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Jesus Loves You!

By Rev. Ralph Kieneker

Jesus loves *you*! Jesus loves you totally and completely! Jesus thinks you're great! There is never a time He doesn't love you! When you make a mess of your life, He loves you! When you blow your top, yelling and screaming, He loves you! When your mind wanders in the shadows of dark and terrible thoughts, Jesus loves you! Jesus' love for you is constant because it is complete. Jesus loves you when you are selfless and giving! He loves you just as much when you are self-absorbed, self-righteous, and just plain selfish! Jesus loves you when you are patient and kind to others, but He also loves you when you're inconsiderate and short-tempered! There is nothing you can do to stop Jesus from loving you! There is nothing you can do that would make Jesus love you more! Jesus loves you!

For some reason, believing that Jesus unconditionally loves me is always so hard to keep in my grasp. Maybe it's because we live in a world that functions according to earned approval that we forget that God dispenses gifts and not wages. Believing that Jesus loves you or me isn't merely knowing with our intellects, we need to have a knowledge that permeates our hearts, our feelings, and our experiences. The greatest theologian of the twentieth century was Karl Barth. When he came to America, huge crowds of students and scholars greeted him. At a press conference at the University of Chicago, one student asked, "Dr. Barth, what is the most profound truth you have learned in your studies?" Fluent in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, the author of over 500 books, articles and papers, and the most respected theologian in the world, Barth responded without hesitation, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so."

Jesus loves you; this is the most important truth any one of us has. One theory proposed by sociologists is called the looking-glass self: you become what the most important person in your life (wife, parent, friend, etc.) thinks you are. Brennan Manning once posed the question, "What do you think the apostle John would give as his primary identity in life?" Do you think he would say he was a disciple, an apostle, the author of the fourth Gospel, an evangelist, or the brother of James? Manning said that he believed the apostle John—identified in the Gospels as "the one Jesus loved"—would have said "I am the one Jesus loves." I believe he's right. I also believe that this is what each and every one of us can say, "I am the one Jesus loves!"

Imagine how your life would change if you truly believed all the things the Bible says about Jesus' love for you. Imagine if your identity was shaped by the conviction that you "are the one Jesus loves," and there is nothing you can do to make Jesus love you more or less, how differently would you view yourself? Sometimes, we just need to be reminded of what is most important, and this is it – Jesus loves you!

Blessings in Christ, Ralph

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Have YOU Been Baptized?

Baptism is an important part of the Christian Faith. If you feel you or your child are ready to enter into this Sacrament, please contact the church office or a pastor. To ensure a meaningful baptism, we have each candidate and/or family meet with a pastor before Baptism. We have several Sundays set apart for Baptism, the first being Jun. 12, 9:00 am in worship, or 11:00 am at Worship in the Park (Leslie Groves Park).

Other dates to consider include: Jul. 3 at Ingalls Creek and Sept. 4 at Fall Worship in the Park.

A detailed brochure of CFM's summer activities will come out the Friday of Vacation Bible School (Jun. 24).

Sun., Jun. 5-Move Up Sunday (WS North)
Your Kindergarten and 5th Grade children will not want to miss this special day. All grade school children "move up" to their new Sunday School Class.

Sun., Jun. 12-NO Sunday School, Baptism in the Park Weekend
Worship at 9:00 am (WS South) or 11:00 am (Leslie Groves Park) and then join us for a picnic in the park.

Sun., Jun. 12-Meet the Trainees (Leslie Groves Park)
Meet the Trainees and play children's games at 12:30 pm.

Sun., Jun. 19-Summer Sunday School Begins (WS North)
Come see what fun activities we have in store on Sunday mornings. 1st-5th grades will be with the Trainees.

Mon.-Fri., Jun. 20-24-Vacation Bible School, PandaMania (WSN)
Psalm 139 comes to life as kids learn they are God's most precious creation. In return, kids will learn to give thanks to God for all he does.

Wed., Jun. 29-1st "Wild Wednesday" for Elementary Kids
Every Wednesday this summer from 2:00-4:00 pm, the CFM Trainees will plan an activity for K-5th grade children. This is a fun way for your child to meet new friends and build their relationship with God.

