

From Pastor Rinya



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The Witness

It doesn't seem like it was very long ago that I was writing my first newsletter article for the Witness. Back then I told you that these few months we would have to work together would be exciting—in fact I used the metaphor of our time together as a white water rafting trip. I invited you to strap on your life jackets, pick up your paddles, and climb aboard. I challenged you to get involved and work with me in this exciting, challenging adventure, and many of you did! The time has flown by. We have worked together, communicated, and paddled hard!

I have enjoyed these last few months! Thank you for working with me—for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you for being patient with me and with the process when it seemed that things weren't moving fast enough—or when you felt things were changing too rapidly or not in ways of your choosing.

I encourage you to continue to be

involved—to continue to “paddle” as The Rev. Kathy Boyes takes the helm. Continue to work at communicating. Grow in your faith and in your relationships with each other. I know that you have many adventures in store for you—many that you cannot yet imagine!



*From Ephesians 3:20 The Message—
God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! God does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, God's Spirit deeply and*

gently within us.

My prayer for you, Beaverton First United Methodist Church, is that you continue to allow God's Spirit to work within you.

Blessings! *Rinya*

When Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference Appointments change, July 1, 2011, The Rev. Rinya Frisbie will serve First United Methodist Church in Albany, Oregon, as a Transitional Interim Ministry Specialist (TIMS), and The Rev. Kathy Boyes will serve Beaverton First United Methodist Church as your pastor.

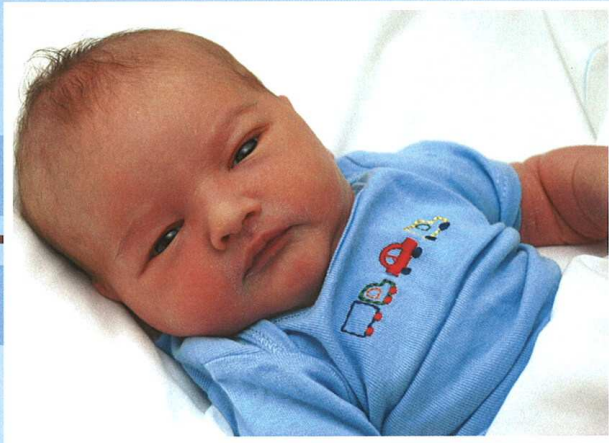
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"You and I are the only bank account that Jesus has to carry out his mission in the world. I get tired of hearing people ask, 'How can a loving God let innocent children suffer and starve?' God doesn't; God's people do. A disciple chooses to follow Jesus in living more simply so that others may simply live." -- Mike Slaughter, *Change the World*

Camp Magruder Temporary Dock Repair

A big thank you goes out on behalf of the Camp Magruder staff and future Magruder campers to Tom Reikart, son of Cleo Reikart of Oak Grove UMC. He was able to come out to camp at the end of May to create a custom crib with 4 new inflated barrels attached to that under our boat dock. While this fix is great, it is only temporary and ultimately we will need a new dock. We are still accepting donations to the Camp Magruder boat dock fund and need about \$30,000. Thank you a million to Tom and all the dock donors so far! (Amy Wood)



Jacob Emery

Birth in the Congregation

Jacob Emery Rosenbaum was born on June 5, 2011, weighing 7# 15oz. and 20-3/4" in length. Congratulations to his parents, Jim and Chondra Rosenbaum. We look forward to meeting this new little person in the near future.

Our Church collected \$2412.95 for UMCOR Spring Storm Relief to help those devastated by the spring storms in the mid west. Thank you for your generosity.

Meals on Wheels/Loaves and Fishes

Tuesday, July 12th 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.

*"Success is not
the key to
happiness.
Happiness is the
key to success."*

Rummage Sale Report

What an enjoyable week that was (June 6 – 11, 2011). I worked with the ever faithful, congenial ladies of our church in preparing for the Friday and Saturday rummage sale. I also had the opportunity to work side-by-side with Jack Wiley and Ted Bunga in setting up the Men's Department. We opened boxes to find all sorts of surprises. Just like opening Christmas packages. What fun! And I enjoyed the ladies looking after me, making sure I did not over-exert myself by lifting or carrying heavy loads. We joked, laughed, and kidded

each other and had a ball in doing so. To me this is having fellowship.

I thank the men who spent Wednesday evening picking up a large divan and love seat from a family moving out of state, and delivering the furniture to the rummage sale. Thanks also to those who came Saturday afternoon to help clean up after the sale. We were able to donate and load every unsold item in a van, which left the church free of clutter.

The rummage sale brought in

\$2,451.52 to be applied against the church budget.

Our next rummage sale will be October 20-21, 2011. I'm looking forward to it. I invite you to come out then and enjoy the fun.

