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A Monthly News Publication For Members And Friends

Worship With Us This Summer!

By Rev. Dan Wodrich

The summer season is here. For many of us, this change in season brings with it much-anticipated opportunities for vacation, travel, and special events with family and friends. Amidst these changes and the comings and goings in our lives this summer, may I encourage you to continue in our rhythm and practice of gathering together to worship on Sundays – whether here at West Side when you're in town or with brothers and sisters in other communities you may be visiting!

Please take note of our special summer schedule for Sunday worship services. A clip-out schedule is provided on page 7. Depending on the Sunday, there will be 1, 2, or 3 worship services. On the special first Sundays of July, August, and September, we will gather for a single worship service at 10:00 am – to celebrate the Lord's Supper together, and to share fellowship afterward. On Aug. 7, we'll meet for worship in a Richland school auditorium so we can accommodate the many guests we anticipate joining us for worship to celebrate 50 Years of West Side Trainee Ministry! The remaining Sundays in August will be "2 Service Sundays", at 9:00 and 11:00 am. On these Sundays, there will be "Children's Church" during the 9:00 am service, but all ages will be on "break" from Sunday School 'til fall.

The "less-busy" August schedule is part of a broader, intentional effort we are making to recover and establish a kind of "rhythm" to our church family's annual calendar. We are trying to simplify things a bit at certain times and seasons of the year – by reducing the number of activities we're planning, serving, and participating in. Our hope is that during these seasons we can change the pace a bit, catch our breath, rest and be refreshed, and refocus on what's important.

The three "seasons" our church family will practice are Advent, Lent, and Summer/

August. During Advent, we focus on remembering the coming of our Lord, Himself, into the world to save. During Lent, we focus on the passion of our Lord – on his death and resurrection for us. Since "Summer/August" is a time of the year when many are traveling and there is a kind of pause before the school year resumes in September, we think it makes sense to recognize and accommodate this season of family fellowship, travel, and rest. We intend to do this by simplifying our ministries, reducing the need for volunteers, and providing the space and freedom to enjoy family fellowship – both as individual families and as a church family. If you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding our practice of this "rhythm", please talk with any of our elders or pastors.

Every blessing to you in Christ, Dan



It's Panda-monium! During our PandaMania VBS (Jun. 20-24), the kids collected school supplies for the Youth Deputation Team to deliver to UrbanPromise in Camden, NJ. To reward their outstanding efforts, they got to splash Panda Pete (Summer Trainee Stephen Jackson-pictured far right).

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Celebrating 50 Years Of Trainee Ministry - Aug. 5-7

Why do YOU want to sign up and come to the Trainee Reunion Celebration?

- We want **EVERYONE THERE** to celebrate as a church **50 Years of Faithfulness**, affecting the generations!



- We want to **hear** how having Trainees has impacted you or your family.

- We want to **celebrate** the part you played—as you have invested—trained,

equipped, and empowered the Trainees by being a general supporter through giving and praying, by being a host family, a prayer partner, a presenter, having served on the Trainee Committee, helping at a program, driving, providing food, even just giving a word of encouragement!

- To hear **the Rev. Dr. Steve Hayner**, **FOUR-TIME** Trainee, past president of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, and current president of Columbia Theological Seminary (Decatur, Georgia), teach about leadership on Saturday and preach on Sunday.

- To **connect** with old friends and hear about the lives you touched.

AND PLEASE PULL OUT THOSE PICTURES AND SEND THEM TO DUANE JACQUES (jaczoo@frontier.com)!!

PS - EVERY ONE needs to sign up so we can order enough food-register at www.westside1.org!!

Schedule of Events:

FRIDAY

6:00-9:00 pm - No host mixer at Cooper Wine Company (Benton City). Wine and taco truck goodies available for purchase.

