

COMMUNITY CARE

Food Pantry Update: Effective April 5, 2010, West Side Christian Church will no longer provide food pantry services. Instead, West Side will partner with other Springfield area agencies such as Contact Ministries and the Central Illinois Food Bank to help make a larger impact in the Springfield area. It is our hope that through this redirection of efforts, all those in need of food will be able to attain help through our new partners. Our first food drive will be held in April. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Community Care, Stephanie Dugan at 793-2800.

Stephen Ministry: There are times when we lose a loved one, or when life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn. At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. That someone is a Stephen Minister. Call Stephanie, Director of Community Care, 793-2800 for any questions you might have.

Be a part of West Side's new Nursing Home Ministry!

West Side is currently in the process of developing a formal Nursing Home Ministry. Through these future efforts, West Siders receiving nursing home care will receive one-on-one visits from volunteer leaders. Interested in assisting with this ministry? Contact Stephanie Dugan at stephanied@wschurch.org or call the church office.

Growing Through Grief is currently meeting on Tuesday evenings through April 13 from 7:00-9:00pm in Conference Room West. Call the church office to sign up.

MISSIONS

Pennies for Penicillin: Each year our Missions Team circulates containers through the Adult and Children's Bible Classes during the month of March, collecting spare change for Asia Pacific Christian Mission, International. We will begin our efforts Sunday, March 7.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip (April 5-10): On Monday, April 5, a mission team from West Side will be leaving for the Dominican Republic to take medical supplies to our medical mission-

STATISTICS

February 21, 2010	AM Worship – 2045 (2130 avg) Offering - \$69,654.73 (\$80,273.27 avg)
February 28, 2010	AM Worship – 2193 (2138 avg) Offering – \$89,382.52 (\$81,285.41 avg)

New Members: February 21 & 28

By Baptism: Cassandra Cantrall

By Transfer: Darius Howse; Angela Trowbridge

ary, Gary Klein, for use in treating refugees in Haiti. Gary has been making weekly trips from the Dominican Republic into Haiti to treat people in areas where the UN relief teams have not yet visited. Because of this unexpected crisis, Gary is in danger of running completely out of medical supplies. Our hope is that the West Side mission team can take 2000 pounds of the most vital medical supplies that he needs in order to continue the mission's relief efforts in Haiti. Please stop by the designated concourse counter on Sunday, March 14, where there will be an opportunity to donate financially towards the purchase of those medicines.

Also, donations of the following over-the-counter medicines will be appreciated. They may be placed in the bins under the stairwell near the Main Entrance; thank you! *Triaminic with Tylenol liquids for children and for infants; cough/cold syrups, tabs, capsules, powders and capsules of all types; Benadryl liquid, tabs, capsules; nasal sprays; Vicks Vapo-Rub; Imodium Tabs, capsules, and liquid for infants and children; Pepcid tabs; Roloids and Alka-Seltzer; Tylenol, tabs, liquids, chewable tabs; suppositories; Motrin tabs, caps, liquids; Baby Oragel for teething*

THIS 'N THAT

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 14, at 2:00am; set your clocks AHEAD one hour.

March 1-7 is National Return Borrowed Books Week: please check your bookshelves, night stands and back seats of cars for books and DVDs you may have borrowed from the library or friends and return them. We appreciate you supporting the library and using the Perks Cards at Family Christian Bookstore.

Beginner Sign Language Class, taught by Jeff Simpson and Carol Griffith, will be held Tuesdays for six weeks (March 30 through May 4), 6:30-8:00pm in E200; there is no charge for the class. Everyone is welcome!

Catch the Vision – SCS Dinner Auction is Friday, March 12, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. Silent Auction begins at 5:30pm; dinner is served at 6:45. Tickets (\$30) are available through March 9 and may be purchased in the concourse this Sunday, March 7, or at www.springfieldchristianschool.org/Catchthevision2010.htm. If you would like to donate an item and receive a tax-deductible receipt, email candi51@gmail.com. Questions? Contact Janet Brewer at 899-1933 or brewer615@yahoo.com.

Springfield Christian School (SCS), celebrating its 59th year, is currently accepting registration applications attendees of West Side Christian Church for grades K-8 for the 2010-2011 school year. To register, stop by the school office between 7:30am and 4:30pm or call the school office at 698-1933 ext. 3450

Christian Day Care Center registration dates are as follows: **March 15**, summer registration for SCS/WSCC/Christian Church families; **March 22**, open summer registration.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ WEST SIDE

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THE SURGE: A Bold Vision for West Side's Future

March 7 - Who Will Lead Us?

