



THE EVANGEL

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Over 100 Years!

STEELE CABLES

December 2011



"Making Disciples of Jesus

Christ for the

Transformation of the World"

"Behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the people; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you."
(Isaiah 60:2)

At this time, close upon the heels of Thanksgiving, come the advertisements and catalogues, their pages filled with Christmas announcements, bargains, illustrated stories, and gift ideas. The holiday craze of Christmas shopping is already taking possession of the public mind, and the atmosphere is becoming rife with holiday cheer.

But the question we might raise is this: *are we losing* -- in the holiday whirl of Christmas shopping, bargain hunting, present making, and pleasure seeking -- *the grand, central historic fact of the Advent of our Christ to redeem a lost world?*

There will, no doubt, be the periodical and wholesale criticism of the Bethlehem innkeeper who had "no room for the Christ" on that faraway night. We should be careful of faulting the innkeeper, who, in his ignorance, answered the weary, dust-stained pilgrims that night, with a stern refusal. Instead, let us turn our focus, our compassion, upon the many who, in the gathered light of these long

centuries streaming from the wondrous Christ, still say to him as he stands knocking at the door of the heart of admittance: *"No room!"*

Prayer: Lord, this Advent help me to sharpen my sense of alertness, so that I don't merely wait but also watch for your coming. Amen

See you at church -

Pastor Jerry

Worship Series Continues ...

- Dec. 4: "Proclaiming the Wondrous Birth ... of Samuel"
- Dec. 11: "Proclaiming the Wondrous Birth ... of John the Baptizer"
- Dec. 18: "Proclaiming the Wondrous Birth ... of Jesus"
- Dec. 24: "Celebrating and Rejoicing the Christ's Birth"
- Dec. 25: "Proclaiming the Wondrous Birth ... of us!"

December 4, 11, and 18: Worship is 10:55a.m.
Christmas Eve Praise Worship: 7 p.m.
Christmas Day Celebration: 10:55 a.m.



2: Calum Stevenson 6: Catherine Kelsay
19: Alina Stevenson 30: Howard Ledyard Jr.



9: Gerry & Clarence Downer
26: Alfreda & Jim Batdorff

FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT



Income through Nov. 27
\$ (87,767.42)
Need to Date:
\$117,524.16

Sheltering God,
Thank You for calling us to be
Your beloved stewards -- Your

"innkeepers" within the broader household of life.
As we celebrate Your radical presence with us
through Christ, help us to fling wide the doors of
Your grace-filled household -- through this act of
offering and throughout Christmastide -- to all who
feel shut out. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(from *Radical Gratitude & United Methodist
Communications*)

Your Finance Team

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.

December 1 Matthew 23-24
December 2 Matthew 25-26
December 3 Matthew 27-28
December 4 Luke 1
December 5 Luke 2-3
December 6 Luke 4-5
December 7 Luke 6-7
December 8 Luke 8-9
December 9 Luke 10-11
December 10 Luke 12-13
December 11 Luke 14-16
December 12 Luke 17-18
December 13 Luke 19-20
December 14 Luke 21-22
December 15 Luke 23-24
December 16 Ephesians 1-3
December 17 Ephesians 4-6
December 18 Colossians & Philemon
December 19 Philippians
December 20 Acts 1-3
December 21 Acts 4-6
December 22 Acts 7-8
December 23 Acts 9-10
December 24 Acts 11-13
December 25 Acts 14-16
December 26 Acts 17-19
December 27 Acts 20-22
December 28 Acts 23-25

Care and Share Families - December

Week of Dec. 4: Janet Ferris
1720 Village Pines Terrace
North Bend, OR 97459
541.888.5734

Week of Dec. 11: George Garrett
2101 Harrison
North Bend, OR 97459
541.756.0343

Week of Dec. 18: Erma Gerber
93772 Hawk Lane
North Bend, OR 97459
541.756.3591

Week of Dec. 25: Lynn Haffly
1700 Hamilton #115
North Bend, OR 97459
541.751.1614



December 29 Acts 26-28

December 30 1 Timothy

December 31 Titus

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Important Dates

>December 3--North Bend Advent Tea
Other Events



COMMUNITY NEEDS

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.

MASLOW YOUTH PROJECT

This is "Wish List" for Maslow project to help the children, youth and families in the Maslow project.

