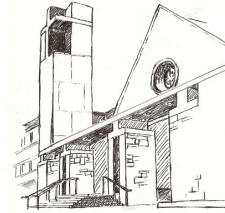

WEST SIDE PRESS



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**Sunday Worship Schedule
Through June 13**
8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Worship
8:45 a.m. Church School
(Preschool-Grade 5)
10:00 a.m.

Church School for All Ages
Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning June 20 & 27:
10:00 a.m. Worship (*see page 2*)

Office Hours thru June 25:
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Summer Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Parting Thoughts from Kent Smith



As my family shuttles more and more of our belongings to our home in Montreat, NC, our Ridgewood home becomes emptier and emptier, quieter and quieter and increasingly hollow-feeling. But, in contrast, as I extricate myself from West Side, West Side is not getting emptier or quieter. Everything is carrying on, as it should, as I prayed it would.

West Side may not *like* change but it is very good at accommodating it when necessary! It was a point of pride for West Side that only "Monday Night Meals" was dropped as a result of the fire. West Side has embraced Gareth and is accepting his strong and innovative leadership. One of the factors in my deciding to retire at this particular time is that I am very confident of West Side and its future. I can retire in good conscience.

You are all dear to me and I hope we have a good chance to say goodbye over the next month. It has been an exciting 17 years and many of us have become very close. My retirement will not diminish those friendships.

Finally, I want to endorse the team that will be carrying on after my departure while the Presbyterian system begins the slow process of locating my successor.

The Rev. Liz Junod was familiar with West Side and came here with her family as a wife and a mother. We, of course, immediately put her to work. She has done an outstanding job of holding together the Minister of Parish Life position over the past year. With the calling of Mark Oehler, that work ends and a new one begins as she becomes the part-time Pastoral Associate for Family Ministries. Liz will take care of the ministerial functions I performed and supervise the rest of the team. Incidentally, Christian Education and Youth Ministry is her field and she served in a position equivalent to mine for 15 years.

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NEWS AND NOTES

MARK THE DATE!!!
There will be
One Service on
Sunday, June 20, 2010
as we celebrate
the ministry of
Rev. Kent L.
Smith
upon his retirement

Adult Summer
Bible Class

We will continue to have an Adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings during the summer.



The group will meet following worship, at 11:00 a.m. in the West Side Room.

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Dawn Heerema has been our Director of Christian Education for the past several years acting as staff to Children's Ministries (Church School program) and the Family Life Committee. She has been instrumental in the sudden and significant influx of young families to West Side. Dawn will be continuing this work and taking it all to a new level.

We have a part-time Interim Youth Ministry Director! **Kaylin Milazzo** grew up at West Side and participated fully in our Sunday School, choir and youth programs. She has participated in Evening Barn, Unknown Destination Trips, Mission Trips, Montreat, Triennium and Henlopen. She knows our program. She has graduated with a degree in Psychology from Fordham University and is taking time before going to graduate school to help West Side out by leading the youth program for the next year. Kaylin started work on June 1 and will have full training from me over the next month. She and Bob Allin have already started planning next year's Unknown Destination Trip. This should be a good year for the youth program of West Side.

So I leave West Side in good hands and am confident that this team will keep things going.

I'll be thinking of you all and praying for you from Montreat.

Love, Kent

West Side Summer Worship Schedule
beginning Sunday, June 27th:



- 9:15 a.m.** Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m.** Worship
- 11:00 a.m.** Adult Bible Study—West Side Room
- July 11-August 22:**
- 10:00 a.m.** Summer Church School

Please Note these Dates: Worship Exchange with
United Presbyterian Church of Paterson

July 18 at West Side (United Pres will be with us)

August 15 at United Presbyterian Church of Paterson
(no service or activities at West Side)

WEST SIDE EXTENDS CALL TO REV. MARC OEHLER

At a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 23, the congregation voted to extend the call to Rev. Marc Oehler to serve as Associate Pastor of Parish Life.

Born and bred in New Jersey, Marc earned a BA in Psychology from Lafayette College and a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Marc also received a Master of Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). For the past 10 years, Marc has served as the Associate Pastor of Community Life at the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township (PCCT).

Marc Oehler is well educated with many invaluable experiences and character traits that enable his success as a minister, including his positive energy, authenticity and warmth. Marc is extraordinarily gifted in connecting to people. Marc has a mission for small spiritual group ministry; his passion is getting to the heart and journeying deep with people. He is "a trusted friend who loves people where they are, while encouraging them to grow into who they might become." One reference told the APNC: "there is a life in his ministry that is a gift for the church who gets him."

