

**WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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**October 2011**

# COMMUNITY DAY

Join us at

**WEST SIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH • 535 CHEROKEE ROAD • PORTSMOUTH**

**Saturday • October 1<sup>st</sup> • 12-4PM**

## FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Bounce House • Pony Rides • Cake Walk**

**Hot Dogs • Popcorn • Cotton candy • Drinks**

**Games • Crafts • Clothes closet**



### 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.

# OCTOBER 2011

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# The West Side Story

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## From the Pastor



Has it really been a year?! Has it been twelve whole months since Ben and I stepped on West Side's beautiful lawn to take part in Community Day, 2010, the weekend we visited here for the first time so that I could preach and meet with the Search Committee?

Time flies, doesn't it? And what fills our time in the church from one year to the next is people – the relationships we build and what we do together in the name of Christ to reach out to God's world. Those two gifts define West Side. We are a church that is blessed with strong relationships on the inside, relationships that are drawn upon to create ministry that reaches to the outside. Ministry that helps people of all ages know Christ and experience his love.

I believe that West Side's "holy calendar" begins with Community Day! We are all looking forward to this Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, when we will once again welcome the community to our front yard. The yard will be very green this weekend because of all the rain, and, according to the forecast, it's going to be cooler. Fall weather always signals time moving on; but in the church, that is nothing to fear. It simply means that we are beginning another year together of growing in Christ and being the church together as we share the good news of Christ. I can't wait to see you here on Saturday!

A point of sadness for us as we move into the Fall is the loss of our Angel Food ministry. The national Angel Food organization was beset by financial difficulties and organizational challenges which, unfortunately, led to the cessation of a wonderful means of providing low cost food to those in need.

But we are certainly not finished with serving our neighborhood and community! Our goal is to develop new ministries which will help those around us deal with life's challenges, to navigate the waters of a tough economic climate. If you have ideas as to ways West Side can make a difference, please talk to me or to Steve Gray, of the Community Care Team. When one door closes, God can't wait to open another. Let's see what doors we can create for people to walk through to a relationship with a caring church.

It's a great time to be part of West Side Christian Church! We are welcoming new members, beginning new ministries with music, and developing our current ministries with children, youth and adults. With so much going on, I wonder . . . where will we be by Community Day, 2012? I look forward making that discovery with you!

Glad to be your pastor, West Side!  
See you Sunday.

**Cyd**

## Welcome to West Side . . . . .

Ms. Claudia Moorad is our new Minister of Music. Born and raised in Wuerzburg, Germany, Claudia is very passionate about music, and especially enjoys sharing her love and talent of music with both the young and old. Outside of church, she also enjoys spending time with her three children, having a good cup of coffee with friends, knitting and spending time in the mountains. We are every excited to have Claudia here at West Side and look forward to praising God together through music!

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth!"* Psalm 98:4

# STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN, 2011

It's launched! This year's Stewardship Campaign is underway! By now, you have received a letter from Stewardship Co-Chair, Bob Nutting, explaining the Campaign's goals and process. For the last several Sundays, we have heard our ministry team facilitators deliver wonderful "accounts," (pun intended!) of their ministry areas, which they have combined with the Offering invitation each week.

The next step is to distribute Commitment Cards. On October 16 and October 23, Elders will meet with their Flocks following the worship service. You will receive your Commitment Card for 2012 at that time.

The Elder and Flock meeting areas are:

<u>ELDER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Diane Loftis	Sanctuary
Sharon Jenson	Fellowship Center
Kitty Baker	Gathering Area
Steve Gray	Ruth Classroom
Mary Peris	Covenant Classroom
Tony Peris	Boothe Classroom
Tom Larson	Fellowship Classroom
Debbie Friberg	Disciples Classroom
Bob Nutting	Seekers Classroom

If you are not sure whose Flock you are in, just give Tony Peris or the church a call. If you are unavailable on either of these two October Sundays, Commitment Cards will be available in the office, as well as on Consecration Sunday, October 30.

Let's give thanks for our church, which serves so many people in so many ways. And let's think carefully about our financial contribution in 2012, as we continue to support the ministry of Jesus Christ in this place. Thank you, in advance!

