

The Chimes

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THOM'S THOUGHTS

As all of you are aware, health care has been a topic of great debate and controversy for over the past year. There are many differing opinions about what needs to be done by health care providers, by insurance companies, and by the government to be sure that good, affordable health care is available to us when we need it.

One of the sources for health care that many people overlook is the church. This is certainly not the case here at Bend 1st United Methodist Church. We have a health ministries program that is the envy of almost every other church in town. We have the best parish nurse in the northwest region of the country who works tirelessly to meet the variety of health care needs of a large and diverse congregation. By offering classes, by making visits, by assigning health care volunteers, by offering prayers for healing, and in a variety of other ways, Lorraine and the health care ministry team take seriously the role the church has to play in providing healing and wholeness not just to our congregation but to the greater Bend community as well.

The other day, Lorraine and I were visiting about things we might do to help the congregation embrace even more fully the idea of the church being a place for healing and health care. We came up with two ideas. First, we remembered the healing services we used to have and the benefit people received by being prayed for and by being anointed. We decided that we would like to try offering the opportunity for healing prayers and anointing as part of our monthly communion

services. So beginning in February, on the first Sunday, after you have received communion, there will be designated places in the sanctuary where you can come for prayer and anointing for healing.

Second, we recognized that healing happens when people remember that they are part of the body of Christ, and that the best place for remembering and celebrating that connection is at the Lord's Table. Unfortunately, not all the members of our church can get to the church for communion. And so, it is important for us to take communion to them. We want to empower members of the congregation, especially those who are health care volunteers, to be communion stewards to the people who are shut ins and unable to attend church. We are developing a plan for making consecrated elements available for volunteers to take and share with their appointed care receiver and will be offering training for how to share this sacrament outside the walls of the church.

One of the things that makes me the most proud of our congregation is that so many of you understand that you are called to love others, and you do. You show love and provide care in so many different ways. You are a community that extends belonging and healing. An alive and blessed church is a place where Christ can heal, and where, through the teaching, the preaching, and the fellowship people are connected to Christ. I thank God for you and for our ministry of healing!

See you in church!

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Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University SUNDAYS at 12:30pm

How will Financial Peace University benefit you?

Myth:

Debt consolidation saves interest, and you have one smaller payment.

Truth:

Debt consolidation is dangerous because you treat only the symptom.

The Real Way to Get Out of Debt

You attack the smallest debt first, still maintaining minimum payments on everything else. Do what is necessary to focus your attention. Keep stepping up to the next larger bill. After the credit debt is taken care of, you are ready for the next baby step in your Total Money Makeover.

Dave Ramsey has many more helpful hints and suggestions to becoming debt free and to

“Live like no one else”!

You will be challenged and motivated to make a plan for your money and change your family tree forever!

Class members meet with their class each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups. Dave's style is simple and easy to understand.

He will change the way you think about money.

You'll actually have fun as you learn!

There is no greater treasure than a good friend!

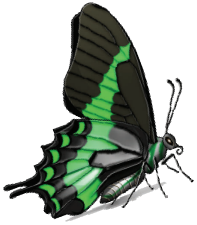


COMPASSIONATE CARE FUND BY LISA RADFORD

Two years ago I attended Project Connect which is an annual event at the Expo Center in Redmond where local agencies set up booths to introduce those in need to the services that are available to them in Central Oregon. I felt in order to help people I needed to know what services were available so I attended. At this event I met Richard Thompson (I've mentioned him before) and he helps people get grants to attend college. He is a wonderful man and I have sent several people to him in hopes that an education will help them have a brighter future.

