

The LINK...Keeping You Connected

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GENESIS HOUSING, INC.

*What if Church
weren't just a place
we go, but
something we do?*

You've probably driven by the Genesis Housing apartments in Oregon or Brooklyn and not given any thought to the buildings or the residents....But, did you know that Genesis Housing is the direct result of a joint effort by the Oregon churches. Local churches formed a steering committee in 1968 with the vision of providing housing for the elderly rural residents of low or moderate income. Genesis Housing, Inc. was founded in August 1971.

Genesis currently has 4 apartment buildings, 3 in Oregon and 1 in Brooklyn with 56 rental units of 1 or 2 bedrooms. Genesis has maintained its original mission of providing housing to senior citizens and has expanded this mission to include disabled citizens regardless of age.

Genesis is a non-profit corporation with bylaws, articles of incorporation, a board of directors, and community membership. The funding for Genesis is provided by USDA Rural Development (Federal).

At a recent board meeting the idea was presented and unanimously accepted that Genesis reach out once again to the local churches for support and membership. It is our hope that Genesis, with the support of our members, becomes an integral and visible part of our community once again. How can you help?

- Become a member of Genesis. Lifetime membership costs \$25 and will give you a voice in future decisions.
- Recommend Genesis to prospective residents. Residents consist of low or moderate income elderly (age 62 and older) or disabled regardless of age.
- Volunteer your time. Whatever your interests and expertise, we have a place for you. I.T. or E-Marketing, journalist for newsletter, office assistant, visiting or assisting residents, painting apartments or murals, planting flowers, or whatever you may want to propose. We can fit you in whatever your available time commitment or interests. High school students are always welcome.
- Most important, pray that Genesis meets the needs of our residents and community.

Genesis is a community project, and, with your help we hope to come out of the shadows and once again become an integral part of the community.

For more information, please call Jo Ann Russell at 273-0907.

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Mission Focus

Second Harvest FoodBank of Southern Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger in southwestern Wisconsin, serving nearly 141,000 people annually, including 43 percent who are children.

Through food and financial donations and volunteer support, Second Harvest acquires and distributes food to 350 partner programs in 16 counties. From July 1, 2009 –June 30, 2010, Second Harvest distributed 8.1 million pounds of food. It is one of 200 affiliates of Feeding America, the nation’s largest charitable hunger-relief organization.

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin is one of southwestern Wisconsin’s leading distributors of donated grocery items to agency partners who run charitable food programs.

Second Harvest Foodbank works on behalf of food pantries, shelters, meal sites and other hunger-relief programs in 16 southwestern Wisconsin counties. The food donation and distribution process is centralized, which allows the charitable food programs to focus on service delivery.

In addition, Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin, in partnership with community organizations, takes action against hunger through the Backpack Program, Kids Cafe Program and Mobile Pantry Program. Second Harvest Foodbank also runs a Food Rescue Program to recover food from area grocery retailers.

Learn more about Second Harvest on their website: <http://www.secondharvestmadison.org/>



Mission Giving

Month & Mission	Amount
January - NINA Fund	2144
Feb - World Vision	902
Total Mission Giving 2011	3046

General Giving

(Monthly general giving needed to meet budget: \$32,280)

January **\$32,329**

February* **\$19,609**

YTD \$51,938.00

*partial month

Loan Repayment Giving \$2,716

Loan Balance: \$155,730

Restoration, Healing and Hope

Jesus teaches us to bring healing and restoration wherever we can. So much of what UMCOR does is about restoration: building up communities, helping workers to become self sufficient and reconstructing places devastated by disaster.

On April 2nd & 3rd, you will have the opportunity to join United Methodists everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR’s vital work.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to bring restoration, healing and hope for tomorrow.

Look for your special offering envelope the first weekend of April.

Read stories about how gifts to UMCOR have changed lives. Visit the Special Sunday’s [web-site](#):

http://www.umcgiving.org/site/c.qwL6KkNWLrH/b.3837967/k.F68E/Special_Sundays_One_Great_Hour_of_Sharing_Stories.htm#

Meeting Minutes

Stewardship Minutes Feb 15, 2011

Follow up on calling members about turning in pledge cards: most were called, only one was returned. Scott will check with Sandy Behrend to see if another letter and card should be sent.

