



The Chimes

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THOM'S THOUGHTS

When we talk about the Trinity, most of us think immediately of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In his book, *Becoming a Blessed Church*, Graham Standish invites us to think of the Trinity in terms of Purpose, Presence, and Power. He describes blessed churches as those who know their purpose as a community based on God's love. They are churches that celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit in all their activities and ministries and who rely on the power of the Holy Spirit for carrying out their ministries.

As I have been reading his book, I have found myself wondering if we have a clear sense of our purpose as a church? I'm almost positive that if I asked different groups of people I would hear different things. And I'm also sure that if the question came up at one of our church council meetings, there would be lots of different opinions expressed but not one consistently given response. This would be true despite the fact that several years ago, members of the church council worked hard in developing a mission statement for the congregation.

I know that every church benefits when they take some time to review their purpose, what it is they want to accomplish and what they need to do in order to accomplish it. Such work provides us with guidelines for prioritizing the use of our valuable and limited resources. It provides us with a way of evaluating how effective we are being in ministry for God and with each other. It helps us in making plans.

On Wednesday evening, **August 26**, we will be gathering at the church for a time of reviewing and reimagining our purpose as a church together. We will begin with a **potluck at 5 pm** and then work together from 6-9 pm on refining our purpose. I am hopeful that our work together will be interesting, insightful, and fun. There will be some time for worship, for bible study, for conversation, and for artistic expression! I expect all the leaders of the church to be present, both committee chairs and committee members. But I would welcome the participation of any member or interested friend of the church who would like to share their ideas about who God is calling us together to be and do.

We may not get all our work done in one evening. But I know we will accomplish much that is invaluable. Please come so that the blessings of our church will continue to blossom and grow for the years ahead!

One other thing. Several people have asked me to share my thoughts about missions. That will be the subject of my Thom's Thoughts next month. But I want to share with you an opportunity for local missions that is coming up this month. On **Sunday, August 30** we will have a **Pie and Cobbler Social** after both services for the benefit of Habitat for Humanity. We need donations of pies and cobblers and we need lots of hungry eaters. If you are willing to make a pie or cobbler, please contact Alicia Mehlis, Lisa Radford, or the church office. The family who will be receiving the newest Faith House will be present for us to meet. Mission begins at home, providing affordable housing for those without homes! Thank you for your support of Habitat for Humanity!

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PROTECTING GOD'S GREEN EARTH

— Melissa Monahan

The Clean Mile

Join the FUMC Green Team as we clean up our designated mile of Highway 20.



On Saturday, **AUGUST 8**, we will meet at the church **at**

9am, watch a 10 minute safety video and head out. If you are 16 years or older and want to join the "CLEAN TEAM" look for the sign

up sheet in the narthex or call Melissa at 383-1471.

Protecting God's Green Earth

Here are a few more tips to help the planet that are fairly simple to get behind. We challenge every member of our church family to implement at least one of these green tips every month so that we may all become responsible stewards of God's creation.

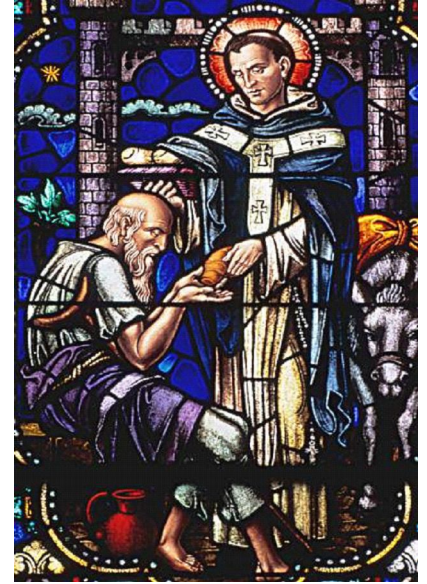
- Turn scrap paper and junk mail into note pads. The direct mail coupons that come in the tiny envelope are great for post-it sized note pads when cut in half.
- When packing lunches or snacks on the go, use re-useable plastic containers instead of plastic bags and wrap. Plastic butter and sour cream tubs are the perfect size and will last for years.
- For picnics, barbecues and camping resist the urge to buy paper plates and cups and plastic utensils. If you camp a lot, invest in mess kits or tin dinnerware (found at REI and the Military Surplus store) or check thrift stores for almost complete sets of dishes that would withstand outdoor use.
- Take a few minutes at the grocery store to see if the products you buy use recycled materials in their packaging. Also try to opt for things that don't have excessive non-recyclable packaging.
- Take a look at the list of recyclable items on the recycle boxes placed around the church to familiarize yourself with what can be collected. Unfortunately, not all "recyclable" items are recycled by our current service. On the flip side, there have been some updates, so make sure you are up to date.

