

May 2016

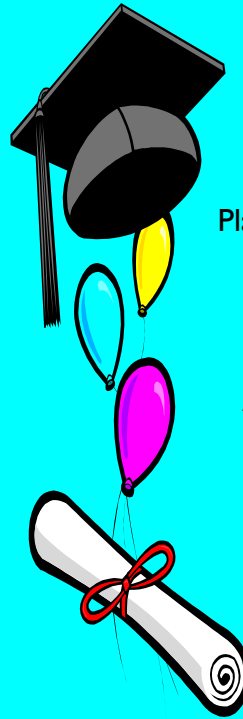
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4:30 PM Youth	2 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	3 7:00 PM Ministry Action Team	4 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	5 9:30 AM FC Reserved (Preschool)	6 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool) 9:30 AM FC Reserved (Preschool) 11:00 AM Church Women United (St. Andrews UMC)	7
8 4:30 PM Youth	9 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	10 7:00 PM Board	11 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	12	13 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	14 12:00 PM FC Reserved - (Allison) X
15 3:00 PM FC Reserved (Wells) 4:30 PM Youth 5:00 PM OBCCM Pentecost Community Worship (Portsmouth United Church of Christ) Pentecost Sunday	16 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	17 7:00 PM Elders	18 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	19 10:00 AM Oasis	20 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	21 8:00 AM DMF Breakfast
22 12:00 PM Israel Trip Information Meeting 4:30 PM Youth	23 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	24	25 9:00 AM Sanctuary Reserved (Preschool)	26 9:00 AM Sanctuary In Use (K-5) 6:00 PM Sanctuary & FC In Use (Preschool Graduation)	27	28 Cook Out & Movie Night
29 4:30 PM Youth	30 Memorial Day Holiday	31	EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Church School 11:00 am Worship Hour 4:30 pm Youth			



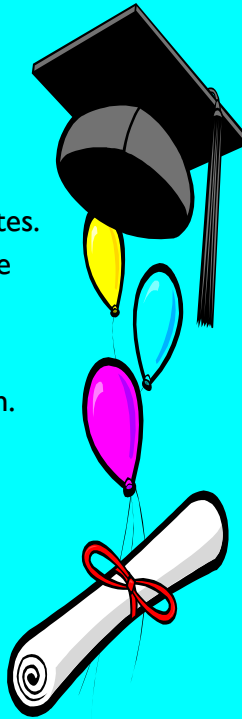
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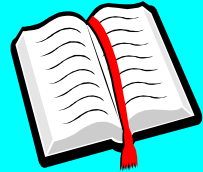

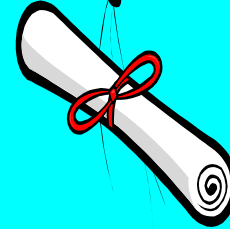
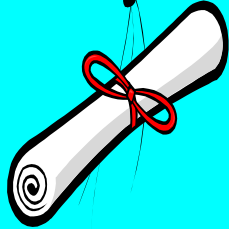
West Side Staff:
 Mark E. Poindexter,
 Pastor
 Zach Lowman,
 Youth Director
 Kristen Schafer,
 Music Director
 Trish Barker,
 Office Manager
 Joe Diggs,
 Custodian



Graduation Sunday June 2016



Plan to join us as we honor and celebrate our 2016 Graduates. They will be recognized during the 11 AM worship service and then treated to a celebratory luncheon immediate following. All West Side members are invited to attend the luncheon. **Graduates will eat free of charge.** Look for more details in your May worship bulletins.

