



Hilltop Highlights

February 2011



PASTOR'S MEDITATION by Reverend Dr. Penny Christianson

“FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISH FOR PEOPLE.”: TESTING THE CALL

The sermon for this past Sunday, January 23, 2011, was based on Matthew 4:12-22. It focused on aspects of hearing and answering Jesus' call to discipleship. A question came up after the service “How do you know...?” I shared a quick response related to my own personal experience, “Try it and see what happens, listen for the ‘yes.’”

After giving the question more thought, I'd like to expand on my initial response. The practice of spiritual discernment relies on our willingness to let God lead us to new endeavors whatever those might be.

Prayer opens our heart to God's leading. This prayerful first step doesn't need to be anything formal; it can be something like, “God, I've always wanted to..” I can't get this out of my mind...” or “Someone said I'd be good at...” Then listen for the response; it will come in your heart as your feelings are engaged, perhaps you'll feel anxious, excited, enthused.

God's response also comes through the wisdom and care of others who know you well, so check in with them—do they see you in this new capacity? What might they advise?

Other considerations:

- Will it help you grow: mentally, socially, emotionally, or spiritually?
- Will this enterprise produce some of the spiritual fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control? Will it call you to exercise some of these gifts?
- Will it move you closer to clarity about your life?
- Will it serve God in some way, i.e., deepening your awareness of God's presence and influence in your life or by helping others?

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PASTOR'S MEDITATION (continued from page 1)

Remember Mother Teresa's advice, "We should not ask to do great things for God, but to do small things with great love." Even such ordinary things such as taking a class unrelated to anything "religious" may open new windows of appreciation and application. For example, a writing class or a welding class can reveal complexities of the subject that "blow your mind" and release creativity, a definite expression of spirituality.

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Jesus' invitation is to become an active disciple in leading a life that exemplifies the principles that God's people should embrace. Leading a principled Christian life provides a persuasive example to others to consider adopting similar principles. This is, perhaps, the most effective way we have of making new disciples.

Jesus is not looking for part time disciples. The commitment to live out the principles of Christianity infuses one's being—it becomes a silent partner shaping our feelings, thoughts, and actions. Choosing to be a disciple is an emotional decision to enter into relationship with Jesus in a very personal way.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- Juanita Alverson
- Cynthia Asai
- Sam Richardson
- Ted & Tami Weitman with the passing of his mom, Dorothy
- Kay Gooding
- Sherris Harrell's sister, Karen
- Craig Myers, Jeremy Scott - both recovering from surgery
- Pat Mohny and fellow staff members of AGAPE Unlimited

My own discerning process has not been as orderly and rational as I have outlined it here; I really did just jump into massive life-changing decisions with an intuitive sense of "I have to do this." And yet, in retrospect, at the same time I was jumping head-first into chaos I was praying, checking in with friends, family, and the official powers-that-be, following the prescribed protocols AND creating new pathways, and working with spiritual directors, mentors, teachers and supervisors.

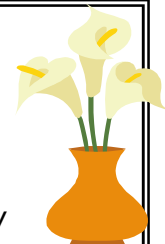
In addition to the "yes" that kept affirming my ambitions and abilities, I also listened and waited for God to say "no, you can't do that." God has never said "no." Scary, isn't it?

Blessings, Rev. Penny

THANK YOU'S

- Ted Weitman and the UMM for coordinating the Red Cross Blood Drive
- The Trustees for getting the flat roof patched
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My deepest gratitude to each of you who have walked with me and Mike as we grieved my mother's passing. I greatly appreciate your support during this past year as my mother's physical and mental health declined. Your prayers, notes, cards, and emails have filled my heart and given me strength.



Bless you all, Penny

FINANCE

FINANCE REPORT

Thanks to very generous giving from each of you, we were able to close the financial books for 2010 with a surplus. This surplus has allowed the Church Council to approve the following deficit budget for 2011. As you can see, it takes a lot of money to care for our building, pay our excellent staff, and support the ministry of this Hilltop Church. But it is all made possible by your support – thank you so much!

