

THE WESTLYAN

A Monthly Resource for our West Flint Community



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Roots & Blooms

A monthly thought from our pastors.

The Westlyan is a monthly collection of thoughts, events, and information for our West Flint community.

Points of reflection and conversation:

- Reflect: How have you grown in the seasons of your life? What are ways that you have seen new life, new growth personally?

- What habits, practices and things do you need to let go to help make room for new growth?

- What steps, actions, and disciplines can you incorporate in your life to cultivate new growth?

Spring is here - or at least it's trying. This time of year it's perhaps a little more challenging to enjoy the seasons and how loooong winter can sometimes feel (hey, we didn't really have winter until we got hit with a polar vortex and cyclone bomb). I think of fall (which is my favorite season). It's the perfect weather, the trees are beautiful, and it's that bit of enjoying outdoors before we enter into the winter months. Winter is gorgeous too, but it's also a reminder that there is a time for death, re-rooting, and new life.

In our seasonal rhythms, we are reminded of our own life, death, and rebirth (new growth) that we experience in our faith journey. We see it all around us this time of year. As nature emerges from its winter slumber, we start to hear birds chirping, roots and seeds buried all winter break through, and eventually, full bloom into new life.

We don't get here though without some care, preparation, and season of letting things go. We make sure roots, bulbs, and seeds are ready for the cold of winter. They are gone for a season - only to make way for new.

Yet it is not the end - their dying prepares for new life, new growth, and beauty to spring forth.

Sometimes we need to do the same in our lives. What habits, practices, and things do we need to let go so that we can begin to bloom into the new life God has for us?

Behold, He makes all things new.

- Pastor Josh



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Rhythms

Events and happenings at West Flint

Monthly

Men's Prayer Breakfast

April 6 // 8:00a

The first Saturday of every month.

South House Study

April 2 & 16 // 6:30p

A Bible study for young adults with a shared meal. All are welcome!

Address: 1122 South Dr. Flint, MI

District Assembly

April 14 // 6:00p

Check out emdnaz.org/calendar for more info.

Young Adult Lunch

April 14 // 12:30p

Our young adults enjoy a monthly lunch after church. Check the bulletin for this month's location.

Senior Adult Luncheon

April 17 // 11:30a

This is a monthly time to share a meal and grow together.

No Community Dinner

April 17

With our Holy Week rhythm, there will be no dinner this week.

Maundy Thursday

April 18 // 6:30p

A time together around the table, remembering the Last Supper.

Stations of the Cross

April 19 // 12:00-6:00p

Our chapel will be open and guides available for you to walk through the stations.

Easter Sunday

April 21

We will have our all-church breakfast together during Sunday class hour and celebrate Easter during our normal worship hour.

Youth Escape Room

April 26 // 6:00p

Contact Pastor Courtney for info!

Sports!

Men's and women's softball! Open gym basketball and volleyball! Check out the sign up sheets on the board by the office.

Coming Up

Flint 6k

May 4 // 9:00a

For more info: www.flint6k.run

Weekly

Sundays // 9:30a

- Adult & teen classes
- Kids Sunday School
- Nursery

Sundays // 10:45a

- Worship in chapel
- Kids Own Worship
- Club 56
- Nursery

Sundays // 6:00p

- Youth Group

Mondays // 6:30p

- Volleyball

Tuesdays // 1:00p

- Quilting Group

Wed. // 6:00p

- Community Dinner
- Childrens activities
- Youth Group (after dinner)

***Dates and events are subject to change
Print deadline is the third Monday**

Engagement Opportunities

Ways to get involved a serve in our community - locally and globally.

Glocal Initiatives

Flint 6k for Water

Saturday May 4 // 9:00a

Each race registration provides clean drinking water for one person in the developing world through World Vision. We also have local sponsors making a donation to the Flint Kids Fund. You can run or walk this route. Don't want to run? Volunteer to help at the event!

Contact: josh@westflintnazarene.org

East Side Mission

As Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to deliver East Side donations as they accumulate. Please see Ralph or Jan Close for details.

Randels Elementary

Volunteers to help during lunch hour - alternative recess classes and mentoring opportunities. If you have questions, contact Pastor Josh at josh@westflintnazerene.org

Monthly Prayer

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Social Justice, The Book of Common Prayer