

Smith Memorial NEWS

Over 120 Years of Christian Love



Nov 2011

2011 - The Tree of Life

THANKS & GIVING

I Am Thankful For...

During the past month, members and friends of Smith Memorial have been sharing what they are thankful for. Below and on the pages that follow are the many ways that we are thankful. Good news! There is still time to share what you are thankful for. Go to SmithMemorialPres.org and click on the "I AM THANKFUL FOR..." button to enter your thoughts.

I Am Thankful For...

- ...my walk with our Lord. Family, my health & friends are always a blessing. Daryn
- ...the friends at our church who care and for my family. Lois
- ...family and friends and health. Janet
- ...my family and my health. Margaret
- ...my wife and my faith. Todd
- ...everything -- What aren't I thankful for? Alan
- ...all the support from family and friends in the Congregation this summer and Amanda's improved driving. Dave
- ...our daughter-in law's cancer cures this year. Sherre

November Events

- 6 Service of Remembrance
- 13 Craig Bidondo & Tim Gilson special music guests
- 24 **Happy Thanksgiving**
- 27 3:00-6:00pm - Advent Workshop



The Little Red Wagon

During the holidays, our church family will try to fill 'THE **LITTLE RED WAGON**' every Sunday! **SnowCap** will distribute the food to hundreds of families in need. During these hard, economic times; the numbers rise daily. If we all put one extra can of food in our basket each time we shop; our **LITTLE RED WAGON** will be overflowing every week!



Here are some of the special things that SnowCap needs during **November**:

- Canned yams or sweet potatoes
- Stuffing mix
- Fruit Cocktail
- Jello
- Onions
- Gift Certificates for Turkeys or Hams

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Holiday Opportunities to Volunteer

In this economy, there are more people who need meals on a daily basis. Thankfully, there are still people; who give of themselves, to help others have festive holiday meals.

For an hour or two, everyone can enjoy Christian fellowship and be thankful for the blessings God has bestowed...even in the worst of times.

I can testify that the volunteers are, also, blessed...by the people they meet, the smiles of children and the testimonies they hear.

It is a great experience for our children, too.

If you would like to volunteer; here are a few places that need **YOU!** (Bakers...**PIES** are really needed this year.)

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I Am Thankful For...

...our blessing that God has given to our family over the many years. He has shown His steadfast love to us. Peggy

...the grace and faithfulness of God, family and friends. Carolyn

...health and good friends. Jeff
...friends, family, school, love, skills, God, home & food. Rachel

...people, information sources, fun & Paz (a Yorkie) Laurel

...my loving family and God's gift of laughter, which brightens our lives – especially on dark days. My sister, June, who makes sure I laugh every day! Jane G.

Service of Remembrance November 6

By Cynthia O'Brien

On All Saints Sunday, we will remember those who have died, including members of our congregation and your loved ones. A book will be placed in the narthex where names can be written of people who have died that you would like to honor during the service. During communion, we will display on the screen the names you have provided. Tom Shaw and the media team will make the list; you can give them the name in advance by calling the office or emailing Tom at tom.sue.shaw@gmail.com.

What Makes a Joyful Mind?



By Cynthia O'Brien

I have a favorite Scripture, Proverbs 15:15. "The cheerful heart has a continual feast." One of the benefits of being part of a church family is knowing people who have learned to have peace despite the trials and tragedies of life. You know who they are. They are the ones who roll with the punches, who shrug off the little daily irritations, who look at you with love despite the fact that you just stepped on their toes. Cultivating a cheerful heart takes a lifetime of practice. I'm happy to have been practicing with you for 15 years in our church life together.

What are some elements of a cheerful heart? Christian mystic Richard Rohr made a helpful list based on his experience and contemplation. Here's a sample:

"What might a joyful mind be?" he asked.

- When your mind does not need to be right.
- When you no longer need to compare yourself with others.
- When you can live in contentment with whatever the moment offers.
- When you do not need to analyze or judge things, in or out, positive or negative.
- When your mind is curious and interested, not suspicious or interrogating.
- When your mind does not "brood over injuries."
- When your mind fills in the gaps with "benefit of the doubt" for both friend and enemy.
- When your mind does not need the future to be better than today.
- When your mind can accept yourself as you are, warts and all.
- When you can actually love with your mind.
- When your mind can find God in all things." From a longer list in Richard Rohr, *The Naked Now; Learning to See as the Mystics See*.

