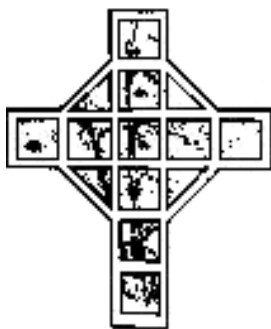


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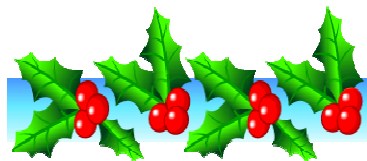


The Triangle

January 5th, 2010

Taking Down the Greens

Saturday, January 9th at 9:00am



Everyone is invited to come to the church this Saturday, January 9th at 9:00am to help take down the décor that graced our sanctuary and entry way for the Christmas season. Call Marj if you have any questions.

Marj Marion, 956-1185, for Worship & Music

PASTORS' CORNER

The Rev. Dr. David R. Kegley

How do you look at the beginning of what we call this new decade? An overview of the news is disturbing. Terrorist strikes are being plotted against the U.S. Our jobless rate may

remain at around 10% for a good part of this year, and then only gradually will the millions of jobless go back to work. We wonder just what we have done to prevent our financial markets from faltering all over again. Some analysts are saying “precious little.” In the meantime the Wall Street/Main Street disconnect has us hearing both “we are in recovery” and “we are struggling nationally with cash flow for loans and increased poverty for many.” Further, as a nation that divides itself in two over most all of these issues, the least of which being healthcare, we have become a tense and angry people.

God risked living in this often dangerous and angry world through the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus' birth into such a setting reveals that goodness, truth, and peace are worth living for even though such things contradict the often conflicted nature of the world. The wise say of change that it starts with one individual who decides to define themselves uniquely. That is what Jesus did and I think what he calls us to do.

Inside each of us is the power to make choices. All it takes to change a whole group of people is one person to make unique and definitive choices. While the threat of terror is out there, we can choose to resist the fear it is designed to induce. Instead, each of us can be calm because of our faith and clear about the value of human life; how to protect life and sustain it. Even though the problems of joblessness are appalling, we can support people stuck in joblessness in a variety of ways. We offer a class for job seekers combined with fellowship and food during our TNT nights just to name one. While current national financial situations are troubling we can teach about managing money well, and practice those lessons ourselves. Additionally, we can share from our resources in ways that help others. I'm thinking here about the ways we give to the food bank, the money we give to the PCUSA which then finds its way to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and other service agencies. Also, I'm thinking of the ways we help the homeless through the overflow shelter and Camp Quixote.

While we are tempted to become more tense and angry over healthcare and all of the other issues that divide us, we can instead draw upon the strength of Christ's love for us and for the world. In doing so I believe our civil senses can be restored and we—one person at a time—can become a nation of people who listen, speak lovingly about issues and deal kindly with others. In this way we can offer some of Christ's unique goodness, truth, and peace to a world in great need of such.

Peace, David

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

9:15am Book Group (library)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00am Taking down the Greens

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

4:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

10:00am Horizon Bible Study

4:30pm FH Finance Comm (lib)

7:00pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

7:00pm Department meetings

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00am Worship

9:45am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Worship

12:30pm Youth Group

1:00pm Golden Delicious lunch at
Mayan Restaurant

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

Martin Luther King Jr Holiday –
church office closed

7:00pm Rachel Circle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP

8:00am Triangle articles due

9:30am Elizabeth Circle (rm 12)

11:00am Mary-Martha Circle

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:30am Naomi Circle

9:30am Triangle folding (library)

10:00am Bible Study (room 12)

7:00pm Session (room 12)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters

1:00pm Dorcas Circle

6:00pm Praise Team

7:00pm Chancel Choir



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES . . .

This Sunday January 10th we begin our regular schedule for Sunday School and Children's Church. Come join us as we study the story of Cornelius and Peter.

