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2018



Spreading The Light Of Christ

By Rev. Karel Coppock

We are greatly blessed this year to have three teams being sent out by the church on short term mission. Each of them is unique in its own way.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our team from Colombia will have returned. They left in the early morning of June 17 for two weeks and included youth as well as adults. Steve Critchlow is leading this team along with his wife Sandra, well assisted by Jeanne Hultgrenn, one of our Missions Council elders. They were sent to bless



and develop relationships with Open Arms Foundation, a non-profit Christian organization that works out of Medellin with at-risk youth. Phil and Carolina Bullard are the key people at West Side who have known and loved this organization for years. Some of the teams' work included helping with youth and developing relationships with them. There is a farm in the mountains above Medellin that shelters boys from the streets who learn skills there, attend a nearby school, and grow in Christ. Our team worked to improve one of the buildings on the site. We are seeking God's guidance as to what a future partnership with Open Arms might look like.

Ben Downey, our youth director, is leading a second missions team, this one sponsored by the Youth Committee, to work in

rebuilding a house in the Houston area. We quickly forget national disasters that are not on our doorstep, but as of this writing, thousands upon thousands of homes in the Houston area still lie unrepaired and desolate from the terrible floods that devastated the city last year. The youth, along with adult advisors, have taken on this project. They are excited and our youth have done many jobs and written many letters to raise support for their portion of the trip's cost. They will be bringing hope to a family whose home needs repair and spreading the light of Christ as they do so. They will be gone July 14-21. Please pray for them, that God's Spirit "will go before them and lead them in the way" and for their team that they would grow together as they give of themselves in this way.

Our Czech bound team (shown above) leaves on July 25, a few days after our Houston team returns. This is our church's third mission trip in as many years to a Christian camp in the mountains many miles from Prague on the border with Poland. The Czech team will work as English as a Second Language teachers building relationships with youth, mainly from Christian homes in the Czech

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Summer Staff - Welcome To Savannah, Olivia, Lydia, & JJ!



We have a unique summer ahead, and we trust that God has some great plans for us! God has blessed us this summer with four wonderful young people who will partner with us in ministry with our youth and kids.

Please help us welcome **Savannah Birt**, attending Gather4Him College in the fall; **Olivia Coppock**, who will be a senior at Seattle Pacific University; **Lydia Webb**, a sophomore from Boise State Univ.; and **JJ Strasburg**, who is already a part of our church family and working in our Child Care Ministries.

We praise God that He has brought these four individuals to enrich our youth and children's ministries. Each of them brings a heart for Jesus and for young people. Each has already been a blessing to us. Because of their unique situations, they were not all able to fulfill the expectations of the trainee ministry. Therefore, with prayer and discussion, the Committee decided to take a break from the formal trainee ministry this summer.

Instead, we have invited these four individuals to work as summer **"Ministry Assistants."** Olivia and Lydia are only working part time, whereas Savannah and JJ are able to work more hours. All of our assistants are currently helping us in planning and leading Summer Sunday programs, mid-week programs, and other fun, summer events. All are working mainly in Children and Family Ministries. However, Olivia is also devoting some time to ministry with High School students. What a joy to have all four sharing their lives with us this summer!

Thank you for welcoming these four young people to West Side as they serve with us this summer. Feel free to invite them out to coffee or a meal and get to know them better. We look forward to seeing how God will work in the lives of these wonderful "ministry assistants" and in our church family's life this summer.

Spreading The Light Of Christ (cont.)

Republic, who come to this camp to be encouraged in their faith in a country which is the most agnostic and atheistic in the world. There is spiritual input every evening with an evangelistic talk on Wednesday or Thursday evening and testimonies the last night of camp. We have grown to love these kids over the last few years. They are aged from 12 to 27, including camp counselors. They are as fine a group of young people as I have ever met. Dale Rodgers and I are co-leading this mission trip. One of the highlights will be reconnecting with our West Side supported missionaries, Amy and Andrew Funka in Prague, and attending their church as well as meeting some Czech Christian leaders. Please pray for the team as we work and pray together, and especially for the talk given midway through the week in which youth are encouraged to commit their lives to Christ. Some come from non-Christian homes. Our team returns on Aug. 8.

