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People's United Methodist Church

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Update on PUMC Stewardship Needs (Pledge plus program)

Greetings from PUMC Finance and Stewardship Committees. Letters were mailed to our congregation on Feb. 10th asking for additional pledges, contributions for our 2010 budget. To date we have received 13 additional pledges amounting to \$7,600.00. We are grateful and encouraged by this response. Thank You to those 13 families.

Finance and Stewardship have met again and decided on a March 15th date to look at additional ways to meet our needs. About \$34,000.00 remains to be raised. These figures vary some from the letter sent as changes happened between then and now. Additional ideas included:

1. congregational meetings with information and phone calls being made to everyone in advance of the meeting.
2. use of e-mail and phone tree for updates.
3. asking volunteers to care for the nursery on Sundays and Wednesdays
4. asking families to take over the cleaning of the building and finally
5. cutting our staff.

Here are some facts concerning our financial giving. These figures are continually changing. These are approximate figures as of February 2010.

Our 2010 revised budget is \$395,317.00. This is a decrease from the 2009 budget of over \$19,000.00. Our 2010 expected income is \$361,630.00 resulting in a difference of \$33,687.00. Every year we pay \$110.00 per member. This money supports our Annual Conference, National and Global UMC Church and National and Global Missions. 70 households give no recordable financial donations to our church. 122 households give \$10.00 or less a week. 54 households give \$20 or less a week. 23 households give \$20 or more a week. That means that 25% give the majority to support our budget. The Good News here is that there is room for many of our members to grow in supporting our church. Let us all

please consider the following information as we prepare our response.

Americans spend \$36,000,000 at Wal-Mart every hour of every day. In comparison, to spread the love of Jesus, our church will spend \$45 every hour of every day. Wal-Mart sells that which is short-lived. Our church gives people a relationship with Jesus which is everlasting. Our staff, building, and outreach are so important in reaching others. Cutting any of these areas will greatly affect our ministry.

In a recent congregational letter, we explained that our estimated giving will not cover the estimated costs in 2010. We have received some response to that appeal. Please pray about your response and how extravagant generosity is lived out in your growing faith.

God speaks to us in many different ways, but one of the easiest to recognize is through the compassion he puts into our hearts. Jesus teaches us to have compassion. It's important that others learn about Jesus, and they can do that through the ministries of our church.

- We can support adult ministries for one month with a contribution of \$520.
- We can support children & youth ministries for one month with a contribution of \$940.
- We can support the Parish Nurse ministry for one month with a contribution of \$550.
- We can give \$110.00 for our per member giving for Conference Apportionments.
- We could tithe 10% of our tax return to our additional needs.

As a growing church, our financial faithfulness is very important. Our giving supports numerous ministries, our building, and worldwide church efforts. In 2010, it is necessary to receive "over and above" gifts to meet our expected costs. Our compassion helps us give.

Your Stewardship Committee: Bob Cropp, Marshall & Betty Mennenga, Ron Ramsden, Scott Sanford, Steve Staton & Diane Strohmenger.

March Mission Focus:

Children: A Call to Help

PUMC has a heart for children, so the Mission Project for March will be the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries' **Children's Ministries**, to provide funds that enable programs that address the needs of children living in poverty around the world through The Advance #982027.

For the 1.9 billion children from the developing world, 1 in 3 children live without adequate shelter; 1 in 7 has no access to health services; 1 in 16 was unable to get an education. One child in every five has no access to safe water, and 1.4 *million die* each year from this lack of access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation. Children's Ministries funds support programs that provide *direct* services to reduce the child mortality rate and those living in poverty and dying of hunger, malnutrition, preventable diseases, etc. as well as those that address the root causes.

