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THOM'S THOUGHTS

This week I will be in Atlanta, Georgia for the Festival of Homiletics sponsored by *Lectionary Homiletics*. This will be the sixth festival and I am really looking forward to it. It is a whole week of great worship, great music, and great preaching as preachers and musicians from all over the country come to share their skill and artistry.

This year, I am especially looking forward to hearing Bishop Desmond Tutu who will be speaking about overcoming division in Jesus Christ. There will be other speakers such as Brian McLaren and Jim Wallis who will be giving ideas for teaching and preaching in the new economy. I will also be able to hear Adam Hamilton who is the preacher at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. I know that I will be refreshed, renewed, and inspired by the worship I experience and the sermons and lectures I hear at the Festival. I know it helps make my preaching better.

In my absence, I know you will be in good hands. The rest of the staff will be "holding down the fort" and will know how to get you any pastoral care you might need in my absence. I doubt that you will hardly notice that I am gone – which is the sign of a healthy and an alive church.

While I am gone, I would appreciate your keeping me in your prayers, for safe travels and good learning. I would appreciate your keeping Cindy in your prayers, for her peace and safety. I would ask you to keep Jeanne Burleigh in your prayers, for healing of her spirit and mind and a season of peace and rest. And I would ask you to keep the church staff in your prayers as we move through a time of change and transition.

I can't wait to share the things I learn and the insights I gain, even though sometimes it takes almost a year (like the song from Beth Nielsen Chapman) to finally work their way into a worship service or a sermon.

Even though I will be gone and busy and experiencing lots of great things, a part of me will still be here with you, praying for you, concerned about you, loving you. It is such a privilege and a joy to be your pastor!

I am still rejoicing in the great time I had with the confirmation class this year. Here are two more statements of faith.

First, from Shannon Quinn (The statement that Shannon shared at her confirmation was actually longer than this and included several last minute additions that she read in a circular fashion. But this is Shannon's statement that I received via email):

I thank all the people who put their time in confirmation for me. I think I see God with my friends or just when I feel happy. I believe that God and Jesus' purpose is to help people. Because Jesus was crucified he did help people and taught them about God's love. By Jesus' death and resurrection he showed us his never-ending love for us. I hope to use my actions to show others the love God has for us. I hope God will help me choose the right path through Life and make the right choices.

Then, from Collin Watts:

*I believe in God. I believe that God is good and the maker of everything.
I believe that Jesus is the complete and visible expression of God's love for us.
I am a follower of Jesus.
I believe that God will always love me and forgive me as long as I truly believe in him.
I am a Christian and intend to be confident and strong in my faith.
As one who has loved God on earth, I believe that when this life is over I will go to heaven and further express my love for God forever.*

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Family Kitchen

We are scheduled to help with Family Kitchen this month on Tuesday 6/30. We need 3 volunteers for the cooking shift from 2:30 - 4:30 and 10 for the serving & cleanup shift from 4:30 to 7 pm. If you can help with Family Kitchen this month give me a call at 322-0100. Thank you to all that have helped in the past and to those of you who will be helping in the future. This is a very worthwhile local mission effort. Lisa Radford

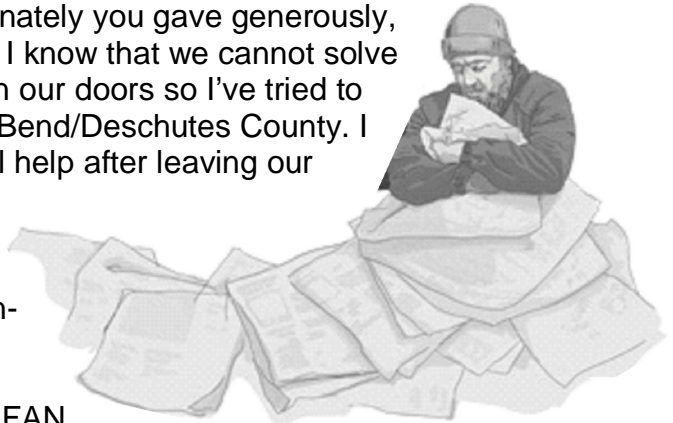
DISCRETIONARY FUND

Lisa Radford

This month we had a lot of people in need and fortunately you gave generously, almost as if you knew there would be a lot of need. I know that we cannot solve all of the financial problems of anyone who comes in our doors so I've tried to become knowledgeable in the services available in Bend/Deschutes County. I try to offer ideas for where people can get additional help after leaving our church even when we have done our best to give them assistance. I never know who will be walking