Giving year to date is following historic patterns. Annual insurance bill was paid in January, which distorts giving. If it is prorated, giving is covering expenses at this point.

The Finance Workshop led by Jean Nicholas gave us helpful material and ideas. Pastor Jon has started lifting up ministries/volunteers/information as she suggested.

We discussed the need to always share facts. Example: with apportionment information, share that apportionments are based on membership, and each members' portion is approx \$104. We state giving is good this year, but at the same time we talk about the deficit.

Ideas and suggestions:

Need more messages about what value our church gives compared to cable bill, etc. We have the message about loving one another that no one else has.

Understand how generations x & y receive information and what is import to them. Resource: Rebecca Ryan, Young Professionals web site. Learn how to communicate with them.

Use the James Co materials to help plan the debt reduction campaign that's scheduled for May. Steve will research.

Provide more information on planned giving through wills, trust.

Include letter in quarterly giving statement. Suggestions for "extra" giving such as supporting the nurse's salary, children's pro-

grams, give for church families that can't give right now. Scott will draft a letter for next meeting.

Use email blasts - eye catching, to the point, short.

Oct stewardship program resource: Jaime Nolla. Betty will contact for more information and ideas he may have.

Next meeting: March 15, 7:00 pm

Council Minutes Feb 7, 2011

Leadership/Volunteer Development

Assignments were made for the Church member profiles for Link.

Hospitality and Connections, Member Care

Report from Health and Wellness: Peg reported that 30 people attended 1st Monday, February 7th. It was an excellent program.

Barb reported on new usher/welcoming format. All church members are invited to support the usher and hospitality teams by offering to help when they are able, even if not a scheduled basis.

If Council members are aware of persons who have not been attending or are in need of support, give names to Barbara Mahr, Sandi or Jon. Barbara Mahr will arrange for that support

Rethink Church Workshops Feb 18th & 19th.

Encourage Generosity in Giving and Serving

Memorials: Charlotte reported several families have inquired regarding their gifts. There was discussion on revisiting the policy implemented by Building Committee that we create a memorial book to itemize and recognize memorials rather than using plaques.

Committee will try to research records to find missing information.

Nina reported from Trustees:

Installation of outside lights (dawn to dusk) by front doors

Checking for less expensive options for grounds mowing

Storm door installed on front of parsonage

Parking lot needs to be completely redone
Trustees are struggling with how to finance this project

Exit light circuit boards ordered/4-6 weeks

There has been some littering/leaving of objects by our dumpster. If that continues, we may need to contact police dept.

Jon has contacted technician to troubleshoot sound system and power point. Technician will do free diagnostics and give estimate on repair.

February is *Love Your Usher & Hospitality Team Month* – we want to recognize and thank these volunteers for their faithful service.

***But those who wait upon
God get fresh strength.
Isaiah 40:31***

Finance – Betty Mennenga & Jon are working on the long term finance plan

Grow Children/Youth Programs: Ken Kluz is the new children/youth rep. We need to make sure he receives meeting notices

Invite Adults into Faith Formation - Pam reported on Adult Discipleship

Matthew 6:33 emphasis, Lent Prayer Partners, Book discussion on Top 10 Theologians, Lent Protestant Stations of the Cross, PBS video on life of Christ, Stress management class. Al Capelle's Aldo Leopold class was well attended and well received. One more Sunday morning parenting class to be held.

One way Council members can help is to fill in for Wed. night supper staff whenever they wish to attend a Wed. night class

Develop High Member Expectations: High member expectations might include reminders for folks to ask themselves “What am I doing to invite others into faith formation?” “How can I get connected to a ministry area?” Perhaps include a list of opportunities

Build Passion for Worship

Pastor Jon handed out his topic outline for the year and invited suggestions for resources. (One suggestion is to use the Nooma DVDs in worship.)

