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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

A big, tattered brown leather *Hurlbut's Bible Stories for Children* was part of my growing up. I'm not sure if the book ever made the trip home, but it was always at the lake in the summer. I liked the book because it *felt* good (the cover was soft and floppy) and it *felt* ancient (the pages seemed particularly thick, which meant "age" to me). It even had pictures, and they added to the allure because they seemed quaint and antique.

My mother took us kids up to the lake the afternoon school let out for the summer, and we came back the day before school started in the fall. It was a wonderful way for kids to grow up. The *Hurlbut's* was our Sunday School during the summer. All the kids from around the lake would come to our cabin Sunday morning and we'd sing, then Dad would read a story from *Hurlbut's*. Maybe he only read the David stories, but they at least were the really good ones—lots of action and drama, and the stories started with someone like me—A KID!

More than a story for kids

So it is that the David stories always seem to me appropriate for summer. The luck of the lectionary draw gives us stories about David this summer. Bringing grown up eyes to the stories, though, gives their reading a new perspective. July 27 through the end of August, the sermons will examine fitness for leadership what it takes to be a good leader, a leader after God's own heart—as we examine some of David's stories. David's story is one of the

more fully-fleshed-out faith series in our faith story, and his story has a great deal to teach us.

Reading newspapers or watching it on television, may sometimes strike a person that our "democracy" has devolved into "government through the news media." If "trial by a jury of peers" has deteriorated into "trial by the media," the opinion polls and second-guessing commentary make leadership an exercise in spin doctoring and back-watching.

Is this what people of faith are called to do? What *is* the place of faith in the public arena? In what ways can God's purposes be fulfilled in and through the actions of the state? How and to what end is power exercised? What is the role of church members in the political process?

And if you think anyone—especially a poor country preacher—can answer those questions in the allotted 15 minutes on a Sunday morning, your optimism is impressive! *BUT*, we are not called to check our faith at the door on Sunday at noon, and we do live in a public world. If we don't bring those questions to the texts, we are doing ourselves as people of faith a great disservice. Perhaps we are doing our country a great disservice as well. When we look at the qualities of good leaders, and when we look at David's stories to help us out, we are looking with a peculiar point of view. We are looking with the eyes of Christians, people who believe that there is One who rescues us, but who does not call us to safety; One who calls us to believe in the "more than enough" that God alone provides. We can look at all potential leaders from that perspective. See you in church.

Eileen

LECTIONARY



July 20: Christmas in July (a lessons and carols-type worship service that proclaims the salvation history through music and scripture readings)

July 27: 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19023), 32-49; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13. *Fit to Lead: Brain, Brawn, or Heart?*

August 3: 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16; Ephesians 4:1-16. *Fit to Lead: Best Friends to the End.*

August 10: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Ephesians 4:25-5:2. *Fit to Lead: Love Your Enemy—With a Vengeance!*

August 17: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 5:15-20. *Fit to Lead: Dance 'Til You Drop.*

August 24: Eileen will be on study leave. Jim Tomlin is guest preacher.

August 31: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22. *Fit to Lead: Defer to Your Successor.*

September 7: ROUND UP!

Help Audit Our Financial Records

During June you will receive a record of your giving to Springwater Presbyterian Church for the first half of 2003. Please check it for accuracy. Only you and the Receiving Treasurer know how much you have given so please take seriously your responsibility to audit her records. Also check to see if she recorded your pledge correctly and note where you are in paying your pledge for 2003. Thank you in advance for your help.

SOMETHING FROM MOTHER TERESA

- ◆ People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
- ◆ If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
- ◆ If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
- ◆ If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
- ◆ The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
- ◆ Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
- ◆ For you see, in the end it is between you and God. It never was between you and them anyway.

With God as my guide, I create harmony in all my relationships.

Harmony

I have heard the advice that anything worth doing is worth doing well. That is true of what I contribute to my relationships. Any relationship is worthy of the best from the people involved, so I aim to relate to others by sharing the qualities of my divine nature. I focus on being loving, forgiving, and caring in my relationships.

As I let the spirit of God within me be the source of my thoughts and conversations, my actions and responses, I bring harmony to all my relationships. In an atmosphere of harmony, I appreciate all that I give and all that I receive as a member of a team, friendship, or family.