Marc's immediate family is comprised of his wife Nicole, daughter Esmae (6) and son Caleb (4).

Marc will begin his duties at West Side on July 16, 2010.

ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY

West Side is working hard to offer compelling adult Christian education programs for the 10:00 AM Sunday morning hour. In addition to year-long courses, such as Bible 101 and the Relationship Club, West Side offers short-run programs on specialized topics for periods of two to seven weeks.

We need your help in identifying short-run course topics and interest levels for the coming year beginning in September. Below is a link to an online survey that should require 2 - 3 minutes to complete. Go to this address to complete your survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W66W833>

Your input is valued and appreciated.

In Christ's name, West Side Adult Christian Education Committee



The Gallery at West Side

Currently on view in the Gallery at West Side are the varied works of Nicholas White, son of Myra Garcia and Rick White. Nick is a graduating senior who will be attending the University of Hartford art school in the Fall. Be sure to visit the Gallery to view Nick's wide range of works, as befits a young artist. His exhibit will continue through June 25th.

Following Nick will be the opposite end of the experience spectrum as Karl Blunck, a life-long artist, exhibits his exquisite watercolors from around the world. Karl's exhibit will continue through July 23, at which point West Side's own Robbie Holloway will bring us back to the immediate present in his highly creative, challenging images generated on the computer. Robbie's work will continue through September 10th. For all artists' sales, 25% is donated to West Side.



West Side Ladies' Tea a Success

The Ladies' Intergenerational Tea on May 16 was a grand success. The dining room was beautiful. The tables were spread with pink, blue, green and peach table cloths, and china, loaned by many ladies from West Side Colorful pots of petunias completed the tablescapes.

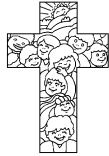
When the ladies arrived, dressed in their finest outfits, they were escorted to their seats by some of the manly-men wait staff. Tea was prepared by more men who were staffing the kitchen. Pastor Icenogle gave the blessing, and sandwiches were served along with scones. At 4:00 p.m., the Fashion Show began. Fashions from various shops in Ridgewood were modeled by about 20 ladies of all ages. Dessert was brought to the tables, with more tea, of course.

Everyone present had a wonderful time.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make this event a memorable one from the committee: Lynn Curtin, Dick Curtin, Linda Kopff, Eileen Heuer, Dru Pierce

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

Sundays, July 11-August 22, 10 a.m.



During this summer's program, children will explore ways that they can help to take care of God's creation.

We need teacher volunteers for every Sunday we offer the program. Contact Dawn Heerema if you have questions or wish to volunteer:

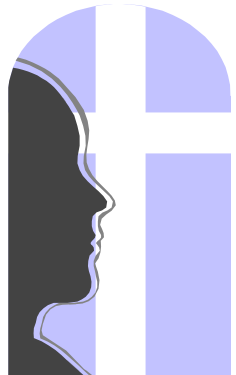
dawn@westside.org or 201-652-1966, ext. 20.

WEST SIDE GARDEN PARTY at Jacobsen's Landscape Gallery in Saddle River

JUNE 27, 2010, 4:00-7:00 P.M.

Come to our Garden Party! Here is an opportunity for you to bring your friends, neighbors and former members to meet the Pastors, staff and members of West Side in a beautiful garden setting at the Jacobsen Landscape Gallery in Barnstable Court, Saddle River, NJ from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on June 27th.

Refreshments and music provided. \$15 for members and their guests are free. Information and reservation forms available in the Narthex after both services.



RETREAT

Women's Retreat

Please mark **September 17-19, 2010** on your calendar for the next Women's Retreat! You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with your fellow sisters of West Side on a spiritual journey over the weekend at Stony Point. More details to come, but don't forget to set aside that weekend on your calendar NOW!

Health Note from the Parish Nurse**MEN'S HEALTH**

"Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!" —1 Samuel 25:6 NIV

Men can live healthier, longer lives just by knowing their health threats and how to work through those risks. Statistics show that heart disease is the number one threat with cancer, injuries, stroke, COPD (respiratory disease), diabetes, flu, suicide, kidney disease, and Alzheimer's making up the top ten. By listening to your body and adopting good lifestyle habits, you can decrease your risk for life-threatening health issues.

