Looking Out, Looking Forward
By Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Ok, so I’m writing this after watching the worst ending of a game I have ever experienced in my life. It hurt so bad, I don’t think I ever want to talk about it. Yet, as I consider what’s on the horizon, I have feelings of excitement and anticipation. Let’s focus on being the church God is calling us to be. Let’s focus on the real mission of sharing life and joy and goodness and justice and Jesus. And by God’s Spirit, this is just what is going to happen.

There are two big initiatives that are going to start this month. The first has already been announced, and it is about our commitment to LOOKING OUT to those who don’t know Jesus. Starting Sun., Feb. 8, you will begin to see books in our narthexes, equipping huddles to show what to do, and everything else you need to invite friends to join in a six-week study on the Life of Jesus.

As a follow-up to our series, ‘Walk Across the Room’, we have put together a simple opportunity that gives a reason to invite people to consider getting to know Jesus. The book was written by my former college pastor and was used by his church in a similar campaign. While the sermons on Sunday will follow the chapters in the book, we aren’t trying to pressure people to commit to coming to Sunday worship. Instead, we are hoping that at least 100 unchurched people will respond to a warm and winsome invitation from a friend and spend the six weeks before Easter learning about Jesus with a small group. Of course, if group participants are interested in coming on Sunday morning it will only add to their six-week study.

The pastoral staff has put together a video that goes along with the book as well as study questions. For those interested in hosting a group, all you need to do is be a good HOST: be Hospitable; Open up your home; Serve a snack; and Turn on a TV for the video. For many, this opportunity may stretch you out of your comfort zone. But let me give you this encouragement: Seeing people come alive to Jesus is awesome. If you take this step of faith, you will be blessed and never regret that you did. Inviting people to learn about the life of Jesus is the big thing we are doing to LOOKING OUT.

Beginning Feb. 21, we are going to kick off our efforts of LOOKING FORWARD. Proverbs famously declares, ‘Where there is no vision, the people perish’ (29:18). Following Jesus is a dynamic relationship; one that we constantly are called to attend. We believe the church has a mission. Together we are to worship God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength; make disciples of all nations; declare the gospel; work for justice and truth to be established on earth as it is in heaven; and serve and love people. These are big and broad categories that need to be refined and focused if we are to seek excellence and give our best effort.

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I think that West Side has a strong history of embracing these broad categories of our mission: Worship, Mission, Evangelism, Discipleship, and Service are all part of the spiritual DNA of our church. Where we have struggled is in refining this broad call into a compelling vision and direction for our church. We do a lot of things; indeed, we probably try to do too many things because we are often spread thin.

As one particular expression of the Body of Christ in the Tri-Cities, I believe we have a particular call to advance the Kingdom of God in our own unique expression. This year the Session has committed to work through a visioning process to sharpen our sense of call and direction. We have contracted with a consulting group called TAG (Touching Another Generation) to lead us through a visioning process. TAG has already partnered with ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) as well as some churches with whom we have relationships. Kevin Ford will be the main consultant for our church. Kevin is a founding member of TAG and is a former TA to John Zimmerman (one of our former pastors) at Regent College. He is also the son of Leighton Ford who has been a key leader in the Billy Graham crusades. While the majority of their clientele are business, TAG has worked with thousands of churches to help them become healthy and dynamic communities, glorifying and serving God.

There are three phases to the process.

- **Phase I is the Discovery Phase.** It will include a survey as one tool to gather information from the congregation. They will also send out a consultant that will conduct interviews with eight different focus groups, most from the church and one or two from the community. TAG will provide a demographic and ethnographic study of the Tri-Cities—helping to identify our different neighbors. They will also lead our leadership through a gift and strengths analysis. Finally, they will gather the data into a coherent narrative, presenting both to the Congregation and Session in mid-July.

- **Phase II is the Vision Phase.** Kevin will lead the Session through a process of identifying our history, our strengths, our weaknesses, opportunities, and core values to establish a vision and plan of moving forward in mission and ministry. This will take place over three different weekend retreats of Session between July and October. It will end with a Congregational debrief and another Session retreat.

- **Phase III is the Integration Phase.** We will begin to move forward with our refined vision, seeking to grow up into the call God has for us.

There will be much more to share and talk about with this moving forward. For right now, it is important to let you know that the Discovery Phase begins with a TCI (Transforming Church Insight) survey (see instructions below). This survey is different from the Reveal Survey we have conducted in the past. We are hoping to have at least 300 people take this survey. It will not take as long as Reveal, and it is intended to measure the overall health of the congregation.

