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Peg’s Perspectives – July 2013

“O God, your touch is light, for sometimes, maybe more, you wrap grace in laughter, or perhaps laughing just puts me lightly in touch with what I’ve massively taken for granted…”

Ted Loder, Wrestling the Light

It’s July…summertime; time to be outdoors and listen and feel the light touch of the Spirit. It’s a time to roll down grassy hillsides like a kid; walk in the rain and let muddy puddles squish through your toes; run after fireflies; sit by campfires; tell silly stories; share memories...and laugh. Of course, anytime of the year, laughter is invigorating, relaxing and healthy. But there is something about the outdoors and light summer breezes that lighten our hearts and spirits. God’s grace comes wrapped in family vacations; family camp; hikes; rafting trips; late night conversations under the stars. For a while in summer we put away our responses of, “Can’t sit up and talk; I have to go to work tomorrow. Can’t watch the late-night stars with the kids because of school.” Some of the “can’ts” and “shoulds” melt away for a few brief days or weeks of summer vacation and the freedom from schedules.

I hope everyone at Southminster, whether retired folks or students or full-time workers or home-makers, can catch some of that freedom from schedules and worries this summer. …and that letting go of some of the daily structure brings a more relaxed spirit. I hope that laughter will more readily bubble up and infect families and friends and church members. For while following Jesus and being part of a faith community demands commitment, dedication, work and even sometimes sacrifice...it also involves spontaneity, happiness, joy and laughter.

I suspect that many of the memories that we hold dear as family members or members of a faith community have to do with shared play-times and laughter. God’s touch is sometimes light...and as we lighten up, we open our hearts to the grace of deep gratitude and joy. So indulge in laughter this summer...innocent and open-hearted...and wrap yourself in grace.

Blessings,

Peg Pfab
This Summer Remember the Domestic Abuse Shelters

In March, Southminster members, Nicole Perdue and Jenny Hampton, gave a powerful sermon on domestic abuse. Many of you asked how to help, and made donations then. Summer does not bring a decrease in domestic violence; unfortunately conditions like high temperatures and children home more can escalate abuse. Shelters are always in need of financial help. Consider making donations to any of the following:

**Washington County:** Monika's House, PO Box 494, Hillsboro, OR 97123

**Multnomah County:** Bradley Angle, Bonnie Tinker House,  
5432 N. Albina Ave., Portland, OR 97217  
Raphael House, 4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #503, Portland, OR 97214  
Salvation Army West Women's Shelter,  
PO BOX 2398, Portland, OR 97208

You can get more information about any of these safe houses online. You will see there are not many houses, and there are always waiting lists; the need is great.

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**To: Women's Retreat Participants...**

Many, many thanks for the gifts you all gave me at Women's Retreat. My husband and I have had some good laughs over some (you can imagine which ones!!) The skit was inspired!! (Thank you Sue and all) And the pendant is so lovely and meaningful. Women's Retreats have been some of my favorite times at Southminster...I will miss all of you and the retreats. Thank you so much for the beautiful gifts...and for the memories.

**Books for the Taking**

I have begun cleaning out my office and there are way too many books to go live at my home! I am putting out books in the Gallery in July and I invite you to take any you wish. Some are theology, some worship/prayer resources; some are my favorite "relaxing" books--mysteries. Some are quite old and were given by other pastors who retired; some are much newer. Whatever is left by July 28 will go someplace else...so take what you wish.

Peg Pfab

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**July Office Hours**

Due to vacations, July's office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 10:00am-3:30pm. Regular hours will resume on Monday, August 5. The office will be staffed by volunteers starting Monday, July 8 through Thursday, July 25.
CONGRATS GRADUATES of 2013

GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

CONNOR EASTMAN, grandson of Sandy Ruff, from Clackamas High School, to the Marine Corps in August.

RACHEL GIFFORD, granddaughter of Bob & Kay Gifford, from Tualatin High School in Tualatin as valedictorian, to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX, majoring in Musical Theatre.

KATIE KEPNER, daughter of Char & Darren Kepner, from Beaverton High School in Beaverton, to Bradley University in Peoria, IL and majoring in Nursing.

JESSE MORLEY, son of Laura Cole & Clair Morley, from Beaverton High School in Beaverton, to Portland Community College focusing on general studies before entering Portland State University.

KELSEY ANN THURSTON, granddaughter of Dick Thurston, from Mountain Range High School in Westminster, CO, to Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO.

LIAM TORREY, grandson of Wally Carey, from ACMA in Beaverton, to University of Oregon, Eugene.

COLLEGE & ADVANCED DEGREES

JANE ADKINS, daughter of Ruth & Todd Adkins & granddaughter of Marilyn & Bryce Adkins, from Wellesley College with a bachelor's degree in "Women's & Gender Studies", to Yale University’s three year School of Nursing program to study nursing and mid-wifery.

AUBREE CHECK, daughter of Alice Check, from Oregon Institute of Technology with a degree in Medical Imaging (Nuclear Branch).

