



THE EVANGEL

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Over 100 Years!

STEELE CABLES

April 2011



"Walk God's Way"

Sermons for Sunday Worship

April 3: "Lamb of God"
John 1:29-32

April 10: "Prince of Peace"
John 14:25-27 Phil. 4:4-7

April 17: "Savior"
John 7:1-44

April 24: "Jesus Lives"
John 20:11-18

STEELE CABLES

Before us are two scenes, giving us the story of our Lenten journey. Both scenes have an old, rugged cross, but what a difference there is between the two images!

At the foot of the cross in the first scene, we find darkness and shadows. Jesus' friends are there, taking down his body from the cross for burial. Jesus' mother, stands near, gazing sorrowfully at the dead form of her beloved son. How she had loved him and what high expectations she had for him, but now all was lost! Here was finality, an end to hope. Or so it seemed.

At the foot of the cross in the second scene, we see the open door of a sepulcher – a tomb. Time has passed and it is now the first day of the following week. Some women have come to anoint Jesus' body, but it was not there. The tomb was open, but it was empty! They receive a message that the one they seek is not dead, but risen to life. This good news changes the earlier darkness into light. Jesus is

alive!

The ending has become a new beginning

The cross, so the hymn goes, is "an emblem of suffering and shame," but it pays to stand at the foot of that cross. It is a place where changes take place. Suffering and darkness is turned to gladness by God's holy light.

There is plenty of darkness in our world. Innocent people suffer. Friends we have trusted let us down. Life is hard, but at the foot of the cross we learn that hope can be reborn.

God has a resurrected life ready for us. This does not deny that crosses exist. Suffering is still present, but God carries us beyond the suffering. There is more to life than a cross and a tomb. There comes from God a holy light, the light of new life. Jesus lives and so do we.

We can receive this holy light, this new life and we can share it with others, bringing them to the living Christ, the messenger of God's love.

Jesus lives!

Christ has risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

See you at church -

Pastor Jerry



Holy Week Services

Apr. 17: Palm Sunday

Apr. 21: Maundy Thursday

Apr. 22: Good Friday

Apr. 24: Easter Celebration



iGive website

Help raise funds for North Bend UMC by shopping online at www.iGive.com. Hundreds of stores to choose from. A percentage of your purchase is remitted back to our church.

Fight Hunger – 2 Websites

www.thehungersite.com

One click and you can help fight hunger. Just follow the directions once you google the website.

www.freerice.com

Increase your vocabulary and help feed the poor at the same time.

Ecumenical Community Food Cup Board - T.H.E. House –

Women’s Resource Shelter –

Donations are always needed for these three worthy organizations. Please bring your items to worship the first Sunday of the month or anytime during the week.



MEAL KIT PACK NEEDS

Volunteers need to help re-stock our kit supplies. Please continue to donate whenever possible.

New bags will be available to hand out from the basket in the Fireside Room.

YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations:

... Matthew Dirk, Kyleray Katherman for their outstanding achievements in their recent speech / forensic competitions at State and well wishes as they head to nationals.

... Kyleray Katherman has been invited to attend the West Point Academy.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Meets in the Women’s Center and begins at 10:45 a.m. There is fellowship and refreshments beforehand. All are welcome!

THURSDAY BROWN BAG DISCUSSIONS

Thursdays at Noon! Bring your lunch ... join us for conversations on contemporary activities and their relationship to the Bible. Located in the small Conference Room.

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT



Income through March
(\$29,791.52)

Need to Date:
\$30,006.00

God of abundant grace,
We thank You for reminding us of our true identity as Your servants and stewards of Your mysteries. Please bless our offerings as an expression of our true identity. And please help us to seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, trusting that You will continue to pour out the mysteries of Your grace upon us and through us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(from Radical Gratitude)

Your Finance Team

Japan Aid: to help with recovery efforts, please bring your checks to the church office or place in the offering plates. Make them payable to North Bend UMC and in the memo line write “Pacific Recovery”

TRUSTEES REPORT

Pew arrangements: Some of the sanctuary pews have been rearranged in order to accommodate persons in wheelchairs and let them now sit within the rows without having to transfer from their wheelchair.

Thanks to Jim Kloster, Bill Harvey and Jim Batdorff, John Brown for their work.

A general contractor has been engaged to repair the dry rot problem on the exterior wall of the east side of the sanctuary. Work will commence once the weather

cooperates.



