebrew word shalom speaks of wholeness and well-being. Of life made whole in relationship with God, one another, and creation. It expresses God's character and his desire for his people.

This Sunday, we'll explore the beautiful priestly blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 and the promise of a coming ruler in Micah 5:2–5, for "He will be our peace."

Join us as we discover how the God of peace meets us in our unsettled lives and calls us to share his shalom with the world. Come worship with us Sunday at 9:00am or 10:45am in our Sanctuary **or you can also find us online at wpcmedford.com or on Facebook.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DEDICATION THIS SUNDAY



The amazing journey of a shoebox gift begins with you and results in evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Please return your filled, postage paid (**checks made to Samaritan's Purse and include OCC on the memo line**), boxes by THIS Sunday, November 22, 2026 so we can pray God's blessings over the boxes at both worship services. The absolute **final day to drop them off at WPC this Sunday, November 22 by 10:30am.**

ALL-CHURCH STORY IN LIGHTS SETUP THIS SUNDAY 12:30-2:30PM

The tips of the mountains are dusted in snow, and the leaves paint the ground. Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner! With that, our church family has an opportunity to participate in the first Christmas story. We join in with the rejoicing angels, heralding shepherds, and bowing magi to share the good news of a Saving King that has come to us! We do this through a platform that our community and world can connect with (incarnational!)... a Christmas lights drive-thru where people hear the good news, and experience the personable grace, warmth, and hospitality of the community that shows the good news.

It takes many hands behind the scenes to bring this together. We begin our weekends of setting up lights this Sunday at 12:30-2:30pm in the Worship Hall, with additional opportunities to help set up as well. Just check out the sign up online, in person in the Narthex, or at this link **here** to sign up. Other ways to help are: inviting your small group to sign up to serve in this outreach; inviting family, friends, co-workers, & neighbors to drive thru with you; and liking and sharing the Facebook event to help spread the word to our community

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY GOODIES WANTED 11/29



Help us celebrate St Andrew's Day next **Sunday, November 29** with traditional Scottish foods. **Please bring scones or shortbread before worship to share during our Fellowship hour**. If you feel adventurous, you are welcome to bring any other traditional Scottish foods such as Oatmeal Rolls, Crumpets, Scottish Tablet, Black Buns, and Bannock. All recipes are located online. **Questions? Contact Rosa Romano at serve@wpcmedford.com**

PACKING WASHINGTON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS



Please join us on **Sunday, November 29**, for our **annual Washington Elementary School gift bag party**, where we'll assemble bags filled with small items. Many of the students live in a low-income neighborhood, and Christmas can be a hard time for their families. We're looking for church volunteers to help bless these families at this meaningful and fun event. We will begin around 12:15pm in the Worship Hall, after the last service, and lunch is provided. To volunteer, **RSVP** Patti at **pattipendergast@outlook.com** or call 541-890-4985.

COMING SOON: WESTMINSTER IS PARTNERING WITH YOUTH 71:5 PARENTS IN A GIVING TREE OPPORTUNITY!



Watch for **angel tree tags** which will be on the Christmas tree outside our Sanctuary to purchase a requested toy listed on the tag and return it to church by the **deadline in early December** (actual date TBA.) Many teen parents struggle with finding safe yet affordable housing, reliable transportation, and enough money to buy groceries. We can lend a hand and help them give their children a few toys this Christmas.

Youth 71:5 is actively engaged in ministry and discipleship with teen parents in our community. At Parent Night, they share a meal, teach parenting skills, and study God's Word with all who come. Please pray that God would bless these teen parents through this important ministry.



STORY IN LIGHTS DONATIONS

We need **bulk** hot chocolate like Swiss Miss that mixes with water (not Nesquik), large jugs of apple cider, mini marshmallows and mini candy canes for our **Story in Lights *"Hope Has Come"*** drive-thru experience. Hot drinks will be offered to everyone in their cars to be enjoyed as they hear the beautiful re-telling of the Christmas story. **We are planning on over 2000 people to drive through so that's a lot of hot drinks and candy canes!** Please drop off donations in the bin marked "Story in Lights" by the Music Room. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE



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ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE - JANUARY 22-24, 2027

Join us in Florence, OR, from Friday through Sunday, January 22-24 for a getaway to strengthen your friendship with your spouse. This time away is for couples in any season of married life, from newlyweds to long-time companions. **Thanks to a generous sponsor, the cost is only $155. Space is limited, so save your spot today!** Questions? Email us at marriage@wpcmedford.com.



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