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A Fresh Expression: God's Work Of Forming Christ In Us

By Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Things are happening! In some ways this feels a little bit like an understatement. Over the last six months there have been a lot of meetings and a lot of discussion about our identity (who we are) and our destiny (who God is calling us to be) as a congregation. In so many ways our process has reaffirmed our past even as we look to our future with God. We want to excel at children's and youth ministry, retaining and attracting young families into this wonderful adventure of growing up in Christ together. We want to be a congregation marked by our desire to grow up into maturity. We want to be a church strong in mission and service, but also one that is impacting our local community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We want to express our love to God through Spirit-inspired worship and loving-one-another community. Again, this is nothing new as far as our goals but it is a fresh expression of how we are striving to reach these goals as we find ourselves living in 2010.

And this takes us back to the fact that things are happening. Maybe the most obvious is the change to our worship services on Sunday morning. Children's Church has kicked-off with an influx of younger kids to the 8:15 service. We have seen a number of new faces over the last month, and the service of choice for these new people is 9:45. We have seen some familiar faces return which is so very encouraging.

We have made some changes to the order of service, aiming for a service that helps

center around the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, and the Word of God. We move from Gathering around God's Word, to Hearing the Word, then Responding to the Word, and finally we are Sent Out Bearing God's Word with Us. While I really like these changes, somewhat selfishly my favorite part of Sunday morning is being able to be present for the duration of all three services.

While Sunday morning is the obvious place of change, there are a number of other changes about which I would like to keep you informed of and up-to-date.

Discipleship: While Dan will give you more information about our upcoming series *Going Deeper*, this series will kick-off a more integrated approach to our congregational discipleship plans. As part of our discipleship strategy, sermons, Life Groups, and eventually even youth and children's ministries will have times in the year where we are all studying the same passages of Scripture. For the upcoming sermon series, booklets will be made available to help equip you to apply the messages. If you are in a Life Group, the sermon will act as the content of your Life Group discussions.

Communication: If you haven't looked recently, the website has changed. It is still the same address (www.westside1.org), but now you are brought to a page that lets you know it is under construction. Even under construction, the Church calendar is accessible and up-to-date. In a few weeks, the home page, mp3 of the sermons, and the basic content should be up and running.

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Children & Family Ministries

By Heather Smith and Colleen Strachan

Fall is a time of new beginnings for kids, and in CFM at West Side, kids of all ages are learning together about the beginning when God created our world in Genesis. Here are some exciting things happening in our October classes:

In **Promised Land Kids Sunday School** (1st-5th Grade), we are learning about the seven days of



creation. During this unit, kids will study in-depth and commit to memory what God created on each day through a series of fun activities. Our favorite activity is the “Creation Room”

which is an environment set up for hands-on learning. Each week elementary classes will go in to see, smell, and touch what was created on that day of Creation. Want to visit? Go to Room 15 in West Side North, next to

the West Side Preschool office.

In **Rainbow Kids Sunday School** (2 years old-Kindergarten), we are learning about Genesis too. In October, 3-5 year olds will learn the story of Adam & Eve in the garden and then we’ll spend the whole month learning about Noah and his Big Boat.

In **Kingdom Care** (Infants-5 year olds), each week we are focusing on a different Bible story from Genesis (and a few from other books too). This month, in addition to Creation and Noah, we’ll talk about Abraham, Joseph and Moses. Our littlest ones will learn about babies in the Bible—baby Isaac (the child of the promise), babies Jacob and Esau, baby Moses and baby Samuel.

Parents, ask your kids to tell you a story from Genesis this month or stop by the parent resource table outside the West Side North Fellowship Hall for fun ideas about how to teach Genesis at home.

Youth & Family Ministries

By Rev. Stuart Strachan

It’s amazing how God provides isn’t it? I must confess I spent a lot of this summer thinking and wondering how our fall youth ministries would go, hoping and praying that it wouldn’t land right on its proverbial face. And somehow, with a healthy dose of the Holy Spirit, this fall has started in an amazing fashion. I am incredibly grateful for the ways in which God has already been moving in our students’ midst. I am also incredibly grateful for all of our volunteers that make the discipleship of our students possible. It’s been great to hear from parents who have been able to have conversations with their kids about what is going on in our church. I want to encourage all of us to consider how God might use us to help our kids to grow in their faith. I wonder if, at times, we don’t sell ourselves short. Reggie Joiner, a youth pastor and author from Atlanta, Georgia, writes, “God is at work telling a story of resto-

