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For Unto Us a Child is Born... In Bethlehem

NEWSLETTER OF THE TUALATIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TUALATIN, OREGON

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COLORFUL CHRISTMAS ISSUE



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



MARINERS PROGRESSIVE DINNERS

THE BUOYS AND GULLS HAD A GREAT TIME LAST SATURDAY EVENING. MULBARRIES PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS SATURDAY DECEMBER 12, AT 7:30. ESTHER HEUCKSTAEDT CAN GIVE YOU DETAILS ON THE HOMES AND COURSES. BUOYS AND GULLS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE DINNER ON THE 5TH ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MULBARRIES FOR THIS EVENT.



CHRISTMAS PLAY



THE CHRISTMAS PLAY WILL BE PRESENTED ON DECEMBER 20 IN OUR TIME OF WORSHIP. TWENTY-SEVEN KIDS ARE INVOLVED!! REHEARSALS ARE DEC. 13 AT 12:00-1:00 AND DECEMBER 19 AT 10:00-12:00.



LADIES BRUNCH



GRAB A FRUITCAKE ... MAKE SOMETHING SCRUMPTIOUS AND HEAD OVER TO ESTHER HEUCKSTAEDT'S HOME BETWEEN 10:00-12:00 ON DECEMBER 16TH FOR THE ANNUAL LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH. PLEASE BRING SOMETHING TO ADD TO A TABLE OF SEASONAL GOODIES.



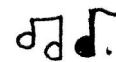
MENs' BREAKFAST



MEN; REAL MEN, STRONG MEN ... GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE!! YOU CAN GET FREE BREAKFAST AND VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE MEANING OF LIFE AT THE SAME TIME. SEE YOU AT MENS' BREAKFAST SUNDAY DECEMBER 20 AT 8:15. REV. NELSON'S TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION IS " MESSIANIC PROMISE, UNFULFILLED EXPECTATIONS AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN THE NFL."



ANNUAL CAROLLING PARTY AND CHILI-FEED



"HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING" ... BUT NOT BEFORE THEY LOADED UP ON SOME PIPING HOT BOWLS OF CHILI. YEP, IT'S CHILI WEATHER AND TIME TO CAROL THROUGH THE STREETS OF TUALATIN. THE WHOLE FAMILY IS INVITED TO THIS FUN TIME OF FOOD AND SONG. WE BEGIN AT THE CHURCH AT 5:00 AND THEN GO, BY VAN, TO THE STREETS. (DRESS ACCORDING TO WEATHER) SIGN-UP TO BRING 'SOMETHING FOR THE CHILI FEED ... SING-UP AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY OR CALL REGINA DOBSON 692-0449.

SINGLES EAT THIS

Charlies and its very fine brunch fare welcomes all single men and women on the first Sunday of each month. You may call Regina Dobson 692-0449 for details. The singles group is a new part of this family of faith.

MEN, STRONG MEN, REAL HEN, HUNGRY CHRISTIAN HEN REJOICE

Why not get out of the rack on the first and third Sundays and head to the church for a breakfast for the body and food for the spirit? o.K., it sounds fun. It is fun. We are discussing Paul's great work "Galations" at present. See you at 8:15.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

Those wishing to join our family of faith are encouraged to talk with Thom soon. The next celebration of new member commissioning will be in the new building on February 28. this is the first group in our new home.

YOUTH GROUP THIS SUNDAY 4:00 MEET AT THE CHURCH FOR ICE SKATING. BRING BUCKS, AND SKATES. NEXT YOUTH GROUP IS THE 7TH OF FEBRUARY! !

PARENTS INTERESTED IN "PARENTING FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE"; A SIX WEEK COURSE TO BE HELD IN THE SPRING, PLEASE SIGN-UP SUNDAY SO WE CAN SCHEDULE A TIME TO MEET IN ORDER TO PICK TIME AND PLACE.

FORECAST: SHOWER

Wastebaskets, staplers, hole punches, wire wisks...what the heck? There is a ton of stuff that we are going to need for the new building. Here's the deal ... there will be a list of items we need posted at church for the next few Sundays. Host will be small items. Simply cross the item off the list that you are going to buy, wrap it up for the **"NEWBORN BUILDING SHOWER"** AT 3:00 P.M. FEB. 21.

GRAF ITTI ANYONE?

Here is a chance to write or draw what ever you want on the floor of the new building. You can buy a 4' x 8' sheet of floor for \$10.00 and leave your message to the generations to come. **We will** open the **building** at 11:50, right after Church School, and you can spray paint, crayon ... go nuts! The money will go to our new mission/music fund and be spent with the auction proceeds. **JAN. 24th.**

The PEOPLE AUCTION

GET YOUR ITEMS
TO THE FELLOWSHIP
COMMITTEE
SOON

March 6, 7:00

ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL MISSION & OUR MUSIC PROGRAM

DON'T MISS IT

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Helping with the Loaves and Fishes program is one of the ways in which our church serves the community. On the first Monday of each month, you can find a group of dedicated volunteers at the Tualatin-Durham Senior Center where they set tables, serve lunch, and then clean the dishes. They join other area groups that help keep Loaves and Fishes a successful program for our area seniors.

Thanks to Diane Barry, Barb Crall, Esther and Erv Hueckstaedt, Marian Larson, Thom Nelson, Dale Prindiville, and Cheryl Wockenfuss. These folks have all helped and enjoyed.

DATE CHANGED FOR MULBARRY'S

February Mulbarry's group will be changed from Sat., Feb. 20th % to Feb. 27th. Mulbarrys will meet at Tom & Clare Hahns. Be sure and sign-up with Tom or Clare so they can assign a character to you and dress accordingly. It's the big "MYSTERY NIGHT". See if you can figure out, **WHO DONE IT???** It will start at 7:00 P.M. and conclude at 11:00 P.M.

