



SPIRIT



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PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Pentecost is a celebration of the gifts of Spirit. The story of Pentecost is found in the second chapter of Acts. In the time of the "early church", Pentecost was the second most important festival. Easter was the most important.

Come worship with your church family on May 26, at 10:00 A.M. The choir will be singing special music, the liturgy **will** be special and there are some surprizes for you.

WORSHIP ON THE PROPERTY

We will be worshipping on our property on the second Sunday of the Summer months. June 9th will be our first "outdoor service of worship". Worship during the Summer will be at 10:00 A.M. IF it does rain, and it never rains on Sunday, we will worship in the VFW Hall.

June 9th is also Church Picnic Sunday. We will begin with worship and communion and then we will picnic and play some games.

here will be the chance to take part in relays and races and a chance for baseball and volleyball. Bring your picnic lunch & beverages and a blanket [optional] and have a good old time at the CHURCH PICNIC.

MENS BREAKFAST

WOW! What a crowd! We filled **the place** for good food, hot coffee and a lively study-discussion last Sunday morning. The Study is centered around the topic ... "Good and Evil". We have looked at traditional and Biblical stories of The Devil, Satan, Fall of the Angels and the Great Red Dragon.

On May 26 at 8:15 we will begin discussion revolving around ETHICS. What is "GOOD"? Rev. Nelson will lead the discussion ... but it will be "free-for-all" day at the Mens' breakfast. MAY 26 and every other Sunday at 8:15 A.M.

SUMER CAMP

PRESBYTERY PROVIDES EXCELLENT SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES. CAMP IS FUN! CAMP IS FOR YOU! THOM HAS BROCHURES AND NAMES OF DEANS AND PEOPLE FORM TUALATIN GOING TO CAMP! HURRY AND REGISTER.

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FAMILY OF FAITH

MARINERS NEWS: Gatherings on MAY 31

BOUYS AND GULLS: Meet at 7:30 PM. at the Saxton Farm 9400 S.W. Tualatin-Sherwd Rd. Colin will be calling with details. [Ed. Note: Colin remains secretive about the activity, however, crack undercover investigation has determined that outdoor activities are planned.]

MULBERRYS: **Mexican** Potluck at the Casa del Hodge 9895 S.W. Killarney Lane in Tualatin. **Meet at 7:30 P.M.** Bill and/or Peggy can **give you the details.**

*[so you read the above and wondered "what the heck is Mariners? They are fellowship groups designed to have fun and bond us closer to one another in this church family. Want **to** be a part of the fun? Go to your phone, dial the office, and say "I want to be in on the fun." Simple as that!]*

MARINERS--ALL CHURCH JUNE EXTRAVAGANZA !!

THE HUNT IS ON!! SUPER SLUETHING IN THE PARK. MEET AT TUALATIN PARK, IN THE MAIN SHELTER, AT 7:30 P.M. on JUNE 28. BRING DESSERT AND BEVERAGES FOR "POST SLUETHDOM CHOWTIME" AT 8:30.

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENT:

ALL CHURCH SLAVE SALE !!!

THIS IS A GREAT IDEA FOR FUND RAISING! **ITEMS AND SERVICES WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. SERVICES CAN BE "WILD AND CRAZY" [WHY NOT AUCTION YOURSELF AS A MAID OR BUTLER FOR A PRIVATE PARTY?] THEY CAN BE PRACTICAL TOO [YOU COULD CHANGE SOMEONES OIL OR WASH WINDOWS]. ITEMS CAN BE DONATED FOR THE SALE OR EVEN PURCHASED FOR THE SALE. HANDMADE ITEMS WOULD BE GREAT! GET THOSE THINKING CAPS ON!!!**

WELCOME TO MEGAN ELIZABETH HAMMER

The Hammer family filled two full rows last Sunday. Michele and Mike presented Megan for Baptism. What a neat responsibility to join in the nurturing of Megan and to welcome her into Christ's Church

To The Saints:

I have always suffered from the dreaded disease "Spring Fever". Just when I think that it is going to warm up to a comfortable cool it cools to uncomfortable cold. I don't enjoy having to stoke the stove in May. But it is just another "normal year" in Oregon weather. Normal weather? No such thing! There is no such thing as normal weather in Oregon.

There is a lesson in the weather. Let it remind you that none of us are "normal" either. We all have flaws and disabilities. God knows that about us...we should know it about one another. But it is our vulnerabilities that make us beautiful. It is the chance to share our weaknesses and become more together than we are alone that is the challenge and the fun of the church.

I want to let you know how overjoyed I am at the way that you rallied to help Vera out during her hospital stay and her home recovery time. You rallied around Debbie and Mark when she was hospitalized and Mark was at the end of his rope. It is that kind of support that makes a family of faith special. We don't do those things to get points from God or to buy friends. We do them simply because we Love as Christ would have us Love.

