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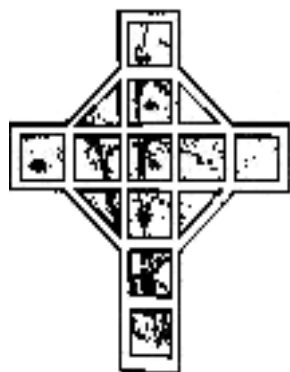
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The Triangle

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a congregational meeting following the 10:00am service of worship Sunday, August 29th for the purposes of 1) voting to approve a change in the terms of call to the Rev. Christine Long from part time to full time and 2) electing a deacon to fill a partial term.

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Dr. David Kegley

I know about rest and recreation because I majored in it in college! No... really I did. My major in college was entitled "Leisure Services." Or it is sometimes called "Recreation." I've regretted taking on the name as a major because every time I tell someone that I was a Recreation major their spoken or unspoken response is something like, "Yah, right, I partied a lot too." But I've never regretted the actual major. I learned a great deal about the sociology and psychology of recreation. I learned public relations, public speaking and marketing. I learned philosophies of the subject and planning and designing recreational events.

One very memorable moment in my college education occurred during my summer job as manager of a municipal swimming pool. I was talking to my manager, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and she said: "I loved my Recreation major, but funny thing is, the more I get into the field of Recreation, the less I recreate." I can remember saying two things to myself then. I thought: "How sad," and "I want to be busy and important like you so I can say the same thing."

Often my college major and my theological studies have intersected. I've learned how we contradict the very life we wish to live. Paul says it like this: "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:15-16) As a pastor, I've noticed that many people agree that the more they get into their career the less they feel the pure sense of joy that attracted them to it. And, of course, I can identify with them because there are times when the harder I work at being a Pastor, the less I feel connected to the love and grace of God.

The New York Times recently published an article about pastors living under greater degrees of stress and feeling less satisfied with their work. Unfortunately many pastors don't take adequate vacations. The article was sobering and made me want all the more to live in that recreational quality of knowing and serving God. In essence I want to live into the very best of my college major.

So easy it is to forget what life is all about; to lose sight of its pure gift; to mistakenly think we should feel busy and overworked in order to feel important and significant in the world. Recreation is important in all walks of life. If we are retired, unemployed, or work in non-conventional ways, we all need breaks to gather ourselves back up, regain our sense of humor and smile again. Since this article will be published next week while I am on vacation, think of me as smiling! Maybe even partying!

Peace, *David*

Calendar for This Week and More

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

- 10:00am Worship
- 11:30am Youth Group
- 4:00pm Camp Quixote dinner

MONDAY, AUGUST 23

- 4:00pm Presbytery Trustees (lib)
- 7:00pm OCS rehearsal (sanct.)
- 7:00pm Camp Quixote (room 12)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

- 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10:00am Bible Study (room 11)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

- 9:45pm Youth Group Work Party
at the Sears home

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

- 5:00pm Golden Delicious picnic
at the Petermann's (article pg. 6)
- 12:00pm Duane Larson viewing
- 1:00pm Duane Larson's Funeral
reception following service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

- 10:00am Worship – MISSION SUNDAY
Congregational Meeting for the
purpose of changing the Rev.
Christine Long's call from half
time to full time and to elect a
new church officer to fill a
partial term for the Deacons.
- 11:30am Youth Group
- 4:00pm Camp Quixote dinner

MONDAY, AUGUST 30

- 7:00pm Camp Quixote

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

- 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 10:00am Bible Study (room 11)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 7:10pm Men's softball (RAC #4)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 10:00 WORSHIP –Celebrating
World Communion
- 11:30am Youth Group
- 4:00pm Camp Quixote dinner

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- LABOR DAY – Church office closed
- 7:00pm Camp Quixote (room 12)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
- 8:00am Triangle articles due
- 10:30am PW Board Mtg. (library)
- 12:00pm Women's Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 9:30am Triangle folding (library)
- 10:00am Bible Study (room 11)
- 7:00pm Department Meetings

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) UPDATES . . .

HELP NEEDED PLEASE! (Supplies & Food Provided!)

