

## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART....

Many will remember the name, Rueben P. Job. This retired UMC bishop wrote the helpful little book called Three Simple Rules which condenses John Wesley's Methodism into (obviously) three simple rules: Do Good. Avoid Harm. Stay in Love With God. Circuit Rider magazine carried Job's witness about the spiritually forming effect the Bible has had on his life. The Church is a people shaped by the Word of God. It is from the scriptures that we learn who we are, who is our neighbor, and what we are supposed to be doing here.

See you in Church, APUMC (Where the Holy Scriptures are read and heard by our family).

Pastor Carl

### **The Life-Changing Influence of Scripture**

MY FIRST MEMORY OF HEARING SCRIPTURE READ IS THAT OF my father's voice. I was a very sick child and he was seated beside my bed where he stayed all night attempting to control my raging fever and calm my fears. I did not understand what he was reading, but I felt the strength, love, and comfort in his voice that suggested to me that all would be well. This was my first memory of the life-changing influence of Scripture.

Now in my eighth decade, there have been countless such life-changing experiences. Sometimes they came in the presence of others and sometimes in solitude. There were times when a passage was read with such feeling and understanding that I was immediately apprehended by the truth of the passage, shaping the way I thought and lived. At other times a passage was opened to my hungry mind and heart through preaching and the presence of God and the truth of the Scriptures sent me away trembling, filled and forever changed. There have been other times when I was alone with the Scriptures and the presence of God was conveyed to my listening heart, and my anxiety or fear melted or the way forward became clear and possible with God's help.

Now full of years and life experience, my disciplines of daily reading and reflecting on a passage of Scripture continue. Weekly worship, gathering at the Table where none are turned away, and the reading, teaching, and preaching of the truth of the Bible still shape and direct my life. These are the experiences that offer the invitation and assurance, "Come, follow me, you are mine." And I determine anew that with God's help and to the best of my ability I will walk the path of Jesus in a culture that does not understand or value that path

With the demands of ministry growing exponentially, attention to daily reading and serious study of Scripture can easily be neglected, but commitment to these practices draws us closer to the One who called us to ministry and continually calls us to serve and lead others in the way of Jesus.

Never underestimate the importance of continuous, regular, and honest teaching and daily reading of the Scripture. It is our meditation on, study of, and wrestling with Scripture that keep the Word alive in us and in the world.

Reuben P. Job

Retired bishop in The United Methodist Church

**ADULT and YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS:**

Plan to join the study of “Lives of Great Christians” each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. We will be learning of various people such as The Early Martyrs; St. Antony, the First Monk; Augustine; St. Patrick and the Conversion of Ireland; Francis of Assisi and many more! We’ll meet in the parlor throughout the summer.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

This year’s VBS will soon be upon us! There will be a planning meeting after church on Sunday, June 26th. This is for ALL people interested in helping in **any way** possible!

The dates for VBS are July 25-29. The tentative schedule includes:

5:00 p.m. Potluck

6:00—7:45 p.m. Classes and activities.

Questions? Please call Nicolle Caballero at the church office 325-4541.

**WORDS OF THANKS:**

We just want to thank our Audubon Park family so very much for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, and well wishes as Glenda Buterbaugh had her neck surgery last week. She is resting well at home and gaining more strength every day. It is a comfort to know so many are thinking of her and her family at this challenging time!

Sincerely,

Galen Buterbaugh and Sandi Nicol and family

Thank you to all who contributed to the Food Drive on June 5th. The food donated weighed in at 173#. THANKS TO ALL!

The church received the following letter in the mail:

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each time I pass by your church I am reminded and convinced that your congregation goes the extra step in being a good example in our community. It is reflected in how well you maintain your church exterior and surrounding grounds. It also seems to support your welcoming spirit.

Your reader sign mentions “open minds, open hearts, open doors.” I believe, through your example, you truly practice this spirit-of-openness. It is because of this reflective spirit I feel compelled to pass a word-of-thanks to your entire congregation. My family and I extend a *warm THANK-YOU* to you all for being a shining example in our community.

-George (A neighbor)

**SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**The office will begin summer hours starting Friday, June 10th. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday– Friday.**

**NEWS FROM OUR RISK-TAKING MISSION TEAM**

**Interfaith Hospitality Network Hosting** - We will be hosting the families from the Interfaith Hospitality Network again beginning Sunday, June 19. (If you haven't helped out before, plan to come to the training to learn how you can help.) Coordinators will begin taking sign-ups for volunteers this Sunday, so check your calendar and be prepared when asked. Better yet, volunteer! Thank you.

