

# *The Parish Pulse*

Greater Parish of the Cascades Newsletter  
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## From Pastor Worth's Desk

During our family vacation this past month we traveled up and down the Oregon coast. Our mission, to visit some of the Oregon lighthouses and explore quilt and knitting shops of the coastal communities. While leisurely driving I was able to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. It got me to thinking how often do I truly appreciate the magnificence of our world, its beauty and its complexity. I wondered why did God create Sea Loins different from Seals? My thoughts ran to why would Harbor Seals and Sea Loins share the same area? Is there enough food for both? I continued to read and discovered that each has a different hunting methodology and territories. One prefers shallower fishing areas closer to shore while the other has larger lung capacity and prefers deeper waters several miles from the shore line. I read materials on the birds of the coastal areas and learned similar things. That some varieties find their food between 12-15 miles from their inland nesting grounds while other species found their food nearer to the coast line. All this turned my thoughts to the vastness of God and His creation.

Have you ever thought about how creative God is? Did you know that he made 7,500 different varieties of apples? Did you know that the average oak tree has 200,000 leaves on it? Did you know that there are 350,000,000,000 galaxies in the universe? The majority of these galaxies were undiscovered until the Hubble telescope began its service. Why did God create so vast a universe with such complexity? I believe the answer is found in Psalm 19.

“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun,” (Psalm 19:1-4, ESV)

Creation points us to the glory of the creator, the living God. God's creation is intended to introduce us to God and help us reflect on who He is and what He is like. Francis Chan, author of *Crazy Love: overwhelmed by a relentless God*, writes “This is why we are called to worship Him. His art, His handiwork, and His creation all echo the truth that He is glorious. There is no other like Him.” Our response is to worship Him.

As vacation ended, I witnessed the power of God's creation in the powerful storm that rolled in off the Pacific. The wind gushes hit 75 mph, the rain fell for hours and the waves hitting the beach grew larger and larger. It was in many ways breathtakingly beautiful. As I watched the storm my heart rejoiced and my thoughts turned to God and I discovered that in the midst of the storm I was worshipping God. Creation drew me back to God. My challenge for you is to spend some time looking at our world and its beauty and to discover in those moments the majestic glory of God revealed in His creation and draw closer to Him.

Praising God For His Grace,

Pastor Worth



## November Birthday's

11/01 Landon Maggs  
11/04 William Bowden  
11/06 Sydney Butterfield  
11/08 Evan Luchau  
11/08 Melissa Howard  
11/10 Bill Doyle  
11/11 Calvin Tomicich  
11/12 Kaleigh Rainwater  
11/14 Alex Ritter  
11/18 Julie Cordahl  
11/18 Judy Ragland  
11/21 Patricia Soderstrom  
11/23 Geneva Green  
11/23 Lorraine Hedlund  
11/25 Al Runte'  
11/29 Chloe Vancour  
11/29 Lisa Hockenbury

## December Birthday's

12/01 Murlin Varner  
12/01 Ashley Callan  
12/04 Cindy Luchau  
12/04 Dennis Schmitt  
12/06 David Thompson  
12/09 Mikki Runte'  
12/10 Dennis Douglass  
12/10 John Wise  
12/12 Louis Musso  
12/13 Lynda Powell  
12/13 Linda Moser  
12/13 Susan Colts  
12/15 Jackie O'Connor  
12/16 Jean Burrows  
12/18 Corrie Carlson  
12/19 James McAuliff  
12/19 Killian O'Connor  
12/21 Marjorie Hathaway  
12/24 Cindy Fox  
12/25 Marian Russ  
12/26 Susan Wilson  
12/28 Larry Spear  
12/31 Enid Roseburg

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***When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.***

*Peace starts with a smile.*

***God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.***



#### November Anniversaries

11/01/1973 Tomicich, Cal & Carol  
11/04/1989 McLain, Ron & Sandra  
11/08/1941 Wallace, Laurene & Arnold  
11/13/1999 Fox, Martin & Cindy  
11/25/1977 Powell, Gale & Lynda  
11/29/1986 Knox, Larry & Lila  
11/30/1990 Reynolds, Erik & Patricia

#### December Anniversaries

12/03/1986 Schmitt, Dennis & Melissa  
12/10/2005 Birklid, Dan & Juliannia  
12/12/1960 Soderstrom, David & Patricia  
12/18/1983 Ritter, Bryan & Debi  
12/19/2009 Butterfield, Jonathan & Sydney  
12/28/1999 Juris, Stuart & Kathy

Cle Elum Community church has a **RED** bucket set up to take in donations for the local food bank. This is so helpful to those families that just need a little help. We thank you for everything you have donated in the past. We are happy to accept non-perishable food items: some examples are... canned vegi's, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, crackers, soup and cereal. Thank you again!



#### Cle Elum Community & Pt. Pisgah Presbyterian

We will be going back to a calendar year instead of the April 1- March 30<sup>th</sup> fiscal year. This will help those keeping track of financial information. Please look for the dates for the Annual Meeting to be around the beginning of February 2011.

## “A Slice of Young Life”

Young Life invites you to the Sunset Café for a “piece of the pie” on **Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.**

It is Young Life’s way of thanking you for your donations over the past year to Upper Kittitas Young Life. In addition to indulging in some delicious pie, you will have an opportunity to meet the local Young Life leadership team. You will also be entertained by some of the Young Life kids and hear directly from them how God has used your generous gifts to impact their lives for Him.

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### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**



Mt. Pisgah ladies will gather at **1:00pm Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Post Office building for their regular scheduled meeting. No meeting is scheduled for December.