CONGREGATION MEETING JANUARY 31

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Congregational Meeting to elect the nominating committee, review the 1987 budget, adopt the Sessions proposed budget for 1988 and hear a report from the building finance committee will immediately follow worship of the 31st. O.K. sports fans, I **know** that is "SUPERBOWL SUNDAY". You won't miss a thing! Well maybe you'll miss the up close and personals of the interior linemens' aunts ... but you will be home hours before the game begins.

ADULT EDUCATION

"The Different Shapes of Ministry" is the title of our January-February Class. You are invited to explore various ministries in our area through the discussions held after worship. Our intent is to focus on ways God's love can be shared right in our own backyard.

JAN. 17 REV. WILL DIXON D.MIN.

Will directs the Samaritan Counseling Center in Portland. It is an ecumenical ministry and one which we have used and supported.

FEB. 7 SUNANDA

Sunanda directs the shelter for abused women and their families in Washington County. We have supported this mission also.

FEB. 21 SHIRLEY EWART

Shirley represents the Burnside Projects which does many things to help the homeless, the runaways and All who find their way to the "streets" of Portland.

DON'T MISS THESE FINE PEOPLE AND THE STORIES OF THEIR MINISTRY!!!

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE GROUP

February host for the Monday night class is Lynn Scroggin. 11545 S.W. Walnut is the address and that is in Tigard. Oh my yes, you can join this group anytime! Call Lynn 639-9825.

WEDNESDAY A.M. STUDY

We are into Paul's "little letters". We meet at 9:30 at Thom and Cindy Nelson's. You are always welcome to join this lively group.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

DECEMBER 13, 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE: CHOIRS SING, TREE IS DECORATED,
CHURCH SCHOOL MEETS.

DECEMBER 20, 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE: ADULT CHOIR SINGS AND THE PLAY,
"OPEN YOUR EYES", IS PRESENTED.

DECEMBER 24, 6:32 CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE: HYMNS, STORIES,
CHOIR, COMMUNION, AND CANDLELIGHT WILL MAKE THIS
A VERY SPECIAL CELEBRATION.

DECEMBER 27, 10:00 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE: A DAY OF
CAROLS, STORIES AND SHARING.



THESE GIFTS WE SHARE

CHRISTMAS
OFFERING

1987 CHRISTMAS OFFERING JOY GIFT



THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING WILL BE DEDICATED DECEMBER 13TH IN
WORSHIP. THIS OFFERING SUPPLEMENTS THE INCOME OF CHURCH WORKERS WHO
RETIRED WITHOUT THE BENEFITS OF PENSIONS AND TO SUPPORT HIGHER
EDUCATION AMONG MINORITY STUDENTS. TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE ENCLOSED
INFO AND LET'S GIVE 'TIL IT FEELS GOOD.

KING CITY CONVALESCENT CENTER MINISTRY

MICHELLE HAMMER INVITES YOU TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WILL
BE VISITING THE RESIDENTS OF K.C.C.CENTER. THE PEOPLE MEET IN THE
EVERGREEN ROOM AT THE CENTER AND WE WILL SERVE SNACKS AND HAVE A RIOT.
CHILDREN ARE ADORED BY THE PEOPLE AT THE CENTER, SO DON'T LET
BABYSITTING BE A PROBLEM ... BRING THE KIDS. DECEMBER 17TH, 4:00-5:00
IS THE FIRST VISIT. CALL MICHELLE FOR DETAILS 692-3378.

POINSETTIAS EVERYWHERE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE PURCHASED POINSETTIAS AND LEFT THEM IN OUR
SANCTUARY UNTIL CHRISTMAS. THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL ... SO ARE YOU!!

TO THE SAINTS:

"GOD'S DOWNWARD BEND," IS HOW ONE WRITER TALKS OF CHRISTMAS. IT IS
FOLLY TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE OMNIPOTENT CREATOR OF EVERYTHING
FROM SUPER-NOVAS TO TAPIOCA CAN **WIND UP IN A MANGER** AS A HELPLESS BABY.
I FIGURE IT IS ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT GOD BECAME FLESH, INCARNATION IT IS
CALLED, AND THAT EVERYTHING I FEEL ... GOD FEELS TOO. GOD KNOWS WHAT
LIFE AS A HUMAN BEING IS ... SO, I ENJOY THE DOWNWARD BEND OF
CHRISTMAS. I HEARD ANGELS SING AS I SAT ON NORDSTOM'S FLOOR WITH **A 4**
YEAR OLD EXPLORING A MECHANIZED WHIRLYTOY. I HEARD BELLS CHIME AS
KENDALL PRESENTED HE WITH A SCRIBBLE DRAWING OF BABY JESUS. I FELT THE
MAGIC AS SETH TOLD ME HE WAS JUST GOING TO TRUST THE DISCRETION OF
SANTA IN REGARDS TO HIS "BIG GIFTS".

I STILL GET GOOSEBUMPS WHEN I READ THE CHRISTMAS STORY. GOD'S
DOWNWARD BEND CONTINUES TO INSPIRE OUR LIVES TOGETHER IN THIS FAMILY
OF FAITH. WHAT WONDERFUL GIFTS YOU ARE! HOW BLESSED I AM TO SHARE
THIS MINISTRY WITH YOU. I WISH FOR YOU GOOSEBUMPS WHEN YOU HEAR OF
THE BABY WHO BECAME THE MAN WHO IS THE SAVIOR.

GRACE AND PEACE MERRY CHRISTMAS.