We are delighted that God has provided—through your generosity at the "Night of Hope" auction (Apr. 28)—for three teams this year. We feel that

as we go out, we are not only blessing the people to whom we minister, but training up disciples in our own West Side community. You will have two occasions to hear about what God has done on these trips: On Sunday morning, Aug. 12, the youth team will give a report about Houston; and on Aug. 26, the Czech and Colombia teams will give testimony to what God has done in and through them.

You are a big part of these missions trips through your giving, your encouragement, and your prayers. I can't emphasize the importance of this last contribution—your prayers—enough. Even Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "And pray also for me, that boldness may be given me, so that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains" (Ephesians 6.19-20). You are ambassadors with us as you pray. We are grateful to be partners with you.

In his grace,
Karel J. Coppock

Deacon Beacon - Benevolence Ministry

By Wendy Thomson, Benevolence Lead

The dictionary definition of charity includes the terms *Benevolence* and *Christian love*. Being part of the benevolence team gives those who serve an opportunity to offer monetary relief while extending Christ's love to those who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances. In the past two years, we served as ambassadors of Christ to 164 families in need, stewarding \$41,000 of your donations to Deacons.



During interviews, we listen, encourage and pray with each family.

Assistance is denied to anyone we perceive would have negative or irresponsible behaviors reinforced by financial help.

Our office staff fields dozens of phone calls and walk-in inquiries each week. This is the info. they provide:

Our benevolence Deacons meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:30 am. Photo I.D. and documents showing proof of need are required. The first 6 eligible applicants will be interviewed. Those who have received prior assistance from us are ineligible. Exceptions are sometimes made for those who regularly attend West Side.

Does being a part of this exciting ministry appeal to you? Would you pray to discern if God is calling you to serve in this area? We are especially interested in involving responsible young adults. Please contact 509.579.6216 if interested.

We CAN Assist with:

- Overdue rent when a 3 day pay or vacate notice has been served.
- Overdue utility bills when a pay or disconnect notice has been served.
- Bus tickets
- WinCo gift cards
- Pharmacy bill for life saving prescriptions and medical equipment.
- Referral to Martha's Cupboard at Central Church for personal care supplies.
- Information about community resources.

There may be other ways we assist based on individual circumstances

We Do Not Assist with:

- Mortgages, housing deposits, hotel or motel stays.
- Car payments, fuel, repairs or registration fees.
- Credit card fees, loans or fines.

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Visiting Missionaries The Holm's (Malawi)

Our missionaries in Africa, Tyler and Rochelle Holm, will be spending two months with West Side Church from July 4-Sept. 10. They serve in Malawi, East Africa, working in theological education and in developing water resources. Tyler and Rochelle received their call for missionary work while worshipping and serving at West Side.

Come hear about their ministry on Sun., July 22, as they share during the worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am. You are also invited to an Open House from 2:00-5:00 pm later that day at Jerry and Marion Holm's house (153 Greenwood Dr-Richland). Come meet and talk with this lovely couple and their daughter, Mphatso.



Update on Missionary Alaichamy Paul: We regret to inform the congregation of the death of Alaichamy Paul on June 13. He and his wife Christeena have been serving as Bible Translators in their native India for decades, and have developed a team of nationals to work alongside them. West Side has had the privilege of helping to launch their ministry at its inception and supporting them with our finances and prayers all these years. The Missions Council is sending a memorial love gift to the family along with our deepest condolences.

