

Wasn't Easter Great?!



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I love Easter! Wasn't the flowering cross stunning?

—so beautiful! The surprising tones of that trumpet played by Kurt Muramatsu brought us all to attention. The choir's introit and the call to worship helped us to focus on our time of worship. I could go on through the rest of the service with



congregational singing and special music, a full sanctuary, the children, the pictures on the screen, the prayer time, the scripture, and the rest of the service. I love Easter! I'll let you in on a secret: Easter isn't over! The stores may have their "after Easter"

sales, but for Christians, Easter Sunday is only the beginning of this season we call Easter—these 50 days before Pentecost. We may be through with bunny displays and Easter candies, but we are just beginning to explore what it means to live in a post resurrection world.

We'll begin by looking at the Emmaus Road story as we celebrate Holy Communion the first of May. Let's continue this Easter journey together.

Pastor Rinya

The Witness

Communion Set & Wireless Microphone

The new communion set and the new wireless microphone was purchased using Memorial funds from: Calhoun Memorial, Margaret Lee Memorial, Prusia Memorial, Sanchez Memorial & Sorenson Memorial



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With wings of faith, you can rise and soar!

Native American Ministries Sunday

May 8 is Native American Ministries Sunday. 50% of this special offering will stay in the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to develop and strengthen Native American Ministries here. The other 50% provides scholarships for Native Americans attending

United Methodist schools of theology and other schools approved by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Like many of our special offerings when we pool our gifts with the

gifts of other United Methodist Churches we can make a big difference in the lives of so many. I urge you to come to church on May 8th prepared to give generously to this special offering.

Pastor Rinya



Pictures from Camp Sunday, Easter Breakfast, Easter Worship, and Easter Dinner at Faith Café.

Ruth Fellowship and Quilts and Crafts

Ruth Fellowship meeting will be May 11th, 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Program will be presented by Wyn Ward. Hostesses: Pat Tervooren and Wyn

Ward. Devotions: Karleen Johnson. Bring a sandwich for lunch. All women of the church are welcome. Quilts and Crafts will meet on May 25th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside

Room. Contact June Reed 503-646-8079 for craft group information and Karleen Johnson 503-646-5882 for quilt group information.

Thank You

I wanted to say thank you and let you know how much my husband and I appreciate you all. I recently received a food box and you don't know how relieved we felt

that we could eat. Thank you again. (From a Care to Share food box family.)



Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center

Matthew 25:38-40. When did we see you a stranger and invited you in, or needing clothes and clothed you? When did we see you sick or in prison and visited you?

About 15,000 Hispanics presently live in Beaverton and, although most are U.S. citizens and adjusted to the way of life here, many are new immigrants and have special needs which demand orientation and guidance. The Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center was formed, with strong support of the United Methodist Conference leadership. It opened in November 2010. Our mission is to address some of the needs of this growing

population. In just over four months, the Center has assisted more than 1000 Hispanic families. We help them navigate the difficulties presented to them in a strange land. Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center provides referral assistance to those needing food, clothing, child care, housing, and immigration assistance. It also translates and interprets to and from English and Spanish.

Two Examples:

One couple came to the Center seeking translation assistance. Their apartment manager had handed them a form in English which they didn't understand. We were able to translate it for them and ascertain that they had not paid their previous month's rent and as a result would soon be evicted. On their behalf, the manager was called and it was arranged that they could continue living in the apartment if they would pay an additional amount each month to make up for the one month they couldn't afford to pay.

Another person who recently arrived in the area from Mexico came to the Resource Center seeking help on finding affordable housing, food, clothing, and child care. The Center was able to supply some of these needs and was successful in finding affordable child care before and after school at a place located only three blocks from their home.

Our Beaverton Church is doing excellent work supporting this extraordinary mission. Recently a very complimentary article about our church's work was published on the Oregon-Idaho Conference website: <http://umoi.org/news/detail/6>. (Juanita Villarreal, Director, Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center)



Church Food Pantry

During the month of March we helped 33 families consisting of 70 hungry people. Donations were received totaling 231 pounds of food. We are currently in need of canned black beans, powdered milk, and baking mix (similar to Bisquick).

Help!! I am desperately in need

of someone who is computer literate, has access to the internet, and is willing to learn the program to order food from the Oregon Food Bank for our pantry's use. It is not a difficult program; however it is essential to the operation of our food pantry. If you are willing to learn, please

call me at 503-292-3958. At this time, I am the only person in the church who can use the program. (Marlene McCormick, Food Pantry Coordinator)



The Situation

In Washington, DC, at a Metro Station, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time, approximately 2,000 people went through the station, most of them on their way to work. After about 3 minutes, a middle-aged man noticed that there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds, and then he hurried on to meet his schedule.