Thurs., Jun. 30-1st Preschool Playdate
CFM Trainees and Parent Connection are partnering together this summer to put on Preschool Playdates (Thursdays from 9:15-11:15 am). We will rotate between the WSN Courtyard and various local parks.

Summer Youth Deputation 2011

By Rick Pratt

The West Side Youth are continuing to prepare for their deputation trip to Camden New Jersey (July 16-26) in support of the UrbanPromise ministry. Deputation trips are opportunities to experience God at work, to stretch personal faith, and equip youth to become ambassadors for Christ every day. The team-building process, service opportunities, and the Job Bank efforts are unifying these amazing students.

Deputation Auction. Our primary fundraiser is the **Deputation Auction Wed., Jun. 15, 6:00 pm**, WS Activity Center. Dessert will be served and childcare provided. The students will be calling many of you to "Save the Date" and find out if you would be willing to attend and/or contribute an item to the auction.

Sponsorship. You can also support our Deputation Team by sponsoring one of the team members. Sponsorship is an opportunity to participate personally and spiritually with a team member who will meet with you prior to our departure to Camden to share about themselves and their prayer requests. You will receive correspondence from them during and after the trip. Contact 967.5060 for Sandra (sandra_critchlow@frontier.com) or Steve (steve.critchlow@frontier.com) for more information or to say "YES! I want to be a Youth Deputation Sponsor!!"

Senior Adult Ministry

FOF-Folks Over Fifty potluck dinner Fri., Jun. 3, 5:45 pm, WS South Upper Room. Come for this thought-provoking discovery as we watch a video of the "real" Mt. Sinai. Bring a main dish, salad, or dessert, your table service, and a friend. Bring your own table service. Questions-George and Edna Sehmel.

Person To Person lunch Mon, Jun. 13 and 27, 12:00 pm, WS North Narthex. Call the Church Office (946.4656) if you need a ride.

Women's Ministry

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

Sarah Circle potluck salad lunch Wed., Jun. 8, 11:30 am, WS North. Come with a salad to share. We will see how the new kitchen works, have a devotion time, and enjoy a few surprises.

Men's Ministry

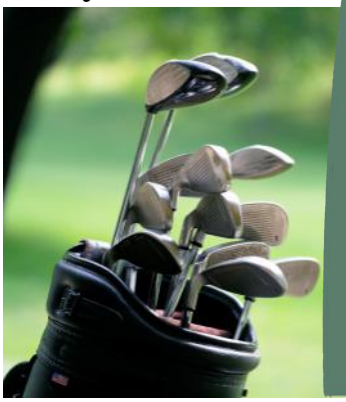
Men's Bible Study meets Wednesdays, 6:00 am, at Harvey Huisingh's (2018 George Washington Way, Richland). For more information, call Harvey (943.9326).

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, meet for lunch Wed., Jun. 8, 11:30 am, Sterlings.

Men's Softball. Come cheer us for us on Tuesdays at the Pasco Sporting Complex (Road 68): Jun. 7 at 6:30 pm (field #2) and Jun. 14 at 9:00 pm (field #3).

Men's Golf. Next outing is Fri., Jun. 10 at Canyon Lakes (Kennewick). Tee time is 7:30 am, and we will be asking for two tee times. There is tournament play, so so we will have a shotgun start. Contact Gene Dudley (943.4524 or doright71@charter.net). Make your decision early and let Gene know!



Congregational Forums

Proposal for Equipping the Congregation in Response to the Denominational Issues

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm (childcare provided)

Jun. 8-Forum on a Christian's Response to Homosexuality (WSN)

Jun. 22-Forum on the Changes and Conflict within our Denomination (WSS)

Jun. 29-Forum on What Does All This Mean for West Side Church and Central Washington Presbytery (WSN)

Special Congregational Meeting

Sun., Jun. 5, immediately following the 9:45 worship service

Purpose: To act on the proposal to buy West Side Activity Center by Gather4Him Ministries.

