

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Women in Study** is currently meeting on Wednesdays through November 11. The morning session runs 9-11:00am and the evening session runs 6:30-8:00pm. The study is from Max Lucado's Life Lessons series: Romans; book donation is \$5.

**Aerobics for Women:** Ladies, join us for aerobics on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm in E205. Bring a water bottle, floor mat or towel. Some hand weights are available. For more information, visit [www.wschurch.org/aerobics](http://www.wschurch.org/aerobics).

## SMALL GROUPS

**The Fall Emphasis Small Group Curriculum** is available for small group leaders to pick up in the concourse on Sundays between services and 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.

**Small Group Leaders:** Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Leader Training Luncheon on Sunday, November 15, Centennial Hall, immediately following 3rd service.

## COMMUNITY CARE

**DivorceCare: "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar** will be held at West Side on Saturday, November 7, 9:00am-2:00pm. If you're separated or divorced, the holidays can be a lonely, stressful, depressing time. But there is hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new ways to enjoy them again. Cost is \$10.00 and includes morning snacks, lunch and a book. Childcare is provided. Call the church office at 793-2800 for more information or to register.

**Leaf Raking Project:** The Lend A Hand ministry will be hosting a leaf raking project in the month of November. If you

## STATISTICS

October 11, 2009	AM Worship – 1966 (2104 avg) Offering – \$86,467.85 (\$79,987.80 avg)
October 18, 2009	AM Worship – 1996 (2102 avg) Offering - \$80,530.20 (\$80,000.71 avg)

### New Members: October 11-18, 2009

**By Baptism:** David Casper, Mark Coelho, Jessica Massey

**By Transfer:** Timothy Grubbs

are elderly, disabled or a single parent and would like assistance raking your yard OR if you would like to help rake yards, please contact Karen Siehr at 793-9409.

**West Side's Food Pantry** is in need of oatmeal, cream of mushroom soup, tomato soup and macaroni & cheese.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

**Prayer focus** for the month of October is West Side's senior minister, ministry leaders, and staff. Other requests may be submitted to [prayer@wschurch.org](mailto:prayer@wschurch.org), by calling the church office, or by leaving a note at [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org).

**Please join us** in a special service of prayer for our brothers and sisters around the world who are being persecuted for the cause of Christ: Sunday, November 8, 6:30pm, Chapel. This is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP).

## 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 more detailed information at [www.NationalMissionaryConvention.org](http://www.NationalMissionaryConvention.org).

**The West Side Missions Team** has registered all of West Side for the convention. 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](http://wschurch.org) for current 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 email [guestinfo@wschurch.org](mailto:guestinfo@wschurch.org).

## THIS 'N THAT

**New Baby:** Congratulations to Thomas & Laura Hammond on the birth of their daughter, ELLA CLAIRE, who was born at 6:00pm on October 6, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz.!

**Daylight Savings Time** begins on the second Sunday of March and ends on the first Sunday of November. Set your clocks BACK one hour on Sunday, November 1.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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## Wiinie Roast & Fall Fest – Sunday, Oct. 25

**Join us Sunday** from 4:00-7:00pm for our all-church Wiinie Roast & Fall Fest! We'll have food and fun for all ages, including hay rack rides, scavenger hunts, a pumpkin pie eating contest and more! Bring your lawn chairs and roasting sticks if you have them. And if you love to bake, bring your favorite fall dessert to share. Don't forget to invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers. This event is free and open to everyone!

**Wiii T's:** A new shipment of T's has arrived! Shirts can be purchased in the WELCOME CENTER this Sunday, October 25.

## WEST SIDE 101

**NEWER TO WEST SIDE?** Attending West Side 101 is a great way to become familiar with our beliefs, purpose and personality. Led by Lead Minister Eddie Lowen with participation by the WSCC Ministry Staff, West Side 101 is ideal for newcomers who desire a clearer understanding of biblical baptism and what it means to be both a Christ-follower and a member of West Side Christian Church.

**The next West Side 101** will be held Sunday, November 8, from 4:00-6:30pm, in the All Purpose Room. A light meal will be provided and childcare is available upon request (only Jr. High students and older may attend West Side 101). To register, email us at [WS101@wschurch.org](mailto:WS101@wschurch.org), or call the church office at 793-2800.

## FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Children's Ministry

**The Family Dedication Experience** offers parents of infants and young children a formal and public opportunity to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ while promising to model and convey it to their children. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 27. You can pick up an information packet at the nursery on Sunday morning or go to [www.westsidekids.org](http://www.westsidekids.org) for more information.

**Children's Ministry:** There is a lot of great info at [www.westsidekids.org](http://www.westsidekids.org) to help our families stay connected to opportunities for their child. You can even subscribe to our blog and have the

posts sent to you. Visit the blog and subscribe today.

**Elementary Youth Groups** are cancelled this Sunday, October 25, so that families can attend the Wiiinie Roast together. Youth groups will resume on November 1, 4:30-5:30pm.

### **Jr. High School Ministry**

**VELOCITY (Jr. High): Velocity** is our new Jr. High event that meets each Sunday for worship, games and interactive teaching at 9:30am in E200. V-Groups meet every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm at the church. If you haven't been before, visit this week and we'll help you get into a small group. Pumpkinpalooza is Wednesday, November 4, from 6:30-8:00pm at Lake Springfield Christian Assembly. Invite your friends! More info for Jr. High students, tips for parents, event pictures and videos, can be found at [www.WestSideVelocity.org](http://www.WestSideVelocity.org).

