



The Circuit Rider

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Children, You are Invited to...

(preschool-6th grade)

A Fall Festival

DATE: Sunday, October 30, 2011

TIME: 1-4pm

Costume Judging at 3:15

PLACE: Wesley Hall

HOSTS: Youth of PUMC & Children's Council



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Photo booth, hayride, crafts, cupcake & pumpkin decorating, food, games and prizes.

Wear costumes (no masks, please). Go Trunk or Treating in the parking lot after.

Bring a parent.

Admission: food for food bank, or money for UNICEF.



Trunk or Treating follows in the parking lot from 4-5:30. Two car or truck trunks will win prizes, and all children win treats.

To enter your trunk in this event sign up in Wesley Hall Sunday mornings.

A WORD FROM WENATCHEE

Today we heard a fine lecture on John Wesley's theology, by Rev. Joanne Brown. (Wesley being the founder of our denomination.) I thought you might like to know some of the core understandings of we people called Methodists.

First and foremost, we are each a beloved child of God. Our worship and faith must not be in form only, but filled with the power of God—and what is the power of God? It is love—Power both to receive and to respond to that love. We are not to be as orthodox as the devil, but to be a religion of the heart—where the love of God fills our hearts and governs our lives. We are to be a mirror, reflecting God's love to the world.

God's power (or love) is given to us through grace—God seeking us, God for us (forgiving and saving), God in us (reaching out). We are called to live responsible grace.

Love is the core part of who we are as followers of Jesus, and should be recognizable by our neighbors. We are called to help people recover the image of our creation—as treasured children of God who bear much fruit.

To live faithfully we are called to practice our faith daily, incarnationally (that is “in the flesh”) asking ourselves, “How would my life need to change in order to show love at this time?”

Wesley knew God's presence working in him. At his death he proclaimed, “And best of all, God is with us.” Dear friends, may you, too, know richly your belovedness, and God ever with you. After all, you are Methodists!

Thank you for all the wonderful birthday well-wishes and the other delights. They brought a great smile to my heart, an uplift to my spirit and a deep sense of gratefulness for you.

Please be gentle with our AV folk at worship. Most AV “mistakes” are not of their making. Though carefully planned, worship remains a rather fluid event—with Spirit, timing, ad-libbing. And please remember they are on duty from before the service begins through to the end. Do not stop for conversation. Just say “Hi”, or “Thanks”, until the service is over. And then take time to encourage them in their good work for us all.

In Holy Peace,
from Wenatchee,
Pastor Ann

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PRAISE!

Hooray, one more soldier back home! Jean Kindig's grandson, Kelly Kindig, is back to Ft Lewis from his Iraqi deployment.



CHURCH REGISTRY WEDDINGS

Brant DeLarme & Kayla Babcock, 9/3

Megan Ernst & Todd Kilpatrick, 9/10

Belinda Hayes & Nicholas Paterno, 10/15

Jill Harmon & Scott Davidson, 10/29

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Outreach Ministry Team thanks everyone for the tremendous response to the School Supply Drive. You made hundreds of students feel ready and accepted by having what they needed to start school!

Thanks,
Janet Leonard

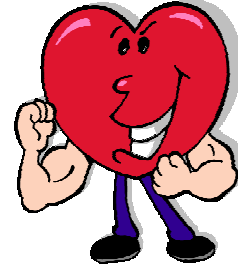
2011 Financial Update

	Actual August	Budget August	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Income	35,108	39,992	313,840	319,936
Expenses	36,891	39,627	305,000	317,016
Net Income	(1,783)	365	8,840	2,920

Budget is straight line.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Church office
between services
monthly—last Sundays



Say a prayer for...

family of Lori Patterson, friend of Asher DeLarme, grieving her passing away

Miranda Cottle, friend of Allison McCormack, is being treated for unexplained seizures