SATURDAY

8:30 am - Trainee Celebration and continental breakfast
9:30 am - Trainee Celebration gathering; message by Steve

Hayner

12:30 pm - CATERED lunch

Afternoon - Open

5:00 pm - Trainee Celebration and congregational BBQ at Flat Top Park (West Richland)

SUNDAY

10:00 am - Worship service with Steve Hayner

Reaching Out - ESL and Citizenship Programs

By Robin Morris

The ESL (English as a Second Language) and Citizenship programs ended another successful year the end of May. We enrolled students from 12 countries in the program this year. We ran two sessions of citizenship as well as ESL classes from beginning to advanced.

Thank you to all our wonderful staff who gave so much of their time and energy to teach our students. They made them feel welcome in their new country and were the hands and feet of Jesus as they reached out to them.

Special thanks to teachers Lillian Leggett, Mary Ellen Nelson, Dick Moen, Pat Ellis, Bonnie Severtsen, Ginny Strickler, and Irene Johnson. Newcomers this year were George and Bonnie Booth, Debra Hughes, and Terri Constance.

Backing up the teachers were three ladies who worked with our children: Dena DeBattista, Peggy

Wheeler, and Yasab Feser. We could not have done without them. Their care of the children allowed parents to come to class and learn English.

Another important part of our program was provided by Marie Wegner, our snack coordinator, and by Marion Dowell, administrative assistant to the ESL director. They were instrumental in helping the program run smoothly.

Thanks also to the Missions Council for their support. We look forward to the fall and our 15th year of reaching out to new residents of the Tri-Cities. If you are looking for a place to serve, we are always looking for new members of our team who want to make a difference in the lives of others. Contact director Robin Morris (943.9942).



Women's Ministry

Knitters' Group. Wed., Jul. 6, 1:00 pm, WS South Upper Room. All are invited to join and share their projects.

Mom's Time Out. Fri., Jul. 15, 8:00 pm, Ginni Carter's (2029 Harris Ave., Richland).



Grab your munchies and your girlfriends because it's Movie Night! Take a break from your little ones and enjoy some adult time with other moms from Parent Connection while we watch a funny movie. Questions-call Ginni (942.0760).

Senior Adult Ministry

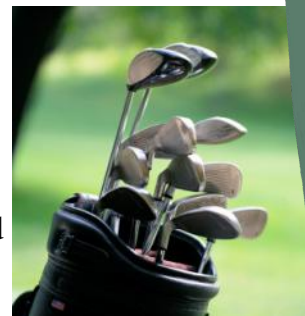
FOF-Folks Over Fifty. NO FOF in Jul. or Aug.

Person To Person lunch Mon, Jul. 11 and 25, 12:00 pm, WS North Narthex. Call the Church Office (946.4656) if you need a ride.

Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study meets Wednesdays, 6:00 am, at Harvey Huisings's (2018 George Washington Way, Richland). For more information, call Harvey (943.9326).

Men's Golf. Next outings are Fri., Jul. 8 at Veterans Memorial (Walla Walla) and Fri., Jul. 22 at Apple Tree (Yakima). Contact Gene Dudley (943.4524 or doright71@charter.net). Make your decision early and let Gene know! We have also planned a weekend trip Aug. 19-20 in Spokane at Hangman Valley and Downriver golf courses. Contact Bob Tibbatts (946.9905 or ngaire3@frontier.com) for complete details and to reserve your spot today!



Bread Breakers - Survey Results And Plans For Next Year

By Kelly Rauh

Last fall, 15 Bread Breaker groups formed with 9 single adults and 56 couples for a total of 121 adults plus 22 children. 98% of adults who signed up participated fully in the monthly meals, including 4 non-WS members and 29 who've been members less than 3 years. 88% of respondents reported they are likely to sign up next year.

