

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART....

Thanks and 'tip of my hat' to my colleague, Lee Books, from Trinity United Methodist Church, for the following:

THE PARABLE OF THE OLD WOOD CUTTER

A little boy crawled up onto the old man's lap. "Tell a story to me, Grandpa." he said.

The old man looked off into the distance and sighed. Then he began his tale.

"Once upon a time, there was a Wood Cutter. He discovered a forest consisting mostly of White Fir, White Pine, White Ash and White Oak. Since he was partial to these species, he decided to settle there. He built a comfortable cabin and laid in a good supply of firewood. Life was pleasant.

"Through the ensuing years, as he exclusively harvested his favorite species, they began to be replaced by other species, such as the Yellow Birch, Yellow Pine, Red Oak, Red Cedar, Black Walnut, Black Oak, Black Gum and the Black Cherry.

"As the Wood Cutter grew older, he had to range farther and farther from his cozy cabin to find his preferred species. There was nothing wrong with the new species of trees that now surrounded his cabin. They all could warm his hearth very nicely, but he was just in the habit of working with his preferred and familiar species.

"Eventually, to his surprise, he realized that he had become an old man and could no longer range far and wide in his search for White Fir, White Pine and White Oak. Although surrounded close at hand by a vast forest of many other species that were perfectly good trees and could have fueled his fire nicely, he sadly surveyed his dwindling supply of seasoned familiar firewood and quietly contemplated on the approaching day when his fire would die out and his cabin would become cold, dark and empty."

The little boy yawned sleepily and said, "This is a sad story, Grandpa. What does it mean?"

Grandfather sighed sadly and said, "Some churches have built buildings in an area, targeting a specific people group. They have become exclusive, welcoming only those people like themselves. Over time, those familiar neighbors have been replaced by others who are different. Unless the church presents the Good News of Jesus to these differing ethnic groups and welcomes them into the Body of Christ, the fire will die out and the building will then sit cold, dark and empty."

WORDS OF THANKS

A big thank you to everybody for helping with meals, bringing food, and for showing up every day to help with the food needs for the week of VBS.

A special thank you to Fyrne Bemiller for supplying homemade cookies every day! And thanks to Karen Gertlar, for her extra janitorial work for the week of VBS!

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY THANK YOU!

Well, it has been two weeks since we met and cared for our first Interfaith family. Have you recovered yet? Karen and her children were a bundle of energy; full of needs and wants; filling our basement with lots of noise, laughter, and commotion. And it took only 36 members of Audubon Park UMC; plus eight members of Shadle Park Presbyterian; and six members of St. David's Episcopal to help provide their needs. That does not even count all the people who have donated items before they arrived. Whew!

A great big thanks goes out to Retta Nickell and Bob Kem. They were in charge of the daily needs of food and transportation. Thank you to all who provided food; transported the family; came and were dinner companions; spent the night at the church; created crafts with the children and provided the craft materials; (Mom was so grateful for the craft time for her kids) washed the mountain of laundry. Thank you to Karen Gertlar for the cleaning she provided.

Will we do it again? That's the multi-million dollar question we need to ask ourselves. There will be an evaluation meeting to determine that answer. If you have input, pro or con, please let your voice be heard. Contact Karen Peacock (325-4541) or send a letter to the church office and let us know.

Once again, thank you for all the hard work that went into our IHN week.

INTERFAITH HOST CHURCHES

(families stay at these churches)

Audubon Park UMC

St. John's Cathedral

Covenant UMC

First Free Evangelical

Manito Presbyterian

Millwood Presbyterian

North Hill Christian

Opportunity Presbyterian

St. Joseph's Catholic

St. Mary's Catholic

Spokane Friends

Whitworth Presbyterian

IN SYMPATHY:

Our sympathy and love is with Bobbi Ehrgood on the loss of her mother on August 3rd. Her mother lived in New Jersey.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Food Bank housed in our church gets many compliments from the clients who come to get help. They are delighted with the cleanliness of the food bank and the quality of food available to them. YOU can be proud of the donations you give to help them!

MORE THANKS:

Another big thank you to **all** who helped with the Interfaith Hospitality family. Special thanks to Karen Peacock and Retta Nickell for their commitment to this project!

