

WORSHIP & ARTS

Dinner Theater: *Madam's Been Murdered, Tea Will Be Late* will be held on Friday, February 26 & 27; tickets are \$15. A Dessert Matinee is Sunday, February 28, 4:00; tickets are \$8. Tickets will be available to purchase beginning Monday, January 31.

COMMUNITY CARE MINISTRIES

Toiletry Saturday is January 23, 10:00am, on the 3rd floor of the church. If you would like to help fill bags with toiletry items, please contact Michelle Davis at michelled@wschurch.org or call 793-2800 by Thursday, January 21.

12-Step Recovery: If you or someone you know is struggling with an addiction or compulsion and would like help, our 12-Step recovery ministry is for you. The 12-Step recovery program meets Thursdays, 7:00-9:00pm. This program applies biblical truths to each of the 12-steps as you go through the recovery process. For more information, please contact the church office at 793-2800.

Broken Promise, our divorce recovery ministry for children (ages 4 years up to 8th grade) and their parent, begins Tuesday, February 2, and will meet weekly from 6:45-8:00pm for 13 weeks. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. To register, call the church office at 793-2800 or email Faith at brokenpromise@wschurch.org.

Divorce Care Ministry is a 13-week support group to help individuals recover from the pain of separation and divorce. For more information or to register please call the church office at 793-2800.

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 spring ten-week session will start on February 9. Sessions will be held on Tuesday nights from 7-9pm in Conference Room West. For more information, contact the church office at 793-2800.

MISSIONS

Dominican Republic Mission Trip is April 5-10. Approximate cost (including food) is \$950 or less. The trip will include assisting

STATISTICS

January 10, 2010	AM Worship – 2053 (2069 average) Offering - \$94,990.14 (\$78,860.98 avg)
January 17, 2010	AM Worship – 2223 (2120 average) Offering - \$84,483.93 (\$80,735.30 avg)

New Members: January 10 & 17, 2010

By Baptism: Mike Morgan; Rebecca Park; Solomon Tolley

By Transfer: Dave & Debra Miller

with a construction project for a new church plant in the La Romana area (laying the foundation), as well as conducting a 3-day VBS in La Romana. Contact GaryW@wschurch.org for information.

Haiti Earthquake: Thank you, West Siders, for your generous response; \$19,170.77 has been given to date. Checks may still be sent to IDES: Haiti Earthquake, PO BOX 60, Kempton, IN 46049. Visit the International Disaster Emergency Service website at www.IDES.org for an update on the status of all our missions/ministries in Haiti.

What in the world is going on with Missions at West Side? Check out the new missions blog at <http://Missions.wschurch.org> for the latest on mission trips, ministry updates and blog entries from many West Siders! Subscribe for the e-mail notification of updates.

ELECTIVES

Revelation: Dr. Bob Lowery will return to us this Sunday, January 24, for a 4-week elective on Revelation. He will be teaching in the gym (hosted by the TNT class) at 9:30am. The Homebuilder ABF will be joining the series. Everyone is invited, no registration required. You do not need to be currently attending an ABF class to participate.

THIS 'N THAT

New Baby: Congratulations to Joe & Janelle Ludtke on the birth of their daughter, MADISON MARIPAT, who was born January 13, weighing 9 lbs. 1 oz.! Madison's big sister is Mandolin (age 18 mos.) and her proud West Side grandparents are Jerry & Maripat Cline.

Need Prayer? Email requests to prayer@wschurch.org.

Upward Concessions: Every February and March the students of West Side have an opportunity to raise funds to offset the expense of summer trips by working the Upward concession stand on Friday nights and Saturdays. The generosity of West Side has helped make this a very positive endeavor. Stop by the Upward table in the Concourse this Sunday and pick up a card that lists a concession item needed, price, and location where it can be picked up.

The Annual Recommitment to Life Rally, sponsored by the Springfield Right To Life Civic Committee, will be held January 24, 2:00pm, in the state capitol rotunda. This rally commemorates the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. Refreshments will follow in the former Hall of Flags, Michael Howlett Building. Keynote speaker is Mark Harrington of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform.

