

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.



“On Being the Church.....Commitment”



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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister
Becky Barclay, Music Director

WELCOME
West Side Christian Church
 January 17, 2010



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

****SHARING THE NEWS OF WEST SIDE.....**Rev. Brown

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....arr. Pethel
"Fairest Lord Jesus"

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**Fred Fritts

Elder: With steadfast love, God calls our name.
 Come to find refuge in the shelter of God's ways.

PEOPLE: We long to be recognized and affirmed.
 We are eager for a place of shelter and security.

Elder: Feast on the abundance of God's house.
 Come to drink deeply from the fountain of life.

PEOPLE: We are ready to hear the Word of God.
 We want to be guided by eternal truth.

Elder: Reach out to claim the gifts God pours out on us.
 The Spirit is eager to inspire and empower each one.

PEOPLE: When God calls us, we cannot remain silent.
 When Christ is real to us, we accept our discipleship.

***WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH. 4
"Holy, Holy, Holy!, Lord God Almighty"

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: How awesome it is that you care for us, God of all life! Your delight in us brings out our best. When you rejoice in us, we come to believe in our capacity for goodness. When your light and salvation dawn in our lives, we want to share the joy. Remind us now of the gifts you so freely bestow. Help us to recognize them in ourselves and in one another, that we may use them to serve people in need and give glory to your name. 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 (pg. 604).....Isaiah 62:1-5
ANTHEM.....arr. Ringwald
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

NEW TESTAMENT READING (pg. 933)1 Corinthians 12:1-11
SERMON.....Rev. Brown
"On Being the Church.....Commitment"

SILENT MEDITATION

MORNING PRAYER

**THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
 AT THE LORD'S TABLE**

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY.....Edmunds
"Andante Grazioso"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work you set before us. The charities of gifts you entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank you for granting us this joy. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**CH, 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 405
"In Memory of the Savior's Love"

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.....Fred Fritts

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Steve Gray

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
 TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION..... CH. 464
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE.....Handel
"March in G Major"

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Shannon Stidhan, Michael Stidham, Nina Milam, Stephen Milam

** 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 January 10, 2010

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 3,216.00
Building Fund:	2,868.04
Memorial Fund: (In memory of Joey Irwin)	200.00
Scholarship Fund:	100.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Initial)	45.40
TOTAL.....	\$ 6,429.44

~January 17, 2010~

IN NEED OF PRAYER

David & Doris Tugwell, Betty Bryan, Norman Dickens, Franklin Family, William Brown Family, Freda Pyles, Betty McCrickard, Lynne Thomas, Price Family, Lauren Forbes, Jean Benson, Pauline Moseberth, Linda Powers, Martha Whitlow, Brenda Lewis, Anne Preslar, Kristen Muhlenbeck, Danny Black, Lesa Myles, Kyle Baker, John Milam, Emily Gray Metz, Maud Hemby, Nathan Brown Family, Quimby Family, Catherine Buchanan, Sue Gatling, Barbara Barnhart, Murray Brown, Eloise Lowman, Christie Bradley, Masil Jones, Lorraine Shea, Jordan Lahy, Mary Wyatt, Janice Dewese

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Rev. Glenn Weaver, Ruth Blackman, Dennis Davenport,
Roland Thornton, Al Hemby, Esther Daniel

- Volunteers are needed for the Audit Team. If you are interested in becoming a part of this team, please see Dave McCrickard.
- The church office and preschool will be closed next Monday, January 18th in observance of the MLK holiday.
- We will be serving lunch as Oasis this Thursday at 10:00 AM. Please sign up if you are available to assist.
- Deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter is this Friday.
- Angel Food distribution is Saturday, January 23rd. Volunteers are **URGENTLY** needed to help Beth take orders on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please call her at 675-8626 and volunteer a little of your time to this growing vital ministry.
- A Leadership Retreat at West Side is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30th from 9am-4pm.
- There will be a District VIII training session held on Saturday, February 6th at First Christian Church, Hampton beginning at 9:30 AM. All Elders & Deacons are encouraged to attend.

THIS WEEK AT WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN

Today, Jan. 17th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., Jan. 18th:	Church & Preschool Closed – MLK Holiday No Angel Food Orders Today
Tues., Jan. 19th:	7:00 p.m. – Elders
Wed., Jan. 20th:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:15 p.m. – Choir
Thurs., Jan. 21st:	10:00 a.m. – Oasis
Fri., Jan. 22nd:	No Church Activities
Sat., Jan. 23rd:	9:00 a.m. – Angel Food Distribution
Sun., Jan. 24th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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Chancel Flowers

You may have noticed that we now have a beautiful silk arrangement on the baptistery. Thanks to the talented DeeAnn Phelps, we will continue to have seasonal silk arrangements in lieu of fresh flowers. Many of you have expressed that you still would like to have a fresh flower arrangement placed in honor/memory of someone special. You may purchase and place a fresh arrangement with our gratitude. If you plan to do this, please inform the church office so that a proper announcement can be printed in the bulletin. Multiple people can now sign up for the same date, much like we do for Poinsettias. Forms and instructions are located on the bulletin board outside the church office. The amount you give is up to you. Just remember to note which fund you are giving to. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin just as it was for chancel flowers. If you have any questions please speak with Kitty Baker.



Coat Drive!



We will be collecting winter coats through the month of January. Bring your old coats to donate.



We need coats from children through adult. They may be new or gently used. Please leave them in the box located in the hall.