ration and redemption through your family. Never buy into the myth that you need to become the ‘right’ kind of parent before God can use you in your children’s lives. Instead, learn to cooperate with whatever God desires to do in your heart today so your children will have a front-row seat to the grace and goodness of God.” As the pastor for Youth and Family ministries, my desire is to partner with each one of our families as we seek together to raise the next generation of believers. With that in mind, we will be having a **Faith at Home event Oct. 20, 6:00-8:00 pm** on the topic of Teenage Spirituality. We will be watching a documentary and then opening the floor for discussion with Heather, Dan and I facilitating the conversation. We hope that you will join us for a thought-provoking time about the direction of our teenagers’ faith today.



In Jesus Christ our Lord and savior, Rev. Stu

Senior Adult Ministry

Person To Person lunch on Mon, Oct. 11, 12:00 pm, WS Activity Center.

SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) lunch out on Mon., Oct. 25, 11:30 am, Country Gentleman Restaurant (Kennewick).

Help Needed! Would you like to spend one hour a month visiting with and serving coffee and tea to folks at the Columbia Edgewater Tea? We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, 2:30-3:30 pm.

Call Sheila Phillips (727.5431) if you need a ride to either lunch or can help with the tea.

FOF (Fabulous Folks Over Fifty) on Fri., Oct. 1, 5:45 pm, WS North Narthex. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert (remember - no nuts in WSN) and your table service. Matt Leggett will talk about and show pictures of his successful climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Please feel free to attend the program at 7:00 pm if you are unable to make the potluck. Contact George and Edna Sehmel (943.9044) for more information.

Women's Ministry

Ladies' Sewing, Craft and Fellowship Day. WS Activity Center on Fri., Oct. 15, 6:00-9:00 pm, and Sat., Oct. 16, 9:00 am-9:00 pm. Bring a project (or two) to work on and enjoy the company of others while you sew, scrapbook, knit, cross-stitch, paint, etc. Contact Jodi Hassell (628.1820) for more info.

Morning Glory. Are you a woman who would love to be with other women who together dig into God's Word on a weekly basis? Come join us on Thursday mornings, 9:00-11:00 am, WS North Room 2-4, for fellowship, prayer, laughter, and enlightenment as we study three letters from Paul, the two letters to Timothy, and Titus. This is led by a team of women. Come discover the golden nuggets God has for you! Need childcare - contact Faye Serene (946.4656).

Men's Ministry

Sarah Squares, spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, will meet for lunch on Wed., Oct. 13, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant (Richland).

2010 NATIONAL MEN'S EQUIPPING CONFERENCES

IRON SHARPENS IRON

AS IRON SHARPENS IRON SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER
PROVERBS 27:17

Saturday, November 6, 2010
8:30 am - 4:55pm
Richland, WA
Bethel Church - 600 Shockley Rd.

Only \$39 per man when you register at church

Keynote Speakers

Jim Putman
Senior Pastor, Real Life Ministries, Author

Vince D'Acchoili
Founder/President, On Target Ministries

Seminars*

Making Disciples of Men
Battling Unseen Forces
Email is for Grandpas
Defanging the Snake - Using Martial Arts to Illustrate Christian Principles
Real Tools for Real Men
Radical Transformation: A Personal Revolution
Give Your Marriage a Relationship Remodel
Christianity in the Workplace
Preparing to Be a Pass-Through Point
Sexual Integrity and Social Media - Getting Real with Your Sons
Conquering the Silent Killers: Depression, Loneliness & Anxiety
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Un Hombre De Influencia
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For MEN of All Ages (13 and older)

Sarah Circle. Wed., Oct. 13, 11:30 am, WS South Upper Room. Come join us for delicious food, faith-enriching devotions, mission outreach programs, and good fellowship.

There is still time to attend a conference this fall:

- **Women of Faith** - Oct. 8-9 (Portland); Fri. 10:00 am-3:30 pm and 7:00-9:30 pm and Sat. 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Registration of \$99 includes lodging and box lunch (www.womenoffaith.com).
- **Beth Moore** - Oct. 29-30 (Spokane); Fri. 6:00-9:30 pm and Sat. 8:30 am-12:00 pm. Registration of \$60 includes lodging and all meals (www.lifeway.com/livingproof).