-Missions Team and the entire church family

**“COMING FULLY ALIVE
AS YOU AGE”**

**Sundays, August 8-29
3:00 p.m.**



**Riverview Terrace
1841 E. Upriver Drive**

Led by Pastor Carl

Coming Fully Alive As You Age

August 8: “Finding Meaning in Life”

Finding purpose; living life to the fullest; being versus doing; positive aspects of aging; becoming a “sage”

August 15: “Being Fully Alive (Mind, Body, Spirit)”

Meditation; care of the body, mind and spirit; coping with physical limitations; passion for life

August 22: “Aging As a Spiritual Journey”

Finding hope; letting go of expectations; making sense of suffering; forgiveness and healing

August 29: “Uplifting Power of Humor”

Uplifting of spirit; use of humor; enjoying the present moment; looking at the positives of our lives.

KIDS SCHOOL SUPPLIES SUMMER MISSION PROJECT

Last year we collected school supplies for kids at Audubon, Browne and Finch Elementary schools. The schools were very grateful for our help. We would like to help again this year; the last day for collection is August 22nd. To this end we've placed boxes in the parlor for collection of suggested supplies listed below:

- *Crayons (box of 24)
- *#2 yellow pencils
- *Pencil boxes
- *Spiral notebooks (wide rule 70 sheets)
- *Colored felt tip markers
- *Kid's scissors (not pointed)
- *Glue sticks
- *Kleenex tissues in boxes

Let's all pitch in this summer to help stock the boxes so that we can deliver the supplies to the schools about the time school starts. Your participation will be appreciated. Thank you!

THE NORTHWEST
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
12TH Annual
CONCERTS UNDER THE PINES
at Audubon City Park
August 12th and 26th
6:00—8:00 p.m.

This year let's join together as a church family for the concerts!
Bring a lawn chair, a bag dinner and friends!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:

WOW NOW! Teachers and helpers needed- please meet on Sunday, August 22, after the worship service. in room 201 to sign up for WOW NOW rotations and to pick up curriculum.

Fall Schedule begins on September 12th for the children.

B.L.A.S.T. 9:00 a.m. (Grades K-6)

The children will begin the year by studying David - boy and king.
Teachers: Rebecca Stolberg, Danelle Nickell, Connie Hickman, Marlene Peters, Tammy Dodson and Janet Rhodes.

Butterfly Crossing Children's Choir will learn contemporary worship music and perform once a month: (Grades K-middle school)

WOW NOW! Children are dismissed after the children's message during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for a time of faith discovery.

NURSERY NEEDS:

Good news! We are needing a baby swing and a small playpen for our infant nursery. Please bring to the church if you can donate these items. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT:

We had a great week of Vacation Bible School! Approximately 30 children as well as a well-attended adult study were at the church each evening.

A video display of VBS will be shown in church on September 12, the beginning date of the fall schedule.

Our VBS kids raised \$66 for Jamaa Letu Orphanage and collected 145 pounds of food for the food bank! Way to go, kids!

YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM:

Twelve of our children/youth could not stop smiling after flying with YOUNG EAGLES on Saturday, August 7th. They were given a lesson on their specific aircraft, instruction on flying, and a log book with their time and aircraft notated. Each "flyer" received a certificate.

THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THIS WONDERFUL WEEK OF VBS!

JOHN NILSON CONCERT AT AUDUBON PARK UMC!

Plan to join together on Sunday, August 22, at Noon! We will have a potluck followed by a concert by John Nilson.

John is a songwriter, pianist and vocalist, who has performed throughout the US and Europe. His recordings have sold close to a million CDs worldwide.

**"John's music has a magical quality to it. Each new recording seems to be his best."
-Portland DJ- KINK radio**

We are privileged to have John come to Audubon Park UMC. You will enjoy his piano compositions which feature elements of classical, folk and jazz music.

Mark your calendar now!

BIG CHANGE FOR ALL CHURCH MARINER'S GAME

The date has been changed to Saturday, August 28th to see the 1:10 p.m. game We will meet at the church at 7:00 a.m. and travel by bus to Seattle in time for the game! Will return same day.

ALL CHURCH GAME

Sponsored by United Methodist Men

Price for ticket and bus:

Single \$55.00

Double \$100.00

Call the church office (325-4541) to reserve your seat today!