in our doors or what their situation is but I have come up with a few questions that seem to elicit conversations. For example, whenever a single parent comes to us, I always ask about child support. One such woman came to us after being referred by her FAN

advocate so in my conversation I asked if she received child support. She responded that her son didn't have a father. That stunned me into silence for a few moments realizing that there must be something unusual going on in her life. I said to her as gently as possible that every child has a father. With much grace and peace and without any anger, hostility, or defensiveness she told me that she had been raped and that her 13 year old son was the product of that experience. When I tried to show her compassion for her situation, she told me that her son was a blessing and a joy to her and she wasn't sorry at all.



I come in on Wednesdays wanting to help others and in this instance this woman helped me. Rape is a horrendous crime and most often devastates the victim sometimes for the rest of their lives. Her grace and acceptance demonstrated to me that God is with us during all the trials of our life and will bring us peace if we allow it. I will remember this woman and her grace and peace when life seems to be a trial for me and I hope you will remember her also. God is with us no matter the situation and we have only to seek His guidance to be fully who we are meant to be. Thanks be to God.

SUMMER HOURS

Summer Hours start on June 14th for Worship Services.
The Contemporary Service will be at 9:00 am and the Traditional Service will be at 10:30 am. There will be NO Sunday School until Jubilee Sunday School starts on July 12th.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Ron Ross, Chair of the Trustees

- Thank you to all the people who made the painting project in February such a success.
- On Saturday, June 20th, there will be a spring clean-up and planting project.
- Jeani Engstrom and Joy Chesley are hard at work urging people to “adopt” a spot outside the church, where flowers need to be planted, shrubs pruned, etc. If you are interested, please contact these ladies. Our church is very beautiful and we need to take care of our greenscape.
- Jeff Cole and Don Pederson have put in considerable time updating the lighting, both inside and outside.
- Treasurer Charlotte Hartman has paid off one of the two notes we still have for the Staats Street property. It is our hope that we can pay off the other one by early next year.
- A big Thank You to Mark Clemo, along with a group of Boy Scouts and some parents for the great job sprucing up the outside of the church.
- Vice President Mick Sears is heading up a committee on Risk Management, Insurance, and Safety. This committee was formed to handle the change over of our new insurance carrier, which was mandated at last years church conference.
- The old lawn mower has finally given up and we are in need of purchasing a new one or if someone has one they no longer need that is in good condition, please let the church office know and we will gladly take it off your hands.

Prayers and Squares

The Prayers and Squares group will not be meeting during June, July, and August. We will resume Sept. 10th.

We will continue to give Prayer Quilts during the summer as needed. Please contact Carol Duvall at 312-4255 or you may contact the church office if you know of someone who should receive a quilt.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite some new people to join this wonderful group. We are not only prayer quilters, but we share ideas and support one another in our daily lives. Quilts can be made at home also and we would be glad to show you our fabric supply, or you can buy your own and we could reimburse you.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lorraine Zachary, RN

“I give you a new commandment, that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
John 13:34 and 35

The Health Ministry Committee is seeking a few new volunteers to serve some of our members who “need a hand up”. Volunteers provide companionship, transportation to appointments or for errands, and many other small tasks that help to enrich the lives of others. Many of our volunteers have been with their clients for a very long time and have become very close. When we have several people interested, we can set a date for a short orientation session.

We are also in need of qualified individuals to help take blood pressures at our monthly clinic; the clinic is held the 3rd Sunday of each month between services from 9:30 am until 11:00 am and after the 11:00 am service for about ½ hour. During the summer months, pressures will be taken from 10:00 am until 10:30 am and again after the 10:30 service. If you are interested in either of these volunteer opportunities, please phone any of the following people or jot off an email.

Phyllis Stuewig: 306-3041	stuewig@verizon.net
Shirley Worthen: 317-8981	
Lorraine Zachary: 410-8600	franklorrainezac@aol.com

The best way to understand how being a volunteer can enhance your life and the life of someone else is to share notes from two of our dedicated volunteers. I asked each one just what being a Health Ministry volunteer had meant to them – these are their words:

What does being a volunteer for Health Ministry mean to me? I have been asked this question many times and each time I come up with a different tale to tell about Opal Jones.