If you are interested in helping us "Green Up" our church home, please call Melissa Monahan at 390-9689 or email saturngirl@bendbroadband.com and join us for our next "Green Team" meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 6pm.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

~ by Lisa Radford

A woman came into the church this month and explained to me that she and her husband both worked and they had diligently saved for their rent and up until the week before they thought that everything was going to be fine. However just before their rent was due their son broke his jaw. In order to get him medical attention they needed to come up with their insurance's co-pay as well as their deductible (fortunately they have insurance). They were forced to dip into their rent money to pay for the medical expenses and therefore to look for help with their July rent. What a difficult situation; pay for medical attention for their son or pay rent.



As usual God seems to work in mysterious ways. When I went home that afternoon still thinking about this woman I received an email from our conference with an article suggesting that we all follow in the Bishop's lead and write a letter to the government demanding some kind of help with the high medical expenses that plagues our country! I so dislike being political but the coincidence was so great that it forced me to remember that as Christians we are called not only to help those in need but to stand up for justice as well. As Christians we are often asked to step outside of our comfort zones.

Many of you ask me how many people we help and a number really doesn't say it all. Each person that comes to the church has a different need and a different situation but I can say that we don't turn many people away sometimes we just don't have much to give. This church has been blessed. The Christmas Eve giving really started us off strong and then the Ross's 50th Anniversary giving in January kept us strong. Even with the weak economy you all have kept this mission alive and strong. I truly thank all of you that give, I know I say this every month and I hope that you can feel the sincerity in my words because they come from my heart as well as from the hearts of those that we help. May God continue to bless this church.

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD —Debi Shimek (389-2579)

In a rut? Need a change? Here's your answer!

The cookbooks have arrived. Close to 400 new meal ideas from your friends, the best cooks! Books are available between services for the next few weeks. You can also purchase them at the church office or at Pam & Steve Smith's shop, Takara Treasures (2754 NW Crossing Dr.)



\$10.00 a book is quite a bargain!

NEWS FROM THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION AND OTHER HEALTH "TIDBITS"

-Lorraine Zachary, Parish Nurse

I just received the Alzheimer's Association Newsletter; there is still a stigma associated with a diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's. Patients with early stage dementia have identified diagnostic challenges and their dissatisfying interactions with the medical community as two major challenges that they face. These principles are their insights on how to make that experience better:

- ◆ Talk to me directly – the person with dementia
- ◆ Tell the truth
- ◆ Test early
- ◆ Take my concerns seriously, regardless of my age
- ◆ Deliver the news in plain but sensitive language
- ◆ Coordinate with other care providers
- ◆ Explain the purpose of different tests and what you hope to learn
- ◆ Give me tools for living with the disease
- ◆ Work with me on a plan for healthy living
- ◆ Recognize that I am an individual and the way I experience this disease is unique
- ◆ Alzheimer's is a journey, not a destination

On receiving any diagnosis, we all want to know how to best manage it; dementia and Alzheimer's patients are no different in that regard. To support the local Alzheimer's Association, plan to take part in the annual Memory Walk on Sunday, September 20. For more information on the Central Oregon walk log onto www.mw09kintera.org/CO.

In this same issue there is an article about "brain food". "The Alzheimer's Association is taking the lead in changing the way Americans think about Alzheimer's and encouraging everyone to understand our future is only as healthy as our brains. Here are some simple ways to incorporate brain food into your diet." These are all heart healthy, as well!

- ◆ **Fish Food** – omega-3 fatty acids appear to protect heart health and may have a direct benefit for brain cells. Good sources of omega-3 fatty acids can be found in halibut, mackerel, tuna, and salmon.
- ◆ **Think Greek** – the Mediterranean diet which consists of high amounts of fruits, vegetables, legumes, cereals, fish, and olive oil has been associated with lower risks of Alzheimer's.
- ◆ **C's and E's** – use the alphabet as your eating guide. Foods high in antioxidants, especially vitamins C and E may help protect the brain. These include prunes, raisins, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, oranges, red grapes, and cherries. Sources high in Vitamin E are almonds, hazelnuts, and sunflower seeds.