**Cooperative School of Christian Mission** - The 2011 CSOCM is scheduled for August 12 through 15 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. The theme for this year's event is "All Things Made New".

*As followers of Christ, we hold fast to God's intention to bring hope and wholeness to the world through Jesus Christ. Grace-filled, we long for a world that moves from brokenness to wholeness, from suffering to healing, from injustice to justice, from scarcity to abundance, from estrangement to reconciliation and from despair to hope. As partners in God's mission, the transformation we seek today is that of taking what is broken and restoring it to fullness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Faith-filled, we believe that out of rubble and ashes of devastation will come new life - a life of hope, a life of abundance, a life of joy for the journey.*

The study for the entire group is "Haiti: Challenges and Hope", which will be lead by Phil Harrington. In addition you may choose either "The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation" or "Joy To The World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity". Registration is now open and those with forms postmarked or submitted electronically prior to July 1 will pay \$20 less than those who complete their forms after July 1. All registration forms must be submitted or postmarked no later than July 15. Information can be obtained from members of the UMW Executive Board.

**SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

Peace with Justice Sunday supports programs that advocate peace and justice throughout the world. Half of the special offering goes to the Board of Church and Society to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education, and advocacy. The other half stays in our Conference to fund local Peace with Justice program. Please give generously on June 19– we can make a difference!

### **Care Boxes For Our Military Family**

Thank you to everyone who provided items for the care boxes for our family members in the military. We have packed two boxes for Jenna Whitford and those will be mailed this week.

We are now working on boxes for Scott Dobberstein, who is currently deployed and his wife, who will be leaving soon. We are in need of men's and women deodorant, lip balms, shampoo, and feminine hygiene products. Remember the best size to send is the travel size. Puzzle books and paperback books are also nice to include. A complete list is located in the parlor.

We would also like to send a box of edible goodies, such as cookies and crackers w/ cheese or peanut butter that are wrapped in individual packages; rice krispy treats; hard candies, drink mixes for water; and small meal deals like tuna, mac and cheese, etc.

Postage is also needed. The boxes cost up to \$12.95.

Letters, letters and letters of support are needed. Care boxes are both support for the body and support for the soul. Let's show our appreciation for those women and men who have left their families and friends.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS**

**Middle School Youth** meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 7-8 p.m. The meetings are held in the middle school room at the church. The next meeting is June 16th. For more info, call Josh Clark at the church office 325-4541.

**The Young Adult/College Age Group** will gather again on Friday, June 10th, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Josh and Courtney Clark. For more info call the Clarks at 325-4541.

### **MOMMY AND ME GROUP**

Monday, June 13th at 2:30 p.m.

If the weather is good we'll meet at Audubon City Park, if not we'll meet at the church; Come and enjoy a time with other Moms and kids!

Contact Nicolle at the church office 325-4541.

### **UMW Reading Program**

Here are some more choice books for you:

LIKE BREATH AND WATER: Praying with Africa (A Bonus Book) Ciona Rouse started her journey to Africa prepared to learn about prayer, to hear the prayers of the people and record their stories. Once there, she learned that the prayers that fuel our heart, our very survival, run deep in the soul of Africa. For the people she met, prayer does not simply petition God, but is a life force, like breath and water. (two books in Education for Mission)

WEAVING A JUST FUTURE FOR CHILDREN: An Advocacy Guide Diane Olson and Laura Dean Friedrich have provided a tool kit that weaves together avenues of justice and compassion for doing the spiritual work of child advocacy, and establishes “child advocacy as discipleship”—not as an afterthought, but as a foundation for local church and community ministry. (Nurturing for Community)

REAL FRIENDS vs. THE OTHER KIND: Middle School Confidential™ Series Six teens are all trying to navigate the social scene at Milldale Middle School. But that might prove a lot easier said than done. Problems come up that threaten friendships: so-called friends are there one minute and gone the next, and don’t even mention gossip, rumors, cyber bullying and other challenges that can make middle school feel like a minefield. (Youth)

## **INVITATION TO PROVIDE FLOWERS**

We invite members of the congregation to provide flowers for the altar. Flowers may be given in honor of a birthday, anniversary or “just because”.

