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Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.
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A Shaken World, A SOON-COMING KING

A HEROIC RESPONSE

The coronavirus has overtaken our lives in a matter of weeks and transformed our world, presenting an unprecedented medical, economic, human and spiritual challenge.

In spite of the challenges, I'm incredibly proud of our members who are making real ministry part of their everyday lives. We've talked about using technology in creative ways for years. Now, practically overnight, members have pivoted to new and innovative ways of serving and ministering, using technology.

More than 500 Northwest educators, including Walla Walla University professors and our academy and elementary teachers, faced the challenge by moving classes online in a matter of days.

This agility is a real tribute to their professionalism and ingenuity, actively engaging students in new ways.

Pastors are preaching to empty sanctuaries as they stream Christ-centered messages of hope to their members. Home care visits are still taking place via phone calls and video

chats. Many churches are lovingly reaching out to care for the most vulnerable members, our seniors. Young adults are creating online small groups to pray and study the Bible.

Adventist Health professionals, along with first responders, are providing heroic service every single day. I'm honored to serve alongside such faithful and dedicated people who are daily sharing the hope and wholeness found in Jesus Christ.

GOD HAS A PLAN

Our world has radically changed from how life operated at the beginning of the year. Instead of myopically focusing on the crisis, I invite you to consider the big picture: God is with us and has a plan to care for us.

Jer. 29:11 says, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." That's good news! The Bible is full of God's promises underscoring the hope we have through Jesus.

Psalm 139 says, "O Lord, you have searched me and

known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways" (Psalm 139:1-3).

These verses and countless others describe a personal God who knows us, who understands the challenges we face. Even in the darkest times, God is still with us. We can rest confidently through life's storms because God is with us.

HOPE FOR TODAY

Looking at society's reaction to the coronavirus, one thing is clear: The pandemic has shaken our world and raised the awareness everywhere that something is terribly wrong.

We are witnessing current events that reflect what Matthew 24 describes as the beginning of birth pains. The Bible tells us Earth's closing events will be rapid. We will see wars, famine, pestilences and earthquakes all increasing in frequency and severity.

No one knows the day or the hour when Jesus will return, but we can recognize



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In every crisis, the issue is not the crisis, it's how we respond to the crisis. Instead of fixating on what's going wrong, I invite you to consider Jesus!

the signs of His approaching return. Today, the Seventh-day Adventist Christ-centered prophetic message of the blessed hope of Jesus' soon return is more relevant than ever.

AN INVITATION

In every crisis, the issue is not the crisis, it's how we respond to the crisis. Instead of fixating on what's going wrong, I invite you to consider Jesus! He is the author and the finisher of our faith. The current pandemic is an opportunity to embrace the truth and relevance the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

While it may be hard to see right now, the current crisis could be one of the great blessings in our lives. I don't know how God is going to do this exactly, but I choose to trust He will. In the end, I am confident we will receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

I invite you to join me in drawing close to the One who gave His life on the cross for

the salvation of the world. Let's draw strength from our Savior who has promised to be with us always, to the end of the age. With His strength, we can point our family, friends and neighbors to Him and the good news of His soon return.

At the end of the book of Revelation, Jesus says, "These words are faithful and true I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. . . . Yes, I am coming quickly" (Rev. 22:6,13,20).

John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president

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101 YEARS *of* PERSPECTIVE

Who would have imagined a virus could close all Northwest churches in less than two weeks? And yet, 101 years ago it happened with a strain of influenza — colloquially called the “Spanish flu.”

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION



A group of Seattle men line up to receive their influenza vaccines, ca. November 1918. Seattle, like several other cities, placed great emphasis on a public vaccination campaign as a way of halting the spread of the disease. Unfortunately, the vaccines at the time were useless.

On Oct. 5, 1918, Seattle’s mayor, Ole Hanson, ordered “every place of public assemblage in Seattle, including schools, theatres, motion picture houses, churches and dance halls closed by noon,” the *Seattle Daily Times* reported. The front-page headline proclaimed “Epidemic Puts Ban on All Public Assemblies.”

As a result of the order, all Sabbath services were canceled for six weeks in Seattle-area churches.

The North Pacific Union *Gleaner* reported on Oct. 24, 1918, “Seattle, with many other portions of the state, is feeling the effects of the Spanish influenza. There have been thirteen or fourteen cases among the church membership thus far, but we are thankful to God that there have been no deaths, although some have been very sick. It is a new and strange experience not to be able to assemble at the house of God for worship on the Sabbath.”¹

Not only church services but Sabbath Schools were closed. The *Gleaner* urged families to have Sabbath Schools at home: “It is impossible now for us to meet together in our regular Sabbath schools while the quarantine is on and I am sure we all will appreciate more than ever before the blessing of the Sabbath school. ... I trust that every family will have a Home Sabbath school.”

The Adventist church school in Seattle with 70 students had to be closed as well. “The influenza epidemic has closed all schools in the city for the past two weeks. ... In spite of these hindrances, we are determined with God’s help to make this a successful year. Every pupil is cooperating with us in a most encouraging way.”

The Washington Conference committee recommended to fully support church school teachers, who already were making sacrifices: “It was voted that in view of the scourge of Spanish influenza having caused us the inconvenience of suspending the school work for the safety of our own homes, as well as the public, we recommend that our church school boards throughout the conference deal liberally with the teachers, allowing full wage for the school year. ... It is gratifying to learn that a





101 YEARS of PERSPECTIVE

An emergency military hospital at Camp Funston, Kansas, housed countless patients during the influenza epidemic dubbed the Spanish flu.

CAMP FUNSTON, KANSAS



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number of churches have been paying their teachers' salaries in full during the epidemic. It is hoped that all will do so."

A *Gleaner* article by an Adventist physician, H.W. Miller, gave advice on how to avoid the flu, pointing out that most cases did not result in death and that people should exercise good hygiene practices and use other precautions. A long article gave advice that, for the most part, would be considered timely today, including that "those who have pulmonary tendencies and other general weaknesses" were especially at risk and should be careful.