LOGAN CHANDLER, son of Sue Schmidt Chandler & grandson of Bert and Ann Schmidt from Colorado State University in Ft. Collins with a BS in Business administration/finance degree.

MARGRET HARBURG, daughter of Alida Rol and Tom Harburg & granddaughter of Greta and Pieter Rol, from Portland State University with a bachelor’s degree in Environmental Studies.

REBECCA HARBURG, daughter of Alida Rol and Tom Harburg & granddaughter of Greta and Pieter Rol, from Colorado College with a bachelor’s degree in Anthropology, to Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, in Portland, Oregon.

JENNIFER MUELLER, daughter of Carol & Joe Mueller, from the University of Idaho with her master’s in Architecture. She has a job with Callison in Seattle, WA working as an architect in their global commercial group.

TOM PRESCOTT, son of Don & Mary Prescott, from Western Oregon University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

JEFF SCHMIDT, son of Bert and Ann Schmidt with a Masters in Educational Leadership from California State University East Bay - Hayward Campus. Jeff is the Video Production Instructor at Central County Occupational Center (CCOC) and was just named the MetroED 2012-13 Teacher of the Year.
Beaverton’s 3rd Annual International Celebration

Held on Saturday, July 27 hosted by THPRD’s Party in the Park and is located at The Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex, NW 158th and Walker Road in Beaverton. The event is held at 11:00am to 5:00pm and is a free public event that reflects the diversity of cultures and histories that residents and business owners bring to our area. The Celebration includes performances, displays, interactive activities for kids and families, food, art, costumes and fashion. For more information check out their website beavertonoregon.gov/InternationalCelebration

Alzheimer’s Café—July 12, 6:30pm—Gallery

Dr. Ron Heintz, Mental Health and Addictions, Oregon Health Authority will be discussing various aspects of Dementia including research and treatment options. Entertainment will also be provided. Two young men will be playing violin and piano as an introduction to our speaker. We are looking forward to a great evening.

Summer Fun for The Kiddos

Meet at the Oregon Rail Heritage Center and check out the old trains and visit the museum. **Saturday, July 20, 1:00pm** 2250 SE Water Ave., Portland, near OMSI. Carpoolers can meet at the church at 12:30pm. They just request a donation to enjoy the center. Parking may be tricky because of the construction on Water - they report that there is parking under the 99E Viaduct in a paved parking area.

In August we will be meeting at the Beaverton Library Fountain right between Hall and Watson. The date for that is **Tuesday, August 20 at NOON**. Bring a picnic lunch, get cool in the fountain, and have fun with your friends. If you have any questions, please call Jennie Jacobs at 503-644-7928.

3rd Annual Southminster Camping and Rafting Outing

The weekend of August 23, 24, 25 is the date for this summer’s Southminster Camping and Rafting Trip. We will camp in the Mt Hood National Forest on Friday and Saturday nights and raft the beautiful Deschutes River on Saturday. Carpooling will be available and we have shared meals. Please join us for a very fun outing! If you have questions please contact Greg and Mary Lou Jones, Craig and Karen Butler or Steve and Debbie Wilkins.
Celebration of Creativity

Statement of Purpose

“The Celebration of Creativity Committee strives to produce a high quality arts event in the Beaverton community that will provide a professional venue for member artists as well as new or emerging artists in the area. We also encourage the participation of established regional artists. Proceeds from the show provide scholarship funding for art students, help support arts education in the community and help fund various programs at Southminster.”

Following are the financial results from the 35th Annual Celebration of Creativity held at Southminster, February 28 – March 3, 2013:

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DISTRIBUTION OF NET PROCEEDS:

- Payment to Southminster for Building Use $1,200
- Donation to Beaverton Arts Foundation Scholarship Fund 3,000
- Donation to Beaverton School District Art Literacy Program 2,000
- Donation to Southminster Music Program 351
- Donation to Southminster Music, Art & Drama Camp 500
- Transfer to Southminster Surroundings Fund 5,119
- SEED MONEY RETAINED FOR 2013 SHOW 15,000

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION OF NET PROCEEDS $27,170

The Southminster Art Show Committee would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the show in any way. Sales for the 35th Annual Celebration of Creativity were the BEST EVER for the weekend and we couldn’t have done it without the support of everyone here at Southminster.

THANK YOU all for helping us support the arts and artists in our community!
Help Us Shape a New Adult Learning Program!

The kickoff meeting for a new adult learning program for Southminster will be on Sunday, July 14, at 11:30am, in Room 7. Light refreshments will be provided, and we're working on making childcare available. We want your input and will NOT ask you to join a committee or coerce you into a commitment!

With Sunday Starter now being managed by a separate group, we thought it would be good for other adult-oriented learning events to be planned and executed by ad-hoc groups who come together to plan a single event or series. Recent examples of this are the Science Sunday group and the group that planned the Roman Supper Club event.

The meeting will end by 12:45pm, and we'll try to cover the following items:

Come up with a new name for the program! "Adult Education" seems so dry, and probably doesn't communicate what we really do.

Come up with a basic process for receiving suggestions for possible events, reviewing those suggestions, and assembling a group to organize the event.

