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## Signs Of New Life

By Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Christian faith is resurrection faith. As the apostle Paul stated, "If Christ has not been raised from the dead our faith in Him is meaningless." As we approach Resurrection Sunday (Easter), we ground ourselves again upon the cornerstone of our faith, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of our celebration is also anticipatory, just as Christ was raised from the dead, so too when Christ one day returns we shall be resurrected to a new physical body that will perfectly house our spirits.

Resurrection faith therefore looks both backward and forward, but there is one more aspect of our resurrection faith—the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is at work among us now. Resurrection is also a present reality, experienced through the Spirit. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work so that we are experiencing a new type of life with God now, in the present. Our physical bodies may fail, but the inner-quality of our life, our spiritual experience with God, is being conformed to our eternal destiny. The call to follow Christ and grow-up in Him is the call to allow His resurrection power to transform and conform our inner-spiritual life to our eternal destiny.

Resurrection also reminds us that the Spirit's work of transforming us and conforming us into the likeness of Christ is not something we accomplish. Being dead means that we have no power in and of ourselves for living this new life. Resurrection is God's work, but we do have a part to play. Our work is to follow Christ, maybe this sheds a little light on Jesus' statement, that every disciple must pick up our cross and follow him. The call to follow Christ is a call to die to our old life and be raised by the Spirit into our new life.

Now when we hear this, we probably all

think of this in individualistic terms, but this is only part of the story. Jesus calls each of us by name, but the call to follow is not simply what each of us does as individuals but it also includes following Him as a community.

Over the last few years the leadership of the church has been trying to gather around our shared call as a church family. In this we have focused on the call of the Great Commandment and Great Commission of responding to God's loving call to be a community that seeks to be:

Loving God – Loving People – Serving  
the World in the Name of Jesus

Through the Reveal Survey and follow-up conversation we have also tried to look within, asking what are ways that we can practically and actually follow more faithfully as the body of Christ. From this we identified five goals that we believe God is calling to follow Him into New Life.

1. We want West Side Church to advance the Kingdom of God to the next generation.
2. We want to advance beyond struggling to meet the needs of young families with kids to dynamically meeting their needs and attracting and retaining new young families with kids.
3. We want to help everyone grow in their personal relationship with Jesus.
4. We want to advance beyond struggling in coming alongside people who are just starting out in their walk with Christ to be a congregation that draws in non-believers and helps them grow into fully devoted followers of Christ.
5. We want to encourage and equip our entire congregation in reaching out to our non-believing neighbors.

In striving to reach these goals, we have implemented changes in service times, presented new ideas, are in the process of selling West Side Activity Center, as well as a number of things that have required a lot of work and the need for

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# Focus On Christ This Easter

By Heather Smith



**Join us for the Holy Week Walk.** You are invited to come and experience what Christ went through during his last week on earth and trek through our Holy Week Walk, located in WS North. This is a self-guided, hands-on walk for families that weaves through the Fellowship Hall, two Sunday School classrooms, and the Courtyard. At each station there is a short activity, a few objects to touch, or a Bible verse to read. This year we have a special Pre-school Guide to help young families engage in this trek. The walk starts outside the Fellowship Hall with a guidebook to lead you and your family through the Walk. And you will not want to miss the last station that contains a life-size empty tomb! Come and journey through the Walk on Maundy Thursday, anytime between 3:00-7:00pm, or on Easter Sunday from 7:00 am-12:30 pm.

**Take a Lenten Devotional from the Resource Table.** On our Faith at Home Resource Table you

will find family devotionals for the Lenten Season. These are our gift to you this Easter Season.