Church leaders encouraged people deprived of meeting

for church services to read their Bibles at home: "We will probably appreciate more fully the privilege of meeting together for worship after being deprived of our Sabbath services for a few weeks. Though we are unable to meet in public worship we have a splendid opportunity to read God's precious word at home and to pray much for each other and the advancement of the message in the earth. Though not permitted to meet in the sanctuary, the Lord says: 'I will be to them as a little sanctuary.' Eze. 11:16."

Especially concerning was the delay of Ingathering. "The epidemic is also delaying our Harvest Ingathering campaign, but we will have to work all the harder when the ban is lifted."

One *Gleaner* article urged members in eastern Washington to not neglect "laying aside our tithes and offerings just as faithfully as if we were going to church every Sabbath." An energetic church secretary in Spokane actually "has gone to homes each week and collected the Sabbath school offerings and we hear they are considerably larger than they were when the school could assemble."

The ban on public meetings did not dissuade some evangelism from proceeding with house-to-house outreach in 1918. Today we might consider such face-to-face home evangelism to be unwise or positively dangerous: "We are visiting from house to house and giving Bible readings to those who are interested (including the distribution of Present Truth tracts). There is plenty to do along this line and we are trying to enlist the church members in this good work. One sister spends about three hours each day in missionary work for her neighbors."

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How to Keep from Getting Influenza

By the National Conference of Army, Navy, Civilian Doctors

- 1—Avoid contact with other people so far as possible. Especially avoid crowds indoors, in street cars, theaters, motion picture houses, and other places of public assemblage.
- 2—Avoid persons suffering from "colds," sore throats and coughs.
- 3—Avoid chilling of the body or living in rooms of temperature below 65 degrees or above 72.
- 4—Sleep and work in clean, fresh air.
- 5—Keep your hands clean and keep them out of your mouth.
- 6—Avoid expectorating in public places and see that others do likewise.
- 7—Avoid visiting the sick.
- 8—Eat plain, nourishing food and avoid alcoholic stimulants.
- 9—Cover your nose with your handkerchief when you sneeze, your mouth when you cough. Change handkerchiefs frequently. Promptly disinfect soiled handkerchiefs by boiling, or washing with soap and water.
- 10—Don't worry, and keep your feet warm. Wet feet demand prompt attention. Wet clothes are dangerous and must be removed as soon as possible.

What to Do if You Have Influenza

By the National Conference of Army, Navy, Civilian Doctors

- 1—If you get a cold, go to bed in a well ventilated room. Keep warm.
- 2—Keep away from other people. Do not kiss any one.
- 3—Use individual basins, and knives, forks, spoons, towels, handkerchiefs, soap; wash plates and cups.
- 4—Every case of influenza should go to bed at once under the care of a physician. The patient should stay in bed at least three days after fever has disappeared and until convalescence is well established.
- 5—The patient must not cough or sneeze except when a mask or handkerchief is held before the face.
- 6—He should be in a warm, well ventilated room.
- 7—There is no specific for the disease. Symptoms should be met as they arise.
- 8—The great danger is from pneumonia. Avoid it by staying in bed while actually ill and until convalescence is fully established.
- 9—The after effects of influenza are worse than the disease. Take care of yourself.
- 10—Strictly observe the state and city rules and regulations for the control of influenza.

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The Washington, D.C., paper *The Evening Star* published this stay-healthy advice column on October 14, 1918.

A Renton-based Adventist couple took a different tack, focusing on helping those who were ill: "During the scourge of sickness which is visiting us here, we have given our chief attention to helping care for the sick. A number have been helped back to health."

It is hard to overstate the seriousness of the 1918–19 influenza. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that the pandemic killed 1,513 people in Seattle (out of a 1920 Seattle population of 315,312) or 0.48%; 6,571 statewide (the state's population was 1.373 million), also 0.48%; and 675,000 in the United States (the U.S. population was 106.5 million), or 0.63%. The total population at that time was a fraction of what it is today.

Nearly six weeks later, on Nov. 11, 1918, the ban was lifted. Church life resumed as normal. But, sad to say, many people stricken by the Spanish flu died in the ensuing weeks

and months. The *Gleaner* continued to report their obituaries throughout 1919.

Modern scholars tell us that an effective response to outbreaks, like the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), requires us to put aside our self-interest and use a collaborative approach. Collaboration and cooperation require a willingness to provide aid to others in need and a willingness to sacrifice personal interests.²

While these scholars make no reference to Christian charity or duty, one can't help but be reminded of the words of Jesus: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:12–13).

Today churches and schools closed their doors as they did a century ago. However, we now have far greater opportunity to connect and minister through modern communication methods. In 1918, people had no access to broadcast radio or television, not to mention the internet. At the time, only 33% of Americans had telephones.³ And yet, they pulled together in the face of an unseen, unknown virus that would ultimately kill about 50 million people around the world.

In the current health crisis facing the world, may we take a lesson from our fellow Adventists a century ago, pressing together in prayer and continued service for the isolated and vulnerable among us. Now is no time to retreat.

The 39th Regiment marches down Second Avenue with their flu masks on, ca. October/November 1918.



Dana Waters, *Green Lake Church* head elder; Ken Walters, *Green Lake Foundation* history project director; and Jay Wintermeyer, *Gleaner* editor

Faith & WHEN EVERYTHING

WHEN I WATCH THE NEWS, IT SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I SHOULD ADD TO MY TO-DO LIST TO HELP KEEP MY FAMILY SAFE DURING THIS PANDEMIC. THE MOST HELPFUL ADVICE I'VE READ HAS LIFTED THAT WEIGHT, GRACIOUSLY GIVING ME PERMISSION TO LET CERTAIN THINGS GO.

I have been mercifully unburdened from unrealistic expectations, such as making my daughters' distance learning experience equivalent to what happens in their classrooms, keeping the small apartment where we spend 24 hours a day uncluttered or maintaining peak physical fitness (or whatever trajectory toward "peak" I imagined I was on).

More importantly, I am learning to accept that I cannot protect my family from all risk of infection, serve my neighbors and church community without ever falling short, or perfectly support the heroic health care workers on the front lines and other essential employees that hold our society together. I can do my best, but my best will not be perfect.