Making A Difference - Trainee Ministry 2011

By Heather Smith & Rebecca Datin

It is the 50th year of Trainee Ministry at West Side Church, but that has not slowed down our work, thoughts, and prayers on building the 2011 Trainee Team. We are excited to introduce you to our eight new trainees who will join a legacy of hundreds who have gone before them in making a difference for the Kingdom of God. Our 2011 Trainees are coming to us from four different states and many different universities. This year we are in need of transportation for several of our trainees; if you have a car you are not using this summer, would you consider lending it to this ministry? If so, contact Jeremy Fox (628.0551) or Rozalind Rodgers (967.2307). And now let us introduce you to the 2011 Trainees (name, current school, hometown):

CFM Children & Family

Abby Craig
University of Washington
Richland, WA

Kendra Leggett
Whitworth University
Richland, WA

Catherine Masterson
North Park University
Lincoln, NE

MS Middle School

Stephen Jackson
Central WA University
Kent, WA

Kalli Watson
Whitworth University
San Diego, CA

HS High School

Adam Ogg
Whitworth University
Ojai, CA

Bethany Roeschley
North Park University
Chicago, IL

From Generation To Generation - 50 Years of Faithfulness

By Marcie Jacques

1961 was a good year. The Beatles made their first appearance at the Cavern Club in Liverpool. Yo-yos were the hottest new pastime. Mr. Ed, Pampers, and the electric toothbrush made their debut. And West Side Church began a legacy of nurturing and training Christian servant leaders through a summer internship program.

2011 marks the 50-year anniversary of the Trainee Ministry. Originally called Summer Staffers, college-aged men and women have been an integral part of West Side summers since 1961, serving our church family and community in a wide variety of ways, building relationships with all ages, and being trained and mentored in servant leadership.

During the weekend of Aug. 5-7, West Side is hosting a 50th anniversary celebration. It will be a weekend of great fun—music, food, worship, and terrific people (Steve Hayner, John and Martha Zimmerman, Bob and Suzi Paul, not to mention our wonderful pastoral staff)! We've invited former Summer Staffers/Trainees and hope that you, the congregation, will join in as well.

To sign up for the reunion/celebration, please pick up a registration form at the Welcome Station, Church Office, or online at www.westside1.org/serve/traineeministry. The registration fee covers Saturday's events at Richland High School, including a continental breakfast, reunion gathering with Steve Hayner, and a catered lunch. A barbecue dinner at Flat Top Park (West Richland) is planned for that evening. Completed registrations can be left in the Trainee Reunion mailbox in the Church Office or mailed to West Side Church (Attn: Trainee Reunion, 615 Wright Ave., Richland, WA 99352). For planning purposes, registrations are due no later than Fri., Jul. 1!

There is excitement brewing for this time of celebration and thanksgiving. We hope to see YOU there!

Summer Sundays

Adult Discipleship & Christian Growth Opportunities

9:45-10:45 am - WS South Upper Room
Jun. 5 - Ruthie Stoscher & Children, Alongside Ministries, Albania
Jun. 12 - NO Sunday School - Two Services 9:00 & 11:00 am
Jun. 19 - Nancy Stadjuhar, The Persecuted & Suffering Church Around the World Today
Jun. 26 - Rev. Faye Serene, Parenting: Attachment Theory
Jul. 3 - NO Sunday School - One Service 10:00 am
Jul. 10 - Julie Solbrack, WSU Pullman Chi Alpha Campus Ministry: Preparing for College
Jul. 17 - Tamara Brown, Parenting: A Mother's Journey to Find Healthy Alternatives to the SAD (Standard American Diet)
Jul. 24 - Gene Dudley, Dennis McQuerry, & Others, Benton County Jail & Coyote Ridge Prison Ministries
Jul. 31 - Rev. Faye Serene, Parenting: Happy, Healthy Families - A Process in Action

9:45-10:45 am - WS North Room 7 - Jun. 19-Jul. 31
Praying Together: Instruction & Practice; Ron Severtsen et al

9:45-10:45 am - WS South Green Carpet Room - June & July
GAP: Get Acquainted Place; Reich's & Johnson's

11:15 am-12:15 pm - WS South Upper Room - June & July
Cross-Currents: Post HS, College & Young Career; Dan Wodrich & Dale Rodgers

NO Sunday School for the month of August

Breathe, Play, Worship, & Fellowship Together

Aug. 7 - 50 Year Summer Staff/Trainee Reunion - One Service 10:00 am at Richland High School
Aug. 14 - Trainee Sunday - Two Services 9:00 & 11:00 am
Aug. 21 & 28 - Two Services 9:00 & 11:00 am
Sept. 4 - One Service 10:00 am
Sept. 11 - Fall Kick-off!