Upcoming dates for Lent and Easter are:

Ash Wednesday, March 9,

Lent, March 9, 2011 - April 23

Good Friday, April 22, will be at Oregon Presbyterian church

Easter Sunday, April 24

Increase work beyond our walls

LOF Forum on Youth rescheduled for 1st Wed. in March, March 2nd – 6:00 -7:15 p.m.

The Road Home is Feb. 20 – 27

Jon reported on the Love Inc meeting:

Minimum of 6 churches need to be involved

Main differences from current programs - people with needs have immediate need taken care of but then are connected with appropriate service agency or ministry

Avoids duplication of services, and prayer with or for participants is an integral part.

Question for council is: Are we interested in pursuing/obtaining more information? Council recommendation was for Jon to continue to meet with other pastors to obtain more information

Will Sanford is doing a butterfly garden project for Eagle Scouts, needs mentor to work with
Next meeting: March 7

Respectfully submitted by Mary Malone

Worship Minutes

Lent & Easter: March 9 - April 24, 2011

Ash Wednesday, March 9 - Ashes will be provided in the Fireside room.

Palm Sunday, April 17

Good Friday, April 22 – at Oregon Presbyterian Church, 7- 8 pm, Tenebrae service

Easter Sunday, April 24

Scripture Emphasis Mar & Apr: Matthew 6:33

Deepen Your Lenten Journey

By attending Good Friday services.

Reading the Alive Now and/or Upper Room devotionals. You will find them in the gathering/coffee fellowship area

Through experiencing Protestant Stations of the Cross, something new this year at PUMC. Check Adult Discipleship upcoming events for details.

Here is some information on Stations of the Cross and Tenebrae, obtained from *The Cross as a Journey - The Stations of the Cross for Protestant Worship* by Dennis Bratcher CRI/Voice, Institute.

“In increasing numbers, even evangelical Protestants are rediscovering the value of liturgically shaped communal and personal devotional practices. As a result, there has been an increasing interest from Protestants in the Stations of the Cross. Another common service for Good Friday is Tenebrae (Latin for "shadows" or "darkness") usually characterized by a series of Scripture readings and meditation done in stages while lights and/or candles are gradually extinguished to symbolize the growing darkness not only of Jesus' death but of hopelessness in the world without God. The service ends in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus.

Easter Flowers

One way to celebrate the joy of Easter is through a colorful floral display around our altar. If you would like to be a part of this by providing a plant, please look for the 2011 Easter Plant Order Forms. They will be available the last weekend in



March. Forms will be in the “Easter Flower Order basket” near the refreshment table. All you need to do is fill out the form and include it with your payment in the envelope attached to the form. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or in the Easter Flower Order basket.

Camp Sunday is March 6th

- All ages welcome to participate
- Share your favorite memories of camp
- Sing your favorite camp songs
- Scholarships available
- See page 15 for more details



Getting to Know...

If you have been around PUMC for awhile, you probably associate Laura with adult learning opportunities. You may also recognize her from her service as a worship leader, and fill-in preacher.

Laura serves on the Adult Discipleship Team, participates in a women's covenant group, serves on the Missions Committee and volunteers a couple times a year with the Interfaith Hospitality Network when the IHN families are in Oregon.

Laura's life is full; along with her job as an occupational therapist for the Edgerton School District, and together with husband Dean, Laura is a parent of three grown children and grandparent of three.



To Laura, all the activities she chooses come out of a still-growing faith within. In her words, she says, "God calls us to be in relationship with Him, and that relationship is so important in my life. I bring every concern before God, and I feel God speaks to me through the things he places on my heart. I read Scripture and journal my thoughts and prayers. Growing in Christ as an adult takes a willingness to see God in EVERYTHING, and to wrestle with the tough issues, and to trust God even when I don't understand. PUMC allows me to have questions still...to not have to have all the answers. In connecting with other adult believers, I can discern God's leading as I see God work in

their lives too. I no longer volunteer where there are needs....there are needs everywhere. I volunteer where my heart's desires lead me. "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4). Listen to your heart....God is speaking to you there."

