

TRANSITIONS...A message from your President, Linda Ice

Happy April! Hopefully, we will begin to feel like spring is really upon us and the winter is past. One of the things I love most about Westside is, regardless of the weather, we are a committed community – rain, shine, warm or cold! That makes me very, very proud. I wish to thank the many of you who stand firm in your willingness to continue supporting Westside through your presence and participation.

We are delighted to welcome Reverend Mark Walz as our quarter time minister to carry us through the arrival of an accredited Interim Minister. Mark has asked me to share that he is available for conversation with members and friends in the congregation. He plans to be in Fort Worth every third Wednesday between the hours of 11:00 am and 5:00 pm and will also be available by appointment at other times as needed. He looks forward to getting to know us over these next several months. Mark can be reached at waltzact2@aol.com or by phone at 214-755-4315.

It is my belief that one of the best things we can do for ourselves over the next few months is to open our hearts and minds to the infinite possibilities of what the future holds for Westside as a church community and for us as individuals. We need to “think outside the box” and be creative in our dreams and desires. Be watching for some activities that will provide a venue for these conversations over the next several months.

I truly hope that as we participate in the many stewardship campaign activities you will consider just exactly what Westside means to you and plan to do all you are able, to ensure your financial commitment matches what you receive from Westside. We would like you to think about this “garden of generosity” for which we are all a part and consider the many ways you can contribute to Westside’s continued presence in Fort Worth and in your lives.

The Interim Task Force, led by Chair, Mark McMurry, will be submitting our application for an accredited Interim Minister this month and the interview and hiring process will follow beginning late April/early May. We feel that Westside is an attractive position with what we have been told is a sound salary package and we remain confident that we will be able to secure a qualified accredited interim, trained in the process of moving a church community forward and to the next level!

Until next time, I look forward to seeing you in and around Westside!