## Stewardship Quote

*"The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given the Lord."  
James L. Kraft (1874-1953), Chairman, Kraft-Phoenix Corporation*

## STEWARDSHIP GIVINGS FOR OCTOBER 2011

**Amount Needed Weekly for Budget Expenses: \$4,718.00**

<u>AUG. 6, &amp; SEPT. 4, 2011</u>	<u>SEPT. 11, 2011</u>	<u>SEPT. 18, 2011</u>
<b>Received for Operating Budget:</b> <b>\$8,182.96</b>	<b>Received for Operating Budget:</b> <b>\$3,358.04</b>	<b>Received for Operating Budget:</b> <b>\$2,320.10</b>
BMF Missions: 400.00	Memorial Fund: 20.00	Credit Card Reimburse: 61.92
Flowers: 20.00	<i>(In memory of Joey Irwin)</i>	<u>Coffee/Donuts: 15.95</u>
<u>Coffee/Donuts 10.91</u>	Angel Food: 146.00	Total: \$2,415.97
Total: \$8,613.87	<u>DMF: 10.00</u>	
	Total: \$3,533.04	

### SEPT. 25, 2011

<b>Received for Operating Budget:</b> <b>\$2,307.81</b>
Reconciliation: 125.00
Preschool Taxes: 1,086.79
<u>Coffee/Donuts: 13.40</u>
Total: \$3,533.00

# MARY'S WELLNESS CORNER

## GOD SMILES WHEN WE TRUST

by Rick Warren

“By faith, Noah built a ship in the middle of dry land. He was warned about something he couldn’t see, and acted on what he was told.....As a result, Noah became intimate with God.” Hebrews 11:7 (MSG)

Imagine this scene: One day God comes to Noah and says, “I’m disappointed in human beings. In the entire world, no one but you thinks about me. But Noah, when I look at you, I start smiling. I’m pleased with your life, so I’m going to flood the world and start over with you and your family. I want you to build a giant ship that will save you and the animals.”

There were three problems that could have caused Noah to doubt:

1. Noah had never seen rain because, prior to the flood, God irrigated the earth from the ground up;
2. Noah lived hundreds of miles from the nearest ocean;
3. There was the problem of rounding up all the animals and then caring for them.

But Noah trusted God completely, and that made God smile.

Trusting God completely means having faith that God knows what is best for your life. You expect him to keep his promises, help you with problems, and do the impossible when necessary. You believe God will keep his promises, help you with problems, and do the impossible when necessary.

Trusting is an act of worship. Just as parents are pleased when children trust them, your faith makes God happy. The Bible says, “Without faith it is impossible to please God”. (Hebrews 11:6 NIV).

In what areas of your life do you need to **Trust God Completely?**

Mary W. Peris, Parish Nurse



## Music Notes

Historically, music has always been integral to the church’s worship life. It complements the liturgy and provides an opportunity to express our love for God through music. The goal of our music ministry is to enhance the spiritual life of this congregation and our community through music.

*Bless, O Lord, us Thy servants, who minister in Thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

It is our prayer that what we do, say and sing will be worthy of God’s blessing and that it will be a blessing to all who share in our worship service. Our adult choristers play an important part in the liturgy by singing choral anthems and leading the congregation in hymns at the 11 AM worship service.

**The adult choir is open to everyone.**

**New singers are welcome!**

**No experience necessary, just the desire to make a joyful sound to the Lord.**

**Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30.**

Contact Claudia Moorad at 619-9472

*Thank You*

Dear All,

First and foremost: Thank you! Thank you for giving me this wonderful opportunity to share the gift of music with you. It is wonderful getting to know so many new faces and voices. God’s hand is at work here at West Side Christian Church and I am so fortunate to be a part of it.

Musically yours,  
Claudia Moorad

# Disciple Men

Disciple Men will hold their monthly prayer breakfast  
**Saturday, October 8th**  
at 8:00 AM

Our guest speaker will be

Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea, Director of Spiritual Life  
at Lake Prince Woods; a United Church of Christ  
retirement community in Suffolk.

He will speak on his work and on the skills needed  
for proper hospital visitation.

Please make your breakfast reservation no later  
than Wednesday, October 5th.

All are Welcome to attend.

## Church Care Team Announcement

In 2009, the Worship Team was established by the Transition Team in an effort to accomplish Action Plan Five of West Side's "Vision" which reads:

"Develop and implement a series of worship experiences that appeal to all groups, continue to reflect who we are at West Side and our affiliation to the Christian Church (DOC) and provide a variety of musical experiences. "

The Worship Team did a one year study on various forms of worship, made visits to other churches to experience worship services ranging from traditional to contemporary, and then met with the congregation at West Side in small groups to discuss what worship meant to them and to determine their feelings about our current worship service. During the meetings, one of the questions asked of attendees was how they felt about a screen in the sanctuary and the overall use of a screen was supported as long as it was "presented in a tasteful way".

The Worship Team and the Church Care Team made a recommendation to the Board at its September meeting to use money from the Memorial Fund to purchase a screen and camera from Digital by Design for \$5,500. and a laptop computer to work the equipment for \$1,000. Bill Loftis gave details to the Board about the installation of the equipment and the company installing it and showed a graphic of how the screen would look both open and closed. It was explained by Rosemary Lahy, Chair of the Worship Team, that the screen would enhance the overall worship experience and provide additional ways for our members to worship, including the following: special presentations such as Vacation Bible School, Graduation Sunday, and Preschool programs; to show videos for Bible studies; Simulcast programs from the DOC or other groups; display announcements before the Sunday service as well as display of scripture readings and words to hymns during the service, and to make worship more inviting for visitors and youth.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of purchasing the screen and equipment from Digital by Design and purchasing the laptop using funds from the Memorial Fund.

