

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
 November 1, 2009



YOUTH SUNDAY

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

- **SHARING THE NEWS OF WEST SIDE.....Rev. Brown
- BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST..... Ivy Kelly
- PRELUDE.....Jake Widener
- *RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP.....Morgan Phelps

Elder: Listen and hear, all you people of the book!
 There is one God who created all time and space.

PEOPLE: **Our hope is in God who made heaven and earth.
 All creatures of the land and sea come from God.**

Elder: You shall love God with all your heart and soul.
 You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

PEOPLE: **We will praise God as long as we live.
 We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.**

Elder: A second commandment is like the first:
 You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

PEOPLE: **God watches over strangers and widows and
 orphans. We honor God by honoring these,
 our sisters and brothers.**

- *WORSHIP HYMNS..... *"You are Worthy of My Praise"*
"Blessed Be Your Name"
"How Great is Our God"

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER.....Morgan Phelps**

ALL: Reigning God, we have viewed the work of your hands. Where there is justice for the oppressed, we sense your presence. Where the hungry are fed, we know the providers are working with you. You set prisoners free and open the eyes of the blind. You lift up those who are bowed down and sustain the righteous with your love. We worship a God who is living and active. We give thanks that you call us to join the action, to love you and one another more than the rituals of our religion or the satisfaction of our success. Focus us now on all that is worthy of our praise. 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.....Emily Nutting**

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS
THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 146.....Allison Nutting
ANTHEM.....Bell Choir (Grades 1st-5th)

"Jesus Loves Me"

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Mark 12:28-34.....Allison Nutting
SKIT.....Middle School & Senior High

"If It Quacks like a Chicken"

WORDS OF WISDOM.....Stephen Milam

"Equality"

MORNING PRAYER.....Hannah Berk

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP.....Stephen Milam
OFFERTORY.....Robert Hughes

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: Receive from us, O God, the best we have to give. All we have comes from you. We return a portion with joy to accomplish the work we intend to do together in your name. We bring ourselves as well, to be blessed by you, so that while we are apart our words and deeds will continue to be a significant offering. May our lives praise you! Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY: CH, 46Emily Nutting**

COMMUNION MEDITATION.....Stephen Milam

COMMUNION HYMN.....
"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

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.....Kristen Brown

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Courtney Brown

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION.....*"Light the Fire Again"*

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.....**Rev. Brown

POSTLUDE.....Jake Widener

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY

Allison Nutting, Millicent Wise, Hannah Berk, Morgan Phelps

* 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 with Rev. Brown.

Offering for October 25, 2009

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 2,686.00
Building Fund:	95.00
Building Fund: (In honor of Dick & Mary Cornwell)	2,000.00
Pension Fund:	2,013.48
Angel Food:	312.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Flowers, CMF)	107.50
TOTAL.....	\$ 7,213.98

~November 1, 2009 ~

- Today's chancel flowers are given in honor of Marla Terry on her birthday by Chris, Kelly, Jessica, Richard, Lauren and Braeden.
- Administrative Cabinet meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM.
- CWF will hold their annual Talents for Mission & Spaghetti Dinner this Saturday, November 7th from 4 PM – 7 PM. Dinner can be Take-out or Eat-in. Tickets are available from any Disciples Lady or the church office at a cost of \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under. If you have items to donate, please have them priced and brought to the church any time Friday or Saturday morning.
- Angel Food Distribution is Saturday, November 14th from 9am-11am. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.
- A sign up sheet has been posted for volunteers to help serve lunch at Oasis on Thursday, November 19th. If you wish to carpool, please see Bill Taylor.
- In place of our monthly Pot Luck Supper we will have a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. Mr. Cornwell will prepare the turkey, stuffing, rolls, gravy and drinks for us. All we ask is that you bring 2 side dishes to share along with your entire family. Beth Branch and her Angel Food volunteers will be speaking to us on what a blessing this ministry has been to our community and church.
- The 2009 Thanksgiving Offering is entitled "Disciples U" and will be collected on Sunday, November 15th and Sunday, November 22nd. More information about this special offering will be available in those weekly bulletins or you can go online and read about it at www.disciples.org.
- We still need 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.
- Wilson High School will hold its "Holly Days Craft Fair", Saturday, November 14th from 10AM – 3PM. There will be over 500 Crafters and lots of Door Prizes. For more information call 465-2907. Free and open to the public.

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THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

Today, Nov. 1st:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., Nov. 2nd:	5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Tues., Nov. 3rd:	7:00 p.m. – Administrative Cabinet
Wed., Nov 4th:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 10:00 a.m. – CWF (Rebekah & Lydia) 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:15 p.m. – Choir Practice
Thurs., Nov. 5th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Fri., Nov. 6th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Nov. 7th:	4:00 p.m. – CWF Talents for Missions & Spaghetti Dinner
Sun., Nov. 8th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Danny Black, 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

SHUT-INS

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