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From the Pastor's Pen:

My dear friends, it is truly an honor to serve God, and you, in my position as the interim minister of *West Side Christian Church*. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. It isn't often that one is called to a church where one already knows and loves the people. I feel very blessed to be in that position. I hope, as your pastor, you will allow me the privilege of ministering to you, and I pray that as we labor together great things will be done to the glory of God!

April was a good month, but a very busy month for all of us. On behalf of myself and the congregation, I want to say "thank you" to the *West Siders* who worked so diligently on the special services and activities associated with the seasons of Lent and Easter. I am well aware of the danger involved in mentioning names! Even with the best of intentions, it is just too easy to forget someone, so I will not attempt it. But, many hours were spent by many people planning, rehearsing, typing, preparing, shopping, cooking, studying, decorating, phoning, making favors, hiding eggs, ectetera. Things don't just happen. It takes coordination and hard work. Thanks to each of you who contributed to make this holy season special. Now, let's keep up the good work as we head into spring and summer. We can do it! God has placed *West Side Christian Church* here on Cherokee Road. This is our mission field. This is the area for which we are responsible. Let's Bloom Where We Have Been Planted.

My office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30-

12:30, and by appointment at other times. Please

do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you. That's why I'm here. **YOU ARE THE OBJECT OF MY MINISTRY.**

In His service, Pastor Jane

Please note: When you are admitted to an area hospital, you are given the opportunity to record the name of your church on the admittance forms. By designating *West Side Christian Church*, the church office can be made aware that you are in the hospital. (According to new federal regulations, the hospital cannot give out any information regarding the nature of your illness.) Placing your name on the *West Side* list allows us to know that you have been hospitalized and gives us the opportunity to minister to you. Please consider this if you have a hospital stay. Thank you.

ANNUAL MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET Monday, May 12

You are invited to attend the 31st Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on Monday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. at WSCC. Cost is:

Adults:	\$7.00
Children (6-12)	\$3.50
Under 6	\$2.00

Reservations may be made with Barbara Herring (465-1781) and must be in by May 7. Please turn in money when you make your reservation. Hope to see all of you there.

MARY'S WELLNESS CORNER

By
Mary Peris, Parish Nurse

There is a prescription for illness prevention that has been around since God created humankind, with many emotions. Doctors and nurses and their patients reported that this particular medicine, when allowed to surface, can reduce stress, ease pain, enhance recovery and brighten a person's attitude about life. This prescription for preventing illness and promoting health is LAUGHTER. A "good belly laugh" causes our body to release its own pain-reducing substance called endorphins. Dr. Norman Cousins stated, "Raising the human spirit may well be the greatest force of all in fighting disease."

It has been recognized that there is a therapeutic value and vital need for humor in healthcare and in our daily lives. Everyone experiences stress at some time and some experience it more often than others. According to Larry Wilde, America's best-selling humorist, LAUGHTER, is the best medicine. It is quick, readily available, and makes you feel good.

LECTIONERY TEXT

May 4: Acts 3: 12-19; Psalm 4; I John 3: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48

May 11: Acts 4: 5-12; Psalm 23; I John 3: 16-24; John 10: 11-18

May 18: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 22: 25-31; I John 4: 7-21; John 15: 1-8

May 25: Acts 10: 44-48; Psalm 98; I John 5: 1-6; John 15: 9-17

CWF NEWS

Rebekah Group's offering was \$125.40. They read 7 books, 4 Daily Devotionals, 4 Disciples, 4 Regional papers, 2 teaching and 6 cooking/craft magazines. They made 13 calls. The May meeting will be with Frances Wells.

Lydia Group had 10 present. Offering was \$55.00. They read 3 books, 4 Regional papers, 3 Disciples, 4 Devotionals and 2 leader magazines. They made 63 calls. They also made and delivered a birthday cake to Holiday House.

APPLICATIONS for the Edna Shearin Scholarship are due to be received by May 1, 2003. You may turn in your request to the Education Department.

**ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE, 2003
NEWSLETTER WILL BE DUE
MAY 18.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Kristen and Courtney Brown were baptized on Easter Sunday, April 20. They are the twin daughters of William and Pam Brown.

NEW ADDRESS:

David and Brook Kays
4251 Haughey Ave., Apt. B-11
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Sandra Cotton
3911 King St.
Portsmouth, Va. 23707-2527

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Gray
172 Morrison Road
Oriental, NC 28571-9323

CHAIRS AVAILABLE

Child size wooden chairs are available, for a donation, to anyone interested. They are a wonderful idea to paint or decorate for anyone with small children. Please contact Property or Education Committee if you or someone you know would like a chair.

