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All Women & Girls are Invited to the
Silver Tea
Monday, December 6
6 pm in Bartlett Hall

Bring finger foods to share and a \$5 gift if you'd like. A joyful & festive program is being planned. If you bring a child, please bring a gift so that every child gets one. There will be a visit from Santa.

Who will you invite to join you?

All men & boys are invited to this annual Christmas event held at Bishop's Restaurant (4200 W. Kellogg). Dinner is \$9.02 (includes drink & tax) \$8.49 (age 60+) Bring a \$10 gift if you'd like to play the gift game.

Men's Advent Gathering
Thursday
December 9
6:00 pm

Friendship Club



Program & Potluck Lunch

Friday, December 10
10:30 am

- Bring your favorite dish to share
- Entertainment by Jim Anderson
- Join us in Bartlett Hall for great food, friends, and fun!

SAVE THE DATE

A Heritage Celebration will be the weekend of May 28 & 29, 2011

MEDIA FAST Friday, December 17

Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...

If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time.

Edward Hays, A Pilgrim's Almanac

all is calm, all is bright
presented by
the Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 19 - 10:40 am

All is Calm, All is Bright is an unforgettable Christmas worship experience that is beautifully written with spectacular orchestrations and features a full range of musical sounds and styles. It will speak to your heart!

INVITATION CARDS at the Welcome Center

Christmas Candle Light Service
Wednesday, December 22 - 7 pm
Experience the Real Meaning of Christmas



F. Y. I.

Beautiful & Inspirational 2011 Calendars are for sale as a youth fundraiser. There are also Christmas cards and magnetic notepads available. Cost is \$5 each. The display table is in the west foyer. Please make checks out to WSCG-Youth. Thanks for your support.

Ruth Carroll took 14 gift-filled shoeboxes to the local distribution center for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for supporting this vital and fun service project which helps children around the world.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: In October, we helped 23 households (84 people). Thank you for your donations which help make this ministry possible.

If you use GoodSearch (www.goodsearch.com) as your internet search engine, you can help us earn about penny for each search you make. We just received a \$81.09 check for Oct 2009-Sep 2010.

◆ November Governing Board Meeting Highlights ◆

- ◆ Copies of the full minutes are at the Welcome Center.
- ◆ The next Governing Board meeting is December 14 at 1:00 pm. This meeting is open for any current member of West Side to attend.

◆ OTHER NEWS YOU CAN USE ◆

The **Last Day for 2010 Giving is December 27**. Please call the office (264-8133) to make other arrangements.

If you did not complete a form at church for **2011 Offering Envelopes**, please call the office (264-8133). See Page 2 for the Annual Business Meeting Highlights



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From the Pastor

Celebrate Jesus

This time of year is great for many reasons. There are parties, lights, decorations, gifts, and food just to name a few. But the even greater part of this time of year is the giving. It is a celebration of God's giving. We celebrate His giving in two ways. At Thanksgiving, we give thanks to God for His many blessings He has bestowed on us. A celebration of blessings. At Christmas, we celebrate God giving us Jesus Christ that we may know how much He loves us. What is wonderful about both of these is that it is a time to be festive. It is our time to rejoice in Jesus; and the best way we can give thanks for His love is to rejoice and celebrate. When we eat it is to celebrate Jesus. When we give gifts it is to celebrate Jesus. When we are with family and friends, we celebrate Jesus. And when we come to church, we come to celebrate Jesus. So, during this season of remembering what Jesus has done for us, let us have fun as we thank God for who He is and for His many wonderful blessings and most of all His greatest blessing of Jesus Christ. May God's peace and love reign in your hearts and minds as you celebrate.

In Christ, Pastor Forest



◆ Highlights from the Annual Business Meeting held November 17, 2010 ◆

- ◆ The Bylaws were changed from ratifying to voting for new Governing Board Members. Five members agreed to run for three open positions. Carrie Jurich, Bill Owens, and John Wendinger will join the board January 1, 2011. Keith Carr's and Mike Faulkner's one-year terms expire on January 1, 2011. Doug Angell and Steve Smith remain on the board.
- ◆ 2010 Finances update was presented. Year-to-date information is posted on the bulletin board outside the choir room.
- ◆ Members approved the 2011 budget that was reduced from \$144,000 in 2010 to \$130,000 in 2011 which was based on estimated 2010 income. No major cuts were made to any programs. In past years, some programs have not spent all their allocated funds, so those allocations were reduced. The budget is an estimate and can be amended to adjust to changing financial conditions.
- ◆ Pastor Forest presented his goals for 2011: 1) forming a Leadership Team to focus on the vision and mission of the church, 2) holding a church-wide study on James Bryan Smith's books: The Good & Beautiful God, The Good & Beautiful Life, and The Good & Beautiful Community, and 3) working on having each person responsible for a ministry complete a ministry (job) description.
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