You may be one who needs to hear these things:

We want you in church worship on Sunday!! We miss you when you are not there. We don't get to be a family without everyone.

You have special gifts that we need...so don't deny us give of 'You'!

We don't care if you are not perfect. We know you aren't. We know none of us is. We Love you because you are who you are. So don't shy away when things are rough.

GOD has joined together an interesting rabble to become the Tualatin Presbyterian Church. I intend to ask two questions of God someday. One: Why me? Why all the frustration and problems of a New Church Development? Second: Why Me? Why all the adventure and fun of an NCD? It is time to get excited again about this Church. What we have is so very special. The kind of Love that God gives to us in this church is something to share.

RE-ENERGIZE, Get excited about this family of faith. Share it with people!

Thanks to God for YOU. Thank you to God for joining us together.

Grace and Peace
John

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Church School will be July 29-Aug. 2 at the Tualatin United Methodist Church. The theme this year is "God's People Pray". Several members have volunteered to teach, but we need more help with snack, games, music, and the art and crafts. It is a fun time for the kids and the adults. Please let me know that we can count on you for help at VCS.

AN ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE has been formed to design and coordinate educational events for our congregation. Kathy Lawrence, Ruth Fowler and Dale Prindiville are off and running. If you are interested in being a member of this committee or have an idea to share with them give Peggy Hodge a call or put a bug in one of their ears anytime.

WE ARE GROWING and a clear sign of that is the need to develop a new structure for the guidance of the church school. Peggy Hodge has been the Elder in charge of everything that smacked of education for three years. She has done a whale of a job!! But in order to keep Peggy from "church school

burnout", the education committee has re-structured. Peggy **will now** be the Session member in charge of education. A church school Superintendent will oversee the comings and goings of church school. Dale Prindiville will chair the Adult Ed committee. HURRAY FOR SHERRY NELSON!! She has taken the Superintendent position. Give her a hug, your help, your thanks and your prayers.

SUMMER CURRICULUM IS EXCITING STUFF!

People of the Bible and **Sermon** on the Mount are the topics to be studied in church school this Summer. The curriculum is being written by the education committee. We look forward to your cheery "of course" when you are asked to help out by a shepherd. Our childrens' Faith Journey needs YOU.

THERE ARE 7 SUNDAYS OF CHURCH SCHOOL THIS SUMMER. IF EACH FAMILY WITH CHILDREN IN CHURCH SCHOOL WOULD HELP OUT ON ONE SUNDAY THIS SUMMER WE WOULD HAVE IT MADE. ONE SUNDAY---ONE CLASS ... HOW 'BOUT IT?

CHOIR NEWS

THE CHOIR STARTED OUT THE YEAR WITH A LOT OF LAUGHING AND GIGGLING, AND A PROMISE TO SING ONCE A MONTH. AS THE YEAR HAS GONE BY; WE HAVE ALL GOTTEN TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER, WE HAVE LEARNED ALOT OF NEW SONGS, WE HAVE HAD SOME PERFORMANCE JITTERS [ESPECIALLY AT THE CHARTERING SERVICE] AND WE HAVE KEPT OUR PROMISE TO SING ONCE A MONTH. BEST OF ALL, WE ARE STILL LAUGHING AND GIGGLING TOGETHER. THANK YOU TO EACH CHOIR MEMBER FOR DONATED TIME AND TALENT TO DELIVER A "GIFT OF SONG" TO OUR CONGREGATION. THANKS DALE.

JAPANESE JUNIOR HIGHS TO VISIT

TWENTY FIVE JAPANESE JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS WILL BE VISITING OUR AREA JULY 23 - AUGUST 13. THE IDEA IS TO HAVE THEM LIVE WITH AMERICAN FAMILIES WHILE THEY STUDY ENGLISH AND AMERICAN CULTURE. THEY COME WITH INSURANCE AND THEIR OWN MONEY. THEY NEED HOST FAMILIES. HOST WILL TRANSPORT THEM TO TIGARD HIGH FOR MORNING ENGLISH CLASS. ONCE A WEEK THERE IS AN OUTING AND HOSTS ARE WELCOME. SOUND INTERESTING CALL BARBARA PUGH 692-6324 AND ASK HER ANYTHING ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY.

