

## Our Service Today

At this time of year, we look back upon the ways in which God has lifted and carried us over the past year. But we are also keenly aware of the future and ways in which we hope to grow, goals we may wish to achieve, or services we would like to render. Most believers, according to Tim Keller, wish for four things:

1. To know who we are (our strengths and weaknesses);
2. To be compassionate people who know how to help people around us;
3. To have such a profound trust in God that we are fortified against the disappointments of life; and
4. To gain wisdom about how life goes.

As you think about these Christian desires, consider how they reflect your own and how you might modify or add to them.

Here at West Side we believe everyone has a next step, so as you worship today, consider the following as potential next steps for you:

- **To determine to seek wisdom in my life this coming year and to allow the Spirit of God to lead me unflinchingly to the Truth of Christ in heart and mind.**
- **To be aware of God's sovereign leading in my life and be mindful of his hand on the rudder of my life.**
- **To be thankful for all God's help and blessing during 2017.**
- **To pray for all who will go out in short term mission from West Side this year.**

These next steps are also the same as the next steps on the connection card so that you can take a copy home with you.

## January Sermon Series

... the little changes that

Sometimes small changes that we make over time make the biggest difference in our lives. Following Jesus is about growing into a new way of living, where we learn to make shifts in what we do, how we see, and what we value. This January, we are going to look at four choices that if we turn into habits have the power to lead us into life with Jesus that becomes the "life that is really life" that Jesus promised us in the Gospel.

make a **BIG** difference in your life  
**Seismic SHIFTS**

- Jan. 7 - From Me To God**  
Isaiah 6:1-8
- Jan. 14 - From Spiritual Infancy To Spiritual Adulthood**  
Ephesians 4:11-15
- Jan. 21 - From Rushing To Rest**  
Isaiah 30:15; Exodus 20:8-11
- Jan. 28 - From Snacking To Feasting**  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

## Prayers This Week

**West Siders** :: Gary & Cathie Louie  
**West Side Ministry** :: Christian Growth Committee  
**Mali Children** :: Mafe and Assana  
**Local Church** :: First United Methodist Church, Kennewick  
**Additional Concerns** :: Robert & Margaret Storms, Harvey Huisinh, Roger Johnson, Lil Leggett, Drew Kachele, Taylor (great-grandson of Joe & Laura Engel), The Family of Gary Bush, The Family of Carolina Bullard, The Family of Patricia Muñoz  
**In Military Service** :: Guam-Jared Hoey; North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; California-Sam & Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington-Matt Serene

The rosebud today welcomes Nathan Asher, born Nov. 1 to Gerry & Jennifer Wyatt.

This week we are praying for Karla and Todd Poulter with Wycliffe Global Alliance in Hawaii. Karla recently wrote: "I had a wonderful time with Sarah last week, watching a local theater production of 'Miracle on 34th Street.' But the best was the half hour chatting with her beforehand and hearing how she is grasping some new perspective on prayer, especially our need to praise God before we bring Him our requests. 'It's really a kind of sacrifice, isn't it?' she said. It is thrilling to watch God work in her life! Todd's week also went well. He had this to say: 'Mundara, Dave and I had good meetings with our Wycliffe USA colleagues... And one of the best parts of my week was meeting over breakfast and lunch with two different men. I was grateful for the opportunity for mutual encouragement. And the guy I was meeting for the first time, asked, 'Can I call you once a month just to talk and get your perspective on things?' That's your prayers at work.'"

**Note:** If you are admitted into the hospital, the Deacons would like to call on you. Please list "Presbyterian" on the admittance form and notify the Church Office (509.946.4656).

For private prayers throughout the week, contact the Prayer Chain: Go to [www.westside1.org](http://www.westside1.org) and click the Prayer Request button (upper right-hand corner); or call Danni DeYoung (509.546.3959), the Church Office (509.946.4656), or Ann Forsythe (509.371.9630). To be included in Additional Concerns or In Military Service, contact the Church Office (946.4656).



