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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

*Featuring,*

*Noah, Jonah and Ruth*

*Where **Love** is the tie that binds...*

*Noah told us the story of his building the ark on dry land with no lake in sight. What a noisy, messy, smelly boat it became.*

*We learned about Jonah and that big fish.*

*Then came Ruth and Naomi.*

*What a busy three days and lots of fun was had.*





## PASTOR'S PAGE

***"He opens their ears to instruction....." Job 36:10***

Been putting together a fair amount of furniture lately. Trusting that you know the kind. There are always plenty of instructions, some much clearer than others. One company in particular opened up with words of comfort really, words like "Don't panic, we've done all the hard work." Right.

I begin these endeavors dubiously, and try to follow the instructions as, well, as instructed. In each case all the pieces were there. A couple of times everything went well, but a couple of time times not so well. There was confusion, undoing what had already been done, maybe more than once. There was an inability to understand the drawings provided, thinking to myself, or saying out loud, "This does not make sense. I just don't get it.". Checking stuff again and again, losing my patience, but in the end each piece came together, and in the end I did not do it alone. Choice was always there, though she may have wished she wasn't. (And please don't ask her to share the truth about what she thought of my attitude.)

Can't help but apply these adventures to a larger, more important experience. Thus the words of Job quoted above. Our lives of faith, and what we are called to do, may be mirrored in some respects in putting furniture together. We may well wonder, are all the parts really here? Yes. But it doesn't fit together, doesn't make sense, requires starting over again and again. Sometimes even the instructions do not seem to help. And yet, if all the pieces are there.....

That would speak to our situations, and God's intentions for us, individually and as a community. May our ears be open to instruction indeed, and maybe then throw in what is suggested in James 5:7, "Be patient, therefore, beloved.....".

The adventure continues, sometimes grand and glorious, sometimes not so much. We are never alone in it.

In Christ,  
Pastor Randy

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Peggy Jo Vermaas

Greetings and God's Peace to all,

Summer is off to a great start. So much positive energy it is truly delightful to watch. VBS is in full swing with 30 some folks singing, swinging, and praising! We continue our Thursday member luncheon; celebrate our Graduates; get ready for a wedding; see committee's organize; move forward with a new vision for Kids of the Kingdom. Lot's ahead of us.

Keep in mind that our Council minutes are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you have not taken the time to review them previously, I encourage you to do so. Keep informed. Ask if you have questions.

Here are some highlights:

AUDIT: Christine E., Lisa R.B., Lee B. and Mark V. diligently worked on and completed the audit of our books. A report is forthcoming. Although annual audits are a part of our constitution, they have not always occurred. Like all volunteer organizations, we are dependent upon our members to have both the expertise and the time to do jobs. When no one volunteers, jobs don't get done. These four folks are very much involved with other SOV activities. We greatly appreciate their willingness to take on yet another task. Much thanks to you all.



BUDGET: Thank you for supporting the general budget. We have met our expenses so are not in a deficit. As we enter summer, please continue to support the general budget. Our immediate goal is to obtain a reasonable financial cushion. Our long term goal is to have an emergency fund as recommended in the 2003 plan.

EASEMENT: Patience and perseverance. This is our theme for the easement issues. Our attorney, Jack Orchard, has a meeting scheduled next week. Pray for a healthy process and positive outcome.

KOK: KOK suspended operations on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. We are now in the process of developing Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool. The Board has agreed to continue on, have been re-appointed by Council and Linda Rasmussen and Wendy Roeder have been appointed as the co-directors. The goal is to open in September. So, there is a lot to do in a short period of time. We will want to be communicating the progress to all . . . so more information will be coming.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: We are beginning our third year in our Capital Campaign. How quickly the time has passed. How are we doing? We are 'Building on Christ' in so many ways. Keep praying about our vision and our goals. Appreciate our accomplishments.

'FUN'DRAISING: Please take time to look at the **Scrip Program** order form – which is available in the Narthex. There are many offerings that you may use regularly and so could become a benefit to SOV. Consider participating. **The Rummage Sale** is in full swing. The committee has completed the organizational stuff and now is the time to schedule the workers. Watch the bulletin for sign up forms. The Rummage Sale is more about fellowship and evangelism than earning income. We visit with one another, with community folks, and can share information about all that SOV has to offer. **New to You** continues to generate about \$100 per month. Your Council decided to allocate those funds to our Social Concerns committee

## PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED...

— where much of our mission work occurs. So, keep your donations coming and consider joining us is working on this program. We need more folks to sort , iron, and deliver the clothing.

NEEDS: We have an ongoing need for folks to help with maintaining the grounds, the building, and helping on committees. We will need help getting ready for the new Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool. Do you have a hour a month that you could offer? Working together builds our SOV community. Join. Help.

