

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM Ministry Action Team	2	3	4	5 Time Change - Set clocks ahead 1 hour 
6 6:30 PM Bible Study ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	7 7:00 PM Board	8 Election Day	9 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	10	11 Veteran's Day Holiday 	12
13 6:30 PM Bible Study	14	15 7:00 PM Elders	16 9:00 AM Music Club 6:30 PM Pot Luck Supper	17 10:00 AM Oasis	18 6:00 PM FC Reserved (Wells)	19 8:00 AM DMF Breakfast 1:00 PM FC Reserved (Kelly)
20 6:30 PM Bible Study	21	22	23 9:00 AM FC Reserved (Preschool Party) 9:00 AM Sanctuary In Use (Preschool Program) 7:30 PM OBCCM Thanksgiving Service	24 Thanksgiving Day 	25 Church Office & Preschool Closed	26 9:00 AM Advent Decorating 
27 12:00 Annual Congregation meeting Advent I 	28	29	30 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship 9:45 am Church School 11:00 am Worship Hour 4:30 PM Youth		



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



Thanksgiving Pot Luck Supper

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 PM

The church will provide the turkey, rolls and beverage.

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

Justin Friberg
 Wilma Ingram
 Barbara Powell
 Frances Wells
 Mary Wyatt

Family & Friends

Janet Myers, Linda Britt, Megan Relis,
 Edith Mann, Codee Comberati,
 Tina Jones, Dolores Lohr,
 Mike Wise, Bailey Lowe,
 Fred Vroccolo, Van Paul,
 Farley Family, Chris Campbell,
 David Campbell Family, Marcie Shea,
 Joan Newsome, Frances Martin,
 Jean Thompson, Angela Powell,
 Billie Warren,
 Daisha Melchor & family,
 Katrina Hastings,
 Stuart & Amy Emerson, Phil Barnes,
 Mary Grace Thomas,
 Kathy & Curtis Nelson,
 Amber Critzer & Family, Shirley Jones,
 Judy Kelly, Ruth Ann Gonzalves,
 Jordan Lahy

SHUT INS
 Ruth Blackman
 Belinda Gray

Memorial Donations given in memory of...

Maud Hemby

by

Cheryl & Jimmy Jarvis
 Bob & Donna Nutting
 Margaret Gupta
 Betty Copeland
 Sally Copeland Wright
 Virginia Stroud
 Frances Wells
 David & Betty McCrickard
 John & Brenda Hayth
 Mary Watkins
 Mary Kirsch
 Horace & Sandra Harrington
 Janie Kemp
 Melinda & Bill Darden
 Mariah & Ron Kemp

Bill Taylor

by

Bob & Donna Nutting
 Disciples Class
 Frances Wells
 David & Betty McCrickard

Wanda Hackler

by

Frances Wells
 David & Betty McCrickard

Pastor Mark's

Remarks

By the time you read this, we will be down to a little more than a week left in the Presidential election. I think most of us will be glad when this long, drawn out and extremely ugly election process is over. As someone who has served our nation in the armed services, have voted in every election for which I have been eligible except one, and have always encouraged others to take this most basic American freedom with great seriousness, I have actually been embarrassed for our nation in this most recent electoral process. A true discussion of the issues confronting our nation was almost discarded and replaced by relentless personal attacks. As sad as it has been for the candidates themselves engaging in such behavior, even sadder to me, are the political followers who began to mimick that same kind of behavior. It is deeply painful to think about what our young people have learned from the behavior of "adults" in this election.

And, of course, people of faith can often find themselves arguing with each other as they believe their chosen candidate comes closer to exhibiting "Christian values." My Facebook page gets blown up with people from both camps claiming their candidate has been picked by God to lead our nation. I personally don't think God picks our President. I think we are the ones who do it. To put it off on God is to shirk the responsibility that is ours.

Some religious folk think that it is wrong that churches and their pastors can't endorse political candidates. Though pastors, as private citizens, can, of course, endorse a candidate, pastors are not able to use the pulpit or other avenues related to their work to show support for a specific candidate. Nor can churches, as a whole, endorse a candidate. To do so, by either the congregation or the pastor, puts the not-for-profit, tax-exempt status of churches in danger. But, for me, there is an even bigger reason to avoid throwing support behind a specific candidate. That is, I don't think the church should get too cozy with anyone in positions of power. Power can have a tendency to corrupt. And when you get too close to those in power you can have a tendency to overlook things that you shouldn't. Our task, as the church, is to hold all those who assume the mantle of leadership accountable to the highest of ethical standards, to the call to be a representative for all people, to work for the greater good of all humanity, to "do justice and love mercy," and to act with a wise humility.

