

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.

A VISION FOR THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

OUR VISION

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true
community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion
for justice. (Micah 6:8)

OUR MISSION

To be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ,
witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps
"to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

2020 VISION

- 1000 new congregations
- 1000 transformed congregations
- The leadership development necessary to realize these
new and renewed congregations
- All within a context of being an anti-racist/
pro-reconciling church.

Who is the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) originated on
the American Frontier during the early 19th Century. Its first
leaders were Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell,
Presbyterians who reacted against sectarian frontier religion
and urged a union of all Christians founded upon the
restoration of New Testament Christianity. They advocated
adult baptism by immersion, weekly observance of The Lord's
Supper, and autonomy of the local congregation.

Congregations accept new members through a confession
of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership from other
denominations. Worship styles vary from congregation to
congregation, but all observe communion each Sunday. The
communion table is open to all. It is a place where we come
to experience the power of God's love and the grace of Jesus
Christ in the breaking of bread and the drinking of the cup.
Our gathering at the communion table is the central focus
of our worship service.

Disciples advocate freedom and embrace diversity. We are
a non-creedal tradition which means that creeds and
doctrines do not dictate how we are to live out our faith.
Each person is challenged to study the scriptures and discern
God's will for their own life. The Christian Church has
always served as a "bridge church" or a common ground for
people with diverse denominational backgrounds. We believe
in welcoming *all* people into relationship with Jesus Christ.

Who is West Side Christian Church?

The West Side Christian Church had its beginning on
July 1, 1956 when 105 members of the Park View Christian
Church, located on Hatton Street in downtown Portsmouth,
were commissioned to organize a new Christian Church in
the West End. The newly formed congregation held its first
worship service on July 8, 1956 in the Grove Park Seventh
Day Adventist Church on Winchester Drive. Attendance was
131. Those temporary facilities were utilized until the first
unit of the present plant was constructed. In August of 1956,
both the Christian Women's Fellowship and the Christian
Men's Fellowship groups were chartered.

West Side Christian Church recently celebrated its 50th
anniversary and has recommitted itself to doing ministry in
the city of Portsmouth. We see ourselves as a loving and
caring congregation open to where God is calling us. In
many ways, we are like a giant family committed to one
another and to Jesus Christ. With nearly 400 members, we
are continuing to grow and hope you will consider making
West Side your church home.



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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister
Becky Barclay, Music Director

WELCOME
West Side Christian Church
 October 18, 2009



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

****SHARING THE NEWS OF WEST SIDE.....**Kitty Baker

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....arr. Ray
"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....**Tony Peris

Elder: Let your minds ponder the manifold works of God. Let your spirits soar amid the wonders of creation.

PEOPLE: **There is pulsating life all around us. The earth is full of God's creatures.**

Elder: Sun and rain proclaim God's infinite imagination. Moon and stars sing the glory of the Eternal One.

PEOPLE: **It is God who shares with us wisdom and understanding. We depend on God for the gift of life.**

Elder: We gather to worship and praise the God of all people. We come to learn from the God we only dimly perceive.

PEOPLE: **We reach out for answers to our questions. We long to find meaning and purpose for our days.**

***WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH, 17
"O Worship the King"

***UNISON INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: Source of all things, how can we approach glory so vast that all space and time is surrounded by you? We cannot comprehend the marvels of the earth. How shall we honor your majesty? You are so unknowable, yet evidence of your work is on every hand. The mystery of life in all its many forms, the discoveries we are allowed to make, the sweep of knowledge entrusted to our use, the amazing resources of this planet-all speak of a God who cares, who honors us, who provides for our salvation. Let this time of meeting honor you and equip us to do your will. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying, *"Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

***GLORIA PATRI.....**CH, 35

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS
THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Psalm 104:1-9, 24

ANTHEM.....arr. Page
"Beautiful Savior"

NEW TESTAMENT READING..... Mark 9:30-37

SERMON.....*"How Low Can You Go?"*.....Rev. Marion Brown

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Jensen
"Canzone"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your wayward people find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new understanding and joy. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY.....** CH, 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION..... Mary Peris

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH, 384
"Here at Thy Table, Lord"

The Lord's Table is open for all people. Christ has set the table before us. It is by His invitation we are fed. You may eat of the bread as it is passed and drink of the cup at the conclusion of the Words of Institution.