July

Sunday

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Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

<p>Summer Worship: 1 9:00am Contemporary Service w/Children's Church MS/HS Meet in the Middle (between worship services) 11:00am Traditional Service VBS Training 11:15am-WSN Spanish Church 2:00pm-WSS HS After Hours (gr 9-12) 9:00pm -Applebee's (Richland)</p>	<p>Women's Conference Planning Mtg 4:30pm-WSN 2 Boy Scouts Mtg-WSN: CBM @ 6:30pm Troop-SM Cof & BoR @ 7:00pm</p> <p>VBS Prep & Decorate - WSN/WSS</p>	<p>Church Staff Mtg 9:00am 3 -WSN</p>	<p>Church Office CLOSED 4 Happy 4th of July!</p> 	<p>Women's Festival Planning Mtg -WSN MS Starting Point -WSS Alpha Prison Ministry -Coyote Ridge</p>
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<p>VBS Sunday: 15 9:00am Contemporary Service w/Children's Church MS/HS Meet in the Middle (between worship services) 11:00am Traditional Service Spanish Church 2:00pm-WSS HS After Hours (gr 9-12) 9:00pm -Applebee's (Richland)</p>	<p>Women's Conference Planning Mtg 4:30pm-WSN 16 Deadline for August Church Newsletter 5:00pm-WSN Boy Scouts Mtg 7:00pm-WSN</p>	<p>Church Staff Mtg 9:00am 17 -WSN Deacons Mtg 6:30pm-WSN</p>	<p>Summerfest: Pizza, Pop and Popcorn & Movie "Beauty & The Beast" 5:15pm-WSS</p> 	<p>CFM Play Date -Leslie Groves Women's Festival Planning Mtg MS Starting Point -WSS Alpha Prison Ministry -Coyote Ridge Worship Team 7</p>
<p>Summer Worship: 22 9:00am Contemporary Service w/Children's Church MS/HS Meet in the Middle 11:00am Traditional Service Spanish Church 2:00pm-WSS Open House for The Holms 2:00pm (Richland) Summerfest: FREE Bowling @ Atomic Bowl 6:00-9:00pm HS After Hours (gr 9-12) 9:00pm</p>	<p>P2P-Person to Person 23 Lunch 12:00pm-WSN Women's Conference Planning Mtg 4:30pm-WSN Boy Scouts Troop Mtg 7:00pm -WSN</p>	<p>Church Staff Mtg 9:00am 24 -WSN Session Mtg 6:00pm-WSN</p>	<p>Summerfest: True Potluck & Movie "Wonder Woman" 5:15pm-WSS</p>  <p>Mission Team to Czech Republic</p>	<p>CFM Play Date Leslie Groves Compassionate 10:30am-WSN Fellowship Mtg Missions Council MS Starting Point Alpha Prison Ministry -Coyote Ridge Worship Team 7</p>
<p>Summer Worship: 29 9:00am Contemporary Service w/Children's Church MS/HS Meet in the Middle (between worship services) 11:00am Traditional Service Spanish Church 2:00pm-WSS HS After Hours (gr 9-12) 9:00pm -Applebee's (Richland)</p>	<p>Women's Conference Planning Mtg 30 4:30pm-WSN Boy Scouts-WSN: PLC @ 6:30pm Troop Mtg @ 7:00pm</p>	<p>Church Staff Mtg 9:00am 31 -WSN</p>	<p>FREE BOWLING July 22</p> 	

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Summerfest!

Join us this summer for a variety of fun activities (see pg. ___ for details) for ALL AGES! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Join us for Summerfest!

These nights at West Side will be a summer highlight for your family and friends!



Wed., July 18, 5:15 pm - *Movie “Beauty and the Beast” plus we’ll provide the pizza, popcorn, and pop—bring a side dish or dessert to share (*WS South Sanctuary*). Come see the movie before it is preached on Sun., July 22.

Sun., July 22, 6:00-9:00 pm - FREE Bowling— no dinner, just cake (*Atomic Bowl - 624 Wellsian Way - Richland*). Come bowl and enjoy fellowship with us. A good time will be had by all. Let’s see who can roll the highest game or who can eat the most cake. It will be great to roll with our fellow West Siders.



