

Weekly Newsletter
June 9, 2019

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

# **Congratulations, Seniors!**

Eighteen West Siders will be graduating from high school this month! Take a look back, and a look ahead, with them.

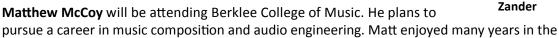
**Kyle Blanchard** will soon be studying aerospace engineering at Rutgers University New Brunswick. He hopes to get a job in engineering when he graduates...perhaps building rockets. His fondest memories of West Side – the choir program (since age 3!), Henlopen, Appalachia Service Project, Montreat, Triennium and Habitat for Humanity.

**Brianne Given** will be attending Marist College, where she will join the equestrian team and play soccer. Majoring in criminal justice, she hopes to find a job where she can make a difference. Her favorite experience at West Side: mission work, with Family Promise and First Presbyterian Church of Passaic.

Jessica Haase will be going to Bergen Community College in the fall, working toward an associate degree in biology and then moving on to a university to study wildlife rehabilitation. One of her best memories of West Side's youth program is performing the Little Mix song "Wings" with her sister Samantha at the Henlopen talent show.

**Hayley Jubitz** will be graduating from The Taft School and attending Georgetown Business School, where she will be a member of the Division 1 Women's Rowing team. She looks forward to making a difference and fondly remembers the Sunday children's sermons.

**Alexander Lenox** will soon be a mathematics major at Ramapo College. His favorite memory of West Side: singing in the John Knox Choir with Mrs. HoHo.





Kyle



Brianne



# 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 members and pastors:

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

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

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

For more information about our faith community, please visit westside.org.

choir program – from the Singing Robins through Senior High Choir – and would like to thank Mrs. HoHo for her support and encouragement through the years.

**MeiLiu Merchant** will be studying forensic psychology at NYU. She plans to earn a master's and PhD in psychology and work in the criminal justice system. She's been a choir member since the age of 3 and a Sunday School helper since 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This summer marks her 13<sup>th</sup> year with Summer Choir School.

**Drew Parsekian** will be attending the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University. After college graduation, he looks forward to returning to the area and working in New York City. Confirmation is among his favorite experiences at West Side.

**Christopher Perlowin** will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology. One of his fondest memories of West Side: Henlopen.









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**Tianna Perrotta** will be going to the College of Charleston, majoring in hospitality and tourism.

**Jack Shigeta** will be attending Princeton University, studying science, math and music...and playing violin in the orchestra and chamber ensembles. West Side is a special place for Jack because he was able to participate in music here – even in elementary school. He's grateful to West Side for giving him the opportunity to play the violin during worship.



**Tianna** 

**Lara Shoenholz** will soon be studying education at Bucknell University. Some of her favorite memories of the church are designing a West Side T-shirt in middle school, attending Sunday School and participating in the FOCUS Confirmation program.

**Andrew Steenvoorden** will be studying electrical engineering at Villanova in the fall. He hopes to work for a big tech company that is making great strides in the world. Among Andrew's fondest memories of West Side: Session Youth Rep, Henlopen, Appalachia Service Project, Triennium, BARN, Eva's Kitchen and Johnsonburg.

Peter Warren will be attending St. Lawrence University, majoring in environmental science and swimming for the Saints. He hopes to become an environmental scientist and work on the growing issue of climate change. One of his favorite experiences at West Side: working alongside his father with Appalachia Service Project, repairing a home for a family in need in rural Virginia.

Also graduating...Emma Matthews, Lauren Newell, Paige Newell and Judson Sonett

### **West Side Concert Series**

The West Side Concert Series wraps up its 2018-2019 season **TODAY** with a performance by one of the nation's premier professional chamber choirs, Kinnara Ensemble, at 3:00 pm. In their concert, "Gravity & Levity," the choir will wander through the years, from Renaissance motets through 20th-century part songs. Music will include White's *Lamentations of Jeremiah*, Debussy's *Trois Chansons* and works by Stanford and Gibbons. Kinnara Ensem-



ble, now in its 11th season, comprises some of the finest ensemble and solo singers in the country. Admission, as always, is free. Donations are welcome. Invite your friends!

# A Talk with Harriet Shepard

Grab some coffee hour treats and head down to DePhillips Hall **TODAY** after 10:15 am worship to hear Harriet Shepard's riveting first-hand account of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Harriet, who turns 94 on June 11, was 16 years old, living with her family in Honolulu, when the bombs rained down on the Pacific fleet on December 7, 1941.



# **Sunday Night Live!**

Drop off your middle school/high school kids **TODAY** at 7:00 pm for 90 minutes of fun, fellowship and a special year-end celebration with pizza and s'mores.

### **New Sermon Series**

Where do we turn for wisdom today? The Internet? TV? Family? Friends? For nearly 3,000 years people of faith have turned to the Book of Proverbs. The Proverbs were written from the perspective of elders passing on great truths about God and daily life to the next generation. In our upcoming sermon series starting **June 23**, we'll study five major themes from the Book of Proverbs: friendship, wisdom at work, the wise use of money, the character of the wise and wisdom in family relationships. Join us!

### Eva's Village

Can you help serve lunch at Eva's Village on Saturday, **June 29**? We meet in the West Side parking lot at 10:45 am, carpool to Paterson and return by 1:30 pm. If you'd like to enjoy the experience of "giving back," please contact Craig Matthews (craiggmatthews@aol.com).

### **VBS at First Pres**

Looking for a fun, faith-based experience for your 4-to-8-year-olds this summer? Register them for Vacation Bible School at First Presbyterian Church, **August 5 to 9**. The half-day program (8:45 am to noon) will include a Bible lesson, music, crafts, science time and snack. Cost: \$30 per child. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Note: Your children will see a familiar face at VBS—Esmé Elkins.

# **Worship and Picnic at First Pres**

We're worshiping at First Presbyterian Church on **August 11** at 10:00 am! Pastor Marc will be preaching, and the service will be followed by a church picnic. Volunteer to be a greeter/usher, sing in the choir, or bring a salad or side dish by contacting Anne Lee (alee@westside.org).



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