Sermons & Services

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

November 6

Mark 4 and 6: "Establishing Your Anchor in the Storm"

All Saints Service of Remembrance, Communion

Chancel Choir

November 13

Mark 5: "How I Got My Life Back"

Testimonies of God's miracles

Craig Bidondo, piano, and Tim Gilson, bass

Chancel Choir

November 20

Mark 6: "Doing Good In an Ungrateful World"

Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday

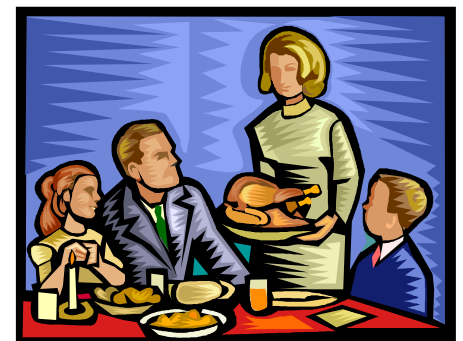
Jubilant Bells

Dedication of 2012 pledges

November 27

Mark 6: "Casualties of the Incarnation"

First Sunday in Advent



Session Highlights

- Attendance: September 2011: High 127, Low 104, Average 115.
- Membership records to be reconstituted as of January 1, 2011.
- Approved baptism of Todd Williams for October 30.
- Approved membership of Todd and Margaret Williams, Kristi Granberg, Berni Mueller, Steve and Denise Marker.
- Continue single service at 9:30 a.m.
- Approved November and December fundraiser for SnowCap.
- Approved bid for needed chimney repairs and sealing.
- Approved Task Force recommendation of communication to be read to congregation and then mailed to congregation with a cover letter and calendar of events.

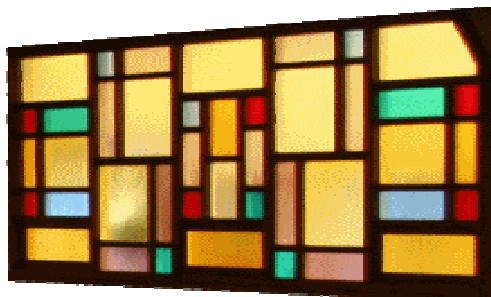
Baptism in Fairview Creek

By Cynthia O'Brien



It's been at least 20 years since we had a baptism in the creek next to the church, and we were able to celebrate one on October 30 when Todd Williams was baptized. Immediately following the service, everyone was invited to walk down to the end of the parking lot and gather by the creek. I baptized Todd and then we sang "Amazing Grace." "October 30 was my (late) mother's birthday," Todd said. "She always wanted to see me baptized as a Presbyterian. Amazing Grace was her favorite hymn."

Sanctuary Windows



The Sanctuary Windows Committee has decided to work with Portland glass artist, **David Schlicker**, to design and construct the new windows along the south wall of the sanctuary.

The committee will seek approval for the project from the Session in November.

As the design of the windows is being developed, input from the congregation is welcome.

The Little Red Wagon (Continued from P. 1)

Some things that are needed EVERY month are:

- ALL COMMENTS...they go VERY quickly!
- Tuna
- Chili or other canned 'meals'
- Soup
- Top Ramen Noodles (the small cases are very inexpensive...especially on sale!)
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Canned juice
- Baby food, Baby formula & Diapers



Support those in need through **SnowCap** and support our **Missions Commission**

by donating blankets during November and December.

For more information on either of these opportunities to support those in need, please call the church office.

I Am Thankful For...

...everything -- including the gift of life and family. June J.

...all your prayers for little Savannah. Lois (Jane & June's sister in Texas)

...God's unconditional love, family, friends, music & my church family. Mary S.

...my faith, family & friends. Also, the color purple, chocolate, my cat Brigid & Starbucks! Sue P.

...family, friends & good health. Marie

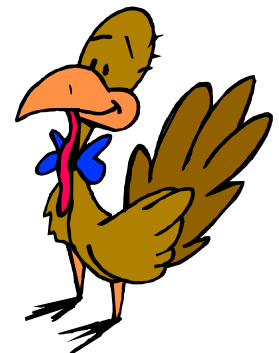
...grandkids!! Sue S.

...my husband & our marriage that raised a wonderful family. Loy

SMPC Craft Group

by Mary Schneider

Have you wanted to crochet, knit, embroider, or needle point... but, you weren't sure how to begin?? Bring a sack lunch and come to the church the 4th Tuesday of every month from 10:00am-2:00pm, . Do you have a pattern for a project? Or, you don't know how or what to use, come anyway! We have very cheerful teachers to help you. We have patterns, yarn, hooks & needles. Come join us November 22, 2011.



Sunday School For Little Ones

by Mary Schneider

The Pre-K to 2nd grade class is learning about the people of the Bible.

Adam got to name all the animals. Jacob made his brother so upset that he needed to take a time out... and, then came back home to Esau still loving him and forgiving him. Moses was hidden in the tall grass in the river, in a basket, because the king wanted to kill all the baby boys. "Oh, Dear!" the children said. But, Moses' mother got to take care of him for the Princess. Ruth took care of Naomi by picking grain in the field, and taking it home to make flour bread.

