



# THE EVANGEL

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Over 100 Years!

## STEELE CABLES

May 2011



*"Walk God's Way"*

### STEELE CABLES

"Looking to the Future"

Ever wonder what the future holds for us? How great would it be to know our future? How long we will live, what our retirement looks like; where we will be living?

However, this isn't a reality is it? We can't know our future necessarily. Yet we can do some things to prepare ourselves for that future time.

Webster's dictionary defines the words vision and discernment this way:

*Vision:* the ability to perceive or foresee something, as through mental acuteness.

*Discernment:* to perceive or recognize clearly.

Companies and corporations use these two ideas to plot and plan their marketing programs. They measure the cultural movements in order to keep their products viable and desired. Without visioning and discernment, businesses would lose contact with their markets and ultimately end up closing.

Churches are no different. Suppose the early church paid little attention to the culture and socio-economic movements in its beginning time. We might still find ourselves without written bibles, or many of the other wonderful items that have helped us develop our faith.

Our Bible speaks much about having a vision. For instance, in Proverbs 29:18 *"Without a prophetic vision people will perish, but blessed are those who follow God's teachings."*

Here, we are reminded that without a vision we will perish. In other words, without a guiding vision, a community will eventually fall apart, just like a corporation or business will fail.

As the church, part of our mission and vision is pretty clear. Jesus gave us the Great Commission *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matt. 28:18-20)

We are all on a journey together to seek how to live out God's call in our lives and in the church. It's not always easy to state how that calling is to be carried out ... what our vision is for our church. But it is important for us to have a vision and be able to share it with someone new to our church, with the community around us; to tell what we stand for and what's important to us.

We must think, pray, plan, hope, pray, define expectations, and consider possibilities for the future of our church, our congregation. *Where are we going? Where should we be going? What changes do we need to make to effectively minister in our community? Today? Tomorrow? In the next decade?*

If you are interested in being part of this visioning and discernment process for our congregation, let me know. Some of our church family members are beginning to meet and discuss the above questions. We would welcome more to join us.

I look forward to seeking this vision with *you* in becoming even more of a healthy, vital church in our commitment to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

See you at church -

*Pastor Jerry*

## **Celebrate Donna!**

**Southern District BBQ (and Roast)  
May 14th, 4:00 PM, Roseburg UMC**

Save the date and join in the fun as we celebrate the Rev. Donna Pritchard's eight years of ministry with us and for us as our District Superintendent (now A2B). The celebration will begin with grilled burgers and hot dogs at 4 p.m. (with vegetarian options) followed by a time to celebrate and honor Donna's ministry in the Southern District and to send her with our blessing to her new place of ministry at 1st United Methodist Church, Portland. We will finish celebrating with a Methodist dessert potluck. Please share this word with folks in your congregation who would celebrate with us.

Cards may be sent to: The Southern District  
P.O. Box 41543  
Eugene, OR 97404



### **iGive website**

Help raise funds for North Bend UMC by shopping online at [www.iGive.com](http://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](http://www.thehungersite.com)

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

[www.freerice.com](http://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.

## **SHARE CHRIST** *with Others* **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 April 24  
\$40,212.74

Need to Date:  
\$40,007.92

Teach us, O God, to discover how much is enough to be truly fulfilled, neither rich nor poor, and to enjoy only that. Teach us, O God, to discover how much would be enough for all -- not only to survive but to thrive -- and to create pathways for them to have access to that. May our discoveries birth offerings that mirror your abundant grace. And, in this rebirth of our own spirits, may we live like Jesus: renewing the life of your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*(from Radical Gratitude)*

Your Finance Team

### **PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY**

To honor and respect the privacy and confidentiality of one another, all names listed in the Sunday bulletin prayer list will be only be by first name unless a written approval has been obtained from the party being included for prayer.



## EASTER FLOWER APPRECIATION

To all who donated flowers for Easter Sunday,  
a warm and heartfelt thank-you.

