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SALMON BARBECUE UPDATE!



Plans for the our church's Annual Salmon Bake at noon on *Sunday, July 13* are coming along well. We will enjoy the sounds of our church youth who play in the Camerata Orchestra, newly back from their trip to Italy. The salmon will be flown in from Alaska (salmon fishing in the lower-48 states is closed) and finely cooked by our expert volunteers. There will be wonderful delicacies from the kitchens of all those attending to enjoy. Come out and play in the sun and enjoy the fellowship in Hanson Grove.

Ticket sales for the event (\$7/adults; \$3.50/11 and under) and sign-ups continue this Sunday at church. Don't miss it! (If you won't be eating salmon, you don't need a ticket, but please sign up to attend so we know how many to set up for.)

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE: A NONAGENARIAN BIRTHDAY!

Dale Kirk's family invites you to join them this *Sunday, June 27*, to celebrate Dale's 90th birthday! Come to the

Fireplace Room after the service for cake and congratulations!



THIS SUNDAY – June 29

Scriptures: Genesis 21:8-21
Music: "Blowin' in the Wind"
 Kim, Grant Thackray,
 Kyle Thackray, guitar
Sermon: "Tea with Family"
 Elizabeth Oettinger

NEXT SUNDAY – July 6

Scriptures: Matthew 11:16-19,
 35-30
Music: Adam Grieve, tenor
 Sally McBride, piano
Sermon: "Upon Our Shoulders"
 Ryan Lambert

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Elizabeth Oettinger*

Dear Friends,

I would like to tell you that I am intentional about my reading--I've always admired those who read in a disciplined way--but more as a matter of chance than of plan, I have found myself reading lately about those who want the change the world one small piece at a time. As many of you know from the sermons I've preached lately, I just finished *Three Cups of Tea*, the story of Greg Mortenson's personal war on terrorism through education, primarily starting schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Before that, after seeing Nobel peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus in person, I read his books: *Banker to the Poor* and *A World without Poverty*.

In the third world, there is so much that can be done with small amounts of money. I have become intrigued by the world of micro-finance, websites such as kiva.com, grameenfoundation.org, and churchworldservice.org. All these places offer opportunities to help individuals start businesses. Loans as small as \$25-50 will help a would-be entrepreneur buy a cow, or a sewing machine, vats of dye, or a small piece of machinery. It's not charity; it's business, and the idea of helping defeat poverty one small business at a time is compelling to me.

So many of the problems that face us seem so huge as to be overwhelming. Our inability to deal with the whole paralyzes many of us into inaction. I find myself inspired by those who choose a path of small direct action, changing lives one village, one family, or even one person at a time. And I'm looking for more summer reading. Do you have any suggestions? I'm serious. A church member told me recently that she was curious about what sorts of things other church members are reading that they find inspiring. E-mail me or put a note in my box over the next two weeks, and I'll publish a list in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, "The moral of the story is: do something to change something."

God bless you all.

Liz

SPECIAL RECITAL COMING

On *Saturday, July 12*, at 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary, **Priscilla Dantas**, a 15-year-old Brazilian pianist, will perform. Priscilla was discovered at age 11 by SHSKI (Students Helping Street Kids International) A donation to SHSKI is the price of admission. Check out this

organization on their website at: <http://www.helpthekids.org/>

Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with the **Chi** family and they travel to Taiwan (not China, as printed last week) for the memorial services for **Ching-Yue's** mother, **Li-jan Wong**.

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
BEGINS JULY 13!**

Beginning *July 13*, children between the ages of 3 and 5th grade will be "Surfing through the Scriptures" in our Vacation Bible School. The sessions will run from 5:30-8:15 p.m. Sunday-Thursday (*July 13-17*). VBS will include biblical lessons taught through classroom time, art, music, science, and recreation -- all with a beach party theme!

Over the next few weeks we will be registering children at church on Sunday to help us get a sense of how many children will be participating. Please sign up early to help us make sure we have the proper amount of supplies. VBS is a great chance for children to bring friends to a fun church activity, so children should feel free to invite friends along for a "surfin'" good time!

Questions? Contact **Ryan Lambert** or **Molly Chambers** at the church or via e-mail.

Fifth Sunday Offering:
**NORTHWEST HOUSE OF
THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

Linda Jaramillo is the United Church of Christ executive minister in charge of Justice and Witness Ministries for the national church. Those of you who have been active in Central Pacific Conference affairs have probably met Linda. She was an Oregonian before moving to Cleveland to work on the



UCC national staff, and began her path to ministry as an active layperson in her local church and the Conference.

As she pursued her volunteer church work, it became her passion. She wondered if she were called to ordained ministry. Fortunately, as she considered questions of vocation, a new theological school began in Oregon. **Northwest House of Theological Studies** opened its doors in 1998, a new experiment in theological education that would allow students to explore the possibility, and then begin the path to ordained ministry, while continuing to work and live in Oregon. Linda was one of the first NHTS students to move through its program and then go on to Pacific School of Religion to complete her M.Div. degree. She now serves our denomination in one of its most visible and powerful leaders. Without Northwest House, her transition from active layperson to ordained ministry would not have been possible.