It is my hope that the work we do this year, both LOOKING OUT and LOOKING FORWARD, will be life changing, for new people to draw close to Jesus and for our congregation to have a sense of clarity and direction of how we will serve God and participating in His work of saving the world.

Blessings in Christ, Ralph

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**TCI Survey - Opens Feb. 21**

West Side Church will be conducting the TCI (Transforming Church Insight) Survey to gather valuable input from our members and regular attenders. The survey will touch on a variety of topics including: Communications, Outreach, Member Satisfaction, Financial Matters and others. Please make time Feb. 21 - Mar. 30 to take the survey. You can take it online by following the instructions to the right. If you have any problems with the online survey, please contact Wendy Puz. There are a limited number of paper copies if you are unable to complete the survey online (contact Wendy). There will be computers available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings if you would like to take the survey at church.

**Online Instructions:**

1. Log on to the website: www.research.net/s/ TAG_TCI_WestSideChurch0215
2. Enter the password: wsc0215
3. Answer each question according to the instructions. When you have finished each set of questions, click “Next” at the bottom of the page. You may use the “Previous” and “Next” buttons to navigate pages and change your answers at any point while you are logged on. When you click “Finish” on the last page, your answers will be saved and you cannot change them.
4. Each member of your family, age 16 and older, should take the survey.
Preparing Our Hearts for Lent - Ash Wednesday 2015
By Rev. Heather Mikelson

As you may know, Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent) is Feb. 18. I encourage you to mark your calendar and come and join us for a simple dinner at 5:15 pm and for worship at 6:15 pm. We will take a break from our normal Wednesdays @ West Side classes for this week. Whether you are young or old, coming to an Ash Wednesday service is a great way to begin the preparation of our hearts, minds, bodies, and spirits for a deeper season, one in which we focus more upon Jesus Christ.

This year, we will once again have hands-on stations of prayer and contemplation set out in the WS South Sanctuary and Narthex. We will have a corporate time of worship, and then have time set aside to visit various stations – all of which have a Scripture passage to contemplate, a small hands-on activity, and time set aside for prayer. Last year we introduced our first prayer walk (labyrinth).

This year we will introduce some works of art upon which we can meditate. We will end our service together with the imposition of ashes, recognizing that we all are in need of Christ.

I firmly believe that Ash Wednesday is an important worship opportunity for everyone at West Side Church. We are all in need of a visual reminder that we belong, that we are forgiven, and that we will never outgrow our need for Christ. If you feel that this service will be difficult for your child, please know that we will have childcare available during that evening. I hope you will consider joining us as we begin Lent 2015 together at our Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 18 at 6:15 pm and for a simple soup supper at 5:15 pm.
Adult Christian Growth Classes
Sundays, 9:45-11:00 am - Feb. 1-Mar. 29

The GAP (Get Acquainted Place) - WS South Room 302
Facilitators—Fred & Pat Reich and Roger & Carol Johnson

The GAP serves as a relaxed place to meet and get acquainted with others—some who have recently started visiting and others who have been members of our West Side Church family for decades! We enjoy personal sharing with one another and typically read and discuss a Bible-based book. All are invited to step into and experience Christian community with us in The GAP.

The Bible, Faith and Science - WS South Room 306
Teachers—Tom Woods, Jim Morris, Gene Carbaugh, Dan Johnston

Who are we and what is our purpose in Life? Do we have answers to these questions as Christians and can we tell others about the hope and joy we have because we are Christians? Do we see, hear and feel the beauty of God’s love in the world we live in? An important way of answering some of these questions is to gain a better understanding of God’s creation as defined in scripture and seen in the physical world where we live. What have we learned using the talents that God has given us about these two most important views of the Father’s creation? We invite you to engage in a conversation about man’s understanding of scripture and physical creation as an expanding point to expand our relationship with the Lord and each other.

As Our Years Increase - WS North Room 2-4 (Library)
Teacher—Patty Wilburn

As we enter the “Third Third” of life (and if you’ve blown out 60 candles on your cake, you are there!), it’s helpful to consider together where we go from here. How can we gain a view of “aging” that is positive, honorable and hopeful? Some of it comes from just looking at the facts. God loves us all through life, and if we are listening to Him, every step on our journey is His invitation to obedience, creativity, love and spiritual growth. Each part of the “Third Third” of life has its own task and purpose, meant to bless us and those we love. Come join us!