## Join us for one of our Holy Week Services:

- **Apr. 21, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm, WS North, *Childcare Available***  
*Come and celebrate the Last Supper as we worship together. Come early and walk through the Holy Week Walk.*
- **Apr. 22, Good Friday, 7:00 pm, WS South, *Childcare Available***  
*Join us for a contemplative service as we focus on Christ's last words from the cross.*
- **Apr. 24, Resurrection Sunday**  
*Join us for worship as we celebrate new life in Christ.*  
6:00 am, Sunrise Worship, Leslie Groves Park  
9:00 am, Worship, *Children's Church and Childcare Available*  
11:00 am, Worship, *Childcare Available*  
*Holy Week Walk is open all morning.*  
*Join us for Fellowship at our brunch (7:00-8:45 am & 10:15-11:00 am).*

## Key Summer Ministry Events - Children & Youth

Are you planning your summer vacations? Remember to work around these events:

**Move Up Sunday:**

Jun. 5

**Vacation Bible School:**

Jun. 20-24

**Camp Ghormley:** Primary—Jul. 10-13

Junior—Jul. 24-28

Mid-High—Jul. 17-23

Senior High—Jun. 26-Jul. 2



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

DON'T MISS OUT

### **Tues., Apr. 5-Playgroup (WS North)**

*Come for fellowship and to make a flower with your child!*

### **Thurs., Apr. 14-Promised Land Worship Practice (WSN)**

*Final practice with Choir, 7:15-7:45 pm, WS North.*

### **Sun., Apr. 17-Promised Land Lead In Worship**

*Our Promised Land Kids will sing for Palm Sunday at 11:15 am*

### **Tues., Apr. 19-Parent Enrichment (WSN)**

*Experience and learn how to celebrate the Passover Meal as a family.*

### **Thurs.-Sun., Apr. 21-24-Holy Week Walk (WSN)**

*As a family, journey through Christ's last days on earth.*

### **Sun., Apr. 24-Easter - No Sunday School**

*Join us for Worship, Brunch, and the Holy Week Walk.*

### **Sun., May 1-Rainbow Kids Singing in Worship**

## Senior Adult Ministry

**FOF-Folks Over Fifty** potluck dinner Fri., Apr. 1 (NO Fooling), 5:45 pm, WS South Upper Room. Luke Hallowell (formerly associated with Fields of Grace and 2nd Harvest) will share about his work with The Center for Sharing, a faith-based non-profit that helps raise up leaders with servant hearts in our community and around the world.

Please bring your own table service and a main dish, salad, or dessert and a friend! Questions-George and Edna Sehmel.

**Person To Person** lunch Mon, Apr. 11 and 25, 12:00 pm, WS Activity Center. Call the church office (946.4656) if you need a ride.

## Women's Ministry

**Ladies' Craft and Fellowship Days.** WS North Narthex on Fri., May 6, 1:00-10:00 pm, and Sat., May 7, 9:00 am-9:00 pm. Bring sewing, quilting, knitting, cross-stitching, scrapbooking-whatever you would like to work on. Pizza will be ordered on Friday for dinner, and soup will be provided for dinner on Saturday (lunch is on your own). Bring a snack to share if you would like. Contact Jodi Hassell (628.1820) for more info.

**Morning Glory.** Join us on Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 am, WS North Room 2-4, for women's Bible study, fellowship, prayer, laughter, and enlightenment. Need childcare - contact the church office.

**Sarah Circle.** Wed., Apr. 13., 11:30 am, WS South Upper Room. Join us for delicious food, faith-enriching devotions, and outreach programs.

**Miriam Circle Lunch Bunch.** Tues., Apr. 19, 12:00 pm, Sterlings Restaurant (Richland).



**Women of Faith Conference** Sept. 16-17 in Spokane (in lieu of a women's retreat for 2011). This two-day event is packed with inspiring speakers and wonderful music featuring Amy Grant and Mandisa. A limited number of tickets (\$89 for two-day conference including lunch both days) and hotel rooms (\$142 + tax for quad occupancy) within walking distance have been secured - call Traci Parrish (967.5937) to get yours TODAY! Presale of tickets and hotel rooms only available through Jun. 19. Complete information at [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com). Invite your friends, daughters, sisters, or mom - don't miss out!

## Men's Ministry

**Men's Breakfast Bible Study** meets Saturdays, 7:30 am, WS South Upper Room. Join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a Bible study.

