

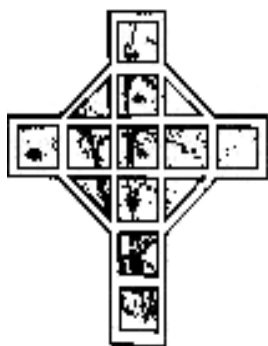
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# *The Triangle*

*January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010*



## ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS ARE IN THIS TRIANGLE

When is our Annual Congregational meeting?

Will TuesdayNightTogether begin again soon?

How much is our per capita this year?

Are we going to have those Friendship Dinners again?

Does Fellowship & Outreach need some volunteers?

What's the connection between Rev. Christine Long and Cannon Beach?

Just who or what are the "Golden Delicious?"

**PASTORS' CORNER**  
***The Rev. Christine T. Long***

*“How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast on the abundance of your house  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.”*

Psalm 36:7-9

God is a Giver of faithful promises...of love, grace, reconciliation, abundance and abiding presence. The psalm above reminds us of one of the most comforting of God's promises: steadfast love. Throughout the history of the people of God, our Creator has demonstrated through covenants (promises) his care and love for people.

Called by God, gathered in grace, and empowered by the spirit we live out the promises of God in the relationships we have. 1 John 4:21 reminds us, “The commandment we have from [God] is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.” We can demonstrate God's promises of love in our families, friendships, work relationships, fellowship, neighbors, and in our communities.

One way many people choose to experience living out a life of promise (commitment/covenant) is through marriage. As Presbyterians we recognize that marriage is a gift from God to all humankind for the well-being of the human family. In the legal world it is a civil contract between two people. In the context of Christian community marriage is a promise in which two people live out their calling together before God in lives of discipleship. The statement on the gift of marriage, read at many Christian ceremonies, reminds us that God gave us marriage so that two people may help and comfort each other, for the full expression of love between two people, and as a holy mystery. Life can get hectic and stressful. It can be hard to find time to fully live out our promises in marriage. Where can couples go to find time, support, and help to tend to their marriage relationships?

Through the Fellowship & Outreach Department we are facilitating a marriage retreat for couples at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center on March 19 - 21, 2010. This is the perfect chance for couples to have time to relax, escape and to have fun as we learn to strengthen one another through God. I look forward to leading couples through the Couple Checkup assessment and curriculum based on the PREPARE/ENRICH program, which I use for pre-marital and marital counseling. It's a great curriculum and a beautiful setting.

Brochures about the marriage retreat are in the literature racks and Rachelle Dudley, Retreat Coordinator, will be available on many Sunday mornings to answer any questions or tell you more about the retreat. We invite couples to prayerfully consider attending the retreat. For more information contact Rachelle Dudley at 360-456-6996 / rmdudley@q.com or myself at 360-357-5750 / ctlong@wpcoly.org.

May we all be blessed in all of our various relationships as we live out the promise of God's abiding love in Christ.

Blessings! *Christine Long*

# Calendar for This Week and Next

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:15am Worship  
12:30pm Youth Group

## MONDAY, JANUARY 25

4:00pm Presbytery Trustees (lib)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
4:30pm FH Finance Comm (lib)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)  
7:00pm (no Deacon meeting)

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Church Officer retreat at the  
Tillicum Presbytery  
Center

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Church Officer retreat continues

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00am Worship  
9:45am Sunday School for all ages  
11:15am Worship  
12:20pm Annual Congregational  
meeting  
12:30pm Youth Group

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

12 noon Triangle articles due

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

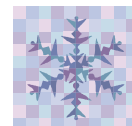
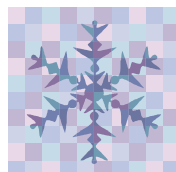
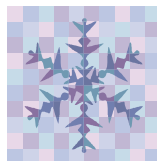
7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP  
10:30am PW Board meeting (lib)  
12 noon Women's Luncheon

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30am Triangle folding (library)  
10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters  
6:00pm Praise Team  
7:00pm Chancel Choir



## FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

### TuesdayNightTogether

TNT will begin on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm with dinner. Thank you to Donna Mack, Robin Fiess, Carol Sanborn and Lillian Clark for volunteering to cook during the next two months while Emily and Frances are away.

### Budget Cuts

Over the past two weeks we have had to make several budget cuts to the Christian Education budget which includes cuts to the **TuesdayNightTogether** budget.

The biggest cost for this program is the meal. Our average cost per person for the meal is between \$1.50 and \$2.00. Some of this is paid for by the "Free Will" offering that several of you contribute to, however the money collected does not pay for all of the expenses. If everyone who attended were to contribute \$2.00 (or \$5.00 per family) it will help us keep our expenses down. Of course, if you are unable to pay or forget we will not turn you away from the table.

### TV Needed

The Christian Education Department is in need of a TV to use for viewing DVD's and Video's. We have an old TV that is very difficult to set up the DVD/Video recorder. We currently have two TV/DVD/Video's that we use for Christian Education classes but often are in need of a 3<sup>rd</sup> one during Sunday School or TNT nights.

If you are upgrading to a new TV and have a (no larger than a 27" TV) you would like to donate, please give me a call at the church office, 357-5750.

### Children's Church Leaders

We need volunteer Children's Church leaders for Sundays January 31<sup>st</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup> and for March 28<sup>th</sup> please contact me if you are able to help with leadership.