If you plan to attend a conference contact Susan Birney (susan.birney@gmail.com) so you may coordinate travel plans with other attendees.



“Going Deeper” - Christian Growth and Discipleship

By Rev. Dan Wodrich

In September, we began to lay-out our intentional approach to Discipleship and Christian Growth as the body of Christ at West Side Church. Our three-week sermon series focused on *Growing Together* – walking, abiding, and living together with our Lord and one another. We named the steps we walk together as Jesus’ followers – from *seeking to believing to following to discipling*. We were reminded of the importance of continuously *remaining* in Christ together, like branches in a vine – because apart from Him we can do nothing. And we learned that our living together as one body has a kind of *rhythm* to it – with distinct seasons and times suitable for various aspects of our growth and maturation together in Christ.

In October, we commence an eight-week sermon series entitled, *Going Deeper* (see details below). Our Lord has given us an image to hold in the imagination of our minds as we consider how we go and grow deeper in Him -- and that is of a **deeply-rooted tree**. In Psalm 1, we are told that persons are blessed as they delight in God’s Word and meditate upon it day and night. They are like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season, whose leaves do not wither and whatever they do prospers. Such is the Life – rooted in God’s Living Word – that we are called to grow deeply in.

Our aim in this sermon series will be to revisit together how Spiritual growth works and to (re) discover and practice the basic Spiritual disciplines that have been beneficial and edifying to the Christian community across the ages.

“...like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season, whose leaf does not wither.”

Psalm 1

Such disciplines include studying the Bible, prayer, the everyday practice of becoming present to and with God, spiritual friendship with fellow disciples, and serving others. At the conclusion of the series, each one of us will be invited to consider before the Lord the “next steps” that it seems He is calling us to take in practicing these spiritual disciplines with and before Him. Everyone will be encouraged to find a spiritual friend with whom to share these steps – that we might experience the blessing of another to pray with and for and to find mutual accountability and encouragement, as we intentionally seek to sink our roots more deeply in Christ, the Living Word – and to be grown up together in Him, by His Spirit.

In his book, *Christianity Beyond Belief: Following Jesus for the Sake of Others*, Todd Hunter, former President of ALPHA USA, states,

“If we want to live well, we can’t live unintentionally.”

So, may the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ align our intentions with His, that we might truly live well together – like trees planted – that His fruit might be produced in us and through us – for the sake of the world, and for the glory of His Name.

Amen. Dan

New Sermon Series: “Going Deeper”

Oct. 3	<i>Introduction: Going Deeper</i>	Phil. 3:7-15
Oct. 10	<i>Lesson 1: How Spiritual Growth Works</i>	Luke 13:18-21
Oct. 17	<i>Lesson 2: How To Study The Bible</i>	2 Timothy 3:14-17
Oct. 24	<i>Lesson 3: How To Pray</i>	Hebrews 7:24-25
Oct. 31	<i>Lesson 4: How To Spend Time With God Daily</i>	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Nov. 7	<i>Lesson 5: Spiritual Friendship</i>	1 Thes. 5:11-24
Nov. 14	<i>Lesson 6: Serving In Jesus’ Name</i>	Col. 3:17
Nov. 21	<i>Lesson 7: Next Steps</i>	Gal. 5:25



New BREAD BREAKERS 4-Meal Fellowships

- ▶ New opportunity to build deeper friendships with a few folks
- ▶ Same group shares one meal per month in January, February, March & April
- ▶ No program, topic, or study—just being together for fun conversation
- ▶ We mix in newcomers, old timers, folks from different worship services
- ▶ Sign up by Nov 15 for options including:
 - Groups for
 - Singles only
 - Couples only
 - Mixed couples & singles
 - Families with children
 - WS preschoolers & parents
 - Youth/teens & parents
 - Potluck in group hosts' homes, or at church; or "Dutch Treat" at restaurants
 - Weekend dinners, or Sunday lunches- at group-agreed times
 - Diet & other restrictions
- ▶ You'll get a letter with full information & sign-up form in October's mail
- ▶ In December, group members will receive each others' names, details & January host

McIntosh Memorial Library

Reading Season

Shorter days and cooler temps - is your reading chair by the fire calling to you? Whether you're looking for thoughtful Christian nonfiction or an entertaining story to relax with at the end of the day, the library has books to fit all readers. We have a great selection of bedtime story-books for kids, family films on dvd, and radio theater audiobooks as well.