About two years ago a man came to us who had just gotten out of jail. When someone first gets out of jail they don't have anything; no job no money and a felony charge. He came to us needing rental assistance and bus passes to get around town to look for a job. I also believe he was searching for a new way to live. While he was addicted his wife had left him with their children and he was only able to get supervised visitations with his children. I encouraged him to visit with Richard and sure enough Richard was able to help him. He started at COCC about one and a half years ago and he is still attending and receiving very good grades in fact he gets more As than Bs! He is getting a degree in Auto Mechanics, actually when he finishes school he will have a Master ASE certificate. This man is doing so well that he now visits his children whenever he wants and he & his wife, although not together, get along very well. This man came into our church just last week; he needed bus passes to get to school because his grant money was a week away but classes had already started and I was able to catch up with him. It felt so good to see him and how happy he was and how well he is doing. I have no doubt that he will complete his studies and become a very successful mechanic. At this point he is no longer the man that first walked in our doors two years ago.

As a church we have helped this man more than we probably realize; it is not just financial assistance it is also having a relationship with him. We are a compassionate church thanks to all of you.



God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action

In a statement that says, “We cannot help the world until we change our way of being in it,” the bishops of The United Methodist Church have announced a significant call to all United Methodists, ecumenical and inter-religious partners and people of goodwill around the world.

“As bishops we know that critical issues of the day have left people feeling fearful, cynical, hopeless and overwhelmed,” said Bishop Gregory Palmer, president, Council of Bishops.” *The Renewed Creation* document contains our pledges to work in hopeful and robust ways for transforming change as God’s stewards of creation. We invite the church and our partners around the world to join us.”

Stating that they “cannot remain silent while God’s people and God’s planet suffer” the 69 active Bishops of The United Methodist Church addressed the Pastoral Letter and Foundation Document to the 11.3 million global members of the denomination. The documents are available online at www.hopeandaction.org. A study guide for adults and leaders with children are being prepared for Lent 2010.

The focus of the bishops’ message is three interconnected global threats to God’s good creation:

- pandemic poverty and disease;
- environmental degradation, and
- proliferation of weapons and violence.

“We spent many months listening to the concerns and hopes of over 5400 United Methodists worldwide of every age and status,” said Bishop Timothy Whitaker of Florida, Chair of the Task Force that brought the proposal to the Council. “We are building on a strong church tradition of seriously engaging public policy issues that most affect the human race—especially our young people.”

God’s Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action, is the evolution of action taken 20 years ago when the Bishops issued a Pastoral Letter called, “In Defense of Creation: The Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace. The 1986 Letter reminded all people that this world is God’s creation, a sacred gift to be received and nurtured with respect, declaring an unconditional *NO* to the policy of deterrence and any use of nuclear weapons.

In 2004, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church authorized the Council of Bishops to update the 1986 document for our time by “educating and encouraging the church, citizens and governments to seek things which lead to a just peace.”



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Check out our updated website for important information.



Men's Support Group

Meet with Pastor Thom at the Church, Tuesday's at 5pm.

Men's Breakfast

Meet at the Church, Wednesday's at 8am for coffee and fellowship. All men welcome to join us.

Next PRIMETIMERS



Sunday, February 7th,

Join us right after the second service we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Great fellowship and good food!!!!!! Get the date on your calendar you don't want to miss it!! Questions??: call Ron or Marcia Ross at 385-6743.

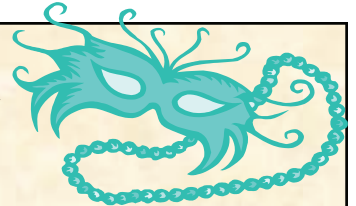


Parenting Discussion Group: From Birth to Grand-parenthood

We will be exploring a variety of topics pertinent to parenthood between services in room 402.

This group will meet Sunday, January 17th through to March 14th. Drop in on any Sunday, this is an open group discussion.

SIXTH ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION!



Tuesday, February 16th / 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Come enjoy the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, complete with donuts. We will celebrate the coming of the serious season of Lent by dressing silly in colorful and gaudy costumes (or just add beads to your everyday garb) and having a party to drive out all the mischief and naughtiness in preparation of Lent.

We will start serving dinner at 6:00 pm. We will have Dixieland music for your enjoyment. We will be putting out a basket for donations for the band. TBA

This evening is a lot of fun so bring a friend and join us.

If you don't get your statement of giving by email and would like a printed copy please let the finance office know. Thanks, Diane Cole

HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF GOING ON A MISSION?



