

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pantry Needs: spaghetti sauce, jelly, canned pasta, Complete Meals, Tuna Helper, canned corn, chunky soups, cereal, pudding, spaghetti, Ramen noodles, deodorant, toothbrushes, shampoo and conditioner. Donations may be left in the large green bins under the staircase near the Main Entrance or at the church office.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Charlie's "Angels" will meet Thursday, February 26, beginning with coffee at 9:30am in Centennial Hall, followed by the program at 10:00am in the Chapel. Dr. Donald Scott, SIU School of Medicine, will be speaking on "Wellness and Aging." Captain for the day is Ollie Stewart; volunteers whose name begins with M, N, O, P, Q, R should be at Centennial Hall no later than 8:30am. Lunch will be BBQ pork, cheese potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$6 and are available this Sunday, February 22, in U & I, Beau Knots, TNT ABF's, and the Welcome Center.

MISSIONS

Poland Mission Trip: An information meeting will be held Sunday, February 22, 12:15pm, E202 of the Education Wing. The trip is open to those 16+ or possibly younger; if a parent is also going on the trip. The Youth English Camp dates are August 9-15, so the mission trip will be August 7-16. If you are interested in the trip but unable to attend this meeting, contact Barbara Sachtleben at barbs@wschurch.org and leave your contact information.

Dominican Republic Packing: The group heading to the DR on February 28 needs assistance packing up the medicines and clothing on February 24 & 25, 5:00pm, in Centennial Hall.

Pennies for Penicillin is a Bible Fellowship activity coordinated by West Side's mission team that helps provide much needed aid in maintaining the free medical clinics in Indonesia. Canisters will be available in ABF's throughout the month of March.

STATISTICS

February 8, 2009 AM Worship: 2256 (2149 avg)
Offering: \$79,640.57 (\$77,957.73 avg)

February 15, 2009 AM Worship: 2240 (2162 avg)
Offering: \$82,434.03 (\$78,597.20 avg)

New Members February 8-15, 2009

By Baptism: Laura Brunner, Alyssa Franklin, Hannah Frazier, Ashley Reed, Maurice Sullivan

By Transfer: Melissa Conaway, Allan & Kathy Kiifner

MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited to participate in a Bible study entitled **Man-up! How the Fruit of the Spirit Can Make You a New Man.** Co-taught by Eddie and Fitz (West Side's new Men's Minister), the study is currently meeting each Thursday through March 26. Come and fellowship with coffee and donuts at 6:30am and stay for the study 6:45am-7:30am.

THIS 'N THAT

Assisted Parking Ministry: *Do any of these describe you on a Sunday morning? Expecting a baby? Have a van full of kids and need an extra hand? Carrying lots of stuff?* West Side's Assisted Parking Ministry is available every Sunday morning before and after the 8:00 and 9:30 services. This opportunity is available for ANYONE who would like extra assistance in making their way into the building, and parking their vehicle. Just pull up under the South Entrance Canopy and one of our team members will assist you. Your vehicle will be parked with care, and your keys will be kept in a secure location until you are ready to leave the building. For information about serving in this ministry, contact Rick Draughan at 487-7360.

Quilting Group: The West Side Quilting Group meets each Tuesday in Centennial Hall. The quilts and projects completed by this group are often sent to missionaries for use in their ministries, and to those in need. For more information about West Side's Quilting Group, contact Velma Hulbert at 544-0127.

College Students: Occasionally, groups like to send care packages to students as a reminder they are missed at West Side. If you have a student who is away from home attending college, please send his or her contact information to Sally Miller at sallym@wschurch.org or 793-2800.

Christian Day Care Center summer registration begins February 23 for SCS/WSCC families, March 2 for Christian Church families, and open registration will begin March 9.

Phil & Lois Coady proudly announce the birth of their first grandchild! PAIGE MARCELLA was born to Mitchell & Heather Hughes (California) on January 31, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz.

Congratulations to Joe & Jacinta Catalano on the birth of their son, EASTON CARMINE, who was born February 6, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz.! Easton's big brother is Joseph (age 3).

