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# SERVAN

*"Loving God, Loving People, Serving The World In The Name Of Jesus"*

A Monthly News Publication For Members And Friends

## A Christmas Prayer

By Rev. Ralph Kieneker

There are a lot of things happening in the life of our Church family right now— projects and proposals, festivals and family nights, special services, and even the sale of West Side Activity Center. And in and through the people who are helping bring all this about I believe God's good will is being worked out. As I stand back and take it in, I think all these activities are all very good. But they are not the best.

The best is taking time to attend to our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. This past fall, the church's leadership presented the basic outline of the way we feel God is calling us to grow up in Christ together. And one of the things we attended to in our plans is looking at the rhythms of our church year. We decided that at certain points in the year we want to slow down our activities so that we can focus on our relationship with God and our relationships with one another. Advent and Holy Week, the high points of the Christian year, seemed both right and practical.

There is a time and place for information, but it is even more important to remember that all these activities are intended to help us actually experience being with God. And so instead of sharing information about what's happening in the church, I want to share with you my prayer I am going to pray for us this Advent season.

*Loving Father,*

*You sent Your Son into the world to draw us into relationship with You. Words cannot express the greatness of Your love. I pray that You would give us wisdom and passion to recognize the priceless gift of being brought into Your family. Help us not to rush through this Advent season so busy with schedules,*

*appointments, to-do lists, and demands, so that our celebration of this Christmas will not be mere lip service, but will be a season of setting our hearts on You.*

*Lord Jesus, You came into the world as a baby. You are the humble God, the approachable God. You did not think human flesh too lowly for You to make Your home. You are the full revelation of God, the Holy one, the glory of God, the great giver, the humble servant, the*

*obedient Son. You came into the world a baby, but you did not stay in the manger. You set Your face towards Calvary to save us. May we experience Your saving power in our lives this Advent. Turn our hearts towards You. If we need to be slowed down, slow us down. Fill us with discernment of when to say "yes" and when to say "no." Free us from false guilt and the pressure of pleasing people instead of seeking to please You. May our hearts not be lured into treasuring the things of this world; help us to keep the stuff of Christmas in its place. Stir in our hearts Your passion, Your desires, and Your joy. Keep us in Your will and way; provide what we lack in faith, in goodness, in desire, and strength; take our worship and celebration and sanctify in Yours, that we may give glory and praise to the Father through You, in a way that honors Your name.*

*Spirit of Christ, Spirit of Comfort, come and fill us this Advent. Kindle in our hearts the burning fire of Your love. Continue Your work of transformation. Convict us of our sins. Lead us to repentance and*



## Share The Love Of Christ

Angel Trees Are Coming! We need YOU ... to help provide Christmas gifts for children in our community. Our West Side family has a rich tradition of generous giving throughout the year, and the gifts provided through the Angel Tree are no exception. The Deacons are sponsoring this sharing opportunity and look to our church family to be a part of the blessing. Beginning Sun., Dec. 5, the Angel Trees will be set up in both WS North and WS South narthexes and decorated with gift tags.

Each tag represents a child's wish for something special this Christmas. If God is calling you to provide a gift for a child whose family has limited resources, please take a tag and sign up with the Angel Tree attendant. Wrapped gifts, with the Angel Tree tag securely attached, may be brought to the church office during the week or left by an Angel Tree on Sunday morning before 10:00 am on Dec. 19 (delivery date). Your gift will provide an extra blessing for someone on Christmas Day.



Holiday Food Drive Is In Full Swing! The Deacons are collecting food for Christmas boxes for families in need in our community. Collection boxes for non-perishable items are located in both narthexes as well as near the Preschool office. Suggested items include: biscuit or muffin mixes, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cake mixes and frosting, cranberry sauce, beans or rice, stuffing mix, mashed potato mix and gravy packets, and Christmas-themed napkins. Ham and turkeys are also requested; if you would like to donate a ham or frozen turkey contact John Lipp (539.4659) or Chuck Elderkin (375.1684). Your monetary contributions are welcome as well! Together we can brighten the holiday for local families and share the love of Christ in our community.



This year's Christmas offering is being divided between Daniel Adams (a state-side missionary) and Alachaimy and Christeena Paul (our abroad missionary team in India).

