

**April 2008 West Wind**  
*West Side Church of God*  
March 28, 2008

## **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

If you would like to help re-stock our Food Pantry, you can:  
make a financial contribution (any amount will help with the purchase of food through the KS Food Bank/Aldi's)  
bring donations of non-perishable foods:  
Canned: meat, fruit, vegetables, soup, beans, chili  
Other: peanut butter, pancake mix & syrup

## **GARAGE SALE**

**A GARAGE SALE is being planned for this spring. All of the proceeds will go to help the youth with International Youth Convention. If you have items you'd like to donate for this, we'll start collecting them soon. We have plenty of tags so that you can put prices on your donations. All clothing will be 25 cents.**



### ***All Women are invited to the*** **SECRET PAL PARTY**

**Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm Bartlett Hall**

**We will have a Salad Supper and great time!**

***We will exchange revealing gifts with this year's Secret Pals and draw names for new ones. Bring a salad to share. All women are welcome to attend even if you do not have or do not want a Secret Pal.***

*Let your heart open to God today, like a fresh bloom  
longing to unfurl itself under the warm stroke of the sun's rays.*

*Renée Miller*



One of my most cherished childhood memories is going fishing with my dad. There are only two things that I can remember about going fishing with him. One is that we were together; and two is that we had some chips called bugles. For me the trip revolved around bugles. Dad and I both liked them; and when we were getting ready to go, I would talk about getting these salty snacks. Even though I would play with them like they were a bugle, I wanted them even more because Dad and I both liked them. It was a shared experience.

Jesus shared experiences with his disciples. He often ate with them. One of those times was the last supper. The picture is like a group of school boys with their beloved teacher. But one disciple in particular had throughout his life a vivid memory of that night. John 13:23-25 tells us that John was reclining next to Jesus and when John went to ask Jesus a question, he leaned back against Jesus. John was so comfortable in his relationship with Jesus that he could lean against him. How many times did John recall throughout his life this moment or moments like this with Jesus? It had to be something that made him smile—something that made him feel good. It had a deep and lasting impact on John's life.

We all have memories that we cherish. Even as you read this, you are probably thinking of some of them. They may be with your parents or with people from church. What we as a church need to do is create more of these cherished moments. We can do that by spending time together as a church group. We can help new people get connected with us by inviting them to lunch or dinner. Jesus shared meals with people and those meals created in people a sense of connection with God. When we share a meal with someone we are saying many things to them without words. If there is a problem between two people, a meal can bring forgiveness; or it can bring healing to people. To others, a shared meal may be saying that "I think you are all right." Just as Jesus helped people by sharing a meal with them, we can too. The impact will be meaningful and lasting on all of our lives.

In Christ, Pastor Forest

## LIKE TO BAKE?

The youth are running the concession stand at the square dance convention this spring. If you would like to donate cookies or brownies for them to sell, please bring them to the church on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have time to wrap them into individual portions, that would be very helpful. You may also make financial donations toward the costs of food. Adult Volunteers Needed: please talk with Pastor Forest if you would like to donate your time to help at the event. *Thank you for supporting the youth of West Side—We can't do what we do without you!*

## SUMMER CAMP DATES

**Junior High ~ June 9–13 at Camp Webster**

*for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates*

**Junior ~ June 16–20 at Quaker Haven**

*for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduates*

**Senior High ~ June 23–27**

**at Fun in the Sun, Table Rock Lake, Missouri**

*Watch for an Announcement about Registration  
Deadlines & Camp Fees.*



### **Bridal Shower**

**for Marian Broderick**

**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**2 – 4 pm Bartlett Hall**

*Bridal Registry at Target*

## WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO

**Graduation Sunday is May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Promotion Sunday is June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**International Youth Convention is July 14-17**

**Vacation Bible School is July 20 – 24**