We deeply appreciate your love and support during the sudden passing of Todd's mom, Carol Danner-Kemp. Gary Winkleman did a wonderful job at her funeral; our small group and friends at West Side are a gift from God. We appreciate the many kindnesses shown to Carol; West Side is definitely God's hands and feet! – Todd & Kathleen Hazelwood & Family

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Mike Harney – Senior Adult and Music Minister

Mike Harney recently assumed a new role as our Senior Adult and Music Minister. Mike will continue to serve as the primary leader of our traditional worship service (8:00am) and will maintain many of his music ministry efforts such as ensembles, music groups and productions. He is also responsible for leading and developing our Senior Adult Ministry (ages 60+). Mike's high level of trust and rapport with our church family, along with his pastoral gifts, make him an excellent fit for this role. Mike has served on staff for more than 14 years and we look forward to seeing God use him in this new capacity.

Mary Florence has joined our staff team as the part-time Administrative Assistant for the Music and Senior Adult Ministry. Mary has a long history with the West Side family and we're glad to have her aboard our staff team. Mary's love for the Lord, her contagious optimism and her reputation as a "get it done" worker will be wonderful assets to our ministries. Mary can be reached at maryf@wschurch.org.

Elizabeth Wenzel recently accepted our invitation to serve as our Contemporary Worship and Technical Arts Administrative Assistant. She will utilize her organizational skills to help raise the bar for our Sunday morning worship services. Elizabeth has been heavily involved at West Side in the past several years; she recently returned from spending time serving with PROeM Ministries in Poland. She can be reached at elizabethw@wschurch.org.

DECISION DAY

Are you intimidated by the thought of making a public decision at West Side? Would it be helpful if others were making similar choices the same day? Many answer "yes" to these questions, so we created Decision Day!

On Sunday, March 1, we expect several people to respond when Eddie invites baptism and membership decisions following the sermon. Some will express faith in God's Son for the first time and be baptized into Christ. Some, who already believe, will come to experience biblical baptism by immersion. Others, because they are already immersed believers, will make West

Side their church home. If you need to review the scriptural basis for any of these important choices, we are glad to assist.

Have you hesitated to make one of these decisions? If you realize you shouldn't wait any longer, take advantage of this opportunity to respond while others do the same. We promise to make you as comfortable as possible. If you have questions about what spiritual step is best for you, contact Outreach Minister, Robin Pickett at robinp@wschurch.org or 793-2800, ext. 3417. We look forward to hearing from you.

CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES

One Month to Live

One Month to Live is an invitation to completely alter the rest of your life – however many days that may include. By talking about the importance and urgency of each of our lives, we hope to become people who “seize the day” and “live every moment.” Join us in worship on Sunday mornings as we take this challenge together!

March 1 – Leave Courageously

FOR OUR GUESTS

New to West Side? Check out our website, www.wschurch.org, and click on the “New To West Side” button. There, you will find information that will help you connect to life at West Side.

Welcome Center: Guests are invited to stop by the Welcome Center any Sunday morning to meet some of our staff, grab a gourmet beverage at **Guest Perking** and receive a special gift.

Questions? If you have questions about your faith or WSCC, please contact Robin Pickett at robinp@wschurch.org or 793-2800, ext. 3417.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Seek God for the City 2009 is a 40-day prayer initiative many people will be doing all across America leading into Palm Sunday for spiritual awakening throughout one's community. You are encouraged to participate in this by using a special 60-page booklet equipped with vivid, relevant prayers from promises of scripture. Booklets will be available in the Concourse this Sunday, February 22; suggested donation is \$1.

Our Prayer Ministry Team will host their quarterly one-week Prayer Intercessors' elective on Sunday, March 29, 9:30am, SCS Library. No registration is required. If you would like to learn more about how to take that next step to becoming a prayer intercessor, this 1-week class is for you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We need YOU! If you are looking for a place to serve, we have just the place. In fact, we have several! We need greeters, communion servers, homes & hospital volunteers, live videographers, children's worship volunteers...and more! For information about the variety of volunteer opportunities available, visit www.wschurch.org/serve or contact Kira Mulvany, Director of Involvement, at kiram@wschurch.org, 793-2800.