**Sarah Squares,** spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, will meet for lunch on Wed., Apr. 13, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant

Enjoy a round of golf and have a great time of fellowship. Open to ALL West Side members, family, and friends. All handicap levels welcome. Sign up by the Tuesday prior to each date (Apr.-June shown): Apr. 1-Columbia Point (Richland) \$39 see Bob Tibbatts, Apr. 29-Tri-City Country Club (Kennewick) \$50 see Bob Tibbatts, May 13-Black Rock Creek (Sunnyside) \$33 see Dave Shupe, Jun. 10-Canyon Lakes (Kennewick) \$49 see Gene Dudley. We are also planning an overnight trip to Spokane (Aug. 19-20). Contact Dave Shupe (628.7445 or [dmschupe@charter.net](mailto:dmschupe@charter.net)), Gene Dudley (943.4524 or [doright71@charter.net](mailto:doright71@charter.net)), or Bob Tibbatts ([ngaire3@frontier.com](mailto:ngaire3@frontier.com) or 308.4243) for additional dates or more information.

### West Side Church Men's Golf



# Kitchen Celebration & Refresh Status

Come celebrate our newly-remodeled kitchen in WS North on Sun., Apr. 3. We will have an open house/walk through of the remodeled kitchen beginning at 12:30 pm. Then join us for sandwiches

and drinks in WS South— please bring a side salad or fruit to share. There will be a status update about Refresh as well.



## ShareFest 2011 - Shining Light!

By Rev. Dan Wodrich

*“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)*

On Sat, Mar. 26, 60 West Siders were among the approximated 2000 volunteers from 39 area churches participating in ShareFest 2011 service projects. Through these practical, hands-on projects, the love of Christ was made manifest to our Tri-Cities community. The three projects tackled by West Side teams included the improvement of playground areas at Liberty Christian School and the clean-up of two City of Richland areas – one in the Richland Parkway and the other in the southeast corner of the Bypass Highway/Van Giesen intersection.

The morning began with a team rally in our West Side North Narthex. After enjoying refreshments and fellowship, receiving some instructions, and praying together, folks split into three project teams and were sent off to our service sites. Good fellowship, teamwork, and the blessing of serving others together was shared by all.

THANK YOU to all who participated in our service projects this year! A special thanks to our West Side ShareFest coordinator Bob

Tibbatts; to Bev Raffety, John Lipp, and Jake and Michelle Shupe of the Barracuda Coffee Company for their provision of coffee, juice, and donuts; and to Bob, Roy Janysek and Jim Sanders for spear-heading our three project teams.

In addition to the service projects, a special offering was collected during worship services on Sun., Mar. 27, which will be given to “Ignite Youth Mentoring” and “Teen Challenge” – two local, faith-based organizations ministering to youth in our community. THANK YOU for your financial support to these ministries, as well as for your other donations of food for 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest, supplies for the Union Gospel Mission, and blood for the Red Cross.

The light of Christ shone bright as His body joined together to love and bless our neighbors through service and sharing of what He has given us! May our Heavenly Father be praised!



# The Life Of Prayer - A Journey For Each Of Us

By Rev. Stuart Strachan

In the middle of March, 21 high schoolers and a group of volunteers headed to the outskirts of Portland for a retreat on prayer. The topic, generally speaking, came from the students. A few of them had experienced the power of prayer at Camp Ghormley the summer before, and desired more of that power in their day-to-day lives. To be honest with you, I would have to say that this subject was a bit daunting for me. I would feel more than comfortable spending a weekend teaching on Scottish theology and philosophy, intensive biblical hermeneutics, but definitely not prayer. I had never studied prayer, believing it was merely supposed to be a combination of our honest praise, requests, etc... I could spend a weekend in A.C.T.S.; that is, praying to God with our Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication, the system I learned as a freshman in high school. But that was about it. I never took any seminary courses on prayer, never studied prayer in any meaningful way. So how was I going to teach a bunch of high school students about prayer? I also had to confess that my prayer life was nothing to write home about.