On the subject of the importance of fresh fruits and vegetables, I have some news from the 2009 Oregon Farm Direct Nutrition Program. If you are a senior and have a limited income, you can find out if you are eligible for monetary assistance to purchase foods at our local Farmer's Markets. Checks for use at these markets will be mailed to you and must be spent by October 31, 2009. For a complete and updated statewide listing, check the following websites: <http://oregon.gov/ODA/ADMD> OR <http://www.oregonfarmersmarkets.org>. You may also phone the Senior Farm Direct Number @ 1-866-299-3562. If you have difficulty, just let me know and I will be happy to assist you.

PARISH NURSING COURSE: If you are a Registered Nurse and interested in parish nursing, Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries is planning to offer that course this fall at St. Charles Medical Center. The course is not offered in Central Oregon every year. I DO plan to retire at some point, and would be so delighted if I knew that a nurse from our congregation could step into my position. No, this is not an announcement – I would simply welcome having another person "in the wings". Please call me @410-8600, or email me @ lorraine@bendumc.org and I can fill you in on all the details pertaining to this course. Parish Nursing is a very satisfying and rewarding ministry!

When I think of this congregation and what we accomplish together, I am reminded of Paul's letter to Philemon: "When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother." **Philemon 4-7**

BE SAFE AND HAVE A FUN AND RELAXING SUMMER!

Poetry

Guardian

You ask where shall you find me
Now, that I am gone,
Where is imagination
Within your life to come?

You'll find me in the dancers
On sidewalks or in the throng
Tap, ballet, jazz, and thundering feet
Or even in song.

Your freedom is expressing
Your creativity;
Cooking, crafting, writing, loving
These too are parts of me.

Memories of portraying
Imaginary players,
Fortune teller, Indian chief
With crystal ball or feathers.

Creating Valentines to please,
Red paper, lace, and ribbon,
Decorating eggs and favors
Too precious to be hidden

Grace of being, sense of right,
Laughing at absurdity;
Knowing the world as purposeful,
Freedom, love, individuality.

These qualities and more are me,
You fondly recollect;
I'll dwell within your heart forever,
Forever I will direct.

Where I find myself

"Be still and know that I Am"
I am the star filling the heavens with an infinity of galaxies, worlds, and beings, guiding wayward travelers home

I am the mountain, standing silently over the valley floor from whence it came, building up eroding

I am the ocean, lapping up on ever-diverse shores, transporting explorers, nurturing life of graceful intelligence

I am the oak tree, stretching gnarled branches, catching warmth from the sun, providing shade for lovers or children, perches for gently fliers

I am the stream, carving a path through solid rock to reach distant seas, gushing spring torrents, to slow summer trickle

I am the bird, plucking insects in mid-flight, scratching the earth for sustenance,
Singing in raucous chorus

Am the soldier, disabled in battle to preserve democracy in the world, fighting for the ideal of human rights

I am the doctor finding miracles in ordinary events, bringing forth life, easing its end

I am the book, sharing ideas and concepts
With all who will open my covers, inciting new thoughts in the reader

I am the pencil creating words that explain, depicting life, hurried sketches of a toddler busily exploring her world

I am the light illuminating darkness, warmth in confined spaces, radiance a star's soliloquy

I am the words you speak, conveying your heart's message, angry frustration, whispered endearments

I am the love you feel within your heart for all inhabitants of this world, from serial killer to newborn babe

I am you, your hopes, your fears, your dreams of a more gentle, loving world

I am the Creator, residing in your heart, your soul, your spirit

I am
Where I find
My self

By~ Madeline Osborne
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(*Daughter of Lois Osborne*)



