

September 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				1	2	3
4 Light A Candle for Children	5 Labor Day Holiday	6 7:00 PM Ministry Action Team	7 9:00 AM Preschool Begins 10:00 AM DWF - Lydia & Rebekah	8	9	10
11 Promotion Sunday	12	13 7:00 PM Board	14	15 10:00 AM Oasis	16	17 Church Picnic & Movie Night
Prayer Vigil for Children						
18 12:00 PM Congregational Picture	19	20 7:00 PM Elders	21 9:00 AM Music Club	22	23	24
Prayer Vigil for Children						
25 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Blood Drive Reconciliation Offering	26	27	28 11:00 AM Preschool Chapel	29	30	
Prayer Vigil for Children						



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



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

Bill Taylor, Beth & Amy Branch,
Justin Friberg, Wilma Ingram, Barbara Powell,
Frances Wells, Mary Wyatt

Family & Friends

Mary Pat Hackler, 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, Frankie Hall,
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

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Ruth Blackman, Maud Hemby, Belinda Gray

Lectionary Readings

September 4 Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18 Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

September 25 Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



Stewardship Giving for July 2016

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

Ending balance for June: \$ **(-5,739.31)**
Received in July: 15,594.08*
Expenditures in July: (13,760.22)
ENDING BALANCE on 7/31/16
\$ **(-3,905.45)**

***July was a 5 Sunday month
Red indicates a deficit**



1st	John Hayth
	Justin Friberg
4th	Wilma Ingram
7th	Diane Loftis
8th	Hannah Berk
16th	Bill Loftis
19th	Brandon Powell
	Elnora Phillips
20th	Drew Thompson
23rd	Sarah Powers
24th	Mary Redmon
	Kitty Baker
26th	Anne Berk
27th	Sharon Jensen
30th	Pat Henderson

Oasis Social Ministry

Thursday, September 15
10:00 AM

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

DISCIPLES WOMEN

The Rebekah & Lydia groups will
meet on Wednesday, September 7
at 10 AM in the
Fellowship Center.

All women of the church
are invited!

Memorial Donations given in memory of...

Wanda Hackler

by

John & Brenda Hayth

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**Myrtle Henderson**

by

Rita Antonucci

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Barbara White

by

Rita Antonucci

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**Bobby Beal & Rachel Powell**

by

Billy & Kim Powell

## *Thank You*

*Dear West Side Family & Friends ~*

*Dick and I were both honored and humbled on July 10 when presented with a beautiful plaque in recognition of service to West Side. It will be treasured and be a loving reminder of the wonderful and spiritual journey it has been with all of you these first 60 years.*

*Please accept our gratitude for the recognition and know we love all of you and look forward to the next "60" together!*

*May God bless West Side and all who enter His house.*

*Love,*

*Dick & Mary Cornwell*



## Special Events

Sunday 9/11 Honor Past Ministers  
Saturday 9/17 Church Picnic and  
Drive-In Movie Night

**60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CLOSING WORSHIP  
SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2016  
11:00 AM**



If you want to learn more about your Bible, Pastor Mark will begin a seven-week course of study on Sundays, beginning October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The class is called "Your Bible" and the topics of study include "What is the Bible," "How Did the Bible Come to Be," "How has the Bible Been Preserved and Handed," and "what is the Place of the Bible in Our Lives." The class is part of the Kerygma program was begun in 1998. The class will begin each Sunday night at 6:30 P.M., and last for approximately one hour. The cost of the book is \$10.00. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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Beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Mark is planning a **Baptism Class** for any of our young people who are interested in church membership and baptism. The class will last six weeks and lead to baptism that takes place during the Advent season. The actual day and time of the class will depend on the schedules of the young people. If interested please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the foyer.

## Pastor Mark's Remarks

We have been in the midst of celebrating West Side's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It has been nice looking back at the important events in our congregation's history. The reason we look back is so that we might be inspired by the faith of those who went before us as we seek to be the church today. With the importance of our current witness in mind, I want to invite you to a leadership event that is happening at West Side on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting Dr. Richard Harrison, former president of Lexington Theological Seminary and pastor of Seventh St. Christian Church in Richmond, Virginia from 2001-2007. Dr. Harrison has a long and varied career as a Disciple historian. In his retirement years he enjoys working with local churches to understand their identity as Disciples of Christ and their mission as the church today.

On Friday night, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Harrison will be doing a presentation titled "Who Are These Disciples of Christ?" and it will involve an overview of the Disciple's story. Friday night will begin at 6:30 with a meal followed by Dr. Harrison. Cost of the meal is \$7.50. Everyone is invited to be part of the Friday night presentation. Sign up cards for reservations will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, is an event especially designed for elders, diaconate members, and Care Team leaders. It will be a workshop type format that will be taught from 9 am – 2 pm. It is titled "Leadership of the Elders and Deacons – Helping the Church be the Church." There will be a sign-up sheet located ? for all those who are interested in being part of this time.

It's been fun looking back over the past six decades. Now it is time to look forward and be the church God calls us to be today.