There will be no MIDIS Group in the month of August

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS:

The Inland District UMW Annual Meeting, September 18, 2010, will be held at Audubon Park. For this meeting we will be putting together **Birthing Kits**. UMW invites everyone in the church to bring items for this project which are listed below. There will be a labeled box in the parlor for your donations.

Each kit contains

- 1 hotel size bar of soap
- 1 pair of clean latex gloves
- 1 square yard of clean plastic sheeting
- 3 pieces of clean string each 12 inches long
- 1 clean single use wrapped razor blade
- 2 flannelette receiving blankets, each one yard
- \$1 to cover shipping

These kits will be assembled during the meeting and will be shipped to UMCOR for distribution.

We will also holding a quilt contest - Premature Baby Quilts and Head Pads for Neonatal ICU at Deaconess Hospital and Sacred Heart Hospital. You will receive one ticket for each quilt set you bring to District Annual Meeting. The winner will receive a book from the reading program. Please make quilt and head pads using these instructions:

Premature Baby Quilt - Quilts are 2.5 by 3 feet
2 pieces of material (no batting)
dark colors
Used over the tops of the incubators

Head Pads for the Babies These are 12 inches by 18 inches
Baby colors two pieces of flannel (no batting)

Exciting New Ministry Opportunity.

The Ministry is called “Journeys” and is a Ministry for the whole congregation, YES, one without barriers! Our focus will be to minister to, minister for, and more importantly, minister with all of those in our congregation and in our community who have difficulty, or are unable to participate in worship and ministry opportunities. Please join us for one of our meetings, the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 24, at 5:30 p.m. Most importantly, please pray for all of those involved with this Ministry, both on the giving as well as the receiving ends. Thank you for your support and may God bless you all.
Tom Kraus

IN INVITATION TO A STAMPING PARTY!

Donna Bagwell, our favorite Stamping demonstrator, will be teaching a workshop at our church on August 21st, 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. Donna will share new techniques that she learned a conference recently and show off the new fall line up of products. During the workshop, we will create our own cards, using these new ideas and colors.

Please RSVP to Karen Peacock (869-5741) by Tuesday, August 17, so that we can have the materials ready. This is a suitable workshop for everyone over 3rd grade. Young people will need a parent present.

We are planning on a “Scrapbook” club for APUMC and this will be the kick off. Experience is not needed, nor your own tools.

Come and meet Donna and enjoy a morning with scrapbooking and card making crafters.

TO ALL ENTRYWAY SWEEPERS:

The following people are scheduled to have this sweeping duty in the coming weeks:

August 15 Chris Nickell
August 22 George Hartman

LAMPLIGHTERS:

The Lamplighters for the upcoming weeks are:

August 15 Roger Bertsch; Claire Story

August 22 Bob and Anne Kem

USHER SCHEDULE:

Below are the ushers for worship in the upcoming weeks:

August 15 Sunny Day Thompson;

Betsy Hartman

August 22 Don & Marlene Peters

GREETER SCHEDULE:

August 15 Pamela Ridgway; Char Wilcox

August 22 Madison Banks; Cole Stolberg

PRAYER ROOM:

August 15 Marion Anderson

August 22 Fyrne Bemiller

COMMUNION SERVERS

August 15 David and Brenda Banks

August 22 Kay Nanson; Linda
Shurtleff

Sunday, August 15

10:30 a.m. Worship

3:00 p.m. "Coming Fully Alive As You Age" Class at Riverview Terrace

W. VA Youth Group Overnight

Monday, August 16

7:00 p.m. Worship Team

7:00 p.m. Sustainable Works

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank

9:30 a.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. SPR Meeting

Wednesday, August 18

10:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous

10:00 a.m. Needlework Group

Thursday, August 19

4:00 p.m. Sustainable Works

5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministries

Saturday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Sustainable Works
10 a.m. Stamping Party: Parlor

Sunday, August 22

10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. WOW NOW! Teacher Sign up
Noon– Potluck and Concert with John Nilsen
3:00 p.m. “Coming Fully Alive As You Age” Class at Riverview Terrace

Monday, August 23

7:00 p.m. Church Council
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Downtown Food Bank
9:30 a.m. Quilters
5:30 p.m. “Journeys” Meeting