



THE WESTSIDER

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We hope you enjoy this issue of **The Westsider**. In an effort to keep administrative costs at a minimum, you will have access to this monthly publication the week prior to the first Sunday of each month on our website. If you do not have, or use, a computer we will mail it to your home. There will be a limited number of issues printed and available at the church building.

Items for the newsletter are due in the office the fourth Thursday of the month for the following month's publication. Please email: office@westsidecofc.net.

Sunday Assembly Times
Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:
Monday & Tuesday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Friday—Office Closed

June 2017



WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Westsider

From Aaron's Desk

A lot has changed since I used to run down the sand dunes when I was 15 years old. I'm much older than that now and my body doesn't move with as much ease. Nor do my knees respond like they used to. But the smile on my face

spent countless hours running up and down the dunes with my friends and family and always loved the care-

years ago. Memory is a powerful thing, as we've been talking about in one of our adult classes. As I



remained the same.

When I was younger our family frequented the sand dunes next to Pacific City and I got a lot of childhood joy out of running up and down the dunes. The sand is particularly soft and deep there, perfect for running down hill and making long jumps into the safety of soft sand. I

free feeling of the beach air, the soft sand, and the sense of soaring with long jumps.

We went to visit the sand dunes on a recent family trip and, though it was a lot of fun to watch my children enjoy the dunes as much as I used to, I'd be lying if I said I loved them any less than I did over 20

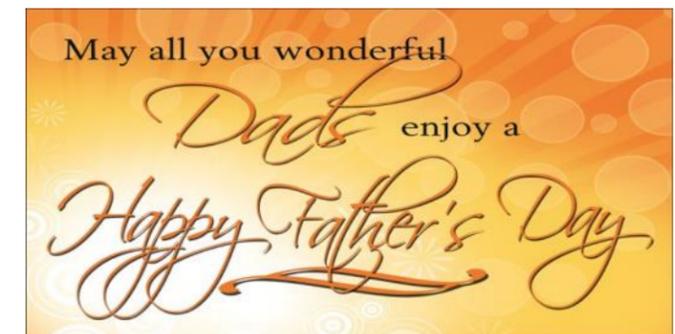
ran down the sand, I was whisked away to an earlier time and I felt that joy and carefree spirit racing through my blood and bones. I certainly tired more quickly, but the joy felt identical to my youth.

As our family drove home, tired, that night I reflected on the power

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From Aaron's Desk

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and the essentiality of joy – I should tell you that we are going to begin a sermon series on joy over the summer, so spending time thinking about it is something I do a lot any-how these days!

Joy is a big part of who God is and a big part of God's plan for creation. God, on the seventh day of creation, spent time resting after making a world God deemed, "good." God delights in creation and takes joy in watching what has been created flourish. Feeling joy, then, is fulfilling God's purposes for us as humans, created in the image of

God!

This summer many of us will have the wonderful opportunity to go out and en(JOY!) God's good world with God's good people. We will spend extra time with family and friends and sit in the warm sun (it's the big shiny thing in the sky we get to see for a few hours every year!), delighting in company and good weather.

My hope is that we can speak a word of gratitude during these times of joy and, frankly, just let down and enjoy it! When our church seats are more vacant than usual – with the vacation-

ers vacationing – let's not be moan an emptier than usual church, but be grateful that our church family gets to have moments of joy. And when we do get to be at church together we can delight together in the wonder of God's greatest gift, which brings us more joy than the steepest sand dune – Jesus who lives in us and creates meaning for us through the Spirit.

May you enJOY this summer and delight in the goodness of God and God's creation!

Peace,
Aaron

Yamhill Events

Senior Teen Camp

June 25-July 1

Challenge Camp

July 5-8

Upcoming Events

June

- 3 Birthday Party honoring Mary Patterson at Metro Church of Christ 3-5 p.m.
- 10 Farewell Party for Alan & Patti Honc at Honc's home 6-9 p.m.
- 11 "Sack Sunday" to restock pantry
- 18 Father's Day
- 25-July 1 Senior Teen Camp at Yamhill

Thank You Notes

Thanks so much for your help in Mother's service. We appreciate the beautiful meal and kind words. Also, thank you for your love and friendship to Mother. She loved you all.