Gifts given through The Advance, the accountable, designated-giving arm of The United Methodist Church, ensure that 100 percent of each gift reaches its intended ministry. **100 percent of your donation will go to help children suffering in our world today.**



"... for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." – Mark 10.14b

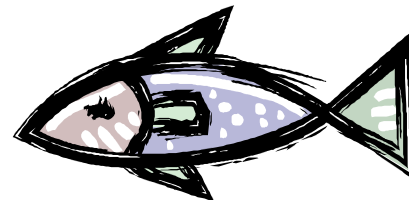
Mission Giving

Month & Mission	Amount
Jan - WI Blind & Visually Impaired	1464.00
Feb-WI Literacy, Inc.	1050
Mar- GBOD	
Apr-	
May-	
Mission Giving Year-to-Date	2514

Thru 2/21 Year to Date

General Fund	57,120.00	
Debt Reduction	7,639.00	

***Church building loan balance is \$84,939.
Principal payments of \$10,000 were made in 2010.**



Fish Fry Fundraiser

March 5th

proceeds go to disaster relief in Haiti

March 19th

proceeds help mission families going to Guatemala

4:30 - 7:30 pm

St. John's Lutheran Church
625 E. Netherwood St., Oregon
835-3154

Adults \$10 children under 10 \$5
4 years and under eat **FREE!**
To Go Orders Are Welcome

WISCONSIN UNITED METHODISTS

RAISE \$187,396.93 FOR HAITI Since the devastating earthquake in Haiti on January 12th, Wisconsin United Methodists have rallied to provide support for Haitians in need. Already, these efforts have made quite a difference. The Wisconsin Conference reported \$187,396.93 in donations from members of local churches on February 9th. 100 percent of these donations will go directly to aid efforts in Haiti – which include the distribution of food, water, medical supplies, and other resources – because of the financial assistance that UMCOR receives in part through the General Board of Global Ministries from apportionments. In addition, churches have brought layette kits and 250 health kits. The Wisconsin Conference and UMCOR would like to thank all who have made donations for your generosity. For more resources and information about helping Haiti, visit the special [Conference Haiti website](http://Wisconsinumc.org/missions2007), Wisconsinumc.org/missions2007.

Spiritual Gift Assessment Every person is gifted by God, we have traits that are inborn, transcending our skills and abilities. Ever wonder what yours are? Take an online Spiritual Gift Assessment at www.umc.org (look under “Learn More”). This online tool is designed to introduce you to the gifts of the Spirit and find meaningful ways to enhance the effectiveness of your gifts by connecting with others through the community of faith. The survey takes about 10 minutes and your results are available immediately for you to print out. Find out where your gifts' are strongest: Compassion, Servant hood, Healing, Leadership, Teaching and Knowledge.

Giving is Loving When the Foundation received \$44,100 in year end gifts for the United Methodist Committee on Relief's emergency fund (UMCOR) and World Hunger, I remember wondering what kind of disaster needs we'd be

faced with in the next year. By mid-January, we were dealing with an earthquake in Haiti and mud slides in California.

The Haitian earthquake occurred on January 12th. On February 12th the 2010 version of “We Are the World” debuted during the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics. Since its release, the original 1985 original version of “We Are the World”, by USA for Africa, has raised over \$63 million for humanitarian causes. Ninety percent of the money was pledged to African relief, both long and short term. The remaining 10 percent of funds was earmarked for domestic hunger and homeless programs in the United States.

It will be exciting to see how the 25th Anniversary version of “We Are the World,” will benefit the recovery efforts in Haiti and more. The 2010 version will feature updated lyrics and music, as well as a rap segment pertaining to Haiti. The original chorus still provides us with some good food for thought:

We are the world, We are the children

We are the ones who make a brighter day

So let's start giving.

There's a choice we're making

We're saving our own lives

It's true we'll make a better day

Just you and me.

Stewardship is about all the choices we're making today and tomorrow and about how to use the gifts God has given us. Are we simply saving our own lives? Or will we choose to make this world a better place for all God's children?

WI United Methodist Foundation

Pastor's Corner

Hello, I read an interesting article about church growth and wanted to share it with you. It reminds me of our church and our growing pains.

