



## TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SPIRIT

  
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### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP...

Christmas Worship, Sunday, December 22nd is a celebration of the hopes and fears of all the years. We will gather together, top lift our voices in song and raise the roof with carols that are so much a part of the season. We will also witness the Birth of Christ as we are hurled through time to the Town of Bethlehem. You will be a part of the scene in the manger as you star with a cast of hundred in the assembling of the Creche. It is a special worship time for us and we invite you to join your Family of Faith in reading the lessons, celebrating with the choir, singing carols and "Time warping back 2000 years".

Christmas Eve Worship will be held at 6:15 P.M., December 24th in the Hall. This is a special night to be in the Family of Faith and to be with your family for worship. We will, of course, sing the carols and hear the Birth Narrative of the Christ Child. We will celebrate around the table of our Lord remembering that this Little Baby grew to Manhood and was hung on the Cross for Us. We will hear his words, "Take and eat and remember Me." We will light the Christ Candle and share the light as we light our own candles and carry them into the silent night. Please be with us for a very important Celebration. The Service is designed for the whole family and it is a great time to invite neighbors who are looking for the Candlelight Service experience but because of children cannot attend Midnight Services in other Churches.

### NINTH GRADERS PLAN DINNER

A special dinner for 9th graders and their parents will be held on January 22nd at 6:30 PM. Place to be announced later.

### WELCOME TO THOMAS BRADFORD HECKER

Jeff and Jenny have a son!! 8lbs. 6oz. Congratulations to Mom and Dad. Dec. 6th was the big day.

### VOLUNTEERS OF MISSION COMMITTEE BUSY

Mission Committee would like to make a large donation to the battered women of Washington County. If anyone has used or new bath towels or wash cloths that you would like to donate, please bring them to the Church by December 22nd. Our next "Happy Hour" at King City is Thursday, December 19th. We will need cookies, lime sherbert, and three quarts of diet 7-up. Also needed are volunteers to help serve the King City Residents. The Mission Committee would like to thank all of you who have helped on the canned food drive, rummage sale, gifts for King City, and all the "market" items and baked goods you have donated. Thank You All and have a Happy Holiday.

### SHEPHERDS NEEDED

There are several openings on the Shepherds Committee (Christian Education) and Adult Education, Call Peggy if you are interested. 692-3013

### *To The Saints:*

Christmas is **a world** for the imagination. A time to celebrate the incurable quest for hope that is the human spirit. A time for the imagination to run wild with the possibilities of life. Sure the decorations in the stores are overdone and the hymns on the P.A. system are too loud and the excesses of the season can be garish, but this is a time to express the "Hopes and fears of all our years." How are we to do that unless we hand out our little colored lites and mistletoe and all our ridiculous attempts to capture the Story of a Manger Birth.

We have shared our hopes and fears together and heard God call us into a Family of Faith where we broken people can celebrate our incurable hope for the future. Where believing that the world "beyond this world" has come to dwell among us to share

OUR LIVES AND CONQUER OUR DEATH AND LIVE WITH US IN ETERNITY. MAYBE IT IS A CRAZY RESPONSE, THE LIGHTS, THE CANDY, THE TREE, THE MANGER SCENES; BUT IT IS OUR RESPONSE TO SOMETHING THAT IS HOPE IS ETERNAL, MAYOE IT IS CRAZY, BUT THAT IS WHAT IS TAKES TO MAKE CHRISTMAS.

I THANK GOD FOR YOU, I WISH FOR YOU THE AND HOPE THAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE. I THANK GOD THAT WE SHARE OUR HOPES AND FEARS TOGETHER BECAUSE CHRIST HAS CALLED US TO-

GETHER. MERRY CHRISTMAS,

#### MENS' BREAKFAST

THE MENS' BREAKFAST AND STUDY GROUP WILL MEET IN THE OFFICE FOR SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND FAMOUS "EYE-OPENER COFFEE" ON EC. 15, 1985, JANUARY 5, 1986 AND JANUARY A19, 1986. REV. NELSON IS LEADING A SURVEY COURSE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT, IT IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE HISTORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT IN A THUMBNAIL SKETCH AND HAVE FINE FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP. THE TOPICS FDR THE NEXT THREE STUDIES ARE, "KEEPING A DANGEROUS GOO IN A BOX.. .THE RISE OF RITUAL IN THE DESERTS FINDING PLACE TO CALL HOME'', ''CHAOS IN THE PROMISED LAND'', AND ''WE GOTTA GETTA KING''. WE BEGIN AT 8:15 A.M. IN THE OFFICE AND AS YOU MAY HAVE GATHERED WE MEET EVERY OTHER WEEK,

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP IS TAKING IT SLOW AND EASY AND WORKING THROUGH THE BOOK OF MATTHEW. WE WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th at :45 A.M. IN THE OFFICE AND THEN TAKE THREE EEEKS OFF FOR HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES. BE WITH US AGAIN ON JANUARY 8, 1986 AT 9:45 A.M. REV. NELSON LEADS THIS GROUP AND E KNOW YOU WILL ENJOY THIS COURSE OF STUDY OF THE ICONOCLASTIC BOOK OF MATTHEW.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS MEET

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE (SUNDAY SCHOOL) **WILL HAVE A MEETING** ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1986, 7:00 P.M. AT THE OFFICE, PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND,

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE PURPOSE FD ELECTING THREE ELDERS FDR THE CLASS OF 1986 AND APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR 1986. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP ON JANUARY 29, 1986. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. .IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE ALL BE THERE.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE PEOPLE FOR THE POSITION OF ELDER IN THE CLASS OF 1986. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF 3 ELDERS NOW SERVING ON OUR SESSION AND FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION CHOSEN BY EACH OF THE MARINERS GOUPS. THE MEETING WILL BE TUES. EVENING AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE OFFICE.

#### EPIPHANY

DON'T MISS WORSHIP ON THE 5TH OF JANUARY, WE HAVE HEARD ADVANCED WORD OF SIGHTINGS OF THREE MYSTERIOUS KINGS FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS AND THEY ARE HEADED OUR WAY. DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY WILL WANDER INTO TUALATIN IN SEARCH OF A KING? I'D BET ON **IT!!!!**

#### GUEST PREACHER

JANUARY 12, 1986, WE WILL HAVE THE HONOR TO WELCOME PHIL MARTIN, FROM THE PRESBYTERY/ SYNOD STAFF, TO OUR WORSHIP AS GUEST PREACHER. PHIL IS A MARVELOUS FRIEND OF TUALATIN CHURCH. BE HERE TO WELCOME PHIL ANO HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY AS HE SHARES THE WORD WITH US,

#### TWO WILL UNITE

MIKE SIMMON AND SHERRIE FURHMANN INVITE THEIR FRIENDS IN THIS CHURCH TO CELEBRATE THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD AND EXCHANGE OF VOWS OF MARRIAGE AT CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1985 AT 6:00 P.M.

#### TEACHERS TRAINING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1986, THERE WILL BE A TEACHERS TRAINING SESSION FROM 10:00 TO 12:00 AT THE OFFICE. CURRICULUM TO BE DECIDED. ALL PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE TEACHERS WELCOME. R.S.V.P. SHERRIE NELSON 692-3156.