

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Church School 11:00 am Worship Hour 4:30 pm Youth					<i>1</i> 10:00 AM FC Reserved (Powell)	<i>2</i> 12:00 PM FC Reserved (Powell)
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<i>3</i> 4:30 PM Youth	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 7:00 PM Ministry Action Team	<i>6</i> 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 9:00 AM Yard Sale X
<i>10</i> 4:30 PM Youth	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 8:00 AM DMF Breakfast
<i>17</i> 4:30 PM Youth	<i>18</i> 5:30 PM Music Club Scholarship Auditions	<i>19</i> 7:00 PM Elders	<i>20</i> 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	<i>21</i> 10:00 AM Oasis	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 6:30 PM Pot Luck Supper
<i>24</i> 4:30 PM Youth	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 9:00 AM -12:30 PM FC & Sanctuary (Music Club)	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Movie Night



The West Side Story

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West Side Staff:
 Mark E. Poindexter,
 Pastor
 Zach Lowman,
 Youth Director
 Kristen Schafer,
 Music Director
 Trish Barker,
 Office Manager
 Joe Diggs,
 Custodian



Saturday April 9th

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Proceeds to help fund the Youth Mission Trip

Bring your donations to the Fellowship Center.

If possible, please price your items (or we will happily do this if we know the value).

Please wait until the week of the sale to bring large items and furniture.

If you need them to be picked up please call Pam Gibbs at 488-4511.

Items needed prior to sale: Plastic grocery bags and hangers

Volunteers needed in the following areas:

Help price items (**Mon-Fri before sale on Sat.**)

Put up signs the week of the sale.

Move tables on Saturday morning (**early**).

Collect money and keep tables straight.

Greet customers and hand out West Side information.

Volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted in the Gathering Area.

West Side Christian Church

STATEMENT OF CALLING

West Side Christian Church is a faithful and caring church family committed to making disciples of

Jesus Christ in our CHURCH, our COMMUNITY, and our WORLD.

CHURCH: *Equip* our church family through spiritual growth and leadership development.

COMMUNITY: *Share* the love of Christ through service.

WORLD: *Witness* through support of Disciples' missions.

PRAYER LIST

Church Members

Barbara Nelson, Fred Fritts, Wilma Ingram,
Barbara Powell, Frances Wells,
Wanda Hackler, Mary Wyatt

Family & Friends

James Gray, Farley Family,
David Campbell Family, Marcie Shea,
Joan Newsome, Frances Martin, Blake Brown,
Bud Hornick, Jean Thompson, Harvey Wheeler,
Angela Powell, Frankie Hall,
Daisha Melchor & family, Maggie Jenson,
Eliana Nanni, Stuart & Amy Emerson, Steve,
Renee, Twyla & Zoe Mitchell, Billie Warren,
Mary Grace Thomas, Kathy & Curtis Nelson,
Amber Critzer & Family, Shirley Jones, Katrina
Hastings, Phil Barnes, Judy Kelly,
Ruth Ann Gonzalves, Jordan Lahy

SHUT INS

Ruth Blackman

Lectionary Readings

April 3 Acts 5:2
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

April 10 Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

April 17 Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

April 24 Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Memorial Donations



*Rodney Bradley
Joseph Irwin*
given by
Eddrie Bradley

Dear Friends,

I am moving to
another house...

9100 Bon Air Crossings Dr.
Apt. 323
Richmond, VA 23235
757-483-4739/757-553-8236
Please keep in touch.

Fred Fritts



Stewardship Giving for February 2016

**Weekly Operating Expenses:
\$ 4,054.00**

Beginning balance for Feb.:	\$ 7,304.50
Received in Feb:	16,191.54
Expenditures in Feb:	(16,788.05)
ENDING BALANCE on 2/29/16	\$ 6,707.99



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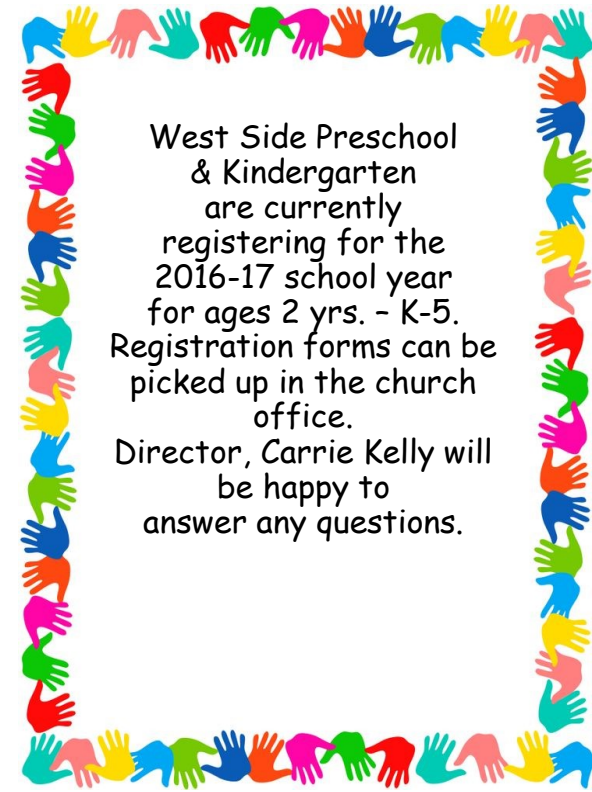
Graduation Sunday