God does encourage me to live in harmony with others, and I enjoy such fulfillment in being a harmonizer.

“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement, grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.”

Romans 15:5

shared by Debbie Tedrow

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PRESBYTERY?

At the last presbytery meeting in Bend on June 27-28, the Presbytery of the Cascades voted to withdraw from its relationship with the Synod of the Pacific personnel system, directly hiring and paying for the general presbyters and staff with the per capita funds from each church. This would not increase the per capita costs for congregations in the presbytery, but would merely be re-directing funds that have in the past gone to synod and then back to our presbytery to pay for the staff.

Dave Crow retired from his position as general presbyter of the Northeast Region (our Region) to serve an English-speaking church in Stavanger, Norway with his wife, the Reverend Beverly Crow.

Sharon Hasenjaeger was elected Moderator of the presbytery at its last meeting. This is a one-year term, automatically moving to a successive one-year term as moderator of Council. Congratulations, Sharon!

Due to a major budget shortfall, presbytery is experiencing some deep budget cuts. These cuts include (but are not limited to) reduced funds available for emergency help to financially challenged congregations, reduced programming at the five Campus Ministries, \$8,000 less in mission grants to social service agencies and programs, cancellation of the small church and church redevelopment conferences, disabilities advocacy programming cut in half, and Christian educators regional training cancelled.

BLUEBERRIES

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IS IT THAT TIME ALREADY?

Well, it's not *quite* Round Up time, but it's getting close. By the time you get your next newsletter, it will be time to Round Up at Springwater! Mark your calendars for September 7 and plan for time in worship, getting a peek at Sunday School, and gathering around the chuck wagon afterwards. See you there!



How are we doing financially?

As of June 30, 2003 we have taken in \$38,843.90 in General Funds
 spent \$31,469.95 on Operating Expenses
 spent \$ 7,147.00 on Mission
 that leaves us with a balance of \$ 226.95 in General Funds.

General Fund income is mostly from your pledges. As of June 30 (the 50% mark for 2003) we have received \$28,473 or 42% of the amount pledged for this year. You are wonderfully generous people so I know that pledge giving will stay strong through the summer.

We have received \$1,039.71 so far in Special Offerings this year. The total for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering was \$740.74.

Other Fund Balances
 Contingency Fund \$5000.00
 Capital Improvement Fund \$30,600.90
 Good Samaritan Fund \$1698.19
 Paint Fund \$4,400.00
 Shibley & Fisher Memorial Fund \$4,423.14
 Youth Funds \$669.85 (this is money the youth have generated)

If you have any questions or want more details about our finances ask me, Nona, or any member of session.

LISTS: LOOK AND LISTEN

Do you make lists? Do you have “to do” and grocery and packing and activity lists? Lists can be such a convenient way of deciding what to do and helping you keep track of what else needs to get done or bought or taken along. This summer, try making a “backwards list. This is an ancient practice encouraged by St. Ignatius to help Christians develop spiritual eyes and ears. At the end of each day (or even throughout the day!) write a list of things that have already happened. Try these categories (or some others that make more sense to you):

- >Things that I loved today
- >Things that got me mad
- >Things that I laughed about
- >Things that moved me to tears

Write these things down every day, so that at the end of the week you can look back at those lists and say “thanks.” Or “help.” Or “please.” Or “forgive me.”

Besides growing your relationship with God—giving you more things to talk about with each other, more details to go over—you might find that there are patterns or ways you can change or improve.

Loving, crying, raging, laughing—all of these things are part of being human. They are part of being in the image and likeness of God. As you become intentional about noticing those things about your life, you will find yourself growing as God’s Own Beloved.

CONFIRMATION IS COMING!

Session has authorized a confirmation class next school year for young people 7th grade and older. Confirmation class is a learning process in which previously-baptized young people can examine their faith and decide to confirm the promises made on their behalf at their baptisms. For those not already baptized, this is an appropriate time to learn whether they want to receive baptism.

Because everything that is really important also requires commitment, Session is asking that those interested in this class make some commitments:

- To **attend the classes** throughout the coming academic year (September through June). Classes will meet on two Sunday afternoons a month. One Sunday afternoon a month will be set aside for youth group.