I met Opal in 2005 when we were asked to make her a prayer quilt; we being the Prayers and Squares quilt ministry. I was told she had an operation and was 93 years old. You can imagine what I expected of a 93 year old lady. Let me tell you it was nothing that I expected! I found a vibrant, tiny little lady with a lot of class and enthusiasm for life. She was cooking a lunch for her daughter and was excited to tell how she was preparing the meal with a new electric oven. That day was so meaningful to me that I asked Lorraine if she needed a visitor on a regular basis for Opal; she said she sure did! I volunteered and my life has been changed by this lady. We were both cheerleaders in high school so we shared cheers and read a little from the Bible. Each visit was something different to talk about and she insisted on cooking my lunch for me. She is a great cook and loved to share her meals and her recipes. I began calling her in between my weekly visits and asking how to prepare certain recipes. She shared her favorite fruit cookies with me and taught me to make them. She was eager to share and then we would plan my next visit. She loves to have things organized in her closets and cupboards, so we would do that. One thing we did every week was play Skip-Bo. We played by a whole different set of rules and it became the only way to play—Opal’s way. Sometimes I would mend something for her, but whatever I would do she would top it off with a wonderful lunch and a couple of games of Skip-Bo.

*Today Opal is in a foster home and I continue to visit every Wednesday and I look forward to that day as much as she does. We have learned from each other and shared much more than a friendship. She calls me her adopted daughter and I call her my adopted Mother. And, yes, we continue to play Skip-Bo and organize closets when needed; AND she wants me to keep the cookies coming her way. She even gave me her food processor so I could keep making the cookies. My Wednesday mornings with Opal are days that I look forward to and plan my week around; it is not at all a commitment I **have** to keep, but one that I **want** to keep.*

-Carol Duvall

The Health Ministry has been very important to me for the past years. I feel that I have a purpose in life. This has given me the opportunity to know people in the church family that I had not met before. I have become intimately involved with some of the people I have worked with like Ivy McEuen, Jo Dickens, Lillian Dempsey, and Opal Jones. I have met others occasionally, as well as the members of the Health Ministry Committee who give so much. It's given me an opportunity to observe how differently people age and how important our spiritual faith is to all of us. Thank you for all you do for all of us.

-Love, Lyn Lorenz

May each of you be blessed in this spring season – a time of new beginnings. Enjoy the bounties of the earth and the beauty of the trees and flowers. Perhaps you will even try a garden this year – we have tomatoes, a green pepper, and some flower seeds started in our sunroom. We have never had much luck with tomatoes, but will try once again – there is nothing that tastes better than a vine ripened tomato!

Love and blessings to all,

Lorraine

UMW

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Chris Mitchell

There will be no General Unit Meeting until September.

Christian School of Missions

July 16 -19th George Fox University

July 30-Aug. 2nd Nazareth Retreat Center, Boise, Idaho

Studies:

"Food & Faith" - A study about how our faith is nurtured, strengthened, and enhanced, by food and all the ways food touches our lives.

"The Beauty and Courage of Sudan" - Shortage of food, climate changes, and wars are part of this study for better understanding by the participants.

"Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival" - A study of the changes in life for Native Americans and ways we can achieve better relationships.

If you are interested, contact Chris Mitchell, 389-9787. Scholarships are available.

Circles continue to meet at listed in the directory. Have a spectacular summer!

THANK-YOU NOTE

The members of this First United Methodist Church have become dearer to me throughout the 37 years I have attended as a member. The special occasion and celebration of my 99th birthday will always be an outstanding event in my memory. Thank you for all the hugs and beautiful sentimental birthday cards and notes in the guestbook. Many thanks, too, to all who made this event possible.

*With warm best wishes,
Alma E. Weed*

🎂 Birthdays

- 6/1 Madeline Hartley
 6/2 Neil Forrest
 6/5 Jason Angle Julia Richmond
 Darrel Wilson
 6/6 Matte Dean
 6/7 Hanna Cook Vivian VanVliet
 6/8 Bobbie Bourne Ethan Cole
 Samuel Jadzak
 6/9 Mary Clark Tristan Ramberg
 6/10 Drew Dittman Holly Dittman
 Beverly Mosley Kirk Payne
 Virginia Yates
 6/11 Jason Gybels
 6/12 Earl Klingersmith
 Karen Nelson Verna Noel
 Gloria Westfall
 6/13 Vickie Hopp
 6/14 Dorothy Rose Sharon Skarbek
 Michael Stanton Pam Talley
 6/15 Douglas Eldred Jo Lunsford
 6/17 Martha Arthur Nicholas Kealey
 6/18 Annis Abendroth
 Nana Feingold Barbie Walton
 6/20 Mary Stewart
 6/21 Grant Clemo Cindy Pierce
 Mick Sears
 6/22 Alfred Sisk Andrew Ulum
 6/23 Earl Clark Sharon Henderson
 6/24 Helen Hawn Kevin Witt
 6/25 Jack Sikonia
 6/26 Bev Forrest Caleb Neubauer
 6/27 Midge Michael
 6/29 Ann Hand
 6/30 Alaina Balyeat

