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Becoming A Part Of West End - New Member Sunday is usually the fourth Sunday of each month. If you would like to join West End, please indicate your desire by checking interested in membership on the attendance pad.

Finding A Sunday Morning Class - We have Sunday Morning Classes at West End for all ages. To find a class that's right for you, visit the Welcome Center in Reed Hall or check out a listing of adult classes online at *westendumc.org/smc*.

Trunk or Treat Is Next Sunday

Trunk or Treat is almost here! Please join us Sunday, October 27 from 4 - 7 p.m. for a free night of fun, fellowship, and festivities! Trunks will be set up throughout the parking lot ready to hand out treats to all. BBQ dinner will be available in McWhirter Hall, and is $5 for kids and $10 for adults. Carnival games and face painting will be running as well. Game tickets available for $1/ticket, or you can purchase an all-you-can-play wristband for $20. We hope you can be there!

Volunteers Still Needed - Volunteers are still needed for games, candy donations, and of course people to host trunks! Please sign up at *westendumc.org/trunkortreat* to help out in any way.

Room in the Inn Sign Ups - Check Out Where We Need You

We are so close to having all of our volunteer spots filled to make RITI a success. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. We still need emergency overnight hosts and drivers. Contact Stacey to find out more at *sharwelldye@westendumc.org.*

Choral Evensong on November 17

On Sunday, November 17, Sanctuary Choir will sing a service of choral evensong at 4 p.m. under the direction of guest musician, Robert S. Brewer, and our own Andrew Risinger. Evensong, mostly sung by the choir, is a service of reflection - of leaving oneself open that God may speak to us through the Psalms and readings and canticles which are the core of the liturgy. This service of prayers, both sung and spoken, will include music of Barnard, Randall, Kelly, and Boyle. All are invited.

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West End UMC members may request a car tag (one per household) by contacting Melanie Paulson *mpaulson@westendumc.org* or 615.321.8500.

Join Us For College Lunch

All College Students, join us for a free meal every Sunday after the late service when school is in session. We meet in Reed Hall directly after the service and walk/drive to a location in the area for food and community. Reach out to Nancy for more info at *nparker@westendumc.org*.

Room In The Inn Men's Clothing Drive

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