Food Pantry Volunteers: volunteers are needed on Saturday, February 28, 10:00am, 3rd floor, to help prepare toiletry bags for the month of March. To sign up or for information, contact Diane Grooms at 793-2800 or dianag@wschurch.org.

I am Children's Worship Volunteers Needed! Power House is our weekly worship service for kids, grades K-5th. Interested in sharing God's love with a small group of kids? This is a once-a-month commitment and we need your help. Contact Brigitte Green at greenboys4@comcast.net for more details.

Hey Volunteers, YOU ROCK! Save the date for our 3rd annual Volunteer Celebration on Friday, April 24, 6:00pm. Taylor Mason, a talented comedian, ventriloquist and musician will join us for an evening of laughter and entertainment. Childcare and pizza will be provided for ages birth-12, by reservation only. If you're a volunteer at West Side, you're invited to join us!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Revolutionary Parenting: West Side's Parenting Ministry is currently leading this elective on Sundays at 11:00am in Centennial Hall through March 8. No registration is required. We HIGHLY recommend this resource. Discounted copies of the books will be available for purchase in the Concourse on February 22 and March 1.

Family Film Fest: Taking your family to the movies can be SOOO expensive...but on March 6, 6:30-8:30pm, we are planning a family film fest for our next FAMILY FUN NIGHT that won't cost your family a dime! We'll even throw in the candy and popcorn too! This is for families with children ranging from birth through 18 years old/high school. We'll be watching Toy Story and a few short animated featurettes. We invite you to dress up as your favorite movie character of all time (it's not required but it certainly will add to the fun!) We'll even have some extra things planned before, after and at intermission, which will give your family an opportunity to win some cool prizes. This is a BYOC event (bring your own chair) so be sure to bring some fun chairs, bean bags or blankets to spread out. We'll be watching the movies in the Chapel. Please RSVP by March 3rd to 793-2800 or email your family name and how many people will be coming to jessicas@wschurch.org.

Parent Elective: On Sunday, March 8, 9:30am, Josh LeVeque, our IT Director, will be leading a session on protecting kids online. In a world that is increasingly connected to the internet, come learn some simple ways that you can help guard your students against the dangerous aspects of the internet.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For updated information, upcoming events, fun pictures and video, check out the kids' ministry blog at www.westsidekids.org

STUDENT EXPLOSION (Jr. High)

Believe Conference – Our biggest trip of the year is almost here! On March 20-21 we're going to the Family Arena in St. Louis to join thousands of other Jr. High students for a conference designed just for 6-8th graders. The deadline to sign up and pay (\$110) is February 18th. If you've missed the deadline you may still want to contact us to see if we've got extra space. You can get more info about the conference at our website or at www.jrhighbelieve.com.

STUDENT LIFE (High School)

Spring Break Service Project- Refuge Ranch: Week #1 - March 17-18; Week #2 - April 7-8; cost is \$25.00.

Upward Concessions are ongoing. Please continue to bring your donations to the church office. If you have any questions regarding work times please contact Darrin Clark at 836-0660.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Singles Volleyball: There is no volleyball through April 3, due to Upward Basketball.

Living Pure in an Impure World (by Dennis Franck): This DVD series is currently meeting through March 13, 6:00pm, in E205. The series addresses issues many singles and young adults face regarding issues of sexuality; singles and young adults are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming in April: Sign up in Singles ABF for Singles Paintball (April 4) and Casablanca Night at LSQA (April 25).

COMMUNITY CARE

12-Step Ministry ministers to those struggling with addictions or compulsions. Meetings are held every Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm. For more information, please call the church office at 793-2800.

Single Parent Ministry will host a lasagna dinner on Friday, March 6, 6:30pm; childcare will be provided. Contact Kim Rigney at rigney@xanadoo.com or 525-2896 for information.