



THE EVANGEL

North Bend United Methodist Church
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Over 100 Years!

STEELE CABLES

September 2011



"Walk God's Way"

New Beginnings

Ten years ago, we, as a nation, began a new life. Our lives were changed in an hour's time as two passenger airlines were hijacked and crashed into major buildings and a third crashed into a field after its passengers fought with their captors.

Our security, our sense of safety, our ways of doing things have changed considerably since 9/11, 2001.

We grieve and remember the innocent lives lost. We seek to understand why such evil and violence can be. Still, in our questions, we can find strength and courage through God's ever presence.

Out of tragedy, out of death comes new life.

Shifting gears somewhat, as we end the season of summer, where we sought refreshment and renewal for our spirits, we come to the time of Fall -- a new beginning in preparation for the time when creation begins to seek its renewal, its new beginnings.

Fall ... our children and youth return to school; to a time of new beginnings; learning new things to help them in their journey of life.

At first it may seem overwhelming, but with the help of teachers, classroom aides, and family and friends, our young people embrace new ideas and see new possibilities for their lives.

God, in great wisdom, sent us Jesus Christ so that all of us would be able to see similar new possibilities for our lives. Christ came to give us a new beginning; to set us on course for new lives, lives with abundant blessings.

These new beginnings are not just to be for our own selves, but to be shared with others.

In newness, we are called to offer hope and comfort, justice and mercy, to those around us. We are to work at living and giving these gifts from God to our world. And perhaps, just perhaps, in doing so, we can build a new world where evil and violence will not be found.

Ponder and reflect upon the following thoughts as we join together in a new beginning:

"We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves otherwise we harden."

~Johann Wolfgang von Goethe~

"Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness."

~James Thurber~

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

~Walt Disney~

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

See you at church -

Pastor Jerry



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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Adult Class meets at 9:30 am
Worship at 10:55 a.m.
with Junior Church for Children
Potluck after Worship!
Bring the family! Bring Friends!
Bring Neighbors!
Come for a New Beginning!



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

STUDY and FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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!

MONDAY EVENING WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets at 6:00 p.m. Call the church for location.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Meets at the North Bend Kozy Kitchen. 8:30 a.m.

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.

3rd THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Meets in the Fireplace room.

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT



Income through August 28

\$ 76,472.59

Need to Date:

\$ 87,517.04

Bread of Life,

In a world that hungers for life abundant, please help us to be

Your leaven – Your agents of life in seemingly formless, chaotic, and lifeless places.

Through these offerings and throughout our day-to-day living please help us to be catalysts for Your uncontrollable outpouring of Grace upon Your beloved creation.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(from *Radical Gratitude & United Methodist Communications*)

Your Finance Team

Week of Sept. 25: Kate Butler
11315 Jordan Rd.
Arlington, WA 98223



September

6: Harold Johnson
6: Jeanne Katherman
9: Jim Batdorff
10: Francine Kelsay
15: Judy Cunningham
15: Julie Martin
24: Jim Denison
25: Tasha Andrews
26: Mildred Spring
26: Sylva Burnette
28: Kim Davis
28: Jamie Katherman
29: Kellie Batdorff



4 Francine & Alan Kelsay
10 Carol & Tim Salisbury
11 Julie & Jay Schaefer
12 Helen & Jim Denison
16 Judy & Ed Swenson
16 Cathy & Scott Larson

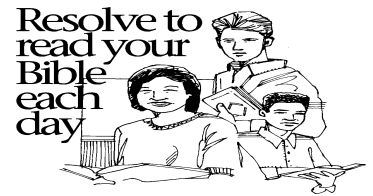
Care and Share Families - July

Week of Sept. 4: John & Pauline Brown
88603 Weiss Estates Lane
Bandon, OR 97411
541.347.9168

Week of Sept. 11: Sylva Burnette
1865 Shorepines Circle
Coos Bay, OR 97420
541.888.4906

Week of Sept. 18: Bob & Julie Burns
830 Lisa Place
Coos Bay, OR 97420
541.888.6790

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.