- 8/01 Linda Biggs
- 8/02 Aimee Grafton; Eric Nyquist
- 8/03 Huntington Autrey & Gwen Holliday
- 8/04 Kevin Gonzales; Claire Smith & Cindy Stanton
- 8/06 Thomas Kealey Jr.
- 8/08 Angelina Bourne; Sara McCormic
- 8/09 Debi Harr; Lyn Lorenz & K.D. Payne
- 8/12 Chris Basham
- 8/13 Shari Denfeld; Carole King & Karen Wykes
- 8/14 David Kurtz; Kathryn Magee & Paul Reynolds
- 8/15 Irma Davis & Jerry Nelson
- 8/16 Adam Clausen & Shelly Walsh
- 8/17 Bob Hitzhusen; Ward Lantis & Cindy Miller
- 8/18 Barbara Catron; Emiley Puckett
- 8/20 Nancy Fisher & Holly Nyquist
- 8/22 David Brown; Jeri Cartwright & Jennifer Nightingale
- 8/23 Edna Fortner; Karen Hansen Reyes, McKayla Madison & Dale Neubauer
- 8/24 Marilee Carson; Donna Noyes & Tracy Reynolds
- 8/25 Sheila Dell; Paul King & Jan Neville
- 8/26 Stephen Radford
- 8/27 Sarah Grafton; Susan Whitney Kurtz & Lil Quinn
- 8/28 Allan Langenwalter
- 8/30 Jordan Cartwright & Patrick Heatherman
- 8/31 Stephanie Boylen; Sara Harpster, Delaney & Darren Pogue

♥ Anniversaries

- 8/4 Steve & Sharon Henderson
- 8/5 Kevin & Judy Godard
- 8/7 John & Pam Hannon
- 8/7 Charles & Martha Hemingway
- 8/7 Donald & Marcia Majors
- 8/7 Greg & Cynthia Tanner
- 8/10 Kirk & K.D. Payne
- 8/12 Nathan & Stacy Neil
- 8/12 John & Alicia Mehlis
- 8/16 Steven & Anna Park
- 8/18 Steve & Mary McDermott
- 8/23 Max & Dory King
- 8/26 Steve & Pam Talley
- 8/27 Chuck & Janet Halligan
Bruce & Tracy Reynolds
- 8/30 Bill & Barb Rich
Allen & Dorothy Rose
- 8/31 Heath & DeAnn Klein
Tony & Pat Willford

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY



JUST A REMINDER! ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

There are so many groups using the church at this time, events will not all be posted on this calendar. However all are posted on the web site calendar so everyone will know what is happening and where to come for all events. [www.bendumc.org]

<p>2</p> <p>9:00 am Praise Worship (S) 9:15 am Jubilee Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship (MU) 10:30am Traditional Worship (S) 5:00 pm AA Study Group (CR)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00-1:00 pm Jazzercise (MU) 12:00-1:00 pm OA (CR) 5:00-7:00 pm AA (CR) 5:30 pm Jazzercise (MU) 6:00 pm BS 21 (FH & #102) 6:00 pm Contemporary Gospel Choir of the Cascades (S)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Jazzercise - MU/Gym 9:30am Staff Meeting - #102 11:00am Balance Class (MU) 12pm Family Resource Center (N) 12:15pm Jazzercise WT (MU) 5:00pm Men's Group (Rm 102) 5:30pm AA - (CR) 5:30pm Jazzercise - (MU) 7-8pm SA - (CR) 7-9pm GS Service Unit Mtg (FH)</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>9:00 am Praise Worship (S) 9:45 am Jubilee Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship (MU) Blood Pressure Check (MU) 10:30am Traditional Worship (S) 11-4 Beth Tikvah (CR) 11:30am Blood Pressure Check (MU) 5:00 pm AA Study Group (CR)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am-2pm Boutique Crafters (FH) 12:00 pm Jazzercise (MU) 12:00 pm OA (CR) 1-2:00 pm Rice Circle (Homes) 5:00 pm AA (CR) 5:30 pm Jazzercise (MU) 6:00 pm BS 21 (FH/Rm 102) 6:00 pm Gospel Choir (S) 7:00 pm SA (CR)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 am Jazzercise (MU) 9:30 am Staff Meeting (FH) 11:00am Balance Class 12-4:30pm Family Resource (N) 12:15pm Jazzercise (MU) 5-6pm Men's Group (Rm 102) 5:30 pm AA (CR) 5:30 pm Jazzercise (MU) 7:00pm Lenten Covenant Grp</p>
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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

KEEPING IN OUR PRAYERS

Dotty Hufnagel; Elsie Kern; Betty Thompson;
 Gloria Westfall; Jo Lunsford;
 Dora Litrell; Shirley Wise; Katharine Bennett;
 Jean Burleigh & Family; Barbara Brown; Kayla Roler
 Estle Hummel's daughter, Pamela Ross; Allan & Betty
 Langenwalter, Le Shieler, Mildred "Mid" Siver's

