



THE EVANGEL

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"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World"

STEELE CABLES

"I Heard a Word – 'You Can Do This'"

Jeremiah 1:4-10

B.B. King was born in 1925 in Mississippi. Growing up black in the South during the Great Depression wasn't easy. Life was always hard and often unfair. As a young man he traveled to Memphis where he heard such great blues guitarists as Lonnie Johnson, Elmer Jefferson, and Charlie Christian. King said his soul understood the music, and then he heard a word spoken: "You can do this." For almost 60 years, B.B. King has played the blues. He still records, performs, tours the world and even makes commercials. He doesn't compare himself to the legends he saw in Memphis, but he continues to play because he still hears that word that was spoken to him: "You can do this." (T. Connor, "Long Live the King," *Tulsa World*, February 1, 2002)

I believe there is a word spoken for all of us that allows us to play out our lives in a meaningful way. Jeremiah was a young man when he heard the Word of the Lord. For Jeremiah it was the call to be a prophet. It wouldn't be an easy job. He would be asked to pull up things and break down things, to call people into accountability, and to attack injustice. He would be asked to plant and build-up, to encourage people, and to sow seeds of hope. It was an awesome and difficult responsibility, and Jeremiah's response was predictable: "I don't know how."

To feel called to meaningful work, yet to feel totally inadequate is a common experience. We want to engage in a task that makes a difference, but we hold back because we are afraid. Our fear comes because we only know our human abilities; we forget that it is God calling us to a great work. God promises us strength and guidance.

In this way, we are like Moses who hears the voice from the burning bush, like Gideon thrashing wheat in the cave when the angel comes, like Isaiah grieving in the temple when God appears. Like all of them, we respond in unison, "Who me? I can't!" Left to our own knowledge and resources we are right, we can't. But the message that God gives to Jeremiah is the same one God gave to Moses, Gideon, and Isaiah, the same one God gives to you and me, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

God gives us a call and the guidance and strength to respond.

The season of Lent can be that time when we hear the Word of the Lord spoken: "You can do this." Like Jeremiah, our call is similar: "to pull up and break down, to call one another into accountability and to attack injustice; to plant and build up, to encourage people on their faith journeys, and to sow seeds of hope." And just like Jeremiah, we will likely find ourselves saying, "I don't know how." God tells us, as well, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

God gives us a call and the guidance and the strength to respond.

May we use this Lenten season to hear God calling us and to find the strength to go out and serve God accordingly.

See you at church -

Pastor Jerry

Finance Ministry Report



January Income: \$9,845.77
(need the 29th)
Needed to Date: \$10,250.00

Generous God,
You created us to make a difference in your beautiful world. Show us the people and the places where we can use our gifts to help others. Then put us to work. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

(from *Radical Gratitude & United Methodist Communications*)

Just a reminder: if you haven't returned your 2012 Faith Commitment card, please mail it to the church office or bring in to worship and place it in the offering plate. Your support helps our church's ministry to the community and one another

Care and Share Families - January

Week of Feb. 5: Greg & Jeanie Katherman
Kylaray and Jaimie
3847 Vista Drive
North Bend, OR 97459
541.756.1408

Week of Feb. 12: Alan & Francine Kelsey
Lochlin and Catherine
3486 Spruce
North Bend, OR 97459
541.756.0891

Week of Feb. 19: Doug & Sharon King
2289 State St.
North Bend, OR 97459
541.751.7888

Week of Feb. 26: Durel and Debby Kirby
Alison and Abigail
P.O. Box 496
North Bend, OR 97459
541.751.8453



5: Bob Burns	12: Alan Kelsey
6: Tim Salisbury	17: Willard Hayne
7: John Howland, Sr.	18: Scott Larson
8: Talitha McClary	19: Ed Swenson
8: John Spring	21: Janice McClary
9: Guy Lortie	22: Cathy Larson
9: AJ McClary	23: Becky Martin
9: DJ Dirk	23: Ruth Stringer



None on file



Fellowship Hall Stair Lift Update

It has been wonderful to have a stair lift for the Fellowship Hall and we hope to have it up and running soon. In the meantime, here is what has been discovered concerning its condition.

Last November the stair lift quit working. There had been previous difficulties with it as well. Initial investigation indicated problems with the batteries staying charged to run the chair. Part of the charging problem was due to no connection to an electrical wall outlet. Early estimates to make repairs were around \$300 - \$500 dollars.

However, upon closer inspection by professional stair lift technicians (Elevator Solutions Inc. from Portland and Integrated Elevator Services from Ashland), many more problems were discovered. Apparently, the whole unit was originally installed improperly. In addition to not having a connection and charging units to an electrical outlet, it has lacked proper brake stops at the top and bottom. Several other safety features are also missing.

As a public conveyance, it was never properly certified and it has lacked a State operating permit as well. According to the technicians, we could have faced fines between \$7,000- \$10,000 for not having a permit.

As firm costs are obtained to either repair or seek a replacement, the congregation will be kept informed. It will be great to get this important piece of equipment running again, allowing all persons to access our downstairs area for programs, dinners and other events.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Update: a recent estimate for bringing the stair lift into certified operation would be around \$4,500.00. A complete new unit would cost approximately \$7,000.00 to 8,000.00

Staff-Pastor Parish Relations

At the January meeting, the SPPR Committee has strongly recommended to Bishop Hoshibata and the District Office to retain Pastor Jerry for the upcoming 2012-2013 appointment year. All appointments are finalized by Bishop Hoshibata at the yearly Annual Conference held in June in Salem. Oregon.

