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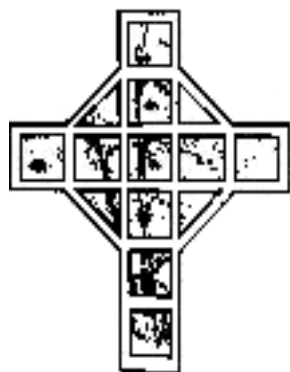
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The Triangle

April 20th, 2010

YOUTH MISSION AUCTION THIS SUNDAY

April 25th – one service of worship at 10:00am

Sunday School resumes Sunday, May 2nd

Come this Sunday, April 25th, and enjoy the auction where the youth will raise money for their summer mission trip to Jamaica.

For auction information please see “Youth News” on page 5.

PASTORS' CORNER

The Rev. Christine T. Long

This last weekend I had the pleasure of seeing the fantastic choral production of “The Civil War” by the Olympia Choral Society. My children attended the concert with me. It was an opportunity for them to see and hear some great music but it also provided a teachable moment for us. The lyrics to the musical covered many political topics but, in my eyes, most importantly they reminded us of the deep harm of racism, judgment of others, and unchecked hatred. It is tempting to sweep that ugly part of our country’s past under the carpet and pretend that everything is just fine now. But this choral musical reminded me that we must retell the story to our children so that they can learn the lesson over again that all people are equal in the eyes of God and should be treated accordingly, that is with honor, respect, and love.

Racism and discrimination are unfortunately, as old as the human race. Throughout the history of humanity people have struggled with how to love others equally and refrain from judging others by the color of their skin, their ethnicity, their country of origin, their religion, and the list goes on. In the book of Acts Luke tells the story of the conversion of Cornelius in which we also learn the importance of accepting differences in others and keeping ourselves from making assumptions about who deserves God’s love.

Cornelius is the last person that the early church would have thought would want to know God or that should even receive God’s love. Cornelius was a Roman centurion, an officer of a brutal occupying army. Romans and Jews struggled to get along; there was deep distrust and hatred between them. In visions both to Cornelius and the Apostle Peter, God directs them to find each other. Peter would find God’s vision puzzling but what he would not know until he met him, is that Cornelius was a devout man who had been giving generously to people and praying constantly to God.

Upon meeting Peter, Cornelius fell to his feet. He had assembled his relatives and friends to meet Peter and to listen to all he had to say. Peter let them know that it was unlawful for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile but that God had showed him that he should not call anyone profane or unclean. Peter began his proclamation with these words, “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” (Acts 10:33)

Through prayer and seeking God both of these men, Cornelius and Peter, were moved by the Spirit to cross racial and ethnic divides. They met one another, listened to one another, and shared meals. May we each be inspired by this story that we might hear God's call to love other unconditionally and without partiality. We can rejoice that many walls of hostility have been torn down but our work is not over. We must keep the message of love and equality alive by telling the stories to our children...stories of our mistakes and stories of our triumphs.

Christine

Calendar for This Week and Next

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

9:00am Youth Auction Set Up

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

10:00am Worship
(no Sunday School today)
Youth Mission Auction

MONDAY, APRIL 26

4:00pm Presbytery Trustees (lib)

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether
6:45pm All-Church Retreat
planning meeting
7:00pm Craft Group (library)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
11:30am FH Construction meeting
7:00pm Deacons (library)
7:00pm FH Action Comm (rm 12)

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
7:00pm Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, MAY 2

9:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School for all ages
11:15am Worship
Celebrating Holy Communion and
receiving Food Bank Offering
1:00pm CROP Walk

MONDAY, MAY 3

12 noon Triangle articles due
5:00pm Nominating Comm (lib)

TUESDAY, MAY 4

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
10:30am PW Board (library)
5:00pm Adult Education meeting
6:00pm PW Bingo Night (page 6)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

9:30am Triangle folding (library)
10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
11:30am FH Construction meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
(no Praise Team or Choir)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

9:00am Worship
9:45am Sunday School (all ages)
11:15am Worship

MONDAY, MAY 10

4:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)

TUESDAY, MAY 11

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
10:00am Horizon Bible Study (lib)
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Craft Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
7:00pm Department meetings

THURSDAY, MAY 13

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

Sunday School Mission Project - Hygiene Kits for Earthquake Victims: On Sunday April 11th the Sunday School Children and Youth put together 130 Hygiene Kits for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program to be used for Earthquake victims in Haiti and Chile. Thanks to all of you who donated money and items for the kits.

Please remember that this Sunday is Youth Auction and we will not have Sunday School or Children's Church.

Cheryl Kinnamon

THINGS WE COLLECT AT THE CHURCH

Over the years, we have encouraged people to collect things (like coupons) for different church programs. For example, we collect items for the Thurston County Food Bank on a monthly basis; and we have a bin for items for the "other" bank. But what are the other things we collect? We think there's a grocery store that offers rebate cards; at one time we were encouraged to donate our punched cards from Family Christian Stores to the Christian Education Department; we've collected coupons and labels for different things; someone was collecting stamps; some were collecting old Christmas cards and calendars and current calendars, etc. Well, you get the picture.

We would like to publish a list of such collections. So if you can provide any information in this regard, please contact the church office with:

1. the collected item
2. what program it supports, and
3. contact person information.

And, if you know that we are no longer involved in one of these projects, we would appreciate that information also. Thank you.

Marlene Epp, Clerk of Session

WORSHIP & MUSIC SEEKING VOLUNTEER

The Worship & Music Department is looking for volunteers to help prepare communion on occasion. Communion is prepared the Saturday before Communion Sunday. You make talk to Kathy Gillis (456-8455) or Kila Bengé (412-1217), our current faithful volunteers. We are not looking for replacements – just someone who can help out when needed.