From January-April, 11 groups (of 6-9 adults) met in homes, 2 met at church (including those with preschoolers), and 2 in restaurants. 61% met at least one person for the first time; 40% had met everyone in their group, but didn't know them well. 95% reported forming deeper, positive relationships with at least 1 or 2 others. 98% said they had no negative interactions with any group member. This fall we will offer an option for singles to sign up as a pair (ie with one friend). As it was this year, some groups will be alcohol-free according to sign-up preferences (including those meeting at church); others may choose to enjoy wine together. 40% of respon-

dents would like more age variety in their group, so we're campaigning for more folks UNDER 50 to sign up this fall!

Here's a compilation of some of the comments received from many different people:



Very nicely organized. Length of time was perfect--nice break between Christmas and summer activities. First time we've had in-home church group experience and it was fabulous. GREAT FUN! Ya meet some nice people this way. Very blessed by these meetings; thankful we got to know three couples on a different level. We were the youngest; felt like we had many aunts and uncles around us--loved them all. Relaxing, comfortable, nurturing. Felt companionship. Lots of laughter. All shared different ideas on things, yet found a common bond. Felt we created an ongoing, comfortable relationship. Now when I see them at church I have something to talk about and questions to ask them. I'm so glad we participated!

Summer Trainees - Children & Family

Rainbow Summer!! Preschool Play Dates.

Thursdays from 9:15-11:15 am, each themed with a different color (see schedule below). Wear the color of the day so we can match! Activities are geared towards younger children, but older siblings are welcome to join us for play. Trainees will be at all events to facilitate activities and free play, but adults **must** remain on site at all times. Please bring a snack for your child.

Yellow Day! Jul. 7 (Leslie Groves Park-Park St.)

Come paint with chalk and water!

Blue Day! Jul. 14 (WSN Courtyard)

Wear clothes that you can get wet or your swimsuits!

Purple Day! Jul. 21 (Leslie Groves Park-Park St.)

Come play with bubbles and hula hoops!

Orange Day! Jul. 28 (WSN Courtyard)

Come in your painting clothes!

Red Day! Aug. 4 (Leslie Groves Park-Park St.)

Come play with the parachute!

Green Day! Aug. 11 (WSN Courtyard) Come for fun art activities!

Rainbow Day! Aug. 18 (Badger Mtn. Water Park) Splash around and say goodbye to the Trainees!



CFM Trainees (L to R): Kendra Leggett, Abigail Craig, Catherine Masterson

Summer Safari Adventures (gr. K-5th)!

We have lots of fun activities scheduled on Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00 pm (see schedule below).

Water Day! Jul. 6 (WSN) - Come cool off with water games and crafts! Wear clothes to get wet!!

Dojo Day! Jul. 20 (Trinity Martial Arts) - Come for a mini-karate lesson and an obstacle course!

Safari Treasure Hunt! Aug. 3 (WSN) - Come follow the clues of Safari Stu to the awesome treasure!

Safari Adventure! Aug. 10 (WSN) - Ride in our "safari jeep" through this exciting adventure!

Gathering at the Water Hole! Aug. 17 (TBD) - Bring your swimsuit for water fun, snacks, and games!

We also have two special Friday events:

Lock-In Jul. 22 (WSN) - Come for an overnight jungle adventure with games and a movie (cost \$5). K-2nd graders stay until 8:30 pm; 3rd-5th bring a sleeping bag, pillow, pj's, and a snack to share (pick-up 9:00 am Jul. 23).

Drive-In Movie Jul. 29 (WSN) - Bring a cardboard box and your safari guides will help transform it into a jeep!

Service Projects.

School Supplies for UrbanPromise-We will collect school supplies and decorate backpacks for students of Camden Forward School, a ministry of UrbanPromise, through Jul. 10. Donate your loose change to help ship the supplies to Camden, NJ for our Youth Deputation Team to distribute.

Letters to a Wounded Soldier-during Sunday School, children can write encouraging messages to a wounded soldier who is serving our country.

Summer Trainees - Middle School

Mid-High Events!

Lock-In! Jul. 8-9 8:00 pm-8:00 am (WSS) - Come prepared for a night of fun (bring \$5 and a sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush, and toothpaste)!

