

Our Purpose

The West Side Brethren in Christ Church exists to help people come to know God personally and develop into mature followers of Jesus Christ.

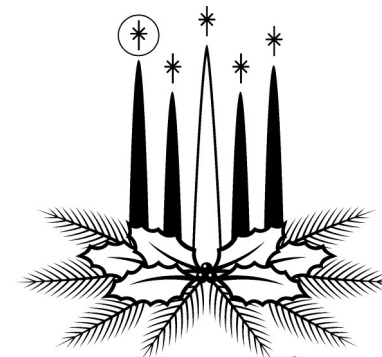


The West Side Youth Group exists to cultivate a generation for the purpose of Christ.



If you have prayer requests you'd like added to the list for **Wednesday evenings** or you have an update, please let **Paula Townsley** know. You may call 717-816-7224 or email office@westsidebic.org, or submit a request on our website at www.westsidebic.org

December 3, 2023



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**WEST SIDE BRETHERN
IN CHRIST CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY SERVICES
Prayer Time—9:00 AM
Sunday School—9:30 AM
Sunday Worship—10:30 AM**

**WEDNESDAY SERVICES
7:00 PM
Children & Youth Clubs
Adult Bible Studies**

**Supervised Nursery—Up to age 2
*In Person Services & Live streaming***

**WELCOME TO
MORNING WORSHIP
First Sunday of Advent**

PRELUDE *Nathaniel Byers*

WELCOME *Pastor Dave*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Dave*

WORSHIP IN SINGING *Nathaniel Byers
Worship Team*

PASTORAL PRAYER *Pastor Dave*

TITHES AND OFFERING *Pastor Dave
Offertory Nathaniel Byers*

***SERMON** *Pastor Dave
Benedictus- The Song of Zechariah*

CLOSING HYMN *Nathaniel Byers*

BENEDICTION *Pastor Dave*

POSTLUDE *Nathaniel Byers*

*Junior Church is available during the sermon
for children ages 3 thru 3rd grade.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Praise be to the
God of Israel,
because he has come
and has redeemed his people.

Luke 1:68

THIS WEEK

Today 5 PM Christmas Tree Lighting

Monday 6 PM Choir Rehearsal
7 PM Worship Team Practice

Wednesday 5 PM Youth Group
6 PM Special Prayer
7 PM Millers Mission Presentation
Good News Club

Saturday 9 AM Wrapping of gifts for
Christmas Clothing Project
1-2 PM Families pick-up gifts

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Tree Lighting event is scheduled for today, starting at 5 PM. A light meal will be served, followed by the tree lighting and carol singing, after which cookies and hot beverages will be served. Hope to see you there!

On **December 6 at 7 PM, here at West Side, Doug and Barb Miller**, recently retired missionaries, will be giving a presentation about their 30 years of service in Malawi.

Praise the Lord! All 50 children for **The Light Up Christmas with Love Clothing Project** have been sponsored! If you sponsored a child, remember that **the gifts MUST be returned by today, December 3rd. Then on Saturday, December 9th, we need volunteers to help wrap the gifts, here at the church at 9 AM. Later that day from 1 to 3 PM, the families/children** will be picking up the gifts. Please consider being here to welcome them, and enjoy some light refreshments. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Welcome Center . You may contact **Paula Townsley or Patty Heck with questions.**

Li Seif had a large collection of glassware. some of which is displayed in the lobby. The congregation is invited to select a piece as a momento.

The BICUS World Missions Prayer Challenge ,for December, is available in the lobby.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS

We have a number of new attendees, or members who are not listed in West Side's Church Directory. To become part of the digital directory, please complete the form at the Welcome Center, and give to Paula Townsley. If you are in the directory, but don't have a photo yet, Paula will be happy to take one for you.

We invite you to bring in any gently worn, used shoes for **The Tide Your Soles ~ Their Souls Shoe Drive, starting now through February 2024.** The collection box is in the lobby near the church mailboxes. When you donate your worn shoes, you are helping micro business owners, in up to 24 developing countries around the world, get their start, free of charge. **For more information, please see Patty Heck.**

We are getting a head start on **next year's Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes.** Just like this past year, we will ask for specific donations every month. **For December, we are looking for toys for boys and girls of all ages (2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs, and 10-14 yrs.)** Some suggestions include: balls, Frisbees, finger puppets, slinkies, yo-yos, Etch-A-Sketch, interactive toys, building blocks, small board games, and other small toys and figures. Also, there are white shoeboxes available for decorating. A creative past time for family gatherings, or when its too cold to go outside. You can use paint or stickers or however you would like to create a new look for them. There is red and green paint available. The boxes and paint will be under the church mailboxes for you to take for decorating, then return them when you are done. **Please see Patty Heck if you have any questions; or you may contact her at 717-446-1258.**

There are multiple issues of *Brethren In Christ History and Life* available in the church library, on the New Arrivals shelf. Feel free to take several for reading.