



The Spirit

WEST SIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Important All Church Conference

Based on the approved 2012 budget, on Sunday, February 19 at 11:45am, an all church conference will be held in order to vote on the adjusted salary for Pastor Tracy Huffman.

Sunday, February 19, 2012

11:45 am following worship service

Meeting will be held in the sanctuary

Childcare will be provided

Happy Valentine's Day!

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious
or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way;

it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing,
but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. “

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Calling All Children of West Side UMC!!

Winter Vacation Bible School

Saturday, February 11

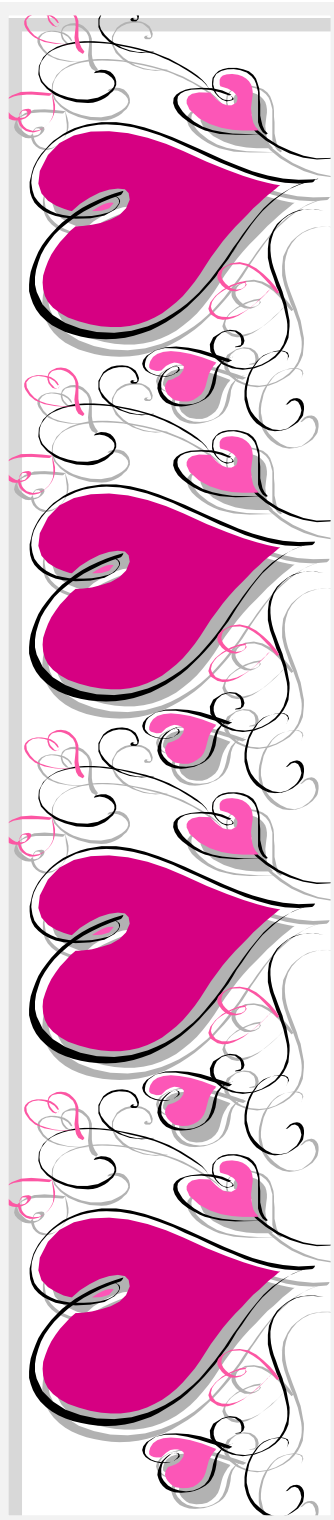
- Ages 2-4 will meet 8:45am -12:00pm
- Grades K-5 will meet 8:45am -3:00pm

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, February 12,

9:30am to 12:00pm

(See Registration form on page 5)



“And now faith, hope, and
love abide, these three; and
the greatest of these is
love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13

Principles of Christian Living

Applying Bible Principles

February 2012

How rich are you? Most of us would respond to that question with a recitation of our material possessions. We would list bank accounts and their contents, stocks, bonds, houses, vehicles, and other so-called assets as tangible evidence of our wealth.

But is that how rich we are? Not really. Adrian Rogers said this, “If you want to know how rich you are, add up everything you have that money can’t buy and what you’ve sent on to heaven. That’s how rich you really are.”

There are two ways to send money on to heaven, or as the Bible phrases it, to “lay up treasures in heaven.” One is to give to the work of the Lord. As we do that, particularly through giving our tithes and offerings here at West Side United Methodist Church, we make deposits in what one writer described as the “Bank of Heaven.” Another way to accomplish that goal is to give to meet the needs of other people. That’s the admonition provided by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 6:17-19 when he instructed Timothy, “As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God. . . . They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share.”

Compared to many people in the world, all of us – to one degree or another – have been richly blessed by God. That’s why we need to apply Paul’s counsel to our lives. As we follow his instruction, giving in the name of the Lord Jesus to

meet the needs of others, we “lay up treasures” for the coming age.

One of the primary reasons God provides material blessings to us His children is that we might through those material provisions minister in His name to other people. According to Matthew 25:40, when we do that, even to what Jesus described as the “least” of His brethren, it is as though we have done it unto Him.

As one writer expressed it so well, “Investing in the lives of others and growing in our relationship with God are spiritual treasures. They are not subject to destruction or thievery. They are fully protected. Their value never diminishes.” Or as an anonymous poet wrote, “Shall the great Judge say, when my task is through, that my soul had gathered some riches, too? Or shall at the last it be mine to find that all I had worked for was left behind?”

As you consider your true wealth and what really counts for eternity, think about this: How much better to be a poor person who is spiritually rich than a rich person who is spiritually poor.

How rich are you?



February Communion Offering

The February Communion offering is designated to support Human Relations Day. Your offering strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Some examples of recipients of Human Relations Day donations:

- ◆ A community developer at a Florida UMC directs a ministry for school-age children and youth where the "primary focus is to help the kids see Jesus and to help them grow developmentally and spiritually."
- ◆ A community developer at an Arkansas UMC oversees 12 ministries providing day care, after-school activities, gang intervention, job training, substance-abuse treatment, affordable/supportive housing and more.
- ◆ A program in Delaware offers guidance and a caring community for at-risk women ages 12 to 17, focusing on life skills such as improving school performance, find a job, managing time and money, resolving conflict and setting goals.

For more information, see <http://www.umcsgiving.org/hrd>. Please give generously - your gift makes a world of difference!