Just Walk Across The Room-Take 2
Sermon Series Begins Feb. 1

Sharing our faith for many of us presents itself as a daunting and intimidating task. Last year we introduced the idea that sharing our faith can really be as simple as willing to walk across the room and befriend someone who looks like they need a friend. Instead of feeling like you have to know every answer to every question someone might have about Christianity, we asked, “What if it can be as simple as looking to be a friend?” As the friendship develops, it can become quite natural share your own story about another friendship in your life—who Jesus is to you. And instead of hard pressing someone, you can just prayerfully give it to God and see what God does with this relationship.

This month we are going to remind ourselves of just being willing to take a walk across a room and invite people into a friendship and hopefully a friendship with God. This reminder is going to take a very practical turn because we have put together a six-week study on the life of Jesus that might help you take a walk across a room and invite some friends who don’t know Jesus to consider learning a little about him. It is my hope that this series will help us move from theory to reality and more of us will get to experience sharing the greatest gift we can give another person—a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Feb. 1-The Challenge of Esther    Feb. 8-The Importance of Friends    Feb. 15-The Life of Jesus-Zero Week
Adult Christian Growth Classes
Sundays, 11:15 am-12:30 pm, - Feb. 22-Mar. 22

Parenting: You’re Not Alone! - WS North Room 2-4 (Library)
Childcare provided—please RSVP to Rev. Heather Mikelson or Kristianne Rogalsky

Feb. 22 - What Does Play Have To Do With My Child’s Success?
Teacher—Dr. Yvonne Swinth
In this session we will discuss how play facilitates positive growth and development in the areas of physical health, social and emotional well-being, and positive mental health. Through play, children learn skills such as problem-solving, interacting with others, self-regulation and how to become a healthy adult. Research has shown that children who participate in play not only have positive outcomes in growth, but also experience higher achievement in school. We will define play and strategies for incorporating play into daily routines.

Mar. 1 - Picky Eaters, Homework Haters, Massive Meltdowns: When Parenting Seems Harder Than It Should Be
Teacher—Glenda Schlahta
Do you have a smart child who hates school? A great kid who has few friends? A son or daughter who is too easily upset, won’t eat anything creamy, can’t stand the seams in socks, has trouble tying shoes or potty training or riding a bike or falling asleep? Come find out about common causes of these and other issues and what to do about them.

3 Week Mini-Series: Attachment, Emotional Health, and Family Systems
Teacher—Rev. Faye Serene
If you have any connection with a child, from birth on up to adulthood, this 3-week series can help. Come join us to learn about: Attachment, Emotion Coaching, and then ways to put it into practice under the framework of Internal Family Systems.

Mar. 8 - Week 1: Attachment
Early bonding between a child and parent or caring adult lays a critical foundation for future emotional health. Come learn what makes for a solid attachment and how to strengthen the attachments you already have.

Mar. 15 - Week 2: Emotion Coaching for Emotional Intelligence
Dr. John Gottman’s research has shown that Emotion-coached children:
- Perform better academically,
- Have fewer behavioral problems,
- Have fewer infectious illnesses,
- Are more emotionally stable,
- Are more resilient,
- Are better able to focus their attention, and
- Motivate themselves.
Come learn the ways we stray and then how to effectively coach the children in our lives to recognize, name, and handle their emotions.

Mar. 22 - Week 3: Foundations for Emotional Health for You and Your Family
Come learn how we are put together, some tools for working through stuck places, and ways to communicate that can help strengthen attachments with our children and build their emotional intelligence.
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Children vs Youth

Don’t forget to bring your canned food items by Sun., Feb. 8.

All donations will be delivered to our local Food Bank.

Are you new to West Side?
Sun., Feb. 8, 12:30 pm, WS South
Join us for lunch and get to know our Pastoral Staff

Ralph  Dan  Heather
Stu  Karel  Patrick

Are you fairly new to West Side, having attended for the past few weeks or months? We’d like to meet you! Bring the kids!! After lunch and fellowship, we will share a bit about our ministries at West Side Church.

Preschool Registration

IN-HOUSE Registration
Feb. 22 (children currently enrolled in West Side Preschool or part of our church family).

PUBLIC Registration Feb. 23 (children outside of West Side Church).

Children who turn 2, 3, or 4 on or before Aug. 31, 2015, are eligible to be enrolled at West Side Preschool for the 2015-16 school year. Information and forms are available outside the Preschool Office in WS North and at www.westside1.org. Questions? Contact co-directors Patty Grandy or Ann Campbell (509.946.4656).
Women’s Ministry

Knitters Group Wed., Feb. 4, 1:00 pm, WS North Koinonia Café. Bring your projects.

Sarah Circle Lunch Wed., Feb. 11, 11:30 am, WS North Narthex. Join us for lunch, fellowship and a chance to make valentines to give away. Guests are always welcome. RSVP to Kay Johnson (509.627.1406) or Joanne Fankhauser (509.943.1202) by Feb. 9.