Library Notes



Library Hours: 24/7

If the lights are off, please feel free to turn them on and come in and browse any time. Our self-service checkout stations are always available, with instructions to guide you through the process. If you have a library card, you can use the easy computer checkout. If not, you can use the manual system.

We welcome your library comments and suggestions. Please talk to Pam Cadd or Susan Carbaugh, or email Library@WestSide1.org.

Fields of Grace Gleaning Ministry

It's hard to believe that we are entering our fifth season of harvesting fresh produce for the area food banks! So far this year, we have harvested over 32,000 lbs of produce.

Fields of Grace continues to serve as a resource for fresh fruits and vegetables in our local food banks - particularly since these organizations are serving 15-30% more people than last year. Though our volunteer base continues to add area churches and organizations, the number of volunteers serving at gleaning events has dropped. There have been several times this year where we have left donated



produce in the orchards and fields because we did not have the hands to pick it. If you are a trained volunteer, please consider coming to some of the gleaning events in October posted on our website: www.Fields-of-Grace.com.

Not trained? Attend our training session on Sun., Oct. 3, 7:00 pm, WS North Room 2-4 and learn how to get involved. It is a great way to serve and you will be blessed by the experience.

For more information contact Alissa Watkins (Admin@Fields-of-Grace.com or 392.1455).

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<p>Worship: 31 CS & Children's Church 8:15am-WSS CS & Sunday School 9:45am-WSS TS 11:15am-WSN Youth Worship 4:30pm-WSS Fuel (HS) 7:00pm-WSS</p> <p>Halloween </p>	<p>Faith at Home Event: Teenage Spirituality Wed., Oct. 20, 6:00 pm, WS North Sanctuary</p> <p>We will be watching a documentary and then opening the floor for discussion led by Heather Smith, Rev. Dan Wodrich and Rev. Stu Strachan. Join us for a thought-provoking time about the direction of our teenagers' faith today.</p> <p></p>			

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Raising the School Walls in Mali, Raising the Name of Christ in Mali

By Tyler Holm

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or of my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way." Psalm 25:4-8

West Siders' have graciously responded to God's call to care for over 150 children in Beladougou, Mali. Your sponsorship is a reflection of God's love for these children. Some ten years ago, several West Siders' began to listen to a call to take seriously the commandment to make disciples of all nations. One of the statistics they discovered in this process is from every dollar the American church gives to missions, less than one penny is used to reach people who have no access to anyone who can share the gospel with them. That means no one in their community, who speaks their language and understands their culture, is a Christian. These people, almost two billion of them alive today, will die with no chance to put their faith in Jesus Christ. But God desires to make Himself known to all people, and the truly amazing thing is we are part of His plan too! We are helping the community of Beladougou plant seeds of Christians who speak their language, are from their culture, and can share the love of Christ with their neighbors. Three years ago God brought West Side together with World Vision, and the congregation agreed to partner with World Vision staff in the Beladougou Area Development project. Sponsoring kids is a major part of the plan, but other special projects like water wells and schools have also always been an element.

Whole communities in Mali are now being transformed; child sponsorship provides not just for a few children, but entire villages. Clean water, schools, health clinics, agriculture and business assistance are not limited to families with a child who is sponsored. Most importantly, the caring Christian staff of World Vision are witnesses to all as they undertake community transformation. And you have been making an impact in this proc-

ess! Badiara (pictured below) is one of the children who has been reached.

Through World Vision her village now has a clean source of water: a new hand pump right in the center of her village of Ngloblembougou. She has been visited by health workers and begun a relationship with World Vision staff, and she has received letters, encouragement, and prayer from her host family, right here in the Tri-Cities. Badiara



Badiara

is also fortunate she has been able to go to school, but her school is terribly overcrowded, the walls and roof are currently made of thatch and branches. The village of Ngloblembougou recognized education is key to help Badiara and her classmates have a better life so they asked World Vision to help them build new brick classrooms. They truly know as it says in Proverbs, "Take hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life." And your Missions Council also wanted to help Badiara and many others! **The Missions Council has put our 2010 Mali project funding of \$10,000 towards this project, but it is not just for us, so we challenge the congregation to match that \$10,000 to help reach our goal of a new school.** The villagers in Mali recognize their need for knowledge in this world. The relationships you are building will provide them with the chance to gain knowledge of the One who is the way for true life. Thank you for your prayer and support.