Daniel Adams is working with Inter-Varsity Fellowship at Colby College, Maine. He is the son of Tom & Karen Adams, who recently returned to the Tri-Cities. Daniel was also a West Side Trainee. Be sure to greet him in mid-December when he will be in town. There are great things happening at Colby College. The core group of believers is growing and there are many seeking to know the Truth. Daniel has had numerous opportunities to teach and preach God's word. He is praying these students stay determined to make Jesus a priority in their lives, for renewed spiritual fervor, and that God would break into their routines and continue to work in them. What a great prayer!



The ministry of ORBIT with Alaichamy and Christeena Paul works to give God's Word to the Bible-less groups of India and to assist them by translating the Bible into their unwritten languages along with literacy materials. Their present goal is to reach 20 language groups by 2020 in four different Indian states. The Paul's request prayer for: committed translators for the Bhilodi group and the Nahalia groups (there are not very committed Christians to be used in both languages), funds to print the ten commandments and the Lord's prayer in five languages, funds to build the translation center, and more supporters for the Lord to raise up in India.

Christmas offering envelopes are in the pews and can be turned into the West Side Financial Office. The Missions Council thanks you for your prayers and your financial gifter!



## Women's Ministry

Festival of Tables. Celebrate the start of the holiday season at the Festival of Tables: "Fear Not! Good Tidings," Sat., Dec. 4, West Side Activity Center. This favorite Christmas event for many West Side women is one you don't want to miss! This year our speaker will be Rev. Kay Browleit, Shoreline Presbyterian Church. Kay grew up at West Side and has served in a variety of ministries for 25 years. Our

own "Festival Singers" and the Evans family will bring seasons greetings through song. We have a dynamic group of women serving to bring us an exciting event: Kayla Pratt (chair), Diane Pratt, Sarah Landon, Debbie Mellinger, Susan Birney, Faye Serene and Sandra Critchlow. Tickets are \$10 per person-if you don't have yours, contact Sandra Critchlow (967.5060) or Sarah Landon (628.8786) ASAP!



Morning Glory. Join us on Thursdays, 9:00-11:00 am, WS North Room 2-4, for fellowship, prayer, laughter, and enlightenment. Need childcare - contact Faye Serene (946.4656).

Knitter's Group. Wed., Dec. 1, 1:00 pm, WS South Upper Room. Anyone is invited to join and share their projects with others

Sarah Circle. Salad potluck Wed., Dec. 8., 11:30 am, WS South Upper Room. Rachael Tengbom, founder of Maasai Voices of Hope, will be sharing with us (at 12:30 pm) and have an African Boutique to shop at (pick up some special gifts for Christmas at 11:30 am and after the presentation). Maasai Voices of Hope (<http://voicesofhope-kenya.blogspot.com>) is a non-profit group that seeks to help young women from a Maasai tribe in Kenya. These girls and young women face genital mutilation and forced marriages. Through donations, they are renting a safe house so these young women can have higher education, leadership training and empowerment.



## Senior Adult Ministry

FOF (Fabulous Folks Over Fifty) on Fri., Dec. 3, 5:45 pm, WS South Upper Room.



Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert and your table service. If you use a recipe from the church cookbook, then please give the name and page number. Our program

will be a video about the Star of Bethlehem - an inspiring beginning of the Christmas season. Questions - contact George and Edna Schmel (943.9044).

SAM-Senior Adult Ministry lunch on Mon., Dec. 6, 11:30 am, Smoovies (in the Richland Parkway).

Person To Person lunch on Mon, Dec. 13, 12:00 pm, WS Activity Center. Call Sheila Phillips (727.5431) if you need a ride to either of these lunches.

## Men's Ministry

Calling All Men from High School to Adult: We have been asked to serve the ladies during the Festival of Tables on Sat., Dec. 4. Contact Dave Marsh ([demarsh@clearwire.net](mailto:demarsh@clearwire.net) or 627.4162) if you can serve from about 8:00 am to about 12:00 pm. Come prepared to serve by wearing black dress pants, a white shirt and black bow tie (we have extras if you need one).



Sarah Squares, spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, will meet for lunch on Wed., Dec 8, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant (Richland).

# Parent Connection - An Opportunity For Young Families

By Debbie Geelhood

Are you home during the day and looking for an opportunity to connect with other families? Then you are in luck! We are starting West Side Parent Connection this month, which will be a resource for parents with children ages infant through kindergarten. Parents of young children can connect with other parents from West Side Church, West Side Preschool, and the community!