Disciple Bible Concludes

The first segment of Disciple Bible has concluded. The first 17 Lessons have brought the 9 participants through the Old Testament.

We all learned new aspects of the Bible from both the readings and from each other. It has been an honor to lead the lessons of the Old Testament and I want to thank each and every one of the participants for their dedication and thoughtful participation each session.

The next opportunity to learn about becoming Disciples through Bible study will begin in September as we study the New Testament.

I am looking forward to leading and learning more while studying the New Testament as the group sharing continues.

You do not need to have participated in the first segment to join the second and we also welcome those of you who have participated in the past to join us again. Feel free to contact Rebecca Otte or myself to learn how you can join the study of the New Testament.

Jack Hoffmann

DO YOU 6:33?

6:33 stands for Matthew 6:33 and says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us and our church did this? Jon Claude will be emphasizing Matt. 6:33 in his Lenten sermons. Take some time and read Matthew and recommit yourself to be a 6:33 person.

Reading the Gospel of Matthew for Lent

Matthew was not written to chronicle the events of Jesus' life, but rather to present the undeniable evidence that Jesus Christ is the promised Savior, the Messiah, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It begins by accounting the genealogy of Jesus, then his birth, baptism and public ministry and ends with the Great Commission to "Go, then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

The miracles recorded in Matthew reveal Jesus' authority and true identity.

Key Characters in the Gospel of Matthew:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, 12 disciples, Jewish religious leaders, Caiaphas, Pilate, Mary Magdalene.

Some Key Verses:

Matthew 4:4: Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Humans do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 5:17: Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 10:39: Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

1. Genealogy and Birth	1 - 2:23	5. Galilee to Jerusalem	19:1 - 20:34
2. Ministry of John the Baptist	3:1-12	6. The Last Week	21- 27:66
3. Baptism/Temptation of Jesus	3:13 - 4:11	7. Resurrection and Appearances	28:1-17
4. Jesus Public Ministry	4:12 -18:35	8. Great Commission	8:18 - 20

Outline of the Gospel of Matthew:

Most scholars believe the Gospel of Matthew was written in the latter part of the first century (60 AD) by a Jewish Christian. Early Christian writings state that Matthew the Apostle wrote the Gospel. Modern scholars believe that the Gospel of Matthew was originally written in Greek by a non eyewitness, whose name is unknown to us. This writer depended on sources like Mark's Gospel.

Read for the weeks of ...

- March 13th Chapters 1-4 Birth through Call of the Fisherman
- March 20th Chapters 5-7 Sermon on the Mount
- March 27th Chapters 8-13 Miracles and Teachings
- April 3rd Chapters 14-20 Death of John the Baptist to Palm Sunday
- April 10th Chapters 21-25 Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday
- **April 17th Chapters 26-28 Maundy Thursday to the Resurrection and Ascension**

10 Great Christian Thinkers

This book is an easy read; it explains the evolution and spread of Christianity in Rome and Europe. It describes the current events and social thinking of the era which influenced the theologians' writings.

10 Great Thinkers is a search to understand God through Jesus discussed by the theologians. Sin, righteousness, forgiveness, guilt and grace are ongoing concepts we Christians continue to struggle with today. It is refreshing to read how each theologian sought understanding of these issues through the scriptures.

Dan facilitates an open friendly class discussion exploring how we formed our personal beliefs such as how can God be loving and judgmental; how does forgiveness and grace fit into these concepts or why these concepts don't mesh with our beliefs.

Colleen Hasler

PUMC Talks Blog

Here is another great way to connect fellow Christians. Join in on discussions with other followers of People's UMC. Some recent topics have been on Relationships and Psalm 27. Check it out @ <http://pumctalks.blogspot.com/>.

Support group proposed

We would like to find out interest in a group where persons with aging parents could find out about resources and network with others.

If interested, please contact Susie Berg, 882-0988. Questions could also be directed to Susan Payne, Parish Nurse, at People's Church.

GodTube.com

[GodTube.com](http://www.godtube.com) is a video sharing platform much like the popular site Youtube that allows users to view faith-based, family friendly videos online.