Heather Gregory is recovering at home

Dick Vasel, recovering at home

Dorothy Thompson's husband Bernie Thompson passed away

Merle Davenport is at Regency

Ed Packer

Sharon Alexander, Randy Alexander's mom, on hospice

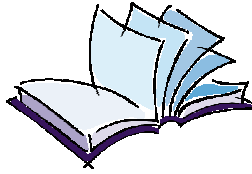
Ed Lee is in hospice care

Rev. Steve Schroeder, who in his early years of ministry spent some time serving here at Puyallup UMC, has taken "incapacity leave" from his position as half-time pastor at Methow Valley UMC and half time District Superintendent at the Seven Rivers District (centered in Yakima). Steve has been diagnosed with Parkinson's.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Book Club gathers on fourth Thursdays at 7 pm in the cottage. October's gathering will be on the 27th and our selection will be *Horse Boy: A Father's Quest to Heal His Son* by Rupert Isaacson.

Questions? Call Holly Emerson at 840-0440.



BRING-A-THING

"Bring-A-Thing" for First Sunday in October is **Tees** and **Socks** for Walker High School. Think **TEENS**, both girls and boys. Any color, any size!

Remember, items for the Food Bank are always welcome too!

PHOENIX HOUSING SIGN-UP - STARTS OCT. 16

We will be housing up to five homeless families from the Phoenix Housing ministry from November 5-12 and will begin signing up volunteers on Sunday, Oct. 16. In order to accommodate the families from about 5:30 each evening until about 7:30 each morning, we need your help. You may volunteer to bring a hot, homemade dinner, help with childcare or stay overnight. If you want more information, pick up a brochure in the narthex or contact Betty Chamberlain, 445-5485 betcha40@yahoo.com.

HEAR ABOUT SMILE MISSION

Jane Harvey Circle

Wednesday, October 5th at 7: p.m.

Operation Smile

Peggy Leach, who worships with us each Sunday, will share at our next Jane Harvey Meeting about her three mission trips to Russia. Peggy is an R.N. who has volunteered to help children regain their smile. She is excited to share her experiences with us.

Our beloved Marianne Davis asked Peggy to come and share with us about this wonderful project to help the less fortunate children to retrieve their smile. This meeting will be in honor of Marianne.

If you have questions, Please call Barbara at 253/848-6193 or Ruth at 253/845-8947.

TAKE-HOME-A-MEAL & BAKE SALE

October 16th During Fellowship Hour!

Our next Take-Home-A-Meal & Bake sale will soon be upon us. All of the proceeds will go towards our new kitchen. Please plan ahead to make your casseroles, soups and bake goods. Bring them to Wesley Hall before Worship service. Someone will be there from 8 until 9 AM to take your items.

Please bring them ready to travel and priced.

If you have questions, please call Ruth Tervol at 253/845-8947

Thank you so very much for your support.

The Jane Harvey Circle

LET THE BABIES COME

We are longing for more volunteer help in the nursery. Both services need more baby-cuddlers to spend time with our littlest worshippers. To be in on this opportunity, call Shannon Matthiesen at 847-3707.

LANDSCAPE TEAM WORK PARTY

October 22, Saturday

9 AM to 1 PM

Help put the gardens to bed!

Plant bulbs, Spread mulch

More info, contact Laurie at 253-862-2475 or lamcnm@aol.com

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE 2011

The Unique Boutique is a display of donated HANDMADE items. Whether you knit it, sew it, craft it, paint it, bake it, crochet it, mold it or arrange it, make your items and bring them lovingly to the church and donate them for sale. All of the proceeds go directly into the church operating fund.

The date of our UNIQUE BOUTIQUE sale will be Sunday morning, December 4 during Fellowship Hour. Your handmade items may be turned in to the church beginning November 6th until December 3rd. If you are planning to bake goodies, please wait and bring them in on Sunday, December 4, the morning of the sale. We are excited to see what you have made this year for the boutique.

Please call 845-8947 if you have any questions, and if I am not at home, PLEASE leave a message and I will get back to you.