Jeanne Harmon and family of LaVelle Stanley

On behalf of Beaverton Moms in Prayer International, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for the help and support of Westside Church of Christ in allowing Beaverton Area Moms in Prayer to host our National Day of Prayer event in the auditorium on May 4th.

It was a blessed time of prayer and fellowship for the women in attendance. We had about 65 women from all over Beaverton and the surrounding area gathered together to pray in one accord to our God with intercession for our children and our government.

Please express our gratitude to Westside Church of Christ for the use of the auditorium, and their support of the ministry of Moms in Prayer in our Beaverton area. We look forward to many more great years of serving our Lord Jesus Christ together as a community of believers.

Marla Proctor
Beaverton Area Moms in Prayer Leadership Team

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Building in use Offsite event Information Church Event</p>				1	2	3
				NCO 9 am—12:30 pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Potluck—Noon	NCO 7-8:30 pm	Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	NCO 7-8:30 pm	NCO 9 am—12:30 pm		Farewell Party for Alan & Patti Honc 6-9 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Martus Open House Aaron out of town Sack Sunday for pantry	NCO 7-8:30 pm	Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	Flag Day NCO 7-8:30 pm	NCO 9 am—12:30 pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day	NCO 7-8:30 pm	Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	NCO 7-8:30 pm	NCO 9 am—12:30 pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Senior Teen Camp	At Yamhill					
	NCO 7-8:30 pm	Boy Scouts in bldg. 7-9 pm	NCO 7-8:30 pm			



Often parents have observed an infant reach for an iPad or smart phone. Babies are attracted to shiny objects and just about anything they can grasp. But just because a child reaches for something doesn't mean they should have access to it. Experts recommend waiting until at least preschool age before giving children any type of computer-driven device (smart phone, tablet, etc.).

A child's media usage should be monitored for content while limiting time with the device. For the best outcome, interact with your child as he uses a

new app by asking questions and noting various aspects of the program. This is a good practice when watching TV together also. Help them identify who the good guys are and poor choices characters might make.

Never underestimate the value of reading a good book together or exploring the outdoors. Children still need physical exercise and just taking a walk together around your neighborhood can be educational. These excursions can be linked with the digital world as well by allowing children to take pictures with your phone of things they see in the neighborhood and then looking up online more information about the flowers, bugs or buildings they saw.

Most phones have apps that can teach math, geography, and Shakespeare, as well as sites about art and music. Of course, games can be beneficial too, as they help develop memory, spatial reasoning, and hand-eye coordination. The goal is to strike a balance between screen time and social interactions.

A Quick, Easy Reminder

Because our society is inundated with information every day, we tend to tune out or just scan the headlines without paying much attention to the details.

Church announcements are part of that information glut. Every Thursday we send out an email to our members with information about upcoming events and prayer requests. It's understandable that people frequently don't read the entire email or even read it at all if they're busy.

Sometimes that results in missing something important however.

It has been suggested that we try a system most parents with school-age children are familiar with. It's an app for your phone called "remind.com."

Teachers are using this to send a brief text message to parents' phones about some upcoming event. Applying it to our church setting, we would continue to send the full email each Thursday but we would supplement it with a brief text message *on occasion* when there is an urgent prayer request, a

reminder about a scheduled meeting, or some late-breaking news that missed the Thursday email.

The goal is not to increase the overwhelming amount of information you receive each day, but to simplify and condense urgent or important news in a brief, easily read format.

In order for you to receive these notifications, you must join the "Westside class" of remind.com. You can do this by clicking this link <https://remind.com/join/6874a> or notify the church office that you give permission to receive text messages and we can add your smart phone number to our group. You may opt out at any time.

It is our hope that this will aid communications within the Westside family without burdening you with too much information.

Several have signed on already, but if you haven't done so yet, please consider joining.



With Gratitude in Your Hearts Sing . . .

I just returned from a two-week tour of Great Britain with 37 others including Dr. Jerry Rushford. It was a "Literary and Hymns Tour" of England, Scotland and Wales.