UMVIM Missions Team
Guatemala 2010

"The need is great" and all that is needed is
"a heart willing to serve". The next Missions
Committee is set for **February 9th** at **6:00pm** in
the **Fellowship Hall**. There is a place for every-
one on Team Guatemala 2010.

All who are interested please plan to attend!

Join us even if you are just curious.

*Thank you for the file cabinet.
We are happy to get started organizing
the files as well as the church history.*

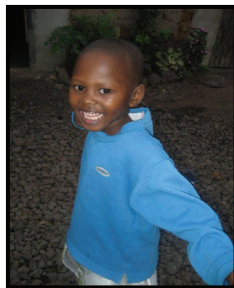
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 610 and
CENTRAL OREGON PEACE NETWORK
present

"A Better Life in AFRICA"

with Malerie Pratts of Vima Lupwa, Zambia and
John Schwechten of Better Life Children's Home, Kenya

on THURSDAY,
January 28, 2010
at 7 pm

Central Oregon
Environmental Center,
16 NW Kansas in downtown Bend, Oregon.



Come hear about what wonderful work these Bendites are accom-
plishing with orphaned children in Zambia and Kenya. They will
present power point programs on their projects in Africa.

For more information please contact Philip at 541-388-1793 or
phil@tiedyed.us. A donation to Better Life Children's Home
or Vima Lupwa would be appreciated.

The Quest

I asked for bread!

Life led me to a plain,
And put a plough at hand,
And bade me toil until my
bread I earned.

I asked for drink!

Life led me to a sand
As dry as tearless grief—
Forced me to find the springs
of sympathy.

I asked for joy!

Life led me to a street,
And had me hear the cries
Of wayward souls who waited
to be freed.

I asked for words!

Life led me to the wood,
Set me in solitude
Where speech is still and
wisdom comes by prayer.

I asked for love!

Life led me to a hill,
And bound me to a cross
To bear and lift and to be
hanged upon.

Chester B. Emerson

February Birthdays:

Andrew Balyeat	02/01
Bill Hopp	02/01
Cathy Renner	02/01
Diana Strand	02/01
Abby Sorlie	02/02
Jean Nelson-Dean	02/03
Hilary Sharpe	02/03
Natalie Sharpe	02/03
Kevin Brown	02/04
Helen Bohnhoff	02/06
Donna Sikonia	02/06
Taylor Gonzales	02/08
Allan Rose	02/08
Megan Van Horn	02/09
Ann Overman	02/10
Andy Andrew	02/11
Samuel Buzzas	02/11
Zachary Dean	02/11
Laura Krull	02/11
Richard Overman	02/11
Steven Park	02/12
Duncan Van Horn	02/12
Tim Zerger	02/12
Christine Jones	02/13
Lisa Radford	02/13
Nathan Sharpe	02/13
Wes Wilson	02/13
Michael Ficher	02/14
Paula Carter Cooper	02/15
Barbara Jordan	02/15
Otto Klein	02/15
Daniel Strand	02/16
Oren Aldrich	02/18
Susie Neubauer	02/20
Jim Bell	02/21
James Brown	02/21
Dory Koehler-King	02/21
Michael Magee	02/21
Lauren Shimek	02/21
Michael Evans	02/22
Martha Lewis	02/23
Max King	02/24
Cheree Johnson	02/25
Don Miller	02/25
Leo Parsons	02/25
Verle Mitchell	02/26
Will Andrews	02/27
Ellen Glenn	02/27
Donald Majors	02/27
Matt Mitchell	02/27
Bruce Miller	02/28
Misty Reynolds	02/28

**we missed your birthday
please call the office!**

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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]

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



Turn “E” Into “F”!

February is National Heart Month, and this month we’re going to talk about a way to help your heart—not just that ticker in your chest, but your “heart”. How you feel in general and your approach to daily living.

The list for helping your heart isn’t long, it really has only two items: the first is to stop smoking, if you smoke, but then you know that. This article will talk about #2: turning “E” into “F”. By now you have guessed that by “E”, I’m talking about the dreaded word—exercise. Exercise, after quitting smoking (if you smoke) is the single easiest, and most important action you can take to improve both your heart, and your “heart”.