Shalom,

Ruth Tervol

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Education Schedule is on page 7						1 9:00 Young Adult Café
2 8:55 & 10:35 Worship Svc 8:55 & 10:35 Sunday School 1-3 Fun & Fell. Potluck 6:00 Youth	3 10:00 Conncting Ministries 7:00 Disciple I 7:00 Disciple IV 7:00 Men's Bible Study	4 9:30 Staff Mtg. 10:00 Quilters 11:00 Yoga 7:00 Worship Committee	5 9:00 Maintenance Team 6:00 Connections 7:00 Jane Harvey Circle	6 10:00 Pastor's Bible Study 11:00 Yoga 6:00 Ringers 6:00 Beginnings 6:30 Theol@Pub 7:30 Faith Singers	7 7:00 Family Movie Night	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10-3 Choir Retreat 10:30 Tweeners
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Youth News

Sun. Oct. 2	6-8pm Youth Group
Sun. Oct. 9	6-8pm Youth Group
Tue. Oct. 11	7-9 Youth Council
Sat. Oct. 15	9am-noon Confirmation Class
Sun. Oct. 8	1-5pm Maris Farms Corn Maze See Tweeners announcement for info
Fri. Oct. 21	7-9pm Sexuality & Faith Retreat Parents expected, hoped-for, encouraged
Sat. Oct. 22	9am-4pm Sexuality & Faith Retreat 1-4pm Parents
Sun. Oct. 23	8:55 & 10:35 Mission Report @ Worship NO Youth Group
Wed. Oct. 26	7:30-8:30 J.O.Y.
Sun. Oct. 30	1-6pm Fall Festival & Trunk or Treating

Looking Ahead

November 4-6	High School Ft. Flagler Retreat
November 12	Talent & Variety Show, Arts Gallery
December 18	Christmas Party @ Pastor Shirley's
February 11-12	Jr. High Mid-Winter Retreat
March 4-10	Pot O' Gold Rummage Sale work
May 20	Confirmation Worship
May 26-28	CONVO

Families of Preschool & Nursery Children

Sunday, October 16, at noon

Bring your children and a picnic lunch to the playground behind the church to spend time with other families. If weather is not cooperating, we will play in the Fire-side Room.

Tweeners Time

5th & 6th Grade Fellowship

- ◀ Serve God ◀ Serve others ◀ Fun with friends
- ◀ Pray with us ◀ Play games ◀ Bring a friend

October 8 10:30-2:00

Maris Farms Corn Maze & Pumpkins

- ☛ \$5 hayride, pig races, animal barn, goat walk, bunnyville, tube slide, courtyard playground (ages 2-10).
- ☛ \$10 includes corn maze, jump pillow, tube slide, pedal carts (smaller than 100#) hayride, pig races, animal barn, goat walk, bunnyville, courtyard playground (ages 2-10).

Extra \$\$ pony rides, destruction zone, monster truck, concessions, merchandise, pumpkins.

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 18-33 ish)

Friend PUMC Young Adults on facebook

- ☞ **Theology @ the Pub, Thursday, October 6, 6:30pm** @ Milton Tavern, Hwy 99, Milton. Meet friends from other churches and talk about faith in light of current events or burning questions.
- ☞ **Café Bible Study, Saturday, October 1, 15 & 29, 9-10am** @ Central Perk, Pioneer Ave., downtown Puyallup, bring a bible (optional), a friend (of course), money for your own breakfast –Pastor Shirley buys breakfast for first timers.
- ☞ **Theology & Pie, Thursday, October 20, 8:00 @ "Aunt" Loni's House.** Call the church for directions. Eat, talk, talk, and talk. And pray. Of course, bring a friend.
- ☞ **Y.A.R. Young Adult Retreat 2012**
April 13-15—older young adults establishing careers, families, homes, etc., like 22-30 yrs.
April 20-22—younger young adults in the college-age range, like 18-22 years

www.pnwumc.org ministries with young people for more info

Family Movie Night

7 pm Friday
October 7



Take out the trash, eat your broccoli - who needs moms, anyway? Nine-year-old Milo finds out just how much he needs his mom when she's nabbed by Martians who plan to steal her mom-ness for their own young. Milo embarks on a quest to save his mom - a wild adventure that involves stowing away on a spaceship.