Thanks to all for the many ways you support Shepherd. As we begin this church year consider a focus on our missions, our outreach to our community, and the blessing of the teaching of the word. “A caring community touched by Christ and touching others for Christ.”

Yours in Christ, Peggy

Thank you for your continued support in SOV's newest fundraising program.

Next scrip order date is **JULY 11th**.

Don't forget to recycle your used gift cards (any and all gift cards can be recycled not the ones purchased in the fundraiser)

Place them in the basket in the narthex.



just



**American  
Red Cross**

Coming Soon...Red Cross Blood Drive at SOV.

August 5, 2010

2—7 pm watch for more details on how you can Participate.

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JULY 26, 2010

## SOCIAL CONCERNS... BY LARINA HOFFBECK

Thank you to everyone who donated non-food items to LoveInc.'s GAP ministries! We were able to take over four boxes of laundry detergent, soap, and cleaning supplies for people in need. For more information on LoveInc.'s. and their GAP ministries, please see their site at: **[www.loveincbeaverton.org](http://www.loveincbeaverton.org)**.

Mark you calendars for LoveInc.'s "Packed With Love" event on Saturday, August 21. They'll need many volunteers to help distribute back-packs to 700 middle and high school students in financial need. To sign up, please go to their site at: <http://packedwithlovebeaverton.eventbrite.com/> We'll also be collecting school supplies for the event. And, if you know of a student who needs assistance for next year, registration cards are available on the Social Concerns bulletin board in the Rainbow Room.



## CHURCH GROUND'S

If you have time to spare and enjoy yard work...

No permission is needed to come on "your time" to pick weeds, dead head plants, pick up trash, water, weed eat, whatever you see needs attention to keep SOV looking its best.

Your help is greatly appreciated.





## AROUND THE PARISH...by Ann Smith

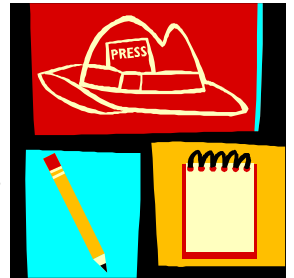
Our all church luncheon was held on May 28th at SOV. We had about 12 members attend sharing lunch and conversation. We did tell a few stories about our growing up years on farms, ranches and the city of our varied backgrounds. What a group!

Don't forget to keep bringing your paper products and dropping them into the recycle box, the faster we fill it the more money we earn. Our last check received in May was for 3.92 tons of paper. To date we have collected \$250.00 from paper recycling. Thank you for your continued support.

Church grounds need more volunteers, weeds are growing faster than the few ladies who regularly tend the grounds can keep up with. If you enjoy yard work; weeding and pruning and have time to spare, weekly or monthly bring your garden tools and feel free to work at your leisure.

New to You brought in another \$105.00 this month. Keep bringing your clean, gently used clothing items to SOV.

Scrip program is well underway, to date we have brought in \$550.00. What a simple and easy way to supplement SOV's financial needs. Thank you for your continued support.



In case you haven't noticed "Koala Kare" has been installed in our handicap accessible bathroom for the convenience of diaper changing.

The offering envelopes have been relocated to the usher station. They will be available each Sunday along with the bulletin. We apologize if this is an inconvenience but they were continuously knocked off the back of the chairs and trampled causing more waste than good.

This is a special "welcome" to Choice, who is now residing in Hillsboro. We are so looking forward to having you (of course with Randy) become an active part of our social and spirit filled life here at SOV.

Fathers Day; I don't know what all families do, some take Dad out to a restaurant for a meal, some buy a new shirt, some have family get together's. But I am sure that each father knows he is appreciated and loved by his family. Hope your day was special.

## AROUND THE PARISH CONTINUED...

Rummage Sale is fast approaching, keep bringing your clean and gently used items to the church for our whooping big sale. Many volunteers are still needed to make this event run smoothly. I have put in a request for good weather (no hot days!) This one will be our best- with lots of people coming from all over to share our fun(d) time. We are going to sell, sell, sell and enjoy our time spent here with our church family! We will laugh do some work, tell a few stories and eat a few cookies. This year the inside group is going to out do the yard crew! So look out Larry and Dick! This is to let you know the game begins on July 23, we have our red aprons ready!