(date to be determined)

If you are a 2016 Graduate or have someone in your family who will be graduating from High School, College or Vocational School, please let Mary Redmon or Carrie Kelly know. We would like to honor them and celebrate with you this major accomplishment in their life.

West Side members graduating from High School and current West Side college students are eligible to apply for the Edna Shearin Scholarship Fund. Applications can be picked up in the church office and are due to the Scholarship Committee by May 1, 2016.

A special time during the morning worship service will be dedicated to honoring these students followed by celebration luncheon. Graduates will receive their meal at no cost. More information on this special event will be forthcoming in the April bulletins.



West Side Preschool & Kindergarten are currently registering for the 2016-17 school year for ages 2 yrs. - K-5. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office.

Director, Carrie Kelly will be happy to answer any questions.

At the Senior Valentine Dinner in February the questions was asked:

“Why I Love My Church”

Here are a few of the answers.....

I love the grace and acceptance people show to one another.

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I love my church because it is a helping, loving, caring church that reflects the love of Jesus!

If you are a West Side Senior and you have not joined in with our group, please consider coming to our next function. Jimmy Jarvis would be happy to fill you in and we would love to have you!

Birthdays of the Month

1st	Barbara Powell
5th	George Pyles
8th	Allison Nutting
9th	Steve Goss
14th	Lois Pyles
16th	Shannon Stidham Megan Baines
17th	Debra Trevino Joyce Tippin
19th	Jerry Thornton, Jr.
21st	Nina Milam
25th	Brenda Hayth
26th	Allen Wallace
28th	Louise Twine

VA School for Congregational Leaders

Hello Virginia Disciples!

The Christian Church in Virginia is pleased to announce our next offering of the School of Congregational Leaders on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at Timberlake Christian Church. The learning opportunity this year "Creating a Climate of Generosity" comes to us from the General Office. We are thrilled to welcome Rev. Bruce A. Barkhauer, Minister at the Center of Faith and Giving to Virginia. Due to the amount of material that will be covered, this presentation is usually a 2-day event, the gathering will begin at 9 AM and end at 4PM. Rev. Barkhauer will be the guest minister at Timberlake Christian Church the next morning.

The church address is 20261 Lynchburg Highway, Lynchburg, VA 24502. A catered lunch is provided. Please visit the www.ccinva.org website to download your registration form.



TEAM EFFORT 2016

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JULY 24 - 30

CHEROKEE NATION

Our Youth have already begun planning their summer mission trip to Cherokee, NC where they will work with the people of the Cherokee Nation Indian Tribe through www.teameffort.org

Located in western North Carolina, the town of Cherokee is home to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Throughout the area are numerous neighborhoods and families in great need. On this youth mission trip, groups will have the chance to reach out to these struggling families by helping with painting and renovations of homes. For this impoverished area, even the smallest amount of help brings new hope. Our youth have an opportunity to put their faith into action through hands-on projects while showing the love of Christ to people who are struggling to survive on the bare minimum.

To learn more about the Cherokee people our youth will serve, go to www.cherokeenc.com

Our youth will stay at Western Carolina University located at the foothills of the Smoky Mountains.

The cost per student is \$349.00

Oasis Social Ministry

Thursday, April 21

10:00 AM

Please sign up on the bulletin board leading to the Fellowship Center.

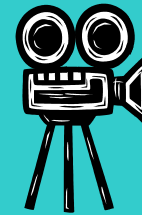


Saturday, April 23

6:30 PM

Bring 2 of your favorite dishes to share and we will provide the beverage and rolls.

Hope to see you there!



MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, April 30

at dusk

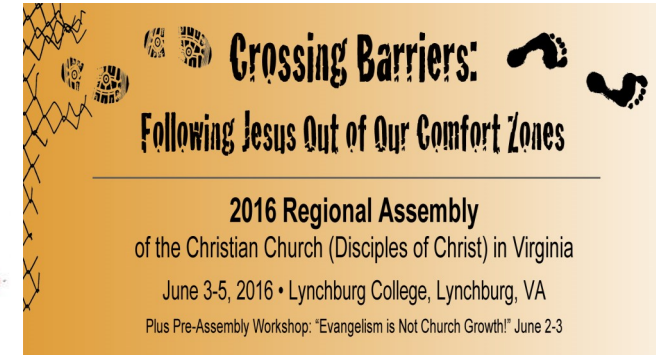
We are beginning to preparing for VBS

We need 3 or 4 Christmas Trees!!

If you or someone you know has a Christmas tree they no longer want, please TELL Marla Terry.

WE NEED THEM FOR VBS!!

172nd Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in VA



Join Disciples from across the state for a weekend of interest sessions, worship, fellowship, as well as doing the work of the Region together.

Special events this year:
Mission First! Mission Gathering and Celebration of Craig Springs and 40 years of Nature Camp

For more information about Regional Assembly and to register online, go to www.ccinva.org.

Printed registrations are also available in the church office.

Early bird deadline is April 15

Registration deadline is May 16

Late fee applies after May 16

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June 2-3

Pre-Assembly Workshop:
"Evangelism is Not Church Growth!"

with Rick Morse

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There will be a blood drive on Saturday, June 4
1:30-5:30 PM

We hope West Side will have a large member participation.

Pastor Mark's Remarks

Pastor Mark writes a weekly blog for Dmergent.org.this is his latest article.

He comes into my office for a few minutes every morning. His name is Joe. He is our eighty-seven year old custodian at church. He always asks me, "How's it going today, Pastor?" He also asks about my children and after I answer he says, "That's a fine boy you got and a sweet girl, too." I've told Joe on several occasions that I hope I am in as good a shape as he is when I am sixty-seven, let-along eighty-seven. This morning when I said that, he said, "Pastor, every night when I go to bed I pray that I might wake up with love in my heart. Love for God. Love for Jesus. And love for everyone I meet that day." I thought that was a pretty good prayer to say every night, not just for Joe, but all of us.

Meeting Joe is another one of those wonderful gifts of grace that has come my way after my life took a turn that I did not expect almost two years ago. When things happened the way they did with my marriage, it was nearly impossible for me to see any of the grace filled goodness of the life that was around me. But that has changed for me. I am rediscovering in many ways the wonder and beauty of this life.

Yet, even as I rediscover this sense of joy I realize that there are many people, for numerous reasons, who are at a place I was at. A dark place where joy seems to have vacated and even God seems absent. A place that when you are surrounded by people, you can still feel very much alone. Though I am at a different place now in my life, I still remember the dark, loneliness of that place. Which helps me to feel a deep sense of compassion for others who are there.

There are a variety of situations that can lead someone into that dark place. The loss of a relationship, a dream or a hope. The struggles many folk have as they live pay check to paycheck. I think many of the refugees who are forced to leave their country and look for a new life, only to find themselves living in the tent cities that offer little to change the reality of their situation. Families whose lives are broken by the gun shots that claim too many lives in our own nation.

The church is to be a healing place for such folks. A place where tears can be shed, pain can be shared and ultimately hope restored. I don't always know how to provide the care folks need, But I know that part of that care begins with Mr. Joe's prayer—"Let me wake up with love in my heart tomorrow. Love for God. Love for Jesus. And love for everyone I meet." Tonight that will be my prayer too.

THE WORLD CARE TEAM is dedicated to providing opportunities for mission, activities, special offerings and DHM Offering. Be sure to look at this page each month to see where you can best use your gifts for God. Below are some activities you can be a part of:

Care for God's Creation



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. Out of our call to "do justice" (Micah 6:8), we strive to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom through living out our faith by caring for God's creation. From Hawaii and Washington to Ontario and Florida, and everywhere in between, Disciples congregations are caring for creation in unique and inspiring ways. Our mission is to connect Christian faith, spiritual practice and creation consciousness in order to demonstrate the fullness of God's shalom.



Started in 2008, the Disciples of Christ Coffee Project is a collaboration between Equal Exchange, Disciples Home Missions, and Week of Compassion to involve more Disciples in supporting small farmers around the world. For each pound of fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea, and foods Disciples purchase through the Coffee Project, 15 cents per pound goes to the Project's Small Farmer Fund. That Fund amounted to \$1,635.21 in 2014 alone!

If you want the DOC to receive the .15 per pound, you must set up an account as an organization and not purchase as an individual or a guest.