Kila Bengé and Kathy Gillis, for Worship & Music

YOUTH NEWS . . .

This upcoming weekend is the weekend of the Annual Youth Auction. We are fortunate to have received many generous and unique donations from so many of the members of our congregation. The

youth will spend several hours on Saturday, April 24th, decorating rooms to represent this year's "Caribbean" theme. Silent auction bidding will begin at 9:00am, plus the Cash and Carry room will be open. (Items will be sold on a "first-come-first-serve" basis from there.) After church and a wonderful lunch, the Live Auction will begin and larger items, such as: dinners, small vacations, and special services will be sold. Please join us for a fun day of shopping, food, fellowship, and giving for the sake of the youth mission trip to Catadupa, Jamaica.

Our busy youth are also involved in many sports, clubs, musical groups and other endeavors outside of school and church. Please come and see Sam Kegley and Trevor Shaw perform in "Ragtime" at the Timberline High School Theater May 6, 7 or 8 or May 13, 14, or 15 at 7:30pm. The cost is \$10 per person and tickets can be bought on the Timberline website.

For our trip to Jamaica, we will be expected to bring our own tools for the physical labor (and school supplies for the Kids' Club) we will be doing in Catadupa. In the coming weeks, stay tuned for information about how you can help us gather supplies in order to show our generosity and dedication to the people of Catadupa.

We look forward to seeing you all at this week's Annual Youth Auction and 10:00 church service!

Katrina Wyman, Youth Ministries Coordinator

\$1.00 = \$2.12 ?

Answer is on the last page (8).

YOU'RE INVITED!

to Irene Smith's 80th Birthday Celebration!

Please come join other family and friends in celebrating Irene's 80th birthday on Sunday, May 2nd with an open house from 12:30-2:30pm at the church.

Enjoy cake and good company. You are all the gifts she needs. Cards are welcome. Please drop in and say hello. RSVP to Karen Smith at (360) 357-3584 or (360) 350-2277, cell. Or you may contact Kendra Varner at (360) 754-2044 or (360) 789-1931, cell. It will mean the world to her if you can join us. Thanks so much. We hope to see you there!



... from the family of Irene Smith

IT'S BA-A-A-A-CK!

White Elephant Bing-Ole makes its 5th annual spring appearance. The Dorcas Circle invites all church women to an evening of Bingo, laughter, yummy finger foods and white elephant treasures. Come to room 12, Tuesday, May 4th at 6:00pm and be prepared for a good evening of fellowship. This takes the place of the monthly Presbyterian Women's luncheon. If you have questions, please contact me.

Suzanne Fell, 459-2404 / ssfell@comcast.net, for Dorcas Circle

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Women of the church have two opportunities to gather with other Presbyterian women in May.

1. The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Olympia will be holding their Spring Gathering at the Montesano Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 15th from 9:00am to 2:30pm. We expect to have a great time and would like lots of people from Westminster attend.
2. The Presbyterian Women of the Synod of Alaska Northwest will be holding their annual gathering at the Kennewick Presbyterian Church from 4:00pm Thursday, May 20 to 1:00pm Saturday, May 23. A group of women hope to go to the Synod gathering and would love to have more women join them. Please contact me if you have questions and/or are interested in attending.

Connie Robinson, 878-8783, for Westminster's Presbyterian Women

CROP WALK 2010

When was the last time you were hungry – really hungry? When that happens to me, I simply go to the refrigerator and grab something to eat. Do you know that worldwide more than one in seven people are hungry, and many of them are children? Chronic hunger shouldn't be happening today, yet it is – even in our community. Hunger saps one's energy to the point they are unable to help themselves, let alone others. Hunger affects the health of children and adults.

One thing we can do is join Church World Service by walking or financially supporting this year's CROP Walk. The table in the narthex is the place to begin. Sign up as a walker and get an envelope to fill with contributions, or contribute to the many who are accepting contributions to support their walk. The CROP Walk is Sunday, May 2nd beginning at the capitol steps at 1:00pm. Let's do this together!



Elsa McLain, for Mission & Fellowship

STEPHEN MINISTRY RELATIONSHIPS END

This is a continuation of our series that compares a Stephen Ministry relationship to that of a friend.



Friendships can be forever. Stephen Ministry relationships aren't. The time will come when the care receiver no longer needs a Stephen Minister, and the relationship will close.

Of course, once the Stephen Ministry relationship is over, the relationship between the Stephen Minister and care receiver may blossom into a friendship. But when a person is going through a rough time, he or she will benefit from the focused care of a Stephen Minister – in addition to the care of his or her loyal friends.

Provided by *Dick Petermann, 956-3438, for Stephen Ministry*

\$1.00 = \$2.12 ANSWER: When construction is completed this summer, we will begin payments on a 25 year mortgage. Every dollar borrowed will require \$2.12 in payments over a 25 year period. In reality, we will probably need to borrow at least a million dollars to complete the project. At seven percent interest, that million dollars will require \$2,120,000.00 in payments over 25 years.

Our opportunity - In effect, every dollar contributed to the building fund between now and August will reduce the amount of money we need to repay the bank by \$2.12! \$10.00 has the impact of \$21.20. \$100.00 has the impact of \$212.00. \$1000.00 has the impact of \$2,120.00. Wow - what a difference one dollar makes!

Marv Ryser, for the Fellowship Hall Finance Committee

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

April 11 - **228** (**63** at 9:00am)

April 18 - **183** (**72** at 9:00am)



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