Linda's is just one of NHTS's success stories. In the world of theological schools, Northwest House is unique in offering a course of study designed for local students who can only attend seminary part-time in weekend classes. Students who attend Northwest House end up paying less than half of what it would cost to attend a traditional residential seminary for the full three-year program. As fewer students find themselves able to bear the cost of traditional seminary education, Northwest House provides a new model for high-quality cost-

effective education. In supporting Northwest House, we are supporting one creative new avenue to provide for the needs of the church of the future. Thank you for your support.

VINA MOSES FUNDRAISER
JULY 11 AND 12

The Antique and Collectible Sale is a major fund raiser for the **Vina Moses Center**. This annual sale of dolls, dishes, furniture, jewelry and other treasures (including four vintage quilts) will be held in the Community Room at the First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe, in Corvallis.

Here are ways to participate in addition to being a buyer:

- Donate your own antiques and collectibles to the sale. Deliver to the Methodist Church on *July 8* or, if that is not possible, call **Alice Morrow** to make other arrangements.
- Help unpack, sort, and arrange items for sale, *July 7 -10*. You get to see what is for sale and buy early.
- Work as a cashier, packer or floor worker at the sale.
- Pack and clean up for a couple of hours after the sale ends on *July 12*.

If you want to volunteer, please call Alice Morrow (752-3541) for details.



**IT'S TIME FOR
SUMMER
READING**

The "new book" shelves in the church library are overflowing with interesting items for your summer reading and some of them are on display on the counter by the check out basket. So, come in and have a look. Fiction is all on a separate shelf. Also, several folks have had books checked out for a LONG time and the library committee would be happy to welcome those back to the shelves!

Many thanks to **Marion Whitney** for her assistance with processing books as well as her attractive bulletin board displays.

**USED COMPUTER EQUIPMENT
AVAILABLE**

Some used but working computer equipment is available as a result of church office PC replacements. Contact **Brian Lee** (bcllee@peak.org) if you are interested.

- Dell M991 19" crt monitor
- ViewSonic E90f 19" crt monitor
- BPS PC - Pentium II 233 MHz, with CDROM, modem, Ethernet card, Win98 SE, keyboard, ZIP drive, 3.5" floppy drive
- Bellevue Computers PC - Pentium S 133 MHz, with CDROM, modem, Ethernet card, keyboard, mouse, Puppy Linux, 3.5" floppy drive

- Bellevue Computers PC - Pentium 75 MHz , with modem, tape drive,
- keyboard, mouse, 3.5" floppy drive, Win3.1 over MSDOS 6.22 .
- HP ScanJet 3200C, parallel
- HP ScanJet 4200C, USB
- 2 pairs of cheap, stereo PC speakers

Brian also has a few 17" crt monitors, keyboards, an HP DeskJet 820Cse parallel, new Dell laptop AC adapters 20 VDC 3.5A, a couple Pentium II 350 or 400 MHz PCs, and miscellaneous PC parts that are available at no charge.

Dear friends at
First Congregational Church,

We are always so happy with your generous and ongoing support for WE CARE!

Each week we carefully distribute our available funds to the neediest families in Benton County. They are carefully screened before being presented to us. We celebrate the weeks when we are able to assist all the cases.

Thank you for joining eighteen other faith communities in this important work.

Very sincerely, Prue Kaye, Secretary

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jody Eleveld 7/1, Susan Cowles 7/2, Dale Kirk 7/2, Doris deLespinasse 7/3, Brian Meara 7/5, John Holmes 7/7, Erin

O'Dell 7/7, Mary Youmans 7/11, Eric Skyllingstad 7/11, Justin Chi 7/13, Mary MacLean 7/16, Abigail Neely 7/16, Nancy Henderlite 7/17, Gloria Buckley 7/18, Pat Phillips 7/20, Will Zaworski 7/21, Karen French 7/26, Cliff Trow 7/27, Jean Heath 7/27, Megan Chambers 7/29, Alice Sperling 7/31



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Amy Nafshun 7/1

Michael and Susan Henthorne 7/6

John Koch and Libby Ankarberg 7/7
(24th)

George and Rhonda Mueller-Warrant
7/12 (34th)

Kathy and Phil Mason 7/18 (20th)

Tim and Susan Cowles 7/25 (38th)

You are invited to join
friends, family and
the Rebound Jazz Quartet
for

Mike and Carol Huntington's
20th anniversary dance and cavort

Saturday, July 5, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Catton Hall

in celebration of love, music, humor,
marriage, and hors d' oeuvres.

RSVP 745-5635 or
mchuntington@comcast.net

No gifts, please!



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, July 8.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Friday, June 27

7:30 p.m. Badminton

Sunday, June 29

9:30 a.m. Worship
 (following) Reception for Dale Kirk
 Fireplace Room

4:40 p.m. Holy Sox, E. Sunset

Tuesday, July 1

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
 6:30 p.m. Outreach & Evangelism
 7:30 p.m. Diaconate
 7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Thursday, July 3

5:30 p.m. Church Basketball
 6:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice,
 Adams School

Friday, July 4- Independence Day

Office closed

Sunday, July 6

9:30 a.m. Worship
 (following) Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, July 8

9:00 a.m. Staff
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, July 9

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group

Thursday, July 10

5:30 p.m. Church Basketball
 6:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice,
 Adams School

Friday, July 11

7:30 p.m. Badminton

LOOKING AHEAD: *Sunday, July 20:*
 Stewardship of Creation outdoor service
 in Hanson Grove

SUMMER NEWSLETTER DATES

<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
July 8	July 11
July 22	July 25
August 5	August 8
August 19	August 22