



THE EVANGEL

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Over 100 Years!

STEELE CABLES

February 2011



"Walk God's Way"

Sermons for Sunday Worship

Sermon Series:

"Making Prayer Your Second Language"

A four week series that will help us understand basic elements of prayer based on the ACTS model (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication) and how to apply them effectively. We hope you'll join us for this important series as we explore how to make prayer our second language.

Feb. 6: "Adoration"

Psalm 145

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Feb. 13: Scout Sunday

Worship Lead by Troop & Pack #

Feb. 20: "Confession"

1 John 1:1-9

Feb. 27: "Thanksgiving"

Psalm 100

March 6: "Supplication"

John 15:1-11

STEELE CABLES

"Do not despise the day of small things," said the prophet Zechariah.

Five centuries before Christ a great project to rebuild the temple had ground to a halt. The site had been devoid of activity for years. People were discouraged. But then Zechariah inspired the people to turn to God, with his prophecy: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord

Almighty!" And inspired by God, with the power of his Spirit, the people rose up and finished the temple to the glory of God.

"The day of small things" can discourage us, too. We see our few numbers. We experience the drag of inertia and resistance to change.

Is there any hope to grow and become a powerful church once more? Yes, indeed! It is found in the power of momentum. Newton discovered that:

Momentum is the product of the mass (weight) and velocity (speed) of an object.

A big, heavy, dead-weight object can have huge momentum at very slow speed -- if you can ever get it going. But so can a small, light object at higher speed -- and you can get it going much easier.

Smaller objects -- and churches -- are inherently much easier to get up to speed and change direction than large churches. A speedboat can run circles around an ocean liner.

The Laws of Motion indicate that a small church moving fast can actually generate more momentum than a large church moving slowly. Once we get our speed up, we generate huge momentum -- and momentum attracts people who like to be part of something that is going, happening, moving. It's the snowball effect.

Of course, to generate momentum, we need to be *willing* to move fast -- to create speed velocity. And that requires a *willingness to change*.

Some people might say, "We're trying to do too much, too fast. Take it slower." Those people mean well, but don't understand either the laws of physics or the power of momentum.

Have you ever tried to push an old car

with a dead battery fast enough that the engine will catch when you engage the clutch? Then you understand.

We small churches may not have much mass at the beginning, but if we can create velocity along the path of God's will for us, we can generate great momentum -- and through that momentum grow in effectiveness, size, and in our mission to reach our community for Christ.

Momentum = size *times* speed

We can turn our smaller size into great momentum if we're willing to move! That's how it works.

"Not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord.... Do not despise the day of small things."
(Zechariah 4:6, 10)

See you at church -

Pastor Jerry



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.

YOUTH NEWS

Many in the congregation know that we have three young men participating in Speech and Debate at North Bend High School. They are *Kyleray Katherman, Devon Carter, and Matthew Dirk*. This program, along with other Art programs, need extra funding so team members can participate in all the activities.

Kyleray approached us to assist in organizing a fundraiser and we accepted. We got Mary Ann Lewellyn, the "Master Basket Maker" on board to help with a silent auction.

On May 7, NBHS will present a program featuring performances by students, art displays, culinary arts, and also a few oral auction items and a silent auction.

We are hoping many of you will attend, but we also need new or like-new donations for the auction. Small items, like cosmetics and other things that can be placed into a basket.

If you have something to donate, please see the Harveys or Mary Ann and we can pick it up or you can deliver it to the church with our name on it.

Thank you so much,
Lois & Bill Harvey

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.





- 4 Ian Stevenson
- 6 Tim Salisbury
- 7 John Howland, Sr.
- 8 Talitha McClary
- 8 John Spring
- 9 Guy Lortie

- 9 AJ McClary
- 9 DJ Dirk
- 9 Kelsey Stevenson
- 12 Alan Kelsay
- 17 Willard Hayne
- 18 Scott Larson
- 19 Ed Swenson
- 21 Janice McClary
- 22 Cathy Larson
- 23 Becky Martin
- 23 Ruth Stringer



No anniversaries on file for this month

Care and Share Families - January

Week of 06: Bruce & Becky Martin
 Zach and Brice
 1195 Clark
 North Bend, OR 97459
 541.756.2442

Week of 13: Marie Martin
 2826 Sherman Ave.
 North Bend, OR 97459
 541.756.5314

Week of 20: Andrew & Janice McClary
 Talitha, AJ, Howard
 3661 Vista Drive
 North Bend, OR 97459
 541.290.2844

Week of 27: Jean McNamar
 2290 Inland Drive #25
 North Bend, OR 97459
 541.7564942

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.