Thankfully, there have been a couple of things that began to change that in my life. Attending the Imago Christi "Discovery" in January was enor-

mously helpful in giving me direction in my prayer life. I also began reading the book *Prayer* by Richard Foster, the modern day teacher par excellence on the subject. Both of these resources have really changed the direction and quality of my prayer life. One of Foster's lines was especially helpful to me, as it was to him early in his journey to a deeper life in communion with God:

*Real prayer is something we learn. The disciples asked Jesus, 'Lord, teach us to pray' (Luke 11:1). They had prayed all their lives, and yet something about the quality and quantity of Jesus' praying caused them to see how little they knew about prayer. If their praying was to make any difference on the human scene, there were some things they needed to learn. It was liberating to me to understand that prayer involved a learning process. I was set free to question, to experiment, even to fail, for I knew I was learning."*

~ Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline* p.36

The life of prayer should be a journey for each of us. All of us are on the road and need help from time to time. Listed below are a couple of resources that have helped me along the way:

- Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*
- Richard Foster, *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home*
- Tom Ashbrook, *Mansions of the Heart*



## DEPUTATION AUCTION

Wed., Jun. 15

More details soon!



Benefits our summer youth team

going to UrbanPromise in Camden, New Jersey.

## Deputation Job Bank - Starts Apr. 1

ARE YOU . . .

- Looking for help with work around your home or yard?
- Planning a night out with your spouse and need a babysitter?

WE HAVE STUDENTS ready and willing to work for YOU!

Contact Marsha Popielarczyk (375.1082) to set up a time. Please give several days' notice. Payment should be given to the students at the completion of work (make checks payable to West Side Church). We suggest a minimum wage payment (\$8.67/hour) for all work except childcare (\$7.00/hour).



CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY HERE WE COME!  
TO GOD'S GLORY!!

# April

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thurs



**Holy Week Walk**

April 21-24  
WS North  
*Journey through Christ's last days on earth.*

**Maundy Thursday**

April 21  
7:00pm-WS North  
*Celebrate the Last Supper as we worship together.*

**Good Friday**

April 22  
7:00pm-WS South  
*Focus on Christ's last words from the cross.*

**Resurrection Sunday**

April 24  
6:00am-Sunrise Service  
7:00-8:45 & 10:15-11:00am  
9:00 & 11:00am-Worship

Worship: **3**  
CS & Children's Church 8:15am-WSS  
CS & Sunday School 9:45am-WSS  
TS 11:15am-WSN  
 **Kitchen Celebration 12:30pm-WSN**

Church Office-CLOSED **4**  
 **Spring Break!**

Playgroup 9:15am-WSN **5**  
Adult Bible Study 10:30am -WSN  
Alpha 6:15pm-WSS  
College/Young Career Bible Study 7:00pm-Evans'  
Worship Mtg 7:00pm-WSN

Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN **6**  
Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS  
Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN  
Deacons 7:00pm-WSN

Early Birds Bible 6:10am-Tibbat  
Morning Glory 9  
Adult Choir 7:00  
Worship Team 7

Worship: **10**  
CS & Children's Church 8:15am-WSS  
CS & Sunday School 9:45am-WSS  
TS 11:15am-WSN  
ICE Luncheon 12:45pm-WSS  
Youth Worship 4:30pm-WSS  
Fuel (HS) 7:00pm-WSS

Person to Person 12:00pm **11**  
-WSAC  
Cub Scouts 6:30pm-WSS  
Letters from Dad 6:30pm-WSS

Tutoring 7:30am-WSS **12**  
Adult Bible Study 10:30am -WSN  
Alpha 6:15pm-WSS  
ESL/Citizenship 6:30pm-WSN  
Youth Mtg 6:30pm-WSN  
College/Young Career Bible Study 7:00pm-Evans'

