



# THE EVANGEL

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## STEELE CABLES

November 2011



*"Making Disciples of Jesus*

*Christ for the*

*Transformation of the World"*

In the first chapter of the Gospel according to Luke, the angel Gabriel comes to Mary with news from God and then tells her "Do not be afraid." What part of "do not be afraid" do we think Mary didn't understand? Could it have been the sudden sight of an unexplained celestial event? Did the thought cross her mind that her parents might not believe her explanation, "the Holy Spirit got me pregnant"?

Fear has a great influence on our lives.

Recent research has shown that the popularity of Christianity in the USA has declined about 12% within the last couple of decades and appears to be continuing that decline. That's *not* good news for us whose mission is to boldly make disciples for Jesus Christ – to vitalize the Church – to transform the world. What seems to be the barrier to growing the church – as well as individual spiritual growth?

You got it ... *fear!* Fear of change. Fear is sneaky, crippling, and the exact opposite of faith. How we (especially in the church) handle the emotion of fear usually predicts success and growth or lack thereof. Many examples of success and failure, growth and stagnation can be seen in both the business world and the church.

Those who've learned to manage fear ask, "What could we gain?" These are the successful ministry leaders who have

overcome obstacles (fear), accomplished life-changing things, and are making a difference in people's lives. Their motivation is more by the prospects of success rather than by the fear of failure.

Meanwhile, there are others who fearfully obsess over the negatives ... "What could go wrong?" ... and fail to see doors of opportunities. They, and their organizations shrink. Sadly, that seems to be what many of our churches are suffering – fear-induced paralysis, and it's slowly killing us.

God knows our weaknesses – especially this tendency to fear. That's why we can read of hundreds of commands throughout scripture to "fear not." When circumstances call for change (and certainly current circumstances in the church are crying for change), it's time to ask for God's guidance, to trust in God, to be brave and have faith – and to fear not.

When we quit worrying over what we may lose, and start dreaming about what we can gain, then we just might start to see growth happening. Fear not!

See you at church -

*Pastor Jerry*

## FINANCE MINISTRY REPORT



Income through October 23

\$ (86,943.42)

Need to Date:

\$107,522.24

Father, we, too, have said we want to follow your teachings and show your love to the world, but we still resist. Help our hearts and our bodies follow our words, not just saying we will be your body, but by doing your work and returning part of

your abundance so that your work may truly be done. Amen. (Matthew 21:23-32)  
 (from *Radical Gratitude & United Methodist Communications*)  
 Your Finance Team



**November**

- 1: Kate Butler
- 1: Kyle Martin
- 10: Lou Christenson
- 10: Dakota Ovanic
- 11: Gerry Downer
- 13: Stephany Clark
- 13: Sam Rowe
- 14: Don Thompson
- 17: Kristin Ledyard
- 17: Eva Shimotakahara
- 18: Tim Martin
- 24: Dedee Peterson
- 24: Steve Shimotakahara
- 26: Carol Salisbury
- 28: Jim Kloster



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

- November 1 2 Thessalonian
- November 2 1 Corinthians 1-4
- November 3 1 Corinthians 5-8
- November 4 1 Corinthians 9-11
- November 5 1 Corinthians 12-14
- November 6 1 Corinthians 15-16
- November 7 2 Corinthians 1-4
- November 8 2 Corinthians 5-9
- November 9 2 Corinthians 10-13
- November 10 Romans 1-3
- November 11 Romans 4-7
- November 12 Romans 8-10
- November 13 Romans 11-13
- November 14 Romans 14-16
- November 15 Mark 1-3
- November 16 Mark 4-5
- November 17 Mark 6-7
- November 18 Mark 8-9
- November 19 Mark 10-11
- November 20 Mark 12-13
- November 21 Mark 14
- November 22 Mark 15-16
- November 23 Matthew 1-4
- November 24 Matthew 5-7
- November 25 Matthew 8-9
- November 26 Matthew 10-12
- November 27 Matthew 13-14
- November 28 Matthew 15-17
- November 29 Matthew 18-20
- November 30 Matthew 21-22