April

- 1 Vicki Morgan
- 2 Nick Salisbury
- 3 Lois Sandberg
- 14 Danielle French
- 24 Justin Grimes
- 25 Julie Schaefer
- 27 Renee Harrel
- 28 Judy Swenson
- 29 Devon Carter
- 30 Erma Gerber

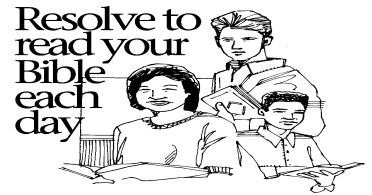
None on file
for this
month.



Care and Share Families - April

- Week of Apr. 3: Ruby Pusich
93619 Bluebird Lane
North Bend, OR 97459
541.756.1907
- Week of Apr. 10: Katherine Robinson
2290 Inland Point #14
North Bend, OR 97459
- Week of Apr. 17: Sam & Kelley Rowe
Dylan & Olivia
P.O. Box 3184
Coos Bay, OR 97423
541.290.4626 (c)
- Week of Apr. 24: Tim & Carol Salisbury
Nick
2880 14th St.
North Bend, OR 97459
541.756.1894

Daily Devotions



Continues the series of reading the books of the Bible as they were written historically, according to the estimated date of their writing.

- Apr. 1 Deuteronomy 32-34
- Apr. 2 Joshua 1-4
- Apr. 3 Joshua 5-8
- Apr. 4 Joshua 9-11
- Apr. 5 Joshua 12-15
- Apr. 6 Joshua 16-18
- Apr. 7 Joshua 19-21
- Apr. 8 Joshua 22-24
- Apr. 9 Judges 1-2
- Apr. 10 Judges 3-5
- Apr. 11 Judges 6-7
- Apr. 12 Judges 8-9
- Apr. 13 Judges 10-12
- Apr. 14 Judges 13-15
- Apr. 15 Judges 16-18
- Apr. 16 Judges 19-21
- Apr. 17 1 Samuel 1-3
- Apr. 18 1 Samuel 4-8
- Apr. 19 1 Samuel 9-12
- Apr. 20 1 Samuel 13-14
- Apr. 21 1 Samuel 15-17
- Apr. 22 1 Samuel 18-20
- Apr. 23 1 Samuel 21-24
- Apr. 24 1 Samuel 25-27
- Apr. 25 1 Samuel 28-31
- Apr. 26 2 Samuel 1-3
- Apr. 27 2 Samuel 4-6
- Apr. 28 2 Samuel 7-10
- Apr. 29 2 Samuel 11-13
- Apr. 30 2 Samuel 14-15



OTHER CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to Our Graduates:

Dedee Peterson:

SWOCC, Assoc. Degree Nursing

Nick Salisbury: B.B.A

Gonzaga University

Zach Martin:

SWOCC

Kyleray Katherman:

North Bend High School

GO CAMPING – 2011

Summer camps are now taking registrations. There are camps for all ages ... from grandparents to elementary, from fly fishing to knitting, from music to drama, from central Idaho to a variety of places around Oregon.

Check with the church office for more information or log onto:

www.gocamping.org



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Important Dates

- >April 2 meeting is in Roseburg
Southern District UMW Enrichment program for all women--
contact Sharon Smith at 541.982. 2434,
- >May 7--possible visit to Crossroads Cafe
- >June 4 --picnic at Margaret Wauer's home
- >July--School of Christian Mission, no regular meeting
- >August --no meeting
- >Sept. 3--Program from School of Christian Mission
- >October 1--Program concerning Social Action problems
- >November 5--World Thank Offering
- >December 3--North Bend Advent Tea

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

FCE meets the third Thursday of the month at 10am, programs are at 10:45am or 11am. All men and women are invited to attend the programs:

- >April 21--Seafood--what to buy and recipes
- >May 19--Life of Middle Eastern Women--How do they live and recipes
- >June 16--a picnic--Simpson Park
- >July and August no meetings
- >September 15--picnic with Catching Inlet Unit--Simpson Park--Program
- >Service or Therapy animal-- and dogs will be brought to show how and where they serve
- >October 20--Rein It In, Dear--Tips & strategies to harness the eating frenzy at the holidays
- >November 11--Why do some countries celebrate Dec.6? How important is Jan 6? Legends and traditions
- >December 15--Christmas party--bringing gifts for a local needy organization.
- >January 19, 2012--Pantry Pests and Bed Bugs--what are they and how do they affect us?

FCE Presents

"Vintage Kitchens – What's Old is New Again"

Friday, April 29

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

1290 Thompson Road

Coos Bay, OR

Keynote speaker: Arla Ford

Entertainment: Myrtle Point Show Choir

For more information contact:

Kay Davis at 541.572.2896

NBHS ARTS PROGRAM

"Night of Entertainment"

Where: SWOCC Performing Arts Center

When: May 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Purpose: fundraiser for the arts programs

What: a showcase of talent by students, including Devon Carter, Matthew Dirk, and Kyleray Katherman from our church congregation.