Photo Scavenger Hunt! Jul. 13 2:00-4:00 pm (WSS) - Bring a digital camera (with an SD card or your cord).

Water Day! Jul. 27 2:00-4:00 pm (WSS) - A day of fun water activities such as water balloon fights, can-can, etc. Bring appropriate clothes and a towel.

River Float! Aug. 3 1:00-4:00 pm (Leslie Groves Park-boat launch) - Bring your own life-jacket, an inner tube/floatation device, and wear appropriate swimwear. We will float down the Columbia River to Howard Amon Park (pick up at boat launch).

Movie Afternoon! Aug. 10 1:00-4:00 pm (WSS) - Come watch "The Sandlot"!

Surprise Event! Aug. 17 - Our last event! Look for a postcard in your mailbox for more information!

Summer Sundays!

Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am (WSS) - Join us as we journey through 1 Corinthians.

"Breakfast" 6:30-8:30 pm (WSS) - "Breakfast" is our Sunday night youth group/Bible study. It is called "Breakfast" because Jesus is the most important meal of our life.

Join us as we go through the book of 1 John. There will also be games, music, and fun for everyone.



MS Trainees (L to R): Kyle Schlahta, Kalli Watson, Stephen Jackson

UrbanPromise ... Here We Come! - Youth Deputation Team

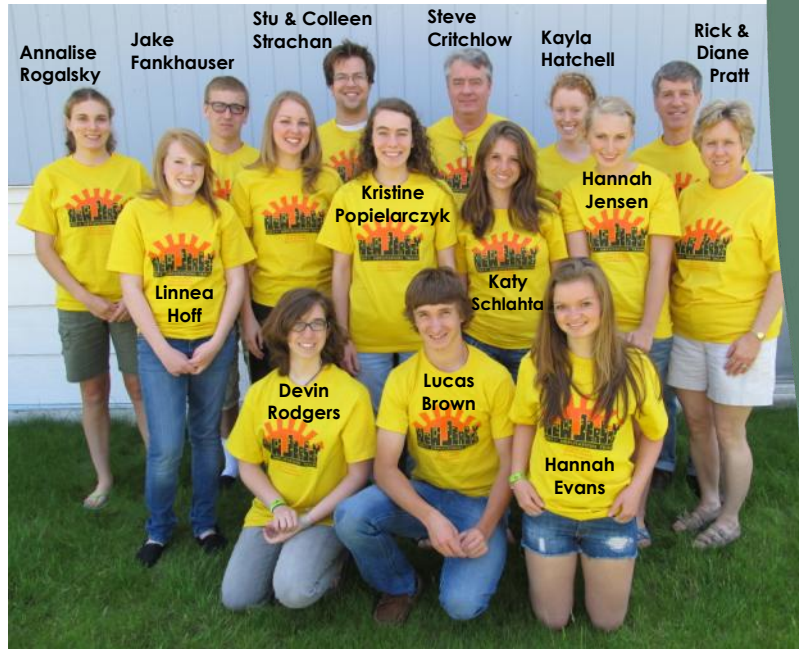
By Rick Pratt

The Youth Deputation Team wants to extend a sincere thank you for your support of our team at the Deputation Auction, Job Bank, and our other fundraisers. It is truly overwhelming to experience your generosity. As we complete our preparations and serve in Camden from Jul. 16-26, we covet your prayers for connecting opportunities, recognizing the ways the Lord is working in and through the team, energy, team unity, and joy.

Aren't our yellow shirts striking? There is a story behind these shirts. Each of our three youth teams designed t-shirt logos as a creative team challenge. The orange arrow on the back provides three ways to remind the team why we are going to Camden, NJ: our mission statement (Glorify God, Grow in Grace, Give Generously), UrbanPromise (UP), and the arrow pointing up to the Lord (the provider of our strength, needs, and hope).