Adding to all these expectations is the nagging sense I should somehow feel different — more optimistic, more hopeful, more confident — than I actually do.

This crisis has revealed I have confused faith with a certain set of feelings. And I imagine I am not alone in this regard. So I want to join my voice to the chorus of voices that have encouraged me and add one more important item to our list of things we do not have to do: We do not have to feel any particular way in order to move

forward in faith during this pandemic.

Something that helps me understand the relationship between faith and feeling is the

relationship between worship and emotion. Worshiping God certainly involves our emotions, our hearts, our attitudes.

But Scripture consistently describes worship not as merely an internal state but an embodied way of being before God, with one another and in the world. To worship is to fall prostrate, to kneel, to lift hands, to sing and to act out of love for our neighbors in response to God.

Outward form does not, of course, always correspond to what's in our hearts. But even when discussing this incongruence, the Bible's inspired authors talk about insincere worship by pointing to actions, especially unjust treatment of others, that reveal the state of our hearts (see Isaiah 1).

Biblical worship, it seems, is something we do, in response to God and by grace, and not a way we necessarily feel. Congruence between faith and feeling is good, but thankfully it's not a requirement for worship. Sometimes I don't feel like worshipping God, but that does not remove the value of humbly bowing before my Creator and serving my neighbors in the liturgy of life.

Faith similarly does not require me to feel a certain

Feeling EVERYTHING FALLS APART

way for it to be efficacious. First, faith is not something we need to create inside ourselves so we will be saved. Paul argues, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8, NIV). And second, this time of incredible uncertainty is teaching me something essential about what that gift of faith looks like, along with its counterparts, hope and love.

I am married to a doctor who gets up every morning and walks toward COVID-19 in one of this pandemic’s global epicenters. She does not walk out the door because of a certain feeling. She has fears and doubts like the rest of us. But she has faith in her team, hope that her actions will make a difference and a love for those she serves and serves alongside that persists through any emotion.

As Susan David says, “Courage is not the absence of fear but fear walking.” Faith is similarly not the absence of doubt, hope is not the absence of uncertainty, and love is not the absence of all the feelings that can paralyze us and lead us to despair.

My encouragement to you today is that you don’t have to have all the answers to offer someone a word of assurance. You don’t have to be certain to live like what you hope for is possible. You don’t have to feel any particular way at all to hug your kids, call a friend or church member to check in, bring food to someone who can’t shop,

donate personal protective equipment to health care workers, or do anything else to share the divine love God has shown us with your families and neighbors.

Perhaps our worship today will take the form of lament, an implicit act of faith in a God we believe should be showing up more clearly right now. But we will also worship in gratitude that we can be in communion with God and community with others exactly as we are, emotionally, physically and otherwise.

It turns out that when everything falls apart, we do too — at least a little. And that’s OK. We worship a God who remains busy working to put all things, including us, back together. And by grace we can participate in that healing work, as we put one foot in front of the other, living and loving with “the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1, NRSV), knowing that, no matter how we feel today, love will never fail.

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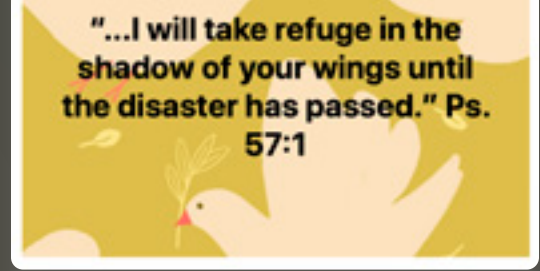
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"One of our young adults in our group recently attended a suicide prevention awareness event for her Psychology degree, and they talked about these signs that say things like, 'Don't give up' and 'You are worthy of love.' She suggested that we put them up on the road by our church. We went out and got some and I put them up last weekend. Even something small like a sign can uplift someone's spirit. People really need hope in times like this when they aren't sure what tomorrow will look like."

-Tyler Watts, East Salem

In place of our usual #OASStories, we will be taking this opportunity to connect with ways our Oregon Conference family is serving in their communities. Through the eyes of the people that make up this conference we will explore what it means to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Have you seen Adventists in action? We'd love to hear about it. Send us an email at adventisthumans@gmail.com or tell us about it in the comments!

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Northwest Adventists The Oregon Conference (@OregonAdventists) is updating their guidelines in response to COVID-19. Effective immediately, and until April 6, all churches will suspend in-person worship services in which non-attendance is expected to be 20% or more.

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Polenta Bowls With Smoky Tomato Sauce, Poached Eggs and Wilted Kale

WE'RE BIG FANS of comfort food. There's something deeply satisfying about coming home after a long day and sitting down to a warm hearty meal, especially when it doesn't take forever to make.

This one-dish meal, made up of four main ingredients, is perfect for a simple midweek dinner or an elegant savory breakfast. Who would've thought that cornmeal, tomatoes, eggs and kale could make such a feast?

This is simple, easy comfort food at its best. The beautiful thing about this dish is that it's still packed with flavor even when you make the plant-based version.



INGREDIENTS:

Polenta

- 1 cup polenta
- 4 cups water
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

Sauce

- 1 pound cherry tomatoes, halved, or 2 cans (14 ounces) diced tomato
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon smoked paprika flakes
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon garlic powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dried basil
- Water, enough to keep the tomatoes simmering
- 1 clove garlic, minced

Eggs

- 4 eggs (use as many eggs as you want, as long as they fit in the pan. See variation below for a delicious plant-based version.)

Kale

- 3 cups kale, roughly chopped
- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt to taste

Cheese

- Freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano or pecorino Romano cheese

Plant-Based Variation

This dish is equally satisfying if you choose to substitute another protein instead of the eggs. Use a package of firm silken tofu cut into small cubes and add to the sauce as soon as the tomatoes cook down. Place the tofu evenly across the sauce and gently press it in. Do not stir, as it quite fragile. Cover and let gently simmer for five to 10 minutes.



DIRECTIONS:

» Bring water, salt and polenta to a boil in a medium sauce pan. Stir occasionally to avoid lumps. Once it boils, reduce the heat to medium low and continue stirring occasionally to keep the polenta from sticking. Cook for about 5 minutes or until it is thickened, then cover and remove from the heat. You may need to adjust the cooking time depending on the grind of your polenta.