2011 BUDGET - REVENUE

Contributions	\$139,312
Building use	7,500
Fundraisers (garage sales, auction, scrip)	11,500
Interest income	6,725
Rental income from cell tower	12,706
Miscellaneous income	1,281
Total Revenue	\$179,024

2011 BUDGET - EXPENSES

Salaries and benefits (payroll tax, workers comp insurance, etc.)	\$128,656
Shared Giving to Conference (formerly called apportionments)	26,766
Worship materials (candles, banners, music, etc.)	900
Education (curriculum, supplies)	775
Trustees (Building & equipment maintenance, supplies, insurance, utilities)	20,650
Administration (office supplies, copiers, postage)	4,030
Outreach (welcoming – name tags, potluck supplies, etc.)	400
Total Expenses	\$182,177



WELCOME

Your Finance Team has two new members:

- Eleaner Fitzgerald
- Cynthia Asai

We look forward to working with them and utilizing their accounting experience in the year ahead.

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TUALATIN UMC CHURCH LEADERS/OFFICERS



CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair.....	Wes Tanac
Recording Secretary.....	
Treasurer.....	Sherris Harrell
Financial Secretary.....	Ellie McClure
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Emilie Kroen
Reserve Lay Member.....	Ellie McClure
Lay Leader.....	Wes Tanac
*Pastor.....	Penny Christianson
*Music Director.....	Melinda Beyers
*Office Administrator.....	Noelle Voepel
Foundation Chair.....	Wes Tanac
Members at Large.....	Linda and Ron Moholt, Mickey Chewning, Larry McClure, Matt Kroen, Bill Fitzgerald

Chairpersons:

Education Team.....	Karen Miglioretto
Finance Team.....	Brian Harrell
Staff-Parish Relations.....	Wes Tanac
*Trustees.....	Dianne Tanac
*UMW President.....	Emilie Kroen

*Select own president, not elected by Church Conference

TRUSTEES

2011	2012	2013
Dianne Tanac	Jason Roach	Kim Bartholomew
Lloyd Gooding	Zeev Schnayder	Ted Weitman
Gloria Kreher	Karen Walker	Ryan Wilson

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

2011	2012	2013
Wes Tanac	Larry Robbins	John Bartholomew
Ron Moholt	Larry McClure	Tami Weitman

UNITED METHODIST MEN

President.....	George Bowsby
Board Member.....	Larry McClure
Secretary-treasurer.....	Norm Parker

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

President.....	Emile Kroen
Vice President.....	Kay Gooding
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Karen Walker

NOMINATIONS and PERSONNEL

Wes Tanac	Colleen Rivers	Loyce Martinazzi
Kay Gooding	Karen Walker	Larry McClure



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TUALATIN UMC CHURCH LEADERS/OFFICERS

FINANCE TEAM

Brian Harrell – Chair
 Ellie McClure - Financial Secretary
 Dwayne Scales
 Sherris Harrell
 Ron Moholt
 James Boyd
 Church Council Chair, Ex Officio
 Beth Roach
 Eleanor Fitzgerald
 Cynthia Asai

EDUCATION

Karen Miglioretto- Chair
 Rochelle Smith- Superintendent
 Emilie Kroen
 Merry McAdoo

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Ted Weitman
 Tami Weitman
 Mickey Chewning

*TUMC FOUNDATION

(Elect Own Officers)
 Wes Tanac
 Bill Fitzgerald
 Larry McClure
 Mickey Chewning
 Matt Kroen

FOOD BANK

Carol Hernandez/ Kay Gooding– Co-Coordinators
 Mickey Chewning
 Larry McClure

EVANGELISM AND WELCOMING

Larry McClure - Co-Chair
 Tami Weitman - Co-Chair
 Ted Weitman
 Patt Bowlsby

Mike Meriwether
 Barbara Robb
 Norm Parker
 Selinda Smith

Carolyn Stoops
 Daena Goldsmith
 Linda Seibold
 Darlene Spicher

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Sherris Harrell
 Pam Robbins
 Loyce Martinazzi

Karen Walker
 Colleen Rivers
 Pearl Behm

Ofilia Boyd
 Patt Bowlsby

WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM

Pam Robbins
 Melinda Beyers
 Karen Miglioretto

Selinda Smith
 Robin Curtin

HISTORIAN

Loyce Martinazzi

Beth Roach
 Jason Roach
 Valerie Scott
 Lorie Thacker

Communion Steward Substitutes

George Bowlsby
 Patt Bowlsby



FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

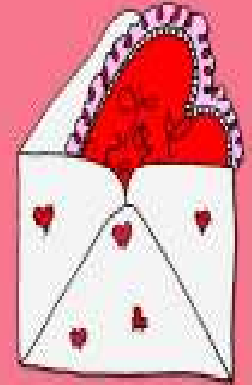
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Valentine's Day