If you don’t regularly exercise you may be thinking, “Easiest? Who are they trying to kid? I am too ____ to exercise.” We can all probably fill in the blank with at least one descriptor: tired, busy, stressed, painful, old, young, etc. etc. I think that the problem comes from what we perceive as exercise. For some of us, going to the gym and “working out” is what comes to mind with the “e” word. Or maybe its jogging, or training for some athletic competition, or lifting weights. Some of you reading this may be thinking, “Yeah, those sound like fun to me!” But for a lot of folks who aren’t currently exercising, just the thought of those activities can be enough to squelch any thought of “e”.

So let’s reframe our thought of what makes “e”. Kids know how to exercise without giving it a second thought. Yes, many of today’s kids can certainly benefit from more physical activity, but just drive by a school at recess and one will see a whole school-yard-full of kids running, jumping, playing ball and generally making the most of that precious break from the routine of school. And that’s the secret to exercise: a fun break.

I don’t think there are many of us who want to add one more “must do” to our lives. We have, or have had, enough of those already. So let’s treat ourselves with some fun! That’s how the “e” becomes “f”. Think back to when you were a kid: what was fun to do when you were younger? Chances are if it was fun then, it’ll be fun again. Maybe the fun stuff then just won’t fit into your life today, for whatever reason. What has caught your interest when you’ve heard about it, and involves movement? Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

- ♦ You don’t have to be able to stand for long periods to get some exercise. Chair exercise is an excellent way to feel better. Maybe your residence offers a class, or you can ask Health Ministry for a video.
- ♦ Join the Balance Class at the church. The class meets weekly in the multi-purpose room, is low cost and welcomes new members.
- ♦ Take a 10-minute walk at lunch to clear your brain. Invite a co-worker to walk with you; maybe you’ll want to tackle a work problem, or it might be better to make work

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - January 31st Worship

(Both Services)

Celebrate United Methodist Women

Learn more about the purpose of the Women's organization, Circle goals, Membership, and ways to provide financial support through Mission giving. Membership is open to all women. Plan to attend worship, January 31st here at 8:30am or 11am!!

HEALTH MINISTRY CONTINUED.....

off limits. You choose. Park as far away as practical in the parking lot and get another minute or two before and after work.

- ◆ Involve the family. Older school-age kids and teens may find taking a walk boring. If you have a Wii, the Wii Fit programs really are fun and get you moving. You don't need a video game though; take a bike ride together, go snowshoeing, play tag in the backyard. Practice soccer, football, baseball or any team sport your children are playing. The goal isn't to make them better, it's for everyone to have fun.
- ◆ If you have a baby, start your baby off right. Research has shown that babies who get regular "floor time" every day sleep better at night. You can get down on the floor with your little one and just play: show them how to roll, bicycle their legs, show them how to crawl, roll a ball back and forth.

So remember, think FUN. When exercise is fun, it gets done. And the positive benefits will enrich not only your heart, but your "heart". You are worth it!

**Always check with your health care provider before changing your activity level. Usually all that's needed is a phone call to them.

Finance Committee

Financial News - December 2010:

Once again, we want to thank you all for your Pledge responses and your continued support. To date, we have received 143 people's giving commitments (totaling \$273,000), plus 43 giving commitments to the Building Fund (totaling \$18,925)! We encourage all of you who may still need to return your giving cards to do so, as soon as you can. We use this information to determine our annual budget, which has now been completed, but we're still accepting pledge cards. Thank you, again for all your responses.

As a result of our Christmas Eve offering, we gave \$1,000 as a love gift to the Annual Conference. Also, another \$1,500 went to the Compassionate Care Fund.