Morning” are both reminders that God’s mercy is new every morning and “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (Lamentations 3)



Team Members not pictured: Anneliese Barnes, Sandra Critchlow, Chad DeLeon, Will Grisham, Andrew Leggett, Brooke Patton, Jason Trader.

The logo on the front spells “New Jersey” in black letters with rays of sun flowing through the windows. The sunrise and the song “New Every

Summer Trainees - High School

High School Events!

Day in the Park! Jul. 6 1:00-4:00 pm (Carmichael MS) - Bring an ice block (you can buy them at 7-11), frisbee, cards, etc. as we hang out!

Christmas in July Party! Jul. 14 6:30-8:30 pm (WSS) - Celebrate with us and wear your ugliest sweater!

Bring a White Elephant gift (something outrageous under \$2), a good sense of humor, and \$3 for dinner.

Movie Night! Jul. 21 6:30-9:00 pm (WSS) - Take it easy with us, bring snacks, and watch a movie. Discussion afterwards to challenge/inspire you!

Theme Party! Jul. 28 6:30-8:30 pm (WSN) - Join us for a themed party (TBD) with snacks, games, and costumes.

Lock-In! Jul. 31 8:00 pm-8:00 am (WSS) - Bring \$5 and come prepared for fun all night long!

River Float! Aug. 3 1:00-4:00 pm (Leslie Groves Park boat launch) - Joint event with mid-high (see info.

under Middle School).

Water Day! Aug. 10 1:00-4:00 pm (Frankfort Park) - Wear appropriate swimwear, bring a towel and money for treats at 7-11!

Progressive Dinner! Aug. 18 (time & date TBD) - Dinner and entertainment (more info. to come)!

Summer Sundays!

Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am (WSS) - We will be exploring stories of God’s love found throughout the Old Testament.

“Roots” 6:30-8:30 pm (WSS) - “Roots” is our Sunday night youth group/Bible study. Join us as we go through 1 John to help understand God’s love for us.



HS Trainees: Bethany Roeschley & Adam Ogg

July

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday




<p>Worship: 3 One Service Only 10:00am -WSS NO Sunday School Picnic Around the Flagpole 11:30am</p>	<p>Church Office-CLOSED 4</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Independence Day</p>	<p>Worship Mtg 7:00pm-WSN 5</p> <p>Vote for Fields of Grace by  9:00pm-Toyota's 100 Cars For Good</p>	<p>Men's Bible Study 6:00am 6 -Huisingh's Knitters' Group 1:00pm-WSS Day in the Park (HS) 1:00pm -Carmichael MS Water Day (gr.K-5) 2:00pm-WSN Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN Deacons 7:00pm-WSN</p>	<p>Preschool Play D -Leslie Groves Pure Desire 4:30 Worship Team 7 College/Young Study 7:00pm-</p>
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WEST SIDE church

Monday

Friday

Saturday

Date 9:15am 7 Park 10:00pm-WSS 11:00pm-WSS Career Bible Evans'	Pure Desire 5:30am-WSN 1 Church Office-CLOSED Wild n' Rugged Weekend -Ingalls Creek 	2
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Date 21 Groves 10:00pm-WSS 11:00pm-WSS 12:30pm-WSS Career Bible Evans'	Pure Desire 5:30am-WSN 22 Men's Golf-Apple Tree (Yakima) SERVANT Newsletter Deadline 5:00pm-WSN Lock-In (gr.K-5)-WSN: K-2nd leave at 8:30pm 3rd-5th leave at _____ → 9:00am	16  Youth Deputation Trip Leaves for Camden, NJ PRAY FOR US!
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to Service
WS South

flagpole
write dish!!

Youth Deputation Trip - Jul. 16-26



Serving with UrbanPromise
in Camden, New Jersey

Be a sponsor! Contact Steve or
Sandra Critchlow (967.5060).