Sarah Circle 11:30am-WSS **13**  
Sarah Squares 11:30am -Sterlings (Richland)  
Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN  
Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS  
Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN  
BASIC (MS) 6:30pm-WSS

Early Birds Bible 6:10am-Tibbat  
Tutoring 7:30am  
Morning Glory 9  
Missions Council  
Adult Choir 7:00  
Worship Team 7

**Palm Sunday Worship: 17**  
CS & Children's Church 8:15am-WSS  
CS & Sunday School 9:45am-WSS  
TS 11:15am-WSN  
Youth Worship 4:30pm-WSS  
Fuel (HS) 7:00pm-WSS

Cub Scouts 6:30pm-WSS **18**

Tutoring 7:30am-WSS **19**  
Parent Enrichment 9:15am  
Adult Bible Study 10:30am -WSN  
Miriam Circle 12:00pm  
Alpha 6:15pm-WSS  
ESL/Citizenship 6:30pm-WSN  
College/Young Career Bible Study 7:00pm-Evans'

Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN **20**  
Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS  
Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN  
BASIC (MS) Year-End Party 6:30pm-WSS  
 **PRESCHOOL CLEAN-UP NIGHT-WSN**

Early Birds Bible 6:10am-Tibbat  
Tutoring 7:30am  
Morning Glory 9  
 **MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm-WSN**

**Easter Sunday Worship: 24**  
Sunrise 6:00am-Leslie Groves  
CS 9:00am & 11:00am-WSS  
Brunch 7:00-8:45am & 10:15-11:00am-WSN  
 **He is Risen**

Person to Person 12:00pm **25**  
-WSAC  
Cub Scouts 6:30pm-WSS

Tutoring 7:30am-WSS **26**  
Adult Bible Study 10:30am -WSN  
Alpha 6:15pm-WSS  
ESL/Citizenship 6:30pm-WSN  
Session 6:30pm-WSN  
College/Young Career Bible Study 7:00pm-Evans'

Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN **27**  
Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS  
Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN  
**Preschool Parent Night 6:30pm -WSN**

Early Birds Bible 6:10am-Tibbat  
Tutoring 7:30am  
Morning Glory 9  
Missions Prayer  
**Preschool Parent Night -WSN**  
Worship Team 7  
Adult Choir 7:30



## Life-Saving Change - Mali Child Sponsorship Opportunity

Every three seconds a precious boy or girl dies from hunger or a preventable disease. But there is hope! West Side Church sponsors children in the Beledougou area of Mali, Africa. By sponsoring children in this one area, we can make a tremendous difference by providing nutritious food, clean water, health care, education, and working opportunities for parents and community members.

Sponsorships bring life-saving change to more than just one child; it extends to your child's family, community and other children in poverty in the village. You'll have a chance to build a one-to-one relation-



ship with your sponsored child that will transform both your lives through letters, photos, birthday cards, and more.

One child looking for a sponsor is **Sabou** (pictured). She was born Jan. 21, 2004. She lives with her parents, one brother, and three sisters. Her father is a farmer, and despite his efforts it is very difficult to meet the family's needs. Come see Sabou's picture folder. There are 40 children from which to choose.

Watch for our Sponsorship Tables in April!

## Mali Water Drive - Outreach Of West Side's Missions Council

Jesus said to her, *"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* John 4:13-14



As West Side Church enters our third year of outreach in the Beledougou area of Mali, we will once again be sponsoring water wells in 2011. There are several reasons that clean accessible water continues to be a priority in Mali:

- With access to clean water, infant mortality is reduced by 50%.
- A large portion of a woman's life is spent getting water for her family. Many times she walks for miles, even during the night at great risk of abuse. Accessible water results in safety and an easier life for women.
- The Hilton Foundation through its West Africa Water Initiative continues to provide matching funds to World Vision for water wells, therefore doubling our efforts!
- A water well project with World Vision meets one of our mission core values: as we "seek to partner with mission efforts aimed at both sustainable social transformation through commu-

nity development efforts and the redemptive transformation of individuals."