The video topics on Godtube.com include: Christian music performances, comedy routines, Christian news, inspirational videos, and cute videos like [this one](#) of a toddler's take on the hymn *God Will Take Care of You*.

<http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=7PLZZPNX>

Job Posting: Camp Assistant

The Camping Ministry Team at Pine Lake Camp Seeks a Resident Camp Assistant to join year-round camping ministry team. The individual in this position will gain well-balanced camping experience and be an integral part of the Camping Leadership Team. This position has strong growth potential. Desire strong servant-leader with excellent people skills. Successful candidate will gain experience in all aspects of camping ministry.

Contact Nick Coenen, Pine Lake Site Manager, with questions or to apply.

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HospiceCare Seminar: "Help for Your Aging Parents ... and You"

- Tue, March 8, 6:30p-8p
- Free
- Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison.
- Registration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, (608) 327-7202

Learn about community resources available to assist aging parents. Also, how to access local resources and organizations to discover solutions to Medicare, housing or healthcare struggles.

Giving for the Glory of God

“Imagine the President of the United States and the Committee on Ways and Means sending out jugs, mugs, boxes, barrels, eggs, and buttons with their pictures on them to catch pennies to meet the fiscal needs of the great government of the United States!

Imagine the different states and counties holding fairs, festivals, concerns, and ice cream socials. With women cooking, sewing, and acting so that each community may meet its apportionment!

This would disgrace any earthly government in its own eyes and the eyes of the nations. Yet this is what Christians are doing year by year to finance the Kingdom of God!”

- from Gems of Thought on Tithing, published 1911 By George W. Brown, a Presbyterian layman

The early Hebrews mentioned only crops and herds in their base for a tithe. Later when the people settled and started raising olives and grapes, products such as oil and wine were included in the base. A generation or two ago people could not conceive of anything but cash as the base for a tithe. But with more people investing in the stock market, and in real estate, people can now consider tithing other assets as well.

#264 *“Give each what would keep (them) above want, and bestow all the rest in such a manner as would be most for the glory of God.” - John Wesley*

Don't let this happen to you!

A few years ago Karen inherited shares of stock from the estate of a family friend. All the paperwork was completed by the estate lawyers and Karen received notice when the shares had been transferred to her name. When her church was in the process of a building campaign, Karen entered

on her pledge card that she had stock she would like to redeem in order to pay her pledge. No one from the finance committee or church office contacted her to help her gift the stock to the church!

She didn't know who to contact in the secular world either so she left the stock invested. Years later she read in her church newsletter that the Wisconsin U.M. Foundation could process gifts of stock, which meant she could avoid paying capital gains taxes. She also could avoid paying a selling fee or commission. She was amazed! By following the Foundation's simple procedure, she could actually make a larger gift to her church than if she had sold the gift of stock herself and written a check to the church for the proceeds.

In 2010, the Foundation assisted 73 people in giving **\$529,811** in stock gifts to 42 different churches and ministries. That's an average gift of \$12,614 per church, or over \$1,000/month! By making these gifts through the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, these individuals made sure that **100% of the proceeds** from the sale were used for ministry.

For more information on how you can make a gift of appreciated stock to your favorite church or United Methodist ministry, please find the most current securities processing form on our website at <http://www.wumf.org/assets/> or

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**Membership
Information Gathering
March 9th @ 5:30pm
Come for supper, stay for a
non-committal meeting.**

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Jon Claude Bartlett

Hello! I pray this newsletter finds you well. I have couple thoughts for each this month.

First, why are we a church and how do I participate in the **mission** of the church? As you think about your answer read the two stories below.

“The pastor was astonished. He had just arrived at a Coptic monastery, a day’s journey from Cairo. The monks were treating him as though he were the most important guest they had received since the monastery was founded in the 12th century.

They served him a fine meal, showed him to a comfortable room, brought him freshly cut flowers, and then introduced him to the abbot.

“Wow! You really know how to treat a visitor here.”

Father Jeremiah replied, ‘We always treat guests as though they were angels — just to be safe.’”

Second, why do I give to God and the church? What is my responsibility to do this as a Christian?