10 Reasons Small Churches Tend to Stay Small

~ Joe McKeever

1. **Wanting to stay the way we are:** "We like our church just the way it is now." While this attitude usually goes unspoken, it might not even be recognized by its carriers, it's widespread in many churches. The proof of it is seen in how the leaders and congregation reject new ideas and freeze out new people.

2. **A quick turnover of pastors:** It takes at least a couple of years for a pastor to become the real deal for a church, a pastor in more than name only, one who has earned the right to lead the congregation. With larger churches, the time period is more like six years.

3. **Domination by a few strong members:** Such self-appointed church bosses tend to frustrate the pastor's initiatives, block bold ventures, and control tendencies to want the church to act on faith! Result: The church stays where is at. No normal family coming into the community would want to join such a church.

4. **Not trusting the leaders:** The determined 'stay-the-way-we-are' church is far more concerned about the dollars and cents in the offering plate than about the souls in the community. This church would never step out in faith and do something bold to reach the lost and un-churched, and if they did, unless their mindset changed, they would then harass their leaders into the grave demanding an accounting of every dime spent. Instead, elect good leaders and trust these leaders to do their work.

5. **Inferiority complex:** I was a seminary student when called to my second pastorate, a church which had been stuck at 40 in attendance for years. I discovered that churches often are stymied by inferiority complexes. "We can't do anything because we're small. We don't have lots of money like other

churches in town." So, they set small goals and ask little from their members.

6. **No plan:** The typical, stagnant church is smaller in ways other than numbers. They tend to be small in vision, in programs, in outreach, and in just about everything else. Perhaps worst of all, they have small plans. Or no plans at all.

7. **Bad health:** Anyone who has spent time in more than a few churches can see that some are just unhealthy. And by that, we do not mean they are smaller, they are sick. Show me a congregation where members are wholeheartedly committed to Jesus Christ, each is using (or learning to use) their God-given spiritual gifts in the Lord's service, and their fellowship is sweet and active - and I'll show you a healthy church.

8. **Lousy fellowship:** The best thing a church has to offer individuals and families in the community, other than the gospel itself, is a place they will be loved and welcomed and made part of an active, healthy family. It's what we mean by "fellowship."

9. **A state of neglect permeates the church:** Not always, but often, a dying church shows signs of its weakening condition by the disrepair of its buildings and the neglect of its appearance. The interior walls haven't been painted in years and bear the collective fingerprints of a generation of children. The carpet is threadbare, the piano's keys stick, the pulpit chairs need reupholstering, and the outside sign is so ugly it would be an improvement if someone knocked it down. Dying churches do not tend to their business. They let problems fester and divisions go unaddressed.

10. **No prayer:** Want to give your congregation a little test? Next Sunday, call for your people to meet you at the altar for a time of prayer. Just announce it, then walk there yourself, kneel, and begin praying. See if anyone joins you. Notice who comes and pay close attention to who does not. It won't tell you everything you'd like to know about your church, but it will say a lot. Growth, health and reaching out begins and continues with prayer.

Grace & Peace, *Pastor Jon Claude*

Employment Opportunity! A summer at our Wisconsin United Methodist Camps offers you the opportunity to gain experiences your future employer is looking for! They want to hire individuals who can work as part of a team, think on their feet and solve multifaceted problems. Join our ministry team this summer. You will have the opportunity to influence the life of a child while preparing for your future!

Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center

ATTN: Laura Hutler
W6460 Cty Hwy YY
Neshkoro, WI 54960

BASIC COURSE

For Lay Speakers/Servants and those who feel called to be a lay speaker.

Saturdays, March 6 & 13 9-11:30 AM
Richland Center: Peace UMC

Fee: \$25

Fee Payable to: Capital Coulee Regional Office
Sherry Malone, Wisconsin Conference UMC
750 Windsor St, PO Box 620, Sun Prairie, WI
53590-0620.