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs
Special Cong. Mtg **Sun., Jun. 5** Following 9:45 service. Purpose: To act on proposal to buy WS Activity Center by Gather4Him Ministries.	**Youth Deputation Auction - Jun. 15** 6:00 pm-WS Activity Ctr (childcare provided) Join us for dessert as we support our Youth Deputation Team as they prepare to serve with UrbanPromise Ministry in Camden, New Jersey.		**1** Men's Bible Study 6:00am -Huisingh's Knitters' Group 1:00pm-WSS Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN Deacons 7:00pm-WSN	Early Birds Bible 6:10am-Tibbat Pure Desire 4:30 Worship Team 7 College/Young Study 7:00pm-
5 Worship: CS & Children's Church 8:15am-WSS CS & Sunday School 9:45am-WSS TS 11:15am-WSN **Cong Mtg 11:00am-WSS** Stoscher Missions Potluck 12:30pm-WSN	**6** Cub Scouts 6:30pm-WSS Boy Scouts 7:00pm-WSAC	**7** Adult Bible Study 10:30am -WSN Worship Mtg 7:00pm-WSN	**8** Men's Bible Study 6:00am -Huisingh's Sarah Circle 11:30am-TBD Sarah Squares 11:30am Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN Youth Worship 4:00pm-WSS Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN **Congregational Forum 6:30pm -WSN**	Early Birds Bible 6:10am-Tibba Fellowship Mtg Pure Desire 4:30 Missions Counci Worship Team 7 College/Young Study 7:00pm-
12 **Pentecost Worship:** CS & Children's Church 9:00am-WSS Worship & Baptisms in the Park: 11:00am-Leslie Groves Park Followed by a Potluck 	**13** Person to Person 12:00pm -WSN	**14** Adult Bible Study 10:30am -WSN Youth Mtg 6:30pm-WSN Child Security Training 6:30pm -WSN Property Mtg 7:00pm-WSN	**15** Men's Bible Study 6:00am -Huisingh's Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN **Deputation Auction 6:00pm-WSAC**	Pure Desire 4:30 Worship Team 7 College/Young Study 7:00pm-
19 Worship: CS & Children's Church 8:15am-WSS CS & Sunday School 9:45am-WSS TS 11:15am-WSN Meet the Staff 12:30pm-WSS 	**20** **VBS 9:00am-12:00pm**	**21** SERVANT Newsletter Deadline 5:00pm-WSN	**22** Men's Bible Study 6:00am -Huisingh's Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN **Congregational Forum 6:30pm -WSS**	Fellowship Mtg 2 Pure Desire 4:30 Missions Prayer 6 Worship Team 7 College/Young Study 7:00pm-
26 Worship: CS & Children's Church 8:15am-WSS CS & Sunday School 9:45am-WSS TS 11:15am-WSN **Camp Ghormley (HS)**	**27** Church Office-CLOSED Person to Person 12:00pm -WSN	**28** Session 6:30pm-WSN Property Mtg 7:00pm-WSN	**29** Men's Bible Study 6:00am -Huisingh's Wild Wednesdays (gr.K-5) 2:00pm-TBD Tool Time 3:00pm-WSN Facilities Mtg 5:15pm-WSN **Congregational Forum 6:30pm -WSN**	Preschool Playd 9:15am-WSN Pure Desire 4:30 Worship Team 7 College/Young Study 7:00pm-

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ate pm-WSS :00pm-WSS Career Bible -Evans' ->	**30**	

Vacation Bible School - Jun. 20-24

Register online at www.westsidel.org!

Contact Kim Tucker (628.2500) to volunteer!!