THOM'S SERMONS ARE NOW BEING TAPED

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE IS TAPING THE SERMON EACH SUNDAY AND IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME AND LISTEN. THE TAPES WILL BE MADE ON CASSETTE MACHINE AND WILL BE PLAYABLE ON ANY CASSETTE MACHINE. TAPES WILL BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

SLIDE OVER AND MAKE ROOM IN THE KINGDOM FOR MEGAN HAMMER BAPTIZED MAY 2. VERA ROSSA IS HOME AND DOING WELL AFTER HAVING A HEART ATTACK ON THE PLANE GOING TO MONTANA. VERA'S MOM IS HERE VISITING NOW. VERA SAYS THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP, THE LOVE AND THE PRAYERS. DEBBIE DENISSEN IS DOING WONDERFULLY AFTER BEING HOSPITALIZED. MARK'S PARENTS WERE HERE TO GIVE US ALL A HAND WITH JAMES. TOM AND DOTTIE FARREL SEND THEIR GREETINGS FROM EUROPE WHERE THEY ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES. LAURAL DAVIS HAS MOVED. WE WILL GET HER NEW ADDRESS SOON. WE ARE REJOICING AT THE GOOD NEWS THAT KEVIN KELLY JR. HAS AN ENCOURAGING C-T SCAN. THERE IS A LUMP THAT WILL NEED TO BE REMOVED LATE **IN MAY**. KEEP KEVIN AND KEVIN AND NANCY AND BROTHER BRYAN IN YOUR PRAYERS. ALLISON MYERS HAS A CAST ON HER ARM. MIKE AND SHERRY ARE IN FLORIDA FOR A WEEK. DEL SAW HER DAUGHTER IN TAHOE LAST WEEK FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS. WELCOME TO JACLYN LITTLETON!!! KATIE AND MARK ARE PROUD PARENTS OF THE CUTEST LITTLE GIRL[ed. note: actually the second cutest little girl]. WELCOME TO CHUCK AND MARIE SMITH. CHUCK AND MIKE WERE BAPTIZED ON MARCH 24, SO WAS KENDALL DEAN NELSON. REV DR. JOHN ANDERSON LEAD THE BAPTISM CELEBRATION. REV. THOM PLAYED DAD. ROD AND MARY WYATT HAVE MOVED. ROD IS NOW MANAGING THE APARTMENT COMPLEX. NEW PHONE# IS 692-4282. JIM AND MARCIA SKINNER HAVE TRANSFERED THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN COLUMBIA FALLS, MONT. NADINE AND JACK WILKE, CINDY AND ROBIN WILL SOON BE MOVING TO SEATTLE. WE WILL MISS THEM GREATLY. B.J. "BASSMAN" WAHL PLAYED BASS WITH THE CHOIR. DERRICK THE REED' GEHLEN ACCOMPANIED THE CHOIR ON SAX. SHARI PRINDIVILLE DID A WONDERFUL OFFERTORY ON **PIANO**. THANKS FOR THE SHARING OF YOUR TALENT.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Junior High **Playday** is this Saturday. We are finding that many of you have other commitments ... so if you want to go call Mark Denissen **NOW!!!** 692-6565.

Planned for the day is group activities at Southminster church in Beaverton, a trip to Oaks Park for skating and rides, and then back to Southminster to return to Tualatin by **4:30**.

SUMMER CAMP LOOKS GREAT THIS YEAR. GET THE BROCHURE AND CHECK IT OUT!!! IT IS A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE AND HAVE SOME FUN, LEARN SOMETHING NEW, MEET GOOD PEOPLE AND BE WILD AND CRAZY IN THE WOODS.

OUR MISSION COMMITTEE GOES WILD

DEL JUDY'S MISSION COMMITTEE HAS SOME GREAT PLANS FOR OUR MISSION OUTREACH.

- THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS BRING SOME FOOD TO CHURCH DAY. PUT A CAN OF FOOD INTO THE FOOD BARREL TO HELP THE TUALATIN-SHERWOOD FOOD BANK RESTOCK ITS SHELVES. WE NEED CANNED AND DRIED GOODS.
- DID YOU KNOW THAT 5% OF OUR GENERAL BUDGET IS GIVEN TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR MISSION? NEXT YEAR WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN TITHING OUR BUDGET BY GIVING 10% TO THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH. SPECIAL OFFERINGS, SUCH AS PEACE OFFERINGS, HEIFER PROJECT, ONE GREAT HOUR, ETHIOPIA RELIEF, AND THE CHRISTMAS OFFERING ARE ALL OVER AND ABOVE THE 5%.
- THE HEIFER PROJECT ROUNDUP IS AUGUST 24 AT RICKREAL, 9-3 **P.M.** BBQ LUNCH SERVED. TUALATIN PRESBY CHURCH WILL BE THERE WITH OUR DONATION. (more mission on back page.)

THE PARTICULAR GO OF THINGS AROUND HERE!