September 1 Job 17-20
September 2 Job 21-23
September 3 Job 24-28
September 4 Job 29-31
September 5 Job 32-34
September 6 Job 35-37
September 7 Job 38-39
September 8 Job 40-42
September 9 Solomon
September 10 Ruth
September 11 Lamentations 1-3:36
September 12 Lamentations 3:37-5:22
September 13 Ecclesiastes 1-4
September 14 Ecclesiastes 5-8
September 15 Ecclesiastes 9-12
September 16 Esther 1-3
September 17 Esther 4-6
September 18 Daniel 1-2
September 19 Daniel 3-4
September 20 Daniel 5-6
September 21 Daniel 7-8
September 22 Daniel 9-10
September 23 Daniel 11-12
September 24 Ezra 1-2
September 25 Ezra 3-5
September 26 Ezra 6-7
September 27 Ezra 8-10
September 28 Nehemiah 1-3
September 29 Nehemiah 4-6
September 30 Nehemiah 7-8



strategies to harness the eating frenzy at the holidays

COMMUNITY NEEDS



MEAL KIT PACK NEEDS

Supplies needed to help re-stock our kits.

- gallon size zip lock bags
- Individual servings meat in easy open containers
 - *Vienna Sausage
 - *Tuna or Spam packets (not cans)
 - *Tuna lunch kits (found in dollar store)
- * Cheese or peanut butter crackers
- * Single servings of applesauce or fruit cups
- * Juice packets or boxes
- * Napkins

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.

PREGNANCY CENTER

Diapers are needed. Sizes 1, 2, and 3. Please bring to the church and we will deliver. Also, the Center is seeking volunteers to help with the office area.

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.

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:

- >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 &

- >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?

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Important Dates

- >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

NEW ADDRESSES:

Katherine Robinson
3703 Spruce Street
North Bend OR 97459

Kate Butler
P O Box 1344
Snohomish, WA 98291
(same cell# and e-mail)

LETTERS OF THANKS

Thank you so very much for the wonderful reception in honor of our Mother. You will always be remembered in our hearts and prayers for you efforts.

Sincerely,

The Susick Family

There is no way for me to show my appreciation for all the cards, prayers and phone calls while I recuperated from surgery. The beautiful prayer shawl was a true blessing. Thanks to the hands that made it and all the prayers that came with it. Thanks you so much for caring about me. I am doing well and even though I always find it is more difficult to recover the older I get, it was much easier this

time. Bless all of you, I do love my Church
family
Lois Harvey

OTHER THANKS

Trustees:

- ... for arranging the trimming and removal of shrubs and hedges.
- ... for the purchase and installation of the new church sign.

To the Church:

My sister, Haley, and I thank the church from the bottom of our hearts for helping get us to Suttle Lake Christian camp. The friends we made and the experiences are something neither of us will ever forget. The highlight of my time there was the White Water Rafting and getting to know the students who came all the way from Japan. Haley's highlights were tubing down the river and just getting to have fun. Each night that we were there we had a campfire ceremony where we would sing praise and pray. The bond we felt with God at that time was the strongest I have felt in a long time and sitting there underneath the clear open star scattered sky I felt home with everyone. My group was divided into seventh and eighth graders, while Haley's was divided into third and fourth graders. The camp itself seemed to be built by God himself. It was so beautiful, the natural wonders untarnished by human waste, and seeing that it really made you feel connected to nature. So once again we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sending us to Camp Suttle Lake.
Tess and Haley Thom

MASLOW PROJECT

Rock with the Marshall Tucker Band and Molly Hatchett on September 17th in the North Bend High School parking lot. Concert will begin at 7:15pm. Tickets at \$18 from local merchants or \$20 at the door. Proceeds will go to the Maslow Project's outreach assistance to homeless youth.

HORN OF AFRICA:

UMCOR Responds to Famine in Region

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working with partner agencies already in the region to respond to the escalating famine in the Horn of Africa. This complex emergency is the culmination of crop failure, one of the worst drought in 50 years, rising food prices and political unrest in the region.

UMCOR is sending grants to support the work of ACT Alliance, Church World Services and GlobalMedic in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia. Funds will provide food, clean water, and shelter for those who are displaced and living in refuge camps.

Your gifts, made to the church and marked UMCOR Advance#982450, will support these and future efforts to alleviate suffering for so many.

