

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. . . . Unity"



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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Rev. Nathan Brown, Minister
Becky Barclay, Music Director

WELCOME
West Side Christian Church
 January 24, 2010



THE COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SERVE GOD

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

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE..... *Asper*
"Reflection"

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**David McCrickard

Elder: Let the ears of all people be attentive;
 the heavens are telling the glory of God.

PEOPLE: Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork.
 Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Elder: Day and night, God is at work among us.
 We are drawn together into one body, the church.

PEOPLE: As we commune with God, we know we need one
 another. Let us honor the good to be found in all
 people.

Elder: Hear once again the laws and commandments.
 Find them sure and right and true for all.

PEOPLE: We weep and mourn our lack of faithfulness.
 We seek true community in which all are honored.

***WORSHIP HYMN.....**CH. 64
"We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God"

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

ALL: On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Cleanse and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. 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
COMMISSIONING FOR MISSION TRIP.....Jennifer Larson

THE COMMUNITY PROCLAIMS
THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT READING (pg. 379)....Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
ANTHEM.....Alhouse
"In Wintertime"

NEW TESTAMENT READING (pg. 933).....1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a
SERMON.....Rev. Brown
"On Being the Church.....Unity"

SILENT MEDITATION
MORNING PRAYER

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER
AT THE LORD'S TABLE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP
OFFERTORY.....arr. Tornquist
"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALL: In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what you have allowed us to give, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve you by sharing your love. Amen.

***THE DOXOLOGY**CH. 46

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN.....CH. 393
"One Bread, One Body"

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.....David McCrickard

PRAYER FOR THE CUP.....Bob Nutting

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH
TO SERVE GOD IN MISSION

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN OF INVITATION..... CH. 337
"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"
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.....Mauret
"Rigaudon"

DIACONATE SERVING TODAY
 Shannon Stidham, 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 17, 2010

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00

Received for Budget:	\$ 2,836.00
Building Fund:	40.00
Week of Compassion:	75.00
Other: (Coffee/Donuts, Initial)	36.25
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,987.25

This Week at West Side Christian Church

Today, Jan. 24th:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Mon., Jan. 25th:	No Scheduled Church Activities 5:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders
Tues., Jan. 26th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Wed., Jan. 27th:	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group 9:00 a.m. – Portsmouth Music Club (FC & Sanctuary in Use) 2:00 p.m. – Angel Food Orders 7:15 p.m. – Choir
Thurs., Jan. 28th:	6:30 p.m. – District VIII Quarterly Meeting First CC Hampton
Fri., Jan. 29th:	No Scheduled Church Activities
Sat., Jan. 30th:	9:00 a.m. – Leadership Retreat (FC in Use)
Sun., Jan. 31st:	9:00 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship 9:45 a.m. – Church School 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

A SEARCH FOR VOLUNTEERS

There are some spots still open in the West Side Variety Show on Friday, February 12th at 7pm. here in the church.

- NO talent required to enter
- NO on the job training needed
- NO former job experience necessary
- NO recommendations required
- You don't need your husband's approval
- You don't need your wife's approval (well, maybe you do!)



Things you WILL need: -A willingness to enjoy yourself
-A willingness to allow others to laugh at you
-A willingness to accept the praise and adulation of your admiring friends after watching your act

Look for a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary doors, or if you prefer to remain anonymous, see Bobby Beal.



~January 24, 2010 ~

- Rev. Brown will be out of the office Monday through Wednesday of this week as he and Marion will travel to Kentucky to secure housing arrangements.
- Volunteers are needed for the Audit Team. If you are interested in becoming a part of this team, please see Dave McCrickard.
- Previously a notice was sent out stating that the January 28th District VIII meeting was cancelled. This was an error, only the location has changed. The meeting will be on the 28th at First Christian Church, Hampton at 6:30 pm. Cost for dinner is \$6.00.
- Oasis Social Ministry & Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless cordially invites you to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for their new facility at 1700 Columbia Street, Portsmouth on Friday, January 29th at 10:30 am. Please RSVP to jroisen@verizon.net if you plan to attend. Parking is limited.
- Reminder: Our church Leadership Retreat is this Saturday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- 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.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Larry Hackler, Ronnie Thomas, 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 Deweese

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

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