1
 8:30 am Jazzercise
 9:00 am OA

5
 8:00am Men's Breakfast (FH)
 9:00am Wednesday Workers (ALL)
 12 pm Al-Anon (CR)
 12 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 12:30 Women's Spiritual Support
 -TBA Summer Lunches
 5 pm Deschutes Family Recovery
 (Nursery & #405)
 5:30 pm OA (CR)
 5:30 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 7:00 pm NA (CR)

6
 8:30 am Jazzercise (MU)
 9:00 am Prayer Group (W)
 12-1 pm OA (CR)
 12-5 pm Family Resource Center (N)
 4:45 pm Jazzercise
 5-7 pm AA (CR)
 5:30 pm Jazzercise
 7:00 pm NA (CR)

7
 12-1 pm Jazzercise
 12-1 pm Anon (CR)
 5-7 pm AA (CR)
 7-7:30 pm SA (CR)

8
 8:30am Jazzercise (MU)
 9-10am OA (CR)

BUILDING LOCATIONS:

Level 1
 (K) Kitchen;
 (FH) Fellowship Hall
Level 2
 Church Office
 (CR) Community Room;
 (N) Nursery
Level 3
 (MU) Multi Use (GYM)
 (S) Sanctuary;
 (NX) Narthex;
 (UP) Upper Parking Lot
Level 4
 (W) Wesley Room;
 (#'s) Classrooms

12 CHIMES DUE
 8-9:30am Men's Breakfast - (FH)
 9-10am Wednesday Workers - All
 10:30-12pm Mom's Club (N/FH)
 12-1pm Al-Anon - CR
 12-1pm Jazzercise - MU
 12:30pm Women's Spiritual Support
 TBA Summer Lunches
 5-8pm Deschutes Family Recovery -
 (Nursery & 405)
 5:30pm Jazzercise - MU
 5:30pm OA - CR
 7:00pm **IN CONCERT—LEVI LARSON (S)**

13
 8:30am Jazzercise - (MU)
 9-11am Prayer Group - Wesley Room
 12-1pm OA - CR
 12-5pm Family Resource Center - (N)
 4:45pm Jazzercise - MU
 5pm - 7pm AA - CR
 5:30pm Jazzercise - MU
 6pm - 7pm Trustees - Wesley Room
 6pm - 7pm Finance Committee - Room #102
 7pm - 8pm NA - CR

14
 12:00pm AlAnon (CR)
 12:00 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 5-7 pm AA (CR)
 7:00pm SA (CR)

19
Mid High Youth Trip (Aug 19-23)
 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (FH)
 9:00 am Wednesday Workers
 10am-1pm Shalom Circle
 12:00 pm Al-Anon (CR)
 12:00 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 12:30 pm Women's Support Grp -TBA
 5-8pm Deschutes Family Recovery (N/405)
 5:30 pm Jazzercise (MU)

20
 8:30am Jazzercise - (MU)
 9-11am Prayer Group - Wesley Room
 10-12 pm Sisters Of Faith (Homes)
 12-1pm OA - (CR)
 12-5pm Family Resource Center - (N)
 4:45pm Jazzercise - (MU)
 5pm - 7pm AA - (CR)
 5:30pm Jazzercise - (MU)
 6pm - 9pm Circle of Friends Dinner (K/FH)
 7pm - 8pm NA - (CR)

21
 12:00 pm Al-Anon (CR)
 12:00 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 5-7 pm AA (CR)
 7:00 pm SA (CR)

22
 8:30 Jazzercise (MU)
 9:00 am OA (CR)

26
 8:30 am Men's Breakfast (FH)
 9:00 am Wednesday Workers
 12:00 pm Al-Anon (CR)
 12:00 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 12:30 pm Women's Support Grp -TBA
5-9 Planning Retreat/Potluck (FH)
 5-8pm Deschutes Family Recovery (N/405)
 5:30 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 7:00 pm Contemporary Rehearsal (S)
 7:30 pm Hoodlums Heaven NA (CR)

27
 8:30 am Jazzercise - (MU)
 9-11am Prayer Group - Wesley Room
 12-1pm OA - CR
 12-5pm Family Resource Center - (N)
 4:45pm Jazzercise - MU
 5pm-7pm AA - CR
 5:30pm Jazzercise - MU
 7pm - 8pm NA - CR

28
 12:00 pm Al-Anon (CR)
 12:00 pm Jazzercise (MU)
 2-9 pm Beth Tikvah
 5-7 pm AA (CR)
 7:00 pm SA (CR)

29
 8:30 Jazzercise (MU)
 9:00 am OA (CR)



JUBILEE SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

-- Lesli Magee, Director, Children & Family Ministries

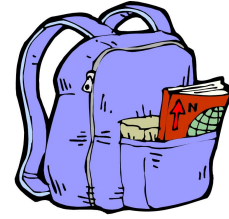
Save the Date!