Two wealthy Christians, a lawyer and a merchant, joined a party that was traveling around the world. In Korea one day, they saw, in a field by the side of the road, a boy pulling a rude plow, while an old man held the plow handles and directed it. The lawyer was amused, and took a snapshot of the scene.

“That’s a curious picture! I suppose they are very poor,” he said to the missionary, who was an interpreter and guide to the party.

“Yes,” was the reply. “That is the family of Chi Noui. When the church was being built they were eager to give something to it, but they had no money; so they sold their only ox and gave their money to the church. This spring they are pulling the plow themselves.”

The lawyer and the businessman by his side were silent for some moments. Then the businessman said, “That must have been a real sacrifice.”

“They did not call it that,” said the missionary. “They thought it was fortunate that they had an ox to sell.”

Wow, I pray God presence for you as you let these stories sink in.

Peace! Pastor Jon

Our Amazing Staff ...

Rebecca Otte, Director of Adult Discipleship

Rebecca began serving at People’s United Methodist Church in March of 2009. She works at the church part-time, and also works elsewhere as a massage therapist. She is passionate about the well-being of people’s minds, bodies, and souls. Rebecca has a Master of Divinity degree in cross-cultural ministry from Catholic Theological Union. As Director of Adult Discipleship, her role is to nurture and grow people’s relationships with each other and with God, in order to form disciples whose lives will be transformed by their faith and whose faith will transform this congregation, this community, and the world. One of Rebecca’s favorite scripture passages is Luke 15:8-10, the parable of the woman searching for the lost coin, which she sees as an image of how God diligently searches for each one of us and celebrates when we are found.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Do you notice an error or an omission?

If you are new to PUMC or have not turned in an updated info sheet recently, we may not have your birthday or anniversary date. Please notify the office, or submit your info on line at:

www.peoplesumc.org/info

March		22nd	Megan Schliem
1st	Irene McCartney	25th	Pat Dietrich
	Dawn Palmer		Rebecca Dopart
2nd	Steve Machotka		Jeffrey Graves
3rd	Liam Bradley		Dave Stratton
	Audrey Maples		Susie & Dwayne Berg
4th	Krista Kienitz	26th	Gary & Bette Whited
5th	Alexander Palmer	27th	Olivia Flood
	Elmer Weihemuller	28th	Darlene Finch
6th	Jean Bartlett		Matthew Weis
	Lois Bavery	29th	Bob Cropp
	Larry Desotell	30th	Duane Froehlich
7th	Joseph Mozuch	31st	Tonya Baron
8th	Lu Nack		Paul & Ladonna Smith
	Jim & Cara Mavis		
10th	Jon Bartlett		
	Brandon Finch		
11th	Jonas Temte		
12th	Ian Newton		
14th	Marisa Koch		
15th	Nina Noyce		
	Beth & Colin Peterson		
16th	Bill Meier		
	Heidi Rossiter		
17th	Janusz Dopart		
	Bill McIntyre		
	Tyler Mortensen		
18th	Diane Strohenger		
19th	Dan Anderson		
	Ron Schroeder		
	Emma Xander		
20th	Owen Boll		
	Linda Outhouse		
	Jack Peotter		



Church Records

Baptism

February 13 Tatum Amber Doescher
Daughter of Jeannie & Derik

Visitors

In February 17
Year to date 33

AVERAGE Attendance in Worship

(based on 3 weekends)		Last Year
Saturday Eve	25	35
Sunday 1st Service	93	131
Sunday 2nd Service	63	100

Food Pantry Collection at a Glance

Here are some monthly suggestions to keep the local food pantry stocked.

March..... Paper Products

AprilFruit or Vegetable Juice

The Oregon/Brooklyn Food pantry is open the last Thursday of each month from 3pm-6pm at 1092 Union Rd #8.

Anyone living within the Oregon/Brooklyn school district is eligible to use the food pantry.

New clients are asked to bring a utility bill with their name and address on it to prove your residency. Also, bring a large basket or box for your food.

If you would like to make donations to the food pantry, please bring items to the church and place in the bin next to the elevator.

