

# News to GO

At Woodbury/Peaceful Grove United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome to participate, whether you're a first-time guest or a life-long member. If you have questions about any of the items listed below, you can contact the person listed or speak to any of our pastors or staff.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR FOOD SHELF

Today is the last day to make a donation to the Friends in Need Food Shelf for the Thanksgiving Basket Program. This program will help families in need have a Thanksgiving dinner. A \$40 donation is suggested to defray the cost of a basket, but any amount is appreciated. Donated funds will be delivered to the food shelf so they can purchase what they need for the baskets. Cash or check donations can be dropped off at either campus. If you have any questions, contact Paula Christensen at 651-458-3580.

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN WORKDAY

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming work day on Saturday, November 20, 9:00-11:00 am. WPGUMC sends a work team to Feed My Starving Children once a month. Volunteers package meals to be sent to children all over the world. Sign up sheets are in the Commons on the Woodbury campus or sign up online at [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org). Click on "register to volunteer", then on "permanent sites", then "join an existing group". Enter Woodbury Peaceful Grove UMC in the group box, then click on "join" for the date you wish to volunteer. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Walker at [dawn.walker@msn.com](mailto:dawn.walker@msn.com) or 651-731-1308.

## WPPS FALL BAZAAR AND BOOK FAIR

**November 15-19, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Woodbury Campus**

The Woodbury Preschool Programs on Steepleview (the weekday children's programs at WPGUMC) invite you to check out the fall bazaar and book fair in the Woodbury Campus Plaza. Items for sale include handmade crafts, fresh baked goods, holiday items, and Scholastic books. All proceeds from the sale support scholarships and equipment for the preschool. Contributions of baked goods or craft items are welcome! Contact Julie Johnson or Jan Slagter at 651-738-0305 if you have any questions.

## DECORATE THE PEACEFUL GROVE CAMPUS

**Saturday, November 27, 9:00 am**

Come kick off your Advent season and join the Peaceful Grove Worship Team in decorating the sanctuary for Christmas! Volunteers are needed to help setup and adorn the two trees, arrange memorial poinsettias, setup the Advent stations and display the manger scene. Morning coffee, cocoa and treats will be provided. Hope to see you there! For more information, contact Holly Curtis at [curtis-112578@comcast.net](mailto:curtis-112578@comcast.net).

## CHILD CARE, YARD WORK, AND PROJECTS

Do you need child care, yard work help, or just extra people for a project? Senior high students at WPGUMC are looking for ways to earn money for mission trips in the coming year. Contact Amy Fuller at 651-738-2010 or [afuller@wumc-pgumc.org](mailto:afuller@wumc-pgumc.org) with your project needs and timeline, and she can pair you with students who can help. For tracking purposes, payment should be made by check to WPGUMC with the student's name and "Missions" in the memo line. All payment amounts are made at your discretion.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE

**Thursday, November 18, 6:30 pm, Woodbury Campus**

A special church conference will be held on November 18 for the setting of pastoral compensation. It will be a very short meeting and all are welcome to attend.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, December 3, 12:30-5:30 pm, Woodbury Campus**

Give the gift of life. Donors are needed! To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at 651-291-4607. If you can help with registrations, please call Robin Beckman at 651-735-7517 (evenings). Volunteer shifts are 12:30-3:30 pm and 3:30-6:00 pm.

## ADVENT EVENT

**Saturday, December 4, 3:00-5:00 pm, Woodbury Campus**

Make plans now to participate in this year's Advent Event! There will be ornament making, cookie baking, and holiday service projects for the whole family. Gifts for the Tubman Holiday Gift Program will be collected and the SERRV sale will be part of the day. The afternoon will conclude with family worship. If you can help with this event, please contact Jan Slagter at 651-738-0305 or [jslagter@wumc-pgumc.org](mailto:jslagter@wumc-pgumc.org).

## GREATER GIFT (SERRV) SALE

**December 4, 3:00-4:30 pm (during Advent Event)**

**Sunday, December 5, 8:30 am-12:30 pm**

**Woodbury Campus Youth Room**

Come check out the fair trade products available for purchase for yourself or as wonderful gifts. Items include purses & bags, pottery, baskets, Christmas ornaments, table linens and much more! SERRV has a mission to eradicate poverty, helping artisans and farmers around the world secure a sustainable income for themselves and their families. The Kairos Class at WPGUMC sponsors the sale in partnership with Simpson UMC and designates 10% of the proceeds to an organization which makes a difference in people's lives.

## READER'S BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 pm, Woodbury Campus Library**

Do you enjoy reading and discussing what you read? The December selection of the WPGUMC Reader's Book Club is *A Christmas Blizzard* by Garrison Kellior. Please join this lively and enthusiastic group of participants who share a love of reading and discussion. For more information or to join please contact Darlene Wetterstrom at 651-337-1454 or [darwetterstrom@comcast.net](mailto:darwetterstrom@comcast.net).

## TURKEY DINNER UPDATE

The final results are in! 917 meals were served at the Turkey Dinner on October 14 (528 dine-in and 389 take-out). The \$6,100 in proceeds from the dinner will go toward our church apportionments. In addition, the Bazaar raised \$404 for Emma Norton Services and the loose change offering of \$222 for Feed My Starving Children will feed 30 children for a year!

**Notice to crock pot and turkey roaster loaners:** please check to make sure you received all of the correct parts, as a few people have reported getting back the wrong liners or lids. Please report any mix-ups to Dawn Walker at [dawn.walker@msn.com](mailto:dawn.walker@msn.com) and she will try to straighten things out.

## RETREAT AND CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES

The Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church offers a variety of opportunities for people who are seeking a time apart to grow or begin their faith walk. Brochures listing the retreats and camps are available in the Woodbury Campus Plaza and on the kiosk at Peaceful Grove. You can also find