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Fall Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School
9:45 all ages

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"A caring community
touched by Christ,
touching others for Christ"

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

January's Youth Outing

Saturday, January 14th

HS Youth Night... 5:00 - 9:00 p Red Robin and Movie

Please bring money to cover the cost of dinner and movie

Saturday, January 21st

MS Youth Outing... 12:30 - 4:00 p Red Robin and Movie

Please bring money to cover the cost of lunch and movie



HS will meet Sunday
January 8th @ 6:00 pm

MS will meet Sunday
January 15th @ 6:00 pm

All meetings take place in
the youth room

PASTOR'S PAGE



"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19

Going by the small part of the story that we have, Mary had a great deal to ponder. Things to think about, some of it to treasure for sure and maybe some things that never fully made sense, or just drifted away over time. How about this Christmas season for us? For me this is a time to ruminate at least a little bit. One of the neat parts of the Christian celebration of Christmas is that it is not over yet for us. We do not have to move on right away. So again, what did this season mean for us? What of it will we carry into the next year? Were memories truly made, or did we just "get through it"?

Knowing that the new year fast approaches may sometimes keep us from being in the moment. But it seems that keeps us from taking in the times that we prepare so much for. We may end up spending all our time preparing for, but never really enjoying, the moment. And that can be true about all the times of our lives, not just Christmas.

What snapshots will we keep in our minds eye of this Christmas? For me, as trite as it may seem to some, it was simply the moments of having my little family all in the same place at the same time. We ate, talked loudly, laughed louder. And there were the moments with the church family as well. To see grown up children sitting together, giving their parents, in some ways the same kind of problems as when they were little ones. And lighting the candles, singing Silent Night together. That is picture I rejoice in every year, and take it with me well beyond the days of Christmas.

One picture that stands out now. Watching little Daphne, on this her first Christmas of some understanding, in her mom's arms on Christmas morning, just beginning to wake up. In this space where it was usually much darker, and just her and mommy. Now it was bright, and there was music, and her siblings, and much more of her family were in the space too. The sleep was washed away by a smile. What kind of recognition? I cannot answer, but now I can treasure and ponder. May we all have a chance to do the same.

May the gifts we have received guide and strengthen us for the new year. God bless us for 2012.

In Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! By the time you get this newsletter, your holidays will have already occurred. I hope they were wonderful and that you have lots of happy memories.

Before starting on business, I just wanted to emphasize the idea of how important your contribution to SOV is. Every single person is a vital piece of this Body of Christ. God has brought us all together here, for His reasons. So your ideas, insights and suggestions matter. Please feel free to contact the Executive Committee or myself with any ideas, criticism or “atta-boys”. Remember that Council holds open meetings and you can attend to put your two cents worth at any time. You can also send emails via the website. Every effort is made to keep the congregation in the loop via email, the newsletter, the bulletins, announcements at services, Town Hall meetings and Council meetings. If you have another idea to improve communication, bring it up! Communication can always be improved, and what if you have a great idea no one else has thought of?



So, on to the details - Dave is proceeding with the siding replacement and has about 75% of it done. Please remember that the color on both the siding and trim pieces comes from primer. It isn't paint. The building will have to wait for warmer weather to be painted, as temperature effects the flow of the paint. Because the materials are pre-primed, the building will be safe in the winter rains during the waiting period, even if it's not as attractive as it will be. The new siding is a huge improvement over the old, deteriorating siding, as we all can agree. The Building Renewal project continues to stay within its budget, as it was designed to do. There was a set amount available from the refinance, plus a donation. Kudos go to Property Management and Dave for keeping within that amount for all this repair.

Regarding the easement, our attorney, Jack Orchard, is still actively working with the city of Beaverton for movement on the issue. Let's keep the prayers going for that effort. After the easement situation with Lazy Boy is resolved, the approved partition can be implemented. Also, the lot can be sold for its highest value, without Lazy Boy's encroachment on SOV property. Selling the lot is important to providing more funds for any new construction that may occur.

