Build the Church News

Westside Cumberland Presbyterian Church is excited to announce...



Our

First

BUILDING FUNDRAISER of 2021

GOFUNDME

account has been set up for our BUILD THE CHURCH Fundraiser with an initial donation of \$100.

You can access the link on our website: westsidecpc.org (click GIVE or BUILD THE CHURCH)

Will you JOIN US?!

*Make a donation *Match the (\$100) donation *SHARE the link w/ friends

Build the Church. Build the Body.

Sundays at 10:30

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Understanding

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Vision 2021 Part I

"...If you hold to my teaching, you are really one of my disciples. Then you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:31-36).

"How do we move on from here?" Now that's a good question! The statements to follow and subsequent statements, are simply stated to help the congregation get a better bigger picture of who I am and where I would like to lead this church. This is not an official document requesting the church to sign-on, reject or amend. I am writing this at the request of several elders so that every member (and friend of the church) might have a better idea of where I see Westside going. Also, this is not at all to be taken as a full and final statement from the Pastor about the total future of the church family. Furthermore, these "personal" views are not to be received as the totality of my BIG Picture vision for the future of the church.

However, in the midst of the world around us I am selectively addressing those things which tend to better inform those who do not feel they have a grasp of my personal direction as Pastor, and my dreams and aspirations for the church. With those two qualifying statements in mind, here goes:

- My vision for WCPC is that our church become an ever-increasing presence and light in a world of ever-increasing isolation and increasing darkness; the world in which the Westside church must exist and conduct its ministry.
- My vision for WCPC is that our church persevere as a champion of Gospel Truth in three key areas: Salvation, Discipleship and Personal Holiness.
 - a) In the area of Salvation in which the "Truth sets you Free" (v.32).
 - b) In the area of Discipleship or "Right Living the Truth in Love" (v.31).
 - c) In the area of Personal Holiness or "Training our People" in Righteousness (v.36)
- III. My vision for WCPC is that we continually strive to be distinctively different from the prevailing culture of our day, and that we always offer to weary pilgrims in this world an oasis of relief, comfort and fellowship with the Lord and those who are his, the church. All of the above must be undergirded with a strong evangelical witness for people to accept Christ as Savior and Lord.

In order for the church to pursue such a vision, there are ten (10) stands and disciplines we must adopt, which I'll address in our next newsletter. Furthermore, I will enlarge the difference between VISION and VEHICLE. While they share commonalities, each fills a unique function. Subsequently, you'll receive updates on the progress of three key vehicles we've identified perhaps helpful in realizing our vision: Construction of the church, Cumberland Chapel, and perhaps, a transition facility to help us move into the new church.

~Vaya con Dios, Pastor Harry



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Please pray for:

Kathleen B., gallbladder surgery Jan 21: **Wes & Diane R.** (friends/Cheryl B.), Wes is now in hospice care w/ ALS, "Praise for his witness, by computer voice, telling his family he is fine and waiting on his joy!"; **Zelda** (cousin/Ida M.), contracted Covid-19—pneumonia in one lung, blood clot in the other; **Glena** (friend/Mitchells), for strength and healing in a very trying time (both daughters dealing w/ critical illnesses, Glena taking care of the grandkids)

*Continue to Pray for:

Dorothy A.; **Kristie C.** (nephew's wife/ Don L., cancer); **Gretchen D.** (sister/Ann M.), discharged from rehab this week

*Those serving in the military:

Nicolas B. (IS2 (IW)/Navy, Hawaii); Josh L. (SrA/Air Force, England); Mark V. (Major/Army)

2021 Session (Elders)

Gary B., Kevin F., Ida M., Steve N., & Ken Y.

2021 Diaconate (Deacons) Toni M. & Judy T.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2021

January

- 01 Happy New Year!
- 03 First Sunday of 2021 & Communion
- 10 Congregational Meeting for the Ordination & Installation of Officers
- 12 Deacons' Meeting
- 13 Zooming The Apostles' Creed begins
- 17 Exploring Apostles' Creed begins
- 26 Session Meeting

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Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays

*Zooming the Apostles' Creed

6-7 PM

Beginning January 13

4 weeks (5 for those interested in membership) Contact: Nancy N., 259-7725

Thursdays

*Zooming in on the Property

5-7 PM

Focused prayers for our Building Project Contact: Gary B., 417-0331

Fridays

*Barricklow Covenant Group (on Zoom) 7-8:30 PM

"Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" Contact: Gary B., 417-0331

Sundays

*Exploring the Apostles' Creed (at the Rec) 9:45-10:15 AM

4 weeks (5 for those interested in membership) Beginning January 17th Contact: Nancy N., 259-7725

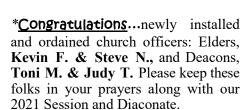
Westside Happenings

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Bulletin Board...

*Happy January Birthdays to:

- -David L. Jan. 5
- -Tyson P. Jan. 5
- -Kase N. Jan. 8
- -Vlad S. Jan. 8
- -Susie L. Jan. 12
- -Aleksandr S. Jan. 14



*2020 Contribution Statements...are being compiled by our accountant and should be mailed out around the end of January. In the meantime, if you have questions about your 2020 contributions, please contact our treasurer, Steve Nolan (250-7941).

Giving by mail:

Westside Cumberland Presbyterian Church PO Box 15209 Rio Rancho, NM 87174

Giving on our website:

westsidecpc.org click GIVE scroll down to DONATE

In the Mail

Dear Young Friends,

Please accept our thanks for your very generous donation of \$309.06 from your *Loaves & Fishes* hunger offering collection...Without your support, and that of others, many of our fellow citizens who are food-insecure would not have had a reliable food source; food security is a basic foundation for daily work and school success. We hope you will continue to donate, and don't forget to include, in your donations, our Kid's Clothes Closet, where children can shop for needed clothing up to 4 times a year. Last year over 600 children were served...

Thank you, Jen Payne Executive Director

Dear Westside Congregation,

On behalf of the Missions Ministry Team we would like to express our deep appreciation to you for the generous gift recently received from your congregation, designated for the **Loaves & Fishes** Offering. The MMT has determined that (the 2020 offering) will go toward buying food for those impacted by COVID-19 in the Philippines and Guatemala...

Grace & Peace, Milton Ortiz Missions Ministry Team

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse (**Operation Christmas Child**)...Your prayers and support equip us to take (tangible help and) the Good News to more than 100 countries as we meet crisis needs around the globe in Jesus' Name.

Thank you, and may God bless you.