

# ***Living, Leading, and Learning Beyond The Walls***

*This document printed every other week will hold valuable information for you. Give you information about how you can live, lead, and learn about being disciples of Jesus beyond the walls of the church. Announcements of upcoming events, requests for funds, supplies, and volunteers, details and minutes from recent church meetings, small article with useful information, etc.*

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## **Volunteer Opportunities and Requests**

### **Free Fire Wood**

You pick up you haul away approx contact Pat at 503-524-4284



## **Church Groups**

### **"SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE"**

Do you have memories of going downtown to the Civic Center or Keller Auditorium to see the Christmas show "Singing Christmas Tree"? Would you like to do it again or better yet, go for the first time?

There is an opportunity to attend this Christmas 2010 season. Motions are in the works to reserve a block of tickets for all those members, their friends or family members to attend as a group. This show is enjoyed by all ages! This could be a special outing with a grandchild, invite a friend/neighbor, treat that special someone or make it a whole family activity.

But we will need to have your count of attendees by August 29<sup>th</sup>. Why so early? So that we can get the tickets without having to pay a handling fee!

If we can get a minimum of 40 people to go as a group, we would be able to charter a bus and still keep the cost low. The more people that attend, the lower the cost for transportation and tickets. We can then leave the driving/parking to someone else and enjoy being with our church family to celebrate listening to beautiful music to start the Christmas season.

Date and Time: Saturday, December 4, 2010, : 2:30 PM Matinee

Place: Keller Auditorium

Cost: Approximately \$28 or \$23 (includes bus transportation and ticket to show)

Any questions call Linda Bunga (503)524-5614 or Charlotte Jackson (503)524-7376



### **Save the Date for Church At Camp 2010**

The dates for Church at Camp are September 24-26, 2010 at Suttle Lake United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center (new location this year). I don't have any particulars at this time. However, we have reserved space for 36 people but more cabins are available if we need them. Save the dates! More info coming soon! Questions or to volunteer to help with camp contact Melanie Sedler at 503-643-9804.

## **Men's Group**

The men's group has taken a break for the summer. Our next meeting will be the first Monday after Labor Day Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am at the Village Inn. We will be continuing our study of James. We have a very good book, and the discussions are excellent.

Our men's group is going to try something different after the summer. We are going to begin meeting the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am in Wesley hall. Initially we will have coffee and rolls, but if the men want breakfast, we will do so. If the men want powerful speakers, we will do so.

The first meeting, because of Labor Day, is moved back a week, so in September we will be meeting on the Second Saturday of the month, (September 11<sup>th</sup>) just to defy establishment of tradition. The first Saturday is Labor Day Saturday, and by tradition, when the first Saturday is interfered with by a holiday, we will move the Saturday back a week. All men of the church are welcome to join this group. For more information contact Dan Gray at 503-372-9449

## **Around our Neighborhood, District, & Conference**

### **Care To Share School Supplies**

Care To Share will be assembling and delivering 700 school supply kits for needy Beaverton area elementary students on Tuesday, August 24th and Wednesday, the 25th, from 9:00 - noon.

We need 25 volunteers each day for this project. Anyone over age 10 is welcome. Teens can receive community service hours. For safety reasons, no one under age 11 can be on the premises. We will work at St. Matthew Lutheran Church 10390 SW Canyon Road, Beaverton. To volunteer please call Care To Share, 503-591-9079, ext. 3. Thank you.



### **Family event coming up at Suttle Lake camp**

New this year: an [August Family Camp](#) ( 8/16<sup>th</sup> - 8/20<sup>th</sup> ) at Suttle Lake so adults and kids can get away from it all. Get out of the heat and enjoy hiking, swimming, canoeing, inner-tubing, dog-paddling, or lounging with a good book. Sisters, with its quaint shops and great ice cream, is a short drive away, as is the head of the Metolius River (at Camp Sherman), and a great trail up Black Butte. Kids need to come with adults, but adults, you can come without kids. Singles are family too, of course! Jane and Daniel's welcome mat is out; come enjoy their hospitality before the big fall stress fest begins!

#### **While we're at it...**

If you'd like to get away and relax in Eastern Oregon, take a look at the three Kickin' Back camps coming up at Wallowa Lake. Do Your Own Thing! Meals will be provided but the rest of the time is yours to do as you please. Come by yourself, bring a friend, bring the family and enjoy the many activities available in Wallowa County.

[Kickin' Back I](#) Aug 15 - 20

[Kickin' Back II](#) Aug 22 - 27

[Kickin' Back III](#) Aug 29 - Sept 3

### **For we are no longer strangers**

Next Door Neighbors: ONSM Immigration Delegation, Saturday, August 28th, 2010, 8am - 5pm. Starting at Augustana Lutheran Church: 2710 NE 14th Ave, Portland, OR

Join fellow religious and lay leaders from area faith communities on a prayerful journey to learn more about the realities of immigration in our own community.