March 14 - How Can I Help?

March 21 - What Are the Risks?

March 28 - Why Does It Matter?

4 ON 4/4 VOLUNTEER EXPO SUNDAY, MARCH 14

West Side's greatest challenge as we move to 4 services on 4/4 will be an unprecedented need for new volunteers. We need everyone off the bench and in the volunteer game! Ready to serve? Visit our 4 on 4/4 Volunteer Expo on March 14th to discover how you can make a difference.

SMALL GROUP EXTRAVAGANZA

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 6:30-8:30pm

This night of fierce competition and fun will feature small groups competing to determine which is the zaniest, most creative, and most knowledgeable of useless facts. Points will be awarded based on rounds of trivia, team uniforms and other creative competitions. Come enjoy a night of hilarity with your group. Register at the concourse table this Sunday, March 7, or contact elizabethw@wschurch.org by noon this Thursday.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS

As we adjust our schedules for four services, keep in mind Sunday morning options for an Adult Bible Fellowship class ... check us out!

9:00am: U & I in CH 1 (senior adults); TruthSeekers in CH 2 (adults, all ages); Beau Knots in CH # (senior adults); Homebuilders in AP (adults, primarily 45-65); TNT in Gym (adults, primarily retired but active)

10:15am: BF4C in CH 2 (primarily families with kids through Jr. High); Singles in CH 3 (adults, 35+); TLC in AP (adults, all ages); Single Parents in CRE

NOTE: There will be NO Adult Bible Fellowship classes on Easter Sunday, April 4. The new ABF schedule begins April 11.

WEST SIDE VOLUNTEERS, SAVE THE DATE!

We have reserved Friday, April 30, starting at 6:00pm, for YOU ... our valued WEST SIDE VOLUNTEER! We will have a counter in the concourse on April 11, 18 and 25 with more information. You may register online beginning April 5, or call the church office (793-2800) to register NOW. We MUST have an accurate count of childcare needs (ages 0-11) and reservations for the dinner. Children will be fed and cared for by our Springfield Christian School principal, Sheri Hall and her recruits. The evening will consist of a catered meal [6:00-6:45pm] followed by a top-of-the-line program [7:00-8:30pm] featuring comedian TIM HAWKINS. DO NOT miss this opportunity to let the WSCC staff serve and appreciate YOU ... because that night, you are "OFF THE HOOK" with our 2010 pirate-inspired VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION! Arrggghhhh!

FAMILY MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: J.A.M. Class (Jesus and Me) for children considering baptism will be hosted Sunday, March 14, 11:00am in the cafeteria. If you'd like to attend with your child please RSVP to RebekahS@wschurch.org by March 10.

Elementary youth groups meet Sundays, 4:30-5:30pm, in the following locations: Kindergarten, E103/E105; 1st-3rd grades, Cafeteria/Gym; 4th-5th grades, CH 1 & 2.

VELOCITY (Jr. High) meets each Sunday for worship, games and interactive teaching at 9:30am in E200. V-Groups meet in the Gym each Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm. Visit www.WestSideVelocity.org for more info.

FUSION (High School) meets Sundays at 9:30am in E204 for student services. Fuse Groups meet every Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm for fellowship and snacks. Email josh@wschurch.org to get plugged into our small group ministry. For more information, visit www.WestSideFusion.org

A-I-M ~ ADULTS IN MINISTRY 60

AIM Trivia Night with Chris & Melissa Sandel is Thursday, March 11, 6:30am, Music Room. Recruit your team of 6-8 and come ready for some great trivia, great prizes and great fun! Send your reservation to maryf@wschurch.org or call Mary at 793-2800, ext. 3435.

AIM2GO: A one-day mission trip to Love Packages in Butler IL is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23; the AIM2GO group will assist in sorting and packing curriculum that will be shipped overseas. The group will leave the church parking lot at 8am and return by 4pm. Call or email Mike to be a part of this outreach opportunity.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Second Sunday Lunch: West Side Young Adults are gathering

for lunch immediately after the 11:00 service on March 14. No need to cook, just go to CH1 and enjoy a meal while meeting other West Side Young Adults.