On the first Tuesday of each month, beginning this month, we will have a West Side Parent Connection Playgroup. The goal of the Playgroup is to give you time to interact with your child/ren while meeting other families. On the third Tuesday morning of every month, beginning in January, we will have Enrichment Time. The goal of Enrichment Time is for parents to have the opportunity to learn more about topics that impact them as a parent of young children. For Enrich-

ment Time, childcare will be provided. We also plan to have some evening or weekend events in the future, so that parents who cannot attend during the day may join in the fellowship as well.



Come join us Tues., Dec. 7, 9:15-11:15 am, WSN Narthex for our first West Side Parent Connection Playgroup. Together we will make cinnamon Christmas ornaments. After this simple craft, we will have a time of play and conversation.

Your child will stay with you during the Playgroup, and we will have fun activity stations set up for your children.

Come out and join the fun! Please bring your favorite Christmas cookie cutters and nut-free snacks for your child/ren. The Koinonia Kafé will also be open with coffee available for you. You won't want to miss this!



**Tues., Dec. 7 - Playgroup (WS North)**  
*Come and make an ornament with your child!*

**Sun., Dec. 12 - Rainbow Kids Sing In Worship**  
*Our Cherub Choir is singing at the 9:45 am service.*

**Wed., Dec. 15 - Christmas Caroling (WS North)**  
*Come join us for dinner and caroling.*

**Sun., Dec. 19 & 26 - NO Sunday School**  
*Sunday School resumes Jan. 2.*

**Tues., Jan. 4 - Playgroup (WS North)**

**Tues., Jan. 18 - Parent Enrichment (WS North)**  
*Pastor Faye Serene will share on Attachment Theory.*

## Seeking Ways To Serve?

We are in need of adults (18 and over) who love Christ and enjoy being with young children to serve in childcare on various mornings and/or evenings. Would you like to join our childcare ministry team? Currently we are seeking loving adults or teens (16 and over) to serve on Tuesday mornings once a month, weekly on Thursday mornings, and to sub on occasional Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings. If interested, please contact Heather Smith (946.4656 or hsmith@westside1.org).

## Childcare Training

The next Child Security Training is Sun., Dec. 5, 1:00-3:00 pm, WS North Room 2-4. The training will be led by Gene Dudley, and a snack will be provided. Completion of this training is a requirement for anyone who works with children or youth at West Side Church. RSVP with Colleen Strachan (cstrachan@westside1.org or 946.4656).

# All-Church Caroling Event

By Heather Smith

I have warm memories of singing with my church as a teen; caroling was a part of my life. Several years ago I took a group of “tweens” caroling and they were so excited; one of them exclaimed, “This is just like on TV!” Soon I became aware that only one out of my group had ever been caroling before. And later that evening, one of the tweens couldn’t understand why an elderly woman would be in tears after we came caroling at her door. Later we discovered that she too had caroled as a young girl, and that this was the first time in 25 years someone had caroled at her door!

Come out Wed., Dec. 15, 5:30 pm, WS North and share the caroling experience with your whole family. This is a church-wide event; Basic and High School Small Groups will join us for the evening. We will have a scrumptious spaghetti dinner (bring a salad or dessert to share), play together, and then depart for caroling. Bring warm clothes, a flash-

light, and a stroller if needed. Some families will stay in the neighborhood while others will drive to various locations.

And then those that are able will come back to share stories and warm up with hot chocolate.

If you desire to help lead a caroling group, put together candy cane goody bags, cook, or decorate tables, let Heather Smith or Stu Strachan know (946.4656).

## Dec 15 Activities:

5:30-6:00pm	Spaghetti Potluck Dinner
6:00-6:30pm	Game, Break into Caroling Groups
6:30-7:30pm	Caroling
7:30-8:00pm	Fellowship and Hot Chocolate Continue Caroling if Desired
8:00-8:30pm	Fellowship and Hot Chocolate



## YOUTH Don't Want To Miss This!

### Mid-High Mayhem, BASIC Bedlam

Fri., [Dec. 17](#), 6:00-10:00 pm, WSS Basement. Bring \$5.