On behalf of the Church Finance Committee, thank you to everyone for making this such a successful event, financially and spiritually. (Ivan McCormick)

*With wings of faith,
you can rise and soar.*



Some of the many Volunteers who helped make the Rummage sale such a success



Thank you to all the volunteers who help make this newsletter possible. Marlene McCormick for her amazing editing and proofing. Anna Pugh for helping organize the volunteers. And many thanks to the many, many, many, volunteers who come in each month to assemble, fold, and hand out the newsletters on Sunday mornings! Thank you all. It would not be possible without all your help!!
~Carin

Donations Needed for UMCOR West

The Metro District Volunteers in Mission Team, which is traveling to the West Depot in Salt Lake City from August 28 to September 3, 2011, is looking for donations of fabric, buttons, thread, and sewing needles. These materials will be used for relief and school kits. Fabric should be 3 yard lengths of cotton or cotton blend (please, no holiday themes). Buttons must be bigger than a dime in size; send 5-8 matching buttons (either packaged or strung on thread). Thread should be new spools (medium or large). Cash donations are appreciated and will be used to purchase supplies in bulk. All donations need to be in by August 21st.

If you are donating supplies, please send or deliver them to Portland First UMC by Aug 21st (at 1838 SW Jefferson St, Portland, OR 97201 Attn: UMVIM Salt Lake City).

If you are donating money, please make checks payable to Metro District, with "UMVIM SLC trip" in the memo line and send it to: Metro District Office, Metro District Office, 1505 SW 18th Ave, Portland, OR 97201-2524 by Aug 21st. For more information, contact Lowell at (503) 249-1851.

Thank you for your generosity! UMVIM Team members Lowell Greathouse, coordinator

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor. Thank you for your kind and generous gifts. Thank you for stepping up to participate in the life and ministry of the church.

*Blessings!
Rinya*

*Thank you to Neal Haines for Providing this picture of the outside of our church building. This picture will be featured on the Conference web site.
www.umi.org*



Hospitality Committee

A new committee has been formed under the leadership of Pastor Rinya Frisbie. The Radical Hospitality and Fellowship Committee (*Planning for Radical Hospitality & Intentional Fellowship and Relationship Building*)

Members of the committee are Linda Bunga, June Reed, Maxine Zerba, Anna Pugh, and Charlotte Jackson.

The committee is a work in progress. One of our first projects will be developing greeters to serve before and after church. To serve as a greeter, you will need to arrive at 10:00 am and stay a few minutes after church at the doors when worshippers leave; inviting them back and/or wishing them a great week. We will have two greeters at the front door and one at the east door. We will be contacting members per-

sonally asking them to serve as a greeter. Greeters should represent our congregation...Mature, Young, Men, Women, Families, Children...

If you would like more information about being a greeter, please let Linda, June, Maxine, Anna, or Charlotte know.

You can also contact the church office. 503-646-7107



Thank you to all the music groups that provided a wonderful worship experience on music Sunday in June.

*Worry is pulling
tomorrow's clouds
over today's sunshine.*

Deaths in the Congregation

Sincere condolences go out to the families who lost loved ones in June.

Ruth Spielman, mother of Joan Goldhammer, passed away June 4, 2011 after a long illness. Her memorial service was held at Maryville Nursing Home on June 18, 2011.

Pat Opdycke, wife of Jim Opdycke, passed away on June 6, 2011 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Her memorial service was held at Farmington Square Care Center.

Helen Hutchisen mother of Shirley Pease passed away on June 6, at the age of 102. Memorial service was held later in the month

Herb Roehr, husband of Chong Roehr passed away on June 25th at the age of 85. A funeral service was held on June 27th at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

In this time of loss our prayers are with all the families in our congregation dealing with grief over the loss of mothers, spouses, and friends. May you feel the love of your church family surround you during this time.

July 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 10:30 am Worship/ Music Sunday 6:00 pm Faith Café	4 <i>Independence Day Church office closed</i>	5 <i>Welcome to Pastor Kathy Boyes</i>	6	7 7:00 Education Committee	8	9
10 10:30 am Worship/ After worship welcome reception for Rev. Boyes 6:00 pm Faith Café	11 2:00 pm Hospi- tality Committee meeting 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	12 Loaves and Fishes/Meals on Wheels	13 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meet- ing	14 7:00 pm Board of Trustees Meeting	15	16
17 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café	18	19	20	21 7:00 pm Church Council	22	23
24 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café/ our week to cook & serve	25 7:00 pm Out- reach Commit- tee	26	27	28 6:00 pm Faith Café	29	30
31 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Faith Café						

Happy Birthday To:

7/01 Ryan Merrill
7/01 Jackson Warner
7/03 Richard Parker
7/03 Sheri Conant
7/05 Pam Smith
7/06 Bob Merrill
7/06 Audrey Griffith
7/07 Diane Huckaby
7/08 Dan McLean
7/10 Jami Simmons
7/12 Kurt Muramatsu