Flowers can come from your garden or they may be purchased.

There is a sign up sheet by the drinking fountain in the Narthex.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!**

We *celebrate* with all who are graduating this spring!

### **HIGH SCHOOL:**

Nick Isham                      Shadle Park

### **COLLEGE:**

Kimberly Cree                Eastern Washington  
University

Bachelor of Arts in Education  
Major in Reading  
Minor in Special Education

Tracy Johnson                Washington State  
University

Bachelor of Science in  
Food Science and Human Nutrition

Amelia Rose Stier          Pasadena School of  
Art & Design  
(Sheila Clark’s grand-daughter)

Miles Gantney                University of Calif.

(L.A.)  
Bachelors in English  
(Mel Gantney's son)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Remember Pastor Carl's Memorial Day Children's message? It was about the four chaplains giving their lives when the Dorchester went down in WWII. We found out that our own **Linda Shurtleff** has received **The Legion of Honor Award** through the Chapel of Four Chaplains! It recognizes Linda's service to the community in many and various ways. We are proud of you, Linda!

**The following people are scheduled for various duties for upcoming worship services:**

**ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:**

June 12 Bob Kem  
June 19 Mickey Moreau

**LAMPLIGHTERS:**

June 12 Doug and Pauline Smith  
June 19 Candy Shipley and Dorinda Young

**PRAYER ROOM:**

June 12 Carolyn Wilson  
June 19 Stan Banks

**USHERS:**

June 12 George Hartman  
June 19 Jean Judah and Sunny Day Thompson

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

June 12 David and Madison Banks  
June 19 Steve Whitford

**COMMUNION SERVERS:**

June 12 Joe and Brenda Vazquez  
June 19 Yasha and Simon Puzankov

**GREETERS:**

June 12 Sheila Clark and Judy Ritz  
June 19 Paul and Kathy Cottrell

**COFFEE HOSTS:**

June 12 Lou and Pat Dobberstein  
June 19 Estel and Joanne Harvey  
Angela Feiler and Susie Shearer

## **Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers, God Is the Cure-Giver**

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide Confidential one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges or difficulties. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister **OR** if you would like more information about becoming a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders, a Stephen Minister or call the church office, to learn more.

### **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Our new church directory will soon be finished and ready to go. Soon they will be available to download from our website. You can also order a hard-copy of the directory (suggested donation of \$5 to cover paper and copying costs). Please use the form below and put it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We would like \_\_\_\_\_ hard-copy church directories.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **Audubon Park United Methodist Church**

### **Night Out at the Spokane Indians Ballpark**

The Spokane Indians play host to the Vancouver Canadians on Friday, July 8th for a 6:30 game. Our night at the ballgame is always great family fun, and this year, we get in on a Yoke's family feast night, where hotdogs, soft drinks, and ice cream are only \$1. Reserve your seats now by calling Steve Whitford at 489-7235. Leave a message. We have a block of reserved upper box seats with backs reserved at only \$9 each. Tickets need to be prepaid to Steve by July 3rd, after that, unused seats in our section need to be released for other fans.

**2011 CONCERTS IN THE PARK:**

Again this year, Audubon City Park will be the venue for several outdoor concerts:

July 14 "Sidetrack"  
July 28 "Men of Rhythm"  
August 11 "Doghouse Boyz"  
August 25 Spokane Youth Symphony

All concerts start at 6 p.m....bring your own lawn chair and come early to enjoy the concerts!

**Sunday, June 12**

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
2:00 p.m. Studebaker Club

**Monday, June 13**

2:30 p.m. Mommy and Me Group  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, June 14**

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank  
9:30 a.m. Audubon Park Food Bank  
9:30 a.m. Quilters  
7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting

**Wednesday, June 15**

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous  
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group  
10:15 a.m. Wesley Group

**Thursday, June 16**

7:00 p.m. NW Neighborhood Association Mtg.

**Saturday, June 18**

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

**Interfaith Hospitality here 6/12—6/19**

**Sunday, June 19**

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**Monday, June 20**

Noon— Elderberries to Old Country Buffet  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, June 21**

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank  
9:30 a.m. Quilters  
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee

**Wednesday, June 22**

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous

10:00 a.m. Needlework Group

**Thursday, June 23**

4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

**6/23 - 6/26**

**PNW Annual Conference Pasco, WA**