Morning Glory Bible Study Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 am. WS North Room 2-4. Morning Glory is an inter-generational Bible study committed to friendship with one another and becoming good students of the Scriptures. Bring your Bible, a notebook and pen, and a heart open to God (includes coffee & goodies, childcare and prayer support). Questions-Patty Wilburn, Joan Swinth, or Judy Wagenblast.

Men’s Ministry

Breakfast & Bible Study Saturdays, 7:30-9:00 am, WS North Koinonia Café. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a Bible study.

Sarah Squares, spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, lunch Wed., Feb. 11, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant (GW Way-Richland).

Senior Adult Ministry

FOF (Fun Folks Over 50) Potluck Dinner & Program Fri., Feb. 6, 5:45 pm, WS North Narthex. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert and your own table service. Jan Jacobson will share about Alzheimer’s—signs, symptoms, and how we can support them and their caregivers. Questions? Contact George or Edna Sehmel (509.943.9044).

P2P (Person To Person) Lunch Mon., Feb. 2 and 16, 12:00 pm, WS North Narthex. Join our group of retirees for a homemade lunch, lots of table talk, and laughs.

Ladies’ Craft Days Are Coming!

Dig out those UFOs (Un-Finished Objects) from your closet and bring them to the Ladies’ Craft Days (WS South Room 306):
Fri., Feb. 20, 3:00-10:00 pm
Sat., Feb. 21, 9:00 am-9:00 pm
This is your opportunity to work on those pesky unfinished projects while enjoying the fellowship of other women. Don’t want to finish a project? Bring it anyway and maybe someone will finish it for you! Want to learn to sew or craft? Come and we will help you. Crafters of ALL ages and abilities are welcome. Questions? Contact Jodi Hassell (509.628.1820).

Compassionate Caregivers Support Group

The Compassionate Caregivers Support Group continues to meet monthly for fellowship and education. If you are the full-time caregiver of a loved one or the relative of a loved one with Alzheimer’s or other Dementia, you are invited to join our Compassionate Caregiver monthly support group: Feb. 26, 10:30-11:30 am, WS North Sanctuary. This group serves as a safe place to learn and share your thoughts and feelings with others. We warmly welcome you to join us! Questions? Contact Jan Michael, MSW; Jan Jacobson, RN/BSN/FCN; or Pastor Dan Wodrich.
High School Journey With Christ Weekend Retreats
By Gail Dotson

The "Journey With Christ" weekend retreats are coming to West Side!

For the very first time, West Side has the privilege of hosting this nondenominational weekend retreat for high school teens. The Journey is the high school version of the adult Walk With Christ ministry located in Eastern Washington/Oregon and Northern Idaho. It is primarily focused on strengthening and uniting the Body of Christ throughout various churches and denominations in our region. It is a three-day spiritual renewal retreat that provides participants an opportunity to learn more about faith, to experience Christian love and support, and to make new commitments in their faith journey. The weekend is comprised of worship, prayer, fellowship, recreation, singing, talks, and discussion. Talks are focused on the needs of maturing youth in their walk with Christ. The Journey community would like to thank West Side for letting us use your wonderful campus during the weekends and although it may look and sound chaotic at times, it all serves a purpose in bringing the love of Christ to these high school kids-both those who are attending for the first time and also the large team of adults and youth who gather together working to support this set of Journeys.

Know of a high school student who would be interested in a Journey with Christ? Then stop by the WS South Narthex on Feb. 8. For questions regarding the Girls Journey, Feb 26-Mar 1, call Gail Dotson (627.0920). Regarding the Boys Journey, Mar 12-15, call Doug Eggebraten (528.9160) or Gary Bush (539.8905). Thank you, West Side, for being our host!

Summer Internship Opportunity - Summer Trainees

Summer is approaching ... and with it comes the Summer Trainee Ministry! The committee is gearing up for a fabulous summer of friendship, fellowship and fun as God calls another Trainee team to West Side 2015! This is a summer internship opportunity for college-aged Christians who are seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and experience working with our various children’s and youth programs. They will be working in a Christian community of accountability, prayer, worship, fellowship, training and ministry. We would also ask you to be prayerfully considering how YOU would like to be a part of this dynamic ministry this summer! Is God calling you to host a student, cook, walk alongside or encourage a Trainee? Would you like to be involved? Please talk to Heather Mikelson or Abby Johnson. If you know of an interested candidate have them apply online at westside1.org. First round of applications are due Feb. 15. We will continue accepting applications until all positions are filled.
Preschool Registration 2015-16

Registration is coming: Sun., Feb. 22, 4:00-6:00 pm, WS North Sanctuary. This Sunday registration is only for currently attending families, West Side Church families, and alumni families. Children that will be two-, three- or four-years old by Aug. 31, 2015 are age eligible for our program.