Direct specific Questions About the Course to:

Pastor Barbara Cook: dbcook@tds.net

or

THE GATHERING

Especially For Lay Speaker/Servants, Instructors & Interested Pastors

Saturday, April 10, 2010 9-3 PM
Mount Horeb UMC (Lunch Included)

**Enjoy Fellowship and Learning
Find New Resources**

**Make Connections ~~~ Worship Together ~~~
Share Communion**

For event Registration contact Sherry Malone,
smalone@wisconsinumc.org

All other questions, please contact Sherian Foster,
sherianef@hotmail.com or 608.592.1918

February's Poll: Participation. Compared to 1 year ago, how do you participate in activities at PUMC?

Results:

Less	40%
More	50%
Same	10%

Go to our website and participate in the poll for March: "What aspects of PUMC that I value". All answers are confidential.

UM101 an online introductory course about the United Methodist Church, provides a basic overview and understanding of United Methodism. The course is intended for busy people who want to learn about The United Methodist Church - its roots, theology, structure, connectionalism, and current challenges - on their own time schedule. The course will be available 24 hours a day as an online learning opportunity and multi-media experience. Cost is \$12/person. For more information and to sign-up online, go to www.training.umcom.org

Wisconsin Volunteers in Mission Announce 2010 Trips: Volunteers in Mission has announced the list of 2010 trips for those who wish to volunteer their time and talents. Typical VIM projects include disaster response activities, housing projects and rehabilitation, education, and medical assistance. United Methodist Volunteers in Mission provides opportunities to express Christ's love by helping in our local community, nation and world wide. Opportunities are short term trips, one or two weeks in length. Many trips are open to youth and adults. For dates and more information, see the online brochure at <http://wisvim.org>.

Dear Family and Friends,



Salt and pepper; peanut butter and jelly; tea and honey; coffee and cream; chronic pain and depression. Some things just go hand-in-hand. Pain, especially the chronic on-going kind, can wear down even the hardest of souls, and is often closely linked to depression. It can trigger a wide range of negative emotions: irritability, anger, fear, anxiety, and despair. It is estimated that 30-80% of people with chronic pain also suffer from clinical depression.

Why? Depression and chronic pain share some of the same neurotransmitters—brain chemicals—as well as some of the same nerve pathways in the region of the brain that is the center for our emotions. Yet depression associated with chronic pain often goes untreated—pain usually takes center stage in a typical 15-20 minute appointment.

What can be done about this? Treatment for chronic pain often includes many things:

Seeing a team of specialists - a primary care provider, a pain specialist, and a counselor/therapist

Medications that work by affecting brain chemicals responsible for both mood and pain

Talk or cognitive-behavioral therapy

Physical exercise - it releases some of the same brain chemicals as anti-depressants—being sure to get your doctor's approval on what you plan to do

Attention to your spirit through prayer rituals, meditative prayer, relaxation techniques, connection to the church, conversation with your parish nurse. And consider attending our *Clouds and Silver Linings Gatherings* for those with chronic illness. (Call me for details.)

Resources: www.webmd.com/depression/guide/depression-chronic-pain

www.johnshopkinshealthalerts.com/reports/healthy_living/3034-1.html?type=pf

www.health.harvard.edu/newsweek/Depression_and_pain.htm

Blessings, Susan Payne, Parish Nurse

Grief slips into our lives as a result of death, illness, divorce, job or role loss, end of a relationship and numerous other ways. Peggy Weber, RN, will be facilitating a 3-week grief series here at People's Church titled, ***A Time to Learn, Cope and Pray with Our Grief.*** Peggy has 30 years of nursing and group facilitation experience, including grief support. Join us for this helpful and healing time. **We will meet Tuesday evenings, March 16th, 23rd and 30th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** We are happy to provide rides if you need one. Childcare will also be available but we must know in advance if it is desired. This group will be limited to the first 30 people who register, so please call Susan Payne, Parish Nurse, at 835-3755, ext. 24, or call the church office to register and to request rides or childcare.