Admission free. Bring snacks to share. Bring a friend & an adult—maybe even a "MOM" type person. You can wear jammies. Enjoy prayer, prizes, food & fun.

FALL EDUCATION SCHEDULE

Classes are underway—Join In!

Sundays 8:00

Disciple IV: *Under the Tree*

Sundays 8:55

Nursery

Preschool Lambs

Bible Explorers K-6 (begin in worship)

Jr. High Youth Class

Sr. High Youth Class

Adult Discussion Group: *Living the Questions II*
(on-going—join any Sunday)

Disciple IV: *Under the Tree of Life* (Disciple I is prerequisite)

Sundays 10:35

Nursery

Preschool Fireflies

Kids Club K-6 (begin in worship)

Adult Bible Study: *Genesis* (on-going—join any Sunday)

Adult: *Eclipsing Empire* (on-going—join any Sunday)

Sunday evenings

6-8 pm Youth Group

Mondays

Disciple I: *Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*

Disciple IV: *Under the Tree of Life*
(Disciple I is prerequisite)

Men's Bible Study: *Genesis*

Thursdays

10 am Adult Short-term Bible Study: *Surprise*

6:30 pm Theology at the Pub (1st Thursday;
geared to Young Adults)

8:00 pm Theology & Pie (3rd Thursday; geared to
Young Adults)

7:00 pm Women's Book Club (4th Thursday)

Saturdays

9-10 am Café Bible Study (1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays;
geared to Young Adults)

9-12 Confirmation Class (3rd Saturdays)

10:30—12 Tweeners Time (2nd Saturdays)

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation is an active examination of what has gone before, and preparing for what comes next in our Christian journey and faithful living.

Open to all students in grades 7-12 who have not yet taken Confirmation, and any who would like to repeat the experience and go deeper.

**Saturday, October 15, 9:00 am
at the Puyallup United Methodist
Church**

Next class, call Pastor Shirley for update info.

DISCIPLE



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Disciple Bible Study classes run 32-34 weeks. We are offering two Disciple courses for this fall. Pray about joining or re-joining a group of faithful disciples as they study the Bible for the year.

Disciple I – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Monday evenings, 7:00-9:15 pm

Started September 26th

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY is the foundation of the DISCIPLE Bible Study program and is open to all who would like to attend and learn more about the Bible. This class is a 34-week journey through the biblical story from Genesis to Revelation.

Disciple IV – Under the Tree of Life

Sunday mornings, 8:00-10:00 am

Starts October 2

- or -

Monday evenings, 7:00-9:15 pm

Started September 26th

Disciple I is a prerequisite for this class.

UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE is a thirty-two-week study prepared for graduates of BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY.

GOOD NEWS AT WYCLIFFE

Hi Prayer partners,

The majority of my work time these days goes to work with the Highland Initiative. Over the past several years we have developed from being a service organization to a number of independent translation projects, to a large-scale project that includes most of those former projects and has in its scope the entirety of the translation-related needs of the peoples in this region. It has been a big task to grow the group through this transition... to maintain our service, voluntary, and community-based nature and yet to build up a level of collaboration and trust where we are all planning and working in concert with one another.

A large part of this has been to address the resourcing needs of this partnership. Wycliffe has moved toward developing Comprehensive Projects, which are large-scale regionally-based projects looking at the scope of needs across a whole region. The Highland Initiative (HI) has been blessed to be seen as a model for development of these projects. This is a blessing, an honor, and definitely brings some burden with it as well.

And of course a big part of resourcing something like this is the actual funding. Rather than 20 projects each looking for \$30K or so each year, we are now a large, long-term project looking for multi-millions of dollars over the next 20 years, but with goals not just towards 20 individual languages, but rather the entirety of the language-related ministry needs in the region. We are still seeking a large-scale donor (or collection of donors) to take up the HI project. In the meanwhile, WBT continues to raise significant seed money to get these projects going. And this is where HI has really been blessed. Even in this time of hard finances in the US, people are giving generously. While 100% of the needs of Comprehensive Projects for the coming year have not been raised, more money continues to be raised each year than in the year before. But with a shortfall of funds compared to projected needs, there are people who have the unfortunate job of deciding who gets those funds, and who gets less than they hoped for.