PRAYER FOR THE BREAD.....Tony Peris

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Diane Loftis

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION.....CH, 666
"The Voice of God Is Calling"

During the singing of the Hymn of Invitation, we invite anyone wishing to become a Christian or wishing to unite with this congregation, please come forward.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE.....Lemmens
"Allegro Jubilato"

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Nina Milam, Donna Nutting, Dudley DeStefano, Allison Nutting

** PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE*

*** At the conclusion of the announcements, children ages 3-8 are dismissed to attend "Worship and Wonder," following a prayer.*

Offering for October 11, 2009

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 2,159.00
Building Fund:	130.00
Reconciliation:	308.00
Preschool Tuition: (To be reimbursed to Preschool)	140.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Aluminum Cans, Camp Fees)	43.75

TOTAL..... \$ 2,780.75

~ October 18, 2009 ~

- Today's chancel flowers are given in memory of Hervy Gray, Sr., by Steve and Fran Gray.
- Today we are participating in a Pulpit Exchange with Broad Street United Methodist Church. Rev. Marion Brown will be our guest minister today and Rev. Nathan Brown will be speaking at Broad Street.
- You are invited to attend the dedication of Chalice Christian Church today at 3:00 PM. Directions have been posted on the bulletin board.
- Our monthly Pot Luck Supper is Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30 PM. Our guest will be the gospel group "New Journey", formerly called "Forgiven." Plan to join us and as always, please bring 2 covered dishes to share and a donation for the food pantry.
- District VIII CMF will meet on October 22nd at 6:30 PM in Grafton Christian Church, Yorktown. Dinner is \$6.00. RSVP to Larry Hackler by Monday, October 19th.
- CMF will hold their monthly Breakfast Meeting this Saturday, October 24th beginning at 8:00 AM. Due to a family matter, Dr. Andrew Caines will not be able to attend. We will however hold a special prayer meeting. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, October 21st if you are planning to attend.
- The Crafters group will meet on Saturday, October 31st at 9AM. Craft Project for October is "*Pots with a Purpose*" lead by Cindy Wallace. Come make a pot, fill it with flowers, gifts, candy or whatever to use or give as a gift. They make great gifts for the holidays for teachers, friends and shut-ins. Make one for Talents for Mission. Sign up today! Deadline is next Sunday.
- The CWF will hold their Talents for Missions & Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 7th starting at 4:00 PM. Come see how crafty our West Side ladies can be and enjoy a delicious dinner at the same time.
- We are in need of 3 facilitators for the Church Care Team in 2010. The responsibilities have been posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. If you are interested in serving on this team, please see Diane Loftis or Rev. Brown.
- A Congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15th to vote on the 2010 Officers and approve next year's budget.
- Newsletter deadline for November is tomorrow.

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THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

Today, Oct. 18th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service 3:00 p.m. – Chalice Christian Church Dedication
Mon., Oct. 19th:	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Tues., Oct. 20th:	6:00 p.m. – Pastoral Relations 7:30 p.m. – Elders
Wed., Oct. 21st:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 6:30 p.m. – Pot Luck Supper
Thurs., Oct. 22nd:	6:30 p.m. – District VIII Quarterly Meeting (Grafton) 6:00 p.m. – Church Team Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Bible Study
Fri., Oct. 23rd:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Oct. 24th:	8:00 a.m. – CMF Breakfast 2:00 p.m. – FC In Use (Smith)
Sun., Oct 25th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Betty McCrickard, Lesa Myles, Kyle Baker, Wayne Thomas, Wilma Ingram, John Milam, Cheryl Jarvis, Norman Dickens, Amy Ivy, Emily Gray Metz, Maud Hemby, Nathan Brown Family, Quimby Family, Kitty Buchanan, Sue Gatling, Barbara Barnhart, Murray Brown, Eloise Lowman, Jeannie Ross, Patrick Petty, Christie Bradley, Masil Jones, Lorraine Shea, Jordan Lahy, Mary Wyatt, Janice Deweese

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Dottie Redmon, Rev. Glenn Weaver, Ruth Blackman,
Sandy Cotton, Dennis Davenport, Roland Thornton, Al Hemby,
Esther Daniel