» While the polenta is cooking, place the tomatoes in a shallow sauce pan over medium heat. Sprinkle the tomatoes with the salt and spices and add a small amount of water. Stir gently, then cover and let simmer. Check in on the sauce often and add a little water if needed. When tomatoes are fully cooked down, stir in 1 clove of minced garlic and let it simmer for a couple more



minutes. Reduce heat to keep the tomatoes hot but not bubbling. Season to taste.

» Carefully crack the eggs into the sauce, one at a time. Avoid breaking the yolks. Each egg should be cuddled in the sauce with enough space around it for additional eggs. Cover and let the eggs poach very gently in the sauce for about five to seven minutes. The eggs are done when the whites are no longer clear. After the eggs are cooked to your satisfaction, remove from the heat. If you like your eggs firmly poached, let the pan sit covered for 10 minutes. Remember, the heat will continue to cook the egg.

» In a skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil over medium heat. Add the chopped kale and toss with olive oil. As the kale wilts, season to taste and add the remaining clove of minced garlic. Stir constantly to prevent the garlic from burning. Remove from heat when the kale is fully wilted but retains some of its color.

LET'S EAT!

Now for the best part. To serve, first dish up the polenta. Add the tomato sauce and poached eggs. Top with wilted kale and a sprinkle of grated cheese.



For a little more texture and added flavor, use extra firm tofu (the refrigerated kind that comes packed in water). Cut into cubes and sauté in a little olive oil until evenly browned. Salt to taste, add to your sauce and simmer for five to 10 minutes.



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columnist*

EVANGELISMO CREATIVO: FESTIVAL MATRIMONIAL 2020

Parejas viajaron desde todos lados de nuestra unión, desde las partes mas remotas en el sur como lo es Medford, Oregon, hasta las partes hacia el norte de la Conferencia del Alto Columbia. Desde sus mismos inicios, este evento fue intencionalmente saturado con oraciones y suplicas. Específicamente le pedimos a Dios que lloviera Su Espíritu, para que los participantes pudieran sintonizarse al corazón de Dios y a Sus propósitos para el matrimonio que es dirigido por Su Espíritu.

Puede ser que muchos de nuestros amigos no estén inmediatamente abiertos a asistir a un evento de evangelismo tradicional, pero, muchos quizá si estén dispuestos a asistir a un fin de semana matrimonial que ofrece enseñarles habilidades relacionales que les ayudara a crear una relación matrimonial más amorosa y saludable. Varios pastores visionarios decidieron aprovechar este evento y decidieron que de 20–40% de sus parejas registradas serian no adventistas.

Este evento matrimonial incluyó seminarios inspiradores y enseñanzas prácticas y fáciles de poner en practica en casa. Los participantes fueron



empoderados a desaprender hábitos relacionales destructivos y a reaprender maneras de practicar los principios fundamentales de las buenas nuevas del evangelio — el amor incondicional, la gracia, la compasión y el perdón.

Las familias solo pueden ser tan saludables como lo es el matrimonio. Por eso, el invertir tiempo, energía y recursos financieros en nuestro matrimonio es una de las formas mas efectivas para crear una familia saludable. Después de todo, nuestras iglesias, escuelas, y comunidades saludables están formadas por familias saludables. Familias cristianas saludables entienden que son centros de evangelismo donde los niños pueden crecer y desarrollarse física, espiritual y relacionalmente — como lo hizo el niño Jesús (Lucas 2:52) — mientras que ellos se desarrollan y maduran en su

amor por Dios, por ellos mismos y por los demás (Mat. 22:37–40).

Familias cristianas saludables crean y fomentan ambientes espiritual y emocionalmente saludables donde los niños son discipulados para establecer una relación personal con Jesús, en el contexto de un ambiente hogareño feliz donde ellos pueden experimentar

plenamente el amor de Cristo.

Oramos para que usted considere no solo asistir, en un futuro, a un retiro matrimonial, sino que haga planes de invitar a una pareja no creyente, para que ellos también puedan ser bendecidos al encontrarse con el Autor de la auténtica armonía relacional, la paz, la alegría y el amor extravagante que El ofrece a todos los que desean experimentar su amor sanador, y transformador.

César De León, vice presidente de los ministerios hispanos de la Unión del Pacífico Norte, y Carolann De León, director asistente de los ministerios hispanos y familiares de la Conferencia de la Unión del Pacífico Norte



CREATIVE EVANGELISM: HISPANIC MARRIAGE FESTIVAL 2020

Couples traveled to Portland from as far south as Medford, Oregon, and from the northern tip of Upper Columbia Conference for the North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic Marriage Festival, Feb. 28–29.

From its inception, this event was intentionally saturated with ongoing prayer. Organizers specifically asked God to rain down His Spirit so attendees would be able to catch a glimpse of God’s heart and His purpose for Spirit-driven marriages.

While many unchurched people may not be immediately open to attending a more traditional evangelistic series, many may be willing

to attend a weekend marriage retreat that offers to teach healthy relationship skills to help them create more loving and healthy marriages and family relationships. Several visionary pastors decided to use this event as an opportunity to intentionally invite many non-Adventist couples.

The celebratory weekend included inspirational seminars and practical and easily applicable relationship skills. Couples were empowered to strip away destructive relationship habits and learn practical ways to implement the foundational principles of

unconditional love, grace, compassion and forgiveness. Attendees were challenged to authentically connect with God and each other in order to achieve marital unity.

Families can only be as healthy as the marriage is. The weekend helped couples find ways to invest intentional time, energy and financial resources into their marriages.

a healthy home is one where children can grow and develop physically, spiritually and relationally.”

No matter their ages, our children, grandchildren and unbelieving communities are desperately yearning to see the love of Jesus played out in loving marriages and families that testify God’s love is powerful and real and two

very different people can live in harmony by His grace. We pray you will not only consider attending a marriage retreat in the future, but you will plan to invite nonmembers who may be



This investment will help them create stronger, healthier families.