SUMMER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	3 Services: 8:15/9:45/ 11:15	2 Services: 9:00/11:00	1 Service: 10:00
Jul. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Childcare Provided ▶ Children's Church 8:15 ▶ Sunday School 9:45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Childcare Provided ▶ Children's Church 9:00 ▶ NO Sunday School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Childcare Provided ▶ NO Sunday School or Children's Church
Jul. 10			July 4 Wknd (WSS)*
Jul. 17			
Jul. 24			
Jul. 31			
Aug. 7			50-yr Trainee Celebration
Aug. 14		Summer Trainee Sunday	
Aug. 21			
Aug. 28			
Sept. 4			Labor Day River Baptisms (Leslie Groves)*
Sept. 11	Fall Kickoff!		

* Food and Fellowship together after worship.

Slowing Into Summer - Pastoral Encouragement

By Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Someday, things will settle down. Someday, when things are a little less hectic, I will be able to be more serious about my relationship with God. I am trying after all. It's just that the pace of my life is so demanding, I don't have the time.

Here is the first big illusion of the spiritual life: someday is going to be better than today. We live in a hurried society. The pace of life, its daily demands and innumerable decisions are overwhelming. Hurry, however, is the great enemy of the spiritual life. "I know I can't be [hurried] and pray at the same time. I can be active and pray; I can work and pray; but I cannot be [hurried] and pray. I cannot be inwardly rushed, distracted, or dispersed." Eugene Peterson captures the problem of hurry for all of us.

Notice that being hurried is not the same as being busy. Busy has to do with an outward condition. The business of the day has many demands. Hurry has to do with the state of our soul. Hurry is an inward condition that results from having too many competing

priorities in any given moment. Jesus had a busy day feeding 5,000 people, but he was never hurried. He never allowed time to determine his priorities; his priorities determined his use of time.

If we find our inner life marked by a hurried condition then we must decide—if we want to grow spiritually—to ruthlessly eliminate hurry from our lives. We must prioritize our priorities, change the rhythm of our life,

in other words we must discipline ourselves to slow our inner condition so that we might be able to attune ourselves to the work of Jesus in our life. Here are some activities to help get us into spiritual shape.

Practice slowing. The outward rush is a reflection of our inner state, but our inner state can be changed over time by our outward activities, so intentionally practice slowing. This is going to be more difficult for some than others, but look at it this way, it's like doing spiritual power lifting—it will make you strong. Walk more slowly. Take deep, even breaths. Chew your food. Listen—really listen—to children. Get in the longest line at the grocery store. If you're feeling like a really tough workout, stay behind the slow car on I-82.

Say no. Every time we say yes to one thing, we are saying no to something else. Every commitment we make is a decision that will either help or hinder our ability to love God and others. Say no to things that

are going to steal time from God and what God wants you to do. Sometimes it is going to mean saying no to another church activity or responsibility, but more often it is going to be saying no to another tee-time, quilter's group, hobby club, or child's extra-curricular activity.

Keep the Sabbath. "The Sabbath," Jesus said, "was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." God gave us this wonderful day, knit into the very fabric of the creation account, to help build a rhythm to our lives that centers us on God and His gracious provisions. In the beginning it may feel awkward, but this is only because we aren't accustomed to the cadence of God's walk. Marva Dawn provides four basic descriptors of what keeping the Sabbath entails: Ceasing, Resting, Embracing, and Celebrating.

First, Sabbath derives from the word that means ceasing. It is a day of ceasing from our normal activity. It is a day to remember that we don't live to work but we work to live. It is a day to remember that our life is not secured by our activity but God's provision. In ceasing, honor these truths and rest from our toil.

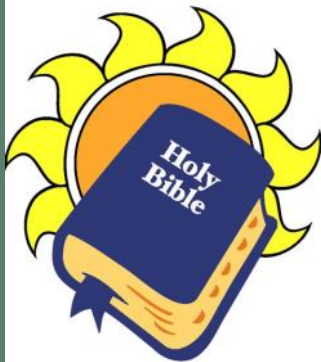
Rest should define this day. The discipline of rest re-orientes our life around a God-created world where the demands of doing are subjugated to the will of God. We should strive to rest spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and physically.