Also, as a reminder for those of you would like an automatic payment for 2010, we can still set up an "auto-draft", on the 5th or 20th of each 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/proposed budget for the twelve months of this year (ending 12/31/2009) and 2010:

		Actual thru 12-09	Budget 12 mos.	Diff.	Budget 2010
Income					
	Pledged General Budget	277,011	314,428	(37,417)	303,370
	General Budget	56,210	65,850	(9,640)	63,486
	Loose Offering	6,156	7,000	(844)	7,000
	Subtotal	339,377	387,278	(47,901)	373,856
	Building Use*	23,410	21,000	2,410	21,000
	Other Income	1,868	5,900	(4,032)	5,764
Total Income		364,655	414,178	(49,523)	400,620
Expense					
	Music	24,867	24,531	336	24,631
	Staff Expense	186,787	196,256	(9,469)	194,658
	Office Expense	7,577	10,965	(3,388)	8,600
	Payroll Taxes	11,396	14,300	(2,904)	14,300
	Apportionments	69,239	73,526	(4,287)	65,406
	Church Programs	24,394	25,185	(791)	32,305
	Building Maintenance	47,535	50,900	(3,365)	50,700
	Building Fund Payment**	-	29,940	(29,940)	10,020
Total Expense		371,795	425,603	(53,808)	400,620

*Note: above "Building use" income includes approx. 4 mos. prepaid rent from Temple Beth Tikvah.

** Also, while the Building Fund Payment has been reduced this year, due to budget restraints, we expect to make every effort to make \$835/mo. payments to this fund. This will help reduce the remaining debt on our building improvements.

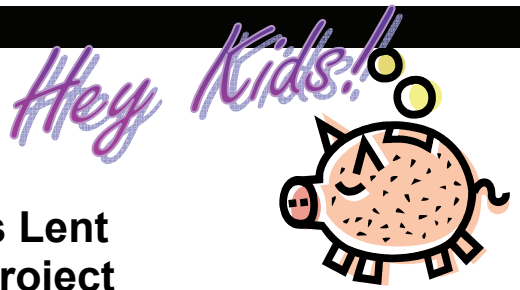
Good to be back...

It is good to be back in Bend. My time in Juneau with my dad and other family was comforting and enriching. Thank you for all the prayers, cards and comforting words.

My dad is doing well and looking to the future. We hope that he can travel with my sister in March and come to visit us here in Bend.

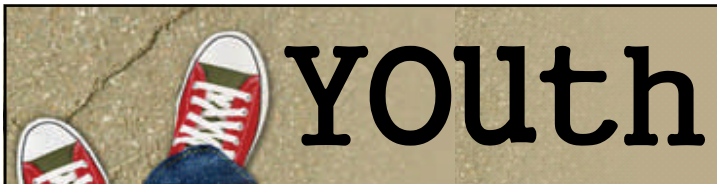
*Thank you
Cindy Larson*

Hand Up for Haiti Children's Lent Mission Project



Each year the Sunday School children have a mission project and this year we will be collecting spare change to help with the relief effort in Haiti. The season for Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and continues through Easter Sunday, April 4th. If you have a child that wants to be involved think about getting them to use their own money or giving them small jobs to earn some money to give to the cause. Sit down with them and check out the websites www.umc.org/Haiti or www.10thousanddoors.org to give them an idea of what is happening in Haiti and how their money will be spent. All donations will be sent to UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief, which will use 100% of our donation for Haitian relief efforts. Methodist churches across the country pay all of UMCOR's administrative costs. If you are in a small group and would like to participate, we would love to have you on board!

So be watching for our children carrying Easter baskets and looking for your spare change.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to HELP with SHEBANG!!!

More Shebang help is needed from our Congregation.

Shebang, the large youth rally coming to our church Feb. 12, 13, 14, and 15, will draw more than 100 youth and adults to our church. We need help with **HOUSING** for those who come, **TIME** volunteers to serve them while they are here, **FOOD** volunteers to bring many kinds of food, and **MONEY** giving volunteers to help purchase the food the group will eat. Please sign up in the lobby after services today or call Ann Hand, 541-389-7445, to add your name to the volunteer lists. Money donations can be labeled Shebang and put in the offering plate. Thank you!

Please refer questions and comments to your youth leaders!

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