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The Newsletter of
Greater Waynesburg Christian Outreach

Spring 2015

After School Program ~ Summer Day Camp ~ West Sides ~ Community Events

what's up!

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Spring At Last!

On Sunday, March 8th, we set our clocks ahead, marking the first sign that spring is right around the corner. In the midst of our recent weather frustrations, I have been thankful that I

only had to walk across the street to the church to be reminded that it is GOD who is in control. Rough weather is something we can prepare for and clean up after, but there is nothing we can do to control it. Although we make decisions that affect our lives on a daily basis, God ultimately has control over every aspect of our time on earth. We may not always understand why God allows certain things to happen — but we can stand firm in faith, knowing that He is sovereign over *all things*.



Those who believe in Jesus have the promise of Romans 8:28 that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him. May we remember this Easter that in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God took Jesus' pain and death and turned it into hope for an eternal and abundant life.

~Cathie Carpenter



this building and free up money to be used for ministry, we've asked for your help!

Supporters like

you have donated a total of \$19,000, bringing us to a current balance of only \$28,000. Thank you so much for all you have given! We are still accepting donations, which may be earmarked "Capital Campaign." Another opportunity to give is at the **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at West Sides on Sunday, March 22nd from 12-2:30 pm**. Call us for more info.

Bring the Family!

If you haven't taken time out the second Saturday of each month for Family Night at West Sides, you are really missing out! Dozens of people attended a "Frozen" Party and Valentine's Party, enjoying crafts, snacks, music, and games for the entire family. Prizes have been awarded and drawings have included gift cards, movies, and food items.

It's not too late to join us every second Saturday! If you have questions about Family Night events or would like to rent West Sides for your own private party, give Sarah Medlen a call at 724-852-1317.

West Sides Mortgage Capital Campaign

During the new year, we began to raise money to support our youth ministries by paying off the West Sides Mortgage. The original \$140,000 mortgage has been slowly paid down over the years to \$40,000. In our final push to pay off



After School Program:

After School continues to flourish with an average daily attendance of 30 children. Monday through Thursday, we provide homework help, recreation, a bible lesson, and a hot meal with the help of many committed Waynesburg University students. As the kids recently surpassed the 100th day of school, we have seen much improvement in their grades, homework completion, and attitudes towards learning. Our bible lessons have focused on what it really looks like to be a disciple {follower} of Jesus. We greatly anticipate the months ahead, until our program ends on Thursday, April 23rd.

West Side's Youth Events:

Our youth programs for the spring semester kicked off with the youth leaders planning retreat—a time of praying and preparing for the season ahead. Our weekly youth events include Monday "Drop-In" night, our regular Thursday youth group and themed Saturday Night Live events. Drop-In Night continues to be our most popular evening—the youth can stop by for a game of pool, upbeat Christian music, snacks, and time with friends! In January, many attended Winter Jam, a Christian Concert in Pittsburgh! Exciting new things include a monthly girl's night and men's night at the youth leader's homes, Q&A to dig deeper into hard life questions and monthly youth service trips.

Summer Day Camp:

It's hard to believe we're planning for summer when snow is still on the ground, but now is the time to hire camp counselors and get the word out about our annual summer day camp! Each year, over 50 first thru sixth grade students enjoy recreation, crafts, Bible lessons, worship, lunch and weekly field trips. Camp enrollment will begin in May and the 6-week camp season runs from Monday, June 15 thru Friday, July 24.

3-4-5 Alive!

Have you heard about "the club with the attitude of Christ?" Our 3rd—5th graders meet on Tuesdays to explore life lessons from God's Word. A core group of students has been studying the Old Testament, learning songs, and helping with service projects. New students are always welcome! Call Julie Edgreen at 724-833-2273 for more info about this discipleship program.



Up and coming!

Spaghetti Dinner Italia! Fundraiser

Sunday, March 22nd, from 12:00-2:30 pm at West Sides. Support our youth ministries by helping us to pay off the West Sides mortgage.

Greater Waynesburg Christian Outreach Volunteer Dinner

Thursday, March 26th at West Sides
A time to honor all of our volunteers for the year.

Mom's Night Out

Saturday, May 9th from 6:30-9:00 pm. Call Sarah Medlen @ 724-852-1317 to make a reservation

West Sides

Youth & Family Events

Monday Youth Drop-In Nights 6:30-9:00 pm

Every Monday "drop in" for food, music, pool, & games!

Every Tuesday 3-4-5 Alive! 6:00-7:30 pm

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to join us!

Thursday Youth In Action 6:30-8:30

Be challenged every Thursday through worship & bible study!

Saturday Night Live 6:30-9:00 pm

Every Saturday join us for one of these special events:

Sat. Mar. 14 Family St. Patrick's Day Party

Sat. Mar. 21 Movie Night: "Seasons of Grey"

Sat. Mar. 28 Game Night

Sat. Apr. 4 NO SNL — Easter break

Sat. Apr. 11 Family Skating Party at Mon View (3-5)

Sat. Apr. 18 Movie Night: TBA

Sat. Apr. 25 Last SNL Youth Picnic

Sat. May 9 Mom's Night Out



Tackle Football at Perman 2:00-4:00 pm
Every Saturday afternoon beginning on March 21st

Youth Service Day — Spring cleaning!
Saturday, April 11th