Anniversaries

- 6/3 Bob & Susie Browne
 6/4 Michael & Tina Ficher
 6/8 Leah & William Davies
 6/9 Charlotte & Don Miller
 6/12 Doug & Eleanor Blair
 Mick & Sue Sears
 6/18 Kathleen & Scott Mason
 6/20 Jane & Art McEldowney
 6/21 Bert & Debi Harr
 6/22 Jean & Keith Clinton
 6/27 Dale & Susie Neubauer
 6/28 Dick & Chris Frey
 6/30 George & Charlotte Hartman

**Vacation Bible School
Campers Needed**

Lesli “Blaze” Magee – Camp Director

Bend First invites all children preschool through fifth grade to go to the edge this summer for Vacation Bible School. Camp EDGE: Experience + Discover God Everywhere is an extreme adventure camp taking kids on exciting treks to experience and discover God everywhere, every day. The fun begins June 22nd and ends June 26th from 9 am until noon right here at the church. To be part of all the extreme fun at Camp EDGE, grab a registration form from the Narthex bulletin board or any Sunday School teacher. A fantastic time is guaranteed! Give me a call if you have any questions.

Volunteers make it happen. - VBS is a huge undertaking and we need lots “camp counselors” who can help to pull it all off. If you help just for a day or the entire week I have a place for you. If you are available to help, let me know.

Questions -feel free to e-mail me at leslim@bendumc.org or call 330-1532.

**Jubilee Summer Sunday School
Volunteers needed!**

This summer we offer Sunday School during the 9:00 service after Time for Young Disciples. It is one class for kids, age four through fifth grade, and staffed by...you! We give our teachers from the school year the summer off so it is up to you to staff it. I have easy-to-follow curriculum with lots of things to do. Our first class will be July 12th running through August 30th as long as we get volunteers. If you can teach, look for the sign-up in the Narthex or call the office.

**June 7th-Last Day of Sunday School
Teacher Appreciation Sunday**

Sunday June 7th will be our last day for Sunday School until Summer Jubilee begins during the 9 am service on July 12th. We will be taking some time during the services to honor our teachers for this last year. It would be great if the kids could write their teacher a note or draw a picture to make the day special.

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.

- Purchase fabric napkins and various sizes of kitchen towels to use in place of disposable napkins and paper towels.
- Consider having family members use a kitchen timer in the bathroom to limit shower times & water waste.
- When you receive packages with Styrofoam packing peanuts, save them for reuse later, or donate them to the nearest packing & shipping business. Styrofoam is manufactured from petroleum and a carcinogenic chemical called benzene is used in its production. It also breaks down very slowly in the environment, so a pound of Styrofoam reused is a pound of new Styrofoam that doesn’t have to be created.

- The state now allows you to recycle up to seven TVs, computers &/or monitors at a time for free. In the past you've had to pay to recycle electronic equipment. The DEQ oversees this program, and claims that all materials collected will be managed in a way that doesn't harm public health or the environment. Our local collection sites include Goodwill donation centers and Deschutes Recycling at Knott Landfill. Go to www.oregonecycles.org to find out more.
- It's garage sale season! Remember, one person's trash is another person's treasure, so instead of throwing it away, think about whether it can be useful to someone else. If a garage sale is too much trouble, donate clean, gently worn items to local thrift stores.

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, June 18th at 6 pm.

HELP WANTED FOR OUR CHURCH YARD!