About 4 minutes later: The violinist received his first dollar. A woman threw money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

At 6 minutes: A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

At 10 minutes: A 3-year old boy stopped, but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed

hard and the child continued to walk, turning his head the whole time. This action was repeated by several other children, but every parent, without exception, forced their children to move on quickly.

At 45 minutes: The musician played continuously. Only six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of \$32.

After 1 hour: He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. There was no recognition at all.

No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold-out a theater in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each to sit and listen to him

play the same music.

This is a true story. Joshua Bell, playing incognito in the D.C. Metro Station, was organized by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities.

This experiment raised several questions:

*In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty?

*If so, do we stop to appreciate it?

....*Do we recognize talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the

best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made, how many other things are we missing as we rush through life?



Reception for Ron and Cathy Whitlatch

Please join us after worship on Sunday May 15th in Wesley Hall for a finger food reception for Ron and Cathy Whitlatch. Ron and Cathy joined us in the winter of 2008 and since then have been pivotal in the development of the Hispanic Resource Center, have spoken at a number of church events, filled in when a pastoral

presence was needed, participated in church fundraisers, and became our friends.

Ron and Cathy will be moving to New York in early June. Donations will go to Missionary Support. Please plan to attend and send them off in style!



Magruder Dock Update

During winter storms this year, unforeseen damage was done to Camp Magruder's boat dock. The boat dock is now damaged beyond repair rendering it nearly useless and a serious safety hazard for campers this season. Our "patch" this spring has been to run boating off of the swim dock, but with warmer weather

and the return of swimming that won't be a realistic fix much longer. Our camping programs will be severely limited during waterfront times due to our inability to run swimming and boating at the same time. The swim dock is just not big enough to accommodate multiple activities safely.

The estimate has come in and to

purchase a new and much safer dock we need to raise about \$37,000. This price includes the parts and labor to complete the project. This new dock will reflect the set up of our current boat dock with the stability and care-free maintenance of our current swim dock. The new dock will allow for more boats to be utilized at one time as well as our boats staying in better shape throughout the year. Please consider supporting this special ministry. For questions or concerns please contact Amy Wood program@campmagruder.org) or Steve Ramage (director@campmagruder.org) at Camp Magruder (503) 355-2310.

Thanks- Amy Wood Program Service



Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes

Tuesday, May 10th will be our church's day to volunteer for this Outreach Program at Elsie Stuhr Senior Center. Kitchen crew should be at the Center at 9:30 a.m. Drivers should be at the Center at 10:00 a.m. Contact Pat Tervooren, 503-644-7475.

May 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café	2	3	4	5	6	7 1st Day of Art Court and Farmer's Market
8 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship/ Native American Ministries Sunday 6:00 pm Faith Café	9 7:00 am Men's Meeting – Village Inn 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	10 Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels	11 10:00 am Ruth Fellowship 7:30 pm Te Deum Choir Practice	12 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	13	14 9:00 am Men's Meeting
15 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 am Worship/ Ron & Cathy Whitlatch Reception 6:00 pm Faith Café	16 7:00 am Men's Meeting – Village Inn 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting	17	18 7:30 pm Te Deum Choir Practice	19 7:00 pm Church Council	20	21
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Happy Anniversary To:
5/14/1960 Dave & Edie Flaming

5/25/2003
Doug & Juanita Villarreal Hoffman

5/28/1989 Eric & Ellen Kingstad

Happy Birthday To:

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| 5-1 Allison Johnson | 5-21 Robert Arneson |
| 5-2 Ruth Spielman | 5-23 George Scott |
| 5-3 Mary Ann Axelson | 5-24 Mikaelyn Blanding |
| 5-5 Marjorie Garbo | 5-26 Brian Warner |
| 5-6 Ted Bunga | 5-26 Alfred Jlay |
| 5-12 Judy Hook | 5-26 Jonathan Kleene |
| 5-16 David Flaming | 5-27 Erika Kurschner |
| 5-16 Joseph Abruzzo | 5-27 Alex Kurschner |
| 5-17 Jack Cone | 5-30 Liz Smith |
| 5-20 Gina Rizk | 5-30 Nina Takahashi |
| | 5-31 Erika Nathanielsz-Bowden |

Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they know you

UMCOR: New Funding for Japan, Haiti, & Pakistan

Excerpts from "Setting a Vision" gbgm-umc.org By Linda Unger

During its semiannual board of directors meeting in April 2011, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) approved significant funding to confront emergencies in Japan, Haiti, and Pakistan, and also advanced the process of defining a new vision for the organization.

In addition to the emergency funding, the board of directors approved a large grant to cover projects in the emerging nation of South Sudan, and also freed up funds for use by the annual conferences of Louisiana and Mississippi so that they might continue helping Hurricane Katrina survivors who are still struggling to rebuild their homes.