December 31, 2017 9:00 am

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## Welcome to West Side Church

Welcome! We're glad you're joining with us for worship today! We believe that God loves us and calls us into life marked by love for Him and love for one another. It is our hope that you will be drawn towards knowing His love given to us in Jesus Christ. We also hope that you will experience His love through our church family. If there is anything we can do to help facilitate your worship of God, please ask.

Blessing in Christ, *The Family of West Side Church*

### Information for Parents:

- Worship Activity Bags for children are available in each narthex.
- Child care is available for children (infants through age 5) at each worship service in the Infant/Toddler Room (WSN).
- Cry rooms are available at the rear of the sanctuary at West Side South and in the foyer at West Side North.

## What's Happening Today

**Contemporary Service** :: 9:00 am, West Side South (WSS)

**Traditional Service** :: 11:15 am, West Side North (WSN)

### Sunday Morning Discipleship: 9:45-11:00 am

**No Sunday School (children, youth, and adults) - classes resume Jan. 7, 2018.**

### Jan Term 2018: Sun., Jan. 7-28, 9:45-11:00 am, WSS Room 306

Come hear firsthand from some exciting ministries working to change lives and to bring Jesus' love, hope, and healing to our community. Our guest speakers will share how God is working and how West Side can extend our outreach and impact in our community.



#### Jan. 7 - Flourish Mid-Columbia - Dan Wodrich

Come learn about Flourish Mid-Columbia, a missional initiative to establish a center for theological education for the 'everyday' Christian here in the Mid-Columbia region. Flourish aims to encourage, equip, and personally accompany followers of Jesus into thoughtful and wholehearted participation in His life - in all of life - in our homes, the workplace, and in our community.

#### Jan. 14 - Ignite Youth Mentoring - Sheila Bader

Come hear how they train mentors to focus their time with kids, ages 8-18 years old, on forming strong values, developing social and job-related skills, and discovering God's purpose for their lives. We invite you to hear how you could make a difference in the world, one kid at a time.



#### Jan. 21 - Mirror Ministries - Tricia McFarlan

Come learn about their mission to respond to domestic minor sex trafficking with the love of Christ through local education, intervention, restoration, and aftercare. They operate a 24/7 hotline and their advocates walk that long road of healing with each victim through their outreach center.

#### Jan. 28 - Grace Clinic - Avonte Jackson

Come hear about their mission to share Christ's love through practical acts of compassion by providing free healthcare services to those in need in Benton and Franklin Counties and Burbank.



## Church Calendar: January 1 - 6, 2018

### Monday - New Year's Day

No West Side Preschol classes - Winter Break  
Church Office - Closed

### Tuesday

No West Side Preschol classes - Winter Break  
5:30 am Pure Desire: Breakthrough and Break Free-For Men Only, WSN Room 47  
9:00 am Church Staff Meeting, WSN Church Office

### Wednesday

10:15 am Moms in Prayer Group, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)  
1:00 pm Knitters Group, WSN Koinonia Café

### Thursday

7:30 am Marcus Whitman Elementary Tutoring, WSS Narthex/Room 306  
9:00 am Parent Connection Playgroup, WSN Narthex  
10:00 am Ministry Staff Meeting, WSN Room 7  
6:30 pm Alpha Prison Ministry, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (Connell)  
7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, WSS Sanctuary  
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, WSN Sanctuary

### Friday

5:45 pm FOF-Fun Folks Over 50 Potluck Dinner, WSN Narthex  
6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous-Step Monsters Group, WSN Room 15-17

### Saturday

7:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, WSN Koinonia Café

WSN = West Side North, 615 Wright Ave

WSS = West Side South, 603 Wright Ave



### Parent Connection Playgroup - Jan. 4

Are you a parent or grandparent of a young infant or child? Are you looking for a relaxing place to connect and be encouraged? Join us Thurs., Jan. 4, 9:00-10:30 am, WSN Narthex. We will have toys and activities for children, and coffee and tea for parents. Bring a nut-free snack for your child/ren if you are able. All are welcome!