César De León, NPUC vice president for Hispanic ministries and director of family and men’s ministries, says, “Healthy churches, schools and communities are composed of healthy families. We want to help Northwest couples build strong relationships because

blesed by encountering the Author of authentic, relational harmony.

César De León, North Pacific Union vice president for Hispanic ministries and Carolann De León, North Pacific Union Conference Hispanic and family ministries assistant director



Couples from across the Northwest were challenged and encouraged.

PATHFINDERS MAKE HISTORY IN UTQIAGVIK

Did you know Feb. 1 is National Baked Alaska Day? Instead of merely celebrating a sweet treat, the newly formed Utqiagvik Arctic Seventh-day Adventist Company, located in the northernmost town in the United States, made history. On this memorable day, the church Pathfinder club, the Arctic Foxes, had their first-ever induction ceremony, signaling the beginning of their first Pathfinder year.

Last summer, right before the 2019 Oshkosh Pathfinder camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a Pathfinder group formed and held meetings and



Utqiagvik's Arctic Company's first Pathfinders club, the Arctic Foxes, celebrate their first induction ceremony.

fundraisers, but they didn't officially start a club.

When February arrived, about 26 Pathfinder youth and staff, community children, and supporting church members gathered in the small church building to share in this special induction program. The

induction was led by director Posa Lalaga, who gave each of the eight Pathfinder youth and staff a distinct part in the ceremony.

Toward the end of the service, pastor and area coordinator Celesta Babb shared a short message with the youth

about what it means to be a Pathfinder, inviting them to choose and join the "cloud of witnesses" Hebrews 12 speaks about and live as warriors of faith in their home and community.

It was a moving moment to see each young person stand



Arctic Foxes Pathfinders work on their baking honors.

in response to the appeal. The evening concluded with the song "Anywhere With Jesus," after which pastor and area coordinator Zackery Babb closed the program with a prayer.

Lalaga says, "We are all very excited about this Pathfinder year. Please keep our small group in prayer as we seek to reach and minister to the Native community of Utqiagvik and hopefully welcome some community youth into the club over the next couple of years."

Celesta Babb, Utqiagvik, Delta Junction and North Pole District pastor

WHERE ON EARTH?

2,000 MILES

Nearly 2,000 miles northwest of Seattle, Utqiagvik, Alaska, is home to the North Pacific Union's northernmost Adventist church. Situated above the Arctic Circle on the Arctic Ocean, the village holds the distinction of being the northernmost settlement in the United States and the northernmost settlement on the North American mainland.

66 DAYS

The sun sets on Nov. 18 or 19, and it remains below the horizon for about 66 days.

CLOUD CITY

In addition to its low temperatures and polar night, Utqiagvik is one of the cloudiest places on Earth. Utqiagvik is completely overcast slightly more than 50% of the year. Peak cloudiness occurs in August and September when the ocean is ice-free.

ANDREI TARANCHENKO





Participants enjoy their first Alaskan Princess Tea.

COPPER BASIN MEMBERS HOST ALASKAN PRINCESS TEA



More online at glnr.in/115-3-ak_princess

One good idea sparked another to bring a small Alaskan church and community together in Glennallen and Copper Basin. It all started with an Advent-Source article sharing about a “Princess Tea” event.

That article fueled members’ imagination and creativity. They gathered materials and supplies, planned a program, set a date and obtained permission to use the hall in the Native village of Kluti-Kaah.

When the day arrived, Adventist members transformed the hall into a princess-themed party venue. Then the guests began to arrive. Six girls showed up with their mothers, and a teenage auntie came along to enjoy the day with her niece. They enjoyed refreshments, crafts, games, a story about Queen Esther and a special letter from God to His princesses.

As the guests were leaving, one of the moms asked if the church would be willing to host another Princess Tea

if she could get more girls interested in attending.

Please pray for the work among the Native people of the Copper Basin. Drug use, alcoholism and abuse are widespread among the girls and young women in the Native community. Many young people grow up struggling tremendously with lack of self-worth, value and purpose in life. It is a deep burden to help them realize and believe how special and valued they are to God — how He created each of us uniquely and for a special purpose.

Reaching young children with this message of hope plants seeds of hope and purpose in their hearts. It gives them a better opportunity to be strong as friends try to pull them toward drugs and alcohol.

Please pray for more mission-minded people to move to this area and help reach these precious people for Christ.

Heather Webb, Copper Basin Company member

More online at glnr.in/115-3-ak_sitka



SITKA STUDENTS BUILD ‘AQUAPONICS IN A SUITCASE’

For the last six years Sitka Adventist School children have harvested carrots, peas and more from school’s garden. They would have blueberries too, but the kids eat all of those at recess.

Sitka Adventist School sits right on the Sitka Sound. Children working in the garden are surrounded by the call of gulls and the roar of waves. Garden duty creates dirty hands, big smiles and exuberant declarations.

After attending an Excellence in STEM Experiential Education (EXSEED) workshop last summer, Kallie McCutcheon wondered if it would be possible to harvest a garden year-round. Thus began, “Aquaponics in a Suitcase.” Phase one began with a regular aquarium, with just plants on top.

Students at Sitka Adventist School prepare to hang their first basil-planted ZipGrow tower.



The third phase involved the full aquaponics setup.

Phase two of the project introduced commercial hanging gardens. Students learned to build an operating hydroponics system — without fish this time. They drilled, glued, plumbed and hung grow lights, with prayers going up constantly asking Jesus for a greater portion of His overcoming Spirit, as well as a few of His earthly carpentry skills.

Jesus’ apparent response was to send some volunteers to work with the students. Soon 18 little basil plants were growing nicely, which the class plans to sell for a fundraiser.

Was it all worth it? The students were engaged, they were challenged, and they learned a valuable skill for the society of tomorrow. That’s what STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education is all about.

Kallie McCutcheon, Sitka Adventist School teacher



'I WAS IN PRISON, AND YOU VISITED ME'

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eridian Church members bring hope and healing to women in southern Idaho prisons.

"Our primary mission is to help them to heal and to come to know Jesus," says Kathy Beagles Coneff, Meridian Church member. "It's not about proselytizing but about introducing them to Jesus and about emotional and spiritual healing."