- Feb. 1 Genesis 30-31
- Feb. 2 Genesis 32-34
- Feb. 3 Genesis 35-37
- Feb. 4 Genesis 38-40
- Feb. 5 Genesis 41-42
- Feb. 6 Genesis 43-45
- Feb. 7 Genesis 46-47
- Feb. 8 Genesis 48-50
- Feb. 9 Exodus 1-3
- Feb. 10 Exodus 4-6
- Feb. 11 Exodus 7-9
- Feb. 12 Exodus 10-12
- Feb. 13 Exodus 13-15
- Feb. 14 Exodus 16-18
- Feb. 15 Exodus 19-21
- Feb. 16 Exodus 22-24
- Feb. 17 Exodus 25-27
- Feb. 18 Exodus 28-29
- Feb. 19 Exodus 30-32
- Feb. 20 Exodus 33-35
- Feb. 21 Exodus 36-38
- Feb. 22 Exodus 39-40
- Feb. 23 Leviticus 1-4
- Feb. 24 Leviticus 5-7
- Feb. 25 Leviticus 8-10
- Feb. 26 Leviticus 11-13
- Feb. 27 Leviticus 14-15
- Feb. 28 Leviticus 16-18



AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT



January Income (thru 1/23)
\$ 9,723.57
January Need
\$12,502.40

Dear Friends -

Last month we held our stewardship campaign entitled "Hope Worth Giving" We heard Sunday messages about living a generous lifestyle as Christians.

On Sunday, January 30 you returned your Promise Cards during the service of worship. Thank you for your support with your prayers, your time, your talent and with your treasures.

If you were unable to attend the service, you can still mail your Promise Card to the church office.

From small things, great things can happen. With God's blessings, all of us together can be Christ's heart and hands to our community.

Your Finance Team

TRUSTEES REPORT

Security

There are many groups using our church facilities and activities taking place. Please make sure all doors are secured and locked when leaving after your meeting has ended.

Thank You!



MEAL KIT PACK NEEDS

Thanks to all who helped re-stock our supplies. Please continue to donate whenever possible.

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

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CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

RX bottles: We are no longer collecting these bottles for Ivory Coast or Food Cupboard. You can recycle them without the lids. Thank you for your past support.

SCOUT NEWS

This month, the Webelos den will be putting their creative juices to use. We will be working on our Artist activity badge – learning about colors, scrapbooking, sculpturing, and making windchimes (out of plastic cutlery!). Who knows, we could find our next "Picasso" or "Michelangelo" right here in Coos County. :)

The wolves have been working on finishing up the design and shape of their cars for the upcoming Pinewood Derby (Jan. 29th). They are also VERY close to finishing up the achievements to reach wolf rank in February at our Blue & Gold banquet! We are making plans to go bowling at the end of the month.

Several kids in the Pack met up on Jan. 4th to work on Pinewood derby cars and everyone is getting excited for the race!

(submitted by Christina Courtright)



VISIONING MEETING

North Bend Vision Meeting With Rev. Pritchard January 15, 2011

1) What's happening/exciting at your church?

- This is a very caring & compassionate church; we care for each other
- We are like a family
- Small group ministries: (Monday through Friday), women's Bible group, Scouts, Wednesday breakfast group, Thursday lunch Bible study, Thursday evening women's book study, "Really Enthusiastic Friends" once a month (a planning and fellowship group), Huddle groups doing dinners, women's group on Mondays, scrapbooking once a month
- Adult Sunday School class focused on spiritual disciplines
- Missions in health (one Sunday a month)
- Once a month evening book study
- Chaplain ministries at the hospital (through 2 volunteers)
- A core group of children coming – and provision of children's church time
- So many things offered beyond Sunday morning – especially amazing for a small church; hard not to find a place where you could serve
- In-depth preaching on Sundays
- Visitors from other churches
- Openness and casualness – no pressure but invitation to participate
- Outreach ministries: support for women's resource center, and efforts to work with other churches (Coos Bay UMC and Coquille church for instance)
- Guitar Sundays (extra music, relaxed, more folksy tone)
- Excellent Christmas Eve worship
- Advent Tea, bazaar, rummage sale – you get to know people better when you work with them on different projects
- Rummage sale was more about offering a gift to those who needed them (no prices)
- Helping the Salvation Army kettles
- Meeting with the Ecumenical Ministerial Association

2) If someone spent a month with your church and did a thorough analysis, what is one thing they would tell you to work on?

- Trying harder to get more people involved (congregation members who are not active)
- A youth ministry – beyond the Scouts – for middle and high school ages

- To get the word out that the doors of the church are open to other groups
- To develop a specific group for men who are working during the week
- Support group for men who are unemployed or underemployed
- Maybe a group for anybody unemployed or underemployed
- Finding a way to get more new members, reaching people outside the church
- Identifying the needs of community members
- A stronger music program
- Reach more young families
- Continue to do Stewardship education, encourage giving
- Focus on Estate Planning

3) If you were asked by an outsider to describe the vision of your ministry in just a few words... what would you say?