Even with the easement problem resolved and the lot sold, the economy still makes the timing and extent of future new construction uncertain. It's time to examine our goals and pray for guidance to readjust them if necessary. This spring is the time to start working on a revised plan for SOV's future. A couple months ago, I reviewed as many planning documents as I could, all the way back to 2002. What was really impressive was how many things actually have been accomplished on those plans. So SOV's planning has proven to be valuable, and not just a “visioning process” without real world application. There has already been a lot of good work done to help provide a starting point for reassessment.

Your thoughts and opinions are extremely important to this whole process. Possible new construction is just a part of the whole SOV picture. Please be thinking about future directions for all SOV activities, because your input will be requested. Of course we don't all agree about everything all the time, but we'll work towards general consensus. Besides, differences of opinion enrich the discussion process and provide alternatives to consider. So do feel free to speak up.

Presidents Report Contd.

KOK's staff problem is resolved with the hiring of other employees, and they are working on increasing the twenty children currently enrolled. KOK starts the enrollment process for the next school year (September 2012) in January, and will have an open house in February. As always, Linda and Wendy deserve all the thanks we can give them for their labor of love in supporting the KOK ministry of SOV. Peggy is now there as well, so let's remember to let them all know how we appreciate them.

The 2012 budget was presented to Council this month. There will be a Town Hall Meeting on January 29th, to review and vote on the budget and discuss other issues. In order to make it easier for people from both services to attend, there will be just one church service that day at 10:00 AM. Tammy will provide congregation-wide notice as usual, to remind us.

Lee Bonacker

Just a reminder...



If you use the building please leave it as you found it or better. This means straightening the chairs in the sanctuary, emptying the trash, cleaning up, turning off all lights including bathroom lights and making sure the doors are closed and locked.

Also... SOV does not have janitorial service if you would like to vacuum, dust, clean bathrooms, wash floors, etc. we would appreciate any volunteer help. You can clean at your convenience just let the church office know so that we can cover the areas not being attended to.

Fellowship Committee....Submitted by Peggy Vermaas

Happy New Year from your Fellowship Committee!

The decorations, the lights, the concerts, the caroling, the Kings, the baby, the gifts, the family, the food, the festivities. Perhaps now a bit of quiet. Thanks to all who have participated and contributed to our SOV holiday fellowship.

A good time was had by all who attended the SOV Christmas Caroling to two of our neighboring retirement residences. Getting together to sing and then share a meal really

Fellowship Committee continued...

does liven one's spirits. Our youngest singer, three years old Emery Garcia, delighted us all. Little voices and big voices. What a choir!!

January tends to be a quiet month so we will be starting the new year by cleaning out our Fellowship closets and getting organized for the year. We have already begun by removing the large, upright freezer from the Storehouse - as it is no longer needed and was taking valuable storage space. We are keeping the side by side refrigerator as it gives us the space we need for extra food storage. Then we will be sorting the supplies, decorations, tablecloths, etc according to use and, hopefully, improving access to all of our supplies. We will be evaluating our fellowship tables in terms of numbers needed, quality and condition. We have good space and supplies. We want to be organized and have all our supplies in good condition. All help is appreciated so let us know if you are interested in working on this project.

January fellowship will include our regular Sunday Fellowships, our monthly church luncheon on the last Thursday of the month, and organizing light snacks for our congregational meeting the end of January. We hope that you notice and appreciate that Fellowship is encouraging variety in the food offerings so you will continue to see fruits, deviled eggs, bagels and cream cheese, and vegetables as well as the cookies and breads on the fellowship table. We realize we are feeding kids and folks with special diet needs. We are always looking for new ideas.

The committee will be meeting in January to plan a Valentine's Day event and the balance of our activities for our church year. Please feel free to join us.

Thank you for your contributions each Sunday in the Fellowship Piggy. Those funds have supported the Fellowship budget. Fellowship is about connecting. When we connect, we grow as a family of Christ and, hopefully, then take our caring beyond the walls of SOV and out into our community. "A caring community touched by Christ and touching others for Christ."

