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WATER STREET HEALTH SERVICES

Providing health care through Christian faith & guidance.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLINIC

The new coronavirus variant is called OMICRON

The Omicron variant was already in the Netherlands when South Africa alerted the World Health Organization about it last week, Dutch health authorities said Tuesday, adding to fear and confusion over the new version of the coronavirus in a weary world hoping it had left the worst of the pandemic behind. The Netherlands' RIVM health institute found Omicron in samples dating from Nov. 19 and 23. The WHO said South Africa first reported the variant to the U.N. healthy agency on Nov. 24, 2021.

Much is still not known about the variant — though the WHO warned that the global risk from the variant is "very high" and early evidence suggests it could be more contagious.

~Source WHO 11/30/2021~

Heroin/Opium addiction near you. How you handle it?

There are over 75,000 heroin addicts in Philadelphia according to the Philadelphia Department of Health. Most of them have moved to the Kensington/Allegheny community – "K & A" as it is known locally. It is the largest concentration of addicts on the eastern seaboard, and the new epicenter of the opioid crisis. The New York Times calls it the Walmart of Heroin (according to a CBS interview with NYT reporter).

Isaiah 42 is a song about God's Servant. It is really fulfilled in Jesus Christ as Lord, but we need to remember it applies to us as those through whom Jesus now extends his life. "...through **faithfulness He will bring justice to the people...**" Not by force or physically, not by screaming and yelling, but by **faithfulness Christ brings justice and restoration.** Our work is hard. It often feels mundane - the same brokenness, the same ordeals day in and day out, it often seems like we are not making a difference. But the courage to be faithful and faithfully offering ourselves as Christ's servants and representatives in the most broken places and with the most broken people, is one way of how Christ Jesus is bringing justice to the nations.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Isaiah 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace

PRESCRIPTION REFILL INSTRUCTION AND CLINIC HOURS FOR MEDICINE REFILLS & PICK-UP

With at least 48 hours in advance, please bring your medicine bottles to WSHS during clinic hours or call (717) 358-2012.

Monday	8:30am to Noon & 4:30pm to 8pm
Wednesday	8:30am to Noon
Thursday	1:30pm to 5pm

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR NOVEMBER DONATIONS
TOTAL GIFT-IN-KIND DONATIONS IS \$ 1,855.02**

Break it Down
Neuro/o Nerve
Nas/o-Nose
Ocul/o-Ophthalm/o-Eye

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CLINIC VOLUNTEERS

To volunteer at the clinic, please contact
Maria Asin, WSHS Office Manager 717-358-2090
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CLINIC CLOSED DAYS

Wednesday, December 1st - Morning 09:00 AM to Noon
Monday evening, December 6 - 05:00 to 08:00 PM
Monday, December 27 - Clinic Closed all day
Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays

HOURS OF OPERATION

New Donation Hours for 2021

Monday & Wednesday 9AM—12PM
Monday 4PM— 7PM
Thursday 1PM—4PM

Water Street Health Services does not accept expired, opened, or damaged donated items as we can't use them for our patients.

Day	Medical	Dental	Registration
Mon	9 AM—12PM 5PM—8PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tues	CLOSED	CLOSED	9 AM—12PM 1PM—4:30PM
Wed	9AM—12PM	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thurs	2PM—5PM	CLOSED	9AM—12PM

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

All volunteers of WSHS are required to screen their temperature and document it at the time of arrival at the front desk. WSHS Clinic follows CDC's guidelines for healthcare workers wearing the mask at all times in healthcare facilities.