If you would like to make a donation to the 2010 Mali school project simply write "Mali Project Fund" on your check memo line, Thank you.

Ministry Staff Appreciation

"How beautiful ... those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" Isaiah 52:7

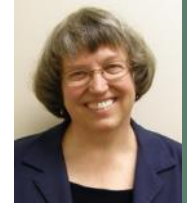
October is "Ministry Staff Appreciation" month (pictured from top to bottom): Ralph Kieneker, Faye Serene, Dan Wodrich, John Lipp, Karel Coppock, Stu Strachan, Heather Smith. Let's support our staff by showing how much we appreciate all they do! You can:

- ▶ Adopt a Ministry Staff member and his/her family! You and/or your small group can contact Debbie Geelhood (371.0614) to find out how you can participate in "adopting a Ministry Staff Member" and his/her family.
- ▶ Write a note of appreciation and thanks for all our Ministry Staff's hard work. Place

your completed card/s in the basket in the WSS or WSN narthex (you can't miss it).

- ▶ Also, you can leave a token of appreciation for any Ministry Staff member in the same basket. [All items will be delivered toward the end of the month.]

Please keep our Ministry Staff in your prayers that God would lead, guide, and bless them.



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Refreshing the Buildings: We have acquired the services of an architect from Seattle named Randy Benedict, whose resume includes the design of some church buildings. Working with the Property Committee and the Ministry Staff, he is leading us through a process that identifies the needs, the demands, and the priorities as we look to enhance our facilities' usefulness for ministry. In October, we should be ready to present drawings to Session and the congregation, after which we will be soliciting bids from contractors so we can bring a proposal back to the congregation.

The Sale of West Side Activity Center and 606 Wright: The appraised value for West Side Activity Center and 606 Wright are \$540k and \$88k respectively. Upon receiving approval from the Presbytery of our congregation's request to sell, we will be able to list and sell these properties. After John Lipp informed people who lease the WSAC of our intention to sell, the word has gotten out into the community. While Richland School District seems less interested in purchasing the building, another buyer has made an informal written offer on the building, wanting the building to house a Bible College—how exciting is

that? It also means that the Session may be coming with a recommendation to move more quickly on the renovation of the kitchen in West Side North so we can have a functioning kitchen for larger events on our main campus before we let go of WSAC.

Worship Director Search Committee: We have extended a call to a candidate and are waiting to see if God confirms this call. The candidate is in the process of prayerfully discerning where God is calling him to serve. He hopes to let us know in early October. Please join in prayers for this candidate, that God would make His will known. We will give you an update as the Lord makes clear to us what is next.

A lot is happening, but the most important thing happening is God's work of forming Christ in us. Yet even while all this is happening, I pray that we will not become hurried or distracted from what is most important. That each of us would continue to develop our relationship with Jesus and continue together to grow up into all the fullness of Christ.

Blessings in Christ, Ralph

West Side Preschool

By Ann Campbell and Patty Grandy

Another year has begun. We currently have eleven classes and over 160 children. Thank you for the many ways that you, the family that is West Side Church, supports this ministry. You save things for our projects like orange juice lids, oatmeal containers, and pheasant feathers. You paint, do carpentry work and repairs. And most important of all, you support us with your prayers. Thank you!!

One need we are experiencing is the need for scholarships for some of the children attending our classes. We have enrolled a number of children who will not be able to continue our program if we do not find funds to cover half of their tuition costs. This could be as little as \$25 a month for a two-year old, \$45 a month for a child in a two session a week class, or \$60 a month for a child in the three day a week PreK class. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please call Patty Grandy or Ann Campbell (946.4656). **THANK YOU!**

An important reminder: West Side North, the building which houses the Preschool rooms, will need to remain a peanut and nut-free zone. We



have seven children enrolled in our program this year who have severe allergies to peanuts and other nuts. Four of these children cannot eat a peanut or peanut product, and must also avoid even physical contact with a peanut or peanut product. For these children, touching a toy, table, or doorknob after another child has left even the slightest residue of a peanut product on that surface could be life-threatening. Please keep our children safe by maintaining this building as a peanut and nut-free facility. *The staff of West Side Preschool appreciates that this requires sacrifice and inconvenience on the part of the Church Family, but it is an unmistakable expression of Christ's love to the families of these children and to all our Preschool community.* Thank you!!