We have just received news that for the coming fiscal year (Oct 2011-Sept 2012), the Highland Initiative has received 100% of our funding request. This is amazing.

Let me lay it out in some numbers:

- Languages being engaged (as of Sept 2011): 42
- National employees and translators receiving pay (these are real people with families, nationals in the areas we work, who have put their trust in God to provide for their needs as they assist or lead in translation. They are provided for over the coming year): 38+
- Membership of translators: 12 organizations (these are not all SIL/WBT people. The majority are translators with other organizations. So amazing to see this system providing their local project needs as well).
- Nationality of translators: 16
- Number of active HI members: 50-60
- Countries with HI-related languages being engaged: 5
- Total population in scope: 8-10 million people
- Total languages in scope: 140 language varieties that need some sort of mother tongue presentation of the gospel.

The news of this project funding is huge and worth celebrating. Please give thanks to God for His provision. The Highlands are one of the geographically, religiously, and politically most difficult to reach areas in the world, and yet work is moving forward and the church is growing in the region.

Please continue to pray for long term funding to develop... for appropriate funding partners to invest in this work over the coming 20 years. And please continue to pray for those of us involved in the paper work, accounting, documentation, vision building, team building, and network maintenance involved in bringing this diverse group together and interfacing between it and the potential funders.

Brad Chamberlain, HI Coordinator



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN—SAVE THE DATE!

Western Jurisdiction Quadrennial Event

Fire In My Soul

June 1 –3, 2012

Portland, OR

FIVE-DAY ACADEMY

for Spiritual Formation

HEALING

Personally and Between Religions

February 26—March 2, 2012

Palisades Retreat Center

Federal Way, WA

This event is sponsored by the PNW and Oregon-Idaho Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Board of Ordained Ministry, and The Upper Room.

Scholarships are available to cover the academy fee of \$800 which include tuition and room and board.

Send your personal contact information and fees payable to Treasurer, PNW Conference to:

DeLois Turley

Attn: Five day Academy

7445 Seashell Way

Blaine, WA 98230

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

Cultural Competency Training for the NW

Saturday, October 29

Central Lutheran Church, Seattle

This introductory workshop assists in building skills to effectively communicate with a diversity of people—younger, older, immigrant, a primary culture or language different from your own. You will learn skills and tools for building relationships across cultures.

Lay, lay/clergy teams or clergy who are interested in connecting with a changing mission field should attend. Registration is \$25 through October 20th. On-line visit www.pnwumc.org and click “Training Events”, then “A New Heaven and A New Earth” or call 206-870-6820 to request a form.

SOLOIST AVAILABLE

for wedding and funerals

Jennifer Gorham, granddaughter of Margaret Easterbrook is available to sing at your event. She is a music teacher and sings in a PLU choir. Call Jennifer at 253-446-7978.

ARE YOU READY?

Have you remembered your church in your will?

Ask me. Bill Rhodes 845-5125



LOVE INC IS HOSTING

A Live Auction and Dinner
will take place at Bethany Baptist Church
October 1st at 5 pm
\$15 for dinner
With fabulous silent and live auction items

**All Church Variety Show
& Baked Potato Feed
Saturday, November 12**

Visual Arts Gallery 4-8:30 pm
Baked Potato Feed 5-6 pm
Talent Show 6-8 pm

Sign up now to display your talents:

**Visual Arts Gallery (4-8:30 pm)
Baked Potato Feed (5-6 pm)
(\$\$ free will offering to cover our expenses)
Talent Show (6-8 pm)**

Participant Application

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, Puyallup UMC

Talent Show Act (please, no first-year musicians)

- Musical solo/ensemble
- Dramatic reading/recitation/skit
- Magic trick/juggling/dance
- Comic (church & family appropriate)
- Other

Title/Description/Special Needs/est. time: _____

Visual Gallery Display

- Painting
- Sculpture
- Photograph
- Scrapbook
- Quilting
- Other

Title/Description/Special Needs: _____

Name _____

Best contact phone/email: _____

Deadline to apply is November 6.