Fri. Aug. 27th at 9 am - We need help to clean the lower CE Classrooms 4, 5, 6, and hall windows, walls, cupboards and door jams). If you can help, call 357 6051 or email smjonescouch@comast.net.

Sat. Aug 28th at 9 am - We would also really like to paint the walls in CE Rooms 4 and 5, and the hall for the Sunday School classes. If you can help, call Greg at 357-4210 or email him at gburkhart4210@comcast.net.

THANK YOU to Ernie and Charlotte Petermann for the donation of a TV for the CE classes that works!

THANK YOU to all those (including the Upper Room, Quilters, Wednesday Morning Bible Study,

Adult Ed participants) for cleaning the rooms upstairs in the CE wing!

And thank you to Matt R. for helping clean out the Youth room and office

THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all of those (Ernie Petermann, Jerry Julian, Gordon Robinson, Martin Engels, Bob Weidman, John CQ, and Carol Sanborn) who helped move Sunshine Preschool from the lower CE wing up to the new Early Learning Center, all that 'stuff' and in about two hours time!!!
Special thanks to Jerry Julian for making sure all the shelves and bulletin boards were securely anchored to the walls.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Jerry Julian and all his crew for doing such a great job taking the cabinets from the old preschool and kitchen and refitting them for the upstairs CE wing classrooms! They look great and are already being used by various groups in the church!

PS. There is some storage/desk furniture in the hall of the lower CE wing, free to anyone who can use it. Please take it by Monday. August 23rd

Greg Burkhart and Sandy Crouch. - CE Elders

COUPLES BIBLE STUDY

Westminster has a Couples Bible Study that is open to new couples! We generally meet every other Friday evening, and we will begin a new study this fall. Our first meeting of the fall will be Friday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jon and Chris Halvorson. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this study.

Julie Johnson, 438-0405

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW Board meeting is September 7th at 10:30 am. We will be discussing the December 4th sale to benefit the kitchen. Also preparing for the next year's mission projects and discussing the Circles individual plans for missions. This meeting is open to all.

Ruth Getchell, Moderator Presbyterian Women

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S LUNCHEON IN THE NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL

All women of the church are invited to the September 7th Noon Presbyterian Women's luncheon in the new Fellowship Hall. Speaker will be Dr. Diana Yu, Thurston County Health Officer. She will speak on Women's Health Issues. Rachel Circle is hosting and providing Asian Chicken Salad. Come and bring a friend for the lunch, fellowship and a good discussion on women's health issues.

Susan Girard, Moderator, Rachel Circle

HORIZON BIBLE STUDY

The 2010 - 2011 Horizon Bible Study is "Journeys Through Revelation Apocalyptic Hope for Today". Our first gathering for study is September 14th at 10:00 a.m. Please read the introduction and study Lesson One with the reading of Revelation 1. Our church staff continues to facilitate the Presbyterian Women's Study with their wisdom and training. We are thankful for their gifts and all are invited to attend.

Ruth Getchell, Moderator Presbyterian Women

FELLOWSHIP HALL FINANCIAL UPDATE . . .

As a congregation we are blessed in many ways and by many people - those who served on various committees, moved cupboards and furniture, cleaned, carried on in spite of the mess, organized work areas and prayed for the "Fulfilling the Vision" effort. An additional benefit to us was the fact that Frank Sanborn graciously volunteered to serve as the church's representative to the contractor and architect. When the original church was built in 1990, we had to hire an individual to do that job for us. In light of all these blessings, how can we not feel privileged to be part of this church family.

Just during the five months since construction started in February, \$200,000 has come into the construction fund, bringing it to the \$970,000 level on the chart in the narthex. Our hope is to reach \$1,080,000 in the building fund by September. While \$110,000 more sounds like a lot, when you look at how far we have come, you realize we are nearly 90% of the way toward our goal. Remember that each dollar received by the time we transition from the construction loan to a mortgage is equal to \$2.12 toward our mortgage. Our sincere thanks to all of you who have donated to this wonderful addition that we are now enjoying!

Marv Ryser, for the Fellowship Hall Fundraising Committee

YIKES! SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12TH.

