



THE EVANGEL

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Over 100 Years!

STEELE CABLES

January 2011



"Walk God's Way"

Sermons for Sunday Worship

- Jan. 2: "Hope for a New Year"
Ephesians 1:1-14
Sacrament of Holy Communion
- Jan. 9: "Understanding Generosity"
2 Corinthians 8:1-15
- Jan. 16: "Administering Generosity"
2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5
- Jan. 23: "God's Promises to the Generous"
2 Corinthians 9:6-14
- Jan. 30: "God's Generosity"
2 Corinthians 9:12-15

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In Everything Give Thanks

The economies on Wall St. and Main St. are shakier than at any time since the Great Depression. What will be the topic of conversation around the tables in America this coming new year? Will people still be grumbling and complaining about investment losses or speak in angry strains about the pressure of no work and tight budgets?

One time, while meeting with a family needing help to put food on the table, I talked with the head of the household and she told me of the many ways God was blessing her family. In the face of hardship this woman was thinking of reasons to praise the LORD. Her attitude reminded me of an important spiritual principle. The LORD calls us to keep thanking God... especially when times are hard.

More than 2500 years ago an obscure prophet with a funny name lived in desperate times. Habakkuk, in the Old Testament book named after him, makes a powerful statement that echoes down the corridor of history to us as 21st century Americans.

Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
The Sovereign LORD is my strength!
(Habakkuk 3:17-19)

How could Habakkuk be so buoyant and grateful at a time of such pressing need? What secrets did he hold that made the difference between complaining and celebrating? Let me suggest three:

First, he didn't look at his meager provisions, he looked to his great Provider.
Second, he believed that God is sovereign and in control of all things.
Third, he relied on God to give him strength to face each day.

No one can predict what the next year holds for America's economy. No one knows how long this current financial crisis will last. During uncertain times the one immovable foundation is God and the one necessity for life's bumpy journey is a grateful heart.

**Determine to face the new year of 2011
and every day with a heart like Habakkuk.**

See you at church -

Pastor Jerry

*A very warm thank you to everyone for the cards
and expressions of kindness this holiday season.
You are a wonderful and caring congregation.*



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.

United Methodist Women

Sharon Smith and Nancy Dehart were honored to be invited to St. Louis, Missouri for a United Methodist Women Leadership Conference on November 19-21, 2010. The convention was a great and enlightening three days. There were over 200 women attending from all over the United States.

While there, they learned how the UMW began ... it's earliest organization formed in 1886 ... and why their focus is on Missions.

One other focus was on racism and efforts to suppress it in all forms. In this, the goal is to welcome all people into our church families.

The following are some steps to becoming a welcoming community:

(next column)

Hospitable: a warm place for all people.

Reconciling: works to build mutually transforming relationships.

Open to conversion: listens carefully, makes room for, shares power with and learns from each other.

Intentional: they engage in conscious and contextually appropriate efforts to address individual, congregation and systematic change.

Comprehensive: recognizes radical welcome as a way of being cultivated through worship, mission, leadership development and all other areas of life of the congregation.

Compassionate: prioritizes the work of creating “space for space” – settings where people can express fears and grow their dreams and stories.

Faithful: driven to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, who welcomes and heals all people and invites us to tell a new story of resurrection life together.

If interested in learning more about Sharon and Nancy’s trip please feel free to talk with them.

TV and Service Carts

Thanks goes out to Bruce Martin and the North Bend School District for the donations of several service and TV carts.

If anyone has a TV /dvd/vcr combo they would like to donate, one is needed for the downstairs cart. Please contact the church office.

We are grateful the to Bill and Lois Harvey for donating a TV combo for the Women’s Center room.