Mali ranks as one of the "least reached" nations of the world with the Gospel. Of the three million Bambara people in Mali, less than 2% are evangelical (source: [www.joshuaproject.net](http://www.joshuaproject.net)). As we faithfully follow the Lord's lead by building relationships and meeting needs among the Bambara of Mali, we are confident that the One who quenches our spiritual thirst will provide the "living water" that is so desperately needed in Mali.

West Side's Mission Council has budgeted \$12,500 in 2011 toward a water well. **We are asking you to join us in raising an additional \$12,500 between Apr. 3-May 22 for the Mali Water Drive.** Bright-colored envelopes are in the pews.



*Photo courtesy of Kelly Raub illustrating how clean water results in far more than better health.*

# Annual Lunch & Meeting - Ingalls Creek Enrichment Center



Join us for our annual potluck luncheon and information meeting on Sun., Apr. 10, 12:45 pm, WS South Upper Room. We will provide fried chicken, beverages, plates and table service. Please bring a

salad, side dish, or dessert. Following lunch, there will be a short meeting and a picture/review of progress on the multipurpose building and plans for the near future. Please RSVP to Gwen Bray (371.1164).

## Missing - Help Us Find These Past Summer Staffers/Trainees:

- Aaron Kupinski
- Abby Prost
- Adam Koontz
- Aleida Corado
- Amber Butler
- Amy Tomlinson
- Amy Yopp
- Anne James
- Aram DiGennaro
- Bart Milnet
- Becky Cheek
- Ben Andress
- Beth Tallman
- Caitlin McPherson Smith
- Chantel Kingsbury
- Cheryl Armstrong
- Christy Wirth Mansfield
- Connie Cox
- Cory Dalton
- Daniel Schrupf
- Denise Wisheart
- Doreen Fritz
- Dudley Bell
- Elizabeth Costell
- Elizabeth Spurr
- Erin Kennedy
- Eva Lewis
- Gary Morris
- Gordon Jardy
- Greg Smith
- Heather Kramer
- Henry Morrison
- Hillary Carlson
- Holly Hyde
- Jamie Stowell
- Jason Glover
- Jason Tompkins
- Jeff Perry
- Jenifer Neel
- Jennie Hoskins
- Jenny Brown
- Jessica Cha
- Joel Scarborough
- John Gordon
- John Huyett
- Jon Davidson
- Josh Thompson
- Justin Polk
- Kari Near
- Kathy Martilla
- Kelly Asley
- Kent Forbes
- Kim Vernon
- Kristy Sauer Geer
- Larry Freenslit
- Leliah Nelson
- Libby Spence
- Linda Hedrick
- Lori Warren
- Marcia Dale
- Margaret Vance
- Maria Krumphuber
- Marius latcu
- Mark Ewing
- Mark Stavely
- Marty Driggs
- Mary Ellen Duncombe
- Mary Grotto
- Matt Russell
- Megan DuMez
- Merrie Schoenmann
- Michael Lopez
- Michelle Peters Hall
- Mimi Brown
- Natacha Carrier Schrupf
- Nicky Medcalf
- Pat Wehner
- Paul LaMontagne
- Paul Warren
- Rhonda Cabor
- Rick & Martha McKinnon
- Rick Cohen
- Robin Schulz
- Roland Kuales
- Sara Shoemaker
- Sarah Johnson
- Sarah Lloyd
- Sarah McClelland
- Sarah Taylor
- Sheila Nishi
- Sienglinde Roth
- Stephanie Schwinn
- Sue Nason
- Tavio Lima
- Todd Harvey
- Virginia Reeves



If you have contact info. for any of these past Summer Staffers/Trainees, please email it to [wstraineer@gmail.com](mailto:wstraineer@gmail.com) or give it to Pat in the Church Office.


Thanks!!

## Walk For Water

**Save the Date.** Mali Well Fundraiser "Walk for Water" on Sun., May 22, 1:00-4:00 pm, Howard Amon/Leslie Groves Parks.

More information to come!






