

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

*This document printed every 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 3 cords. Contact Pat at 503-524-4284

### **Church Food Pantry**

The pantry is pretty well supplied at the moment; however, we could use cans of green beans for the pantry. Also a reminder that all food donated to the pantry must be in its original packaging and not expired. We cannot hand out any food that has been re-packaged or that is expired. Thank you all for your wonderful support of this great ministry of our church. There are many hungry, grateful families who benefit from your generosity. If you would like to volunteer in the food pantry or want more information about donations please contact Marlene McCormick. 503-292-3958.

### **Child Care Volunteers Wanted!**

There are some cute babies and toddlers in Beaverton School District's Continuing Education for Young Parents (CEYP) program that would love some extra cuddling. Volunteers are needed to help care for these babies for 2 ½ to 3 hours one morning or afternoon each week, or as substitutes. The child center is located at Merlo Station High School where their teen moms and dads attend high school. Please call Kate Richman at 503-297-3861, or email at katerh@comcast.net if you are interested. Thanks.

### **Faith Café Tonight!**

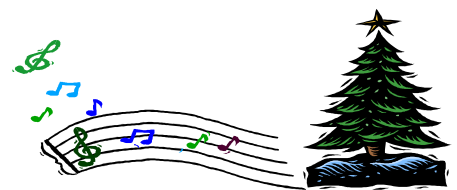
Tonight August 15<sup>th</sup> is our church's turn to cook and serve the meal for Faith Café. Consider volunteering to set up, cook, serve, or clean up for this wonderful outreach project at our church. An average of 100 meals are served each week to anyone hungry for food or fellowship. If you would like to volunteer please come at 3:30 for the cooking crew (must have a food handlers card), 4:30 for the set up crew, 5:30 for the serving crew, 6:30 for the clean up crew. Any and all volunteers are welcome. A great activity for the whole family!



## **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.



### **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.

### **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**

### **United Methodist Afghan Expert Killed in Massacre**

*by Elliott Wright, General Board of Global Ministries (Dan Jantzen photo)*

New York, NY, August 8, 2010--A United Methodist layman who devoted his life to the people of Afghanistan was among the 10 persons killed on August 6 as the group returned to the city of Kabul from an eyecare camp in a remote northeast part of the country.

Daniel Terry, 64, had been in Afghanistan for 40 years, more than 30 of those under the auspices of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. He and his wife, Seija, raised their three girls there and called Afghanistan home.

"It is almost beyond belief that Dan Terry would be murdered in Afghanistan," said Thomas Kemper, chief executive of Global Ministries. "He loved the country with a passion and worked tirelessly on behalf of its most marginalized communities. He was fluent in multiple regional languages and was expert in helping the staff of international nonprofit organizations understand and respect the culture."

Those killed included six Americans, two Afghans, one German and one doctor from the United Kingdom.

Terry was supported by Global Ministries and seconded for community development work to other international organizations with operations in Afghanistan.

Initial reports indicate that the group had completed an eye camp in the Parun valley of Nuristan province organized by the International Assistance Mission, an ecumenical organization engaged in health and relief work in Afghanistan. Parun is an extremely remote area, where access requires hiking over rough, mountainous terrain. After completing their work, the group decided to return by way of Badakhshan province, which was considered safer. According to an IAM spokesman quoted by the Associated Press, this is where the attack took place.

Terry's presence on the team would not have been unusual. Not only was he highly skilled in the



logistics of relief, he was also a master mechanic and language interpreter.

"Dan's work related broadly to non-profit relief and medical organizations in Afghanistan," according to the Rev. Bruce Griffith, a friend of Terry and executive with Global Ministries. "He was a United Methodist gift to the humanitarian cause in a country that has known bloodshed and pain for decades. He represented hope, peace, justice, and compassion."

Media reports stated that the Taliban claimed responsibility for the massacre, alleging that the relief group was made up of missionaries trying to convert Muslims to Christianity. The Associated Press quoted Taliban sources as claiming that the group was attacked because it was "spying for the Americans" and "preaching Christianity."

While self-identified as a Christian organization, International Assistance Mission engages in no *proselytization and quickly denied the Taliban charges.*

Dan Terry grew up in India, having arrived there with his parents from the United States when he was two years old. From a Kansas family, he was born in Pennsylvania in 1946. In his early years, the family traveled extensively in India and Pakistan, and drove overland to Europe, passing through Afghanistan several times. Young Daniel fell in love with the country and moved there in the early 1970s. His father was involved in humanitarian work in Afghanistan from 1972 through 1985.

Dan's first work through Global Ministries was in logistics and construction work for a rural health project in central Afghanistan. His wife, Seija, is a nurse from Finland who went to Afghanistan in 1972. The couple married in 1976 and did graduate work in the United States, returning to Afghanistan in 1980. During the last 30 years, Dan continued to provide logistical support in community health and development projects in some of the poorest and most remote regions of the country.

The Terrys and their family survived the Soviet invasion, the harsh rule of the Taliban, and the years of violence that have gripped the country since 2001.

Periodically, the Terrys traveled to the US where Dan, on behalf of the General Board of Global Ministries, would speak about humanitarian causes and peoples' lives in Afghanistan. His warm, affable manner made him a popular speaker, and he became a favorite of a large group of congregations, particularly in Florida.

Terry is survived by his wife, three adult daughters, and one grandchild. Details for a memorial service are unavailable at this time.

### **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 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.

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 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

**September 8** – 10:00 am – Ruth Fellowship – Fireside room

**September 11** – 9:00 am – Men’s Meeting – Wesley Hall

**September 13** – 7:00 pm – Finance Committee meeting – Rm 208

**September 14** – 7:00 pm – Church Chicks – Fireside room

**September 20** – 7:00 pm – Church Council – Wesley Chapel

**September 22** – 10:00 am – Quilts and Crafts – Fireside rm

**September 24 – 26** – Church at Camp Suttle Lake

**September 27** – 7:00 pm – Outreach Committee – Rm 208

**September 30** – 6:00 pm Faith Café Free Hot meal – Wesley Hall

**October 2** – 9:00 am – Men’s Meeting – Wesley Hall