Fresh produce/dairy donations can be accepted only at the warehouse. Please contact Linda Fuller at 835-2184 to make arrangements.

Dear Family and Friends,

**Parish Nurse
Ministry**



Jesus replied: “Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” Matthew 22:37 NIV

Recent accounts of the on-going recovery of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords call to mind that the brain is one of the most important organs in the body since it coordinates all the body’s functions and thought processes. Without it you couldn’t walk to the store, read your grocery list, count your change, or hide the chocolate when you get home!

It controls involuntary actions such as the beating of your heart and voluntary actions like using your phone. A traumatic brain injury (TBI) can happen to anyone and can create many challenges for families living with TBI.

Although many injuries come from risk-taking activities such as sky diving or race car driving, many stem from normal action of work and play like driving a car, playing a sport, or even falling on the ice or in your home. Long term effects of TBI include problems with memory, managing emotions and risk of brain disorders in later years.

Decreasing the chance of an injury is easy with some basic safety practices. Wear seat belts to cut down on head injuries in the event of an accident. Have your children wear helmets when they ride bikes or rollerblade (adults, too). Remove clutter or throw rugs in the homes of your parents and older adults to prevent falls. A simple fall or blow to the head in any of these situations can cause severe complications requiring months or even years of rehab with no guarantee of recovery. If a fall should occur, remember that a timely visit to the ER is essential for long term health.

Wishing you the best in body, mind and spirit health, Susan Payne, People’s Parish Nurse

(Sources: Brain Injury Assn. of America and the International PN Resource Center)

Who says old dogs can’t learn new tricks? The over-50 group at People’s Church (the **First Monday** group) knows better than that! Just think about all the life changes we have survived! But come to our next gathering on **Monday, March 7th** and hear what your Pastor has to say about transitions and changes in the church that he has learned to adapt to and thrive through! **Potluck begins at 11:00 and we hope to see you here!**





Come one come all!
Dedicate Wednesday
as your out to dinner
night at People's
Church. A delicious
meal, including des-

sert, is offered from 5pm-6:30pm. A freewill offering is welcome. Invite a friend, neighbor, and family.

Are your Wednesday nights busy with sports and other kids activities? This is a perfect way to sit down together before heading off in different directions. Programs and childcare are provided after dinner, so feel free to stay and feed your soul!

March Menu:

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|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 2nd | Lasagna |
| 9th | Beef Stew |
| 16th | Chili |
| 23rd | Taco Bar |
| 30th | No Supper - Spring Break |

Gluten free options and soup are served at every meal. Desserts are always welcome!

Schedules For March

Treat Provider

- 6-Mar** Eleanor Lu-Maples & Anne Staton
- 13-Mar** Nadine Walsten & Linda Svanda
- 20-Mar** Amanda Case & Diane Strohmenger
- 27-Mar** Katie Grady & Ladonna Smith

Scripture Readers

- 6-Mar** Marshall Mennenga & Wendy Zimmerman
- 13-Mar** Sue McCartney & Barb Bryant
- 20-Mar** Bill McIntyre & Laura Flood
- 27-Mar** Barbara Mahr & Patricia Jenkins-Bock

**Daylight Savings Week-
end is March 13th!**

**Turn your clocks ahead
1 hour.**

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Bible quiz:

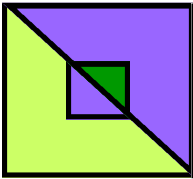
Matthew, Mark and Luke all record an incident where Jesus calls Matthew from his work as a tax collector. Mark and Luke, however call Matthew by a different name. What is this name?

- A) Levi
- B) Donovan
- C) Samantha
- D) Phileas

Hint: Read Matthew 9:9



Answer: A



Adult Discipleship

Lent

March 9th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of 40 days of more intentional prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (see Matthew 6: 1-18). What will you do, or not do, for Lent? You could become a Prayer Partner, read the Gospel of Matthew, take an Adult Discipleship class, fast from practices that contribute to economic injustice, join the prayer team, contribute to the Monthly Missions fund... the possibilities are as broad as God's mercy.