We are learning many things about Family, Forgiveness, and God's Love.

I Am Thankful For...

...the people God put in my life, my children, my restored relationship with my father, my mom, brother & sister. Also, my bell ringers & my church family. Janice B.

...being alive & still able to do things for myself. Lillie P.

...my family. Thomas S.

...being here & able to get down for most meals & all the nice people around me. Gladys

...health, my wheelchair & my "SALT" group ("Sharing All Life Together".) Dougie

...living in a place that has church services & bible study. Marilyn

Volunteer Lunch A Success



It was wonderful to see so many attend the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon. It showed just how many people, of our church, give of themselves for others. What a blessing. For those who were unable to attend we thank you for your service. We also want to thank everyone who stepped in, at the luncheon, to help.





SMPC
daily
prayer
list

Carlien Shaw
Tom & Sue Shaw
Thomas Shaw
Harry & Sherie Sickels
Parwar & Promilla Singh
Bob & Ilona Skipper
Doris Slightom
Dottie Smith
Julie Smith
Carolyn Sonnichsen
Craig & Barbara
Spaulding, Catherine,
Hannah
Marie Squires
Maxine Stoffer

John & Fran Sunderland
Bobbie Tallent
Josh Taylor
Michael Thomas
Michelle Thomas, Mario,
Brett
Paul & Marilyn Toenjes
Don & Rosalie Tonagel
Don Tovey
Frani Townsend
Laurel Tracy
Matt & Kay Tracy, Ken-
nie, Pat, Lizzie

Terry & Cassie Plucknett
Larry & Mary Schneider
Bob & Claire Schneider
Daryn Secrist
Howard & Donna Shaw
Terry & Tami Shaw

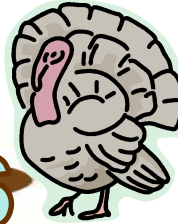
I Am Thankful For...

...being alive, being able to help others & enjoy God's handiwork. Elaine

...my salvation, God's steady presence...I can't imagine trying to live in this unstable world without Him. Everything good flows from Him like my marriage, my children and my home. Joe

...Smith Memorial, as it has blessed me many times over in a multitude of ways!! I've experienced a lot of "first times" at Smith through Bells, Deacons and Power House activities. I am rich with all the friends I have made,,,and, the continued learning has enriched my life in ways I am not even aware of (I'm sure!!) Julie S.

November Birthdays



1 Warren Engdall	Lauralee Kindel	23 Velma Hall
4 Denise Danielson	11 Diane Kelley	24 Jane Gordon
6 Laszlo Pomazi	13 Danielle Ziemer	25 Bobbie Tallent
Tom Shaw	15 Fred Erickson	30 Gary Grimes
7 Scott Ferris	19 Bob Boughton	Devlan Goins
9 Don Tonagel	22 Cassie Plucknett	

Anniversaries



11/10 Vaden and Jo Callister
11/10 Bob and Gladys Harris



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- **Thanksgiving Dinner, November 25th.** Bruce Montgomery (a retired pastor) from Pleasant Home United Methodist puts Thanksgiving dinner on every year with the help of his volunteers; who greet and serve. He needs: **PIES & occasionally, CLEAN UP volunteers:** Address: **31632 SE Bluff Rd, Gresham**
Phone: **503-663-5654**
- **Thanksgiving Dinner, November 25th, 12-2 PM,** Rockwood United Methodist Fellowship Hall. They have all the volunteers that are needed, but **TURKEYS & PIES** would be helpful. This event usually serves about 300 people, but they think it is realistic to expect more this year. Address: **17805 SE Stark, Portland** (Rockwood/E 188th MAX Station)
Phone: **503-665-8764**
- **Christmas Dinner, December 25th, 12-2 PM,** in the Fellowship Hall at Rockwood United Methodist Church. This dinner is put on by Jeremy Wilebski, Judy Alley and volunteers. . **HAMS & PIES** are needed for this dinner. **Volunteers are still needed, also.** Address: **17805 SE Stark, Portland** (Rockwood/E 188th MAX station)
Phone: **503-665-8764**

POWER HOUSE IS
THANKFUL, TOO!

POWER HOUSE



Through the years, hundreds of kids have been helped by Power House. It is, also, a blessing to the staff! 'Miss Julie' says: "There's camaraderie between the staff, kids, and parents. And, the entertainment value each Monday is HUGE -- as we watch the kids' personalities unfold right before our very eyes as they laugh, learn and play together." During Study Time, the children are helped with their homework... EXCEPT when they have to teach the staff how to do the new math!

Considering that the question was asked during Snack Time, the majority of the Power House kids were "Thankful for SNACKS!!" Otherwise, the following Power House kids had this to say:

I Am Thankful For...