### Christmas Parties @ The Strachans'

(6007 Bluewood St - West Richland - Call 713.5526 for directions)

**Mid-High** - Wed., [Dec. 22](#), 6:00-8:00 pm

**High School** - Sun., [Dec. 19](#), 7:00-9:00 pm

### Christmas Break for Youth

**Mid-High** - NO Sunday School [Dec. 19 & 26](#) (resumes Jan. 2)

NO BASIC [Dec. 29 & Jan. 5](#) (resumes Jan. 12)

**High School** - NO Sunday School [Dec. 19 & 26](#) (resumes Jan. 2)

NO Fuel [Dec. 26 & Jan. 2](#) (resumes Jan. 9)

NO Life Groups [Dec. 14-29](#) (resumes Jan. 4 or 11)

# December

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

## Join Us During Advent!

Sun., Dec. 12, 11:15am, WSN - Special musical presentation during worship.

Wed., Dec. 15, 5:30pm, WSN - All-church caroling and fellowship.

Fri., Dec. 24, 6:30 & 8:00pm, WSS - Christmas Eve candlelight services.

Sat., Dec. 25, 10:00am, WSN - Christmas Day informal family service.

Knitters Group 1:00pm -WSS  
Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN  
Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS  
BASIC (MS) 6:30pm-WSS  
Deacons 7:00pm-WSN

**1**  
Early Birds Bible  
6:10am-Tibbat  
Morning Glory 9  
Women's Alpha  
-WSN  
Adult Choir 7:00  
Worship Team 7

Worship: **5**  
CS & Children's Church  
8:15am-WSS  
CS & Sunday School  
9:45am-WSS  
TS 11:15am-WSN  
Child Security 1:00pm-WSN  
Youth Worship 4:30pm-WSS  
Christmas Practice 6:00pm-WSN  
Fuel (HS) 7:00pm-WSS

SAM-Senior Adult Ministry **6**  
Lunch 11:30am Smoovies  
(the Parkway-Richland)

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

Sarah Circle 11:30am-WSS **8**  
Sarah Squares 11:30am  
-Sterlings (Richland)  
Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN  
Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS  
BASIC (MS) 6:30pm-WSS

Early Birds Bible  
6:10am-Tibbat  
Morning Glory 9  
Women's Alpha  
-WSN  
Missions Council  
Christmas Progr  
Rehearsal 7:00  
Worship Team 7

Worship: **12**  
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



Person to Person 12:00pm **13**  
-WSAC

Adult Bible Study **14**  
10:30am-WSN  
ESL/Citizenship Classes  
6:30pm-WSN  
College/Young Career Bible  
Study 7:00pm-Evans'

Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN **15**  
Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS



**All-Church  
Caroling 5:30pm  
-WSN**

Early Birds Bible S  
6:10am-Tibbat  
Morning Glory 9  
Women's Alpha  
-WSN  
Adult Choir 7:00  
Worship Team 7

Worship: **19**  
Two Services Only 9:00 &  
11:00am-WSS  
NO Sunday School  
Finger Food Potluck 10:00am  
-WSN  
Fuel (HS) Christmas Party  
7:00pm -Strachans'

**20**

Adult Bible Study **21**  
10:30am-WSN  
College/Young Career Bible  
Study 7:00pm-Evans'

Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN **22**  
BASIC (MS) Christmas Party  
6:00pm-Strachans'

Early Birds Bible S  
6:10am-Tibbat  
Morning Glory 9  
Women's Alpha  
-WSN  
Missions Prayer 6

Worship: **26**  
One Service Only 10:00am  
-WSS  
NO Sunday School

**27**

Adult Bible Study **28**  
10:30am-WSN  
Session 6:30pm-WSN  
College/Young Career Bible  
Study 7:00pm-Evans'

Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN **29**

Early Birds Bible  
6:10am-Tibbat



## McIntosh Memorial Library

### Christmas Gift Ideas

The library is a great place to get ideas for gifts suitable for all ages. For something the whole family can enjoy, look at our collection of Focus on the Family radio theater productions, including *A Christmas Carol*, *The Hiding Place* and *Bonhoeffer*. For elementary-age kids, *Adventures in Odyssey* on CD is a top choice. The library provides an easy way to try before you buy, especially when shopping online.



### Library Now In Room 2-4

The library has moved to its interim home in Room 2/4, in the hall with the staff offices and just around the corner from its previous location. Because the library is sharing the space, it is open when the room is not being used by other groups and classes. (Closed Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am, but open before and after that.) Come see what's new!

We welcome your library comments and suggestions. Please talk to Pam Cadd or Susan Carbaugh, or email [Library@WestSide1.org](mailto:Library@WestSide1.org).