25: Lois and Bill Harvey

**Care and Share Families - November**

- Week of Nov. 6: Jim & Helen Denison  
 1695 Johnson  
 North Bend, OR 97459  
 541.756.6094
- Week of Nov. 13: Darren & Terri Dirk  
 Matthew  
 732 Denise Place  
 Coos Bay, OR 97420  
 541.888.1700
- Week of Nov. 20: Clarence & Gerry Downer  
 836 Newmark  
 North Bend, OR 97459  
 541.756.6244
- Week of Nov. 27: Ruth Epperson  
 1680 Johnson  
 North Bend, OR 97459



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.

All items may be brought to the church for collection.

## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

### ***Important Dates***

- >November 5--World Thank Offering
  - >December 3--North Bend Advent Tea
- Other Events
- >November 4: World Community Day 10a.m.  
Church Women United  
Lakeside Presbyterian Church  
100 North 8<sup>th</sup> St. Lakeside

The program expresses an explosion of actions bursting forth from an unlocked trunk. Past actions will inspire women of today towards future action. This relates the goals from Micah of justice and mercy to Jesus' demand that we reexamine our own hypocrisy. Only then can action be unlocked.

Contact: Patti deRonden-Pos for more info.  
541.267.5213



## **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**

Socks, gently used sleeping bags, jackets and coats.

**Ecumenical Community Food Cup Board --  
T.H.E. House --  
Women's Resource Shelter --**

## **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:

- >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?

## **LETTERS OF THANKS**

Our Fall Festival was a huge success. We had a great turnout, wonderful soup and bread lunches and opportunities to buy wonderful items. A special thanks to the people who chaired the different sections: Mary Ann Lewellyn for baked goods and Misty Meadows jams and jellies, Mildred Spring for Heirloom Attic, Doug King for his book table, Scott Embry for his beautiful boxes, Sharon Kloster for the craft table, Vicki Morgan for heading up making fall arrangements, Nancy and Bob Dehart for the Rada knives and the cooks for the wonderful soup; Carol Salisbury for the Italian, Sharon King for the Chicken Pot pie and Bill and Lois Harvey for the creamy Shrimp soup and Karen McGuire for the rolls. A special thanks to Kate Butler for sending the beautiful banner that will be used over and over again. Many thanks also to the judges of the costume contest. A fun time was had by all. To all the people who donated, worked the event, cleaned up on Sunday, we were truly blessed to have you part of this. None of this would have happened without you. Thank you so much.  
Lois Harvey

## **CORRECTION:**

Alfreda Batdorff has found a new outlet for the plastic medicine bottles and also please continue to bring soda cans for recycle.

**WORSHIP SERVICE** – Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will host a Thanksgiving service at 7:00p.m. on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

party. We will be inviting our neighbors to join us for a hamburger bbq with all the trimmings. We will need people to help set up tables, chairs, provide the typical bbq side dishes (beans, salads, chips, condiments), cook and clean-up. Please let the church office know how you would like to help with this fun event.

There is a need for more prayer Shawls. For information contact Lynn Haffley.



#### **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.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

##### **Thanksgiving Dinners**

Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Dinner to be held at Holy Redeemer Church on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> between Noon and 3:00p.m. We will again be participating in this endeavor. We will have a list in the church office of the things we will contribute and as we have done in the past you will need to sign up for the items you can contribute.

##### **Thanksgiving Block Party**

Sunday, Nov. 20, after church (1p.m.) our congregation is hosting a neighborhood block

#### **Thanksgiving Family Assistance**

Once again, we are reaching out to help a local family enjoy the holiday season who otherwise would might not. We are looking for food donations that will provide a Thanksgiving dinner (turkey/ham, dressing, vegetables, pies, etc.) for a family of 5 (mother, 2 sons, daughter and grandchild.) Please bring your contributions (food or financial) to church starting Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Food donations may be placed on the table at the entry of the sanctuary. Please mark financial donations "Thanksgiving family". Thank you for your generosity and spirit of Christ-giving!