"And Jesus is the one doing the healing," adds Grace Coneff, Beagles Coneff's mother-in-law. "That's what it's all about."

Coneff responded to a call in 2018 by Dennis Parks of the Emmett Adventist Church for more volunteers in southern Idaho prisons. She was joined by Mary Kay Frey of the Eagle Church and a year later by Rebecca Welter of the Meridian Church. Beagles Coneff became part of the team soon after.

AN EFFECTIVE COMBINATION

Coneff's ministry focus is healing prayer; Beagles Coneff is a teacher. During the months they've been visiting women in the South Boise Women's Correctional Center and the South Idaho Correctional Institution, both located south of Kuna, they've established what Beagles Coneff describes as a "good balance" with the



KATHY BEAGLES CONEFF

Grace Coneff stands in front of the South Idaho Correctional Institution, where she and her team members minister weekly to the female inmates.

twofold approach.

Beagles Coneff's teaching background came to the fore, and a format slowly evolved that draws more women to the meetings and encourages their personal engagement.

"I explored different versions of *Steps to Christ* to use with the women, including the coloring book version. But then Becky showed me there was a *Steps to Christ: Recovery Edition* already in print. I'd previously been using separate 12-step handouts to show the congruence of 12-step

addiction recovery and *Steps to Christ*," Beagles Coneff explains.

"The coloring seemed to be a Holy Spirit idea," she adds. "Through the Adventist Book Center you can get a pad of beautiful coloring pages called 'Colors of Inspiration,' with an Ellen White quote on each one. The women just tear off a page they choose and color it while we read aloud from *Steps to Christ*. It has worked beautifully. ... The coloring has really upped the attendance."

Besides Coneff's individualized prayers for emotional healing, the women also write their names on an index card along with issues they would like the team to pray for that week.

"When they write their prayer requests, they sometimes pour out their hearts a little more deeply than when they share verbally," Beagles Coneff says.

VARIED BACKGROUNDS

About 10 to 20 women, with an average age of 30, attend the hour-and-a-half weekly meetings at each prison. About half of them, Coneff says, are "very church-ed" and grew up attending services every Sunday; others have little knowledge of the Bible.

"They come from every type of background, but they're so loveable," Beagles Coneff says. "They're just like a bunch of girls in the dorm."

"They're just happy that we come and that they can be with Christian women who love them," Coneff says. "And God can do what He wants to with that. He's the One who knows their hearts."

For more information, you can contact Grace.Coneff@gmail.com.

Sandra Blackmer, Meridian Church communication leader

IDAHO CONFERENCE 2020 CAMP MEETING

This year, we had a camp meeting theme illustration contest among our youth. We asked them to graphically illustrate “Longing for Home!” Six students participated in sending seven entries. First place went to Sierra Davis, senior at Gem State Adventist Academy. She also took third place. Second place went to Ivy Baltazar, GSAA freshman. Prizes were awarded: \$50 for first place, \$25 for second place and \$15 for third place.

The Victory Choir, a youth choir of Adventist refugees from



SIERRA DAVIS/SAMMY SCHNELL



Sierra Davis won first and third place in the theme illustration contest.

Rwanda based at the Oasis Adventist Church in Boise will provide our Sabbath afternoon concert.

The winning Idaho Conference camp meeting theme illustration was entered by Sierra Davis, senior student at Gem State Adventist Academy. Sammy Schnell designed the text.

Currently, camp meeting is on the campus of GSAA, June 9–13. We are continuing our plans for camp meeting. Please watch our website IdahoAdventist.org and Facebook page [@IdahoCampMeeting](https://www.facebook.com/IdahoCampMeeting) for updates. If circumstances require us to cancel, we plan to make that decision by May 4, 2020. Contact us at 208-375-7524 or idconf@idconf.org.

Eve Rusk, Idaho Conference communication director



Abel Pacheco, president of the Salvadoran Union, is the speaker for the Spanish language meetings each evening and on Sabbath.



Beverly Sedlacek is the speaker for the health seminar.



Dale Galusha, Pacific Press Publishing Association president, is one of the seminar speakers.



Grant Agadjanian is speaking for the weekday morning worship and presenting a seminar on praying for children.



The evening and Sabbath morning speaker is Hyveth Williams, Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary professor of homiletics and Doctor of Ministry program director.



Jim Kilmer is the weekday worship and seminar speaker on the Holy Spirit.

Up to date information at IdahoAdventist.org or on Facebook [@IdahoCampMeeting](https://www.facebook.com/IdahoCampMeeting)

ADVENTURER CLUB SHINES IN GALLATIN VALLEY

Much more online at glnr.in/115-3-mt_adventurer

The Alpine Adventurer Club started because the current director was impressed to step out in faith and begin a club in Bozeman.

“It wasn’t something that I had done before,” says Mari Kirk, club director. “I want people to know that when you move forward with what God asks you to do, you never know what the simple act of following His call will lead to.” God brought together amazing teachers, cooks and helpers from the Bozeman, Livingston and Mount Ellis Academy churches.

The Adventurer program is filled with lots of activities and opportunities to earn honors, but it is specifically intended to minister to the entire family.

Each Tuesday evening, families are able to gather at the Bozeman Church and fellowship with each other to enjoy a meal they didn’t have



LIZBETH GEARY

Little ones learn important fire safety information during an Adventurers meeting at the Bozeman Church.

to prepare. This is a big blessing for busy parents.

Meetings begin with worship, during which children learn to be comfortable leading a song or leading prayer. Then the children, ages 2 to 9, learn through classes taught by leaders who make sharing Jesus their priority.

During the holidays, the Adventurers collected items to send overseas to support

missionaries and bring them some Christmas cheer. They also made little care packages for the homeless. One parent shared how beautiful it was the club made these care packages because on Christmas Eve he was impressed to share that package and bless someone in need this holiday season.

Many would be tempted to think Adventurers is just another club where you earn

It’s a chance to visit during a meal. It’s a safe place for children to learn valuable character-building skills that will last a lifetime. It’s also a place



LIZBETH GEARY

Little Lambs learn about the human body

where the teachers and leaders share Jesus at every meeting.