## Special Events

Night of the Father's Love. Sun., Dec. 12, 11:15 am, WS North Sanctuary. You're invited to this beautiful musical presentation by Pepper Choplin. This is an exciting and original Christmas musical featuring the choir, instrumentalists, and meaningful narration of the story of our Lord's birth.



Festive, Fun, Fellowship With A Finger Food Potluck (oops) Potluck. Come early and stay late!



Sun., Dec. 19, 10:00-11:00 am, between services in WS North. Bring your favorite finger foods to share

(remember—no nuts in WS North).

## Bread Breakers 4-Meal Fellowships

144 Bread Breakers will receive information about their new group in the mail by Dec. 6. The Lord fit all the "puzzle pieces" together to create one special cluster each for young adults, middle and high school youth families, elementary students with their parents, and preschooler families. The numbers meshed beautifully for full groups of mixed singles



and couples, as well as couples-only bunches. We have a total of 15 groups! Some will get to know each

other better at church or in restaurants; many will share meals in each others' homes. If you signed up in November, but do not receive your welcome letter with details about your specific group by Dec. 6, contact Kelly Rauh ([kellyrauh@gmail.com](mailto:kellyrauh@gmail.com)) right away.



Mali-Link



### **One Picture = 1000 Words**

Send your sponsored child a photo!

Include common ties, such as you and your family gathered in lawn chairs, sitting on the grass, or by a special tree, bush or vine. Wear modest dressy clothes or jeans, hats inexpensive jewelry, tennis shoes or flip-flops. Include bikes, a scooter, football or soccer ball.

*For more ideas, pick up a brochure in the narthex.*

New Sermon Series:

## WHO IS JESUS?

Nov. 28 According To Zechariah

Dec. 5 According To Mary

Dec. 12 According To The Angels  
And Shepherds

Dec. 19 According To Joseph

Dec. 24 According To Simeon

Dec. 26 Who Do You Say That I Am?

## A Christmas Prayer - cont. from pg. 1

*reconciliation with God and one another. May Your peace and unity fill our times of fellowship and celebration. Bring healing and comfort to those with deep wounds and pains during this Season. Indwell our giving; may we give wisely, joyfully, generously, graciously. Thank You that Your presence is tangible during this season of peace, hope, and joy. Grace us with an extra portion of discernment to recognize Your promptings to serve and reveal the love of Christ this Advent.*

*Triune God of grace, we do not deserve the gift of Life in Jesus' name, but help us to take this gift out of the box and use the gift in all its fullness for Your glory and praise.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen Ralph*

## Fields Of Grace - Highlights Of 2010 And Plans For 2011 By Alissa Watkins

In 2010, Fields of Grace secured 86,199 lbs. of fresh produce for the local food banks. This provided nearly 180,000 servings! During the year, we obtained our 501(c)3 designation, trained 129 new volunteers, added 6 new agricultural donors, and logged over 900 gleaning hours in 25 harvesting events. Thanks to all who participated by giving their time, resources, and prayers!

Looking ahead to 2011, Fields of Grace is planning to:

- Contact packing houses and processors for gleaning opportunities between November and May.
- Develop teams for the residential gleaning program – need a coordinator to help with this.
- Look for ways to increase participation among our current database.
- Raise funds to hire a program coordinator.

Also, West Side Church has been so generous to provide office space and administrative help to Fields of Grace over the past two years. Thank you so much, West Side! With the upcoming sale of West Side Activity Center, our office space will be needed. Cathedral of Joy has generously offered to provide office space, so we will be moving to that location this month. For more details about Fields of Grace, check out our website at [www.fields-of-grace.com](http://www.fields-of-grace.com).



## Many Thanks For Many Blessings

**Mali School.** The people of Mali and the Missions Council thank you for the generosity of West Side Church. You have more than met the challenge of raising the \$10,000 for a village school in Nglobembougou by an additional \$4,300. Way to go! Please continue to pray for the children of Mali that they will come to know and call upon the name of Jesus Christ. Also proceeds from the Koinonia Kafé will continue to go towards Mali so come have another cup (or two) of coffee.



**Thanksgiving Baskets.** The Deacons send a big thank you to all of you who delivered food boxes on Sun., Nov. 21, as well as those who contributed turkeys and money. 46 boxes were delivered to households around the Tri-City area with your help. Your partnership in caring for others is a great blessing.

