

Westview Chimes May/June 2024

God Delights in Caring for ALL His Children!



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.-Ephesians 2:10

God is blessing Westview in many ways, enabling us to be a blessing to the community! There is a new synergy at Westview ever since we said “yes” to building a housing village behind the church.

Meet the people who are a blessing through Westview to the community:

-Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County (CAB) has its south county offices on Westview’s second floor. CAB’s mission is to partner with the community to eliminate poverty and create social change through advocacy and essential services. CAB will be the social service provider for Recurso de Fuerza village which will be located behind the Westview gym. CAB has several impactful programs:

- The youth Homeless Response Team
- Transitional Age Youth Housing Navigation
- Watsonville Works-Provides wraparound services for homeless seeking to transition off the streets, including: employment, housing assistance, resume work, and job skills.
- Santa Cruz County Immigration Project (at a different office)

Photo below is of the Community Action Board (CAB)



-SonRise Kitchen (right photo)- We continue to serve soup, cereal, sack lunches and coffee at the levee to the unhoused M-F 7:30am. Please donate cereal! Recently, Margo invited Miracle Messages to the levee to help the unhoused find and reconnect with their families! Thank you to our regular volunteers: Margo (the director), Micky (the soup master chef), Judith, Victor, Polly, Mary Lou, Michael, Sheri, Shizue, Gabriela, Araceli, Mary Ellen, Jessica, Pastor Dan and more!





-Homeless Persons Helping Project (HHP) provides health services to the unhoused with drop-in services to see doctors and psychiatrists every Monday in our Westview gym



Photos above are of the Homeless Persons Helping Project (HHP)

-New School Alternative School Basketball team: The New School basketball team got to use our gym for their winter quarter practices. Pastor Dan and John Skillicorn got to go to a practice and some games to support the team. They will come back and do some service at the church in gratitude for the gym use.

I appreciate you, the Westview family, and am grateful to walk in life together serving each other and the community with God's goodness and lavish love!

-Pastor Dan



More Photos and Events



Photos from left to right:

-New member Araceli becoming a member of the Westview Family in April.

Araceli is an army vet and enjoys volunteering with the SonRise Kitchen at Westview. She wanted to join Westview because it is such a welcoming family.

-Members & Friends of Westview enjoying a Sunday Lunch

Potluck Luncheons: We have now resumed having Social Hour with a light lunch the **1st Sunday of each month** along with cake for Birthdays! Come enjoy!

-Louise Sako, 107 years old, receiving an Easter basket from Rev. Hoffman

Recurso de Fuerza Village

Recurso de Fuerza village, “**Resource of Strength**,” is the name given by the unhoused on the levee for the small village that will be built behind the church gym hopefully by November 2024. Monterey County initiated the project and Santa Cruz County will be taking it over in 2 years. The funding from the project came from Monterey County, and despite what the newspaper said, it is not being diverted from Salvation Army funding which instead comes from Santa Cruz County. Please be in prayer for the transformation of the lives of those who will get to live and heal at Recurso de Fuerza!

Consider Sponsoring a Room: Please pray about if you, a club, or workplace colleagues would like to sponsor the decoration of one of these 34 rooms with things like a welcome mat, pictures, a flowering plant, bedside lamp, etc, so we can welcome with loving arms these people who have felt like unloved outcasts for far too long. Bless you! (contact Pastor Dan)

Live and Zoom Worship Services at Westview!!

Live and Zoom Online Worship Services are being held at Westview Presbyterian Church Sunday at 10 am.!!
Masks are now optional for those attending the Live Worship Service.

To join Westview for **Live Zoom Sunday Online Worship Service** please send Westview an email at westviewpc@gmail.com so you **can be added/accepted to our Zoom live recordings and can receive an automatic email** reminding you of our upcoming live services. **If you are in need of any assistance with Zoom call Westview at (831) 724-6222 and leave a message.** Someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Guest Speakers: Pastor Rich Garcia – May 5th and May 12th
Pastor Mick Erickson - May 19th (with Rev. Hoffman) and June 16th

Wednesday Zoom Scripture Reflection & Mid-Week Check-In

Wednesdays at 4 pm. The link is emailed out weekly. Please **send Westview an email at westviewpc@gmail.com** if you would like to **automatically be sent a link/reminder on a weekly basis about our Wednesday Mid-Week Check-Ins.**

Wednesday Check-Ins **will not be scheduled** on the following dates: **May 1st, May 8th and May 15th.**

Sew Fun Sewing Circle: **Tuesdays, 9:30-12:30** in the **dining room** at **Westview**, led by Rachel Clark and Peg Pierce - quilting, clothing construction, fabric and color selection, tote bags, quilted postcards, and more! Join us!

