

WEST SIDE
Presbyterian Church

Weekly Newsletter

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**WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH,
ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST,
INVITING ALL TO CONNECT,
GROW AND SERVE.**

LIKE. SHARE. FOLLOW. SUBSCRIBE.

That's what we would LOVE for you to do!

Currently, West Side has 864 followers on Facebook, 177 followers on Instagram and 173 subscribers on YouTube. Here's how you can help boost those numbers and, in turn, help spread the good news about West Side's mission and ministry.

LIKE West Side on Facebook (facebook.com/westsideridgewood)—both the posts AND the actual page. Comment on a post that you like. It just might start a “conversation.”

SHARE our Facebook posts. Did a Devotional boost your spirit? Did a sermon strike a chord? Are you excited about an event taking place at the church? Share the news with your friends.

FOLLOW West Side on Instagram (@wspresbyterian) and we'll follow you back!

SUBSCRIBE to West Side's YouTube channel (youtube.com/c/westsidepres). Our YouTube channel, which was launched by Andy Roughgarden years ago, was resurrected in 2018. This is where you'll find the latest sermons, moments for mission and other videos.

Hopefully, you've explored our redesigned website (westside.org), where you can securely log in and view the church directory, update your personal information, keep track of your giving, even print out your year-end financial statement. To access this information, simply click “member log-in” on the home page to request a user name and temporary password. To date, nearly 150 West Siders are enjoying the members-only benefits of the new website.

If you have any questions about the website or social media, please reach out to Carol Bialkowski, our director of communications (cbialkowski@westside.org).



Is This Your First Time Visiting West Side?

Welcome! We're so glad you're here. We look forward to helping you connect with others, grow more deeply in your faith and enrich your own life by serving others. Wherever you are on life's journey, there's a place for you at West Side.

Please stop by the visitor table located just inside the front doors, fill out a Let's Connect card and pick up a visitor bag. And please stay after the service to enjoy coffee/tea and refreshments and meet the pastors and members.

Have a question? Our staff is here to help:

Rev. Marc Oehler, pastor, moehler@westside.org

Rev. Penny Hogan, associate pastor, phogan@westside.org

Rev. Liz Junod, pastoral associate, ljunod@westside.org

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John the Baptist

Drop by the Conference Room at **9:00 am on Sundays** to explore *John the Baptist* by F.B. Meyer. Each week, the group reads an excerpt from the book (which is supplied) and discusses this fascinating prophet and teacher. Come when you can. No preparation is necessary.

New Jersey Devils Game

If you signed up to go to the New Jersey Devils game on **February 21** with the Third Thursday Men's Group, please see Gib Warren about payment (\$40 per ticket). He'll be in the Narthex.



No More Pew Pads

This past Monday, Session voted to eliminate the use of pew pads, which are no longer an effective tool for our ministry. Instead, please use the connect/prayer cards in the pews to let us know if you would like more information about a particular area of ministry or if you have a prayer request. Connect/prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate. In the spring, as we prepare for Pentecost, the Deacons will be inviting and encouraging members to opt in to receive a name tag. Visitors, if they choose, will receive name tags too. Stay tuned for more info.

We're Closed Tomorrow!

The church and office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Presidents' Day. West Side will reopen on February 19 at 7:30 am for Tuesdays with Marc. (See below.)

Living with Contradiction

Do you find yourself struggling to balance the demands of life and experiencing little satisfaction, peacefulness or joy? Join Pastor Marc's group of early risers in the Pulsifer Chapel at **7:30 am on Tuesdays** to explore *Living with Contradiction: An Introduction to Benedictine Spirituality* by Esther de Waal. You can pick up a copy of the book in the church office for \$14. No need to stop at Starbucks first. Coffee is always available.

Juilliard Chamber Orchestra

The Juilliard Chamber Orchestra returns to West Side on **February 24** at 3:00 pm as part of the 43rd season of the West Side Concert Series. The exciting program will include works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn (featuring a violin solo by Ludvig Gudim), Ravel and Prokofiev. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Invite your friends!



Family Promise

In partnership with Family Promise of Bergen County, we're hosting homeless working families in the Barn **March 3 to 10**. Every day, we provide grab-and-go breakfast items and dinner for the group. We also need two volunteers each day to sleep overnight in the Barn. (Guests on the first floor, West Siders upstairs. Cots are provided.) Can you help? Here's what we need:

- Wednesday, March 6—two people to spend the night
- Thursday, March 7—one person to provide dinner and one person to spend the night
- Friday, March 8—one person to spend the night
- Saturday, March 9—one person to provide dinner

Please reach out to Laura Given (givnclan@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

Habitat for Humanity

West Side and First Pres are coming together to participate in a transformative mission—helping to build decent, affordable homes for hard-working families. Two build dates have been reserved for our partnership—Saturday, **March 9** and Saturday, **May 4**. We'll meet in the West Side parking lot at 7:30 am and return by 4:15 pm. No construction experience or special skills are necessary, only a desire to help build a new home for a Paterson family. Please contact Eric Koskinen (exk150@yahoo.com) with any questions or to sign up.

Please visit www.westside.org for more information about our programs.

TODAY AT WEST SIDE

8:00 am—Little Lambs Child Care - Room 202	11:15 am—Sermon Talk Back - Chapel
8:15 am— Chapel Worship - Chapel	11:15 am—Prayer Circle - Chapel
9:00 am— Contemporary Worship - DePhillips Hall	11:30 am—Family Life Meeting - Serenity Room
9:00 am—Sunday School - Rooms 206, 306, 311, 312 and Serenity Room	11:30 am—Mission and Social Concerns Meeting - Conference Room
9:00 am—John the Baptist Book Study - Conference Room	3:00 pm—Parlance Chamber Concert - Sanctuary
9:45 am—Centering Prayer - West Side Room	6:00 pm—FOCUS - Barn
10:15 am— Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	7:00 pm—High School BARN - Barn
10:15 am—Sunday School - Rooms 206, 306, 311, 312 and Serenity Room	

COMING UP AT WEST SIDE

February 18 - Church closed in observance of Presidents' Day

February 21 - Third Thursday New Jersey Devils Game at Prudential Center at 7:00 pm

February 24 - Juilliard Chamber Orchestra Concert in the Sanctuary at 3:00 pm

March 2 - New Jersey Choral Society Concert in the Sanctuary at 3:00 pm and 7:30 pm

March 3 - Welcoming Prayer Workshop in the Serenity Room at 11:30 am

March 3-10 - Family Promise guests are hosted in the Barn

March 6 - Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 am, 12:15 pm and 7:30 pm

March 8 - Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra Concert in the Sanctuary at 8:00 pm

March 10 - Ars Musica Concert in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm

March 17 - Justin Lee Talk and Panel Discussion in the Sanctuary at 4:00 pm

March 23 - Anthony Kearns Concert in the Sanctuary at 7:30 pm

March 31 - Mozart's Requiem in the Sanctuary at 3:00 pm