#### **Advent/Christmas Church Decorating**

Come join the party to decorate our church sanctuary for Advent/Christmas on Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. There will be fun, food, fellowship, and the celebrating of Carol Salisbury's birthday and Lois & Bill Harvey's anniversary as well. Let's make it a party extra-ordinaire!

#### **EVANGEL NOTICE**

The December deadline will be early in order to have the December issue out on time due to the holiday breaks. The deadline will be **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

You have a unique opportunity to be part of something special. We are going to be selling shares in a new stair lift for the Fellowship hall. Our old one has worn out and presently handicapped people are unable to attend functions downstairs. We are going to be like the Green Bay Packers and sell shares to anyone wishing to help us out. However just like the Packers, you will receive no monetary returns, but you will be known as the Stair Lift Backers with a certificate to prove it. The shares sell for \$25.00 for ½ share and \$50.00 for a full share. Of course, you can buy any amount of shares you desire. Shares will go on sale November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. See Lois and Bill Harvey to purchase shares. Please help make our church friendly and usable for all.

Thank you

out of town and you have a prayer request, you can e-mail Jerry or Pat at the office to get it on the line. That way there will be no delay in getting requests out for prayer.

- B. Block Party: Vicki brought this idea up and we decided to have a block party on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> for the

Thanksgiving dinner. We will fix the hamburger patties we have left over from the summer picnic. Also have buns and condiments. Jerry will prepare a invitation for our neighbors and hand those out. We will fix salads, baked beans, chips and dip, drinks, macaroni & cheese (suggested) and cookies for dessert. Vicki will chair this project.

- C. Trustees/Jerry are getting bids on a new sound system. When more information is available we will have a report.
- D. Sunday volunteers/clip board: All slots for October are filled. Before each Sunday, Pat or Jerry will place the clipboard in the hall where people are entering the church. Another job for Greeters is to direct attention toward the clipboard for signing up in empty slots. Try this for awhile. Another suggestion was to pass the clipboard only on the last Sunday of each month.
- E. We need AAA battery donations for the candles used for the Christmas Eve service. Turn these into the Church office.

WRC fund= \$392.18  
Wesley fund=\$501.36

Next meeting will be Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> @11.30a.m. at NB Sr. Center.

#### **NEW ADDRESS:**

Patrick Howland recently married and his new address is : Patrick & Kelsey Howland  
13830 Greenville Road  
Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240

**Recycle Bin-** We have received a recycle bin and will be recycling office paper(needs to be shredded) and cardboard. The bin will be in hall across from office.

#### **BATTERIES NEEDED**

### **REF Minutes – October 19, 2011**

PRESENT: Sharon & Doug King, Pauline & John Brown, Lois and Bill Harvey, Vicki Morgan, Maryann Lewellyn, Mildred Spring, Jerry Steele and Carol Salisbury

Nov. 2: 100p.m.Charge Conference with Pastor Beville

Nov. 20: All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 23: Community Thanksgiving Service  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 7 p.m.

Nov. 24: Community Thanksgiving Dinner @  
Holy Redeemer Church Noon-3:00 p.m.

Nov.: 26 10:00 a.m. Decorate the Church for  
Christmas party

Nov. 27: Advent begins

Dec. 03: Advent Tea

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship

1. Fall Festival: Organization for this event well done.
2. Chair lift: We need a new one. Bill and Lois are researching this project and look further in this Evangel for fundraising project.
3. Sign out front: John Brown and others attended the planning commission in October and they approved our placing the sign in front of the church near the sidewalk.
4. Pastor Jerry's report:
  - A. We chose families to sponsor for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will be collecting for a food basket for Thanksgiving and information will follow about the Christmas family.
  - B. Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Food list will be announced later,
  - C. We will again decorate the church for Christmas the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. We will celebrate Lois and Bill's anniversary and Carol Salisbury's birthday along with decorating festivities.
5. Anything else:
  - A. Prayer chain: If Sharon King is

The church needs about 200 AAA batteries for the candles for Christmas Eve Service. If you can help, please bring to the Church Office. A good source for these is Costco or the Dollar Store.