June

Quick Notes

Missions Council

Welcome Stoschers! Mark and Ruthie Stoscher and their children will be joining us for Sunday worship services on Jun. 5. Mark will be preaching and Ruthie and the children will be participating Adult Sunday School in WS South Upper Room during the 9:45 am Education Hour. The Stoschers are currently missionaries in Erseka, Albania with Alongside .

There will be a potluck meal for the Stoschers at 12:30 pm in WS North following the last service. They are excited for the chance to share about their work in Albania and to catch up with those who support them and have been to Albania on short-term mission trips. Please join us and hear about the exciting work God is doing in Albania through

Mark and Ruthie and their ministry partners in Erseka.

Amy Schammert Commissioning Service Sat., Jun. 25, 2:00 pm, WS North Sanctuary. West Side Church Missions Council invites you to attend a Commissioning Service for Amy Schammert as we launch her into service with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Orlando, Florida. A reception will follow.

Wycliffe® *Partners in Bible Translation*

We would be honored to have your presence as we celebrate and acknowledge God's call and Amy's response to service.

Parenting Differences

Mali moms are in constant physical contact.

Infants have cloth slings instead of strollers & bobbing backs in place of car seats. Crying is rare & smiled at rather than frowned upon. Yet, fathers' affections are not openly expressed. As you notice babies around you, will you ponder cultural values, comparing ways we build our relationships--both as parents & children ourselves?

McIntosh Memorial Library

McIntosh Memorial **Library** mmlibrary.org

New Titles for Parents and Grandparents.

Bringing up Boys, by James Dobson. This classic Dobson title complements his newer *Bringing up Girls*, also in the library.

Six Ways to Keep the "Little" in Your Girl, by Dannah Gresh. Especially for parents of tween girls - when the world wants girls to grow up too fast, how do you help your daughter navigate boy craziness, modesty, body image, media, and Internet safety?

Connect with Your Grandkids, by Cheri Fuller. Creative ideas for building heart-to-heart relationships with grandchildren.

New Adventures in Odyssey. *The Truth Chronicles* contains 11 exciting adventures inspired by Focus on the Family's Truth Project. The library also has lots of other audio books for summer fun at home and on the road.

Books About Books. Looking for ideas for summer reading? Three new books offer hundreds of suggestions for kids, teens and women. See them at the new book display in the library or read "Books About Books" online at mmlibrary.org.

The library is located in WS North in Room 2-4. It's open when the room is not being used by other groups and classes. We welcome your suggestions: talk to Pam Cadd or Susan Carbaugh, or email staff@mmlibrary.org.

Alpha - 2010-11 Program Summary and The Summer Invitation

By Rev. Karel Coppock

This has been a rewarding year for Alpha. My personal perspective is that the ministry has never been healthier.

We end the academic year with gratitude for what God has been doing among us:

- For the first time we have an **Alpha Prayer Group** on Tuesday nights with not only a high level of commitment, but weekly training and solid leadership. We have had committed intercessors, but until now we've lacked training and leadership, and this has hindered our ability to enfold new members in the prayer group and build upon gifts God has given us. Ron Severtson and Roy Janysek have led this time. We are looking forward to more training in the fall. This committed group allows us to think more aggressively in a spiritual fashion for the up building of the church as a whole, not to speak of our own Alpha ministry.

- Our two evening Alpha sessions have been followed each quarter by healthy, committed **Beta groups**. A Beta group is a group of Alpha grads listening to Nicky Gumbel's Sermon on the Mount (18 talks in all). This has allowed a rolling integration of new Alpha grads each session, as only 9 talks are used each quarter. The spring group in particular formed friendships in sharing and prayer, and many of them wish to continue as a Life Group. This streamlines with ministry goals that mirror those of our session and pastoral staff. We have what looks like a means to enfold new people, join them together in friendship and mutual commitment, and move them on to further growth within the church.

- We experimented with an **International Table** using material especially adapted for those who struggle with English. Phil Bullard was the teacher and his wife Carolina recruited the guests. It is good to see how God used this. As we were unable to finish, we are in conversation about continuing the class on Sundays. We will continue to refine this practice, giving it another go in the fall. We have seen guests open up, form friendships, and draw closer to God. In a beautiful touch of God's grace, a church we partner with in Mali is using the same ESOL material and has seen some lovely fruit.