As a co-operative program each family is assigned helping days to participate in the classroom. This is a great way to begin the practice of being involved in your child’s education. Studies show that children are more successful when the family volunteers at school. Our hands-on, activity focused program offers developmentally appropriate practices that support growth and learning in the social, physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual areas of a child’s development. The balance of both child- and teacher-directed activities supports an environment that fosters the “aha” moments of individual children.

Registration for the general public will open the following morning on Mon., Feb. 23, 9:00 am, WS North Sanctuary. Plan now to join us on Feb. 22 so your child(ren) will be part of this great program! We’d love to give you a tour and/or answer your questions. You may contact the Preschool Office at 509.946.4656. Look for registration forms online and in the narthexes on the Information Boards.

Remembering Steve Hayner

Steve Hayner’s battle with pancreatic cancer ended Jan. 31. As his wife Sharol put it, his life “was swallowed up by LIFE” that day.

Steve was a friend of West Side Church beginning as a trainee in 1967 (and 1970-1972). He served in many different places over the course of his life including University Presbyterian Church (Seattle), Seattle Pacific University, InterVarsity and was the President of Columbia Theological Seminary at the time he was diagnosed.

Steve was the keynote speaker for West Side’s 50th Reunion of the Trainee Ministry in Aug. 2011. CDs of his sermon from that event are available in the Church Office if you are interested in having a copy.

A service celebrating Steve’s life will be held Feb. 23, 2:00 pm, Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta (Georgia). Gifts in memory of Steve may be given to Columbia Theological Seminary, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (USA), International Justice Mission or World Vision. Please be praying for Sharol Hayner and their children Emilie, Chip and Drew (and their families) as they walk through this time of loss.

Menu - Wednesdays @ West Side

Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share

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Introducing Our New Members

New members were welcomed during Sunday morning worship on Jan. 25:

John & Heidi April - Appreciate the church and pastors and friendliness of the church. It has been wonderful attending West Side.

Manuel Costa - Moved here last March to be close to his daughter, Ginny Carter, and her family.

Roger Hales (not pictured)

Dan Kieneker - Really appreciates the pastoral staff. Hebrews 12:2-3

Kristy Leitze

Cait McGilliard - Enjoys horses, dogs and shopping. She is 20 years old and is looking for employment.

Kip & Carol McGillard - Recently moved here from Charleston, IL, after Kip retired from teaching at Eastern Illinois University. Carol has a nursing background. They enjoy music, outdoor activities and travel.

Gary & Shannon Spencer - We just love West Side!

Suzanne Weckner - God worked through her daughter, Jessica, for her to take the Alpha Course, which led her here.

New Elders and Deacons Elected

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sun., Jan. 25, new Elders and Deacons were elected:

Elders - 2016
Jake Tucker - Youth Ministry

Elders - 2017
Lisa Dye - Children & Family Ministry
Ken Geelhood - Evangelism Ministry
Richard Mahood - Property Ministry
Rick Pratt - Clerk of Session
Pat Reich - Fellowship Ministry
Steve Schlahta - Nominating Committee
Ward TeGrotenhuis - Christian Growth Ministry

Deacons - 2015
Ed Heubach

Deacons - 2017
Don Fankhauser
Kristy Leitze
Perry Moore
Bertha Rachinski
Wendy Thomson [ to be filled ]

Thank you to our outgoing Elders and Deacons for your faithful service:

Elders - Annette Barnes (Fellowship), Tamara Brown (Christian Growth), Steve Critchlow (Service), Ken Geelhood (Evangelism), Carolyn Leggett (Children & Family), Susan Stevenson (Youth), Ken Swinth (Clerk of Session), Dave Van Leuven (Property)


If you were unable to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, additional copies of the Annual Report are available in the Church Office.
Don't Forget To Mark Your Calendar!!

Feb. 8 - Meet the Pastors Lunch
Feb. 16 - Church Office CLOSED (Presidents' Day)
Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper & Worship Service
Feb. 20-21 - Ladies' Craft Days
Feb. 22 - IN-HOUSE Preschool Registration
Feb. 23 - PUBLIC Preschool Registration begins
Feb. 26-Mar. 1 - HS Girls' Journey with Christ

Want to receive our newsletter via email?
Contact Wendy Puz (wpuz@westside1.org or 509.946.4656).