### **High School Ministry**

**FUSION (High School): Fusion** meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204. **Fuse Groups** meet Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, in homes. To be a part of this ministry, contact [josh@wschurch.org](mailto:josh@wschurch.org). For any other information: [WestSideFusion.org](http://WestSideFusion.org). Don't miss our next trip to **ICTC**, November 20-21, in Peoria. Space is limited. Trip is \$65/student, due by November 1.

## **PARENTING MINISTRY**

**The Parenting Ministry** will be hosting several classes this year. Check the Parenting Ministry website for details at [www.wschurch.org](http://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](mailto:Parenting@wschurch.org) or at 793-2800 ext. 3609.

## **A-I-M ~ ADULTS IN MINISTRY 60**

**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 on Sundays in the Concourse.

**Charlie's "Angels"** will meet Thursday, October 22, beginning with coffee at 9:30am in Centennial Hall. The program will start at 10:00am in the Chapel with Dr. Jeremy Turner, SIU Department of Audiology. Captain for the day is Bill Bannon; volunteers whose name begins with T, U, V, W, X, Y & Z should be at Centennial Hall no later than 8:30am. Lunch will include BBQ pork sandwiches, potato salad, seasoned green beans, salad, rolls and pies. Tickets purchased at the door are \$8.

**Out-On-The-Town-Lunch:** Join us Monday, October 26, 11:30am, at the Golden Corral located near the Super Wal-Mart on S. 6th Street.

**Gospel Sing-Along** is Saturday, November 12, 4:15pm at West Side. At 5:00pm, we will go to Lewis Memorial to sing for the residents.

## **FINANCIAL CLASSES AVAILABLE**

**Financial Peace University's** 12-week course will once again be offered at West Side beginning Sunday, January 10, 5:00-7:00pm. Details and online registration are available at [www.wschurch.org](http://www.wschurch.org); the cost is \$99. If you have additional questions, e-mail [joeoettel@teaminfocus.com](mailto:joeoettel@teaminfocus.com) or call 793-2800.

**A one-week elective** class will be offered at 11:00am on December 6 or December 13 in our SCS Library, second floor, to learn more about the 2010 Financial Peace University class.

Dave Ramsey's website is especially helpful if you are new to Financial Peace University: [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)

## **WORSHIP & ARTS**

**Dinner Theater Auditions** will be held November 15 & 16, 6:30pm. We are teaming up for an intriguing mystery "who-dunn-it" entitled Madame's Been Murdered, Tea Will Be Late by Pat Cook, to be presented February 26, 27, 28, 2010. Rehearsals will begin early January. Dust off those acting skills and join us. Newcomers welcome!

**Christmas Choir** meets Wednesdays, 7:00pm, in the Music Room.

**Adult Handbells** meet Wednesdays at 8:00pm; rehearsals are in the Music Room.

**Christmas Children's Choirs** in November will meet Sundays, 5:40-6:30pm. K-2nd grade meets in the Music Room; 3rd-6th grade meets in CH2. Please note there will be no rehearsal this Sunday, October 25, so that families can attend the Wiiinie Roast together. Rehearsals resume on November 1!

**Children's Handbells:** This 3rd – 8th grade group meets on Monday afternoon from 3:45 – 4:45pm. Join us in the Music Room. Please note there will be no rehearsal on November 9.

## **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Have you seen the new and improved YA Web Site? Check out the pictures and watch for upcoming events and activities at <http://youngadults.wschurch.org>.

**GROW!** The next GROW! is Friday, October 23, 7:00pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive).

**GROW!** is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith and is a unique time to gather in an interactive environment that is bigger than a small group and more intimate than a Sunday Service. The lesson and discussion time will be informal and enjoyable.

**SERVE!** Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 7. We will meet at 1:00pm in Centennial Hall, then go out in teams to rake leaves. Please join us for this fun time as we bless others through serving.

**New Young Adult Small Group:** If you are looking to join a Young Adult small group, please attend our Wednesday night gatherings through the month of October, which includes fellowship, bible study, and ultimately establishing and launching one or more new small groups for this fall. The study time aligns with "Wiii before Mi". This YAM small group meets at 2043 Briarcliff Drive, Springfield (home of John & Becky Minick). Doors open at 6:40, formally starting at 7:00. Questions? Contact John or Becky Minick at [johnm@wschurch.org](mailto:johnm@wschurch.org) or [beckym@wschurch.org](mailto:beckym@wschurch.org)

**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](mailto:johnm@wschurch.org).

## **SINGLES MINISTRY**

**Volleyball:** There will be no volleyball Friday, October 23. Otherwise, join us in the gym each Friday at 7:00pm for volleyball.

**Wednesday & Saturday Bike Rides:** Join us on the Wash/Chatham trail (weather permitting) beginning at 5:30pm on Wednesdays and 10:30am on Saturdays.

**Wiener Roast & Movie at LSCA:** Bring your own lawn chair and whatever you want to roast to the Lake Springfield Christian Assembly Lakeside Lodge on Friday, October 23, 6:00pm. This is a "bring your own" event. Table service will be provided, but please bring your own meat, cooking utensils and drinks. Afterwards, we'll watch a movie inside the lodge.

**ISU Homecoming Football Game:** We're heading to Normal, IL on Saturday, November 7 for the ISU vs Western football game. Game time is 1:00pm, so meet at the church a little before 8am (leaving time). Tickets are \$13. Mark Wagner will provide chili and hot chocolate for the tailgate; bring any snack you'd like to share.

**Singles fall dance** outreach on Saturday, November 14, 5:30-9:30pm at LSCA. The theme will be **Celebrity Mask-querade**, so have fun coming dressed up as a famous celebrity! More information is available at [wschurch.org/singles](http://wschurch.org/singles).