The Alpine Adventurers had the privilege of leading worship at Livingston Church last fall. Plans are scheduled for them to lead at the Bozeman and Mount Ellis Academy churches this spring.

Jesus says, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me” (Matt. 25:40). Alpine Adventurers is more than a club. It’s a group of Seventh-day Adventist families coming together to share the Love of Jesus with their children and teach them about being bright lights in this dark world.



MAYRA LINDBERG

Planting seeds was another recent activity for the Alpine Adventurers.

honors to fill a sash. But to the families and children participating, it serves as much more.

Part of the Adventurers pose for a group picture.



Bozeman Church communication team

LIZBETH GEARY



Students packed shoeboxes with Christmas toys and small clothing items they had brought for homeless children in Great Falls.

SHOWING GRATITUDE THROUGH GIVING

Students at Five Falls Christian School in Great Falls spent an entire month focused on showing gratitude through giving.

The monthlong emphasis began with a Giving Day to focus on giving to others. First, the students packed shoeboxes with Christmas toys and small clothing items they had brought for homeless children in Great Falls. The goal was to fill 25 shoeboxes. Donations were so generous, 55 shoeboxes were filled with Christmas

jackets were donated too.

All during the activity kids commented about how much fun they were having, how they hoped the kids liked their gifts and how much they would love to see the kids open their boxes. The students delivered the shoeboxes and clothing to the shelter, where they and the gifts were met with much appreciation.

The students also shared the love of Jesus by singing at Highgate Senior Living. Along with one parent, the kids sang Christmas carols to the residents, who thoroughly enjoyed the songs. They also handed out cards they made.

The students will be doing one more act of giving when they bring money for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) as their “Gift to Jesus.” They will choose whether to have ADRA buy goats, chickens, fresh water or other things with the money they bring. The students of Five Falls Christian School are showing a true attitude of giving and finding joy in helping others.

Arlene Lambert, Five Falls Christian School head teacher

The students hoped to fill 25 shoeboxes. Donations were so generous, they filled 55 shoeboxes.

goodies for the children at Cameron Family Center. Extra clothing items like pajamas and



BOZEMAN MEMBERS MINISTER AT REST HOME

A small group from Montana’s Bozeman Church has been playing music, singing and sharing the love of God with the residents at the Gallatin Rest Home for more than 10 years. The residents, their family members and the staff appreciate this music ministry.

One Sabbath afternoon each month, song sheets with several favorite hymns are distributed, then musical instruments are played and voices are raised in praise to God. The younger children go around and help the residents turn the pages to find the correct songs. The residents love the children’s attention, and Bozeman members get a special blessing watching these precious people sing, tap their feet and praise God. The service is ended with a short inspirational sermon and prayer, asking God to bless and keep these dear friends until the next month’s meeting.

The Bozeman team made sure to bring Christmas cheer to these residents in December. This past season, they handed out soft, fluffy blankets with beautiful scenes of animals. Each resident received a special card letting them know how precious they are to the Bozeman Church. These gifts were topped with a candy cane.

Everyone has gifts that can be used for God. For this particular ministry, it’s just a

matter of being willing to take time to spend with wonderful people, showing the love of Jesus and praising God through music. Bozeman Church members have built many special friendships and know these new friends are part of



Each resident received a soft blanket and a special card letting them know how precious they are to the Bozeman Church.

their heavenly family. They look forward to seeing these precious people in heaven one day soon.

Bozeman members have dedicated this ministry to Jesus, asking Him to bless it. He has definitely made it prosper.

Terri Wonenberg, Bozeman Church member

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UNUSUAL TIMES SPAWN INFECTIOUS CREATIVITY

“WE HAD TO ASK ALL OF OUR HIGH RISK VOLUNTEERS to stay home. Many didn’t want to. Their hearts are at PACS, so being told to stay home, even for their own safety, was such a hard message to deliver. We care so much about them though, and we want to see them on the other side of this. ...

“We put a call out asking for help delivering food boxes, and people showed up. Every day they’re still showing up. We’ve taught them how to do it



with no contact, how to be socially responsible — not sharing more than food. But people’s willingness to come out and do this in a safe way has been so encouraging. ...

“Yesterday a woman showed up who had never heard of us. She said, ‘I don’t know PACS. I’ve never been here. My family is healthy, and they have food. But I’m in an online chat group



with some other families in our neighbor, and I found out one of our neighbors is staying home due to preexisting conditions. They needed food. I messaged them and asked where I needed to go to get it for them. They gave me this address. I’m here picking up food for someone I’ve never even met.’ People are putting themselves out there to help people they don’t even know.”

Laura Pascoe, Portland Adventist Community Services executive director

“ONE OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS in our group recently attended a suicide prevention awareness event for her psychology degree, and they talked about these signs that say things like, ‘Don’t give up’ and ‘You are worthy of love.’ She suggested that we put them up on the road by our church. We went out and got some, and I put them up last weekend. Even something small like a sign can uplift someone’s spirit. People really need hope in times like this when they aren’t sure what tomorrow will look like.”

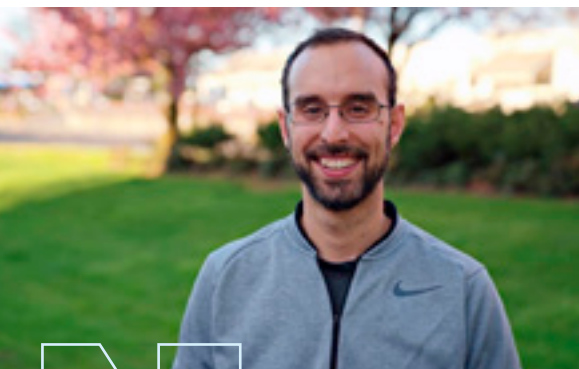
Tylor Watts, East Salem Church member

PACS is still looking for volunteers to help continue serving people in need. If you are not at high risk and would like to volunteer, send an email to laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org.