Chili & Chocolate Potluck

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WHEN: Feb 13th, immediately after service

WHERE: Koch Hall

WHAT TO Bring: chili with toppings, cornbread, or items for dipping into chocolate such as chopped fruit, cake squares, sweets, chips

TRUSTEES UPDATE

TRUSTEE REPORT

The trustee committee met on January 5, 2011 and reviewed the current status of several items that they would like to share with you at this time:

1. **Insurance / Inventory Report ~ Insurance Policy for 2011 arrived** ~ have yet to see premiums. Inventory lists will be distributed in February.
2. **Building Use Report**
 - a) Building Use Contracts ~ Mailed 11/13/10. All groups using our church building are required to sign contracts regarding building use. These Building Use Guidelines need be signed and returned with a certificate of liability insurance.
3. **Trustee Budget Report**
 - a) Budgeted Amounts for 2011 total to \$20,650
 - Church maintenance \$2,200 (less flat roof repair \$480)
 - Custodial Supplies \$500
 - Music equipment maintenance \$300
 - Insurance \$4,800
 - Utilities \$7,300
 - Telephone \$1,350
4. **Projects/Maintenance for 2011**
 - a) Kitchen countertops complete
 - b) Gas furnace replacements ~ furnace replacement for south side of sanctuary. All six furnaces have been looked at and five were serviced for \$79.20 each and the one serving the South side of the sanctuary had to be shut down because of a crack in the heat exchanger, so will need to be replaced right away. To replace just the one without any other complications would be \$2,055 and if we were to decide to do two it would be \$1,955 each. The Committee was supportive of moving forward to replace the one that is shut down immediately and if there is another one that is close in the inspectors view replace if we have the money. It was mentioned that we should consider including air conditioning to each new furnace as we install them. The question of the additional cost of air conditioning will be asked before the furnaces are replaced.
 - c) Flat roof repair/replacement ~ leak repaired Monday, January 3, 2011. So far we have two bids to replace/repair the flat roof (1) \$25,475 and (2) for \$16,000 and a few more bids to obtain from other companies.
 - d) Replacement of Building Doors: bids are still coming in for; (1) replacing the entry doors at a little over \$13,000, (2) keeping the existing doors and replacing all of the worn out hardware of \$400, and (3) replacing the north side Sanctuary door \$1,190.
 - e) Bathroom fan timer ~ The Fire Marshall recommended placing timers on all bathroom exhaust fans to prevent a fire hazard due to overheating. Bob Walker donated the switches and Lloyd will install them.
 - f) Plumbing projects ~ hand sprayer in small kitchen sink replaced, Zev does many of these projects as they come up.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Tanac, Chair
Ted Weitman, Secretary

This report amended by Rev. Penny for inclusion in this newsletter.

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The next SCRIP orders will be taken Sunday, Feb. 13th & 27th.

Keep in mind that orders can be made in advance and placed in the scrip mailbox in the church office.

gocamping.org

The 2011 Camp & Retreat Ministry events are now posted and open for registration at: www.gocamping.org/calendar/

MUSIC MINISTRY

COME TO CHOIR CAMP! DO IT!

I encourage you to consider attending Choir Camp even if you are not interested in or able to participate in our own church choir. The experience of singing in a 60+ voice choir is rare and such great fun. The music, the common intention, the fellowship, all feed our spirits deeply. The setting is gorgeous, the food is good, and I sleep better on the hard bunks than I do in my own bed - maybe that's due to the exercise too.

The choir rehearses Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. There are three workshop sessions that include stretching and strengthening the body, basic music reading, beginning ear training, singing in barbershop quartets, playing handbells, and private voice lessons. Or you can sit by a fireplace and read a book or walk on the beach or take a nap. Saturday night there's a fantastic talent show. Sunday night is the choir concert. Monday morning we have a final gathering and then head home, "well sung" and rested and refreshed. For couples where one sings and the other doesn't, Hammer Camp runs concurrently. The non-singer can choose from a number of projects that help spruce up the camp after the winter weather. Hammer campers work as much as they want or are able. There are plenty of opportunities to relax too.