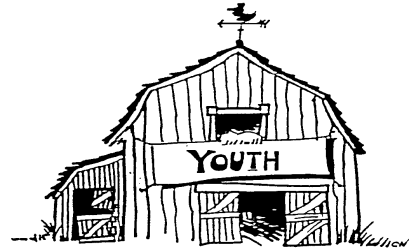
A healthy, balanced diet will greatly reduce the risk for five of the top ten threats: heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and kidney disease. Fruits, vegetables, and whole grains are heart healthy selections and can fight some cancers as well. They also help maintain a healthy weight which is necessary for the prevention of diabetes and kidney failure which is a complication of diabetes and high blood pressure.

Risky behavior can cut a man's life short and is easily preventable. Accidents from automobiles, falls, and the use of chemicals can be fatal or seriously debilitating so wear seat belts, drive safely, use chemicals in a well-ventilated area, and use ladders carefully. Also lose the smoking habit as it increases your risk of heart disease, cancer, and complications with respiratory disease and diabetes.

The three remaining health threats—flu, suicide, and Alzheimer's—can be decreased by being proactive, eating right, and avoiding risky behavior. Exercise, get an annual flu shot, don't smoke, and eat a healthy diet to prevent illness and stimulate your brain. Avoid falls which have an apparent link to Alzheimer's and avoid addictions to prevent suicides and self-harm.

Know your body, listen to its needs, and see your physician when things do not seem right. Your families want a future with you so look at your life and see what can be changed. A few simple adjustments can give you better health and longer life.

(Source: National Library of Medicine
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/menshealth.html)



Reminder about Summer Youth Program: With Kent Smith's retirement, **Kaylin Milazzo** is taking the reigns of the youth program on an interim basis. Office hours have not yet been established, but you will be able to reach Kaylin at her email address: kaylin@westside.org.

HighPoint: Regular HighPoint through the end of the program year.

Barn Picnics June 15

Middle School Picnic: Meet at Barn at 4:45 p.m. for Progressive Dinner that will run until about 8:00 p.m.

High School Picnic will be at Will Montgomery's house. Exact start time not determined at press time.

Henlopen is almost here!

June 27-July 2.

Henlopen Space Remaining: 5th grade girls: 1; 6th grade girls: 2; 6th grade boys: 3; 7th grade boys: 3; 8th grade girls: 2.

High School Henlopen Space Remaining (out of 50 places): girls: 5; boys: 6. For groups not listed, contact Kent Smith at 201-652-1966, ext. 12, or kent@westside.org. Space is limited.

MISSION

COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP

Accepted for sale: Summer clothing (in style, gently used, clean, neatly folded), books, toys, jewelry, china, picture frames, bric-a-brac, small furniture, and electrical appliances in good working order. Mark the bags with #94, so West Side receives part of the proceeds. Please do not leave donations outside the building; bring them inside.

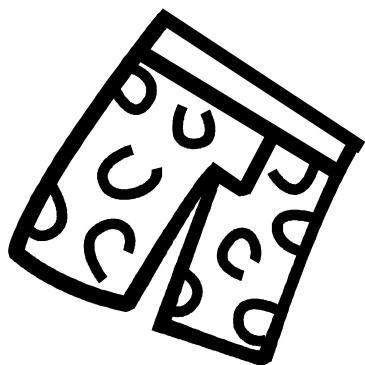
Location: 85 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park (rear lower level of the Midland Park Shopping Center).

Phone: 201-652-7661.

Receiving: Every Monday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and the **first** Saturday of every month 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Recommendation: Bring items in early on Monday for quicker service. It is always recommended to call first around holidays.

Sales hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Thank you, again, for your donations and purchases!



FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY

(formerly the Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless):

West Side will host four families (not to exceed 14 people) on the third floor of the Education Building for three separate weeks during the coming year—the first time will be in early fall. The families will arrive approximately at 5pm on a Sunday afternoon when an interested group from West Side will provide dinner followed by light entertainment. At 10pm two adults will arrive for over-night and the evening group will go home having left a packed breakfast. A van will pick up the families after breakfast to attend a day care center equipped with showers, and which will provide educational and vocational support. A van will take the children to school in the town in which they became homeless, while the adults will look for jobs or attend job training. At 5pm the families will return to West Side for a repeat of the previous evening.

The Family Promise goal for BEDDING supplies has been met most generously by West Side donations. Thank you.

