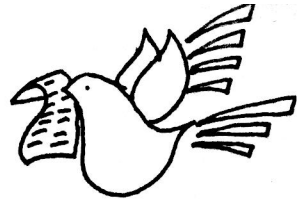




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NEWSLETTER OF THE TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TUALATIN, OREGON

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THE LAZY CRAZY DAZE OF SUMMER ISSUE

1988

BOARD OF DEACONS TO BE COMMISSIONED

The Session has begun the formation of a Board of Deacons for our church. Deacons, from the Biblical word Diakonoï, are charged with a "ministry of sympathy, love and service after the example of Jesus Christ." The office of Deacon is an ordained position and each term of service is three years. An ad hoc committee is meeting now to structure the Board and then the nominating committee will be charged with finding those whose gifts match the job. The formation of a deacons board will help us all maintain the warmth and closeness of this family of faith. Keep tuned for updates on this exciting new move in the life of our church.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL RECEIVES RAVE REVIEW

Wow! What a wonderful week! Seventy-one kids and twenty adults had a great time at this year's Vacation Bible School. Again, we combined talent and energy with the Tualatin United Methodist Church and what a joy to be in our building for the first time. Thank you to all the kids, teachers and especially to Teressa Gaskill who coordinated and organized the whole wonderful week.

LANDSCAPING A DELIGHT

It is official now ... we have our certificate of occupancy. The city has said, "you're done with your building." The place looks pretty darn good, doesn't it? Those of us who enjoy looking at all the plantings, but failed to get our hands dirty in the process, thank all of the workers. The landscape committee, Tomette Schuhmann (church agricultural specialist) and the crack team of irrigation installers all deserve our kudos. Thanks, too, to all who donated plants and materials. The remainder of the planting will be done in the Fall when cooler temps., lower prices and rain insure better survival rates of plants and plantings. Now, the battle of the Christians versus the Weeds is being waged. It is a theological puzzle ... "the same soil that grows such beautiful flowers also grows such hearty weeds."

CHURCH SECRETARY NEEDED

The exciting and glamorous life of "church secretary" awaits the right person. We need someone 10 hours per week to be our part time secretary. This is a paid position. You must respond by July 22. Talk to Art or Diane Barry, personnel cochairs, 692-4690 days or 692-1658 evenings.

Why a new church secretary? What happened to Clare?

Her willing spirit and considerable skills have been a Godsend. She is now the financial secretary for the church and does her thing on Tuesdays. Please, give Clare a hug and say thanks ... she has been a key to our success.

FOR THE NEXT TD LAST TIME

We have received about 2/3 of our per capita apportionment. Our church pays \$8.84 per member to support the Presbyterian Church (US). Please write a check to the church and note "per capita" on it. Paying the per capita yourself will ...

- a. assure you of great rewards in this life.
 - b. give you the seat just to Jesus' right hand in heaven.
 - c. make you feel good.
 - d. make the treasurer feel good.
- (choose two)

2 OF 3 STUDIES KEEP GOING While the Wednesday morning group has decided to take some time off for the Summer, the Monday Night group and the Men's Breakfast (1st and 3rd Sundays at 8:00 A.M.) are going strong. Call the Gaskills for info about Monday night and Roger Smith about ten's Breakfast.

GUEST REV.S IN THE PULPIT

Many of you will remember Colin Saxton. Colin is a former member of this church, an elder and the man who began our youth program. Well, Colin and Janine have just accepted a call to be the Pastor of the Friends Church in McCall, Idaho. Colin is so excited he is ten feet tall ... better make that five and one half feet tall. Colin will be preaching on the 24th of July.

Rev. Dr. John Anderson, a favorite of this congregation, will grace our pulpit on August 14, 1988. John is a good friend and true scholar and has an enchanting way of bringing the Word to us.

SUMMER SUPER SUNDAY

We have all our church school teachers for Summer except August 21. Please tell Sherry Nelson that you will help on that Sunday.

SOFTBALL CHALLENGE

It is not widely known that the game of softball was invented by Presbyterian Reformers in the 17th century. Of course, so much time was taken with the formation of "rules committees" and long meetings concerning the most decent and orderly way of conducting a game (not to mention hassles with concepts such as "stolen bases") no game was ever played.