Frances L. Gray, Facilitator  
Church Care Team

## DISCIPLES WOMEN Fellowship



### Talents for Mission Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>,  
5:30 – 7:00 PM  
\$7.00 /adults

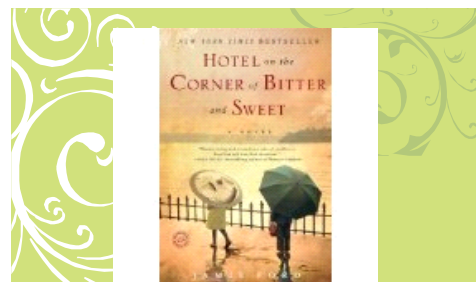
\$3.50 /children 10 and under  
children under 3 eat free OR  
One free child's plate per  
adult ticket.

See the ladies of the church for  
tickets. Invite your friends and  
neighbors.

There will be arts and crafts as  
well as homemade goods for  
sale. All proceeds will go to mis-  
sions.

If you have a talent you would  
like to share with us to raise  
funds for mission, please have  
them to church by  
Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Baked goods can be brought  
Saturday. Please price them.  
See Betty McCrickard for more  
details.



**Our November general meeting  
will be a discussion on the  
book,**

**"Hotel on the Corner of  
Bitter and Sweet"  
by Jamie Ford.**

**Bring a bag lunch and join us.  
We will meet at 11 AM in the  
Fellowship Center**

## October Birthdays

2nd: David McCrickard  
 7th: Bob Nutting  
 8th: Garland Cook  
 12th: Mary Peris  
 13th: Ellean Mullins  
 14th: Emily Nutting  
 15th: Kristen Brown  
 Courtney Brown  
 16th: Mary Tatum  
 19th: Joe Antonucci  
 21st: Rachel Nelson  
 24th: Bubba Jenson  
 Ruth Blackman  
 25th: Heather Larson  
 27th: Tom Larson  
 28th: Dee Ann Acors  
 31st: Ben Jarvis

**Happy Birthday!!**

### SERVING AT OASIS

**October 20th**

**10:00 a.m.**



**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

**Sign up to help!!!**

### **NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE**

**November 14th**



Start thinking about what information your group needs to have included in the newsletter for the upcoming holiday season. Information for the November and December issues need to be in early.

Deadlines will be important for these months.



## October Pot Luck Supper

Join us on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:30 PM for our monthly Pot Luck Supper. Rick Volz from West End United Methodist Church will be our guest musician. He will entertain us with a variety of praise music.

Please bring 2 dishes to share and we will provide the bread and drink.

### **PRAYER LIST**

#### *Church Members*

Stephen Pollert, Margaret Poole, John Milam, Eddrie Bradley, Barbara Nelson, Darryl Phelps, Lloyd Crawford, Freda Pyles, Mary Wyatt, Marleen Whitehurst

#### *Family & Friends*

Alfred Gray, Jon Brillhart, Zac Allen, Hervy Gray, Charlene Gray, Glennard French, Rev. Rita Cargill-Brown, Taylor Duke, Maureen Powers, Sharon McCrickard, Ruth Ann Gonsalves, Tim Brown, Jordan Lahy, Gary Reeves, Ida Diggs, Pete Mundy, Pauline Moseberth, Martha Whitlow, Brenda Lewis, Quimby Family

### **SHUT INS**

Myrtle Henderson, Ruth Blackman, Catherine Buchanan



### **Lectionary Readings**

**October 2011**

<b>October 2nd:</b>	<b>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</b> <b>Psalm 19</b> <b>Philippians 3:4b-14</b> <b>Matthew 21:33-46</b>
<b>October 9th:</b>	<b>Exodus 32:1-14</b> <b>Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23</b> <b>Philippians 4:1-9</b> <b>Matthew 22:1-14</b>
<b>October 16th:</b>	<b>Exodus 33:12-23</b> <b>Psalm 99</b> <b>I Thessalonians 1:1-10</b> <b>Matthew 22:15-225</b>
<b>October 23rd:</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 34:1-12</b> <b>Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</b> <b>I Thessalonians 2:1-8</b> <b>Matthew 22:34-46</b>
<b>October 30th:</b>	<b>Joshua 3:7-17</b> <b>Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37</b> <b>I Thessalonians 2:9-13</b> <b>Matthew 23:1-12</b>