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

Doris Tugwell, Wilma Ingram, Barbara Powell,
Frances Wells, Wanda Hackler, Mary Wyatt

Family & Friends

Lisa Horton, Ashley Aughtman, Ruth Kay,
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

May 1 Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10,
22-22:5
John 14:23-29

May 8 Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

May 15 Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17, (25-27)

May 22 Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

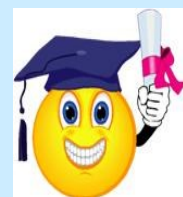
May 29 1 Kings 18:20-21
Psalm 96
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10



Stewardship Giving for March 2016

Weekly Operating Expenses:
\$ 4,054.00

Beginning balance for March.: \$ 6,707.99
Received in March: 13,867.07
Expenditures in March: 21,067.21
ENDING BALANCE on 3/31/16 \$ (487.23)
7,304.50



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Graduation Sunday & Scholarship Information

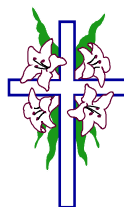
If you are a 2016 Graduate or have someone in your family who will be graduating from High School, College or Vocational School, please let Mary Redmon or Carrie Kelly know. We would like to honor them and celebrate with you this major accomplishment in their life.

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. Reservation slips will soon be in the bulletin for your convenience.

Sympathy Note ~

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to several of our West Side parishners who recently lost family members.



*Pat Henderson lost his brother,
Rev. Jim Henderson.*

*Brian Mills lost his grandfather,
Harvey Wheeler.*

*Joyce Thornton lost her brother,
Toby Hicks.*

*Marleen Whitehurst lost her sister,
Ann Hall.*

Memorial Donations



Larry

Hackler

given by
Rita Antonucci

Toby Hicks
given by

David & Betty McCrickard
Anna Frances



Your invited to
West Side's K-4
Preschool Graduation
Thursday, May 26
7:00 PM

In the Sanctuary
Refreshments to follow in
the Fellowship Center.

Registration for the
2016-17 school year are
still being accepted.

Birthdays of the Month

2nd Hallie Holland
4th Stephanie Coe
5th Rita Antonucci
Rosemary Lahy
13th Christopher Poindexter
19th Cindy Wallace
21st Debbie Friberg
28th Matthew Mills
29th Emily Vinson
30th Dudley DeStefano

TEAM EFFORT 2016
 YOUTH MISSION TRIP
 JULY 24 - 30
 CHEROKEE NATION



ALL FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT
TUESDAY, JULY 26
Ticket price: \$9.00
 (IF WE HAVE 25 GOING)
 Please sign up on the bulletin board if you want to join us.
 Ticket money is due to Christie Well by June 1.



Seniors Want To Have Fun To Stay Young

Please join us on Tuesday, June 21, 11AM at the Commodore Theatre in Portsmouth for the movie "Yours, Mine & Ours"

Seating is limited. The cost is \$13.00 which needs to be paid when making your reservation. Deadline is

172nd Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in VA

Crossing Barriers: Following Jesus Out of Our Comfort Zones

2016 Regional Assembly
 of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia
 June 3-5, 2016 • Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA
 Plus Pre-Assembly Workshop: "Evangelism is Not Church Growth!" June 2-3

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

June 2-3
 Pre-Assembly Workshop:
 "Evangelism is Not Church Growth!"
 with Rick Morse

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.

Congratulations to Cindy Wallace, winner of the Quilt!

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**BOOKS!**

*We need Children's & Teen's books for Community Day, October 9.*

**Oasis Social Ministry**  
 Thursday, May 19  
 10:00 AM  
 Please sign up on the bulletin board leading to the Fellowship Center.

**COOK OUT & MOVIE NIGHT**  
*Saturday, May 28*  
 6:30 PM

**DISCIPLES MEN'S Fellowship Breakfast**  
**SATURDAY, May 21 - 8:00 AM**  
**All are invited to attend.**

Our guest speaker will be Retired Captain, Theresa Guffey (Firefighter/Paramedic) She will be sharing her experience of being at Ground Zero in New York on 9/11. Theresa arrived with her team 8 hours after the first building collapsed. She will present a 30-minute slideshow and talk about the important role churches had in that time.

**EDGER BLADES FOR SALE**  
**\$3.00 each**  
**The church has a surplus.**  
 8-3/4" X 2-5/16"  
 with 1/2" attachment hole. Similar at Hope Deport & Lowes for \$6.97  
 Call Bubba Jenson at 488-4274 if your interested.