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### **Benefit dinner November 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm**

Gabriel Morales lost his home to a fire a few weeks ago. There will be a benefit dinner held at the Eagles on Friday evening November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Entrance fee is \$10.00. There will be a live auction, silent auction and raffle. We need a few more desserts to donate for the raffle. If you can provide a dessert, please contact Dee at the office 674-2472.

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### **MOPS**

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) group will start up at the Cle Elum Community Church soon. MOPS International exists to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. Activities and speakers will be designed to be a getaway for moms to build friendships in the community and outreach to bring these women into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to build friendships within the church. It’s about loving God and loving people. Volunteers will be needed in the near future, so if you have a talent or gift for moms and children, please contact Sue Wilson at 674-2747 or email to Sue at [sueworth204@gmail.com](mailto:sueworth204@gmail.com)

## Community Thanksgiving baskets

CMA church will be putting together Thanksgiving baskets this year and are in need of 10 pies. If you can donate 1 or 2 pies, please contact our church office 674-2472 for information. Thank you for helping those in need in our community. Pies need to be delivered to the CMA church by November 14<sup>th</sup>. Store bought or homemade pies are acceptable. No creme pies please.

## Operation Christmas Child

Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Women are ratcheting up their work with the shoeboxes as time draws near for the mid-November deadline. They have set an ambitious goal for themselves this year of 300 shoeboxes and have spent a good portion of 2010 working toward that end. Being in the temporary quarters of the church has given many additional challenges for the ladies to overcome, but they happily carry the thought that next year they will have their own permanent room in the restored church and will be able to work whenever and however they wish.

Donations of ANY kind toward the shoeboxes would be most welcome. Most urgently needed now are items for the hygiene bags such as soap, toothbrushes, face cloths, toothpaste, combs, etc. No liquid items of any kind can be used however. In addition, monetary donations in any amount would be helpful as we pay for the shipping as well. For further information, call Beth Matanich at 649-3424 and she will answer any questions you might have.

Many thanks for any help given. You will feel the joy in your heart for having helped bring happiness to an impoverished child.

## **Did you miss the community wide Woman's Retreat?**

If you didn't make it to the woman's retreat at Camp Koinonia, you missed out on a wonderful time with like minded women of this community. You will have a chance to join us next year on Friday and Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1st, 2011.

Our speaker this year was Bette Nordberg, author of fiction and bible studies. You can find some of her books in our church library. We spent time singing and praising God, listening to Bette talk about "soul links". We ate, talked, laughed and cried. Can't be better than that. More information will follow for next years retreat.



### Cran-Turkey Enchiladas

**Thanksgiving dinner leftovers take on a Mexican spin when shredded turkey and cranberry sauce are tucked into whole wheat tortillas. These enchiladas are full of authentic Mexican flavor with the black beans, cilantro, and salsa, but the cranberries are an exciting addition. Top with your favorites, like sour cream, black olives, and guacamole. You'll never wonder what to do with turkey leftovers again.**



#### ingredients

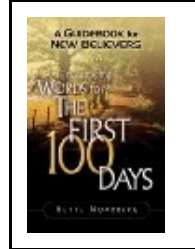
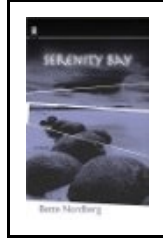
- \* Nonstick cooking spray
- \* 2 to 2-1/2 cups shredded cooked turkey
- \* 1 16-oz. can whole cranberry sauce
- \* 1 15-oz. can black beans, rinsed and drained
- \* 1-1/2 cups bottled salsa
- \* 1 cup shredded colby and Monterey Jack cheese (4 oz.)
- \* 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
- \* 3 green onions, sliced
- \* 1/4 cup snipped fresh cilantro
- \* 1 tsp. ground cumin
- \* 1/2 tsp. salt
- \* 1/2 tsp. ground black pepper
- \* 8 7- to 8-inch whole wheat or regular flour tortillas
- \* 1 tsp. bottled hot pepper sauce

#### directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly coat a 3-quart rectangular baking dish with cooking spray; set aside. For filling, in a large bowl stir together turkey, half the cranberry sauce, beans, 1/2 cup of the salsa, 3/4 cup of the cheese, sour cream, green onions, cilantro, cumin, salt, and pepper. Spoon about 2/3 cup filling on each tortilla. Roll up tortillas around filling. Place, seam sides down, in prepared dish; set aside.

2. For sauce, in bowl stir together remaining cranberry sauce, remaining salsa, and hot pepper sauce. Spoon over filled tortillas. Cover with foil. Bake for 45 minutes. Uncover; top with remaining cheese. Bake 5 to 10 minutes more or until heated through and cheese is melted. Sprinkle with additional cilantro and green onions.

Some new books in our library by Bette Nordberg ,speaker at this past women's retreat.



Bette's fiction books take place in different parts of the Pacific Northwest and each book has an important message. *A Season of Grace* tells of a twin brother and sister who have grown apart, but brought back together through some sad circumstances. *Serenity Bay* is a story of a woman in a disturbing and violent marriage. God is always the forefront of Bette's books.

*100 Days* is for new Christian believers: Imagine for a moment you wake up in the same old bed, only to discover everything around you has completely changed. People speak a foreign language. The rules are different. The familiar has been turned upside down. Confused and disoriented, you're determined to make your way through...

That's the way life feels for a new believer as they begin their walk of faith. Though everything looks the same, they feel like aliens. Confronted with traditions and expectations they don't understand, some give up...

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