

COMMUNITY CARE

Car Maintenance and Safety Clinic is September 26, from 9:00am – 12:00pm, hosted by the Lend A Hand ministry. During the clinic, participants will learn how to properly maintain and care for their car (changing a flat tire, how to maintain car fluids, etc.). There will also be a presentation that will address driver safety and will give you tips on how to be a safer driver. The clinic will be held in Centennial Hall I. To register, call the church office at 793-2800.

12-Step Recovery, which meets every Thursday at 7:00pm, is a Christ-centered fellowship which supports a group of Christians who practice as the name implies. The ministry is open to both men and women who are needing to recover from any compulsive and/or addictive behavior. This group guards and protects the anonymity of all members. To be a part of this ministry, contact the church office at 793-2800 for meeting location. Your phone call and identity remains confidential.

West Side's Food Pantry is out of hearty food items for the upcoming winter months. We are in need of soups, oatmeal, chili, and other hearty food items. Other items we are in need of include, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, canned green beans, corn, peas and fruit, tuna and tuna helper.

Growing Through Grief is a time of learning and growing together in a Christian environment which encourages caring and sharing to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The fall 10-week session is currently meeting on Tuesdays through November 10, 7:00-9:00pm, in Conference Room West. For information, you can contact the church office at 793-2800.

Divorce Care A Pathway to Healing is a 13 week seminar covering subjects such as: anger, depression, loneliness and financial survival. For information, contact the church office (793-2800).

The Single Parent ABF meets Sundays in Conference Room East. There are great class topics scheduled including **Facing**

STATISTICS

Sept. 13, 2009 AM Worship – 1907 (2102 avg)
Offering – \$69,714.95 (\$78,805.99 avg)

Sept. 20, 2009 AM Worship – 2169 (2103 avg)
Offering - \$92,168.77 (\$79,157.64 avg)

New Members: September 13-20, 2009

By Baptism: John Daum, Jessica Daum, Joey Daum, Katie Forestier

By Transfer: Michelle Montgomery

Challenges Head On, Remembering to Dream Big, and Feeling Singled Out. Fellowship at 9:30am; the class starts promptly at 10:00am. For more information, contact Kim Rigney at 525-2896 or kimr@kebcpa.com.

PRAYER MINISTRY

West Side's Prayer Ministry offers an hour of prayer and praise each Saturday at 8:00am, Conference Room West; everyone is welcome. Prayer focus this month is *children and youth*.

MISSIONS

The National Missionary Convention will be held at the Peoria Civic Center; November 19-22, 2009. The convention offers a variety of main sessions and workshops, along with hundreds of displays in the exhibit area. Find detailed information at www.NationalMissionaryConvention.org. Any WSCC member can go to the registration booth, tell them you are a WSCC member and that the church sent in Rapid Registration; a name badge will then be issued and you can enter at no cost.

FOR OUR GUESTS

New to West Side? Visit wschurch.org to find up-to-date 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.

THIS 'N THAT

Thank you so much for the prayers on behalf of our daughter, Samantha. May God bless you for your willingness to lift us up in prayer. —Hal, Diana, Samantha Sitterle & Family

A Cake & Ice Cream Reception, hosted by Mike and Laura Bull in celebration of the recent wedding of their son Alan and his wife, Alyssa (Powers), will be held Sunday, October 4, 1:00-3:00pm, in the AP Room. Alan and Alyssa were married September 5 in Gatlinburg, TN.

11th Annual All-Church Golf Outing at The Rail is Monday, October 12. This is an 18-hole scramble with a shotgun start at 8:00am. Cost is \$50 for golf, cart, lunch and prizes. Sign up as a foursome or as an individual. Register at the counter in the concourse on Sundays; payment is due by October 4. Questions? Contact Fitz at the church office.

Mulch Project Volunteers are needed on Saturday, October 17, 8:30am (weather permitting) to help add a new layer of mulch to the landscaping around the trees. For more information or to volunteer, contact Candi Scheuermann at (217) 519-2131 or candi51@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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Wiii KICK OFF - RSVP!

