

November 2004

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November Birthdays

1	Phyllis EATON
12	Cindy BA81KOFF
12	Renate RYAN-JEPPESON
13	Tyler PIESCHEL
21	Adelia JEPPESON
24	Karin RYAN
27	Tim GUTTRIDGE
28	Randy JOHNSON
30	Jim HANNUM
30	Sam FISHER



Anniversaries



Lloyd & Lucy Olson	3
Gilbert & Barbara Shibley	27

Century Celebration:

We had historical artifacts on display, including a dress that came over the Oregon Trail in the 1850's.

A great big **thank you** to all who participated in any way, whether you actually helped out or came and spent money! We had over 40 people helping with the sales of food, rummage items, the bake sale, craft sale, raffle, historical interpretation, games for kids, publicity, singing, cleanup, facilities, silent auction and money management. Some women added a little 1904 flavor to the event by wearing period costumes. We had historical artifacts on display, including a dress that came over the Oregon Trail in the 1850's. Entertainment was provided by the Mennonite Choir as well as by Ron and Rich Neighorn, who grew up in the church but moved away, joined by Sam Fisher to sing period songs. Also singing were Colleen Roden and Sherrie Wolley. 3 stories appeared in the Estacada paper and one in the Oregonian. We made around \$2,000, got to know and appreciate each other better and we had a good time. A very successful event. Dick Scott

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Pastor's Perspective

In October, the session approved continuing education for me. There is an expectation of Presbyterian ministers that they continue life-long learning, and the implicit understanding is that this will benefit their congregations.

My continuing education is at Namaste in Portland in a two-year contemplative listening course. Most of the people who complete this program are interested in becoming spiritual directors, but at this time I don't anticipate this will be my focus. It may be one of the end results, but I feel more called at this time to pursue intentional study in spiritual formation.

Right. What's the difference?

Spiritual direction is usually (but not always) one-on-one spiritual companionship. There are Presbyterian spiritual directors. Our own Gwen Shearer is taking a course at Shalom Prayer Center in spiritual direction, and in Madison, one of my spiritual directors was a Presbyterian minister.

But for me, as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, I feel called to accompany a congregation in its spiritual formation. That's you.

Ever since I came to Springwater, nearly five years ago, I have experienced a near-constant sense of God's fine-tuning and honing my call on your behalf. As my spiritual journey has unfolded, it has almost always been in terms of how to more effectively be your pastor.

As I respond to this new dimension of call through continuing education, my sense of call is to forming a people, inviting the whole congregation to learn more about God's call on our lives. Sunday is when we are all together. Not surprisingly, then, I am hoping that my education will be in learning how to hear God in and through our worship together. The skills I hope to acquire—listening, presence, nurturing the sacred—will be useful both in worship and in one-on-one time together.

I invite you to talk with me about any questions you might have about this new venture in faith.

See you in church.



Chili Feed

Early in November the Chili Feed will continue to provide a hot bowl of chili to local to appreciative local farm workers. Contact Wilma Guttridge, or watch for notes in the Sunday bulletins. People will be needed on specified dates to spend two to three hours to heat and serve the chili.

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Family Christmas Boxes

Listen and watch for announcements about supplying articles for the Christmas boxes to Estacada families again this year.

Items needed for the baskets will be posted in the Fellowship Hall the last of November, and will be delivered a few days before Christmas.

This is a fun project, and historically has generously provided a special Christmas to at least three families each year in our community. (If you would prefer, one of Santa's helpers will do the shopping for you. There will be an envelop available for this purpose.)



Mission Study

In 1998 our church completed a mission study and we have been following the implementation of that study, including developing a Master Site Plan. The Session voted this summer that before we go further in developing our facilities according to the Plan we need

to look further at who we are and what we are doing in this community. Namely, we need to do another mission study. Once the mission study is complete, it will become more obvious what we should do with our facilities. The mission study process will start, probably in February, and will probably take a year. The mission study committee will develop a process for the congregation to go through that will look at all areas of our church life, and, similar to the last mission study, will develop implementation steps for each of those areas. The committee will then summarize the results in a written report. The Session is not going to consider any remodeling plans until the report is done. The Session has asked me to lead the mission study and has given me names of people to ask to be on the committee that will represent the broad spectrum of our congregation. Once the committee is formed and starting to work, we will keep you posted.

Shearer

Gwendolyn

Give & Take

If you are in need of:

- Crutches
- Walker with wheels (like uncle Bills)
- Cane with 4 toes
- Wheel chair

Call the Barbees - they have them all.