Adult Discipleship & Christian Growth Opportunities

Sundays 9:45-10:45 am

The Birth of the Church: A Study in the Book of Acts. Led by Gene Carbaugh, Jim Morris, Will Shaw. WSS Upper Room

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place (Women of the Word). Led by Diane Pratt, Bertha Rachinski, Marian Holm. WSN Room 2-4

Praying Our Lives: Growing in the Prayer Life of Jesus. Led by Dan Johnston, Tamara Brown, Rev. Dan Wodrich. WSN Room 18-20

Get Acquainted Place (GAP). Led by Fred & Pat Reich and Roger & Carol Johnson. WSS Room 302 (Green Carpet Room)

Sundays 11:15 am-12:15 pm

Selections from the Gospel of Luke. Led by Rev. Karel & Julie Coppock. WSN Room 7

CrossCurrents: Post High School/College/Young Career Food & Fellowship. Led by Rev. Dan Wodrich and Dale & Roz Rodgers. WSS Upper Room

Life Groups

Life Groups provide an opportunity for believers to grow and mature as a follower of Jesus in community with a small group of other followers—getting to know and be known, to discover the truth of Scripture and to practice living it out with and toward one another—as the Spirit works to deepen one's love for God and for others. Life Groups are normally comprised of 8-12 people who meet weekly in a home for about 2 hours of fellowship, Scripture-based study, and prayer together. Contact Laurel Avila (628.2650).

Life Groups start the first week of October!

Clerk Of Session Report - September 2010

By Tyler Holm (substitute for Ken Swinth)

The meeting was opened with the reading of Matthew 6:25-34 by Rev. Ralph Kieneker and a time of prayer for our church family, country and world. Ken Swinth is out of town so Tyler Holm was nominated to take his place.

The finances of the church are going well; we have only used \$7,000 of reserve for the year. The budget process for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY2011) is starting, and the Finance Committee requests committees provide their desired FY2011 budget by mid-November. The pledge process for 2011 will begin with Nov. 21 as a tentative pledge response date

As we prepare the Refresh proposal, the Session is looking back at the WS2000 plans to compare and contrast these options in an effort to make sure we consider all possibilities of improving our facilities.

Worship Director Search Committee reports we are still hopeful that the person we have called will be God's choice for West Side. Even while we wait for his response, the committee continues its work of seeking the person God is calling.

Nominating Committee reports all but one elder position and one deacon position have been filled.

Appreciation was expressed for support of the Mali Project Fundraising campaign, and Jeanne Hultgren distributed informational flyers with a request

that individuals would be ambassadors to their areas of influence. Tyler Holm reported that ten West Siders attended a missions conference in Spokane.

The corporate officers of the church reported an informal offer was made by Gather4Him Ministries for the purchase of West Side Activity Center. This Christian organization is seeking to house a four-year Bible college. While there are more steps that need to be completed before we make a counter offer and agree to sell this property (including listing the property after the Presbytery has approved its sale) the Session approved a counter offer amount on sale of West Side Activity Center of \$518,000. In view of the possible sale of the West Side Activity Center, the Session has approved taking the kitchen remodel out of the Refresh project and begin soliciting bids from contractors so we could have a functional kitchen in West Side North before we would hand over the West Side Activity Center to the buyer.

Fellowship Committee reports a fellowship opportunity called Bread Breakers will be advertised and organized. This will give people who are interested the chance to meet in groups of eight once a month for a time of food and fellowship. A letter will be sent to all members providing information and the opportunity to sign up.

Have you picked up your copy of "West Side Cooks" - our newest cookbook? They are only \$15 and make great gifts (get your Christmas shopping done early!). You may pick one up at the Welcome Station on Sunday mornings or any time at the church office.



The Bulletin Board

Christmas is coming! Consider adding your voice or musical instrument to the very special choir presentation of "Night of the Father's Love" by Pepper Choplin. Enjoy playing and singing beautiful arrangements of familiar and new Christmas songs in the musical collection, which recounts the awe and mystery of God coming to Earth to live with us. All teens and adults with the desire to sing are welcome. Think you're not musical? There are speaking parts as well. Rehearsal schedule and performance date will be set soon - contact Brenda Welsch (554.4921 or bells4u@yahoo.com) to join this rewarding experience.





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