Setting up a later discussion on strategic planning, Bishop Janice Huie, president of the UMCOR board said, "We've come to the place where, in order to bear fruit, there are some parts of the vine, as Jesus said, that need to be snipped away. I know how hard it is to do that with a plant; it's much more difficult when it comes to the wonderful things the church is engaged in but which may diffuse our focus."

UMCOR staff reports to the board would reveal "a good deal of fruit-bearing," Huie assured the directors, but they also would reveal "places that may need to be pruned in order that the whole vine might bear more fruit. All of that, at least according to Jesus, is a work of love."

Grants approved: Japan

Perhaps the most important area of focus for the 19 directors was that related to disaster response.

They approved a grant in the amount of \$150,000 for Japan recovery, the largest single amount UMCOR has granted for this purpose since a massive 9.0-magnitude earthquake, a terrifying tsunami, and the risk of nuclear disaster, which is ongoing, struck that country on

March 11.

Generous donors had contributed more than \$1.6 million for this emergency. UMCOR is working with partners Global Medic, United Church of Christ in Japan, Church World Service, and other partners in Japan to help bring relief to people who still are not out of danger.

The \$150,000 is granted to the Asian Rural Institute (ARI), a longtime UMCOR partner. ARI trains farmers and others in sustainable agriculture techniques. The organization's buildings were severely damaged in the quake, impeding the start of classes this spring.

Haiti

UMCOR directors approved three grants for Haiti, which together total more than \$638,000.

The largest sum, \$300,000, goes to IMA World Health, for a pilot project to establish a decentralized, integrated, community-driven health and development program in the Grand Riviere de Nord/Bahon area, a rural area far from the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Decentralizing health care is a priority of the Haitian government since the January 2010 earthquake drove many survivors from the capital. "It is important to create a system of medical access and referral—to bring health care to the people where they are," Crutchfield said.

UMCOR will sponsor a health meeting in Port-au-Prince in early May, bringing together partners in the field with the aim to develop a long-term health strategy in post-earthquake Haiti.

At about the same time, UMCOR will also call together potential partners in the areas of water and reconstruction for two separate forums in Haiti. The upshot of the meetings will be to develop a holistic pilot project in two villages that would benefit 40 families.

At the board meeting, directors also approved the release of up to \$1.2 million dollars for repairs to New College Bird, a highly regarded

Methodist school that suffered damage to a number of its buildings. Some of the buildings are national historic sites and will need to be repaired or strengthened according to their original architectural plans. New structures will also be built to replace buildings that were destroyed in the earthquake.

Pakistan and Sudan

The directors also agreed to release the balance of funds that were contributed for relief efforts following historic flooding in Pakistan last year. Some \$400,000 will be disbursed to UMCOR partner Church World Service in Pakistan to develop health services, livelihoods recovery, and food security programs.

In Africa, UMCOR has been preparing for South Sudan independence, which will take effect July 9. Directors voted to provide \$250,000 to continue programs the organization has run for about five years in two locales in what will be South Sudan. The funds also will allow the organization to open a national office in the new country's capital, Juba, where other relief, donor, and United Nations organizations will also be headquartered.

Programming will continue in the South Darfur region of Sudan, as will the related Sudan HQ field office in Khartoum. But the South will face many challenges, including the ongoing return to the new nation of Southern Sudanese from Sudan.

South Sudan is severely lacking in infrastructure and has abysmally low social-economic indicators: only 15 percent of adults are literate and only 2 percent have completed primary school. About 73 percent of Southern Sudanese live on less than \$22 US per month.

To contribute to this work with your gifts to International Disaster Response, UMCOR Advance #982450.

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Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

*Open your heart....Open it wide;
Someone is standing outside.*



Rummage Sale Coming SOON!

The sale will be held June 10th and 11th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Wesley Hall. Set-up will be the week of June 6th – June 9th. We will need many volunteers to set-up, work the sale, and clean-up. You may start bringing your salable* items now! Please bring items to the church from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.,

Monday through Thursday. Or call Juanita Villarreal at 503-290-9803 to arrange a time to drop things off in the evening. CUT OFF DATE for bringing rummage will be June 8th at 5:00 p.m. NO RUMMAGE will be ACCEPTED ON THE DAYS OF THE SALE.

*Salable items include usable furniture, clothing, shoes, towels, bedding, kitchen items, electrical appliances and small TV's. We will not accept console tele-



vision sets. **Salable items do not include items that are dirty, stained, torn, or broken.**

If you need help getting large items to the church, please contact the church office at 503-646-

7107, Rummage Sale Coordinator Juanita Villarreal at 503-290-9803 or e-mail to juanitafvillarreal@gmail.com.

Many thanks from the Finance Committee!