First Monday Folks! We will be gathering on Monday, March 1st for our monthly potluck meal at 11:00 AM. Join us for fun as well as food for both body and soul. Newcomers welcome! We began our annual Lenten Journey with Ash Wednesday. Now let's see the Holy Land with the program we have slated for First Monday. It is an informative slide presentation by Barbara Heywood titled *Journey to Jerusalem!* Questions? Call Susan Payne, People's Parish Nurse.



Each Wednesday evening from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Enjoy a mid-week break from cooking, come as you are, bring a friend, neighbor or family!

March Menu:

3rd - Stew, Soup, Fruit Salad

10th - Chili, Hot Dogs, Soup

17th -Turkey Tetrazzini, Mac-n-Cheese, Soup

24th - Taco Bar, Soup

31st - Spring Break - No Supper

You may check the menu right from the calendar on our website. Simply select the date, click on Wednesday Night Supper and read the description.

Band Rehearsal

Saturday, March 6th 9am-1pm

This is for anyone who plays an instrument and is interested in participating in worship with joyful music!

Name our new band!

Submit your entry to the office

peoplesumc@wisconsinumc.org

835-3755

Entries will be voted upon in a future bulletin and winner announced!

Food Pantry Collection at a Glance

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

March..... Paper Products

April..... Fruit/Vegetable Juice

May Peanut Butter/Boxed Meals

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st	Irene McCartney	18th	Diane Strohmenger
2nd	Steve Machotka	19th	Dan Anderson
3rd	Liam Bradley		Ron Schroeder
	Audrey Maples		Emma Xander
4th	Krista Kienitz	20th	Owen Boll
	Valerie Wesley		Linda Outhouse
5th	Alexander Palmer		Jack Peotter
6th	Jean Bartlett	22nd	Megan Schliem
	Lois Bavery	24th	Marlene Carey
	Larry Desotell	25th	Pat Dietrich
7th	Joseph Mozuch		Rebecca Doport
8th	Lu Nack		Jeffrey Graves
	Jim & Cara Mavis		Dave Stratton
10th	Jon Bartlett		Susie & Dwayne Berg
	Brandon Finch	26th	Donna Disch
11th	Brad Blumer		Gary & Bette Whited
	Jonas Temte	27th	Olivia Flood
12th	Ian Newton	28th	Darlene Finch
14th	Adrienne Franke		Matthew Weis
	Marisa Koch	29th	Bob Cropp
15th	Nathan Franke	30th	Duane Froehlich
	Nina Noyce	31st	Tonya Baron
	Beth & Colin Peterson		Steven Clerico
16th	Bill Meier		Paul & Ladonna Smith
	Heidi Rossiter		
	Patrick & Lori Anderson		Do you notice an error or an omission?
17th	Janusz Doport		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:
	Bill McIntyre		www.peoplesumc.org/info
	Tyler Mortensen		



Church Records

Baptisms

February 14 - Isabella Bryant

Daughter of Nichole & Thayer Bryant

February 28 - Emily Brooks

Daughter of Courtney & Justin Brooks

Attendance Stats in February

Visitors	41
Average Attendance in Worship	
Saturday Eve	31
Sunday 1st Service	121
Sunday 2nd Service	88

“AFTER” FAITH I preached a sermon not too long ago in which I mentioned the changes, challenges and opportunities the UMC, with the rest of the world, is facing in our times. It seemed that the changes were foundation-shaking and I compared them to an earthquake. The image that came to mind was that we had a need to learn how to surf the quake. I knew then that it was an impossible thing to do literally. I knew that even to conceive of such a thing required a risky faith that bordered on being out of touch with what is normally considered to be reality.

Yet, as Christians, many of us believe that with God, ALL things are possible. As a result, during times of foundational quaking in our world as we know it, we are led again to the question of our faith and in whom and in what do we believe

DID THE QUAKES CHALLENGE YOUR FAITH? The devastating earthquake in Haiti last month destroyed so many lives and so many things and so many places. It was a riveting reminder that when an earthquake actually does occur in the physical realm, surfing it is not an option. The earthquake in Haiti confronts us, once again, with the violence of poverty. It also raises, sooner or later, the unnerving question: where was God? Why such suffering to so many already staggering under the weight of poverty and its oppression? Why so many innocent people? Why people we knew?