Sun. May 19 WORSHIP W/ TEACHER RECOGNITION
10:00 A.M.
No Youth Group
Tues. 21: CHRISTIAN ED. COMM 7:30
Wed. 22: BIBLE STUDY 10:00 A.M.
SALAD BAR 11:30
Thurs. 23: XIAN ACTION COALITION
Sun. 26: PENTECOST CELEBRATION MENS'
BREAKFAST 8:15 WORSHIP 10:00
Mon. 27: OFFICE CLOSED, CHURCH STAFF
GONE.
Tues. 28: PROPERTY MTG. 7:30 OFFICE
Wed. 29: BIBLE STUDY 9:30
SALAD BAR 11:30
Fri. 31 MARINERS MEET 7:30
Sun. JUNE 2: WORSHIP. BRING FOODIN CAAIS.
Tues. 4: VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL MTG
7:30 T.UNITED METHODIST
Wed. 5: BIBLE STUDY 9:30 SALAD BAR
41:30 SESSION MEETING 7:30
Sun. 9: WORSHIP ON THE PROPERTY DAY!
CHURCH PICNIC DAY.
MENS' BREAKFAST 8: 15
OFFICE WORSHIP 10:00
PROPERTY PICNIC AFTER
WORSHIP WITH GAMES.
NO YOUTH GROUP

REV. BEN WEIR STILL HELD HOSTAGE:

Ben Weir, a Presbyterian Mission worker in Lebanon since the early 50's, was kidnapped on May 8, 1984. The Presbyterian Church is asking its members to send one million postcards or letters to the President requesting the administration to do everything possible to obtain Ben's release. Please write a short note containing the following.

1. Request that everything possible be done to obtain Ben's release.
2. Note the time that Ben has been held.
3. Request an update on what has been done.

If you do not hear anything in 10 days of Ben's release...write again.

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.



CASCADES SUMMER CONFERENCE IS COMING JULY 14-19 AT LINFIELD COLLEGE IN MCMINVILLE. DR. WALTER BRUEGGEMANN WILL LECTURE AT MORNING CONVOCATIONS. CLASSES FOR ALL AGES ... IT IS TOO WONDERFUL FOR WORDS. . .SEE PEEGY HODGE .. SHE WILL TELL YOU THE SCOOP . . .DON'T MISS OUT!

MISSION COMMITTEE CONTINUES

RUMMAGE FOR PEACE!!! RUMMAGE AGAINST THE FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA!!

ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE JULY 27

START SAVING THAT STUFF IN THE HOUSE THAT YOU CAN SIMPLY DO WITHOUT. GO ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING THAT THEY WILL DONATE TO OUR EFFORT. ALL GIFTS WILL BE DEDUCTABLE. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO FIGHT HUNGER. MONEY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND DISTRIBUTED BY 'BREAD FOR THE WORLD'.

YOU BET IT SOUNDS FUN ... AND A GOOD IDEA TOO! BOX UP THAT STUFF MORE ON THIS LATER.

MANY of you have asked about giving more to buy food in Ethiopia. Yes, we as a church continue to participate in the war against hunger in Africa. Make out your checks to Tualatin Presbyterian Church with a note that this is for ETHIOPIA. 100% of your money goes to the cause too, that is 0% lost in red tape...HURRAY FOR THE CHURCH.

WE GAVE \$ 332.92 to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. THANK YOU!

JUST SO YOU KNOW! EVERY SUNDAY WHEN YOU WALK INTO CHURCH AND IT IS ALL SET UP SO NEATLY ... WELL THAT IS BECAUSE ESTHER AND ERV HUECKSTAEDT ARE HERE EVERY SUNDAY TO SET UP. AND THE OFFICE BUILDING IS CLEAN AND NEAT BECAUSE ESTHER AND ERV ARE HERE EVERY THURSDAY TO VACUUM AND DUST AND PICK UP AND THROW OUT. BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH TO KEEP ERV BUSY ... HE "ALSO COUNTS AND POSTS OUR OFFERINGS EVERY WEEK AND DEPOSITS THEM IN THE BANK. ARE THEY NUTS? WE ARE NOT SURE ... BUT WE KNOW THAT THEY ARE TRULY DEDICATED TO THEIR CHURCH. THE SESSION WROTE THEM A FORMAL THANK YOU LAST MEETING. HERE'S TO THE BOTH OF YOU. WE LOVE YOU!

BUG IN THE REV'S EAR!!

WANT TO HAVE SOMETHING DEALT WITH IN A SERMON SOME SUNDAY ... PUT A BUG IN THOM'S EAR. **WANT** SOMETHING DONE IN WORSHIP THAT YOU THINK IS NEAT ... OR WANT TO SING A HYMN, OR **KNOW A** TUNE THAT WE ALL COULD SING TOGETHER. HAD A GREAT DISCOVERY

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