Rally Day-Sunday, Sept. 13th

Backpack Blessing

Sunday School begins for all ages!

All-Church Picnic at Shevlin Park



Jubilee, our one room Sunday school during the first service is off and running but it appears we may have a few speed bumps since we don't yet have it fully staffed. If we don't have a volunteer to teach each week, we won't have Jubilee that day. The curriculum is easy and provides more than enough to keep your class busy. If you can help out and teach one Sunday please sign up on the yellow sign up sheet in the Narthex (on the name badge bulletin board) or give me a call in the office at 382-1672. Thank you for your time.

YOUTH NEWS

THANK YOU all for your continued support of our youth groups. The Senior Mission Trip was an amazing trip for both the youth and Stephanie and I as youth leaders. With out the dedicated support of our church congregation our trip to San Diego would not have been possible. If you would like to hear all about our trip and hear each youth share their stories please come to either service on Sunday August 2nd as the youth will be speaking and showing a slide show of our trip. Thank you again for all you do.

The middle school youth group will be heading out on their **mission trip August 19th-22nd** serving at Suttle Lake. Please watch for more information as the date approaches.

Thank you again to the entire church family for your dedicated support of our youth groups. I would also like to extend thanks to those of you that sent prayer cards with our youth on our Mission to San Diego.

With my up-and-coming departure to Grinnell College in Iowa, it seems appropriate to acknowledge the wonderful church family that has seen me grow from a little knobby-kneed second-grader to a somewhat-taller-but-still-knobby-kneed high school graduate. Your support, prayers, guidance, encouragement, talent, ideas, and selflessness has most certainly impacted me in a number of positive ways. I have heard sermons from several different pastors (all thought-provoking), been led by many youth leaders (all wonderful and amazing), and talked with countless other church members (all open-minded and interesting), and I will surely miss you all. So, from myself and my family (who you've also nurtured), I want to say a huge **"THANK YOU!"** You've been great, and I'll see you around.

Sincerely,

Caleb Neubauer

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Executive Meeting - Wed., **August 26, at 10 AM** [*Fellowship Hall*]

Officers, Circle leaders, and all interested members are invited to attend. Business to be discussed will include plans for the Boutique, and the future of the Bend UMW organization.

Unit Fellowship - Wed., **September 2, at 10 AM**

Program: "I Believe In Jesus"

Leaders: Chris Mitchell, and Shirley Sisk

Hostess: Erbele Circle

A fun program of sharing is being planned as we explore the topic, "I Believe In Jesus". Come and get-acquainted with our members. Business will include final plans for the Boutique in October. Mark you calendar now! Plan to attend.

Boutique Reminder! Oct. 2nd and 3rd! Sounds like a long time until this UMW fundraiser will occur, but time flies! We invite all Church members and friends to participate - How about making jams or jellies, or pickles, or - whatever your specialty is. Just make a little extra for sale at the Boutique. Also needed are collectables, treasures from your closets, jewelry or vintage clothing for Grandma's Attic, and items for the silent auction with a value under \$50.

Chris Frey and Peggy Carson with the craft group are making **Trellis Yarn Necklaces** which are available for sale. If you have a group who would be interested in purchasing these attractive necklaces, Chris Frey can be contacted, and will attend your meeting with an interesting display. Sales will also be possible on craft meeting days at the Church in August. Call Chris Frey for further information. This project has been very popular, and proceeds will be distributed by the UMW for Missions.

The "**Food, Glorious Food**" *cookbook is here!* Sales are in progress - between worship services and also in the Church office for \$10. UMW is very appreciative to the committee from Circle of Friends for the success of this project.

"United Methodist Women have seen and gone through many changes since that stormy night in Boston, Mass., in 1869, when our foremothers first organized themselves for mission.

God's goodness is as constant as the sun. We celebrate because after 140 years, United Methodist Women is still in mission affecting the lives of women, children, and youth! Whatever our gifts, we are called to faithfulness, and thanksgiving. --Inelda Gonzalez, *President of Women's Division.*

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

I just wanted to share with all of you how great this session of Financial Peace University is going.