WISH LIST:

Sleeping bags/blankets
Backpacks
Liquid laundry soap
Towels
Socks/ underwear
Diapers and baby wipes
Can openers
Non-perishable meals and snack items
Frozen foods
School supplies
Garbage bags
Personal hygiene (deodorant, disposal razors, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs and brushes, full bottles of shampoo, and conditioner. We currently are well supplied with bar soap.)
Toilet paper/paper towels
New and gently used school clothing, especially large and/or tall sized men's jeans.
Financial contributions
Taxi vouchers/Bus tokens
Bottled water
We appreciate any help you can provide.

Patty Sanden

Maslow Project Program Manager

**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.

FAMILY & 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:

- >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?



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.

Poinsettias Sign Up

If you wish to order a poinsettia through the church, to be placed in the sanctuary for the holiday season, please contact the church office. The cost is \$9.00. Deadline for

ordering is Monday December 5, 2011.

They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service of worship.

REF Minutes – October

Dec. 03: Advent Tea

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship

REF AGENDA NOVEMBER 9TH, 2011

PRESENT: Sharon & Doug King, Pauline & John Brown, Bill Harvey, (Get well quick Lois) Vicki Morgan, Mildred Spring, Pastor Jerry Steele, Sharon Kloster

Calendar Dates:

Nov. 20: Neighborhood Block Party

Nov. 23: Community Thanksgiving Service, Gloria Dei, 7 P.M.

Nov. 24: Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Holy Redeemer Church

Nov. 26th: 10:AM Decorate the church for Christmas party

Nov. 27: Advent begins

Dec. 03: Advent Tea

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship

1. Fall Festival Report

Lois sent a full report of the different booths and their success or lack of this year.

The total raised was about \$1500

Consensus was that we should move it again to the first weekend in November.

The Rada knives need to be demonstrated to sell better.

Pat will have a copy of Lois's full report in the office.

2. Chair Lift: Partially worked during the Fall

Festival. Joe Morgan checked the batteries and they were fully charged.

Doug and Sharon King and Bill Harvey checked it after the REFs meeting Nov. 9th and it worked fine both up and down.

Will put the campaign on hold for a while to see if it continues to work well.

3. Neighborhood Block Party: Nov. 20 at 1:00

A. Deliver flyers to neighborhood. Vicki Morgan is arranging delivery people

B. Food: baked beans, salads, potato chips/dip, fresh vegetable, coffee, punch, cookies for dessert. Vicki will have a sign-up sheet Sunday Nov. 13th.

C. Make coffee: John Brown

D. Make punch: Mary Ann Lewelyn

E. Set up and decorate tables: Batdorffs and Jan Johnson

F. Clean up: Kim Davis, Karen and Kathy (Doug King is checking on K & K)

G. Cook hamburgers: Doug King and Jim Kloster

H. Get name tags for neighbors who come and fill them out. Sylva Burnette.

I. Jerry will make place mats with church activities on them

J. Vicki will get permit from Sanitation Dept. at the NB Annex

4. Decorate church for Christmas: Nov. 26th 10 AM till noon. Pizza will be ordered by Sharon King
The tree will be delivered Nov. 23rd.

5. Sunday volunteers/clipboard: Vicki will stand at the table in back of church on Sunday and call attention to sign-up sheets. Many spots empty still.

6. Pastor Jerry:

A. Community Dinner at Holy Redeemer. A few food items still needed. Bring to church by Sunday, Nov. 20th. Someone from our church will deliver to Holy Redeemer. Turkeys need to be delivered to Culinary Arts at SWOCC by Nov.18th.

B. When Jerry is out of town needs to be some way to keep track of our congregation who are ill. Just now we have Janet Ferris, Marty Crouse, Gerry Downer, Lois Harvey, Jim and Helen Denison, Ruby Pusich, Yvonne Murray

C. Also, when Pastor Jerry is gone need someone to be responsible to lock church up and shut off lights after everyone leaves.

D. We have 212 AAA batteries turned in at this time. Don't need any more.

7. Anything Else:

A. Vicki has spoken with Major at the Salvation Army and we just need to pick a day when we can ring bells at Fred Meyer. We will need 6 groups of ringers on our day to serve 2 slots from 10 to noon, noon to 2, and 2 to 4. Let Vicki know if you are interested. It's lots of fun.

B. Advent Tea: Hostesses are needed. Will contact Kelley about her plans so far.

Women's Resource Center fund = \$512.18

Wesley fund = \$501.36

Next meeting Dec. 14th if we need one.

January meeting Jan. 11th 2012

Christmas Gift Ideas

Looking for the perfect gift? Consider donating to one of these organization.