Together, we will:

- hear first-hand from local immigrants about their decisions to leave their homelands, their lives here in Oregon, and their hopes and dreams for their families and communities

- travel to agricultural migrant camps in the Portland metro-area to learn about the working conditions of immigrant workers
- explore the myths and realities behind the hard questions in the immigration debate, and look at what our different faith traditions can teach us on how to approach these questions
- meet with immigrant community leaders and organizations who are organizing for justice, dignity, and basic human rights
- reflect on how we, as allies and people of faith, can act in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters and transform our nation's broken immigration system

Following the delegation, participants will be supported and encouraged to host an educational dinner focused on immigration issues with members of their faith community. **Application deadline is August 9, 2010.**



### **Celebrate National Adoption Month and Orphan Sunday**

Bethany Christian Services is offering *complimentary* church bulletin inserts to recognize National Adoption Month and Orphan Sunday.

Celebrate National Adoption Month and Orphan Sunday with Bethany. Consider hosting an Orphan Sunday on November 7, or another Sunday in November, as part of National Adoption Month. For educational resources, videos, sermon ideas, and more, please visit [www.bethany.org/nam](http://www.bethany.org/nam).

To order church bulletin inserts, please visit [www.bethany.org/nam](http://www.bethany.org/nam) or call **866.355.7965**. Orders need to be placed by **Monday, September 13, 2010**.

### **Thoughts for the journey by Lowell Greathouse**

This past year, I participated in two experiences that took me to very unique settings in different parts of the world. In December, I went to the 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions in Melbourne, Australia, and in July I led a Volunteers in Mission team from First Church Portland to Manaus, Brazil in the Amazon Region. Both experiences were remarkable and enriching. There is something wonderful about exploring the religious traditions of the world....and there is something equally wonderful about being in service and learning with people in a different cultural setting. Our world is truly amazing!

The framework for the Parliament in Australia was "Make a World of Difference: Hearing Each Other, Healing the Earth." Thousands of people from around the globe came together in one place, with literally hundreds of faith traditions present, to share their wisdom about what it means to be a human being. There were over 600 distinct sessions that began each morning with a variety of religious observances and ended late at night in word, song, and blessing. Where else in the world could you participate in Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Jain, Muslim, Sikh, and various indigenous faith traditions in a single week? While there we watched as the Dalai Lama monks created their sand mandala throughout the week, listened to sacred music from around the world, and heard leading faith leaders speak about the issues of our day.

This experience reminded me of something I heard some time ago: "Whenever you see a judgment welling up inside you, replace it with a sense of curiosity." There is much to be curious about in our world, even as we seek to be faithful to our own religious experience. And...there are lots of opportunities to explore the many faith traditions of the world right here in Portland through Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, the Interfaith Council of Greater Portland, and the Inter-religious Action Network in Washington County, among others. Like many other churches, First Church Portland has confirmation students take field trips to experience other faith traditions. Without exception, the students feel this is one of the best parts of their experience, because it gives them the opportunity to clarify their own sense of faith. This is a constant part of the journey we all embark on....and something that is fundamental to young people's global context today.

The second experience in the Amazon I am still processing, since I just returned from Brazil. For those who have participated in a Volunteers in Mission experience, you know that you receive as much as you share. Our team constructed the walls of a 33 x 70 foot church, painted another church facility, and coordinated Vacation Bible Schools on an island in the Amazon and in a poor, urban setting in Manaus. We worked, shared, and learned....and became different people as a result.

It is my hope that as we work with one another in the coming months we will build bridges together of learning and serving. I invite you to join me on this journey...and in the process I hope you will share how learning and serving are informing your own journey as well.

Blessings, Lowell Greathouse, Assistant to the Bishop, Metro District

### **Kits Needed for West Depot, Salt Lake City**

Friendly reminder: Metro area churches are reminded to gather your Health, Layette, and Birthing Kits, and make arrangements for them to be gathered in preparation for delivery. You can call Donna Waltman at 503-622-3226, or email [dgwaltman@juno.com](mailto:dgwaltman@juno.com)

We already have more than 70 kits from seven churches! These will be transported by the Waltmans to Salt Lake City's West Depot of UMCOR in August. It doesn't matter if the kits are whole or in part, they will be assembled and shipped from the depot.

Also, remember it takes about \$1.00 per kit to ship them. Your funds can be sent to through your church treasurer to " UMCOR West Depot, 147S 700 W, Salt Lake City, UT 84104, or if you need information phone Director Brian Diggs, 801-973-7250. There is immediate need for the kits since Haiti is now in its rainy season, and they are especially useful. Thank you.

### **Local Church Conferences to Have New Look**

Each Fall we have gathered in our local churches for the All-Church Conference, at which time reports about the state of our congregation were received and a program of information/education/inspiration was offered to the entire congregation.

This year, as part of the Conference-wide shift to focusing on creating healthy, vital congregations, we will be doing the Fall conferences differently.

The business aspect will be handled as a charge conference. The membership of the charge conference is all members of the Church Council/Ad Board, together with any retired or extension ministers or others who hold their charge conference with that congregation. (2008 Book of Discipline, ¶ 246.2)

The required list of reports has been streamlined, and churches will receive this new list in the coming weeks. A designated elder will preside in place of the District Superintendent, and all conferences will be scheduled between mid-October and mid-November. They can even take place at the regular meeting time of the Church Council or Ad Board.