Tulips: Carol & Tim Salisbury  
Anonymous  
Janet Ferris  
Sharon & Jim Kloster  
Vi Wilson

Lilies: Mildred & John Spring  
Elaine & Jerry Steele  
Pauline & John Brown  
Lois & Bill Harvey

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Dedee Peterson, BS, Nursing SWOCC  
Nick Salisbury, BA, Fin. Admin. Gonzaga  
Zach Martin, A.A. transfer, SWOCC  
Kylaray Katherman, NBHS  
Jane Schaefer, NBHS

A special time to honor them has been  
scheduled during the May 15 worship with a  
potluck to follow after the service.

## 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:

- >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?



## GO CAMPING – 2011

Not too late to register for Summer camps.  
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](http://www.gocamping.org)



## YOUTH NEWS

### **Maslow Youth Project**

We are up to 76 unaccompanied youth and  
81 families requesting services, with over  
200 separate visits to the Maslow Project  
since the start of the year. We've recently  
placed 2 more unaccompanied youth into  
stable housing and one family moved into  
their own house with our help!

We are currently out of *sleeping bags* (had a  
family of 5 sleeping on the floor) and *adult  
backpacks*. We are also low on *hygiene  
supplies, chapstick, pain relievers, diapers  
and socks*. Vouchers for new shoes are very  
helpful...our youth are on their feet a lot and  
often come in badly needing shoes.

Mostly we are moving a lot of stuff and need  
almost everything! Thanks for all your help!

Maslow Staff

### **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  
Kylaray Katherman from our church  
congregation. Kylaray and Matthew are headed  
to Dallas, Texas for nationals in Debate and will  
need travel expense assistance.

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 donations)



**MAY**

- 1 Matthew Dirk
- 1 Margaret Germaine
- 1 Jerry Steele
- 2 Vanessa Duncan-Bowman
- 4 Ruth Epperson
- 7 Katherine Robinson
- 7 Brice Martin
- 8 Sara Embry
- 13 Steve Johnson
- 15 Doug King
- 17 Jonas Batdorff
- 23 Bill Webb
- 28 Sharon King



May 7: Deb & Dallas Carter  
 May 26: Becky & Bruce Martin

**Care and Share Families - May**

Week of May 1: Richard & Lois Sandburg  
 2260 Marion St.  
 North Bend, OR 97459  
 541.756.6264

Week of May 8: Jessie Saporito  
 1615 Meade St.  
 North Bend, OR 97459  
 541.756.1149

Week of May 15: Jay & Julie Schaefer  
 3711 Stanton  
 North Bend, OR 97459  
 541.756.9052

Week of May 22: Steve & Eva Shimotakahara  
 66697 Oriole Rd.  
 North Bend, OR 97459  
 541.756.7292

Week of May 29: John & Mildred Spring  
 2692 Stanton  
 North Bend, OR 97459  
 541.290.5280

**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.

- May 1 2 Samuel 16-18
- May 2 2 Samuel 19-21
- May 3 2 Samuel 22-24
- May 4 1 Kings 1-2
- May 5 1 Kings 3-5
- May 6 1 Kings 6-7
- May 7 1 Kings 8-9
- May 8 1 Kings 10-11
- May 9 1 Kings 12-14
- May 10 1 Kings 15-17
- May 11 1 Kings 18-20
- May 12 1 Kings 21-22
- May 13 2 Kings 1-4
- May 14 2 Kings 5-8
- May 15 2 Kings 9-11
- May 16 2 Kings 12-14
- May 17 2 Kings 15-17
- May 18 2 Kings 18-19
- May 19 2 Kings 20-22
- May 20 2 Kings 23-25
- May 21 Isaiah 1-4
- May 22 Isaiah 5-8
- May 23 Isaiah 9-12
- May 24 Isaiah 13-17
- May 25 Isaiah 18-22
- May 26 Isaiah 23-27
- May 27 Isaiah 28-30
- May 28 Isaiah 31-35
- May 29 Isaiah 36-41
- May 30 Isaiah 42-44
- May 31 Isaiah 45-48



