Warrington United Methodist Church

## The Grapevine

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Greetings in the Name of Christ!

Advent is upon us. The sanctuary is all decorated as we await the arrival of the Christ Child. The seasonal temperatures come and go leaving us sometimes confused as to if it is really December. But if we look at our calendars, we see that it is true.

The month of November was a very busy time for us. Our Fall Festival went very well, and our Thanksgiving Meal found us feeding somewhere around 115 people. We ended up cooking 40 turkeys in all. We did have a few turkeys left over and those that were not eaten were taken to Richard's Memorial to help feed the less fortunate among us.

We continue to have our coat drive. There is a coat rack in the narthex of the church for this purpose. So far, we have collected and distributed somewhere around 30 coats. Also, we still have some preserves in the fellowship hall that are being sold to benefit the ministries of the church.

The community thanksgiving service was well attended this year. There was an offering taken for the WEAC which came to \$300. As a congregation we put together 7 thanksgiving meals to be distributed to members of our community by WEAC. It is a joy to see how we can come together from different churches and denominations to reach the same people in our community for the same Jesus.

I would like to thank everyone for the warm birthday wishes. This has been a particularly tough time with the recent loss of my mother. Brandi and I are on vacation the

3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> this month. If you have any pastoral care needs, please feel free to call Neil Long. If it is a real emergency, I will take your call and try to get someone to help. Have a Merry Christmas!

Loving Those That God Sends Us! Grace and Peace, Pastor Ted





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## New Beginnings Thrift Center

Christmas items are out and ready for purchase! Come by and find that one of a kind gift, keepsake or decoration. Shop early. We have also put out all our winter clothes men's, women's and children.

### We will be closed Dec. 24th & Dec. 25th

Bring your gently used items for donation and come volunteer an hour to help the ladies. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet people in your community.

# FRIDAY FREE LUNCH!

Come by Friday's Noon to 2pm and have lunch with us! It's a wonderful way to get to know members of our community.



# TAI CHI

Come join Pastor Ted at the parsonage every Monday & Wednesday at 3:00pm

Low impact, great for balance, all ages.



Monday Wednesday Friday 8:30 to 9:30am

Tues. & Thurs. 5:30 to 6:30pm

With Cat Vick

\$5.00 per class

In the Fellowship Hall



Our Missions Team has been very busy! As a community wide event our team fed Thanksgiving Meals to anyone who came. There were over 50 people fed on Thanksgiving day here at WUMC! Thank you to Dharma Blue for providing some of the side dishes that were served. And a big Thank You to all those behind the scenes cooking and preparing all those turkeys! 31 turkeys were sold, along with fresh baked pies. The missions team raised around \$800.00! What a wonderful Thanksgiving!

We also sent 7 complete Thanksgiving meals to the Warrington Emergency Aid Center to be given to families in need.

True Thanksgiving Blessings!

















### **MISSION TEAM...**



#### **CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family! Come enjoy this celebration of Christmas!

Sunday, December 15th, at 10:00 am

There will be a reception to honor the choir following the cantata on Dec. 15. Everyone is invited to attend and if you are able, bring a finger food to share.