Blessings to all, Your Fellowship Committee





Ladies Dinner

*Will be meeting for lunch in January

Tuesday January 2nd

12:00 pm

Old Spaghetti Factory/Tanasbourne

Please RSVP to Charleen Kuykendall

(All ladies are invited as well as friends and family)

MEN'S NIGHT

Men's night meets the first Thursday of each month.

January 5th

Old Chicago Pizza/Tanasbourne

6:30 pm

All men are invited for a time of fellowship



SOV Choir

Is accepting more members;

If you love to sing (no solos or tryouts required)
come to choir practice

Tuesdays at 6:30 p for Youth Choir; ages 4—11

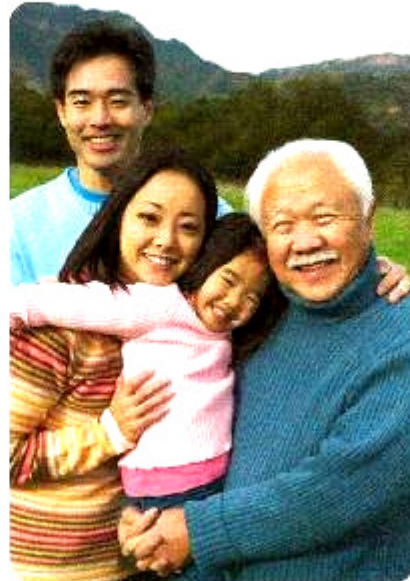
Wednesdays at 7:00 p for Adult Choir; ages 12 and up.

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This series offers support to individuals who are in the early stages of Alzheimer's and to their loved ones. The sessions provide information and education, group discussion and guest speakers on the topics of research and treatments, available resources and future planning.

Date: Meets once per week for 7 consecutive weeks
February 6, 13, 20 & 27 and March 5, 12 & 19

Time: 1 - 3:00 pm
Note: February 13th session will be from 12 - 2:00 pm

Presenters: Association Staff and Guest Presenters

Location: Classes are held at our Portland Location
Alzheimer's Association - Oregon Chapter
1650 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 190
Portland OR 97209

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503.416.0207 or 1.800.272.3900. For a complete description of
classes and presentations, visit: www.alz.org/oregon.

Classes are FREE - donations are welcomed

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Samuel G	13 Jared W
03 Peggy V	13 Kelsey W
05 Joe R	17 Avery M
06 Rita No	17 Patricia N
07 Isabel G	20 Connie M
07 Ken H	20 Ann S
10 Mert W	21 Jenny G
11 Charlotte H	28 Regina B



God's Blessing
 For a
 Joyful New Year
 In
 Life!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Corrine Gilbertson

January 15th



happy anniversary

Please join in the celebration...

You are invited

To an open house

Celebrating Mert's 80th birthday

Sunday January 8th

2:00—4:00 pm at Mert's home (upstairs at her son's)

RSVP to Mert if you know in advance, but not required

NO GIFTS PLEASE!



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Kids of the Kingdom

SOV's sanctuary was filled with 20 children and about 80 family and friends for our first preschool evening Christmas program on December 13. The children were jumping (literally) for joy and ringing bells to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It was a beautiful program



and thanks to all who brought Christmas cookies. Our Christmas break started on December 16 and classes will resume on January 2, 2012.

We are entering the new calendar year with two new teachers and are happy to announce that Rachel Wolf and Rachel Van Baggen have joined our preschool team as our Three's teachers.

January Pre-K News

December was an exciting month in Pre-K. We read several stories about the nativity and dressed up as shepherds, angels, wise men, Mary and Joseph. Our dramatic play area became the stable and we had a manger for our baby Jesus doll to sleep in. We had fun learning new Christmas songs and shared them with our families at our first evening Christmas program. Our classroom became a workshop and we were as busy as Santa's elves making ornaments and gifts for our families. We had fun cutting out and decorating Christmas cookies and having a birthday party for baby Jesus. We made a special book about the nativity that we took home to share with our families. We reviewed our numbers to 12 and worked on graphing and patterning with our calendar books. We enjoyed playing outside in the beautiful weather God sent us. We also celebrated our friend Vinny's birthday.