We visited famous literary sites such as Jane Austen's home, Shakespeare's birthplace, Sir Walter Scott's home and William Wordsworth's home. But the main goal was to sing the great Christian hymns in the places where they were written or where their authors are buried or preached.

We sang "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" and "Soldiers of Christ Arise" in Charles Wesley's chapel; "God is the Fountain Whence" in the little Baptist church in Bourton-on-the-Water where Benjamin Beddome preached for 50 years; "Take My Life and Let It Be" and "I Gave My Life For Thee" in the Church of St. Peter in Astley where Frances Ridley Havergal's father was rector and she grew up; "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Now the Day is Over" in St. John's Church of Horbury Bridge where Sabine Baring-Gould ministered and wrote those hymns; "O Happy Day!" in Philip Doddridge's church in Castle Hill; and of course, several hymns written by William Cowper and John Newton including "God Moves in a Mysterious Way" and "Amazing Grace" in the garden where they collaborated.

Great hymns are meaningful for worship no matter where one is, but to be able to sing them in the places where they were written gives a little more meaning to them as one sings them in context. Along with singing the hymn, we were also informed about the history behind the hymns—when and how the author lived, under what circumstances they were written and a little insight into any special meaning some of the words have.

We sang in churches that had been built as early as 670 A.D. (the building at right) as well as some of England's most majestic cathedrals. We

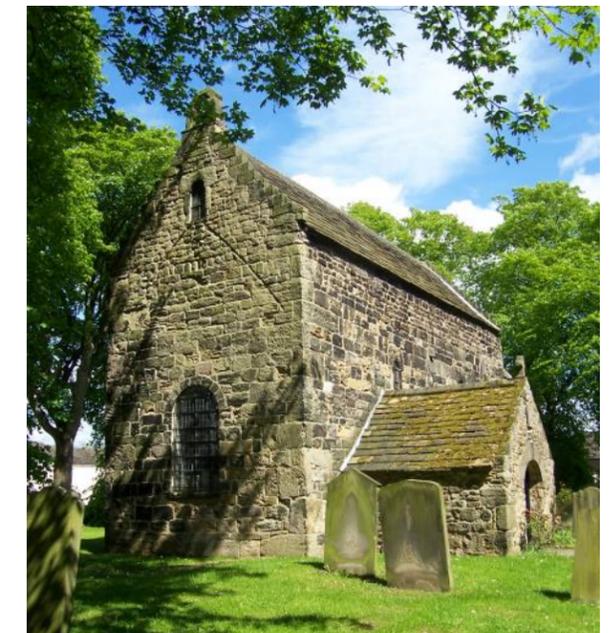
also had time to sightsee around the villages and towns to admire the enduring timelessness of ancient architecture. Although it isn't the "Holy Land" that others among us have visited, there is something humbling to walk on a wall that was built by the Romans.

It's interesting to note how many of our hymns have survived over centuries and are still used in Christian worship today. Their messages extend beyond time and place.

So what lessons can be drawn from singing hymns in the place of their origin? For one thing, that music transcends language and culture. It draws people together and breaks down barriers. Secondly, that the Gospel message is embedded in people's hearts through singing. How many sermons do you remember? Probably none word-for-word, but consider how many hymns you can sing from memory.

Whether any of our contemporary Christian music will endure for centuries or even decades remains to be seen. But as long as there are hymns to be sung, the Gospel will continue to be told.

Bonnie Miller



Extended Prayer List

~Those with health concerns~

Janice Ator
Jasper Bawcom
Linda Bissett
Joyce Farguharson (Melinda Coleman's sister)
Janet Maples
Ben Snodgrass
Helen Urban
Jennie (Carolyn Mentzer's niece)

~Family and Friends battling cancer~

Lauren Ray (friend of Christy family)
Margo (Ray Martus' sister)
Stephen Berry (Greenlee Family Group)
Gay Stroud (Loretta Stroud's daughter)
Betty Call (Janet Maples' aunt)
Jon Morgan
Mary Ellen Taylor (Josh VanderZanden's grandmother)
Kendra Hornbostel (friend of the Ators)
Patti (mother of Linda Zagorski's sister-in-law)
Arnold Holloway (friend of Kathy Skelton)
John Farquharson (Melinda Coleman's brother-in-law)