**Cleanliness & Purity**

Will you pray both become available for another village?

Our monetary gifts can make clean, pure water available for hundreds this year. God's gifts of His Word and Spirit await to provide cleansing from sin, and purity in new life. Our Malian families are more likely to accept His gifts after we earn their trust through our gifts.



## McIntosh Memorial Library

Come visit our new website! You can access the library website from the West Side website (Library is under the Connect menu) or directly by going to [mmlibrary.org](http://mmlibrary.org). New features are being filled in, so stop by to see what's new.

Back in West Side North, our interim ink-and-paper library is open when Room 2-4 is not being used by other groups and classes. (Closed Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am, but open before and



McIntosh Memorial  
**Library**  
[mmlibrary.org](http://mmlibrary.org)

after that.)

We welcome your library comments and suggestions. Please talk to Pam Cadd or Susan Carbaugh, or email [staff@mmlibrary.org](mailto:staff@mmlibrary.org).

## Gearing Up For Gleaning - Fields Of Grace

Hard to believe it's time to start thinking about gleaning again! However, it can't come too soon for the local food banks that are facing a growing need for fresh produce. With that in mind, we

have set a goal for our sixth gleaning season of **40 gleaning events in 2011!** This is an ambitious goal, so we have been working hard to plan for the season. Here's what's happening:

**New organizational structure.** We rely on our coordinators to lead up various components of Fields of Grace. In February, our Board of Directors approved a new organizational structure to help meet our 2011 goals. We have three positions open—contact Alissa (392.1455) to learn more about these positions.

**Time to update our volunteer database.** We'll be updating our volunteer database and asking our 800+ volunteers to tell us how they want to serve in 2011. In addition to gleaning, we'll be looking for folks who want to Transport Produce, be part of a Residential Gleaning Team, work at the "Giving Greens" Food Bank Garden, be part of a Prayer Team, help with Training Sessions, Check-in Volunteers on gleaning days, provide Administrative Help, or assist with Fundraising efforts. Stay tuned for more on how to update volunteer information.

**Raising funds for sustainability.** To date, Fields of Grace has been an all-volunteer organization. To ensure sustainability, we will begin a stewardship campaign to raise funds to hire a program

coordinator. Interested in donating—go to [www.fields-of-grace.com](http://www.fields-of-grace.com) or Fields of Grace, 1153 Gage Blvd., Richland, WA 99352. All donations are tax deductible.

**New to Fields of Grace?** Would you like to help harvest fresh produce for the local food banks? It's easy, just attend a Fields of Grace training session (dates/times listed on our website) and fill out a liability waiver/registration form. That's it! You'll be notified about gleaning events (June-early November), and you come when you can. It's fun, easy, and a great way for families to serve together. PLUS it provides a variety of nutritious produce for families in need right here in our community.



### **2011 Coordinators**

**Program Coordinator:** Alissa Watkins will serve in this position until funds are raised for a part-time coordinator (hopefully Summer 2011)

**Lead Field Supervisor:** Monte Crippen

**Residential Gleaning:** Bob & Susan Koenig

**Food Bank Garden:** Lora Rathbone/Roy Janysek

**Transportation:** Larry Elliott

**Source Representative:** Jim Lakey

**Training:** Angela Seydel

**Check-In:** Marsha Popielarczyk

**Volunteer Database:** Clint Draden

**Communications:** OPEN

**Fund Raising:** OPEN

**Merchandise:** Eileen Holloway

**Spiritual Leader:** OPEN



# Clerk Of Session Report

By Ken Swinth

In March, the Session had two meetings: a special Session meeting on Mar. 5 and the regular Session meeting on Mar. 22, in addition to a retreat. The purpose of the special meeting was to go over the status of the refreshing of our facilities and to decide on when to have an informational meeting with the Congregation to update the status of the "Refresh" efforts.