Discuss the use of Facebook and other social media as a way to (1) promote events and (2) promote discussions on certain topics.

Brainstorm some topics that we might offer as adult learning events over the next year, and get a feel for people who might be interested in helping to plan these events.

We would really appreciate it if you could come! Can you check your calendar now and email markmpdx@gmail.com with a Yes, No, or Maybe on your availability?

Thank you,
Mark Mullins, Chair, Adult Education
Janet Cruz, Elder
Kathie Huddleston, Elder
Science and Religion

As a follow-up to our Science Sunday presentation in February, Southminster’s science and religion team will be leading series of facilitated discussions this summer. These will take place at 9:00am, Sunday morning in Classroom 7:

**June 30**  “Do Christians like science just because we are tired of living up to our critics’ stereotypes?”  Wally Carey, forest scientist

**July 7**  “Is science always telling us more about ourselves as children of God?”  Doug Eddy, experimental psychologist

**July 14**  “Does science help us understand our place in nature?”  Warren Aney, wildlife ecologist

**July 21**  “Does science connect us?”  Don Ludwig, sociologist

During these discussions we will be soliciting ideas and leaders for additional sessions to round out the summer. So come and share your thoughts, beliefs, knowledge, perceptions and ideas. Help us explore and discover what science and religion mean (or should mean) to each other.

"Can we deduce that we’ve been given the gift of science by a Creator? That this Creator speaks to us and instructs us through the findings of science?"

**Sunday Starter–Summer Reading Assignment**

Sunday Starter will not be meeting this summer, however, we do have a summer reading assignment. As a group we are going to read *Remedial Christianity: What Every Believer Should Know About the Faith but Probably Doesn’t* by Paul Alan Laughlin. The book is available at Powell’s or online at several places including Amazon. When we begin meeting again in the Fall, we will explore individual chapters and discuss various topics in the book.
Hello July! The garden has been growing with ferocity due to the rain and sun mixture....I only wish we had planted MORE! Ah well, there shall be a nice Fall crop as well. This summer, thanks to Jennie Jacobs, we have a lineup of activities around the PDX area. An organized meet up on the 20th of each month: July 20th at the Oregon Rail Museum at 1:00pm and August 20th at the Beaverton Library Fountain at noon. For more information, look for the yellow information sheet on Sunday, or contact myself or Mary in the office! Thanks for all you do,

As always – Mr. Maldarelli
DV8 & SNL BLAST INTO SUMMER 2013
Connections & Everyday Leaders
All Youth 10:15am together in Loft w/ donuts & more!
Contacts: Don Ludwig Youth Leader | 503-819-2442
Ashley Mueller | Intern | 503.803.9213

Wednesday, July 2 -- 8am-2pm -- 4-T-Trail Hike & Farmer’s Market Lunch @ OHSU $6.00

Spokane G.P.S. Mission Trip! – Saturday, July 6 – Sunday, July 14

Wednesday, July 17 – LAST CHANCE BBQ at Pastor Peg’s! – 6-8pm
Peg will have some games you won’t want to miss. Bring a favorite memory to share.
• Bring a snack to share with everyone (i.e. chips, potato salad etc.)
  • Drinks & dogs provided!

FAMILY CAMP @ Honeyman State Park! – Saturday, July 20 - Saturday, July 27

Wednesday, July 31 – Water Balloon Volleyball & Blizzard Blast!! – 6-8pm
• Bring your favorite candy bar and be prepared to GET WET at this one!

Rummage Sale Fundraiser to benefit youth transportation – August 1-3

Wednesday, August 14 -- Ultimate Frisbee & Movie Night – 6-8/8:30pm
• A rowdy game of Ultimate Frisbee before the movie – Did the girls win the last game???
  • Prizes awarded to those who score highest on the “pre-movie quiz”...

DV8 Beach Retreat in Manzanita– August 23-35 (Flyers available early August)

Wednesday, August 28 – Swim Party! Destination TBD – 6-8pm
• Probably at the Murrayhill Swim Center! Bring a snack to share (i.e. cookies, chips etc.)
  • Cost is $3.00 and Subway Sandwiches and Drinks will be provided.
Southminster Community Rummage Sale
Save the Date!
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 1-3, 2013

To benefit youth Mission trips and youth transportation needs
(Note: 25% of Proceeds benefit the Southminster Budget)

If you know of a family or business in the community who might like to donate something for the rummage sale or if you have something you would like to donate, contact Don Ludwig at 503.819.2442. We will start collecting items Sunday July 21, 2013 in Room 7.

Suggestions for Rummage Sale Donations:
· Good conditioned Furniture
· Kitchen-ware and non-broken Knick Knacks
· Slightly used baby and toddler clothing (no adult clothing, please)
· Small appliances (that work), tools, toys, games, shoes, jewelry, linens, plants, blankets, arts and crafts etc.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:
Exercise machines, computer equipment, tires, water beds, paint and chemical weed killer, broken or tattered furniture, adult clothing, construction materials and television sets.
Calendar of Events

See Website– Calendar