Get the new catalog!

Pick up a Spring discipleship catalog for more information on classes and events happening now through the end of May. Copies are available in the narthex by the front doors.

BLOG is HERE!

Interested in a class but can't make it in person? Heard something in a sermon that touched your heart? Join in the discussions at

<http://pumctalks.blogspot.com/>

Lenten Events

Prayer Partners

- Celebrate Lent with mutual prayer. Sign up in the gathering area, draw names March 6.

Lent and Ashes

- Sing, pray, reflect, be marked with ashes Wed, March 9th 6-6:30pm. Come earlier or later for ashes and silent reflection.

All-Church Matthew Reading

- Find passage suggestions and more on page 7. Join a discussion on our blog, and take the class.

Becoming a 6:33 people

- Learn more on March 12 and 13.

Protestant Stations of the Cross

- Group discussion and experience Wed, March 16, 6-7pm. An explanation of the Stations, scripture passages, reflections, and images will be in the Fireside Room throughout Lent.

Upcoming Classes

All-Church Book Read Continues

- Sundays, Feb 20 and 27, March 6 and 13
- 10:15-11:15am
- Facilitator: Dan Behrend
- *A Cloud of Witnesses: Ten Great Christian Thinkers* by Alister McGrath

Find insight into some of life's persistent questions by Christian thinkers throughout history.

Reading Matthew

- Sundays, March 20 and 27
- 10:15-11:30am
- Facilitator: Laura Flood

Get an overview of the Gospel and tips on how to get the most out of your reading.

Yoga Retreat

- Saturday, March 12th, 9am-3pm @ PUMC
- Practice yoga. Learn meditation. Be creative.
- Suggested donation: \$15
- RSVP to Rebecca by March 9th
- All ages, abilities, experience levels welcome!



Children & Youth Ministries

Summer Camp: Information is now available on camp offerings for this year. Brochures area available on the kiosk. Also, **mark your calendars for Camp Sunday, scheduled for March 6th.** Wear your camp clothes, think about your favorite camp activities and plan to sing some of your favorite songs! The following Camp Opportunities are open this summer:

- Various Children’s Camps, featuring: Horses; Fishing; Music, Arts & Drama; or Create Your Own Adventure
- Family Camps: Family; Mother/Daughter; Intergenerational; Ecumenical
- Grandparent/Grandchild Camps
- Special Needs Camps

Camps vary from 2 to 5 nights, and pricing is by age. People’s Church does provide scholarships to attend camp. **These scholarships are partially funded through the annual contributions from the Urban Johnson Memorial Fund, established by Jayne Johnson and her family.**

Nursery Update: A reminder that due to budget cuts, the nursery is not regularly open on Wednesday evenings. It may be open for special events if needed, but please check in advance that care will be available.

Oregon 4K, Little Angel’s Christian Preschool & Parent’s Day Out - Registration for Fall is now open. For questions about Little Angels, Parents Day Out, or Oregon 4K, please contact Katie Grady, caringstampingkt@aol.com.

Junior High Convo: May 13 - 15 at Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells. Join over 800 students for faith-building, fun and fellowship! The theme is “God is Calling, Will you Answer?” Early Bird Registration fee is \$60 until March 14th. For more information, visit the Convo website - www.wiconvo.org, or talk to Sue Koch.

Wednesday Evening Youth Programs for grades K - 12, from 6 - 7pm:

Upcoming Events:

- **March 2nd** - K through 6th night at McDonalds
- **March 23rd** - Family Fun Night at Fast Forward
- **April 20th** - Bowling Night at Oregon Bowl for all grades

Please note that there will not be programming on March 30th due to the school Spring Break holiday.

Third Grade Bible Mentors: The next meeting date for the Third graders and their mentors will be Sunday, March 20th, during the Sunday school hour.

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Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our dream is to make this church, this community and this world a better place.

We are called as a community of faith to reach out by:

listening openly, loving unconditionally and inviting all to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

**We will share God's love through circles small enough to care for each,
and large enough to encompass all.**

We accomplish this with integrity, trust, honesty, respect and inclusiveness.