The suffering of so many people, both before and after the earthquake, and in the way so many recently died, continues to be heartbreaking.

GOD’S SUFFERING WAS HIS GIFT
The question of suffering has been debated through the ages. For Christians:

"The doctrine of incarnation permits the believer to see in the cross God's very presence in the midst of the suffering as well as the sin of the world..." (The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology, p. 556)

The incarnation—God’s choice to take human form in Jesus--was a gift to humanity. A treasure to be cherished, celebrated and embraced. God’s grace looked beyond human fault, saw our need and gave all it was possible to give to us, even life itself. On the cross, Jesus joined us in the worst of human suffering and pain. Human suffering has been an aspect of the human condition throughout history. The gift of God in Christ Jesus is that we know that God understands. And God IS with us--even when we are too dazed to see it. The gift is that, just as Jesus rose from the grave, if we are breathing, still alive, God has brought us from death to new life.

For me, it means that every moment of life, each relationship, every situation, whatever conditions we face, is evidence of God’s great grace and love – because whether we live or whether we die, God has not forsaken us. God is with us. We cannot repay this great gift. But we can respond...with gratitude and with grace toward others and with a spirit of generosity. The spiritual depths of human existence calls to our souls and provides a foundation on which to stand when the ground of our lives is quaking from the things which confuse, threaten and sometimes destroy. Because we are children of God, there is something within that seeks communion with the Origin of our being. The hope of that Divine union gives us the faith to keep running the race that is before us.

IT'S TIME TO CONTINUE THE FAITH

The season of Lent is a time for reflection. It is a time for looking within, for confession, sacrifice and repentance. It is a time to remember and honor the suffering of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, incarnate God, through whom we continue to have faith AFTER the quakes have ended.

In 2009, we began to live into our vision to "Live, Give, Love...Beyond all Expectation" by focusing on deepening our daily walk with God.

Our focus for 2010 is "Giving Wholeheartedly" (Matthew 6:19-21). As we continue to lay the strong foundation of our daily, deepening walk with God, it is a good time to reflect on what we value and how we live it out each day.

Are we treasuring the things of heaven? Or of someplace or something else? In what new ways can we offer ourselves to God, not that suffering will end, but that those who survive it will know they are not alone? Jesus said, "And remember, I will be with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28 20b).

Moving From Tragedy to Resurrection In Haiti, the faith of those who remain is a foundation upon which they can continue to lean. Even if there is a time that requires some crawling before they can walk steady again, the treasures they've stored up in heaven cannot be taken from them. I believe the people of Haiti will stand tall again, having moved through the cross of this great tragedy to resurrection. We stand on the same foundation. "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11).

In Christ's spirit of peace, *Bishop Linda Lee*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Purpose

□ Lent is the season of repentance, self-examination, and awareness of the hurts of the people of the world. One Great Hour of Sharing calls the Church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. (Par. 263.2, *The Book of Discipline* 2008)

□ Gifts provide refuge and relief to some of the world's most vulnerable people during times of distress.

History

In 1946, One Great Hour of Sharing began as a special effort of the Episcopal Church. In 1949, the observance became ecumenical. Originally, during one special worship hour on one date, people of faith contributed over and above their regular offerings. Today different denominations celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing on various dates, but the cooperative spirit remains.

Your generous contributions . . .

To One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all of UMCOR's work by covering the costs of doing business. This means all gifts designated to specific programs can go 100% to those programs because UMCOR's basic expenses are covered.



Look for a donation envelope in your bulletin March 13 & 14th .

Adult Discipleship

“Everyone, though born of God in an instant, yet undoubtedly grows by slow degrees.” So said John Wesley, and his words ring as true now as when they were first spoken. May this Lent be an opportunity for you to grow, to be transformed, to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

Do you want to get involved? Maybe you're looking for a service opportunity. Perhaps you want to deepen your prayer life. Maybe you want to learn more about your faith, or you want to connect more deeply with the people of People's Church. If so, contact Rebecca Otte, Director of Adult Discipleship, to start something fantastic.