### From the Finance Office

**2018 Pledge Cards.** Please remember to turn in your pledge card to an offering basket or to the Finance Office **TODAY**. These pledges are important as Session plans the 2018 Operating Budget. If you did not receive or misplaced your pledge cards, there are extra cards available on the Information Boards in either narthex. **Reminder: 2017 pledges do not carry over into 2018.**

**Year-End Donations.** Each year some congregation members graciously give a year-end donation. If you wish to hand-deliver your year-end giving, it must be in the offering baskets **TODAY**. All donations in hand by Dec. 31 will be credited to 2017 giving.

**2018 Offering Envelopes** will be available in the narthexes **TODAY**. If you are a pledged giver and make any adjustment to your check, please mark the memo line of the check with instruction or write us a note. You can also make donations through your bank's bill payer program with "West Side Church" as the recipient.



## Events in the Life of the Church

*Additional information available on the Information Boards in either narthex or at [www.westside1.org](http://www.westside1.org).*

**Church Office Closed** Mon., Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's.

**Women's Ministry.** Knitters Group Wed., Jan. 3, 1:00 pm, WSN Koinonia Café.

Everyone is invited to bring their projects to work on and enjoy fellowship. Sarah Circle lunch Wed., Jan. 10, 11:30 am, WSN Narthex. Join us for a nice lunch and fellowship. We'll be making Valentines to be delivered to our shut-ins. Need childcare-call Carol (217.508.3073). In case of inclement weather, we follow the Richland school closings.

**Senior Adult Ministry.** FOF-Fun Folks Over 50 potluck dinner Fri., Jan. 5, 5:45 pm, WSN Narthex. Start the New Year off right by coming to FOF! We will have our traditional White Elephant Gift Wxchange - bring one or more. Who will get Kip's puzzle? Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share and your table service. Be prepared for some laughs! Questions-contact George or Edna (509.943.9044). P2P-Person to Person lunch Mon., Jan. 8 and 22, 12:00 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us for a homemade lunch and lots of fellowship and laughs.

**Men's Ministry.** Sarah Squares, spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, lunch Wed., Jan. 10, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant (2500 Queensgate Dr.-Richland).

**Finance Committee.** Financial data: Jan. 1, 2017 Beginning Balance \$28,610; 2017 Year to Date Income \$959,142; 2017 Year to Date Expenses \$989,602; Ending Balance Nov. 30, 2017 -\$1,850.

### Christmas Offering - The Funkas

Andrew & Amy Funka are West Side-supported missionaries in the Czech Republic ("Czechia") with Alongside Ministries International. Hopefully you had a chance to meet this energetic and faith-filled couple when they visited us last month. Czechia is officially atheistic, the language is difficult to learn, and youth Christians there are mocked. West Side has sent teams there the past two summers to help teach English at an ESL camp and share the gospel with Czechia's youth.



We are hoping to raise \$3,260 to help the Funkas grow their ministry in two important ways: 1. Through intensive Czech language classes to help them with this difficult language and boost their effectiveness with their ministry, and 2. Expanding ESL Camp ministry to a "Restricted Access" country as their ESL camps are a highlight of the year for many Christian youth and this would allow them to expand the program.

To make a donation, please make your check payable to "West Side Church" with "Christmas Offering" on the memo line or use a Christmas Offering envelope on Sunday morning. Any amount raised above \$3,260 will benefit other ministry projects for the Funkas.

**Christmas Card Exchange.** This wonderful West Side tradition is a way to help local West Side members send their greetings to regular church attendees and for Sarah Circle to raise money for missions and our Marcus Whitman Tutoring Program. Have you checked the mailbox (in WSN Narthex) to see if you've got mail? The Christmas mailbox will remain open until Sun., Jan. 14.



### Ministry Staff

Rev. Ralph Kieneker :: Lead Pastor  
Patrick Grover :: Associate Pastor/Director-Children & Family Ministries  
Rev. Shari Grover :: Associate Director-Children & Family Ministries  
Ben Downey :: Director-Youth & Family Ministries  
Rev. Karel Coppock :: Alpha Outreach, Prison, Service and Missions Ministries  
John Lipp :: Lay Pastor Emeritus of Care  
Patrick Smith :: Director-Worship & Music Ministries  
Brenda Welsch :: Director-Adult Choir

**Church Office Hours :: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**