We have been challenged to a game of softball by the Orenco Presbyterian Church. The game is Saturday the 24th of July at Orenco. Mike "bigstick" Gehlen will be glad to scribble you into the lineup.

TO THE LINKS

Fore! The annual Church Golf Tourney will be held at Charbonneau Golf Club on August 20, 1988. Golfers of all abilities are included in this scramble event. It is a gas and if you don't do so well on the course you can always assuage those frayed nerves with a BBQ at the Bond's house afterwards. Golf, too, is a Presbyterian Game. Originating in Scotland, golf was invented by those elders who became bored with arguments about softball. Why does golf have 18 holes, rather than 15 or 202 18 holes is where the first twosome was when their bottle of Scotch ran out.

MARINERS SHAKEUP

SAVE SEPT. 25 for a riotous good time. a CHILI COOKOFF **will** precede a riotous good time and somehow we will re-organize our Mariners ships. Everyone is welcome and needed ... even kids. Details later!!

LOST AND FOUND

Will the person or persons who left all the weeds in our new planting beds please come get them ... we are done with them.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

MARILYN STAPLES-SUNDT, BOB and GAIL WINTER and their kids HEATHER and SCOTT, and DEBBIE SHARP have been received by the Session as members of our family of faith. Look for their pics and biographies on our Church Family Bulletin Board located in the Narthex. We look forward to the talents and energies of these new members.

CAROL BABER has recovered well after surgery last month. LYNNE BOLTON'S mom is having chemotherapy and BOB'S mom continues her fight with Parkinsons. DAN and BECKY RODES BRUNS will be moving to Seattle. What fun it was to surprise BILL AND PEGGY HODGE with the window in memory of Bill's dad. Bill's mom, BLANCHE DETWEILLER, was here for the dedication. Thanks for the beautiful window Blanche. SHIRLEY ELINGS came through two surgeries just fine and now needs to be infection free for 6 weeks to be on the list for her kidney transplant. HEATHER FRECK is back from Germany. DAVE GRAHAM is back on his feet after an accident while playing basketball. JEFF AND JENNY HECKER have moved to 19545 S.W. Hopi Ct. Tualatin. NANCY HEFFLER walked from Salem to the Viet Nam Memorial in Portland in recognition of Oregon's MIA's. THE HODGE FAMILY has left for their new home in San Diego. Their new address is 1790 Felicita Lane, Vista, Ca. 92083. They left maps and reminders that Disneyland is only one hour away. RONNIE AND JIM are expecting a new MULLENS in January. Lamb Weston is moving to the tri-cities... WAYNE PRINDIVILLE is their chief pilot. Wayne will be job hunting in this area. MIKE NELSON'S dad is doing great after eye surgery. NORM REMINGTON is home. He remains quite ill. NORM and HELEN are hangin' in there and say thanks to all of the many kindnesses you have shown. ROGER AND KATHY YOTT AND KIDS are moving to Allentown, Pa. ROGER has left and the family will be leaving soon. PHYLLIS MULLENS is doing well after her back surgery.

WE LIFT OUR JOYS AND THE CONCERNS TO GOD

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PRESBYTERIAN CRAWFISH UNITE

Each year we take care of registration of runners for the 10K , 2 mile and 1 mile walk. The run, known as the MIRCLE RUN, raises a significant amount of money for the Lions Club. The money supports the Oregon Donor Program. Michelle "move it or lose it" Hammer is heading things up for our part of this great event and she needs a bunch of help. Talk to Michelle about helping out on August 13 Saturday.

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SHORT BURSTS OF NEWS

IT IS SUMMER AND IF WE ALL GO AWAY AND FORGET TO KEEP OUR PLEDGES UP TO DATE THE CHURCH WILL GO BROKE AND WE WILL HAVE TO SELL OFF FURNITURE TO RAISE MONEY TO PAY PGE AND . IT IS NOT A PRETTY PICTURE KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT. PLEASE MAKE NOTES ON YOUR CHECKS **S** 'TO WHT THEY ARE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU GIVE US \$50 CHECK AND HALF IS FOR GENERAL AND HALF FOR BUILDING FUND ... MAKE A NOTE THAT INDICATES THIS ON THE BOTTOM OF YOUR CHECK. THIS WILL KEEP OUR FINANCIAL WIZARDS CONTENTED.

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