The special meeting started with an overview presentation highlighting the steps taken in the past couple of years and how the development of our mission statement and the Reveal survey along with the general condition of our facilities leads to a desire to improve the appeal of the facilities to the people we want to reach. It is clear that we will be remaining in the present facilities for several years; however, we have tried to keep our long-term options open by looking at other properties and by updating the WS2000 plans. The WS2000 plans integrate well with the near-term changes ("refresh") that we are currently proposing. During the meeting we reviewed the architects changes to West Side North, which will remain the primary facility. The changes will improve the utility of the facilities, especially in terms of accommodating the Preschool and Sunday School needs. The changes have been divided into WSN, WSS, and the exterior areas including the parking lot and building entrances. There are also improvements in the WSS basement and the sound system to be considered. The largest changes are in WSN; and to maintain the Preschool operation, these changes must be accomplished during the

summer months. With the press of normal business and deciding on the changes, it was felt that the window for this summer could not be met. The attendees discussed meeting with the Congregation and decided that a Refresh status update on Apr. 3 would be appropriate.

The regular Session meeting (Mar. 22) focused on normal business. We learned that expenses were higher than normal in February due to several one time costs; fixing the roof over the narthex in WSN, our per capita payment to the Presbytery, Faye's stipend, etc. We received a report from World Vision showing that we are having a positive impact with our activities in the Beledougou area of Mali. More information on this will be available later, and I am sure you will feel the power of God moving in these activities. We reviewed the van use policy and considered our options. This resulted in asking for more detailed information from the Finance Committee. Time was spent discussing denominational issues. The issue of homosexual ordination has been the core of the controversy over the past 35 years. New approaches are under discussion by PCUSA, but they do not promise to end the divisiveness the denomination is presently experiencing. There is emerging a leadership core of churches that are responding to the troubling state of affairs that faces our denomination, and we are considering what our response should be to this new group.

The Session Retreat (Feb. 25-27) was a time to become better acquainted. As opposed to previous years, we did not focus on church business, but on examining our own spiritual formation process. This will be a continuing process, and a process that may be shared with the church in the future.

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patience and flexibility with different changes.

I just want to encourage you all that while Jesus never promised it would be easy in following Him into this New Life, He did promise it would be worth it. Even while we are early in this process, we are beginning to see signs of new life—fruit and progress in the goals that we have established. Here are just some of things that we can be thankful to God for the work we have seen:

- The number of children on Sunday morning has doubled over last year.
- Children's ministry teams are thriving.
- Youth Ministry is growing a reputation even outside of the church of being a powerful and attractive program for our kids.
- The 9:45 service has been the service of choice for new families to visit and begin to get connected, but we have seen new faces in all of our services over the last number of months.
- We have established a process of discipleship for our

entire congregation.

- Alpha participants and graduates are attending and joining the church.
- Our new Evangelism Committee is taking shape through prayer and planning to help the church in strategies of helping draw the unchurched to get acquainted with us.
- Members have been painting and working hard on improving the middle school spaces in the basement of West Side South.
- We will be celebrating the new kitchen and giving more information about Refresh on Apr. 3.

While we are still early in responding to these ministry goals and we have much more to do, I hope you too can look around and see God at work in the life our church family. May we all pray for God to continue His work of conforming and transforming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ and grow us up into this New Life.

Blessings in Christ, Ralph



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### **Palm Sunday - April 17**

8:15 & 9:45 am WS South Sanctuary  
11:15 am WS North Sanctuary

### **Holy Week Walk - April 21-24**

WS North (when building is open)  
*Journey through Christ's last days on earth*

### **Maundy Thursday - April 21**

7:00 pm WS North Sanctuary  
*Celebrate the Last Supper as we worship together*

### **Good Friday - April 22**

7:00 pm WS South Sanctuary  
*A contemplative service focusing on Christ's last words from the cross*

### **Resurrection Sunday - April 24**

- Sunrise Service - 6:00 am Leslie Groves Park
- Brunch - 7:00-8:45 am & 10:15-11:00 am WS North
- Worship Services - 9:00 & 11:00 am WS South Sanctuary

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