If you haven't yet signed up, "Wiii" still need you to **RSVP for the kickoff Sunday of Wiii!** We're expecting a full house on Sunday, October 4 as we launch into our fall emphasis. Visit wschurch.org to let us know you're coming to worship. Breakfast and games will be available in the Wiiinasium between services for our entire church family.

6TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

"Flawed Women Loved By a Flawless God" is Saturday, October 24, 9:00am – 3:00pm, at West Side Christian Church. Tickets are \$25 (early bird tickets now through October 4) or \$30 tickets (October 5-19). Tickets (including a catered lunch, morning coffee and snacks) are available in the Concourse on Sundays, online or at the church office at 793-2800. Don't miss **LIZ CURTIS HIGGS**, international author/speaker, editor, columnist, teacher and VERY funny lady!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

There is a lot of great info at www.westsidekids.org to help our families stay connected to opportunities for their child. Subscribe to our blog and have the posts sent to you.

K-5th Youth Groups will resume meeting Sunday, October 4, 4:45-5:45pm, in the following locations: Kindergarten, E103/E105; 1st-3rd grades, Cafeteria/Gym; 4th – 5th grades, CH 1 & 2.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

VELOCITY (Jr. High): Velocity meets each Sunday, 9:30am, in E200, for worship, games and interactive teaching. **V-Groups** meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at the church. Come this Wednesday and we'll help you get into a small group. **Fall Retreat** this year is called **Get a Grip** and will be held at Little Galilee on October 2-3. The deadline to sign up and pay (\$30) has passed but you may be able to get in if you contact us ASAP.

HIGH SCHOOL

FUSION (High School): Fusion meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **Fuse Groups** meet Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, in

homes. If you haven't signed up to be a part of this ministry contact joshhr@wschurch.org. **Praise Band:** We're looking for any high school student who would be interested in playing in the praise band for our student service. If you'd like to be involved, email joshhr@wschurch.org for more information. **Upcoming Events:** Get ready for **WestFest**, a great evening event on Friday, October 16, 6:00-10:30pm, with bands, speakers, and more. Great event to invite friends! **New High School Student Ministry Website:** westsidefusion.org.

PARENTING MINISTRY

2009-2010 classes: The Parenting Ministry will be hosting several classes this year. Check the Parenting Ministry website for details at www.wschurch.org under Ministries and Activities for Adults to see the 2009-2010 class offerings. Registration forms and additional information are in the Parenting Ministry pamphlet in the acrylic board located inside the Main Entrance or under Links on the website. Questions? Contact Mike or Cindy Gorrell at Parenting@wschurch.org or at 793-2800 ext. 3609.

A-I-M ~ ADULTS IN MINISTRY 60

Out-On-The-Town Lunch is Monday, September 28, 11:30am, at MCL. All 60 folks are welcome to meet us there!

Christmas Around the World will be held at West Side on Saturday, December 12. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by a Christmas concert by The Chosen Ones and The Lesters at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available in TNT ABF or in the concourse on October 4 and 11. After that, the event will be opened to the general public.

FINANCIAL CLASSES AVAILABLE

Good \$ense Budget Course: the last Good \$ense Budget Course for 2009 is scheduled to meet October 16-17 (Friday, October 16, 6:00-9:30pm; Saturday, October 17, 8:30am – 1:00pm). Registration fee is \$15 for individuals; \$25 for couples. Married couples are highly encouraged to participate together. Register online or call the church office at 793-2800. (Our 2010 dates will be April 23-24 and October 29-30).

Financial Peace University: 2010 dates are January 10-March 28 (Sundays, 5-7pm).

WORSHIP & ARTS

Christmas Choir begins September 30, 6:45pm, in the Music Room. All singers ages 12-99 are welcome to join in the Christmas celebration. Email Mike at mikeh@wschurch.org or call the church office to sign up. **Adult Handbells** begin September 30, 8:15pm; rehearsals are in the Music Room. Call or email

Mike if interested. **Children's Choirs:** Children's choirs for the fall, October/November, will begin October 4, 5:40 - 6:30pm. K-2nd grade will be led by Bonnie Latta; 3rd-6th grade will be led by Mike Harney; there will be no 4-5 year old choir this season.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Check out the pictures and watch for upcoming events and activities at <http://youngadults.wschurch.org>. Your comments and pictures are welcomed and encouraged.

