

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 contact **Paula Townsley**. You may call 717-816-7224, or email office@westsidebic.org. In addition, you can submit your prayer request online at www.westsidebic.org. Copies of the Wednesday Evening Prayer list are available on the table beside the church mailboxes.

December 24, 2023



WEST SIDE BRETHREN 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
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

PRELUDE *Nathaniel Byers*
WELCOME *Pastor Dave*
ANNOUNCEMENTS *Pastor Dave*
ADVENT MEDITATION *Worship Team*
CHILDRENS CHOIR *Patty Heck*
***SERMON** *Pastor Dave*
Nunc Dimittis –Simeon’s Song
PASTORAL PRAYER *Pastor Dave*
TITHES AND OFFERING *Pastor Dave*
Offertory Nathaniel Byers
ADULT CHOIR PRESENTATION
BENEDICTION *Pastor Dave*
POSTLUDE *Nathaniel Byers*

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

VERSE OF THE WEEK
*You now dismiss your servant in peace.
 For my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you prepared in sight of all people.*

Luke 2: 29,30.

THIS WEEK

Today 6 PM Christmas Eve Service
Monday **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Wednesday 5 PM Youth Christmas Party
Thursday 7 PM Worship Team Practice
Saturday 7 PM Youth All-Nighter begins
Sunday 11:45 AM Youth All-Nighter ends

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder! The Christmas Eve Service will at 6 PM here at West Side. There will be a Worship Team Presentation, congregational singing, and candle-lighting. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

 Charles Lehman, former long-time pastor here at West Side, passed on to his eternal reward on December 16, 2023. He served the Lord in full-time ministry for over 40 years. Visitation will be on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, from 6—8 PM at the Geisel Funeral Home, and prior to the 11 AM funeral service on Wednesday, December 27th at Air Hill Brethren in Christ Church.

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.

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.**

The **BIC Week of Prayer and Fasting is scheduled for January 7th-14th.** The devotionals will be available on December 31st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR ITEMS

The BIC General Conference is being held in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 12-15, 2024. Pastor Dave is attending, and would like someone to attend with him. This can be an individual or a couple. If you are interested in attending the conference please let Pastor Dave know.

Attention Committee Directors and Secretaries: Please complete your 2023 reports for the Annual Council Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2024. The deadline to submit reports is January 10th. please submit them to Paula Townsley by email: office@westsidebic.org or place them in her church mailbox.

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.**

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.**