Wed., July 25, 5:15 pm - *Movie “Wonder Woman” plus a True Potluck—bring a main dish AND a side dish or dessert to share (*WS South Sanctuary*). Drinks will be provided. Come see the movie before it is preached on Sun., July 29.

Wed., Aug. 1, 5:15 pm - Bunko plus bring your favorite fingerfood/appetizers to share throughout the evening (*WS South Sanctuary*). Drinks will be provided. Come one, come all! Candy is the prize for the best of Bunko. Come roll the dice and enjoy the fellowship of your church family. Bring plenty of food to share!



Wed., Aug. 8, 5:15 pm - *Movie “Infinity War” plus a True Potluck—bring a main dish AND a side dish or dessert to share (*WS South Sanctuary*). Drinks will be provided.

Sun., Aug. 26 - Community Carnival We’re hosting a carnival for the neighborhood with games, music, bounce houses, a Taco Truck, and more just around the corner at Frankfort Park! Look for more details soon.



*There will be activities provided for elementary children up through 5th grade. Childcare available.

Would you like to help at one or more of these events? Please contact Shawn Bassler (509.539.2484 or 24castles@gmail.com). Many hands make light work for our church family!

Children & Family Ministry - Updates & Events

Summer Camp Opportunities. Parents and Grandparents: register your kids and grand-kids for a GREAT week of Christ-centered camp at Camp



Ghormley! Kids have a great time as they grow closer to Jesus and to their friends at West Side. Ghormley campers will enjoy a variety of exciting camp activities which can include swimming, archery, zipline, arts and crafts, and much more! Primary Camp - July 1-4 - for kids going into grades 2-4. Junior Camp - July 22-26 - for kids going into grades 5-6. Register online as spots fill up fast: www.ghormleymeadow.org/youth-camps. Limited scholarships available - contact Patrick or Shari Grover for more info.

CFM Play Dates. All elementary age kids are invited to join us on Thursdays, July 19-Aug. 9 (no play date July 5 and 12), 9:00-11:00 am, at Leslie Groves Park (40 Park St-Richland). Bring a sack lunch if you want to enjoy a picnic. Kids are invited to come with their families so we can all connect with one another in a relaxed way (parents must stay with their children—no drop offs). All are welcome so invite a friend.



Children's Church:

Through Sept. 2 - Our West Side Church family is having **two-service Sundays**: 9:00 am in WS South and 11:00 am in WS North. Childcare for kids ages 5 and younger will continue to be provided during worship services. AND for **children entering grades 1-5** - we are excited for **"Children's Church!"** We will join our families in WS South for worship at 9:00 am and enjoy a special kids message before walking over together to WS North Holy Word Studios to continue



to explore God's word with all sorts of games, songs, snacks and fun. We can't wait!

More Summer Fun!

☼ **CFM Lock-In:** Wed., Aug. 1, 5:15 pm, WS North. 1st-2nd graders: pick up at the end of Summerfest (approx. 7:30 pm). 3rd-5th graders: pick up at 8:00 am on Thurs., Aug. 2. Our lock-in starts during Summerfest! We'll all hang out for special activities until 7:30 pm. After the 1st-2nd graders go home, the fun will continue with more fantastic games and a bedtime movie before pick-up the next day, Aug. 2, at 8:00 am. If you are spending the night, please bring a snack to share, \$5 for pizza and spudnuts, and a sleeping bag & pillow plus a toothbrush.



☼ **Pool Party:** Mon., Aug. 6, 3:00-5:00 pm, The Root's House (5611 W 8th Ave-Kennewick). Enjoy fun in the sun—we'll play in the pool and have snacks (there will be a lifeguard on duty). You may drop off your elementary-aged child, but please stay if your younger children would like to participate. Please bring a snack to share and your swimsuit, towel, and sunscreen.