- We have an identity as a "service church" – serving the community, serving each other, responding to needs with warmth and love
- To grow stronger Christians
- Traditional, Bible-based ministries (sermons which take Scripture and apply it to present-day life)
- Open to different ways to worship
- Trying to "Re-think Church"

4) If you had a crystal ball, what do you see happening in your church five years from now?

- A lot of the same things happening – most of the ministries we have are well established, well supported.
- New ministries with younger families and with children (not a lot – this will take time)
- Finances might be better *if* we are able to grow
- Finances might require partnerships in ministry (with other churches)

5) Are there any ways you would appreciate help from District or Conference resources?

- Lay speaking training that is easier to attend/located in more areas
- Providing CDs and online training from annual conference events
- Developing closer relationship with the Coos Bay UMC
- Develop cooperative ministries with Reedsport, Coquille, Coos Bay & North Bend

Reflections & Recommendations:

1. Begin a conversation with lay and clergy leaders of the Coos Bay UMC, the Coquille UMC, and the Reedsport UMC, to find ways to partner in ministry with these other churches.

2. Continue to offer sermon series, adult classes, discussion groups, newsletter articles, etc to educate members about Stewardship in general

and the connectional work of our church (apportionments) specifically. (con't on next page)

3. Invite someone from Conference Council on Finance & Administration to visit your church and be a part of this Stewardship education effort.
4. Explore local media (television, radio, etc) to find ways to increase the visibility of your church – the community needs to know about all the service and outreach being provided.
5. Continue to support and encourage small group ministries; brainstorm new groups which might reach new people or target needs not currently being met.
6. Visit with leaders of the elementary school just down the road; see if there are ways to partner with the school in providing care for children and families
7. Explore ecumenical partnerships for specific ministries
8. Suggested Reading:
 - Becoming a Blessed Church, by Graham Standish
 - The Externally Focused Church by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson
 - Direct Hit: Aiming Real Leaders at the Mission Field by Paul Borden
 - Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Bishop Robert Schnase

As members and friends of North Bend UMC, we encourage everyone to share thoughts and ideas with any members of the Administrative Council or leave your comments with the church office.



What Exactly Are Apportionments?

(Thanks to Albany UMC newsletter)
Apportionments ... A new way for connectional giving.

One unique way of The United Methodist Church is our connectionalism. This word (yes, it is a made up, churchy word) means we think of ourselves not as many UM churches around the globe, but as many small parts of one big church: the Church of Jesus Christ. As such, The United Methodist Church pays special attention to mission and ministry efforts here in the United States and around the world. It is our connectionalism which provides us with Bishops and Assistants to the Bishop. It is our connectionalism which provided us with Pastor Jerry, via California and Idaho. It is our connectionalism which allows us to do ministry in North Bend as well as Kenya.

Each United Methodist church is asked to support this connectionalism through apportionments, or shared giving, payments. These payments go to support the workings of our Annual Conference office in Portland, the work of our Assistant to the Bishop, seminaries to train our clergy, resources to support our missionaries, as well as support other ministry efforts around our nation and globe. Surely, everyone would agree, all are important.

In recent years, North Bend UMC has struggled to pay its “fair share” in apportionments. When we fail to do so, somewhere ministry doesn’t happen and somewhere a salary of an important church employee doesn’t get paid. When one ministry suffers, we all suffer.

Our church Finance Team works hard to try and balance the ministry of our church with the at-large connectional ministry of The United Methodist Church. They try to balance our general giving with this “extra-mile” giving so Christ’s message can be heard and felt everywhere.

So when you give please reflect prayerfully on our connectional spirit of ministry. Your giving can go a long way!

Takin' it to the Streets - the Southern District Enrichment Event - is taking place on Saturday, February 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First UMC in Roseburg. It will be an exciting day, that "will inspire us as lay and clergy to dream and be bold. You will meet people who are trying new things and have an opportunity to hear about ministries being carried out in both large and small churches in urban areas and small communities. You will receive resources and ideas and maybe find some allies as you continue to serve Christ and the church."

See flyers posted around the church for registration form and more information.

Southern District Leadership Change

It is the intention of Bishop Hoshibata to appoint the Rev. Gwen Drake as Assistant to the Bishop for the Southern District, effective July 1, 2011. Rev. Drake is currently serving as pastor of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church and has previously served churches in Salem, Rainier, Clatskanie, Dallas and Myrtle Point.

Rev. Donna Pritchard, current Assistant to the Bishop for the Southern District, will be leaving the Cabinet to take a new appointment in July, after completing eight years with the Cabinet; the maximum amount of time in that position allowed by our Book of Discipline.