**Send your application to the church office or
put in the offering plate on Sunday.**

FAITH AND SEXUALITY RETREAT

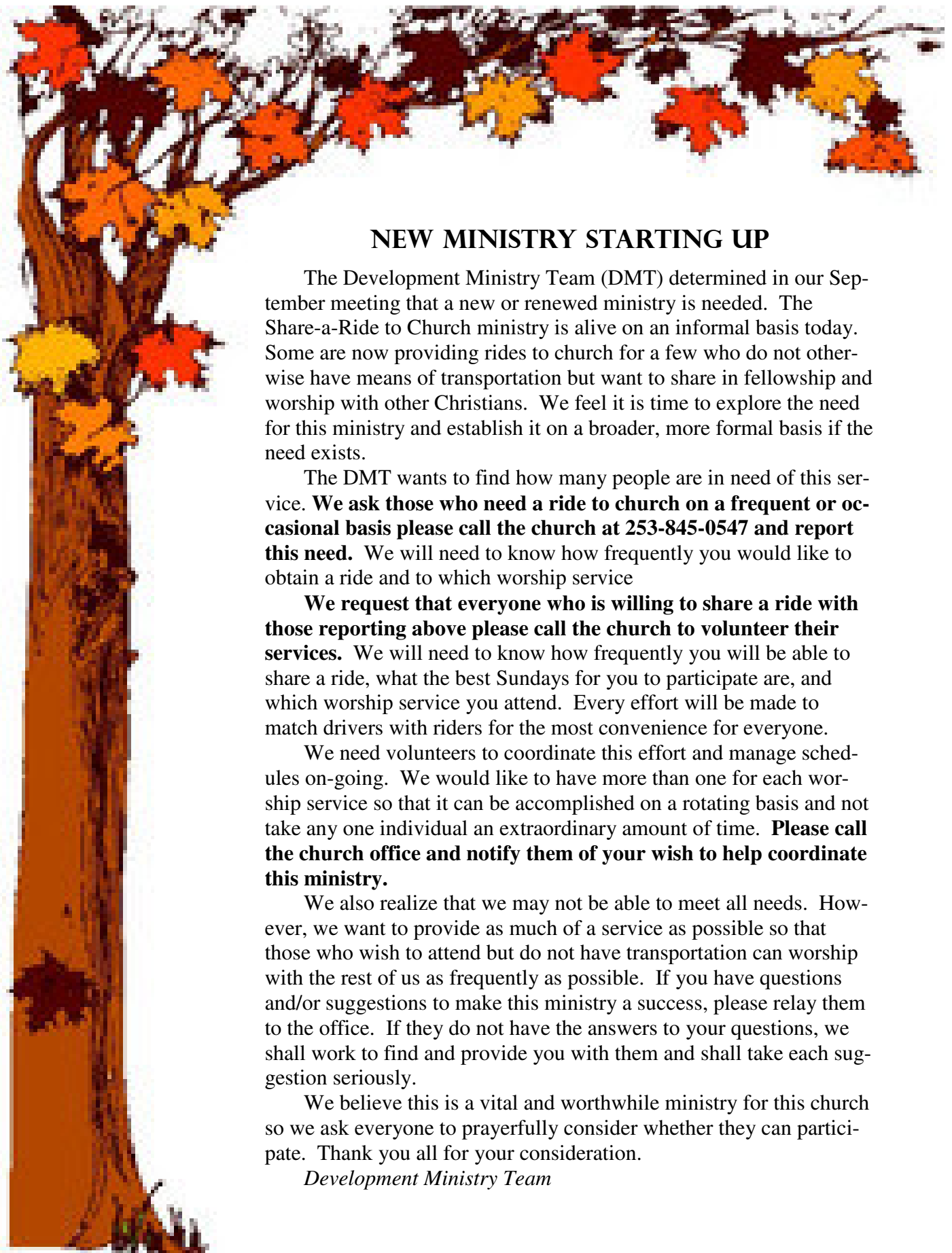
for our teens, their parents, and youth leaders.
Friday-Saturday, October 7-8