**Memorial Day**  
*Never Forget Ever Honor*

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

### **Important Dates**

- >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

## **LETTERS OF THANKS**

To the Prayer Shawl Knitters –  
Thank you for the beautiful pink and blue prayer shawl. The enclosed literature with it told me that the varied pink and blue represent friendship, appreciation, meditation, and peace. I know that the knitter did this shawl with much love in her heart and many prayers uttered as she worked on it.

Thank you so much for the shawl and for all your prayers and love right now.

Pauline Brown

## **OTHER THANKS**

- ... to everyone who donated Easter candy.
- ... to Ashton Peterson, for helping Pastor Jerry stuff Easter eggs with candy.
- ... to Sharon & Doug King, Pastor Jerry for hiding Easter eggs and placing the flowers in the sanctuary.
- ... Zach Martin for mowing the church yard.

## **MEAL KIT PACK NEEDS**

Supplies needed to help re-stock our kits. Please continue to donate whenever possible. Volunteers to fill new bags are also needed.

When filled, kits will be available to hand out from the basket in the Fireside Room.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome to our newest members:  
*Jennifer Bream* and *Charlene Haythorne*.  
Received into the church family on Sunday, April 17!

## **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY CHANGES**

Add: Jennifer Bream  
1420 Evergreen Drive  
Coos Bay, OR 97420  
Tel. 541.404.5664

Charlene Haythorne  
1710 Village Pines Terrace  
Coos Bay, OR 97420  
Tel. 541.888.9908

## **Change the World: Taking It Out There**

### ***Mission Leadership Event*** **Presented by Mike Slaughter**

Date: **June 18, 2011** as part of  
**the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference**  
Place: **Salem Conference Center, 200 Commercial St. S E, Salem OR 97301**  
Time: **8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Cost: **This is free to all clergy and lay members of Annual Conference. You will be able to make a donation on your registration form to help offset the cost.**

**Visitors for the one day need to register online at <[www.umi.org](http://www.umi.org)> The fee is \$25.00**  
Rev. Mike Slaughter will show us how measure To missional vitality, develop a missional strategy, and resource out-reach opportunities. Slaughter is the lead pastor of Ginghamburg United Methodist Church in Tipp City, Ohio since 1979 and has led his congregation in cutting edge mission work at home and abroad. His highly acclaimed book, "Change the World," challenges our churches to take the message and mission of Christ's compassion into the world and not wait for the world to come to us.

He asks, "Will you focus on building disciples or tallying decisions? Will you multiply your impact or expand your facilities? Will you step out in courage or comply with the status quo? Your answers to these and other questions determine how your church will focus its time, its energy, and its budget to work for real change in a hurting world."



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## **REF Minutes – April**

Present: Lois & Bill Harvey, Pauline & John Brown, Kate Butler, Mary Ann Lewellyn, Sharon & Doug King, Sharon Kloster, Mildred Spring, Pastor Jerry  
Calendar Dates:

### ***May 11 : next REF meeting 11:30 am***

May 15: Graduate Recognition with Potluck

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

### Minutes:

Lots of work by Lois, Bill, Mary Ann and Kyleray Katherman gathering donations and putting auction baskets together for the North Bend High School Arts Program fundraiser event. (see earlier article).

Graduation Sunday: recognition of five of our church members graduating from high school and college: Kyleray Katherman, Jane Schaefer, Zach Martin, Nick Salisbury and Dedee Peterson. They will be honored during worship on May 15 with a potluck after the service.

Summer going away party for Sara Embry on Sunday, June 12 in the Fellowship Hall.