*Cheryl Kinnamon*

# YOUTH NEWS . . .

The Youth Group's focus has been on the term "service" and what it means since the beginning of

December. It had been our hope to be of service to local organizations in need throughout the holiday season-- but the holidays were, for our youth and their families (as they are for most), very busy. We have decided to extend our focus on "service" through the coming months and have several plans for ways to help our church and local community.

On Martin Luther King, Junior Day, six youth and two of their parents volunteered at Left Foot Organics, a local farm that grows organic produce and provides jobs and job skills for people with developmental disabilities. We were blessed with a gorgeous day for working out-of-doors. We weeded some flowerbeds and removed diseased potatoes from their beds. It was a good experience, allowing our youth to chat and spend time together, while helping others.

Next month, we plan to do some work near Mima Mounds, pulling up invasive weeds and restoring the natural habitat of the local prairies. We also hope to adopt a highway.

Looking toward the coming months, we have begun to think about and plan the Annual Youth Auction and our International Mission Trip. We have much work to do-- and are looking forward to it!

*Katrina Wyman, Youth Ministry Coordinator*

## **A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

The Fellowship & Outreach Department is looking for some good leaders for the 2010 All-Church Family Retreat in early June. We have several positions that need to be filled.

- We need someone to organize youth activities and someone to organize adult activities (crafts, entertainment, small group activities/ discussions).
- We need someone to help with the weekend schedule and the exit evaluation form.
- Most of all we need a leader that can bring all the other leaders together.

Is this person you? Is God asking you to help? Please call Glen Hunter at (360) 704-7293, or e-mail at [rangerbob@localaccess.com](mailto:rangerbob@localaccess.com).

*Glen Hunter, for Fellowship & Outreach*

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED OVER DINNER

Westminster's program of Friendship Dinners is scheduled for March, April and May of 2010. When you participate you commit yourself to three dinners for six, with one of them held in your home. When you host, you provide the main dish, and your guests bring the salad and dessert, as assigned in the booklet you will receive. The other two months you'll visit other homes and take a salad or a dessert. These dinners are intended for couples and single adults.

Each meal is scheduled independently at the mutual convenience of those involved. Since you'll be part of a different group of six at each meal, you can see that this is a great way to become better acquainted with several others within our church family.

To participate, please indicate your interest on the back of your lavender pew card this coming Sunday, or call me at 456-4674 and leave a message if I'm gone. Or, send me a note by e-mail at [edjoansch@aol.com](mailto:edjoansch@aol.com).

Maybe we'll be sharing a meal with you. That would be our pleasure. The sign-up deadline is Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Joan Schlect*, for Friendship Dinners (Fellowship & Outreach)

## STEPHEN MINISTRY IS MORE OBJECTIVE

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



Friends often aren't very objective. If someone's hurting, a good friend usually hurts with that person. Friends often take the person's part even if they might not feel that way if the situation were a little different. Their friendship might cloud their judgment at times.

A Stephen Minister certainly empathizes, but he or she needs to stay more objective than a friend. It's up to the Stephen Minister to keep from "jumping into the mudhole" with the care receiver. By maintaining objectivity, the Stephen Minister can provide balance and perspective that a friend might not. He or she can, for instance, gently probe a care receiver's idea in such a way that the person might rethink what he or she just said.

This isn't to say that Stephen Ministers aren't sympathetic, even empathetic. They hurt with their care receivers too! They may hug them, cry with them, even at times be angry along with them. But if they're going to help the care receivers, they need to maintain boundaries that will help them move beyond those feelings and help the care receiver find a way beyond them, too.

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

## FOR AND ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . .

A reminder to those interested in the **Marriage Retreat** coming up in March. You will find brochures with registration forms in the literature racks. Or, you may contact Rachelle Dudley at 456-6996.

For those who have not received your **2010 offering envelopes** – you will find them in the narthex through the month of January. If you wish to use envelopes and do not find any with your name, please contact the church office.

The **per capita** owed this year is \$35.00 per member. There is a blue envelope in your offering envelope box for that purpose.

You may still sign up for the **New Member Class** offered Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30am. If your name is not on our list and you are interested in this class, please contact the church office or indicate your interest on the back of your friendship card at worship. The class goes until about 2:30pm and lunch is provided.

Our **TuesdayNightTogether** begins again Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We meet at 6:00pm for a light supper. The supper is followed by adult education classes, Youth Group, Kid's Club and a Craft Group. Watch for brochures describing TNT adult classes as well as Sunday morning classes for the winter quarter in the literature racks. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join us!

Everyone is invited to **“Golden Delicious”** activities. The “Golden Delicious” are mostly retired members and friends of Westminster, but they encourage everyone to attend their fellowship activities. You will find their newsletter and events where you may sign up to participate in the church narthex on Sunday. On February 14<sup>th</sup> they will be having brunch at Anthony's.

**Large-print bulletins** are available if you need them for the worship service. Just ask an usher for a copy.

## INTERFAITH WORKS SEEKING APPLICANTS

Interfaith Works is seeking applicants for the half-time position of Executive Director. The job announcement may be found on the Interfaith Works website, [www.interfaith-works.org](http://www.interfaith-works.org).

From *Kathy Erlandson*, Current Executive Director

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

January 10 – **235** (49 at 9:00am)

January 17 – **209** (70 at 9:00am)

### GREETERS FOR JANUARY:

*Merlin and Irene Smith*



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