7/15 Esther Nichols
7/18 Jake Skrydlak
7/19 Liz Allen
7/19 Sandy Merrick
7/21 Melanie Sedler
7/21 Bev O'Dell
7/21 Anna Thomas
7/22 Wyn Hirsch Ward
7/25 Rev. Orville Nilsen
7/30 Linda Bunga
7/31 Daniel Morrill
7/31 Crystal Miller

Happy Anniversary To:

7/1/2000 Matt & Carin Stronczek
7/1/ Phil & Karen Miller
7/05/1975 Dick & Bonnie Sunderland
7/14/1996 Gary & Jayne Simmons



From Pastor Kathy

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ at Beaverton First United Methodist Church! This is both an exciting and bittersweet time for all of us. Change always is. As you prepare to say goodbye to Rinya and thank her for her ministry among you, I am saying goodbye to all of the folks at St. Paul's and celebrating our time together. That is the bittersweet.



The excitement comes from the "hellos" and the anticipation of the new partnerships in ministry that lie ahead.

I have had a chance to meet members of your SPRC, and a few congregation members as they prepared for the rummage sale, have talked with your wonderful Lay Leader, Juanita Villarreal on several occasions, and I have been meeting with Rinya regularly since my appointment was announced. Now, as I write this I am excited to really start getting to know all of you! I want to get to know your names and your stories. I want to know why you call Beaverton First your church home and why this place is where you come to worship, fellowship, learn and follow in the footsteps of Christ. We have time to learn all of this together, of course, but I am so excited to get started!

So, in the spirit of getting that learning started, let me to tell all of you something about myself.

Ministry is a second career for me. For nineteen years I taught ele-

mentary music in the public schools and for thirteen years I was also a church choir director. In 1996, after much prayer and conversation with my then pastor, Rev. Kate Conolly, I resigned my teaching job and went to work full time for Morningside UMC in Salem. While still working for Morningside, I began seminary classes at the Northwest House of Theological Studies and in 2001 I left Salem to spend two years in southern California completing my Master of Divinity degree at the Claremont School of Theology. I graduated in 2003 and was appointed first to Bend First UMC, where I served for two years, then to St. Paul's where I have been for six years and now Beaverton. I was ordained in 2006. 2003 to 2011 adds up to eight years in ministry, but I had the privilege of serving as the pastor of two congregations while I was in school – Yamhill UMC here in Oregon and Christ by the Mountains UMC in Rancho Cucamonga, California. That adds three more years of experience – three invaluable years.

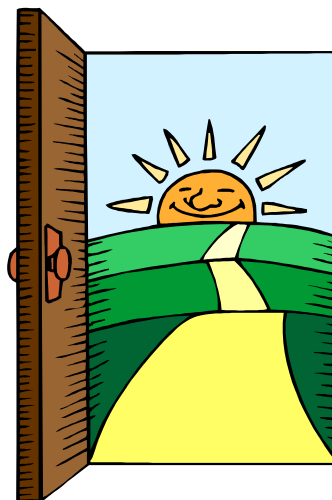
My faith journey has not been a smooth path, but I have no regrets. My faith is stronger because of the bumps along the way. I was not raised a Methodist, but I experienced

grace in my life and a connection to God just the way John Wesley describes it in his theology. I became a Methodist by choice because of the way John Wesley's understanding of God's grace spoke to my experience and to my heart. I look forward to talking to you all about my journey and hearing your stories as well. One thing I know for certain is that we are on the path of faith together, held in the security of God's love and grace.

A wise person once said that the only consistent thing in life is change. I know that as I join you, change will be an issue for all of our spirits. It always is, for no spiritual journey is without change – not ours, certainly not Jesus'. We can only follow our path knowing we are never alone on the Journey. God sent Jesus as guide, guardian and savior to help us make sense of it all.

I am honored that this stage of my journey, and yours, has brought us together. We have lots of good ministry to do together. Our road together will be smooth and bumpy, curvy and straight, filled with mountains, valleys and level plains, but we always walk with Jesus. That is what ministry – and life – has taught me. I look forward to every moment with you! Blessings!

On The Path Together,
Pastor Kathy



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Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors



Starfire Performers are Coming Again!

Bethel Church is very pleased to be hosting the Starfire Singers again this year. They will be performing *The Project* on Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 pm as well as participating in Sunday morning worship on July 31.

The Project is an original musical by Dirk and Carol Damonte that is being premiered in the summer of 2011. Inspired by the United Methodist Church's *Re-*



think Church campaign, *The Project* inspires us to imagine a church that is defined not by the confines of the four walls that enclose it, but is as limitless as the possibilities of the human spirit. The church is God's Project in the world, a continuously unfolding relationship between God and creation. Through original music, dance, video and drama *The Project* takes us through 10,000 doors of possibilities of what the

church can be when we realize that it isn't a place, or a destination, but that the church is a verb, actively involved with the world, and the church is us.

The Starfire Singers will be taking a free will offering at their performance. Bethel's Mission and Outreach Committee will determine the recipient of this offering. They will also be collecting items for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) health kits. Information on these kits can be found at <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/>