5 Darren Dirk
 12 Diane Harrel
 23 Zach Martin



5 Nancy & Bob Dehart
 18 Barbara & Calum Stevenson
 21 Judy & Jim Cunningham

Care and Share Families - January

Week of 02: Scott & Cathy Larson
 91728 Lampa Lane
 Myrtle Point, OR 97458
 541.396.5878

Week of 09: Ken Lawrence
 94615 Blue Heron Lane
 Coos Bay, OR 97420
 330.224.5306

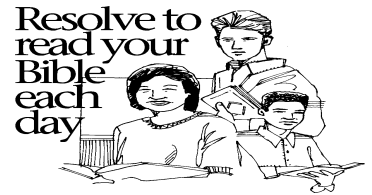
Week of 16: Dusty & Kristy Ledyard, Sr.
 Dusty and Dakota
 2020 Lincoln
 North Bend, OR 97459
 541.756.5741

Week of 23: Mary Ann Lewellyn
 2440 Stephanie Lane
 North Bend, OR 97459
 541.297.7730

Week of 30: Guy & Winnie Lortie
 65695 East Bay Road
 North Bend, OR 97459
 541.756.5058



Daily Devotions



Jan.1 Dan. 2:1-3:14	1 John 5:15-21
Jan. 2 Dan. 3:15-5:10	2 John 1-3 John 1:15
Jan. 3 Dan. 5:11-7:14	Jude 1:1-25
Jan. 4 Dan. 7:15-9:22	Revelation 1:1-2:5
Jan. 5 Dan. 9:23-11:37	Rev. 2:6-26
Jan. 6 Dan. 11:38-12:13	Rev. 2:27-3:18
Jan. 7 Hosea 1:1-8:5	Rev. 3:19-5:6
Jan. 8 Hos. 8:6-12:10	Rev. 5:7-6:13
Jan. 9 Hos. 12:11-14:9	Rev. 6:14-7:17
Jan.10 Joel 1:1-3:21	Rev. 8:1-9:8
Jan.11 Amos 1:1-6:1	Rev. 9:9-10:8
Jan.12 Amos 6:2-9:15	Rev. 10:9-11:18
Jan.13 Obad. 1:1-21	Rev. 11:19-13:3
Jan.14 Jonah 1:1-4:11	Rev. 13:4-14:6
Jan.15 Micah 1:1-7:20	Rev. 14:7-15:7
Jan.16 Nahum 1:1-3:19	Rev. 15:8-16:20
Jan.17 Habb. 1:1-3:19	Rev. 16:21-18:2
Jan.18 Zeph. 1:1-3:20	Rev. 18:3-23
Jan.19 Hagg. 1:1-2:23	Rev. 18:24-19:20
Jan.20 Zech. 1:1-10:2	Rev. 19:21-21:5
Jan.21 Zech. 10:3-14:13	Rev. 21:6-26
Jan.22 Zech. 14:14-Mal.1:1-4:6	Rev. 21:27-22:21

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

Jan.23 Genesis 1-3
 Jan.24 Genesis 4-7
 Jan.25 Genesis 8-11
 Jan.26 Genesis 12-15
 Jan.27 Genesis 16-18
 Jan.28 Genesis 19-21
 Jan.29 Genesis 22-24
 Jan.30 Genesis 25-26
 Jan.31 Genesis 27-29

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



Total Income thru December	\$	92,232.21
Total Needed thru December	\$	104,255.00
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Dear Friends -

Beginning this month we will be offering a stewardship program entitled "*Hope Worth Giving*" during the weekly services of worship. In addition, this year's annual budget will be sent out to all members and friends.

We know our economy is still struggling. We also know our God is a God of greatness and will bless our gifts, magnify them to levels of incredible wonders.

As you hear and read information on our church's financial goals, please be in prayer for the ways in which you can help our church accomplish these ministry works and, in return, find God's blessings in your life as well.

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Telephone:

Addresses:

Patrick Howland
3398 Allen Road
Clarksville, TN 37042

E-mails

CHURCH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

January 15: 4pm-5:30 pm
Visioning meeting with Assistance to the Bishop, Rev. Donna Pritchard. All are welcome; Church committee leaders are especially asked to attend.
Prior to this meeting, from 3:30-4pm, Rev. Pritchard will meet with SPPRC.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Pastor Steele

and Members of North Bend UMC:
The South Coast Hospice and Palliative Care Center Services Inc. would like to thank you very much for allowing us to store all our donated items and baskets throughout the year for our annual Casino Night and Texas Hold'em Tournament fundraiser event.

The proceeds from this event help our patients and their families continue to receive the care and support they require when they need us, wherever they need us, and for as long as they need us.

Again, your generous storage area was greatly appreciated and we feel so fortunate to have such a Community minded and caring place to protect our worldly goods.

Sincerely,
Debbie Webb

Community Outreach Coordinator