~Those who have lost loved ones~

Jay Schneider (Jay's mother)
 Family of **Kelly Coburn**
 Family of **LaVelle Stanley**
Kim Wingfield (Kim's mother)
Nader Khoury (Nader's father & mother)
Sue Bowman (Sue's mother)
Mel Winters (Mel's father and grandmother)
Trina Vorderbrueggen (Trina's grandmother)
 Family of **Opal Pruitt** (CCS staff)
 Family of **Kimiko Carpenter**
Carolyn Mentzer (Carolyn's mother and father)
Bill Coleman (Bill's mother)

~College Students~

Jade Bawcom
Becca Brower
Julia Khoury
Shiloh Simmering
Riley Toll
Robert Towell

~Those with special needs~

Jim & Janet Maples
Kayla VanderZanden
Rebecca Dickerson
Annette Elder
Brittnie, Mark Wingfield's niece

~Those serving in the military~

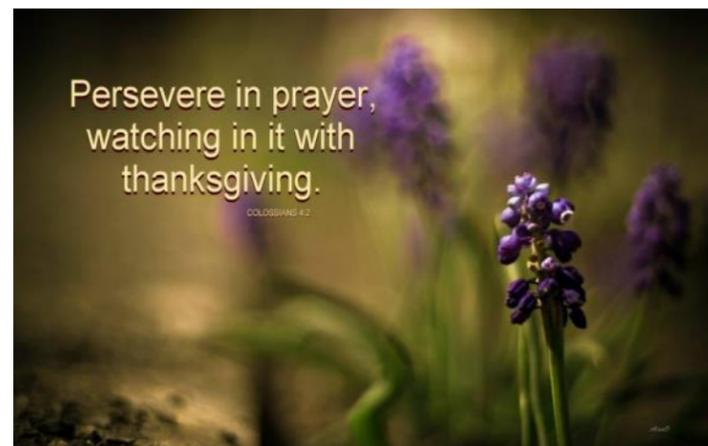
Jason Magdos (Patti Honc's grandson)
Kallee Koontz

~Shepherds~

Bob Greenlee
Ray Martus
Dwayne Towell

~Staff and Volunteers~

Aaron Metcalf
Jen Christy
Bonnie Miller
Linda Coburn



June Service Opportunities

Communion Prep

Bonnie Miller

Slides

6/4 Bonnie Miller

6/11 Jonathan Diaz

6/18 Bonnie Miller

6/25 Jay Schneider

Sound

Ella Metcalf

Matt Buckingham

Ella Metcalf

Amy Schneider

Contribution Counters

Jay Schneider, Ben Snodgrass

Communion Servers

Jay Schneider, John Pivovarnik, Robert Bristol, Nader Khoury, Stephen Mentzer

Larry Morgan, Caleb Coleman, Bill Coleman, Mark Wingfield, Jim Maples

Miles Metcalf, Jasper Bawcom, Bob Greenlee, Kim Wingfield, Dwayne Towell

John Pivovarnik, Mel Winters, Kim Toll, Linda Zagorski, Robert Bristol

April Income

\$14,932.13

May Income

\$11,487.88



PROJECT RENEWAL

HELP NORTHWEST CHILDREN'S OUTREACH SEND CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL RENEWED!

Please join NCO in providing basic necessities for children going back to school. The goal is to send 2 new pair of socks and underwear in every school-aged bag in September along with a complete hygiene kit. NEW underwear and socks (for ages 5-18), shampoo, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, deodorant, wash cloths, combs/brushes, and cash donations are requested. Bring all donations to NCO by Sept. 30.

June Celebrations

Birthdays

3 Tess Zagorski
 6 Matt Buckingham
 13 Kim Toll
 13 Kim Wingfield
 14 Jessica Davies
 15 Martha Khoury
 15 Dann Pierce
 15 Dwayne Towell
 16 Janace Ator
 24 Charlotte Rector

Anniversaries

4 David & Renee Busey
 24 Nader & Martha Khoury