This approach will free up time for the church leadership to meet one-on-one with the Metro District Assistant to the Bishop, Rev. Lowell Greathouse, at another time to discuss the mission and future vision of your congregation. These visits will be scheduled beginning in September and go into the winter. The district office will be in conversation with clergy and church leadership of each congregation to schedule these meetings. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Barbara or Lowell at the Metro District office, 503-249-1851.

### **Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger August 11**

MEETING OF THE OREGON FAITH ROUNDTABLE AGAINST HUNGER - PORTLAND METRO

The Oregon Hunger Task Force presents its 5-Year Plan to End Hunger in Oregon: **Wednesday August 11 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Location: TaborSpace (in Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church), 55th and SE Belmont, Portland, OR 97215

Ending Hunger Before it Begins: Oregon's Call to Action is designed to guide Oregon's collective efforts over the next five years to make sure all Oregonians can put healthy food on their tables every day. Your actions will have a measurable impact. Come early and order coffee!

WHAT CAN JUST ONE PERSON DO? A personally-handwritten letter matters. Constituents matter. Having all your friends write MATTERS! Emily Georges Gottfried, Executive Director

## **Golfing for Jesus**

The Newberg United Methodist Men's group is hosting their 5th annual golf scramble on Sunday afternoon, August 29, 2010. This is intended as a fun, social event and proceeds support the church and local charities. They invite your church to field a team and join the fun.

Men, women, and youth are all welcome. For full details, contact Russ Sprunger of the Newberg UMM Golf Committee at 503-320-3356 or [russ@TheSprungers.com](mailto:russ@TheSprungers.com).



## **Around our Nation and the World**

### **Nothing But Nets a Hit at Boy Scout Jamboree**

The United Methodist Church had a strong presence at the two-week-long National Boy Scout Jamboree in Bowling Green, VA, telling some of the 48,000 participants about its Scouting programs and the Nothing But Nets anti-malaria partnership. "There's a tremendous interest in Nothing But Nets and our Strength for Service program," said Gil Hanke, top executive for United Methodist Men. "We have 12 people on staff who work four hour shifts," added Larry Coppock, director of Scouting Ministries for the organization, "plus 18 United Methodist chaplains at the Jamboree."

To celebrate its 100th anniversary, the Boy Scouts established its first-ever international Good Turn Project, and this year it will be [Nothing But Nets](#). That means that individual and troop projects will focus on educating the public on how to eradicate malaria. For their efforts, a special patch - bearing the United Methodist cross, as well as an angry mosquito - will be awarded. (*UMNS 7-30*)

### **Pakistan: Worst Flooding On Record; 2 Million Affected**

At least 1,200 people have died and 2 million have been displaced from their homes by the most severe flooding on record in northwest Pakistan. Tens of thousands of people remained isolated on rooftops awaiting rescue on Monday, as flood waters destroyed bridges and roads, according to news reports. Government buildings, businesses, thousands of acres of crops, and at least 29,500 homes have been completely destroyed by the floods that followed on the heels of extremely heavy monsoon rains that particularly affected Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province.

Additional rain is expected this week, which could provoke more flooding and increase fears of the spread of waterborne illnesses such as cholera. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is reaching out to partners in Pakistan, including Church World Service, Muslim Aid, and the Peshawar Diocese of the Church of Pakistan, and preparing an initial grant to assist in relief efforts.

"We are praying for the people who have lost loved ones, are left without homes and livelihoods, and for those who are trapped and waiting for food and clean water," said the Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey, UMCOR's top executive. "UMCOR is committed to addressing their needs and especially reaching out to those who are most vulnerable."

Please support UMCOR's response to the crisis in Pakistan with your gift to International Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #982450 through your local church. Please write Pakistan Emergency on the memo line of your check. (*UMCOR Hotline 8-3*)

### **Zimbabwe: School Kits To Reach Children**

School kits will reach Zimbabwean children, who are anxious to learn, thanks to an United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) grant that will facilitate the distribution by the United Methodist Church of Zimbabwe.

Some 400 school kits, consisting of writing pads, pencils, sharpener, ruler, and other supplies, were distributed in rural Mutumbami, in eastern Zimbabwe, last July to the cheers of the children who received them.

Zimbabwe continues to experience scarcity, and poverty is widespread. Your gift to Zimbabwe Emergency, UMCOR Advance #199456 supports projects like this one. (*UMCOR Hotline*)

## **Coming events**

### **Mark your calendars**

**August 9th** – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting – Rm 208

**August 10th** – 9:00 am – Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels

**August 10** – 7:00 pm – Church Chicks Meeting – Wesley Hall – All women invited to attend

**August 15** – After worship service – All church potluck – Wesley hall

**August 16th** – 7:00 pm – Church Council – Wesley Chapel

**August 23** – 7:00 pm – Outreach Committee Meeting – Room 208

**August 24** – 7:00 pm – Church Chicks meeting – Fireside room – All women invited to attend.

**August 26** – 6:00 pm – Faith Café Free Hot meal – Wesley Hall