☼ **CFM Play Date at the Splash Pad:** Thurs., Aug. 16, 2:00-4:00 pm, Badger Mountain Splash Pad (350 Keene Rd-Richland). We're finishing off the summer with some water fun! Wear a swimsuit, bring a towel, and don't forget your sunscreen!



P2P-Person to Person Lunch

2nd and 4th Mondays at 12:00 pm in WS North: July 9 in Rm 2-4 and July 23 in the Narthex. Join our group of retirees for a homemade lunch, lots of table talk, and laughs. Everyone is welcome!



Compassionate Caregivers Support Group

meets monthly for fellowship, education, and support. If you are a full-time caregiver or relative of a loved one with Alzheimer's or other Dementia OR if you care for a loved one with a chronic, debilitating disease and you need "a break" from the chores and care you provide then this group is for you! It serves as a safe place to learn, share your thoughts, and express your feelings with others in complete confidence. This month we will meet Thurs., July 26, 10:30-11:30 am, WS North Room 2-4. Questions? Contact Jan Jacobson or Bev Baird.



Youth & Family Ministry - Updates & Events

All Youth (gr 6-12) - Meet in the Middle

Sunday mornings (through Aug. 26), 10:20-10:50 am (approx.), WS South Room 105. Come meet in the middle—gather together in the High School room (WS South Room 105) between our two summer services and spend time playing fun games, meeting new people, and being challenged in your faith.



High School (gr 9-12)

HS After Hours - Sundays (through Aug. 12), 9:00-10:15 pm, at Applebee's (43 Columbia Point Dr-Richland). All high school students are invited to join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Bring a couple of dollars for your favorite half-price appetizer!

Youth Deputation Houston - July 14-21. Pray for our team as they partner with Praying Pelican Missions to help restore houses for some of the more than 500,000 people who are still displaced or living in damaged homes from the flooding brought last year by Hurricane Harvey. Our students will be providing some of the manpower needed in helping local churches and organizations working toward long-term recovery for both the physical and spiritual needs of Houston residents.

Adventure Weekend - Aug. 17-19. Come join us as we explore God's creation through hiking, rock



climbing, and rafting. Enjoy fun, the outdoors, fellowship, and discover the story that God is writing in your life! Sign up by Aug. 5.

Middle School (gr 6-8)

Starting Point - Thursdays (through Aug. 16), 5:30-7:30 pm, WS South. Sometimes you just need to know where to begin. Whether you're brand new to the middle school or a seasoned 8th grader, this is the place to start to connect with your friends, discover more about yourself, and learn more about Jesus. We'll grill on the BBQ, play awesome games, and have relevant conversations about things you want to talk about.

Summer Camp - July 29-Aug. 3. Join hundreds of other middle school students at Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp as they play games, eat great food, enjoy campfires and fun days on the lake, and learn more about Jesus. You don't want to miss this. Sign up at ghormleymeadow.org.

Amazing Race - Aug. 10 at 6:00 pm-Aug. 11 at 6:00 pm. Form a team with your friends and compete against other teams to see who can win the most points by completing difficult challenges. Think you have what it takes? Join the Amazing Race!



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Alpha Needs A Kitchen Coordinator

We are already preparing for our fall Alpha course (Sept. 18-Dec. 4)! We have our kitchen team all ready to go, and the menus have been chosen, but we need a coordinator. Maybe it's you? Contact Karel Coppock (kcoppock@westside1.org or 509.946.4656) to find out more today!





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2018 Summer Sundays
through Sept. 2
9AM at WS South
11AM at WS North

Join us this summer as we grow in flexibility and try new things such as moving to a two service worship schedule on Sundays:
Contemporary Service at 9:00 am (WS South) and Traditional Service at 11:00 am (WS North). We will also live into having a little breathing room by not having Sunday School classes. Instead, we will encourage kids and youth to attend worship with their families. During the 9:00 am service, there will be a kids message and Children's Church (see pg. 6). After each service, there will be a 30 minute "Meet in the Middle" time for Middle and High Schoolers (see pg. 7).

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