Ceasing and resting isn't so we can be restored to work again, but so we can embrace the life God gives us. In concrete terms, it means embracing the Christian life: affirming our commitment to Christ and His call, giving instead of receiving, orienting our lives toward the great commandment and the great commission, and allowing God's peace to form our life.

The Sabbath is intended to be the climax of life, anticipating our eternal destiny, and so it means celebrating. That Sabbath should be the most important day of the week. We should guard it and prepare for it, because it is the best part of our life. We celebrate God through worship, friendship through fellowship, and all of creation through beauty, food, and music.

Today is the day we choose to follow Jesus. Today is the day we choose the path we will follow. Today is the only day for us to decide what we will do. Don't wait for someday, today is the only day we have to choose Jesus

Blessings in Christ, Ralph



SAVE THE DATE!



Dessert Theatre Sat., Oct. 1

"To help in our partnership with Mali"

Look for auditions in mid-August!!

Deacon Beacon

Each month in the SERVANT, your Board of Deacons will be highlighting one or two of the ministries that you make possible with your caring and generous support. While our Missions Council oversees our many mission projects around the world, your Deacons care for the many and various needs in our community. Each of the 18 board members, plus John Lipp who provides staff oversight, is involved in at least one ministry. Our goal is to serve with the compassion of Christ. Please pray for the work of your Deacons and continue to help us make a difference in people's lives right here at home.



Missions Council

Julie Solbrack: The Harvest is Plentiful. You have two opportunities to hear about how faithful God has been at Washington State University (WSU) in bringing lost souls to know Him. Julie Solbrack, our missionary at WSU (and Rick and Diane Pratt's niece), will be arriving at West Side on Sun., Jul. 10, to share about her work with college students and international students through Chi Alpha. First, Julie will speak during the Adult Sunday School class (Jul. 10), and then she will be sharing at a dessert event on Tues., Jul. 12, 7:00 pm, at Dan and Jeanne Hultgren's (9120 W. Whipple Ave., Pasco). If you share a passion for college and/or international students, this will be just the thing for you. Julie is a dynamic presenter, and she will excite you when she shares how God is moving at WSU. Come and ask some questions about West Side's investment there.



Gardens:

Our nostalgic hobby,
Their community future

Men build branch fences & dig wells. Women pour water from bags hauled up by rope, & mix fertilizer from ash & manure. Whenever you smell a fresh tomato, will you pray for bountiful yields & ways to preserve produce to increase food variety & nutrition among our families in Mali?

Tri-Cities Chaplaincy. There are exciting things happening at the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy. Construction is well underway on their new building designed to support their in-home hospice programs.

Come join them for an "Evening for the Angels" Sat., Jul. 23, 7:30 pm, Red Lion Hanford House (Richland). It is a \$50 donation per person for this event with local wines, chocolates, and live music by Erich and Jenny Parce. Contact 783.7416 or www.tricitieschaplaincy.org.

Next Steps - Life after Sabbatical

By Rev. Faye Serene

Thank you for being willing to release me for this much needed time away on sabbatical in order to complete my Masters in Counseling at Walla Walla University (WWU). I am back after four months, having completed some of my goals and having made great progress on others.

My first goal was to “fulfill the majority of the 600 hour face-to-face client and office hour requirement in preparation for licensure for counseling.” While I had hoped to have more face-to-face hours, I was able to make a significant dent: I have 115 face-to-face hours under my belt with 200.5 office hours. I need to have 300 of each to graduate. At this point, these hours are almost evenly split between the clinic at WWU and Grace Clinic (Kennewick).