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Adult Sunday School

Class #1

Adult Sunday School in November begins a brand new and exciting program. We will be offering not one but **two class offerings** starting November 7. Gwen Shearer will be offering a class in spiritual practices, based on Marjorie Thompson's book, *Soul Feast*. This class will begin each Sunday morning at 9:00 am (child care will be provided). Information about this class has been circulating, but if you have questions about it, please contact Gwen at 503/630-7449.

Class #2

The second class will make use of a 6-part video series put out by Ecu-Film. The series asks 27 contemporary American Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish thinkers to ponder for our benefit (and the sake of the camera), a set of "Questions of Faith." The introduction to the series says,

"Certain basic questions of belief and meaning come to us over and over in our lives. Sometimes we think we've got them answered. Other times we think we've gone beyond them. But the world and the circumstances of our lives change. And so, as in every generation, we struggle to find new meaning that fits what we now know."

It's OK to have questions about your faith. Sometimes it's the only way to really believe what you believe. The aim of this class is to provide a safe and non-threatening place to ask questions—even if you think you know the answer, even if you don't quite believe the question! Here is the schedule for the videos

November 7: Who is Jesus? Who is Jesus for you? What does one have to believe about Jesus to be a Christian?

November 14: What's the Use of the Bible? What kind of authority does the Bible have for you? What role does the Bible play in your faith?

November 21: Who's Got the Truth? What is the source of religious truth for you? If you really believe you are right, how do you deal with people who believe very differently?

November 28: How Do we Right the Wrong? What are the most pressing social issues of our times? [Given that this was produced pre-9/11/01, have these issues changed?] How does your faith affect the way you view those issues? What should religious institutions be doing about them?

December 5: What Gives You Faith? What experiences contributed to your faith? How have they affected its development? How do you share your faith?

December 12: What Happens After Death? How do you think about death? What does immortality or life after death mean to you? If you've lost someone you love in death, how do you think about them?

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Sunday Schedule

Christian Education

for all ages
9:30 am - 10:15 am

Worship for
all ages
10:30 am - 11:45 am

Fellowship starts
immediately after
worship

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Hunger Doesn't Stop

Business is increasing at the Estacada Family Resource Center. More and more clients need their services. We have helped in the past. So far this year, as of October 17, we have donated 6214 pounds of food and supplies to the Center, but the need is still there. Let's remember the hungry. As an aside, if our donations for the rest of this year average about 180 pounds per week, we will have helped with over four tons of food and supplies.

Lectionary

Through Advent, the scripture lessons present some very troubling faith pictures. The Old Testament lessons remind us that judgment (and the end of the world) is near. The gospel lessons are parables Jesus tells because his disciples have asked how to be his followers, and the faith models he gives are questionable and troubling. In fact, the November sermon series might be subtitled, "Troublesome Pictures of Faith."

Nov. 7: Luke 20:27-38; Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98 (Glory Days Gone)

Nov. 14: Luke 19:1-10; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; (Paying Our Dues or Balancing the Books?)

Nov. 21: Luke 23:33-43; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79 (The Wrong Sort of King) (Reign of Christ Sunday)

Nov. 28: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44 Ps 122 (First Sunday of Advent)



Session

Session met on Oct 4th and here's what happened:
Agreed that the Women's Bible study will meet in the church on Wednesdays
Agreed that an informational plaque will be hung to explain the origami cranes that hang in the sanctuary
Agreed that the Manual of Operation must be finished asap to help new elders understand their responsibilities and their jobs
Session members will have Stewardship training on Nov. 1
Next Session meeting is November 1, 2004

Youth Group

The schedule for Youth Group activities is beginning to settle down. In general, here is what our schedule will be:

There will be 2 meetings a month. On the **2nd Friday**, we will meet and eat, practice chimes together, then attend the Taize worship service at 7:30 and play chimes with the music during the service. Afterward, it's GLO BOWLING until we drop!

Youth group will also meet on the **4th Sunday** for an afternoon of fun, service and fellowship. Activities will vary.

Now, here's the glitch

The Advent and Christmas season will probably change the schedule a little bit. So, watch for news of different activities and different days & times as we adjust to holiday events and general busyness.

Do you have some extra books?

Do you have some books at home that you don't remember buying? Please check to see if you might have some of Eileen's books. As part of her pastoral ministry, Eileen regularly loans books to members of the congregation, but she does a bad job of remembering who borrows what. Do her a favor and look around. Then other folks can take advantage of some good books.

If you notice that those books don't belong to Eileen but to the church library, bring those on back, too!



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