TuesdayNightTogether begins February 9th at 6:00pm. We need a team of people to volunteer to set up and cook for February and March. Our faithful cooks Emily and Frances Elstrott will be gone for two months. If you are able to cook one or more of the nights, please let me know. The dates for February are, the 9th & 23rd and for March it is the 9th and the 23rd. We have some exciting adult education classes taking place.

Children's Church Leaders - We need volunteer Children's Church leaders for Sundays January 31st, February 28th and for March 28th. Please contact me if you are able to help with leadership.

Sunday School is taught using a multi-learning style method. Each month a certain story is taught using a variety of methods such as Art, Music, Drama, Video, Games & Science - all to give children ages 1st grade through 5th the opportunity to learn and experience God's word using different styles of learning. It is not necessary for a child to be here every week (although we like that) to keep up with what is being taught in Sunday School. If they come one Sunday or all four, they will hear and experience the story.

Cheryl Kinnamon

ADULT EDUCATION REMINDER . . .

Sunday Mornings at 9:45am, join one of our adult Sunday School classes for exploring interesting Christian topics, Bible study, fun and fellowship, upstairs in the Christian Education wing. You are welcome to come and go in these classes at any time. See the brochure in the literature racks for more information.

New classes this winter are (books will be available for purchase):

"Not Just a One Night Stand- Homelessness" - Using this book, PCUSA materials, and guest speakers, this class forum will explore ministry to the homeless in general and in our community, as we look forward to hosting Camp Quixote again.

"Invitation to the New Testament" will study the writings of the New Testament looking at the story of Jesus and how the early church grew and developed in communities of faith.

Continuing classes are:

"Testimony & Healing" (the Catalyst series) will explore what it means to talk about our faith and its significance in our lives (1/10-2/7) and then how God helps us gain spiritual and physical health. Christian fellowship and sharing is an important part of this class.

"The Upper Room" uses the "The Present Word" to focus on how the Bible speaks to us in our contemporary world today.

Sandy Crouch, CE Department

YOUTH NEWS . . .

Our Youth Group welcomes 2010 and hopes to experience as many positive gains, growth opportunities, and chances to share their gifts as they were offered in 2009.

We celebrated Christmas together on several occasions, including our presentation of December 6th's Candles & Carols event, our December 19th Christmas Lock-In and gift exchange, and a party presented by Sara Bryan-- a regular and dependable Youth Group volunteer and presence.

As we look forward into the months of 2010, we hope to be of service to those in our own community and beyond. We hope to work alongside several non-profit agencies in the area to help those who are currently less fortunate than ourselves. We are in the midst of plans to spend time with youth groups from other local churches, in order to expand our social circles, experience spiritual growth, and glean ideas from one another about how we can make our groups stronger presences within the Olympia community. We plan to attend a Leadership Seminar hosted by Sound View Camp in March and to come back as stronger examples of "what Jesus would do". Finally, we hope that our mission trip this year will take us abroad-- an amazing experience, both for our own education and awareness, as well as to be of assistance to other people in the world who need our help.

We have a busy year ahead of us and pray that it will be a productive one! We are grateful for the support of our church's wonderful pastors, Family Ministry department, the wonderful parents of our youth, and for a congregation that is thoughtful and supportive of our endeavors. Have a blessed year!

Katrina Wyman, Youth Ministries Coordinator

A MARRIAGE RETREAT OPPORTUNITY!

Would you like to recoup after the busy holidays? Join us for our Marriage Retreat, March 19-21, 2010 in Cannon Beach, Oregon. Come for discovery, relaxation and fellowship. Retreat brochures are located in the narthex in the literature rack. Registration forms are in the brochures. Registration is easy: 1) complete the form and attach deposit or full payment and, 2) return completed form to the church office. Don't forget, once you have registered, complete the Couple's Online Assessment. Detailed instructions are included in brochures. Drop-dead deadline for both registration and assessment is February 14th, 2010. Questions? Contact Rachelle Dudley @ 456-6996 or Pastor Christine Long @ 357-5750.

Rachelle Dudley, for the Marriage Retreat (Fellowship & Outreach)

NOTES:

Your 2010 offering envelopes are available for you to pick up in the church narthex. If you do not find a box with your name on it and would like to use envelopes, please contact the church office. A per capita sticker is on top of your box. Please note that the \$35 indicated is per member and not per family or couple. Use only the 2010 offering envelopes.