Peace,  
Mark



West Side will host a blood drive for the American Red Cross Sunday, September 25 12 Noon - 4:00 PM in the Fellowship Center.

To schedule an appointment, please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call [1-800-RED-CROSS](tel:1-800-RED-CROSS) and enter Sponsor Code: WestSideCC

You can donate without registering but appointments will be honored first.

You can help save up to three lives in about an hour. The need is ongoing but the supply is not.

*It's a Girl!*



Congratulations to Ben & Meg Jarvis on the birth of their daughter *Avery James Jarvis* born July 22 weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs. Her proud grandparents are Jimmy & Cheryl Jarvis



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Community Day is Saturday, October 8 12-Noon - 4:00 PM Please consider donating an hour or more before Community Day to help sort clothing, hand out flyers, or solicit donations for raffles.

We also need donations for the Cake Walk, clothing to be given away, and books for children and teens.

There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area.

If you have questions, please speak with Pam Gibbs, Christie Wells or Katie Mills.



Please be in attendance on Sunday, September 18 for **CONGREGATIONAL PICTURE DAY!!** by photographer, Kristen Brown

**BE HERE TO BE SEEN LATER !!**



## The Christian Church in Virginia's

### Festival of Preaching: Preaching on Stewardship

Saturday, September 24

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Program 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Christian Church

Lynchburg, VA

Rev. Bob Mooty, Facilitator

Preachers: Rev. Dr. Bill Lee,

Rev. Linda Harding, Rev. Bill Moore

and Rev. Cynthia Stratton

\$20. per person, \$30. a couple

(includes catered lunch)

Download a registration form at

[www.ccinva.org](http://www.ccinva.org)



Christian Church in Virginia

### Clergy Sabbath

*A time for pastors (and their spouses)  
to get away for reflection and fellowship*

Monday evening, September 5 to noon on  
Wednesday, September 7 at the Clarion Inn,  
Williamsburg, VA

*Our time together will include a conversation  
with the Reverends Stephen and Miriam Gentle.*

*Stephen is Senior Pastor of National City  
Christian Church and will share what it is like to  
be a pastor in Washington, D.C., in the midst of  
all that goes on there. Also, Richard Cline will  
lead a discussion on what we need and want in our  
next Regional Minister.*

## Virginia Churches recognized for their giving

Recently, a number of churches in the Christian Church in Virginia received a letter from the Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, our General Minister and President, expressing appreciation for their congregation's support of Disciples Mission Fund. These churches were in the top 100 or 250 churches in the denomination in their giving to DMF in 2016 through May 31.

Bon Air Christian Church (North Chesterfield), Colonial Christian Church (Colonial Heights), and Olive Branch Christian Church (Williamsburg) were in the top 100. Independence Christian Church (Ashland), Philippi Christian Church (Deltaville), First Christian Church (Lynchburg), Timberlake Christian Church (Lynchburg), West Side Christian Church (Portsmouth), Strasburg Christian Church (Strasburg), and Chalice Christian Church (Virginia Beach) were in the top 250 giving congregations.

Disciples Mission Fund is the common fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and supports 72 ministries, as close as your local congregation, and reaching around the globe.

### Where the gifts com from:

82.45% - Congregations

8.75% - Christian Church Foundation

6.01% - Disciples Women / CWF

1.36% - Blessing Boxes

1.32% - Individuals

.08% - Church schools

.03% - Youth

### How the gifts are distributed:

47.9% - Regional Ministries

35.6% - General Ministries

8.9% - Higher Education Institutions

6.2% - Office of General Minister & President

1.4% - Other Ministries

## Light a Candle for Children Prayer Vigil & Children's Sabbath

September 11 - October 16, 2016

West Side will be participating in the "Light A Candle for Children Prayer Vigil." This prayer vigil asks participants to light a candle each day and remember the needs of children in our congregation, city and the world. The vigil will end on October 16th with a special blessing of the children and youth in the morning worship service. Candles will be given out to all who wish to participate on Sunday, September 11th. Please consider being part of this important time of prayer for our children.

[www.discipleshomemissions.org](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org)



## FALL WORK WEEKEND @ CRAIG SPRINGS

October 7-9



It's time to get out the hammer and saw  
and head to Craig Springs for their  
annual Fall Work Weekend.

If you are interested in attending this  
event you can go online to register at  
[www.ccinva.org](http://www.ccinva.org) or you can stop by the  
church office and pick up a registration  
form with all the information you will  
need.

Registration deadline is October 1

## PRESCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

West Side Preschool & Kindergarten  
begins it's 2016-17 school year on  
Wednesday, September 7 at 9:00 AM.  
We ask that you please be mindful  
entering and exiting the parking lot  
during the times of 8:45 AM & 12:30 PM  
Monday - Friday as children and parents  
will be moving around learning the area.

Also, if you have a need to speak with  
Carrie Kelly or one of the other  
teachers, please do not contact them  
during school hours as it disrupts the  
children and their learning time. If there  
is an emergency, please let Trish know  
and she can contact them without  
disrupting the class. The preschool  
hallway door will be locked during this  
time as well as the outside church doors  
for the safety of all inside the building.

Thank you for your cooperation.