A big thanks to those who have volunteered to help. The pre-school class and youth group class are well covered, but we can still use more help in the elementary grades. Your commitment would be to teach the same lesson 2 weeks in a row. Our BIGGEST need is help with the gathering time before Sunday school starts. In particular, we need a person who can play either guitar or piano and to play a few kid friendly Sunday School type songs for the first 10 minutes or so. If you are interested in helping out in some way, please call Greg Burkhart at (Home) 360-357 4210 or (Cell) 360 888 0995 or email gburkhart4210@comcast.net.

Greg Burkhart, For the Christian Ed Department.

COME AND JOIN THE GOLDEN DELICIOUS

The Golden Delicious are having a picnic on Saturday, August 28th at the home of Ernie and Charlotte Petermann. Come and join in the fun and fellowship. For directions please see the Golden Delicious information in the Narthex.

Elsa McLain

MANY ENJOYED THE ALL-CHURCH PICNIC!

The picnic was enjoyed by all, weather good, food wonderful and the park had a nice area for our use.

The deacons wish to thank Drew & Karen Crooks for a wonderful quiz. It really got people talking about the answers. Most knew more about the church than the area.

Congratulations to Robin Fiess for getting 18 out of 20 right answers to the quiz.

Vicky Wyrick, for the Deacons

Big Thank You for the beautiful Bible. Your church really is a second family to me and I have really appreciated growing up in it. I will miss everyone but enjoy coming by on my time home.

Olivia Midles

THE CALCULUS OF MISSION WORK

Although I signed up for Westminster's 2010 mission trip back in June, I have to confess that about a month before, I wasn't very comfortable about going. I thought it was an awful lot of money to spend, and great distance to travel, for work that I feared might have only vague goals or outcomes. As the day approached, I was committed to make the most of this trip, but I still couldn't remove from my head my thought-patterns of "most efficient use of resources", "return on investment", and questions of whether this was really where I was being called to serve God.

A light-bulb went on for me early in our work in Catadupa, and increased throughout the week. The epiphany was that God doesn't want us to think about mission work through the same lens that we examine business and government; in fact I think it's the act of casting aside the worldly lens that makes mission work transformational. While government is about setting priorities for using limited resources, mission is different. Mission work comes from the belief that God's love is limitless and viral, and that the mere act of spreading love - wherever it happens to be needed - returns many-fold.

If we were seeking to go where the help is needed most, we would be in Haiti, not Jamaica. If we were focused on the most efficient use of our resource, we would just give the \$600 for the plane ticket in cash to the village so they could buy more materials and tools (they could sure use more buckets and barrows). But mission work isn't supposed to be about efficiency as much as it is about being an integral part of the transformative love of God - and seeing what that does to all of us - well beyond the time-frame of a single week.

During our week in Catadupa, we read the scripture of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. This was Jesus' way of showing them subservience; an inversion of the order of worship. Jesus has to let them know what they would not believe otherwise; that God loves each of them just as much as God loves Jesus. In Jamaica, there was also a symbolic inversion that took place; a reversal of the traditional and historical order. In Catadupa we had a large sum of people with substantial means, doing the most basic of unskilled labor (digging and carrying) for no wage, for people of no means at all.

Why does God want us to use Westminster's dollars and the planet's limited fossil fuel instead of just sending cash so a village could buy more food, buckets and cement? I think God knows that it's not so much about Dimple's concrete floor or Oanie's outhouse, as it is about His flock in Olympia; to transform their views on God's equal and unbounded love for all people. God needs us to really get it that Oanie's life is just as valuable to Him as ours is, and ditto for the residents of Quixote, and every other person we meet in our daily lives. And that we have to cast aside our worldly lenses of calculating value, and return, and worthiness; to be subservient to all in order to cast our traditional worldly view aside. I was intrigued that on our last day in Catadupa, the leaders commissioned our group for a new mission - our return to Olympia - making it clear that God's real mission takes place here where we live, and was about to begin.

Stu Vannerson

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

August 8 – 180

August 15 – 171

GREETERS FOR AUGUST:

Sylvia Tytler and Audrey Marshall



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