



# he West Side Story

Number 2

Mark E. Poindexter

Zach Lowman, Youth Director

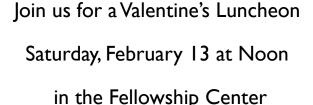
West Side Staff:

Kristen Schafer. Music Director Trish Barker,

Joe Diggs, Custodian



#### SENIORS HAVE FUN TO STAY YOUNG



Cost is \$5.00

If you need a ride please call

limmy Jarvis @ 418-4752





#### **PRAYER LIST**

#### **Church Members**

Justin & Debbie Friberg, Wilma Ingram, Barbara Powell, Frances Wells, Wanda Hackler, Mary Wyatt

#### Family & Friends

Marcie Shea, Joan Newsome, Mike Seckler,
Frances Martin, Blake Brown, Bud Hornick,
Mother of Clara Cornish, 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

February 7 Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a

February 14 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

February 21 Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm 27

**Philippians 3:17-4:1** 

Luke 13:31-35

February 28 Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

### Pastor Mark's

# Remarks

One of the ministries that I have heard a lot about, and that helped draw me to West Side, is Homeless Week. Our congregation partners with other area churches to provide warm shelter and food to the homeless during the winter months. Our week will be February 21-28. I am looking forward to being part of this important ministry outreach. To truly be body of Christ, I believe, these kind of ministries must always be a part of the church's life.

Recently, I watched a video on Facebook of a homeless man who sat down at a piano and played some of the most beautiful music you could imagine. The video went on to explain that he was a homeless American Veteran having served in the Marine Corps. After his time of service he was accepted into a prestigious music school, but some personal problems and a struggle with addiction had led him to the point where he was homeless. A musically talented American Vet, but homeless.

Over the course of my life, I have developed a deeper sense of compassion for those whose lives are more difficult than mine – the poor, the homeless, the mentally ill, those who struggle with addiction. I've learned that behind every person is a story about who they are as a person. My goal, as a follower of Jesus, is not to judge their story, but to listen. And then, in the name of Christ, to offer compassion and hope, which every life needs.

I look forward to offering that compassion and hope during homeless week.

Peace,

Pastor Mark



#### **Stewardship Giving for December 2015**

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

Beginning balance for Dec.: \$ 3,826.13

Received in Dec: 17,123.59

Expenditures in Dec: 14,997.60

ENDING BALANCE on DEC 31 \$ 5.952.12

#### **February Birthdays**



1st Jessica Terry

5th Robert Brown

8th Charles Kelly, III

11th Mary Cornwell

John McClelland IV

12th Pam Gibbs

20th Betty McCrickard

Alexa Stidham

23rd Frances Wells

25th Michele Poindexter

27th Janice Deweese

28th Carrie Kelly

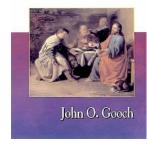
#### Oasis Social Ministry

Thursday, January 21 10:00 AM

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

#### **Lenten Bible Study**

At Table with Jesus



"At Table with Jesus" is a Lenten Bible Study taught by Pastor Mark looking at the way Jesus used the table to express hospitality and a sense of welcome.

The study will occur Sunday evenings at 4:30 from February 14 to March 20

If you are interested please sign up on the list on the bulletin board by January 31st.



February 10 7:00 PM



#### **Sunday, January 31**

(following worship)
Mission Trip planning with
Senior High Students & Parents

Sunday, February 7

(following luncheon)

Youth meeting to discuss D.C. trip in December

#### Sunday, February 21

(instead of meeting at regular time)
Youth to feed the homeless
@ 7:30 PM

All regular Youth meetings are Sunday's 4:30 PM—6:00 PM



Sunday, February 14 following the worship service, there will be a Spaghetti Fundraiser Luncheon to help offset the cost for Jonathan Martell to attend an event in Boston, MA in June 2016. He will be receiving the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence.

Plan to stay for lunch and help support Jonathan.

### Homeless Week February 21 – 28

Please be in prayer as to where God may lead you to help serve during this week. Items are still needed to prepare 100 bags for our guests.

