

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



I have another caption for this cartoon:

“If I am hearing you right through all that gauze, you’re saying it probably wasn’t a good idea to invite the grandchildren to stay with you during Vacation Bible School week.”

But we had a blast all week long! I love kids, of course, especially my own grandkids. But, as they say, God knew what He was doing when He ordained the young to bear and raise the kids. We had an especially wild and wonderful VBS this summer. My special thanks go out to all how helped in any and every way, especially to Marlene Peters and Nicolle Caballero, our Co-Directors. If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a whole church to put on an effective VBS.

It is a real blessing to hear 5 year old Wyatt singing the VBS theme song by heart. It was a surprise to hear 2 year old Cade singing the “Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia” part of Sunday’s Praise Song. At his age, he doesn’t have a clue what it means, but he is a living embodiment of it. May it be so for all of us at APUMC, Lord!

See you in Church, APUMC!

Pastor Carl

## **“ISLAND ODYSSEY” VBS WAS A REAL TRIP!!!!!!**

Thank you to all who made our 2011 Vacation Bible School a great success. We learned a lot about the “Good News” (Gospel) of Jesus Christ and our need as disciples to take it all over world. Twenty-two kids attended VBS this year. An average of 15 adults were present each night to lead all the activities. Many others contributed supplies, prayed and helped in other ways. We thank one and all. We especially thank our Co-Directors Nicolle Caballero and Marlene Peters and our Artistic Director Pat Dobberstein.

The adult class studied the Book of Revelation and learned it is not what most people think it is, it’s better.

Our Vacation Bible School children, plus some contributions on Sunday, raised \$242.49 to go to the **Delmas 54 Boys Home** in Haiti, which is near the Methodist Children’s Home in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In addition, the VBS kids brought in 161 pounds of food for our **Food Bank**. Good work!!

## **TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO FORGIVE IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE..BUT WE WANT YOU TO TRY....**

**Because with God all things are possible. Please see the corrections and additions to the church directory listed in this issue of the *Evangel*.**

## **WORDS OF THANKS**

I can’t tell you all how much I appreciate the notes, phone calls and visits from so many. I love you all for the care you have given me since this surgery. God Bless all of you,  
Linda Shurtleff

## **ON THE MOVE...**

Claire and Sue Story were married the last week. Their address and phone info is available by calling the church office at 325-4541.

## **COFFEE HOSTS FOR AUGUST:**

August 7	Tammy Dodson and Mel Gantney
August 14	Kay Nanson and Judie Thorpe
August 21	Andrew Forsyth and Pamela Ridgway
August 28	Tom and Debra Kraus

## **BAZAAR WORKSHOPS HAVE BEGUN!**

Summer seems to be here to stay, we hope. Now is the time to concentrate on the Fall Bazaar as it is scheduled for November 5. This is only three months away!

Workshops are set for every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Bazaar Work Room in the church basement.

This is a time of good fellowship so consider joining us! Bring any new ideas you may have and projects you may have been working on at home.

### **2011 CONCERTS IN THE PARK:**

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

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!

### **SUMMER MISSION PROJECT – KIDS SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

For the last few years we have collected school supplies to benefit the children at Audubon, Browne and Finch Elementary Schools in our community. The schools and the children have been very grateful for our generous help. We are going to help again this year and will begin collecting supplies on Sunday, August 7. Collection boxes will be available through Sunday, August 21. The boxes will be located in the parlor and the following items are what we would like you to bring:

Crayons – box of 24                      Pencil boxes  
Colored felt tip markers              Glue sticks  
Yellow # 2 pencils                      Spiral notebooks (wide rule, 70 sheet)  
Kid's safety scissors (non-pointed)  
Kleenex tissues in boxes

Let's all pitch in this month to stock the boxes in the parlor and be ready to deliver the supplies to the schools about the same time that school starts in September. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

(Your Risk-Taking Missions Team)

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS AND OTHER HAPPENINGS** **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! Each week "stand alone" so you can join in anytime. We'll meet in the parlor throughout the summer

### **MOMMY AND ME GROUP**

Monday, August 8th 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.

### **COMING THIS FALL:**

Saturday, October 1, 2011, there will be an auction at Audubon Park United Methodist Church. The purpose of this auction is to raise money to meet our goal of this year's budget for apportionments. We are soliciting donations of items from members of our congregation for items to auction. Here is a short list of possible items to donate: any craft item (wood, needle, photography, painting, etc.), use of vacation homes, guided trips, services (dinner preparation, house or yard cleaning) antiques; just use your imagination. There will be advertising in local publications to increase attendance to this auction.

An ad hoc committee has been formed with Olga Trunce as the chairperson. Please contact Olga at the church office for any item donations or any questions

### ***If I Had My Life To Live Over***

**by Erma Bombeck**

The following was written by the late Erma Bombeck after she found out she had a fatal disease.

If I had my life to live over, I would have talked less and listened more.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television - and more while watching life.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously,  
I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more "I love you's".. More "I'm sorrys" ...

But mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute... look at it and really see it ... live it...and never give it back.

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

**ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:**

August 7 Stan Banks  
August 14 Joe Vasquez

**LAMPLIGHTERS:**

August 7 Don and Marlene Peters  
August 14 Doug and Pauline Smith

**PRAYER ROOM:**

August 7 Rebecca Stolberg  
August 14 Fyrne Bemiller

**USHERS:**

August 7 Stan Banks  
August 14 George Hartman

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

August 7 Retta Nickell  
August 14 Carolyn Wilson

**GREETERS:**

August 7 Betsy Hartman & Jean Judah  
August 14 Lucia Neilson & Leslie Spitzer

**COFFEE HOSTS:**

August 7 Tammy Dodson & Mel  
Gantney  
August 14 Kay Nanson & Judie Thorpe



**Sunday, August 7**

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

**Monday, August 8**

2:30 p.m. Mommy & Me Group  
4:00 p.m. Missions Team Meeting  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, August 9**

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, August 10**

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

**Thursday, August 11**

10:30 a.m. Bazaar Workshop

**August 12-15**

Cooperative School of Missions, Ellensburg, WA

**Friday, August 12**

6:30 p.m. Young Adults

**Saturday, August 13**

Virginia Youth Group overnight

**Sunday, August 14**

9:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour (adult)

10:30 a.m. Worship  
2:00 p.m. Studebaker Club

**Monday, August 15**

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, August 16**

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

**Wednesday, August 17**

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous  
10:00 a.m. Needlework Group  
7:00 p.m. Worship Team

**Thursday, August 4**

4:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision

**Friday, August 5**

Virginia Youth Group here overnight