February Worship Services

February 5, 10:30 am – Rev. Drew Hart

February 12, 10:30 am – Children's Sabbath led by Mary Marzec

February 19, 10:30 am – Rev. Dr. Tracy Huffman

February 22, 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Service

February 26, 10:30 am – Rev. Dr. Tracy Huffman,

Youth Happenings

Joe's office hours are M-F, 2-5pm. Stop by and see him!

February 2012

02/05/2012 – 6pm, Super Bowl Party at Szalay's home

02/12/2012 – 5pm, Trip to Detroit Institute of Arts, Rembrandt's "Faces of Jesus"

Remainder of February– TBD (Watch for new information coming soon!)

3/2/2012 -3/4/2012–Spring Hill Retreat–Contact Joe Stapleton by 2/19/2012 for reservations.

Winter Vacation Bible School!!!!!!

Saturday, February 11th

AND

Sunday, February 12th

I know it's not vacation but it is winter and we love VBS!

Theme:

"What Did Jesus Do?"

Time:

Sat. 8:45- 3:00 and Sun. 9:30-11:30

Cost:

No Charge

Ages:

2yrs (potty trained) - 5th grade

(2yrs-4yrs half day leave at noon Saturday)

Activities:

Outreach project, baking, music, games, and learning skits/readings to perform on Sunday for

"CHILDREN'S SABBATH"

Everyone is encouraged to bring family and friends to experience our children as they show us what they have learned.

Please place these dates on your calendar, a registration page is included in this newsletter, fill out the bottom and return it, keep the top for a reminder and a time schedule.

You may also register on line www.westside-umc.org

Adult Volunteers needed. Contact Mary asap

All 6th-12th grade youth are encouraged to be leaders and assistant leaders. Contact Mary.

Let's get excited about our Winter Vacation Bible School and spread the word to our friends, our neighbors and our family!

West Side United Methodist Church

Winter Vacation Bible School

"What Did Jesus Do?"

Saturday, February 11th AND Sunday, February 12th

February 11th Saturday

8:45 Registration

12:00 Pick up children 4 and under

3:00 Pick up all children

February 12th Sunday

9:30 Check in, receive T-Shirts and rehearse for the services

10:30 Children's worship service –They will be performing the skits, singing the songs and doing the readings that they learned on Saturday

11:30 Fellowship time

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Name of child _____

Parent's name(s) _____

Emergency contact name and phone number(s) _____

Address: _____

E-mail address _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Grade in school: _____ Home Church _____

Allergies/ medical information or other concerns:

List name of persons who may pick up this child from WVBS:

Outreach & Giving Opportunities

ATTENTION COFFEE DRINKERS!!

Did you know that West Side supports small coffee growers around the world through serving Equal Exchange coffee? I recently read an article in the Arbor Farms monthly circular that coffee beans are heavily laden with pesticides and that one should use organic coffee when given a choice. Our Equal Exchange coffee is indeed organic! If you have any comments about the coffee we serve, feel free to ask. (Submitted by Margie Rudd)

COMMUNITY KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

What is the Community Kitchen? The Community Kitchen is located in the Robert J. Delonis Center (which is also home to the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County) at 312 W. Huron Street in Ann Arbor. The kitchen provides 20 meals per week to those in need. Our intent is to use collective resources more efficiently to feed people in need, and to use food as a tool to engage and nourish our entire community. We hope to expand enrichment programs like the YMCA Chain of Plenty, which provides life-skills and foodservice training to special needs youth. **How can you help?** Westside United Methodist Church provides 3-5 volunteers on the 3rd Tuesday and the 4th Thursday of every month. Volunteers serve food, drinks, clean and put away dishes. It's only a two hour commitment from 5pm to 7pm, and parking is paid for you by the Delonis Center. After you volunteer once you'll be hooked and want to help again! The clients that come in for dinner are very thankful for the time you've taken out of your life to help them. **Who can help?** Anyone! We will take everyone over the age of 18 and with a parent anyone over the age of 13. Need a team building or ice breaker for your men's or women's group? Why not volunteer on a night together, not only will you get to know one another better but you'll be giving to others. **Interested?** If you're interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Kristin Pedersen at 734-355-1450 or via email at kristinsaline@aol.com

Habitat for Humanity's Annual Auction is an evening you don't want to miss! Join us for Live Music, Food and Drinks, and a Live and Silent Auction!

Mark your Calendar:

Friday, April 20, 2012 from 6 to 9 pm

Morris Lawrence Atrium, WCC

4800 East Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Tickets: \$50 each / \$100 couple (\$35/\$70 tax deductible)

Table: \$400 - seats 8 (\$280 tax deductible)

Attire: Business Casual

More info coming soon!



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Vision Statement

We are people who strive to embody Christ's self-giving love in order to glorify God by making disciples through out ministries and relationships.

Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we at West Side United Methodist Church seek above all to glorify God through the gifts we have been given. We invite all to join us as we joyfully worship God, diligently study God's word, humbly deepen our faith, and actively build relationships so that we may passionately serve all of God's creation.

We're on the Web!
www.westside-umc.org



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