- ♦ New Socks Men (75)
  - Women (25)
- ♦ Gloves one size fits all (100)
- ♦ Rain Ponchos (100)
- Wash cloths (100) cheapest at Rose's
   10 ct. bundle
- ◆ Toothbrushes (100)
- ♦ Toothpaste travel size (100)
- ◆ Deodorant (100)
- ♦ Travel size toiletries -

(100 ea. soap, shampoo)

A box has been provided in the Gathering Area for donations. Clean coats, sweater, shoes, clothing and backpacks will be greatly appreciated as well.

Sign up sheets to volunteer for serving and chaperoning are also in the Gathering Area.

For additional information, please speak with Mike Wyatt or Cindy Wallace.

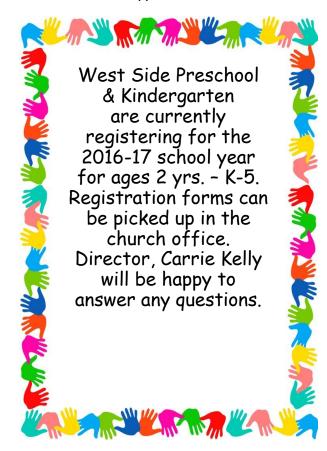


The Disciple Women's Fellowship will be collecting items for their annual Brown Bag Project starting February 1st and ending February 28th.

You can pick up a bag with a list of suggested items located in the back of the Sanctuary.

Return your filled bag to the Sanctuary where they will be dedicated before being delivered to the Food Bank.

Your generous donations are greatly appreciated.





# Saturday April 9th from 9AM-3PM

Clean our your closets now!

Donations can be placed behind the screen in the Fellowship Center. Please hold large items until the week of the sale. It is helpful if you price your items before dropping them off.

Proceeds to help fund the Youth Mission Trip.

Please speak with Pam Gibbs if you have any questions or concerns.

### Disciple Men's Breakfast

All are invited to attend the monthly Disciple Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday, February 20 8:00 AM.

Please make a reservation no later than

Monday, February 15



#### Save the Date!



#### **About the Disciples Mission Fund**

Disciples Mission Fund is the common fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Disciples Mission Fund supports 72 ministries of wholeness as close as your local congregation and reaching around the globe. As a Global Mission church, we understand that equipping congregations for mission includes learning from, learning with and offering support to our partners beyond the borders of the United States and Canada.

#### Water Crisis in Flint, Michigan - January 18,2016



The city of Flint, Michigan switched its water source in 2014 as a cost-saving measure. The new source, the Flint River, had high levels of corrosive contaminates, which caused lead pipes to leach. The levels of lead in the tap water became dangerous across the city, and highly toxic in the most severely affected areas.

From the cross, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." Yet, in his suffering he received only a sponge of vinegar to relieve his thirst, as the soldiers responded with contempt. For a year the people of Flint, MI cried out "We are thirsty!" Yet, they received only contaminated water to drink.

In response to the cries of their community, Vermont Christian Church in Flint became a designated water distribution center. In further response to the crisis, the Michigan Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Michigan Conference of the United Church of Christ have taken action, launching a cooperative initiative: The Gospel in Action-Flint. Through this partnership, Vermont Christian Church will be able to continue providing water, filters, and other needed items.

With the Federal Emergency Declaration announced on Jan. 16, additional government funds are available to the city of Flint and its residents, but this assistance will cover only approximately 75% of the costs. The need for a compassionate response, thus, remains.

Week of Compassion is committed to providing support to The Gospel in Action-Flint and will continue to do so through the coming months.



# February -



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	7:00 PM Ministry Action Team	3 10:00 AM DWF Lydia & Rebekah 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	4 6:00 PM District VIII Dinner	5	6
7 12:00 PM Community Care Team Lunch 4:30 PM Youth	8	9	7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service  Ash (Cleonesday) Service	11	9:30 AM FC Reserved (Preschool)	13 11:00 AM Senior Valentine Lunch (FC)
14 12:00 PM Fundraiser Luncheon 4:30 PM Lenten Bible Study 4:30 PM Youth	15	16 7:00 PM Elders	177 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	18 10:00 AM Oasis	19	20 8:00 AM DMF Breakfast
2 1  4:30 PM Lenten Bible Study  4:30 PM Youth  WOC Special Offering	22	23	9:00 AM -12:30 PM FC & Sanctuary (Music Club)	25	26	27
28 4:30 PM Lenten Bible Study 4:30 PM Youth WOC Special Offering	29	EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Church School 11:00 am Worship Hour 4:30 pm Youth				

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