

Upcoming Events

BUILDERS FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS DINNER (for Mature Men)

- On **Wednesday, December 13th at 9:30 A.M. in Room 222**, Dale Laidlaw, West Highland's Director of Administration, will be our special speaker. Following our meeting, we will have a turkey lunch at **The Village Restaurant (35 King St. E., Stoney Creek) at 11:30 A.M.** Lunch tickets are \$20 and available from Glen Kuik.

"SIMPLY CHRISTMAS" MUSICAL PRODUCTION

- **Friday, December 15th at 7:00 P.M. in the Auditorium.** This special evening of music and drama will be followed by a dessert buffet. *Tickets are \$5 (kids 9 & under are FREE!) and available in the foyer or at www.westhighland.org/catalogue.*

JOY FELLOWSHIP (for Mature Adults)

- On **Thursday, December 21st at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall**, we'll have a wonderful morning of singing the traditional songs of the Christmas season followed by a Christmas brunch. *Cost is \$8 per person payable at the event.*

PLEASE NOTE: On December 24th and December 31st, we will have only ONE morning worship service at 10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

- Join with family and friends on **Sunday, December 24th at 7:00 P.M.** to reflect on the advent of our Saviour with caroling, candlelight, and "All About That Baby" - a mini production presented by a group of our STAR Kids.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

- There are still a few photo opportunities available for our church directory on **December 27th & 28th**. Book your session at www.westhighland.org/directory or contact the Church Office.

TREC—2018 SPRING SEMESTER

- A new semester of TREC (*TR*aining & *E*quipping *C*hrist-followers) will begin on **Sunday, January 14th at 6:00 P.M.** for 8 weeks. *Information on class offerings will be available soon.*

THE ALPHA COURSE

- This is your opportunity to explore the Christian faith with no question too simple, too tough or too out there! **Weekly classes begin Thursday, January 25th at 6:30 P.M.** Dinner is included. For more information and to register, visit the table in the foyer or go to www.westhighland.org/alpha.

Announcements

2018 Elders Election Results—Paul Gerics, John Maheu and Andrew Smith were all confirmed by vote to serve as Elders beginning in 2018.

Welcome our new members—Della Cox, Corrine Hardie, Deborah Liu, Martha Ngosi, Karen Orig, Barbara Redman, Kevin Spong

You can order **poinsettias** in the foyer in memory of loved ones for \$10.00 a plant. These plants will make up our Christmas display at the front of the Auditorium this season and can be taken home following our morning service on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

We have a limited number of **2018 Devotional Calendars** available for \$3 each at the Welcome Centre. They make great stocking stuffers!

After a lengthy absence, our **elevator** is now back in service! Thank you for your patience during this inconvenience.

In consideration of others with allergies and sensitivities, please refrain from wearing perfumes and other strong fragrances while attending our worship services.



THE *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* OF THE ANGELS



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ANSWERED PRAYER? PRAISE GOD!

If you've had an answer to prayer recently, jot it down on a yellow praise paper (in chair pocket) and drop it in our **THANKOMETER**—the clear, plastic tube at the front of the Auditorium—anytime during congregational singing. Let us rejoice with you!

From Pastor John's Desk...

Welcome to the **second Sunday of our Advent celebration** at West Highland. Today in our worship, we will light the Candle of **Peace** to symbolize that Jesus, the Prince of peace, was heralded with an announcement from a choir of angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

For hundreds of years, it has been the custom of all branches of the Christian Church to celebrate Christ's coming with **the lighting of Advent Candles**. These candles symbolize the wonderful divine gifts that Jesus, the Light of the world, brings to all who believe in him. Last week, we celebrated the gift of Hope. Today, we celebrate the gift of our Lord's Peace. The Bible says, "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Christmas is all about God bringing an end to our rebellion and reconciling us to God. And because God has reconciled us to himself through Christ, we experience an internal "*shalom*" – a peace in the heart that is unlike any peace the world can offer us (John 14:27).

This Advent season, may you know the presence of the God of peace and the blessing of the peace of God.

Committed to seeking Him and making His *Word* fully known.

John Mahaffey, Lead Pastor

Advent Candle—Week 2

The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Peace**.

Candle Lighters:

9:00 A.M.—Barbara Redman

11:00 A.M.—Javier & Karen Varela, Dania and Leyla



Today at West Highland



CHRISTMAS SONGS

Part 1:
The Gloria in Excelsis Deo of the Angels
Luke 2:14

John Mahaffey, *Lead Pastor*

ARE YOU A GUEST?

- We would love to get to know you better! Please complete a **Welcome Card** (in the chair pocket) and place it in the offering plate as it goes by **OR** bring it to someone at the Welcome Centre to receive a card for free goodies at our Cornerstone Café for you and your party.
- Pick up our **Welcome Brochure & CD** at the Welcome Centre which introduces you to our Ministry Team and outlines many of the ministries and programs we offer. It's our gift to you!
- If needed, we have **Large Print** worship song sheets and **Hearing Assistance Devices** available from our Ushers. **Braille** worship song sheets are available at the Welcome Centre.

STAR KIDS—OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN



- Nursery and programs for children up to JK/SK start at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M. on the lower level.
- Grades 1-6 will be dismissed from the Auditorium during the service.

PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 & 8

- During our 9:00 A.M. service, students in Grades 7 & 8 will be dismissed from the Auditorium to meet in the Youth Room on the lower level.



This Week at West Highland

- **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**
English Among Friends..... 6:30 P.M.—Room 150
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**
Men's Bible Study 6:30 P.M.—Room 223
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**
Builders Fellowship (*for Mature Men*) 9:30 A.M.—Room 222
Worship Team Practice 6:30 P.M.—Auditorium
Mid-Week Prayer 7:15 P.M.—Room 225
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**
Self-Defense 6:30 & 8:00 P.M.—Gym
- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**
Moms & Tots Playgroup 9:30-11:00 A.M.—Gym
"Simply Christmas" 7:00 P.M.—Auditorium
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**
Men's Floor Hockey 10:00 A.M.—Gym
Emmaus Road (*Hour of Prayer for Sunday*) 7:30 P.M.—Foyer
- **NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**
Pre-Service Prayer 8:30 & 10:30 A.M.—Room 225
Worship Service 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.—Auditorium



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