The 2010 flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may sign up to provide flowers for worship. Capital Florist delivers the flowers each week. You need only to write a check to Westminster for \$40 noting worship flowers on the check.

If you are an elder or other church leader you should have received an **annual report request** in the mail with suggestions for writing your report and the deadline date. You are encouraged to write a report that will be interesting and catch the eye of your reader. Instead of changing some dates, numbers or names from last year's report, write something that is unique and creative. Your report just might serve as an invitation for someone to join your department or committee.

Worship will be at 9:00 and 11:15am this Sunday, January 10th with Sunday School at 9:45 (see page 4 for more details).



TRAINING RESCHEDULED

The training class originally scheduled for January 2010 has been rescheduled to start September 2010.

In order to keep Stephen Ministry alive and strong at Westminster Presbyterian Church, we will need more people to get involved in this important caring ministry this coming year. If you can see yourself visiting with one person, one hour a week to encourage wholeness in a person's life, then I encourage you to get involved as a Stephen Minister. Or if you have a gift for teaching others and are spiritually oriented, you may want to consider becoming a Stephen Leader. I will be happy to talk with you about Stephen Ministry, just give me a call (360-956-3438) or send me an email (petermanns@gmail.com). After 12 years of being an active Stephen Leader/Minister myself, I can honestly say it is a ministry that changes lives. Allow God to Bless You.

Dick Petermann, for Stephen Ministries

MISSION & MINISTRY NOTES:

Thank you to all who generously participated in the **Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family Giving Tree** at Westminster. Together, we brightened up the holidays for four local families (total of 12 children). We provided four gifts for each child, a couple gifts for each parent and \$75 in food gift cards for each family. A special thank you to the "Sew Happy" quilters of WPC who used proceeds from their quilt sales to sponsor over \$150 to cover final needs for the families AND donate a lovely quilt to each family.

Susan & Anika Engels

For over 30 years **feeding the hungry** has been a mission of our church. From an alley off Columbia Street to years at Bread & Roses on Cherry Street, meals are now being served at Salvation Army on Plum Street. Catholic Community Services manages the feeding program with Salvation Army providing the space. Due to recent reductions in staff, more **volunteers are needed** to continue our contribution of six meals per year. These are night meals and are served at 5:00pm. Volunteers are needed to plan, shop, transport, prepare, serve and clean up for the second Friday of the odd months of the year.

Cooks and helpers are needed from 3:00 until 4:30pm and servers and dishwashers from 4:30 until 6:00pm. The 2010 schedule is:

January - 8 - 2010

March 12 - 2010

May 15 - 2010

July 9 - 2010

September 10 - 2010

November 12 - 2010

Thanks to the many volunteers who are now participating and to all who have volunteered in the past. If you would like to volunteer again or for the first time, please call Susan Girard at (360) 491-0891 or e-mail me at bonjoursg@comcast.net. Even if you can do this once a year or on a regular basis, please give it a try. 125 to 150 people who are homeless or low income/working poor are served at each meal. (*"for as much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto Me."*)

Susan Girard

"SEW HAPPY" QUILTERS SAY THANKS!

Once again, thanks to all those who attended the annual Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea and purchased quilts. The quilts that remained were divided among the Union Gospel Mission, the comfort quilt project (for children of deployed parents) and nursing homes. Monetary donations have been made to Westminster's Presbyterian Women with half the amount going to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Fund, to the Olympia Early Learning Center and to Amy Robinson's ministry. We are fortunate to have more funds available and will soon decide how to distribute them. Thanks again for your continued support.

Betty Stoker, for the "Sew Happy" Quilters

NEW MEMBER CLASS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

If you are not on our list and would like to attend the New Member Class Saturday, February 20th please note that on your Friendship Card or let the office know. We will meet from 9:30am until 2:30pm and lunch will be provided.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

December 20 – 266 (100 at 9:00am)

Christmas Eve – 520 (three services)

December 27 – 134

January 3 – 181



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