ECUMENICAL FOOD CUPBOARD

Thank you so very much for the extra giving in March and April. We used it toward the Feinstein grant. The amount of \$17,326.00 was given by churches and people in our community and \$19,298.00 was allowed for food received. We received \$363.00 from the grant.



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**Featuring Ray and Catherine Silvia
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Music**

Everyone is welcome

ANGELS IN OUR EYES”CONCERT

Come and join us for an exciting and meaningful service of worship on September 18th as we welcome Catherine & Ray Silva, known as “Angels in Our Eyes Band”. They will be leading our worship with music and song and their enthusiastic spirit of faith. Their CDs have been available throughout the summer in the Fireside Room and have been eagerly received. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to hear and worship with them

Sing “new songs to the Lord” with the
Angels in Our Eyes Band
During Sunday Worship Service
September 18th, 2011



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

The focus in retail advertising at the moment is “back to school” clothing and supplies. However, in just a couple of months, unfortunately, the retail emphasis will be on “holiday shopping”. Consider this year to personally “unplug the Christmas machine” and seek to give alternative Christmas gifts. There are numerous ways and options available to help with this idea if planned with care. A first step is sharing with our usual gift recipients our intentions for a change in the way we celebrate Jesus’ birth this year.

Some possibilities are:

- Volunteering a few hours at the recipient’s favorite non- profit organization
- A cash gift to a non-profit which has significance to the recipient (UMCOR, Habitat for Humanity, Maslow Project, Pregnancy Center, Women’s Shelter, et, al).
- A family heirloom, with the story of its origin and importance, which the recipient has admired.
- Items purchased from organizations that help local, community, world concerns.

This year, let’s make Christmas about Jesus’ birthday, not about ourselves!

North Bend United Methodist Church



- There will be five fifth Sundays in 2012.
- C) Jr. Church: Pauline Brown, Kim Davis, Vicki Morgan. Need to contact Francine. Vicki will set up room and teach Sept. 11th.
 - D) September 11th will be back to church Sunday: Communion, Potluck lunch, have church schedule through December on the tables.
 - E) Info about campout in parking lost for homeless. Need to notify neighbors to get OK. Need a conditional use permit and have a honey pot on site.

REF Minutes – August

Present: Kate Butler, Sharon & Doug King, Pauline & John Brown, Mildred Spring, Vicki Morgan, Pastor Jerry

Calendar Dates:

September 14 : next REF meeting 11:30 am

Sept. 11: "Back to Church" Sunday
resume Fall schedule

Oct. 29: Fall Festival

Nov. 10: Charge Conference with Pastor Beville

Nov. 20: All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 27: Advent begins

Dec. 03: Advent Tea

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship

1. August picnic, Ferry Park, August 28th at 1:00pm. Cooks : Zach Martin, Sam Rowe and Ken Lawrence. Vicki will get supplies and Pastor Jerry will arrange entertainment.
2. Fall Festival: Chili cook-off judges: Doug King, Pastor Jerry and a woman(Kelley Rowe).
3. Pastor Jerry: mugs/pens/ordered. Update information. Insert still needs to be done.
 - A) Have supplies for homeless food packets. Need to compile them.
 - B) 5th Sunday October 30th. Have a brief devotion. Divide into small groups to complete various programs. Best to have first one in the church. Need to compile ideas. January is the next 5th Sunday.

F) For start of school Jerry suggested we have a coffee table in our parking lot for parents dropping off children. Make coffee inside and carry carafes out at about 8 to 8:30am. Would need 4 or 5 volunteers to do this. Sept. 6-9.

4. Maslow project: Services for homeless teens. We can have up to 11 people sleeping in our church without needing a permit. Also need a monitor. Would need lots of work on the bathroom.

5. Anything else: John Brown reported the shrub beside the North parking lot is gone. Jim Batdorff has volunteered to trim other shrubs on South side of church. A sign for the front of the church is being built. This will notify people driving by about our service times and other activities. Location to be determined. Matt Thoms will be asked by Kate to check on motion sensor lights at the 2 entryways to the church. There has be a request from someone who needs size 18 Levis and size 11 shoes. Jerry will purchase a \$100 gift certificate to Fred Meyer for this purpose.

6. Next meeting September 14th, 11:30 for lunch at the North Bend Senior Center and meeting starts at 12 noon.

Meeting adjourned: 12:59pm.