Voter Guides: With Election Day just around the corner on February 2, it is important that voters have information available to help them make educated decisions as they cast their votes for the different candidates. The Illinois Family Institute has provided such a voter guide which is now available for download on their website: www.illinoisfamily.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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MESSAGE SERIES

The COMPASS message series concludes this Sunday, January 24, with "Staying on Course." It's important to choose a direction in life that will produce the results we want. Direction determines destiny! We all need a Compass.

NEW MESSAGE SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 31

What Would Jesus Hate?

Jesus possessed the full range of human and divine emotion. He loved his friends. He had compassion for the sick. He demonstrated concern for the poor. He grieved when those he loved experienced loss. He displayed the type of gentleness and kindness that attracted children. There were occasions when Jesus was "full of joy."

But Jesus also revealed negative emotions that might surprise those who are not familiar with his life. He displayed anger and disappointment. He famously "went off" on the money changers and skewered corrupt religious leaders. He scolded his closest followers. Jesus made threats of judgment against those who mistreated the helpless. It's not too much to say that there are some things that Jesus hated.

If there are actions or attitudes that Jesus hates, you and I should be sure to avoid them.

January 31 – Harming a Child
February 7 – Obstructing a Seeker
February 14 – Judging a Brother
February 21 – Ignoring the Needy

PERSONNEL UPDATE

We're pleased to announce that **Rebekah Stewart** has joined our West Side staff team as the Elementary Children's Ministry Administrative Assistant. Dawn Hauer will continue serving in the Children's Ministry with a focus on Early Childhood Ministry. Please join us in welcoming Rebekah to our team!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry: Visit www.westsidekids.org to stay con-

nected 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 meet Sundays, 4:30-5:30pm, in the following locations: Kindergarten, E103/E105; 1st-3rd grades, Cafeteria/Gym; 4th-5th grades, CH 1 & 2.

VELOCITY (Jr. High): Velocity is our Jr. High event that meets each Sunday for worship, games and interactive teaching at 9:30am in E200. **V-Groups** meet in the Gym each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm. **Believe sign-ups** are now open. Don't miss our biggest trip of the year on March 5-6 in St. Louis. Stop at the concourse table for more details or to sign up. **Parents and students** please help us improve our student ministry by filling out a quick survey. Complete it online or pick up a hard copy in the church office. Visit <http://westsidevelocity.com> for more info.

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

Missed the Fuse Group Re-Launch? Email josh@wschurch.org to get plugged in. Seniors-Only Lunch is back; our first date is January 24 after 3rd service; all graduating seniors welcome. For more information, visit WestSideFusion.org. **West Side's Student Ministries** are currently conducting a survey for students and parents; pick up a survey in Fusion, the church office, or on our website at online (digital copy).

Upward Concessions: Every February and March the students of West Side have an opportunity to raise funds to offset the expense of summer trips by working the Upward concession stand on Friday nights and Saturdays. In the past, students have averaged about \$10 an hour toward their trips. If students would like to help with concessions this spring, there are opportunities to sign up at the Upward counter in the Concourse.

A-I-M ~ ADULTS IN MINISTRY 60

AIM2GO is the name for our AIM 60 mission endeavors. Our goal is to be involved in three mission efforts. We are seeking to create opportunities for every age and ability level. Join us January 21, 6:30pm, in the All Purpose Room to find out how you can serve locally or possibly overseas in fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18).

Charlie's "Angels" will meet Thursday, January 28, 9:30am for coffee, 10:00am for the program (Robert L. Williams, Springfield Chief of Police), and 11:30am for lunch (pork BBQ, cheesy hash-browns, green beans, salad and cupcakes). Captain for the day is Kay Berry; volunteers whose last name begins with C, D and E should be at Centennial Hall no later than 8:30am. Tickets are \$6.00 and will be available to purchase on January 24 in U & I, TNT or Beau Knot ABFs, as well as Guest Central, or at the church office during

regular business hours (no later than Monday, January 25, 4:00pm, please).

