

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

A Story Worth Telling

When Katie Weispfenning and her family moved from Germany to Ridgewood in 2012, one of the first things she did was attend Summer Choir School at West Side. “It was such a great experience for her,” said Katie’s mother, Jill Williams, who grew up at West Side. “She was very shy, and everyone was so welcoming that she started to feel comfortable and believe that she would be OK in an American environment. Both of our girls loved it and got a strong music education in a caring, fun atmosphere.”

Another enthusiastic fan, 14-year-old Morgan Fuld, has been participating for the past seven years. “It’s not really a *school*,” he’s quick to point out, “and it’s not just singing. You get to choose an elective. I’ve done sports and games, handbells and Orff instruments, which is my favorite. And there’s a great performance at the end of the week with dancing, singing and lots of different instruments. It’s really fun.”

It’s also very holistic. Unlike many other summer experiences for kids, “the entire child is engaged—mentally, physically, spiritually—at Summer Choir School,” said Director Deborah Holden-Holloway. And, of course, the religious aspect of the program is a focal point. This year, children will explore ways to understand Jesus’ role in their lives through music, Bible study and more.

The popularity of Summer Choir School, now in its 47th year, inspired West Side to start a Little Learners Music Camp several years ago so that younger children could be part of the action. “No singing or musical experience is required,” said Beth McNamara, administrator of both programs. “The Little Learners just come in and have fun singing, listening to Bible stories and doing crafts.”

See page 3 for more information about Summer Choir School and Little Learners Music Camp.



Morgan enjoying his favorite elective at Summer Choir School—Orff instruments.

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.

New Sermon Series Starts Today

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 sermon series starting today, 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.



Summer Sunday School Starts Today

We've moving to a two-room format today, with Pre-K and K meeting in Room 206 and 1st-3rd grades meeting in Room 306. Children will head to their classrooms during the passing of the peace. Youth in 4th through 7th grades will remain in worship with their family.

Let's Celebrate Carolyn!

Come celebrate Carolyn Conetta, whose last day at West Side will be June 28, at a lunch in the Narthex at noon on **June 25**. Please RSVP to Anne Lee (alee@westside.org).

Can You Serve on June 29?

Craig Matthews is looking for volunteers to serve lunch at Eva's Village on **June 29**. We meet in the church parking lot at 10:45 am, carpool to Paterson and return by 1:30 pm. If you'd like to be part of this experience, please contact Craig (craiggmattthews@aol.com or 917-952-1840).

There's Room on the Bus

Pastor Penny has room for a few more kids (ages 6 to 11) on the bus to Camp Johnsonburg on **July 10**. Join her and Esmé Elkins for a day of fun and faith formation in the meadows, on the water and on the trails. Cost: \$45 per person, which includes lunch. For more information, and to reserve your child's spot, please reach out to Esmé (eelkins@westside.org).



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.

“East Meets West” Worship and Picnic

We're worshipping at First Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood 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).

Summer Choir School

It's our 47th year of offering children a fun summer experience combining joyful music with faith formation and community. The program runs from **August 19 to 23**, and is open to children who are currently in 2nd to 8th grade. Brochures are available in the Narthex, and you can register online at westside.org.

Little Learners Music Camp

Younger kids can enjoy summer music at West Side too. Children entering K-2nd grade are invited to join us for singing, Bible stories, crafts and more—**August 19 to 23**. Flyers are available in the Narthex, and you can register online at westside.org.

Men's Retreat

Save the date—**October 11 to 13**—for the Men's Retreat at the Warwick Conference Center. Each day will include group prayer, major teachings by Jim Taylor (a pastor and international leader in men's ministry), quiet time for reflection and small-group sharing. Please come with a willingness to participate in this deeply prayerful, soulful experience. Visit westside.org for more information and to sign up. Single and double rooms are available.

Please Note: The password for WSPC Guest WiFi is narthex1.

TODAY AT WEST SIDE

8:00 am—Little Lambs Child Care - Room 202	11:15 am—Prayer Circle - Chapel
8:15 am— Chapel Worship - Chapel	11:30 am—Sermon Talk Back - Chapel
9:00 am— Contemporary Worship - DePhillips Hall	11:30 am—Mission and Social Concerns Meeting - Serenity Room
9:00 am—Sunday School - Rooms 206 and 306	6:00 pm—Jina Choi Memorial Concert - Sanctuary
9:00 am—Faith and Life- Conference Room	6:00 pm—Music Ministry Task Force Meeting - Conference Room
9:45 am—Centering Prayer - West Side Room	6:00 pm—Men’s Council - Various Rooms
10:15 am— Traditional Worship - Sanctuary	
10:15 am—Sunday School - Rooms 206 and 306	

COMING UP AT WEST SIDE

- June 29 - Eva’s Village Service Opportunity** from 10:45 am to 1:30 pm
- June 30 - Deacons Serve at Eva’s Village** from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm
- July 4 - Office Closed for the 4th of July**
- July 5 - Summer Office Hours Begin** - 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Fridays
- July 10 - A Day at Camp Johnsonburg** for ages 6 to 11
- July 14 - Sunday Night Live** at the Barn
- July 27-August 3 - Youth Mission Trip** with Appalachia Service Project
- August 5 - Vacation Bible School** at First Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood
- August 11 - Worship and Picnic at First Presbyterian** starting at 10:00 am
- August 11 - Sunday Night Live** at the Barn
- August 19 -23 - Summer Choir School and Little Learners Music Camp**
- September 2 - Office Closed for Labor Day**
- September 8 - Homecoming Sunday**
- October 11-13 - Men’s Retreat** at Warwick Conference Center