- ...my Family, Power House, and the Food. Micah (7)
 - ...God, Being alive and Power House Crafts. Zach (7)
 - ...the Earth, Jesus, and for Power House Games and Food! Alex (7)
 - ...my Mom, Kitties, Books, the Bible and Power House Crafts and Games! Nykia (10)
 - ...Power House Crafts, Snacks and the Power House Movie! Morgan
 - ...the Power House Teachers and the food!! Jasmyne
 - ...Water, Power House Snacks, Activities and People. David
 - ...Power House Reading, Food and Crafts. Dawson
 - ...the boys' Energy -- we all wish we could leash some of it for ourselves! Alisa
 - ...the excitement that the Power House Children bring, and the new Power House friends and staff I meet each year! Oh, and for the QUIET while they are eating! ;) 'Miss Mary'
 - ...the joy that Power House brings me. 'Miss Julie'
- It sounds like EVERYONE loves Power House. Though it comes as no surprise, **not one** child seemed to mention being thankful for Study Time..... Hmmm

Our thoughts and prayers
are with the family and friends of
Alan Townsend



Advent Workshop Nov 27

Advent workshop will be held the first Sunday of Advent, November 27 from 3:00-6:00pm. Crafts will be available for all ages at nominal costs. There will be a complementary Chili dinner served at 5 p.m. Please come and invite friends.
Parish Life Committee



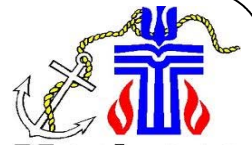
Outriggers

Outriggers will be having a Silent Auction Saturday November 19 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dessert to follow. For more info contact Velma Hall 503-254-3885



Fairview Mariners

The Fairview Mariners who have been meeting together for over 50 years with food and fellowship will meet November 19, 11:00 a.m. at Elmers Restaurant. Knowing the great hunger all over our community; let each of us bring food items for SnowCap and share in our bounty. For more info contact John Sunderland 503-665-5209



**Free Blood Pressure Clinic
monthly**

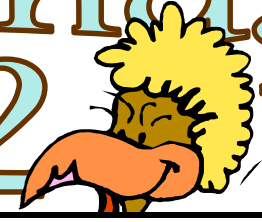
Every month on the 2nd Sunday in the "old Library" after worship there will be an opportunity for all of us to have our blood pressures checked a registered nurse.

Come and receive a card to keep track of your blood pressure and receive some encouragement and support.



SMPC Calendar

November 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30-12:30pm Historical Research Mtg FH/ Kitchen 4:30pm Evangelism Mtg 6:00pm Christian Ed Mtg 6:30 pm Card	2 9:30am Bible Study at Ruth Hermance's 4:00pm Childrens Choir 6:15pm Jubilant Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir	3 12:00pm Art and Faith Group 3:00pm Sound-wave 6:00pm YOUTH on FIRE-Jr High	4 6:00pm CPSM	5
6 8:30 Coffee w/ Michael O'Brien 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Mission Comm Mtg 10:30am Parish Life Comm Mtg 5:00pm CPSM 5:00pm Art & Faith Collage Workshop 6:00 Bible Study at Ruth Hermance's	7 2:30pm Power House 4:30pm Coffee group at Shot in the Dark Coffee House 6:45pm CPSM 7:00pm Stewardship Comm Mtg	8 6:00pm Session Meeting 6:00pm Girl Scouts	9 9:30am Bible Study at Ruth Hermance's 4:00pm Childrens Choir 6:15pm Jubilant Bells 7:30pm Chancel Choir	10 12:00pm Art and Faith Group 3:00pm Sound-wave 6:00pm YOUTH on FIRE-Jr High	11 6:00pm CPSM	12 2:30pm CPSM Band Reh
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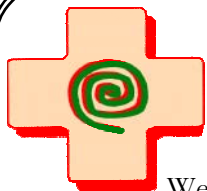
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First Aid Kits on Sale

A fundraiser for the Health and Wellness Team has begun.

First Aid Kits are being sold in the "breezeway" now through November. Come and check them out as they will make great Christmas gifts to everyone in your Family.

Each costs \$10 and is small, compact and filled with all the necessities for a small emergency. Come and support the Health and Wellness team as we use the money to keep you well with the AED's, First aid Kits in the church and First aid supplies for VBS. Thanks for the support.

Your Health & Wellness Team



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Pastor: Cynthia O'Brien
 Secretary: Carolyn Sonnichsen
 Organist: Marti Foat
 Bookkeeper: Denise Brink
 Nursery Attendant: Mariko Martinez

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thu 9:00am-12:30pm & 1:00pm-4:30pm
 Fri 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Pastor Cynthia is at the church Sundays through Thursdays. For urgent needs you can call her home: 503-665-0733 or cell: 503-952-9186

Newsletter: Jeff Muceus

NEWS articles are due by 14th of the month