Coffee Break @ WSCC for everyone 60 will be Wednesday, February 10. Join us at Guest Central at 9:30am for a great time of fellowship and coffee.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Super Bowl Party: The Young Adult Ministry Super Bowl party will be held at 144 Nottingham Rd. in Springfield, the home of Theo and Kristen Spilman, on Sunday, February 7. Guests are welcome to arrive at 4:30pm and are asked to bring soda and snacks to share. Board games and other activities will be available for those not watching the game.

Second Sunday Lunch: West Side Young Adults are gathering for lunch immediately after the 11:00 service on February 14. No need to cook, just go to CH1 and enjoy a meal while meeting other West Side Young Adults.

GROW! The next GROW! is Saturday, February 20, 6:40pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive). Our guest teacher will be Andrew "Fitz" Fitzgibbon, speaking on the topic "Dealing With Difficult People". GROW! is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith. This 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.

Want more information about Young Adult Ministry? Check out pictures, resources, and upcoming events at <http://youngadults.wschurch.org>. You are also invited to join the Facebook group ("WS Young Adults"). For more details about any of our young adult activities, events, and small group opportunities please contact John or Becky Minick at JohnM@wschurch.org or BeckyM@wschurch.org

SINGLES MINISTRY

Saturday Walks at the Park at 11:00am; meet by the duck pond at Washington Park (weather permitting).

City Basketball Tournament (or movie): Meet for dinner on January 23 at 5:30pm at Fulgenzi's (Peoria Road and Sangamon Avenue), then either head off to the Convention Center to watch basketball or join another group going to Showplace 8.

Caché Connections Singles Event at iWorship is Saturday, January 30. Come hear the Meghan Nicole Band, speaker Ashton Lee from WIBI, enjoy refreshments and socialize with other local Christian singles from the area. Cost at the door is \$20 but you can purchase tickets in Singles ABF on Sunday morning for \$5.

Super Bowl Party (Men's Appreciation Night) is February 7, 4:00pm, in West Side's cafeteria. Watch the game on a big screen TV or come to play volleyball in the gym. Ladies will provide the food;

guys are to bring chips and soda.

Singles Wisconsin Ski Trip will be February 26-28. Sign-ups will start in January. A \$50 deposit is required by February 7.

Ladies Night Out at West Side is February 14, 6:00pm, with the guys cooking and serving the ladies a delicious meal and providing great entertainment. Gals, sign up in Singles ABF to attend.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Alive With Christ will resume the week of January 25. *Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed: A Study of David* is a 6-week, interactive, in-depth Bible study by Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore, and Kay Arthur. The workbook is \$13, due at the first session. Groups will meet on Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm or Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am. To register, call 793-2800. Childcare is provided; indicate childcare needs when you register.

Women in Study: The next session will meet Wednesday, January 27-March 17, 9-11am or 6:30-8pm, and will continue their study of the Book of Romans. Childcare is by reservation only through Cindy Lash at CindyL@wschurch.org or 793-2800, ext. 3422, at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of class.

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.

Scrapbooking/Crafts: The next scrapbooking/craft night is February 5 from 6:30pm – midnight, Centennial Hall 3. Participants bring their own supplies and a snack to share. Questions? Contact Joni Colle at 787-6246, 725-6715 or jdcolle@gmail.com.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Father-Daughter Winter Wonderland Banquet is this Friday, January 22, from 6-8pm in the Gymnasium. It'll be a great night of fun as we share some special time with our daughters!

Third Thursday Breakfast: Don't miss the Men's Breakfast and Bible Study this Thursday, January 21, in Centennial Hall. We'll begin serving breakfast at 6:15am and the study will conclude by 7:30am. We'll be taking a look at the heart of a godly man.

SMALL GROUPS

Get Connected! Small Group Sign-Ups: Small Groups are one of the primary ways to get involved at WSCC. Small Groups are gatherings of 6-14 people who meet regularly to share life together, exploring the intersection of faith and daily life.

If you would like to join one of the new small groups launching in January, contact Kira Mulvany, Director of Involvement, KiraM@wschurch.org.