PRE-SCHOOL THANKS

As the school year winds down, Pre-school would like to thank the congregation for all of it's support this year. We look forward to more joint events next year! Graduation is May 22 at 7:00 p.m. Please come and meet some of our Pre-school families.

Jennifer Larson
Pre-school Director

“A MOTHER’S HAND

When a boy or girl thrusts his small hand in yours, it may be smeared with chocolate ice cream, or grimy from petting a dog, and there may be a wart under the right thumb and a bandage around the little finger.

But the most important thing about his/her hands is that they are the hands of the future. These are the hands that someday may hold a Bible or a Colt revolver; play the church piano or spin a gambling wheel; gently dress a leper’s wound, or tremble wretchedly uncontrolled by an alcoholic mind.

Right now, that hand is yours. It asks for help and guidance. It represents a full-fledged personality in miniature to be respected as a separate individual whose day-to-day growth into Christian adulthood is your responsibility.

**SPRING WORK WEEKEND
AT CRAIG SPRINGS
MAY 23-26, 2003**

It’s that time of year when we start making preparations to open up the camp for the 2003 season. There are a lot of jobs that need to be done this year, and we’re especially in need of folks who can do tree removal, electrical work and plumbing. The help we receive from volunteers at Work Weekend is greatly appreciated and essential to keeping our facilities in good working order. Please contact the Regional Office if you or your congregation needs more registration forms.

Remember –

**ALL PARTICIPANTS
MUST REGISTER**

Remember . . . it is easier to cancel a registration than it is to process a late registration. Registrations are due May 16th to guarantee lodging and meals. Regis-trations received after

May 16 may be subject to alternate food and lodging accommodations.

OUR SHUT-INS: Hazel Jarvis, Sentara, Greenwood; Leona Brodie, The Heritage, 515 S. Warley, Florence, SC 29501; Mary Mingis, 4107 Heritage Rd., Richmond, 23227; Ruth Blackman, 1 Bon Secours Way, Cedar Pt. #241, (P); Hervy Gray, Sr. , 111 Kansas Ave; Martha Gray, Maryview Care Center, (P); Oleta Cook, 319 Thelmar Lane, (P).

OTHERS ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Patsy Pearce (4217 Chesapeake General); Kenneth Nelson; Sylvia Dickens (Autumn Care); John Riddick, Jr.; Javid Reed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY

- 2 Danielle Greenwood
- 5 Rita Antonucci, Brooks Jarvis
- 6 Margaret Poole
- 7 Myrtle Henderson, Brennan Pieroni
- 8 Jana Pieroni
- 14 Tag Gray
- 16 Sandra Cotten
- 18 Kimberly Acors
- 19 Edith Ross, Cindy Hedgepeth
- 21 Debbie Tibbits
- 22 Amy Gray, Richie Oliver, Larry Hackler
- 25 Michael Pyles
- 26 Esther Daniel
- 28 Erica Thomas Zyliak
- 30 Dudley Oliver
- 31 Donald Thomas

IN THE MAIL:

West Side Members:

Thank you for all your prayers and support to our family during a very sad time when our dear friend passed away.

Amy Landrum was a very special person who touched our lives in many ways and we will miss her dearly.

Thank you,

The Family of Amy Landrum

**“One Vision, One Spirit, One Fund”
ONE MISSION**

were married at West Side on April 26.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior! We send blessings of love and peace from South Africa!

We would like to take this opportunity to say that you help change the world through your support of church missions. In fact, we can only do missions with your help. Because we do missions together, the loving arms of Disciples extend a worldwide network of love, healthy living, justice and proclamation of the Godpel of Jesus Christ to the United States, Canada and 90 other countries.

In South Africa, the Disciples are making a real difference in the lives of the United Congregational Churches of Southern Africa. The twenty churches of the Kei Region are tackling issues such as HIV/AIDS, community development, job creation and gender equality. The partnership between Global Ministries and the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa is living proof of the unity of Christ around the world.

The Easter Offering is designed to support the work of the Disciples general units, including the Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries. It offers you, and all Disciples, a unique moment to recognize general ministries are important to you and caused you have appreciated, perhaps for many years. In the case of Division of Overseas Ministries, the Easter Offering is vital to our church's support of over 16- yearner churches and service programs in more than 90 countries around the world. Many of these locations are ones of great need, due to drought in Southern Africa, economic collapse in Argentina, and regional conflict such as in the Middle East.

Thank you for sharing through Disciples Mission Fund and the Easter Offering. Your giving changes lives.

**Together in Christ,
Jon and Dawn Barnes
Republic of South Africa**

***CONGRATULATIONS TO:
Erica Thomas and William Zyliak who***

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