Looking ahead to January we will be talking about winter and the weather that comes along with it. We will learn about polar animals and a new song called the Penguin Shuffle. We will read books about snow, snowmen, mittens, and the Gingerbread Man. We will also talk about epiphany, the baptism of Jesus and Jesus calling his disciples. We will continue working on our numbers 0 through 12, writing our names correctly with upper and lower case letters, recognizing the letter names and sounds of both upper and lower case letters, rhyming words, and sequencing. We will be matching mittens and working with sets. We will be celebrating birthdays for Kourosh and Isaac who both turn five. We will be having a special pajama day complete with hot chocolate and a stuffed friend from home. We will learn a new

table grace to share at snack time. We will continue to praise and thank our loving God.

Submitted by Mrs. Rasmussen

Three's Class

December brought us the story of Jesus' birth with Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds and the three kings. We made our very own Christmas story book to share with our family including a picture of us in nativity costumes. We painted Christmas trees, laced stockings, made ornaments, tried to keep sheep (white pom poms) in their place by blowing through tubes, rolled balls through Santa's beard, tossed bean bags on a tree, enjoyed Christmas cookies, sang songs and finger plays and listened to stories. We also learned about listening and learning, being polite and kind and showing respect to our friends and things. Play dough and easel painting are our favorite activities as well as playing outside.



January we will learn about snow, polar animals, mittens and Jesus growing up. We will continue to work on recognizing our names and being good friends to our classmates.

Submitted by Mrs. Roeder








Two's Class

In December, we welcomed a new friend to our class, Brynn. We now have 4 friends. Our activities included listening to the Nativity story with magnets, digging in beans for jewels, playing in housekeeping, building with large blocks, gluing and painting, making a Christmas ornament and singing songs. We sang and rang our bells at the Christmas program.

In January, we will learn about snow, ice, polar animals, mittens, hats and scarves. We will paint with white paint, match mittens and practice putting on warm clothes. We will hear stories about Jesus as a young boy and also how he said "Let the little children come to me."

Submitted by Mrs. Roeder.

~ January 2012 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
One Worship Service 10:30 a w/brunch 1:30 - 5:00 p OEC 		9:00 a KOK/Chapel 12:00p Ladies Dinner/Lunch @ Old Spaghetti Factory	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Vesper Service	9:00 a KOK 6:30 p Men's night 7:30 - 9:30 p OEC	9:00 a KOK 	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service 1:30 - 5:00p OEC 6:00 p HS Youth Group Meeting  Baptism of our Lord	9:00 a KOK	9:00 a KOK/Chapel	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Vesper Service 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice	9:00 a KOK 7:00 p LLL 7:30 - 9:30 p OEC	9:00 a KOK 	HS Youth Outing 5 - 9 p Red Robin & Movie \$
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service Scrip Order 1:30 - 5:00p OEC 6:00 p MS Youth Group Meeting	NO KOK  Martin Luther King Jr	9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir Practice	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Vesper Service 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice	9:00 a KOK 10:00 a LLL 6:15 p Executive Council 7:00 p Council Meeting	9:00 a KOK 7:30 - 9:30 p OEC	MS Youth Outing 12:30 - 4p Red Robin & Movie \$
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service 1:30 - 5:00p OEC	9:00 a KOK	9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir Practice	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Vesper Service 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice	9:00 a KOK 12:00 p All Church Luncheon 7:30 - 9:30 p OEC	9:00 a KOK 	
29	30	31	<p align="center">Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always. Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter. Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier. May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us, A time of welcoming your graces and gifts, A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally, A time for growing in virtue and goodness.</p> <p align="center">Come, Holy Spirit, Be with us today and always. Amen.</p>			
One worship service @ 10:00 a Congregational Meeting 1:30 - 5:00p OEC	9:00 a KOK 	9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir Practice				