New Young Adult Small Group Forming: If you are looking to join a Young Adult small group, please attend our Wednesday night gatherings starting September 23, and running through the month of October. We plan to have fellowship, bible study, and ultimately establish and launch one or more new small groups for this Fall. Our study time will align with the church-wide Fall Emphasis called "Wiii before Mi". We will meet at 2043 Briarcliff Drive, Springfield (home of John & Becky Minick). Doors open at 6:40, formally starting at 7:00. If you want to participate, or have questions, please contact John or Becky Minick at johnm@wschurch.org or beckym@wschurch.org

SERVE! Our next service project is coming up on Saturday, October 3. We will be adding a fun and somewhat competitive element to a food drive event we are calling The Food Frenzy. Join us at 3:30pm in the All Purpose room at West Side for this unique service opportunity.

Want more information about Young Adult Ministry? In addition to the young adult web site above, join the Facebook group ("WS Young Adults"). For more details about any of our young adult activities, events, and small group opportunities please contact johnm@wschurch.org.

SINGLES MINISTRY

- **Volleyball** on Fridays, 7pm, in the gym at West Side.
- **Bike Ride** on the Wabash/Chatham trail on Wednesdays (5:30pm) and Saturdays (10:30am); start at Sonic on Wabash.

Looking ahead to October:

- October 10 – Hiking at Starved Rock State Park
- October 17 – Paintball
- October 23 – Weenie Roast at LSCA

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women in Study will have a modified schedule in the fall for 5 weeks from October 14 – November 11. The morning session runs 9-11:00am and the evening session runs 6:30-8:00pm. The study will be from Max Lucado's Life Lessons series: RO-MANS; book donation is \$5.

MEN'S MINISTRY

All-Church Golf Outing: Hey guys, the annual Columbus Day Golf Outing at The Rail is quickly approaching on Monday, October 12. Get a team together and sign up for the event at the table in the concourse. Cost is \$50/person, which includes the 18-hole scramble with an 8am shotgun start, cart, lunch, and door prizes. Payment is due by October 4.

SMALL GROUPS

Small group leaders, if you haven't already checked your roster with us, contact Becky Minick (beckym@wschurch.org) as soon as possible so that we know if your group is staying the same or if it has any changes. The Fall Emphasis Small Group Curriculum will be available to be picked up beginning Sunday, September 27, between services. Each lesson will be available for pick-up at church the week prior to when it will be taught. It will also be available on the blog (<http://smallgroups.wschurch.org/>) for download. We encourage you to check the blog regularly for training tips and also as a means of gaining your feedback. You can receive e-mail notifications when the blog is updated by entering your e-mail address in the column on the right and then clicking "subscribe". Remember, we've only got two weeks left in the **Small Groups Food Drive**. Challenge your group to bring as much as possible on October 4 and see how much your group can collect.

ELECTIVES

Next Elective Coming Up (6 weeks) begins Sunday, October 11–November 15, and will be offered at two times: 9:30am in the cafeteria or 11:00am in the All Purpose Room with Dr. James Estep from Lincoln Christian University. The topic will be *From Jerusalem to Springfield, History of the Church*. You may register for the class (specify time, if possible) via e-mail: electives@wschurch.org or contact Cindy Lash at cindy@wschurch.org for more information.

Elective Synopsis from Dr. Estep: *What kind of church is West Side Christian Church?* That is a 2000 year-old question. Over the six weeks we will look at the highlights, pivotal points, and influential leaders that shaped the history of God's kingdom throughout history. Finally, we will end in the 19th-21st centuries to discuss what it means to be in the Restoration Movement, the tradition and fellowship to which West Side belongs.

1. The Earliest and Early Church (1-5th centuries AD)
2. The Medieval Church (5-14th centuries AD)
3. Renaissance and Reformations (15-16th centuries AD)
4. Modern (1650-1950)
5. The Roots of the Restoration Movement
6. What are we all about?