- **Women's Alpha** saw much the same kind of follow-through we saw in the evening Alpha. Beginning with a Beta course in the fall, my wife Julie and Tamara Brown brought a new Christian alongside them as a helper and at least one of the guests has accompanied them to Morning Glory with a desire for further growth. We are praying this forward movement can become a pattern in future women's Alpha. We want to see new Christians consistently enfolded into new or existing ministries so a clear step forward is provided for each within our own church.

- **Prison Alpha** has seen solid growth. At **Coyote Ridge Correctional Center,** the largest prison in the State, 100-120 inmates attend Alpha. Many say this is the highlight of their week. "I was in prison and you visited me" is a concrete reality in that place, and Dennis McQuerry, Roy Janysek, and Roger Hales who travel with me to help facilitate this ministry can attest to the gratitude we experience. At **Camp Outlook,** Craig Seal, Beth Carothers, and Jay Whitman bring Alpha to juvenile offenders where they are able to establish a degree of personal contact and affection for these needy youth that is less possible at the more populous Coyote Ridge; and for that reason, perhaps, even more effective.

- Finally, we are excited at the prospect of a summer **Invitation to Alpha** in our area beginning in August. Our Tri-Cities team, consisting of two leaders from Central Church, the Alpha leader at Bethel, and our own Larry Rigsby and Adrianne Deen, have worked with me in establishing the goal of raising awareness of Alpha in our area by the use of pop-ups on Facebook and Twitter, as well as lawn signs. In late July and early August, we will have lawns signs available with the question: **"IS THERE MORE TO LIFE?"** The signs include a reference to the national website where our courses will be listed. Trinity Lutheran might be using the International material with immigrant families. Prosser First Presbyterian will probably be using the Alpha marriage course which we will advertise as well. Please take a sign for your yard. Who knows what a simple step like that will mean in the life of a person or couple driving by?

We are deeply thankful for what God is doing among us. I am keenly aware of the commitment of our kitchen team, our group leaders in Alpha and Beta, our evangelism chair—Rick Grandy—the encouragement of our staff, and each person who contributes time and prayer to making this ministry the pleasure it is. I wish you could experience for yourself the tangible joy we feel when we gather together.

A Sabbatical Summer For The Coppocks

By Karel & Julie Coppock

One of the gracious mercies of our God is that He understands the need for rest and refreshment. After crowds had worn them out and a stint of evangelism in villages two by two had further tired them, Jesus suggested to his disciples that they, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31). This was not a new concept. Written into the week from the beginning of Creation was the concept of rest and renewal; and this was further extended in Leviticus to a full year of rest every seven (Leviticus 25).

It is one of the blessings of working in the Presbyterian ministry that a sabbatical rest is encouraged for ordained staff every seven years. I have never taken advantage of this and at the suggestion of our pastor Ralph and the staff committee have agreed, with some hesitancy, to three months beginning Jun. 1. I'm happy to say that several very positive perspectives await me. From Jun. 26-Jul. 9, I will enjoy two weeks of study at Regent College in Vancouver, B.C., studying the "Spirituality in the Life and Thought of the Church Fathers". Among those included in the class curriculum are St. Antony, John Cassian and John Chrysostom, but we'll be surveying the period up through the 6th century so others should show up as well. I'm delighted.

In late, late July, our family will leave for France for three weeks. This is a gift of God: a small cottage has been provided free of charge as well as a little car during our stay. We'll be deep in farmland and woods within the northern edge of the Dordogne--one of the most beautiful areas of France. We're particularly thankful for these weeks as shortly upon returning we'll be seeing Robin off to college. This will be a last and merciful time with him before he launches out on his own personal journey to adulthood and independence.

I also hope to find a week somewhere in June or July for personal reading and study as I plan to continue building a lecture series on the first 20 centuries of history of the Church. There is a chance I'll be called to use this in the coming fall or winter. Then there are the inevitable tasks to be done around the home which are forever being put off. That will also be a mercy.