GROW! The next GROW! is Saturday, March 20, 6:40pm, at the home of John & Becky Minick (2043 Briarcliff Drive). GROW! is a monthly opportunity for young adults to grow deeper in their faith. This is a unique time to gather in an interactive environment that is bigger than a small group and more intimate than a Sunday Service. The lesson and discussion time will be informal and enjoyable.

SINGLES MINISTRY

Saturday Walks at the Park at 11:00am; meet by the duck pond at Washington Park (weather permitting).

Volleyball: There will be NO VOLLEYBALL during Upward Basketball.

Green Food & Games Night is Saturday, March 13, 5:30pm at Lakeview Lodge. Fun games are planned for the evening. Bring a green food and soda to share.

S.A.L.T. Dinner at Ross Isaac is Tuesday, March 16, 6:00pm. Sign up in Singles ABF. A \$10 deposit is required to reserve your spot. All no-shows will forfeit their \$\$.

Chili & Pie Cook-Off is Saturday, March 20, 6:00pm at Lakeview Lodge. Bring your best pot of chili or baked pie for the contest. Those not bringing entries for the contest, please bring soda and condiments that go with chili & pie. After sampling all the entries, you can sit back and watch the second round of March Madness on the big screen TV.

Marriage Roundtable Discussion: On Sunday, March 28, at 1pm, we'll be watching the second video sermon from Mark Driscoll entitled Marriage and Men. Bring your lunch and meet in E205. Mark is a preaching and speaking pastor for Mars Hill Church in Seattle, Washington. Mark preaches to men about being real men who love God and serve their family well; both men and women are encouraged to view this video sermon. There will be discussion after the video if you wish to stay.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Well, a place for moms to connect with other moms, be refreshed by God's Word, and thrive on their spiritual journey, will meet on Thursday, March 18, from 7:00-9:00pm. The group will begin at Guest Perking and move to Centennial Hall for the remainder of the evening. Chantel Mills will be speaking on Raising Children to Know God, followed by discussion time with fellow moms. For more information see their blog at thewell.wschurch.org.

Women in Study is currently meeting (Romans) through March 17 (Wednesdays, 9-11am or 6:30-8pm) in the All Purpose Room.

Questions? Email WIS@wschurch.org.

Alive With Christ will begin a new Bible study the week of March 8, *Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl* by Lysa TerKeurst (Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm or Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00am). Cost of book and workbook combined is \$18.00. To register, call 793-2800. Childcare is provided; indicate childcare needs when you register. Questions? Email AWC@wschurch.org.

Aerobics for Women: Ladies, join us for aerobics on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm in E205. For more information, visit www.wschurch.org/aerobics. *Please note: there will be no aerobics on Thursday, March 11.*

MEN'S MINISTRY

The Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference will be hosted by First United Methodist church on Saturday, March 13, from 8am-5pm, with Dan Erickson and Stu Weber headlining the event. Cost is \$49/person, \$39/student ages 13-22. Sign up in the concourse this Sunday, March 7, or register at the Thursday morning Men's Breakfast and Bible Study.

Thursday Morning Breakfast and Bible Study is currently meeting through March 18, 6:30-7:30am in Centennial Hall. The study is *The Heart of a Godly Man*. All men are welcome.

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group EXTRAVAGANZA is Thursday, March 11, 6:30-8:30pm, in Centennial Hall. This is a night of fierce competition and fun, where small groups compete to determine which is the zaniest, most creative, and most knowledgeable of useless facts. The bulk of the night will consist of trivia competitions, but points will also be given for uniforms and other creative competitions (see the blog – <http://smallgroups.wschurch.org>). Register at the table in the concourse this Sunday, March 7, or contact Elizabeth Wenzel elizabethw@wschurch.org by noon on Thursday, March 11. Dessert and childcare will be provided.

WORSHIP & ARTS

Spring Choir begins Wednesday March 10; all singers age 12-99 are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm in the Music Room. Childcare is provided (make reservations in advance).

Adult Handbells begin Wednesday March 10; new ringers are welcome. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm in the Music Room. Childcare is provided (make reservations in advance).

Faithful Men meet and rehearse on Sundays from 4:30-5:30pm in the Music Room.

Ozark Christian College Choir will present a concert in West Side's Worship Center on Sunday, March 21, 6:00pm.