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End Of Year Giving at West End UMC

Please remember the church in your end-of-year giving. Our church is growing and so are our ministries! We need to receive \$373,000 in the month of December to meet our 2022 budget expectations. This is an excellent time to make sure you have fulfilled your pledge commitment for the year and to consider an additional gift to the church. You may donate in the offering plate during worship, by mailing a check or bringing one to the church on weekdays, or by donating online at westendumc.org/give. We appreciate your generosity!

December Communion Offering

December is for the Pastor's Discretionary Account. We use these funds in a variety of ways to help our neighbors - from bus passes to snack bags to helping them keep their utilities turned on and their rent paid. This money typically goes beyond our church to be a financial balm to those in need.

Interested in Joining West End?

Our next 4-week membership class will begin Sunday, January 15 at 9:45am in McWhirter Hall. No registration is required. For more information, contact Erin Racine at eracine@westendumc.org.

One Service on Christmas and New Year's Day

Join us for one worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, December 25 and January 1. There will be no Sunday School on either Sunday.

On Sunday, December 25, Childcare for 2 and under will be open, but there will be no children's church for 3-5 year olds. On January 1, there will be no childcare or children's church. Children of all ages are always welcome in worship!

New Year's Eve Taize Labyrinth Service

Experience the beauty and peace of Taizé worship around the labyrinth in the 4th Story Theater this December 31. Before you go to "party hearty" or have a quiet evening at home, come to let go of the burdens of 2022 and enter 2023 with renewed hope and peace. Opportunity is offered for individual prayers and anointing for healing. The service begins at 5 pm. The Taizé Team will welcome you with beautiful music and warm smiles.

Communion Preparation Volunteers Needed

Each month, volunteers are needed to prepare the bread and juice for Communion, set the Communion table prior to worship, and clean up afterward. Preparation takes place during the week prior to Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month). If you are able to help with preparation during the week and/or set up and clean up on Sundays, contact Ashley Darling at ashleyjdarling@gmail.com.

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