Does some of this not look like rest? Well, reading and study are rest for me. We may also take one or two fun trips to Seattle to see our eldest and take in a show or two. I like what lies ahead and hope that it won't disappear too quickly. I'm already dreading it coming to an end, but Ralph tells me that, quite aside from a sabbatical, I have vacation coming, so that may well figure at the end of the fall quarter in December. It looks good to me.

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. Don't worry, we will resurface, much refreshed, we hope, and eager to serve.

With blessings, Karel and Julie Coppock

Fields Of Grace Gleaning Ministry

We partner with area farmers to harvest donated produce for local food banks. Since our beginning at West Side Church in 2006, we have provided nearly 1,000,000 servings of fresh fruits and vegetables!

We have the chance to win a new Toyota truck through **Toyota's 100 Cars for Good** program. We can harvest an additional 80,000 servings if we win—but we need YOUR help!

Vote for us on Jul. 5 before 9:00 pm! You can only vote that day, but you can go to their Facebook page, check out our video, and click "Remind me to vote". If you don't have a Facebook account, you will need to set one up to vote (www.facebook.com).

To vote on Jul. 5, go to www.facebook.com/Toyota, click "Vote today", click "View contestants", click "Search by name" and "F", and click on "Fields of Grace."

Upcoming events:

- Sat., Jul. 2-Possible gleaning event (stay tuned for more details)
- Tues., Jul. 5-Vote for Fields of Grace in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program
- Sun., Jul. 10-Training session for new volunteers, 7:00 pm, West Side Church

Questions? Contact us at 392.1455 or www.fields-of-grace.com. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Clerk Of Session Report - April/May 2011

By Ken Swinth

During the past two months, the Session had two regular meetings; two Special Session meetings, held a meeting with the Congregation and met in a mini-retreat. Raising money for the Mali well project (highlighted by the "Walk for Water") has been successful in raising $35K which translates to $70K with matching funds. Session identified four nominees for the Pastor Nominating Committee who were later approved at the Congregational meeting on May 15. Session also identified two Session members, Bob Macduff and Manny DeLeon, to represent Session on the committee. Some of the additional items considered at the session meetings include: hiring of a full time Youth Intern, Erica Cox; approval of several fundraising efforts for the Deputation team; review of WSS sound system; hiring a company to improve the WSS sound system (paid by private donation); dealing with confusion in the narthexes (ongoing); staff cell phone reimbursement policy; new sales terms for West Side Activity Center; mid-year salary increases; denominational issues; etc.

The routine business of our last few session meetings has been interrupted by concern over changes going on at the national level. A recent vote of our national organization, PCUSA, has opened the way for local presbyteries to ordain and place practicing homosexuals in leadership roles. This is a major shift in our denomination that represents deeper problems of theology and practice that have divided our national fellowship. The vote was anticipated, and Session is looking at ways in which we should respond. We are in contact with the local Presbytery, who oppose the changes, and with local clergy. Ralph has written a position paper which has been shared not only with Session but with local clergy. Session has made plans to send individuals to a meeting in Minneapolis (Fellowship PCUSA) to meet with a group who share our theological views. We are seeking to follow the Lord's will for us as we stand as a witness to the denomination and the world. Session is planning to inform the congregation of the changes and the potential impact through a series of congregational forums in June (see ad on pg. 4).

One of the Special Session meetings was simply to set a Congregational meeting (Jun. 5) to approve revised terms for the sale of the WS Activity Center. This does not affect the price and the terms are favorable to the church. The second meeting was to examine and welcome 10 new members to the church. Some were not available, and Session will meet with them later.

Session also met in a mini-retreat which was a continuation of the off-site retreat held in February. We spent the time exploring the book, "Mansions of the Heart," watched a related video, and participated in a conference call with the author. This examination of our own spiritual formation process is exciting, and we will hopefully develop a meaningful way to share it with the Congregation.

The Bulletin Board

Bread Breakers Survey deadline is Sun., Jun. 5. If you have not completed your online survey, do so today! We'd love your feedback as we plan the 2012 Bread Breakers. If you need the survey link or have questions, email kellyrauh@gmail.com ASAP. No access to email? Call Kelly (582.3245) and speak slowly and clearly please.

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