### ***IT WAS A HOME RUN!***

*Congratulations  
to  
Tabitha McDonald  
And  
Gary McVey  
On their June 26th wedding*



# SOV 2010 Softball Schedule

## 2010 Lutheran Softball League Vancouver Conference

	<u>Clark College Field</u>			<u>Memory Field</u>		
	<u>2:00PM</u>	<u>3:45PM</u>	<u>5:30PM</u>	<u>2:30PM</u>	<u>4:15PM</u>	<u>6:00PM</u>
July 4	NO GAMES SCHEDULED			HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY		
July 11	2 at 8	2 at 5	4 at 9	1 at 3	6 at 7	10 at 11
July 18*	NO GAMES SCHEDULED-RAIN MAKE-UP IF NECESSARY					
July 25	11 at 1	11 at 5	4 at 3	6 at 8	10 at 7	9 at 2
Aug 1	5 at 10	3 at 9	8 at 3	1 at 6	7 at 2	11 at 4
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	LUTHERAN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT					

\*July 18 is Make-up Date for a Rainout Game

1. Evangelical Free	Lori Dorsey	263-3817	608-8097
2. East Park	Rob Williams	513-0070	
3. Laurelwood Baptist	Ryan Close	513-5674	
4. Beautiful Savior	Chuck Woods	607-4145	604-5839
5. Holy Cross	Tim Overholser	(503) 869-5229	
6. Good Shepherd	Tom Harris	609-2831	253-3662
7. St Andrew	Chad Peterson	907-2765	
8. Memorial	Brian Schneck	624-8301	
9. Prince of Peace	Peter Berg	773-7985	686-8120
10. Trinity	Eric Smith	521-5386	
11. Shepherd of the Valley	Ann Saalfeld	(503) 647-4347	(503) 936-5666

The winning team must email in game scores to Tim Overholser: [toverholser@cu-portland.edu](mailto:toverholser@cu-portland.edu)

Philippians 4:13

## LIKE WOODWORKING?

There are a few projects Pastor has in the works for SOV.  
If you enjoy working with wood and are interested.  
Please see Pastor Randy for more information.



**AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JULY 26, 2010**



## From the Parish Nurse----- Corrine Gilbertson

We met with a team from the Red Cross regarding the use of SOV as another site where their Blood Drive could take place. As a result we will have our first Drive at Shepherd of the Valley August 5, Thursday Between the hours of 2 and 7 pm. Tammy will be sending out more information about this if we have good response, we hope to continue this event every 2-3 months with this established population and more! Donating Blood is a wonderful Ministry!!

Several of our team attended a workshop -----Dr. D. Friedman , Neurologist, specialist in the diagnosis and treatment of Strokes , was our speaker. Remember a Stroke is an emergency and time is of the essence. So Act Fast ---

1. **Face** ---Facial Droop & or uneven smile
2. **Arm** ---- numbness and weakness when trying to raise your arm
3. **Speech**---slurred, trouble with speech and understanding
4. **Time** --- call # 911 and get to the nearest E.R. immediately as Dr, Freidman said "time lost is brain lost"!! Learn to recognize a Stroke!

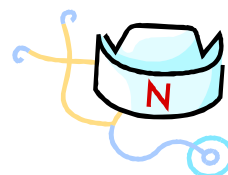
Connie McFall and Caryl Husk completed the Health Ministry / Parish Nurse course at The University of Portland! They both have so many positive things to say about their venture! Our Organization of Northwest Parish Nurse Ministry includes Alaska, Montana, Idaho. Washington, Northern California besides Oregon. Our guest speaker on Stewardship , Doug Mc Dowell is a member the Board.

I am very excited to announce that Connie McFall has accepted to be our chairperson of our Health team! Thank you so much Connie. We will be having a Retreat / workshop Friday August 13th hours 9-12:30pm. Pastor Randy will lead us in scriptural study and the last part will be a planning session. I have invited 2 more men to join us, as our ministry in caring for others certainly needs both men and women!

Soon we will have an AED in place at our church. The Red Cross has a class scheduled to recertify people in CPR and then included is the orientation of the use of the AED. Our goal continues to be that of promoting wellness to each of our sisters and brothers in our faith communities---to the whole person---Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually. Thank you for your support and please continue to pray for this Team!

Blessings and have a wonderful Summer.

Corrine Gilbertson R.N.



## Community Garden Anyone?

I am very interested in joining with a group of like-minded people to put in a community garden at SOV. If we started planning for it this summer, we could have it up and running next spring! We've got enough land growing weeds right now that we could turn into produce for our members and our community.

If you are interested, please connect with me at [lharm5@hotmail.com](mailto:lharm5@hotmail.com) or give me a call.

Looking forward to fresh tomatoes next year!  
Linnea Harmon



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

COME ONE, COME ALL,

No age limit or gender preference

Next prayer shawl gathering will be

JULY 7th, 7:00 PM @ SOV

Knitting in the park...

July 21st @ 11:30 am

1532 NE Ashberry Drive, Hillsboro (across from Caryl's house)

Bring your lunch, chair and lets gather at the park for knitting and fellowship.

If you would like to donate yarn to SOV's Prayer Shawl ministry

each prayer shawl takes 3/4 skeins' of yarn.

Yarn of choice is HOMESPUN

OR

You can donate your Joann's or Michaels coupons (can be left in church office)