No matter who is elected they will be our President. That is the way our democracy works. They will have my prayers and my best wishes. For in their work lies the welfare of our nation. And I will also be a voice that raises up from the scriptures when I think the path chosen by our leaders does not have the well-being of all people in mind. That is my understanding of the relationship between the church and our political world.

I hope you vote. Your vote matters.

Peace,

Pastor Mark



**Steward-ship Giving
for September 2016**

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

Ending balance for Sept: \$ (3,467.02)
Received in Sept: 13,352.45
Expenditures in Sept: (17,412.55)
ENDING BALANCE for SEPTEMBER
\$ (7,527.12)

In the Footsteps of Jesus

An Alternative Tour to Palestine and Israel

Hosted by Jeff & Janet Wright

February 10-21, 2017

Space still available

Alternative (responsible) travel seeks to transform curious tourists into informed pilgrims by engaging the people who live in the land — and the history, culture and social realities that shape their lives.

Jeff and Janet Wright

Contact Information

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Our Food Pantry is very low.
Please consider donating any non-perishable items.



Thanksgiving Offering
to benefit higher education

Received Nov. 6 & 13



Thank you to everyone who made Community Day a success. If you are at one of the businesses who made a contribution, please thank them.

(There is a poster in the Fellowship Center)

Community Care Team

Aluminum Can Recycle

We continually collect aluminum cans for recycle. All proceeds go the Youth Fund!!

Items that **CANNOT BE RECYCLED** are:

Aluminum (tin) Foil and Pie Pans

Plastic Bottles

Glass Bottles

PLEASE CRUSH ALL CANS as we need to minimize space in the trash can.

**Lectionary
Readings**

- November 6 Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38
- November 13 Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:15-19
- November 20 Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43
- November 27 Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44



Dear Friends,

We appreciate all of your prayers, cards and visits during mother's illness. It means a lot to know people are praying and they care. Mother really loved this church.

God Bless,

Joan & L. E. Newsome

November



- 1st Marla Terry
- 6th Mary Wyatt
- 19th Michael Redmon
- 24th Joe Diggs
- 27th Jared McClure
- 29th Mary Lou Wallace

**Disciple
Men**

Join us on

Saturday, November 19 at 8:00

for the Disciple Men's

Monthly Prayer Breakfast.

Reservations are appreciated by
Monday, November 14th.

Oasis Social Ministry

Thursday, November 17

10:00 AM

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

Nominations due Nov. 1

The General Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the 2017-2019 General Assembly moderator team and General Board. Other ministries will also have access to this database when looking for people with the passion and skills needed for their own boards.



November 30-December 3, 2016

If you are looking for a fun time in the mountains in December, you are looking for Christmount's **An Appalachian Advent!**

The **Rev. Dr. Lea Slaton**, pastor at Wilson's Mills Christian Church, NC, will kick off the event Wednesday at 5:00 pm with a vespers service. The evening will continue with a welcome party around the fireplace at 6:30 pm.

Disciples Florida Region to Host Holy Land Tour in 2017

The Disciples Florida Region is hosting a tour to the Holy Land on February 3-12, 2017, led by Rev. Dr. Betsy Steier Goehrig. The trip is open not only to Florida Disciples, but to others in the United States and beyond. Betsy is a Disciples Pastor and a Hospice Chaplain, and she has previously served as a Florida Regional staff. She has led other group trips, including tours to the Holy Land, Paul's Final Missionary Journey, and the first Disciples Senior Adult Ministries cruise. Betsy and Kevin, her husband, want to help make it possible for others to go and experience this life-changing spiritual journey. They also seek to help make it possible for other clergy and guests to get to go to the Holy Land and bring their church members with the larger group. The minimum number for the trip is 6 and the maximum would be a bus load (approximately 45).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 2017 General Assembly will be in Indianapolis from July 8 - 12.

Early registration discount expires March 30, 2017.

We are encouraging you to have "Promotion Sundays" on the remaining three 5th Sundays between now and the event - Oct. 30, Jan. 29 and April 30. Video and worship resources are available for download.

WORSHIP

Join thousands of Disciples to worship and learn. The evening worship lineup includes:


Rev. José Morales Jr., Disciples Seminary Foundation

Rev. Dr. Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary

Rev. Virzola Law, Lindenwood Christian Church, Memphis

and the newly elected General Minister and President

MISSION FIRST!

Hear the results of our pilot project of Mission Gatherings, Mission Council and other exciting news. 

EDUCATION

Core lecturers have been announced for Monday morning

Transformative Leadership & Innovation - Rev. Dr. Yvonne Gilmore, Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago

Worship - Dr. Marcia McFee, Worship Design Studio

Justice - Rev. Sandhya Jha, Oakland Peace Center

Stewardship & Resources - Rev. Dr. Eric Law, Kaleidoscope Institute

There will also be opportunities to learn both Sunday afternoon and throughout the assembly in exhibit booths, workshops, business meetings and more!