We just completed my favorite lesson "Working in your Strengths". In this lesson Dave Ramsey gives us encouragement to follow our heart and our dreams. He says that we are all called to do something great with the talents that God has given us.

The class has only positive ideas to share. We have people taking second jobs and several people trying their hands at being entrepreneurs. Some of these businesses are selling something they do as a hobby and something that they are passionate about.

They are all doing what it takes to win with money and in life. It is so exciting to be around people that are engaged in making their lives better. These people have all clearly decided not to participate in this recession. My hat goes off to them.

~by Jill Armstrong

"**The Bells of Praise**" will begin their 19th season of ringing with a two hour organizational and fun rehearsal at 5:30 PM on Wed., **August 26th** in the church sanctuary. We are constantly recruiting and seeking out interested, potential ringers who are willing to commit one rehearsal session a week and one Sunday a month to perform. Of course, many of our ringers are retired and travel so we don't demand a 100% attendance to join us. You don't even have to read music. We can teach anyone how to follow along in the music and ring a handbell. For more information, call Richard Frazier at 389-7235(home) or 408-6667(mobile) or email at rdfraz@gmail.com. Hope to have some of you join us."



FINANCE FACTS

by *Diane Cole*

For the second quarter of the year:

110 statements of giving were emailed
158 statements of giving were printed.

Of those printed, 1/2 are usually picked up - All you need is a computer and Adobe Acrobat Reader to be able to get your statement by e-mail. We just need your e-mail address. Interested??? Just call Beth in the office with the info. Thanks!



ALL CHURCH PLANNING RETREAT

Aug. 26

Potluck to begin at 5pm

Discussion & Planning time will follow.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this great time together!

We would love to have your input and fresh ideas, we hope you will join us!

MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

What a great turn out on June 20th of church members, who volunteered their time and effort to spruce up our church. Thank you all very much!!!!!!

Trustee members Joy Chesley and Jeane Engstrom did a great job organizing the "Adopt A Space". Don Pederson, drew up a list of projects that need to be done, inside and outside the church. WE are fortunate to have received a "slightly used" lawn mower from Sharon Emerson; her generosity is greatly appreciated.

Major projects looming in the near future are; re-sealing the parking lot and re-carpeting the church. Trustee members are working on costs at this time.

How fortunate we are to have such a Wonderful Church family!

Ron Ross

Chair of trustees

Financial News - April 2009:

Thank you for your continued support of our Church's finances and budget goals! While we have fallen short of our budget goals, we improved slightly in June. So we're still asking everyone for your help and support by bringing your pledges current, wherever possible. Your gifts and pledges make all the Church Programs possible. We are still strongly encouraging your use of our "Auto-Draft" program, as this greatly helps our Church's monthly cash flow. If you give the same amount each month, we can make your monthly pledge much easier. 33 people are doing it right now and it's working perfectly! Our goal is to have 100 by the end of the year. We can set it up with an automatic payment from your Bank, every 5th or 20th of the month. Please, call the Church office or myself, Bob Browne, at (541) 548-6889 to arrange for this to be initiated.

Again, thank each of you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Your Finance Committee

Below are the results for the first six months of this year (ending 6/30/2009):

		Actual thru 06-09	Budget 6 mos.	Difference
Income				
	Pledged General Budget	140,838	157,214	(16,376)
	General Budget	27,995	32,925	(4,930)
	Loose Offering	3,359	3,575	(216)
	Subtotal	172,192	193,714	(21,522)
	Building Use	10,111	12,600	(2,489)
	Other Income	979	775	204
Total Income		183,282	207,089	(23,807)
Expense				
	Music	12,719	12,565	154
	Staff Expense	93,952	97,528	(3,576)
	Office Expense	4,161	4,950	(789)
	Payroll Taxes	6,267	7,150	(883)
	Apportionments	33,861	36,763	(2,902)
	Church Programs	12,152	13,425	(1,273)
	Building Maintenance	25,627	25,450	177
	Building Fund Payment	-	14,970	(14,970)
Total Expense		188,739	212,801	(24,062)
Net Income		(5,457)	(5,712)	255

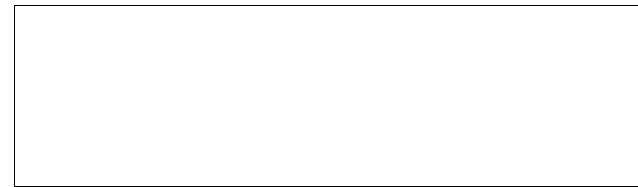


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