Do you enjoy digging in the dirt, planting flowers, and making a landscape look beautiful? Our church yard needs you! The Trustees are looking for volunteers to "adopt a spot" on the church grounds. Small sections can be adopted by individuals or groups to keep the area clean, weed free and even plant flowers! Please contact Jeani Engstrom at 389-4210 or Joy Chesley at 382-1574 for more information. Thank you for volunteering. The Trustees

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORIENTATION

Bend Habitat has selected six new families to partner with as they begin their sweat equity (as down payment), and as we break ground this summer at our new 11-lot site on Boyd Acres, off Empire. One of these families will be working to buy the next Faith House with a 20-year, no-interest, no-profit mortgage.

On June 2nd, Bend Habitat is holding an Affordable Housing Orientation, in conjunction with a number of other organizations. Please spread the word in your respective congregations. There may be a family in your congregation who can qualify for a Habitat home. Please encourage them to attend the Affordable Housing Orientation and learn about the Bend Habitat program along with other affordable housing programs. For example, if a family's income is above Habitat's qualifying range, Housing-Works might be just the right thing for them.

Having just selected six families, it is unlikely that Bend Habitat will be selecting any more families until its September Orientation; nevertheless, coming to this one and finding out what is required will give families more time to put themselves in a better position to qualify in September.

Along these same lines, interested families should visit our website, at www.bendhabitat.org and click on the Homeownership page. There they can fill out a preliminary application and learn more about the selection criteria, including income guidelines, and sweat equity requirements.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Bob Browne, Chairman

Thank you for your giving, especially in these trying times and for the Discretionary Fund contributions! Currently, we are falling short of our budget goals, so we're asking everyone for your help and support in bringing your pledges current, as soon as you are able. Your gifts determine the ability of our Church to function properly and provide our Programs. We still are encouraging your use of our "Auto-Draft" program, as this greatly helps our Church's Cash Flow. If you're one of those people who gives the same amount each month, we can accommodate you very easily. We can set it up to be automatically charged to your Bank account 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 you very much for your generous gifts.

Below are the results for the first four months of this year (ending 4/30/2009):

		Actual thru 04-09	Budget 4 mos.	Difference
Income				
	Pledged General Budget	91,395	104,809	(13,414)
	General Budget	15,055	21,950	(6,895)
	Loose Offering	2,519	2,383	136
	Subtotal	108,969	129,142	(20,173)
	Building Use	6,833	8,400	(1,567)
	Other Income	486	517	(31)
Total Income		116,288	138,059	(21,771)
Expense				
	Music	8,666	8,377	289
	Staff Expense	62,347	65,018	(2,671)
	Office Expense	2,624	3,300	(676)
	Payroll Taxes	5,234	4,767	467
	Apportionments	22,574	24,509	(1,935)
	Church Programs	8,238	8,952	(714)
	Building Maintenance	16,190	16,965	(775)
	Building Fund Payment	-	9,980	(9,980)
Total Expense		125,873	141,868	(15,995)
Net Income		(9,585)	(3,809)	(5,776)

MUSIC NEWS

Richard Frazier, Director

*The Wesley Bell Ringers from the Christ United Methodist Church in Salt Lake City will be in concert at our church on **Sunday evening, June 14th, at 7:30 pm.** This renowned youth handbell choir has been in existence for over forty years and the stop at our church is part of their 44th annual tour. They have performed with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and at the Winter Olympics in 2002. The choir has produced 16 recordings and are regularly featured in the press, radio and TV. Admission will be free with a freewill offering to be collected.*

We have already started to enlist church members to host this group of 32 individuals in their homes for the night of June 14. If you can provide a bed (they are used to sleeping two in a double/queen /king bed) for two or more of their entourage, please contact Donna Frazier at drfraz@bendbroadband.com or call 541-389-7235.

We are honored and thrilled to have them with us for this delightful evening and want our church to show them a superb welcome as host for their concert.

ROUNABOUTS

Are you "roundabout that age" and want to hang out with a fun group? We call ourselves young adults, but really we range from age 0-50+. If that sounds like you, please come to the Roundabout BBQ Sunday June 28 at 4 pm at Mary and Jon Dittman's. 385-6537. Brats and brisket will be provided. Bring something to share. Address and directions to follow. Call Holly Nyquist for more info at 385-4965.

KEEPING IN OUR PRAYERS

Nancy Andre; Dotty Hufnagel; Betty Thompson;
 Gloria Westfall; Jo Lunsford;
 Bill Walton; Dora Litrell; Shirley Wise;
 Katharine Bennett; Jean Burleigh & Family ;
 Estle Hummel's daughter, Pamela Ross;
 Allan Langenwalter; Helen Bohnhoff

