

THE OLIVE BRANCH

West Valley Presbyterian Church



December 2020 Newsletter



West Valley Starts Outdoor Services

Through heat and cold, and gloom of covid, West Valley members find a way to congregate for Saturday services.

We had hopes of being back inside for December, but bring your chairs and blankets, to sit out under the stars and Christmas decorations this month.

Every Saturday at 4 pm, and Christmas Eve at 5 and 8 pm.

Christmas Boutique

Shop home-made
crafts & goodies
on our WVPC Campus
Dec 5, 12-4 pm



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Thank you friends
for your help with serving our local
homeless through our Refuge ministry!

Sandy & Mike Madeleine



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Attributes of God Mobiles

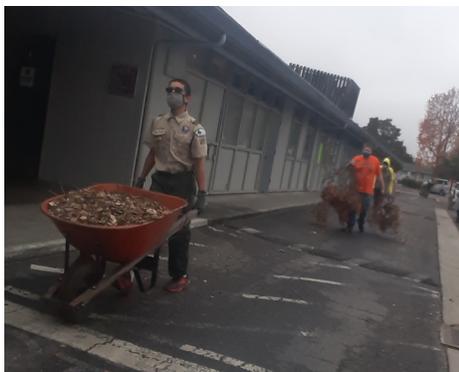
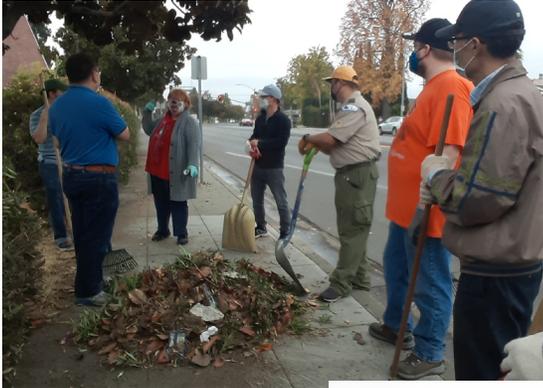
Terri Dias had a fun craft for her students.



November 14 Property Work Day

Organized by Jeff Stanish

Thank you to several West Valley members, along with Onnuri members, and our Boy Scout Troop -- for helping give our property a much needed clean-up & repair!



Book Donations for Butte County Fire Survivors and Costa Rican School

Thanks to Gina Covello for taking several boxes of unused library books to Butte County Fire Survivors as well as to a high school in Costa Rica. Last year, through a community-wide, and several churches effort, she had a moving truck donated and was able to take Christmas trees and decorations and well as several boxes of books to Paradise Fire Survivors. She also took 50 pounds of English and Spanish language books to a high school in the town where she served in the Peace Corps. As a church, let's think of ways we can continue to help our local and global community, especially during this season. Remember our drive-through donations event this Sunday and let's give to those who have lost so much.

Gina Covello is a Spanish & English Language teacher, who has always had a heart for service. She offers a Spanish Immersion Program which returns to the town where she served in the Peace Corps. Now during this season of COVID, she offers virtual trips to Costa Rica and beyond, visiting animal sanctuaries and cacao farmers. She is currently offering "Christmas Around the World" and "Organic Cocoa & Candy Canes" via Zoom. Consider participating in one of her virtual trips to discover the world beyond the USA. These tours make a great Christmas gift or are an opportunity to spend time exploring the world with your family who may not be near you in this season. For more info: travel@HablaLS.com or <https://habla-language-services.square.site/>.



Brown Bag Ministry

On the second Wednesday mornings of each month, Bruce Ramirez organizes and passes out bags of food to local seniors, most of whom don't speak English. But they are grateful for the many years Bruce has been running this program.



Merry Christmas to All!

Isaiah 9:6

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS
You're Invited!

- ★ **LIVE MUSIC ON THE PATIO SATURDAYS**
Dec. 5-24 at 4 pm
Or watch online Sundays at 9:30 am at wvpc.org
- ★ **BLUE CHRISTMAS**
Dec. 15 at 7 pm
A special service of grief and consolation
- ★ **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**
Dec. 24 at 5 & 8 pm
Candlelight & carols to celebrate God's Unconditional Love being born among us

REDISCOVER SERVICE
Drive-Through Donations
Sunday, Nov. 29 from 9:30-11 am

Support local charities, as we drive-through our parking lot to drop off:

- Canned or non-perishable food
- Christmas decorations & treats
- Children's activity books & art supplies
- Knitted or crocheted caps & blankets
- Travel-size toothpaste & soaps
- Disposable diapers & towels
- Work gloves

We'll package and deliver them to: CityTeam, Rancho Santa Marta, The Homeless Refuge, local hospitals, nursing homes, and West Valley Community Services. wvpc.org/driven.html

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