Our sexuality is a good gift from God. We were created in God's image, and our sexuality was part of the creation process. God affirmed all that was created was good, so it stands to reason that who we are as sexual beings is a part of that goodness. No gift comes without responsibility attached. This retreat is about helping youth understand the gift, grow closer to the Giver, and learn to use their gift of sexuality in a responsible, life-giving way.

Research tells us that at least half of youth are sexually active by the time they graduate from high school. They are bombarded with messages that suggest casual sex is the norm. Even as they are told the facts about AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted infections, the media continues to reflect a society that participates in sexual expression as a recreational activity rather than the intimate, spiritual experience we Christians understand it to be. Many youth are dealing with STIs, pregnancy, abortion, and are trying to understand what "normal" is as it relates to their sexuality.

All of these factors point to the need for meaningful, open discussion on the topic. The perspective youth receive in many settings may not be balanced, and it is time for the church to take its role in this vital area of life seriously. What better place to explore one's sexuality than within the context of the one who created it.

This retreat is designed to be a frank, open and honest exploration into the gift of sexuality. It is intended to be a safe place to share accurate information and ask honest questions, to get real answers. The curriculum is faith-based, and examines the United Methodist Social Principles. We'll also talk about when we disagree with those principles. This is NOT an abstinence-only curriculum. Nor is it permission-giving. It will help our students make faith-based decisions and be strong enough to stick up for their decisions. Please pray for our students, their parents, and the youth leaders as they retreat.



NEW MINISTRY STARTING UP

The Development Ministry Team (DMT) determined in our September meeting that a new or renewed ministry is needed. The Share-a-Ride to Church ministry is alive on an informal basis today. Some are now providing rides to church for a few who do not otherwise have means of transportation but want to share in fellowship and worship with other Christians. We feel it is time to explore the need for this ministry and establish it on a broader, more formal basis if the need exists.

The DMT wants to find how many people are in need of this service. **We ask those who need a ride to church on a frequent or occasional basis please call the church at 253-845-0547 and report this need.** We will need to know how frequently you would like to obtain a ride and to which worship service

We request that everyone who is willing to share a ride with those reporting above please call the church to volunteer their services. We will need to know how frequently you will be able to share a ride, what the best Sundays for you to participate are, and which worship service you attend. Every effort will be made to match drivers with riders for the most convenience for everyone.

We need volunteers to coordinate this effort and manage schedules on-going. We would like to have more than one for each worship service so that it can be accomplished on a rotating basis and not take any one individual an extraordinary amount of time. **Please call the church office and notify them of your wish to help coordinate this ministry.**

We also realize that we may not be able to meet all needs. However, we want to provide as much of a service as possible so that those who wish to attend but do not have transportation can worship with the rest of us as frequently as possible. If you have questions and/or suggestions to make this ministry a success, please relay them to the office. If they do not have the answers to your questions, we shall work to find and provide you with them and shall take each suggestion seriously.

We believe this is a vital and worthwhile ministry for this church so we ask everyone to prayerfully consider whether they can participate. Thank you all for your consideration.

Development Ministry Team



The 2011 Hunger Walk is

Sunday, October 2

**at Fort Steilacoom Park,
8714 87th Ave. SW,
Lakewood, WA 98498**

Registration 12:00 p.m.

Run starts 1:30 p.m.

Walk starts 2:00 p.m.

Registration fees:

Adults: \$20

Youth under 18: \$10

**Teams: \$10 per team
member**

Children under 5: FREE!

	Article Due Dates	Mailing Dates
Email Letter in October	2nd Tuesday October 11	2nd Wednesday October 12
November Circuit Rider	3rd Tuesday October 18	4th Wednesday October 26

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