Lastly, if you'd like to come hear the concert, please register for the Choir Camp Concert package. You get Sunday night dinner and lodging and Monday breakfast for a great deal. And you get to see Choir Camp before committing to it next year. To see the camping ministries info site go to: <http://gocamping.org/camps-retreats/adults-camps>. There are links from that page to the registration.

Come on and Sing!
Melinda

Choir Camp at Magruder Feb. 18 -21, 2011

Register NOW @

<http://gocamping.org/camps-retreats/adults-camps>

Come raise your voices to God in praise and worship. Fellowship with singing friends old and new. Relax with the sound of the waves and the feel of the sand. Relish tasty meals prepared by loving hands.

There's something for everyone at Choir Camp!

Tiered registration rates start at \$195

Additional instruments needed this year: Oboe, flute, violin, brass, handbells, percussion

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

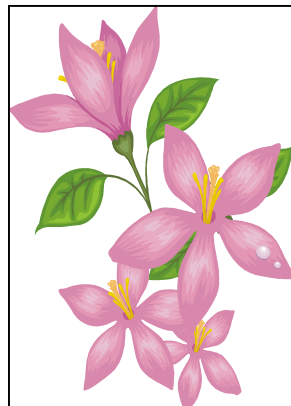
BE SURE TO MARK THESE UPCOMING TUMW MEETINGS:

LYDIA CIRCLE

Wednesday, February 9th - 11:30 am. in Koch Hall - Bring a sack lunch

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Monday, February 28th - 7:00 pm. in the Nursery -
Bring you cup and have a cup of tea!



UNITED METHODIST MEN

MEN'S COFFEE HOUR

The men's group continue to meet every Wednesdays, 10:00 am. at The Heritage Center, 8700 Sweek Drive in Tualatin.



Come and join in the varied topics of conversation that take place over coffee and pastries. Our current discussion topic is from Adam Hamilton's book, "When Christians Get It Wrong".

BIBLE / BOOK DISCUSSION

Weekly discussion group have started meeting again. Join us on Monday mornings at 10:00 am. for conversations on Adam Hamilton's book, "When Christians Get It Wrong".



PARTNERING WITH GOD: BECOMING A MISSIONAL CHURCH (ARTICLE TAKEN FROM WESTERN CONNECTION VOLUME XIV ISSUE I)

On Saturday, March 5, 2011, the Western District will host **Rev. Reggie McNeal**, author of "Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church".

We will have a full day to learn from someone who has been at the forefront of talking about how the mainline church can partner with God in God's activity of redeeming the world. This is a much more exciting way to think about our vocation as Christians than simply being the folks who go to church on Sundays!

When: Sat., March 5, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Kroc Center, Salem, Oregon
Cost: \$35, includes lunch
Pre-registration required.

For more information and to register, follow the link in the Western District webpage article:

www.westerndistrictumc.org

or call or e-mail the WD office, 503-581-3969 or office@westerndistrictumc.org.

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Upcoming Events for February 2011

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| 02/02 | Men's Coffee at Heritage Center 10a
Handbells 5-6p | 02/20 | Worship 10a |
| 02/03 | Music Team 6-8:30p | 02/21 | Bible Discussion 10a |
| 02/06 | Worship 10a | 02/23 | Men's Coffee at Heritage Center 10a
Handbells 5-6p |
| 02/07 | Bible Discussion 10a
Finance 5p
Church Council 6p | 02/24 | Music Team 6-8:30p |
| 02/09 | Men's Coffee at Heritage Center 10a
Lydia Circle 11:30a
Handbells 5-6p
Save Our Savings 7p | 02/27 | Worship 10a |
| 02/10 | Music Team 6-8:30p | 02/28 | Bible Discussion 10a
Elizabeth Circle 7p |
| 02/13 | Worship 10a
Chili & Chocolate Potluck 11:20a | | |
| 02/14 | Bible Discussion 10a | | |
| 02/15 | Welcoming Committee 5p | | |
| 02/16 | Men's Coffee at Heritage Center 10a
Handbells 5-6p | | |
| 02/17 | Music Team 6-8:30p | | |