- To **regularly attend worship** services

- To participate in a **volunteer or mission project** with the church

- To participate in a **mentoring relationship**

Session is also looking for interested volunteers to serve as **mentors** for these young people. Mentors should be willing to get together with their confirmand at least once a month to share their faith, to covenant to pray for and with their confirmand, and to gather regularly for support and training.

Guess what! School’s Coming!

Our youngsters will be returning to the school classrooms sooner than you know it. Session has authorized our support for school supplies to “English as Second Language” students, as we’ve generously done for the last several years.

The school supply lists are not yet available, but we will alert you as soon as we find out their needs.

Community Care Committee

Give and Take

Things to give:

- The washer from the manse - Bob Maat
- A rowing machine - Eileen
- Roy's beloved pet. This dog is a sharpai, about 4 years old. Papers are available & he has his shots. He will need a home SOON. Kojack is his name & he needs a fenced yard. Kojack has no experience with cats, but he gets along with other dogs. Bettie Barbee is Roy's daughter.

Helping Hands Fair

The Estacada Family Resource Center will have its annual helping hands fair in early September at the community center in Estacada. There will be many representatives of different helping hand agencies in attendance. Agencies that deal with: Oregon Health Plan, heating bills, electric bills, domestic violence and many others.

Parents may sign up for school supplies, haircuts and some clothes items. If anyone has questions please contact Bettie Barbee.

Does our pastor have a life of her own?

Do you? Of course! When you aren't at church or at work, you look forward to times of relaxation, rest, and fun as well as time to study, pray and listen for God's word in your life.

As the pastor at Springwater, Eileen works *very* hard. She needs time to relax, study, pray, read, and to be *apart* from *us*.

SO . . . here's a word from Session on how YOU can help:

- Please don't call her before 10:00 am.
- Friday is her day off - please don't call her on Friday. If you have an emergency, you can call a session member.
- Saturday is a day for Eileen to relax and also to finish polishing her sermon. Try not to call on Saturdays, it's already a stressful day & you can talk to her on Sunday at church.
- Please look at a clock before you call. Don't call too late, probably anything past 8:00 pm should wait until morning.

Matthew 22: 34-39 speaks:

" But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together. One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him. 'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?' And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

When you face God, are you willing to tell Him that you love your neighbors, but haven't done anything to ease their hunger?

Bring food and supplies for the Estacada Family Resource Center. Special needs now are baking mix, peanut butter, hygiene products ramen noodles, and tomato sauce.

We can serve.

Lloyd

A Consultation On Ecojustice In Water Policy:

Impressions of a participant:

Our's is a denomination that takes seriously its witness concerning ecojustice and sustainable stewardship of God's creation. In 1990 our General Assembly (G.A.) adopted a major statement in this regard, setting forth some principles to guide ourselves as a church and also our elected government officials. I had a small part in our latest attempt to sort out the way we view water, life, and faith, and I want to tell you how it went.

Background:

In 2001 the G.A. passed a short resolution in response to the crisis situation in the Klamath basin which some in the church thought may have weakened the bold witness of 1990 in support of environmental stewardship. It said water rights are property rights and should not be taken without compensation. The property rights movement is generally seen as fighting to weaken environmental regulations. The 2002 G.A. called for a careful review of what the Klamath situation is and the drafting of a new resolution for consideration in 2004. The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy convened a "consultation" in Southern Oregon in mid-June to help shape that new resolution with the aim of clarifying the possible justification of compensation for regulatory "takings" in situations of limited water supply and perhaps other situations.

Problems:

Too many government promises of too much water for all the needs to be satisfied means we citizens of the U.S.A. are part of the problem. When the irrigation project was set up in the Klamath basin about 100 years ago the treaty rights of Native Americans and the water needs of all existing species of fish and wildlife were not factored in. My impression is that as a citizen of Oregon I also share the fault of not defining (after 25 years of

trying in the Klamath) how much water right belongs to which parties under state law. I was forced to learn a lot in June about the complexity behind the present crisis.