REMINDER:

We will not longer be mailing the Evangel, except By request. We will continue to e-mail it out and we will run copies and place them in the entrance to the sanctuary for 1 week and then move them to the counter by the church office.

Daily Devotions



Weekly Lectionary

Week of February 5:

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

Week of February 12:

2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45

Week of February 19:

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

Lenten Reading Series Begins

Feb. 22 (Ash Wednesday): Joel 2:12-18

Feb. 23: Luke 9:22-25

Feb. 24: Isaiah 58:1-9

Feb. 25: Luke 5:27-32

Feb. 26: Genesis 9:8-15

Feb. 27: Leviticus 19:1-18

Feb. 28: Matthew 6:7-15

Feb. 29: Jonah 3:1-10

United Methodist Women

Important Dates

There will be a Potato Bar on March 10, 2012 at the Coos Bay United Methodist church sponsored by the UMW group. This will be a fund raiser for the church and will be held at 6:00p.m. The Old Time Fiddlers will perform. For cost for event, contact Sharon Smith at the Coos Bay Methodist Church

New Address for Johnsons

(Winter Address)

Janice & Harold Johnson

13390 E. 52nd St.

Yuma, AZ 85367



COMMUNITY NEEDS

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Note book paper, pencils, pink erasers, note books, crayons/colored pencils, glue sticks, rulers, scissors (blunt or pointed) pencil cases.

These donations will be shared with Hillcrest Elementary School.

MASLOW YOUTH PROJECT

Socks, gently used sleeping bags, jackets and coats, toiletries

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 nonperishable food items to worship the first Sunday of the month or anytime during the week.

Family and Community Education (FCE)

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. Please note the date changes for February and March.

>February 9th - New changes in DMV manual
>March 8

The meetings then return to the 3rd Thursday of the month.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Thank you for your generous donation of \$58.50 in support of the Spiritual Life Program at Alaska Children's Services. Please keep the children in your thoughts and prayers. You are a vital part of the Alaska Children's Services family.

Kelli Williams
Director of Spiritual Life

We wish to acknowledge with our sincere appreciation, your thoughtful donation to the Ecumenical Emergency Food Cupboard in this past year in the amount of \$336.01 We could not have done our task nearly so well without caring people like you.

Jeanette Stonebraker
Margaret McMullen



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.

Letters of Thanks

Thank you so much for all the prayers, good wishes and gifts. I couldn't make it without good friends. I feel blessed to be a part of your congregation.

Marty Crouse

Other Thanks

Belated Thanks to: Carol Salisbury, our Visual Arts Coordinator, for the wonderful altar displays for Advent and Christmas as well as our ongoing arrangements.

REF MINUTES

January 11, 2012

PRESENT: Sharon & Doug King, Pauline & John Brown, Vicki Morgan, Mildred Spring, Jerry Steel. Jerry began the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were discussed. It was agreed that the copy of the minutes containing the statement, "Will put the campaign on hold for awhile to see if it (the chair lift) continues to work well" is the correct copy for the minutes for November 2011. At this point 2 companies from Portland are coming to the church this month to evaluate our current lift. This all will be handled by the Trustees. REF's will not longer be involved

CALENDAR FOR 2012

JANUARY 22: Rev. Steve Ross will lead our services this Sunday and then lead a workshop for our new organization, Church Council. This should take about 2 hours and Sharon King will order 2 pizzas from Papa Murphy's and we will cook these in the kitchen in Fellowship Hall. Vicki will prepare the drinks and supply cookies for dessert. The 15 members of the Church Council are requested to attend.

FEBRUARY 12: Scout Sunday
19 Church Council
21 Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday Service

MARCH 3: All District in Roseburg with Marcia McFee featured speaker.
4 Gwen Drake will be with us for Part 2 of "where is out church going?" Talk-it-over-lunch.
11 Daylight Savings time change
18 Church Council

APRIL 1: Palm Sunday
5 Seder Meal- Vicki Chair
8 Easter Sunday
15 Church Council

MAY 5: Rummage Sale (We will need someone to help deliver "stuff" for anyone who can't bring it.)
13 Mothers Day
20 Graduation Celebration

JUNE 10: Beach Service begins
11-16 Conference
17 Father's Day and Church Council

JULY

AUGUST ? Picnic-North Bend, Coos Bay, Coquille
19 Church Council

SEPTEMBER 2: Last Beach Service
9 Back to regular Schedule and back to School celebration
16 Church Council

OCTOBER 7: World Communion Sunday
21 Church Council
31 Halloween Trick or Treat event

NOVEMBER 3: Bazaar - Pauline agreed to chair this event. Kelley Rowe will help with the Bake Sale, Sharon King will chair the kitchen. Need volunteers for the craft table, Antique Attic, Rada knives, greeter, kitchen help for Sharon.
4 Daylight Savings Time change
18 Thanksgiving Potluck
24 Decorate for Christmas

DECEMBER 1: Advent Tea- Kelley Rowe, Chair
24 Christmas Eve (will discuss time of this later)
25 Christmas Day
30 Take down Christmas decorations after Sunday Service

OTHER POSSIBLE EVENTS:

Block party
Talk it Over lunches
THE House meals

WRC fund=\$274.68
Wesley fund=\$591.36

Next meeting February 8, 2012.



FEB. 22- PANCAKE FEED 6:00pm-7:00
FOLLOWED BY ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE.
LENT BEGINS ON Sunday, FEB. 29TH.