Kyleray and Devon are headed to Dallas, TX for nationals in Debate and will need travel expenses.

Needs: items for silent auction for small baskets, as well as large items that will be featured in the silent auction.

Thanks for helping our youth.

(See Lois & Bill Harvey or Mary Ann Lewellyn)

for more information or for pick up of items.)

REF Minutes – March

Calendar Dates:

April : next REF meeting 11:30 am
April 21: Maundy Thursday Worship 12:05 pm
April 22: Community Good Friday Worship
April 24: Easter Worship
June 12: Summer Beach Worship resumes
through Sept. 4
Sept. 11: “Back to Church” Sunday
resume Fall schedule
Oct. 29: Fall Festival
Nov. 20: All Church Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 27: Advent begins
Dec. 03: Advent Tea
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship

EASTER WRAPPED CANDY

To help with this year’s Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 24 donations of wrapped candy would be appreciated.

Please drop them off in the church office or bring them on Sundays when attending worship.

Thanks for your support!



ECUMENICAL FOOD CUPBOARD HELP

The Feinstein Grant is available to the local Ecumenical Food Cupboard again this year. All local donations received during April will go toward the grant.

Locally, the amount received from the grant will be determined by the gifts received during March and April. In 2010, EEFC received \$345.00 from the Feinstein grant. They are also allowing \$1.00 for each item of food or 1 pound of food.

We have many hungry people in our area. Please bring food and/or money gifts to help us. Thank you.

Jeanette Stonebraker

Administrative Council Minutes - March

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM with a prayer by John Brown.

Present Were: Carol Salisbury, Chairperson, Pastor Jerry, Mildred Spring, Vicki Morgan, Helen Dennison, Pauline and John Brown, Lois Harvey and Kim Davis.

Minutes--The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Jerry presented his thoughts on the duplication of efforts between the Ad Council and the REFS/UMPS group. Much of the same information is discussed at both meetings. He suggested that possibly the Ad Council become the “visioning committee” to talk about ways to make our church/congregation healthier.

Each person spoke to the pros and cons of this suggestion. After much discussion it was decided that for now: (1) The Ad Council continue discussing the business of the church, (2) REFS/UMPS go back to its original intent which was fundraising/social gatherings/outreach and (3) specific persons interested in this project be asked to serve on a visioning committee. It was suggested that Pastor Jerry preach a sermon on “visioning” so that church members can hear this first hand. Five or six names were suggested; however the congregation will be informed that Pastor Jerry is looking for interested persons to assist him in this endeavor. He stated that he has been going through training in this field and would love for our church to be on the cutting edge of this conference-wide program. Any interested persons should contact Pastor Jerry.

Due to the lateness of the hour, no other business was conducted.

Next Meeting: May 19th, 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Salisbury
Chairperson

NEW PLACES FOR NEW FACES

What if your church had a handful of trained lay people who were blessed and sent out in your neighborhood to plant a new faith community? What if your church had an opportunity to reach out to your family and friends who were spiritual but not religious?

The "what if" is blossoming into reality with the UMC Planting Network. This training walks with people who are discerning God's call to be harvest-hands and to live out that call. Our ultimate goal is to equip lay persons with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to plant United Methodist new faith communities in populations and settings in which traditional approaches have not proven fruitful.

This training takes place over 10 sessions held monthly on Saturdays starting this May and ending in May 2012. Each session is 6 hours in length. The Willamette Valley training will begin on May 4, 2011 at Morningside UMC in Salem from 10 am – 4 pm.

Is God calling you?

For more information, contact Rev. Beth Ann Estock at betthestock@yahoo.com or go to the Conference website www.umoi.org. To register, contact Turella Woods at Turella@umoi.org

LETTERS OF THANKS

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all of your cards and prayers. Your prayers are felt every day and are most appreciated.
Thank you for all the financial*

support. It is a blessing as we motor up and down I-5.

You are in our prayers.

*Jay and Julie
Schaefer*

**To All at the North Bend
UMC,**

**Thank you so much for
your**

**kindness and prayers
during this
difficult time.**

**The love and support
from**

**everyone has been so
uplifting.**

**I am recovering
and will continue
to do so thanks to
all of you.**

Sincerely,

**Stephanie
Kilmer**

To Our Church
Family -
Thank you so much
for the
outpouring of love
and support
during this time of
loss. We know
my sister Lorna is in
a better
place and enjoying
walking
and running with
Jesus.

Your cards, calls,
and prayers
were so appreciated,
and we love
our Church family.

Lois & Bill

Harvey