Takings:


I have lots of experience working the land for human benefit, in farming and forestry, and I could really hear the pleas of the ranchers and farmers who ask when the public will offer to help pay the cost imposed by environmental regulations. I am certainly not a part of the so-called property rights movement. Nor am I in favor of undermining the system of environmental protections our society has evolved. My impression is, however, that not enough attention is being given to creative ways to share the burden of such protections. As one trained in biology I look especially for ways science can inform the policy choices made by regulatory agencies, and I hope my church will not dismiss such science as hopelessly politicized. If the private must be taken for the public, I'll give up mine more willingly if the science can show how much is needed

Balancing values:

I belong to a church and I belong to a local watershed council. In the latter we work by consensus, so lots of talk is required to get to agreement on a balance of values. In the former, we do things "decently and in order" and I generally like the process. If we trust each other to be fair (honor justice) and if we trust God to keep on creating while we learn our place in the Creation (as stewards of land and water) then I think we will do the right thing. I think this consultation may help lead our church toward that doing, and I am pleased to have been invited to participate.



Gilbert A. Shibley 7/7/03

July 2003		15 Office hours 10-12, 1-2 pm Prayer 2 pm Eileen will be at Summer Conference	16	17	18	19	Pg 7
		Please note: Committee meetings will vary from the normal schedule. Please check with the chair to find out when & if you will meet during summer time.					
2003 Summer Conference							
20 Hymn sing 9:45am-10:00am Worship 10:00am11:15am Fellowship <i>Christmas in July</i>	21	22 Office hours 10-12, 1-2 pm Prayer 2 pm Eileen's office hrs 4:30-6:30 pm	23	24	25	26	
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Growing Day by Day music by Jim Roden

- 1 I've got carrots in my garden, and some corn and beans and spinach,
There are pumpkins growing day by day.
I've got garlic in my garden, peppers, onions, kale, tomatoes,
Veggies growing till the harvest day.

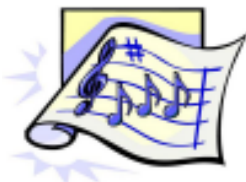
O Lord thank you for gardens, thank you for veggies,
Thank you for providing all the food we eat.
Thank you for soil, thank you for sunshine,
Thank you for the rain (but not too much)



- 2 I've got flowers in my garden, violet zinnias, orange poppies,
There are roses growing day by day.
I've got dahlias in my garden, tulip, iris, cosmos, pansy,
Flowers blooming on a summer day.

O Lord thank you for gardens, thank you for flowers,
Thank you for the fragrance and the colors that delight.
Thank you for soil, thank you for sunshine,
Thank you for the rain (but not too much)

- 3 I've got apples in my orchard, Gala Duchess, Gravenstein.
There are Braeburns growing day by day.
Spitzenberg, Liberty, Jonagold and Summer Rambo
Apples growing till the harvest day.



O Lord thank you for orchards, thank you for apples,
Thank you for the cider, apple sauce and pies.
Thank you for soil, thank you for sunshine,
Thank you for the rain (but not too much)



- 4 I've got farmers in my county, they grow fruit and nuts and trees.
There are farmers working hard each day.
Berries, hay, cows and chickens, Christmas trees and ornamentals,
They're all growing till the harvest day.

Oh Lord thank you for farms and especially for the laborers,
Thank you for the products that they grow each year.
Thank you for soil, thank you for sunshine,
Thank you for the rain (but not too much)

- 5 I've got bugs in my garden, there are worms that eat my apples,
There are slugs growing day by day.
I've got weeds in my garden, rabbits, raccoon, deer and 'possum
Getting fatter each and every day.





JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Souders	26
Charlotte Rice	30
Juliette Lalka	31
Dorothy Shearer	17
Stephen Shibley	17
Harvey Beecroft	15

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Iola Layne	5
Kyle Lalka	11
Nancy Tedrow	13
Nona Shearer	17
Kathleen Souders	18
Phillip Bittman	18
Bettie Barbee	20
Joy Thompson-Alford	20
Bryce Babikoff	21
Bill Shearer	25



Sacrament of Baptism:

Session has agreed to baptize **Macey Jewell Fvette**, daughter of Mary and Mark Fvette, granddaughter of Don & Barbara MacKinnon on Sunday, July 20, 2003. Please be praying for this beautiful child, her parents & grandparents.

Praying for Tanner Heckel

Tanner is a child in Sam Fisher's classroom in Estacada. He is severely ill and in need of help to pay his health cares costs.

Our very own Springwater Ramblers played in front of the Spiral Gallery on July 3rd from 5-8 pm and earned \$342.52 toward Tanner's health care bills.

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