**Pentecost and Power in the Church**  
 Sunday, May 15 - 5:00 PM  
 Portsmouth United Church of Christ  
 5900 Portsmouth Blvd  
 Rev. Dr. Lucy Fleming  
 Hosted by the OBCCM  
 All are invited to attend an evening of community worship. Come and enjoy reviewing and recalling the legacy of Jesus Christ and His gift of the Holy Spirit. Let us explore the powerful birth of the church and her **endless and phenomenal works!**  
*Acts 2:1-4*  
 Refreshments will be served in the church dining hall.  
 Please call by **May 13** if you plan to attend.  
**488-6075**

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Pastor Mark's **Remarks**

When people ask me why I decided to enter into the ministry, I always say, "Because I wanted to be like my big brother, Earl." Earl would have been 67 on April 26th of this year, but sadly his life was shortened by a car-train wreck in 1989 when he was just 40. My brother was 13 years older than me and died 5 days before my 27th birthday. It is hard to believe that the years of his absence have now become more for me than the years of his presence. Yet the impact of his life on my own is as significant today as it ever was.

Earl was in ministry for 20 years before his death. He spent his career in small town congregations, a trend I followed until recently. He was active not only in the life of his parish, but also very active in the communities which he lived. He sat on various committees and boards for local non-profits. He was always concerned for the area youth and supported them in ways as diverse as coaching high school baseball and starting a youth center known as the Power Station. It was because of his concern for the young people that the last community he served started a scholarship in his honor at the high school. Like him, I have always tried to serve not just my congregation, but also the community in which I live. Young people too have always played an important role in my life, especially as I served as a church camp counselor or director for more than two decades. Earl's greatest quality, however, the one that continues to inspire me to do even better ministry and to live life more fully was his unbelievable capacity to love others. His heart was opened wide to those whom he ministered to and his embrace of others, especially in times of their sorrow, was a gift he gave whenever it was needed.

From my earliest days, one thing I was always certain of was my brother's love for me. Others who knew him often say the same thing, they knew Earl cared about them and loved them. However, much I have may have failed at the effort, it has always been my goal to try and love unconditionally the people I serve. My brother's gift of loving service to others continues to guide my understanding of what it is to be in ministry. Though Earl and I would probably have disagreed on some finer points of theology (likely quite a few of them), we both have a similar understanding of the role of love when it comes to following Jesus and being a servant leader in His church.

Every sermon I have ever preached; every lesson I have taught; every time I extend pastoral care to someone in need; every community service project I am engaged in; in all of this I am driven not only by my own faith, but also by the faith of my brother. And I am fairly certain that Earl would tell you that his own faith was driven by what he learned from the faith of our maternal grandmother, Ms. Annie. During the days of the Depression, when she was a widow with six children, we were taught that she always sat a dinner table that had room for one more.

When all is said and done, all we can really leave to anyone is the example of our lives. My brother passed on to me, what he had learned from our grandmother, who in turn learned it from others, a life spent following Jesus is a life full of love and care. I've always wanted to be like my brother and I hope I can in that I what leave behind is life lived in faith and love.

~ **Pastor Mark**



West Side Christian

Church

will soon be celebrating its 60th Anniversary!!

Committee members have already begun making plans for the big celebration.

Committee Members are as follows:

Co-Chairs: Pam Brown & Kim Powell

Members: Mary Cornwell, Steve Gray, Debbie Trevino, Frances Wells

Ad Hoc Members: Mark Poindexter & Tom Larson

It all begins Sunday, June 26

60th Anniversary Kick-Off

Begin signing the memory book and flower memory

More information will be forthcoming.



Walk with Jesus in His land.

You are invited to attend an informative gathering addressing West Side's upcoming adventure to The Holy Land! Pastor Mark will host an 8-day Pilgrimage February 7– 14, 2017.

The tour will enlighten us about the many places Jesus traveled during His ministry. Details of the 2017 trip's itinerary, fees and a Q & A segment will be presented following the worship service on **Sunday, May 22** in the Fellowship Center. An accurate head count allows us to provide ample seating, brochures and refreshments. If you think you may be interested in attending, please speak with Mike Wyatt as soon as possible so he can properly plan.