My second goal was to “complete the majority of my academic training.” I was able to complete all my course work, and, with a LOT of hard work, I earned a GPA of 3.89. There is still one major project to complete to be presented this fall, and that was my fourth goal, to “begin my professional project.” This turned out to be wishful thinking. While I have been seeing, taping, and keeping notes on the client upon whom I will be basing my project, and have started to research aspects of the case, I have not begun the actual writing. That will begin in earnest after I retake the written comprehensive, which leads back to my third goal, to “prepare for the oral and written comprehensive exams and the National Counseling Exam. This took a huge amount of time. I am pleased and relieved to report that I passed the National Counseling Exam. YEA!!! With disappointment I report that I failed my written comprehensive by one point (arrgh)! I have one chance to retake it. It is presently scheduled for Jul. 22. It involves four questions in the areas of counseling theory, ethics, assessment of clients, and research. Unless I am granted extra time (which was one of the issues), I have six hours to complete the exams. I have taken some assessments that show that I qualify for extra time, but the final permission has not yet been granted. Hopefully I will pass, then I will take the oral exams. Of course, I would deeply appreciate your prayers as I prepare and for the actual day.



I have learned so much in these last two years and will be honing my skills as I continue my internships. I will be bringing my counseling to an end at the WWU clinic by the end of the summer and focus more time at Grace Clinic. My best estimate is that it will take me at least through 2011 to complete all my hours and likely into 2012, so I will continue to work in a part-time capacity here at West Side.

I have already shared some of what I've learned by presenting information on Attachment Theory to the Parent Connection group and will repeat that presentation during an Adult Education class this summer along with another class on Traits of a Healthy Family. I also shared helpful strategies on leading groups to the small group leaders earlier this year, and I am considering the possibility of leading a group on “Good Grief: Life after Loss.”

I said to my professor I wish I had known all this 30 years ago, and my professor said he also wished he had known all this 30 years ago, but much has changed and it is still changing. In any case, I am again deeply grateful for your support and for allowing me the time to gain these new skills.

In Christ's Love and Refining Adventure! Faye

Here's how **YOU** can help us win a Toyota Truck and provide an additional 32,000 lbs. of fresh produce to the local food banks.

On Tues., Jul. 5...

1. If you don't already have a facebook account, you'll need to set up one to vote. Go to www.facebook.com to set up an account. It's fast and easy!
2. Have an account? Then go to www.facebook.com/Toyota.
3. Click on VOTE TODAY.
4. Click on "Allow" under request for permission.
5. Vote for Fields of Grace.
6. Click the box for voting rules and click on VOTE.

Vote by 9 PM!! (Voting closes at 9 pm PST)

**Vote for
Fields of Grace
on July 5, 2011**

in the Toyota
100 Cars for Good Program



Welcome, New Members!

West Side Church welcomed the following new members during worship on Sun., Jun. 26:



Tyler Case



Rebecca Datin



David Dye



John & Sue Finch



Vincent & Sally Fitzpatrick



Joe Reynolds



Eric Simpson



Elise Smith



Wendy Thomson



Dave VanLeuven



Braeden Welsch

Meet The Pastors. New to West Side?



Come for lunch with the pastors
Sun., Jul. 31, 12:30 pm, WS North
Coffee Area/Narthex.

Help A Local Family In Need. A fire displaced a local family, and they desperately need clothing (sizes-shirt/pants/shoe): father-large/36x30/8, Mother-large/10-11/9-1/2, 16yr old boy-medium/34x30/9-1/2, 14yr old boy-small/14 husky/9-1/2, 9yr old boy-boy 10-12/8/3 youth, 6yr old boy-boy 7-8/7/13 child, 5-month old boy-6-9 months/2 baby. Drop off donations in either narthex.

HELP

The Bulletin Board

Summer Is Here! We welcome



your extra veggies/
fruit from your gar-
dens for the Sunday

Morning Produce Table in WS North. The congregation enjoys the fresh food, and a monetary donation is asked which goes to local agencies with people in need.



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