The Hunger Site www.thehungersite.com

UMCOR www.umcor.org

Bread for the World www.bread.org

Oregon Food Bank www.oregonfoodbank.org

Local Animal Shelters

Heifer Project www.heifer.org

CHAIR LIFT UPDATE

Replacement of the chair lift in the Fellowship hall has been placed on hold until further information on its condition is gathered. Thank you for your interest and support and thanks to Lois and Bill

Harvey for their work with the fundraising plans which will be used if the lift is determined to need replacing. Please continue to watch for further news.

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

The Reedsport Methodist Ladies Luncheon and Sing Along is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the church from 11:30a.m to 2:00p.m. The Reedsport Ladies will provide the luncheon. Please bring all your lady friends and relatives, voices and carols. Please RSVP to 541-662-0616 or 541-271-3771.

Annual Christmas Sing-Along

The Coos Bay Methodist church is hosting a Christmas Carol Sing Along on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 2:00p.m. at the church. Featured during the program will be the First United Methodist Church Choir, Coos Bay Choir, The Christmas Tree-o, and special guest will be Hoa Pili, a local Ukulele group. Please plan to join us.



Blue Christmas Service

On Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00p.m. at the Coos Bay Methodist Church. This worship service is for people who are groping for light in the darkness. For many this is not a happy season. Please come and join us.



Women's Christmas Luncheon

The Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be hosting a Women's Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 10, 2011. The program will be at 11:00am and lunch will be following in the social hall. For questions call: Kristine Hoffman at 541-756-5430.



Congratulations!

Caleb James Grimes, born to proud parents Melissa and Justin Grimes and even prouder Grandparents, Terri and Darren Dirk, on November 1, 2011 at 8:31 a.m. Baby Caleb weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 ounces and stands 19.5 inches. Welcome Caleb!!!

Call to Prayer

A group in the U.S. is organizing a call to prayer. Every evening at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time, they are calling us to stop whatever we are doing and pray for one minute for:
Safety for the United States
Safety for our troops
Safety for our citizens
A return to a Godly Nation
Please join this movement.

Vicki Morgan

MERRY CHRISTMAS

First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting

November 16, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with a prayer by Pastor Jerry.

Present Were: Carol Salisbury, Chairperson, Pastor Jerry, Mildred Spring, Kim Davis, Sharon King, Bob Burns, Helen Dennison. Excused Were: John and Pauline Brown and Vicki Morgan.

Minutes--The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Pastor's Report:

- 1) Reconfiguration of Committees—The Discipline allows for the restructuring to a single governing body model as many churches struggle with dwindling membership. The new governance council will deal with the major issues, not the daily ongoing decision making. The Pastor will see to the daily, normal ongoing business. A handout "Information Sheet—Simple Board Structure" was reviewed listing the duties as perceived at this time. It was recognized that this is a "work in progress" and most likely not the final document. A workshop will be held in January to discuss this process in more detail with the congregation.

In addition, based on this single board structure, the 2012 North Bend Leadership Team document was reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded (Burns/King) to endorse this revised leadership team list.

The first meeting of the Church Council will be held January 22nd after the church service. Future meetings will be held the 3rd Sunday of each month (except Nov. 2nd Sunday.)

- 2) Use of CD funds—as Chairperson of Trustees, John Brown submitted a proposal for consideration relative to the church

accounts. The thinking behind this proposal was that the Finance Committee is responsible for the budget, but has never had control of the accounts. This proposal would provide more continuity. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded (King/Burns) that the: Moving fund, Two Parsonage Reserve funds, Endowment Fund, and Memorial Fund be moved to the responsibility of the Finance Task Force. The Trustees will continue to have control of the Siding Replacement fund, the Building Fund Savings, the Building Fund Checking and Petty Cash.

The Trustees further requested an annual budget of \$10,000 for future expenses. The Ad Council felt this request should be channeled to the Finance Task Force/General Council for future consideration .

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE—All local bills have been paid to date. Currently \$3,000 is in the bank. Hope to make an apportionment payment prior to the end of the year.

EDUCATION—all going well.

TRUSTEES—new church sign in before Thanksgiving.

SPRC—no report.

REFS/UMPS—Report in the Evangel.

WORSHIP—Carol has agreed to become the "visual design" person – hoping to decorate the altar relative to the theme of the week.

UMW—Oct. 29th was the community luncheon at the CB Methodist Church, Nov. 4th, 5 attended the Church Women United in Lakeside, Nov 5th CB Church Bazaar, and Nov. 19th the UMW will meet at Coos Bay with no meeting scheduled for December.

OTHER BUSINESS: Scouts—Kim asked that she be contacted for any requests of the scouts (such as table set up, yard work, etc).

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 22nd, after the service.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Salisbury Chairperson