

## 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.

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If you have prayer requests you'd like added to the list for **Wednesday evenings** or you have an update, please contact **Paula Townsley**. You may call 717-816-7224, or email [office@westsidebic.org](mailto:office@westsidebic.org). In addition, you can submit your prayer request online at [www.westsidebic.org](http://www.westsidebic.org). Copies of the Wednesday Evening Prayer list are available on the table beside the church mailboxes.

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December 17, 2023



3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**WEST SIDE BRETHERN  
IN CHRIST CHURCH**

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Music Director—Nathaniel Byers

**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  
Third Sunday of Advent**

**PRELUDE** *Nathaniel Byers*

**WELCOME** *Pastor Dave*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *Pastor Dave*

**ADVENT MEDITATION** *Worship Team*

**WORSHIP IN SINGING** *Nathaniel Byers  
Worship Team*

**PASTORAL PRAYER** *Pastor Dave*

**TITHES AND OFFERING** *Pastor Dave  
Offertory Nathaniel Byers*

**\*SERMON** *Pastor Dave  
The Night the Angels Sang*

**CLOSING HYMN** *Nathaniel Byers*

**BENEDICTION** *Pastor Dave*

**POSTLUDE** *Nathaniel Byers*

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\*Junior Church is available during the sermon  
for children ages 3 thru 3rd grade.  
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**VERSE OF THE WEEK**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men  
on whom his favor rests.**

*Luke 2: 14*

**THIS WEEK**

**Today** 12 PM Home Group

**Monday** 6 PM Choir Rehearsal  
7 PM Worship Team Practice

**Tuesday** 6 PM Church Board Meeting

**Wednesday** 5 PM Youth Christmas Party  
6 PM Special Prayer  
7 PM Adult Bible Study  
Good News Club

**Next Sunday** 10 AM Worship Service  
6 PM Christmas Eve Service

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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The **2024 Offering Envelopes** are in your church mailboxes. Envelopes are important for designated offerings and tax purposes. If you are not currently using offering envelopes, but would like to do so, please contact Paula Townsley.  
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**Attention: the service times for next Sunday, December 24, 2023** are as follows: AM Worship Service will be at 10 AM. The Christmas Eve Service later that day will be at 6 PM.  
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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.**  
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The **BIC Week of Prayer and Fasting** is scheduled for **January 7th-14th.** More information will be forthcoming.  
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**Attention Committee Directors and Secretaries:** Please complete your 2023 reports for the Annual Council Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2024. You may submit the reports to Paula Townsley by email: office@westsidebic.org or place them in her church mailbox.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS**

**The Brethren in Christ General Conference** is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 12-15, 2024. West Side can send two delegates. Pastor Dave is attending, so we need one more delegate. If you are interested in attending the conference please let Pastor Dave know.  
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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.  
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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.**  
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**Volunteers are needed to make meals for the Youth on Wednesday Evenings,** for approx. 20 people. Meal time is at 6 PM. This simple meal can be soup and a sandwich, a crockpot meal, or casserole, etc. There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome center. Feel free to partner with a friend to provide the meal. **Please contact Jennie Mooney with any questions.**