Missions and Social Concerns Council



NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

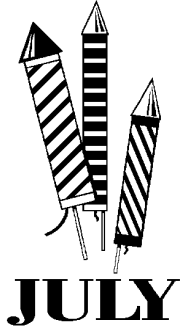


A mission team of 12 to 14 members is planning to return to New Orleans from the 2nd to the 9th of October, 2010.

Cost of the trip is roughly \$350 with airfare being an additional \$250-300.

Anyone interested in joining the team, please contact Susan or Jack Gardner (201-485-8573).

JULY CALENDAR



2010

Note: This is not a complete list of all activities going on at West Side this month. Due to space constraints, it does not include outside groups using West Side's facilities. If you have questions about room availability, please call the church office. Thank you!

Friday, July 02, 2010

SUMMER SCHEDULE: OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

8:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Dining Room

Saturday, July 03, 2010

9:00 AM Men's Fellowship - Work Room
6:30 PM AA - Dining Room

Sunday, July 04, 2010

10:00 AM *Worship
11:00 AM Adult Bible Study - West Side Room

Tuesday, July 06, 2010

10:00 AM Feisty Ladies - Dining Room
7:00 PM Summer Evening Barn

Wednesday, July 07, 2010

7:30 PM Support Group for Mental Health - Room 308

Friday, July 09, 2010

SUMMER SCHEDULE: OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

8:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Dining Room

Saturday, July 10, 2010

9:00 AM Men's Fellowship - Work Room
10:30 AM Hillside Players - West Side Room
6:30 PM AA - Dining Room

Sunday, July 11, 2010

10:00 AM *Worship
10:00 AM Summer Church School
11:00 AM Adult Bible Study - West Side Room

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

10:00 AM Feisty Ladies - Dining Room

7:00 PM Summer Evening Barn

Friday, July 16, 2010

SUMMER SCHEDULE: OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

5:00 PM Philips/George Wedding Rehearsal
8:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Dining Room

Saturday, July 17, 2010

9:00 AM Men's Fellowship - Work Room
10:00 AM Philips/George Wedding
6:30 PM AA - Dining Room

Sunday, July 18, 2010

10:00 AM *Worship
10:00 AM Summer Church School
11:00 AM Adult Bible Study - West Side Room

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

10:00 AM Feisty Ladies - Dining Room
7:00 PM Summer Evening Barn

Friday, July 23, 2010

SUMMER SCHEDULE: OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Saturday, July 24, 2010

9:00 AM Men's Fellowship - Work Room
6:30 PM AA - Dining Room

Sunday, July 25, 2010

9:15 AM *Summer Choir Reh - Choir Room
10:00 AM *Worship
10:00 AM Summer Church School
11:00 AM Adult Bible Study - West Side Room

Tuesday, July 27, 2010

10:00 AM Feisty Ladies - Dining Room
7:00 PM Summer Evening Barn

Friday, July 30, 2010

SUMMER SCHEDULE: OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

5:00 PM Fontana/Kane Wedding Rehearsal
8:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous - Dining Room

Saturday, July 31, 2010

9:00 AM Men's Fellowship - Work Room
4:00 PM Fontana/Kane Wedding
6:30 PM AA - Dining Room





**Child Care provided for pre-school children in the West Side Nursery*

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NEWS AND NOTES

BUDGET UPDATE

-  The **weekly** budgeted giving income for 2010 is \$26,411.54 per week.
-  As of May 30, 2010, the **budgeted** giving income should be \$581,053.88.
-  The **actual** weekly giving income received as of May 30 is \$535,958.39.
-  Please note that we are running a **deficit** of \$45,095.49.

Bonus Patron Series Concert

Yes, this is the year of the Bonus Concert! On **Tuesday, June 15th, at 7:30 p.m.**, we welcome **Jonathan Biggers** to the console of the West Side Nichols & Simpson pipe organ to give an preview of the concert he will be giving in Washington D.C. Free and open to the public. The program will include works by Craig Phillips, Leo Sowerby and Max Reger. A free-will offering will be received. Come dressed casually!

38th Annual Summer Choir School



Summer Choir School

Monday-Friday, August 23-27, 2010, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. daily, with closing worship on Friday, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to all children who have completed grades 2-8, regardless of church affiliation. The Choir School

brochure with registration form, which was in the May newsletter, is available in the Narthex and on the West Side website on the Newsroom page. The earlier you register, the more likely it is you will get the elective of your choice!