Scripture Conversations are Back!

Every Wednesday in Lent, 6-7pm
(February 24-March 31)

Diane Strohmenger and Pastor Jon Claude facilitate the discussion of the previous Sunday's Scripture.

Some Ongoing Groups

Yoga: gentle, free, every Thursday 5:30-6:30pm

Gluten Group: third Wednesday each month 5-6pm
(part of Wed Night Supper)

Knitters Group: first Monday each month 6-7pm

Adult Discipleship: second Thursday, 5-6pm

Lenten Reflection

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

The Confessions, Augustine

Spiritual Practices

Sunday, March 7 and 14 at 10:30am

Prayer

—Pam McIntyre leads conversation and practice of prayer; what is it, why and how do we do it, different prayer styles.

—Come if you're new to prayer or if you've been praying longer than you can recall.

Sunday, March 21 at 10:30am

Reflection: On God

—How do we discover how God is acting in our lives?

—Discover tools of reflection that help you see God in the daily events of your life.

Sunday, February 28 at 10:30am

Personal Reflection

—Barbara Heywood facilitates this discussion on personal reflection: how do we become self-reflective? What are the benefits?

Children & Youth Ministries

Oregon School District 4K: Little Angels Christian Preschool will be offering 4K next year, and has 18 children registered so the class is full. If you are still in need of a place for 4K, Oregon Day Care, Oregon Preschool, La Petite, Little Folks, Heart of Brooklyn, and the Oregon YMCA are also offering 4K, and may have openings available. Little Angels is also registering children for the preschool program. Contact Katie Grady at 835-1945 or caringstamp-ingkt@aol.com if you have questions or need more information.

March 20th Third Grade & Bible Mentor Get Together - We will be getting together from 11:30am - 1:30pm on Saturday for an Easter celebration. We will have lunch together, decorate Easter eggs and have an Easter Egg Hunt! We would like to have both our current and last year's students and mentors participate.

March 24th Family Fun Night at Fast Forward - We will go roller skating from 6 - 8pm. The cost will be \$2.00/person admission fee, plus an additional \$2.00 if you choose to skate with fast or inline skates. CKC and PUMC youth programming will cover the rest of the fees.

- Come enjoy a fun time with your immediate and church family.
- For more information please contact Katie Grady or Sue Koch at 835-3755.
- Please RSVP and pay your \$2.00 Admission fee by Sunday, March 21st.

Additional Skate rental fees should be paid the night of the event.

There will be no Wednesday Night Youth Programming at church. The nursery will be open.

Summer Camp Registration is now open. Go to www.wiumcamps.org.

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible - Milwaukee Public Museum: We would like to get a group together to go and see this exhibit. We would go during the week of Spring Break for the Oregon School District, and are tentatively looking at Monday, March 29th. The cost for the trip will be based on our number of participants, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating.

An alternate date if you would like to attend but are not available during spring break would be Friday, April 23rd, through the Community Education Program in Oregon. They are sponsoring a trip to the museum, and the cost is \$14 per person.

March 31st - No Wednesday Night Youth Programs due to Spring Break.

Thank you to all who participated in the Youth Book Sale! Your contributions provided almost \$300 toward our summer mission trip. We really appreciate your generosity and wish you happy reading!!

Other Upcoming Events:

Junior High Convo will be April 30 - May 2 at Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells. It is open to anyone in 6th - 8th Grade, and is a lot of fun! We currently have 13 youth participating, and there is still time to register if your child is interested in attending. A male chaperone is still needed, so if you are interested please let Sue know. More information is available at www.wiconvo.org, or information packets are available from Sue Koch.

Youth Mission Trip - We currently have 9 students interested in going on our summer mission trip. Spots are filling up quickly, so if you are in 7 - 12 grade and interested in participating, please let Sue Koch know as soon as possible.

C&Y Staff

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