**Marian Holm.** In this Thanksgiving season, right at the top of the list of things for which I am thankful is my West Side family. The past six weeks of surgery and recovery have been much easier with your support through your prayers, cards, and meals. I have been greatly blessed by all that the Lord has done through you. Thank you!

**Darrol Timmons.** I wish to express my special appreciation to the members of West Side Church for all of your prayers during my recent hospitalization. We have a diagnosis, a course of treatment, and a recovery plan firmly planted on the foundation of grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am currently undergoing a course of kidney dialysis, and we firmly believe that such treatment will be temporary and that I will be healed. Special thanks to the prayer warriors in the choir and in our faithful small group. Others of you sent cards or have visited us in the hospital and offered special prayers and support. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



One last note: Although I don't recommend it for everyone, being hospitalized is an outstanding opportunity for evangelism. Doctors, nurses, aides, technicians, even maintenance personnel are in and out of the room continuously and become a captive audience for witnessing our faith. Then there are the families of the patients in the other rooms that are encountered in the hallway. Give me a chance and I will tell you a real life Angel Story (email [darrol.timmons@gmail.com](mailto:darrol.timmons@gmail.com)).

## Matt Leggett Climbs Mt Kilimanjaro For Cancer

By Dori O'Neal, Tri-City Herald staff writer (9/27/2010)

Hakuna Matata. The words mean "no worries" in Swahili, said Matt Leggett, Hanford High School's drama teacher, talking about his recent climb up Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak. But the climb wasn't worry free, especially when Leggett reached the 14,000-foot base camp. He and eight other climbers, all from the United States, had to acclimate their lungs before climbing another 5,000 feet to the top. "I really trained hard for this climb," he said.

"But that didn't matter because once you get that high, the air gets so thin it makes breathing difficult. And I really felt the lack of oxygen in my

head. There's a real mental thing that goes on when breathing becomes difficult." ... Leggett made the African climb with his oldest brother Mark, who lives in Burien, ... not only for the thrill, but also to raise money for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Leggett hoped to raise \$10,000 ... but ended up raising \$15,000 in pledges. "People were so generous," he said. "They went above and beyond what I hoped to raise. I'm so grateful." It took five days to climb Kilimanjaro ... and Leggett's group scaled the medium-difficulty trail... But an overwhelming sense of awe filled his soul when he finally made it to the top... [Complete article available through the church office.]



## Way To Go, Tool Time Guys!!!

Tool Time installed 221 fixtures in West Side North, with a cost of materials of \$6,951.56, and 146 man hours at \$8.50/hour = \$1,241, or a total cost of \$8,192.56.

The total cost was \$37/fixture. After our 70% rebate from the City of Richland (in conjunction with the Bonneville Power Administration) through the Richland Electrical Rebate Program, the cost to the church was \$1,217 or \$5.50/fixture.

The City of Richland estimates a 49% kilowatt-hour reduction and a 6% increase in light level.

Thanks again to Jim Britton for his major efforts to complete this project!

## The Bulletin Board

### Did You Turn In Your Pledge?



If you forgot to turn in your pledge on Sun., Nov. 28, please do so ASAP.



### Church Cookbooks Are Still Available.

Copies are at the Welcome Desk in WS North on Sunday mornings and in the church office during the week. At only \$15 each, they make great Christmas gifts!

Bells Of The Desert-Ringing The Stories Of Christmas. Bells of the Desert, a community handbell ensemble, invites you to their Christmas concert on Sat., Dec. 11, 7:00 pm, Central United Protestant Church. This free concert will be receiving freewill donations including new or gently-used children's books that will benefit the Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation. For more information, go to [www.bellsOfTheDesert.art.officelive.com](http://www.bellsOfTheDesert.art.officelive.com).





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## The Hints of Christmas

*Dec. 4: Festival of Tables, 9:00 am, WS Activity Center*

*Dec. 12: A Special Traditional Service, 11:15 am, WS North*

*Dec. 15: All-Church Caroling and Fellowship, 5:30 pm WS North*

*Dec. 19: Two Worship Services Only, 9:00 & 11:00 am, WS South*

*Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 6:30 & 8:00 pm, WS South*

*Dec. 25: Christmas Day Informal Family Worship, 10:00 am, WS North*

*Dec. 26: One Worship Service Only, 10:00 am, WS South*

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