Wesley Fund: \$667.31

Women's Resource Center Fund: \$792.82

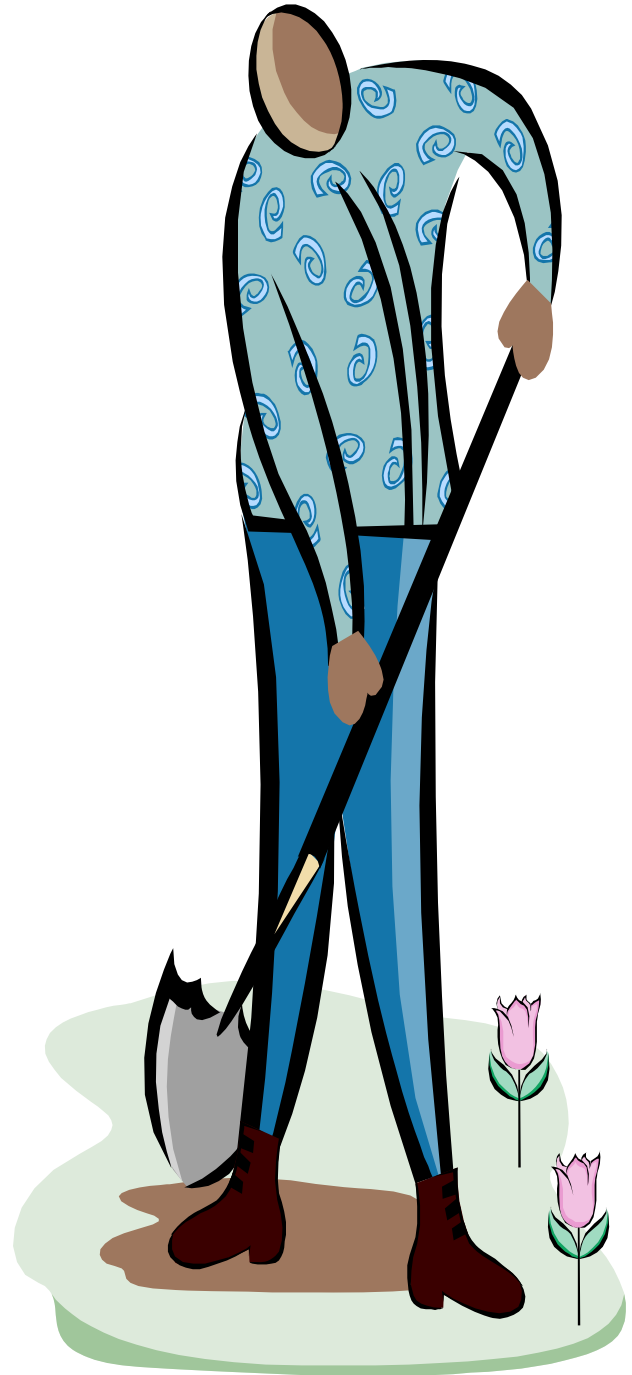
Baskets given to two women in February and 1 in March.

Also, picked up basket items from the pre-rummage sale at Coquille UMC.

Fall Festival: Kate reported that plans are well underway. *Craft table*: Sharon Kloster; *Baked Goods*: Mary Ann Lewellyn, with hot baked goods on the spot by Chef Matt Thom; *Misty Meadows* products will be on hand; *Attic Treasures*: Mildred Spring and Janet Ferris; *Soup*: the Harveys; *Knives table*: need volunteer. There will also be a Halloween costume contest with prizes and seeking musical entertainment. A chili cook-off is being looked into for the afternoon time.

Sharon King reported on the Walk to Emmaus and after her talk on "Christian Action" one of the participants indicated an intent to attend our church.

Pastor Jerry shared information on Palm Sunday and two people joining the church that day. Easter Sunday plans include the children's Easter egg hunt. Reviewed the start-up of this year's beach services. Also mentioned a new way of presenting



Time to Sow The Seeds of Love