“WE ARE CREATING DISTRICTS in our local church community based on location. Each board member has committed to 10 people they are calling this week. I spent some time using Google Maps to chart the membership in their geographic areas. You can create ‘lists’ in Google maps, so this has been a huge help in getting a picture of where everyone is spread. We have made a commitment to look out for each other without putting the vulnerable at risk. We are hopeful that this can be the start of stronger support networks within the local church.”

Nate Hellman, Gladstone Park Church pastor



“NOT EVERYONE IS SAVVY WITH TECHNOLOGY. At Crosspoint we initiated a technical support line. We wanted our older folks to have access to someone that they could rely on to help them use programs like Zoom or to help them find our livestreams. When it comes to our younger folks, some of them are serving as the people willing to be called with technology questions and that kind of thing. One of the biggest issues we’ve acknowledged is the isolation factor. We’re trying to create a digital connection but also intentional, personal connections through phone calls.”

Troy Wallace, Crosspoint Adventist Church pastor in Hillsboro



OREGON IS ASKING EVERYONE TO “STAY HOME, STAY WELL” RIGHT NOW.

But that doesn’t include Tim Mayne, a pastor in Tillamook. Mayne is the spiritual leader for a very active congregation, school and hospital. He is also a firefighter and fire chaplain based in the nearby beach community of Netarts. That means he’s always there, working shoulder to shoulder with the other first responders, pulling hoses, spraying water and making sure the last embers are dead.

“It’s like being a full-time pastor for a team of highly trained caregivers,” says Mayne. “No virus can keep me from that.”

HOOD VIEW CHURCH HAS 12 ELDERS, each of whom has been assigned a “parish” in the neighborhood near their home. Though the elders usually contact their “church parish families” at least once a year, the COVID-19 virus has increased those contacts to more than once a week.

“We ask a lot of questions,” one of the elders says. “How are you doing? Do you have enough food? Could you use some fresh veggies? Are you getting the church worship and Sabbath School services through the internet? Is there anything I can help you with today?”

So far, the answers are generally benign. However, as the elders offer to drop by with a pound of beans, a couple rolls of toilet paper and the new Sabbath School quarterly, the parish relationships are quickly deepening.



SHARING ROCKS BRINGS JOY

Finding unexpected ways to bring hope and joy to others is more important than ever. Tricia Er-



Tricia Erickson, a member at Sunnyside Adventist Church, transforms ordinary river rocks into brightly colored objects of hope and joy.

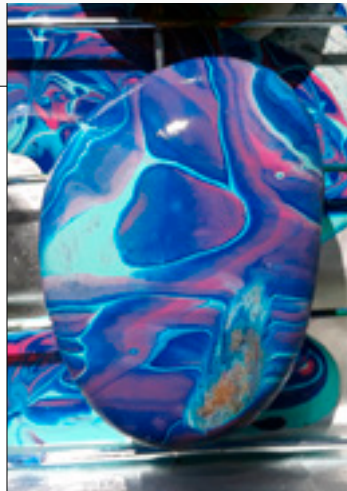
ickson, a member at Sunnyside Church in Portland, transforms ordinary river rocks into unexpected encouragement.

Erickson sources flat rocks from the Clackamas River, then washes and dries them. She then takes several different colors of acrylic paint

and layers the paint in a Dixie cup. She's found it works best if she adds the lighter colors first, pouring a thin layer of each into the cup. Adding a couple drops of silicone to the cup creates "cells." The acrylic paint is repelled by the silicone, which creates little round patterns in the final pour.

To "pour the rock," Erickson pinches the edge of the cup and pours a thin stream onto the rock. As she goes back and forth, round and round, or around a figure eight, a beautiful design is formed.

Once the painted rocks dry, Erickson applies a high-gloss sealer to protect the design from weather. Then she paints the bottom of the rocks white and writes an encouraging message using a black



permanent marker — messages like "kindness is a choice," "you are beautiful" and "your smile makes me happy."

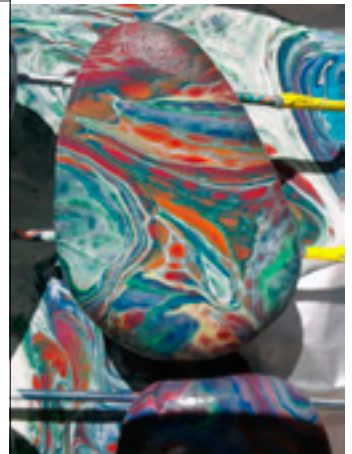
When people see the beautiful rock, they usually pick it up and read the message, so Erickson writes messages that automatically make them smile, even if it's just for a moment.

Erickson hides the rocks in plain sight. She looks for busy street corners where people may look down while waiting for the crossing signal. She recently has been putting many of rocks near the children's cancer ward at a local hospital.

Life's hard, and it's even harder right now. True, Erickson's rocks are not something people can eat, but they are something that brings encouragement. Erickson hopes

people will pick up the rocks, take them and be reminded of God's love when they're down. She says she has been called to love and show love — from Christ, through her, to others — and by sharing her artwork, she's doing just that.

Tricia Erickson, Sunnyside Church member



MARANATHA INVADES CASTLE ROCK

They came in RVs, they came in vans, they came in cars ... and they came. There were huge RVs everywhere. The parking lot for the church and the community services building looked like a KOA campground, but Castle Rock Church in southwest Washington was prepared for the onslaught of Maranatha volunteers.

The volunteer builders came to bless the Castle Rock

Church family. They brought a team of cooks who kept folk happy and cheerful. They swarmed over the church and installed new siding, new windows, a new shed for the trash containers ... and even put a new roof on the community services building.

Church members came and helped where they could. The fellowship was terrific and created friends for life.

When the job was done, there were discarded windows

and window blinds piled in the backyard of the church. There were dumpsters full of discarded roofing and old siding to be carted away. There was a bit of painting to do inside the church. There are new window shades to be made. Work continues to finish the magnificent job the Maranatha volunteers began.

When the volunteer reno army pulled out of town, the



Castle Rock Church seemed to stand a little taller. The members knew they had been visited by angels.

Carol Cruz, Castle Rock Church communication leader

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MODEL UN STUDENTS DEBATE WORLD ACTION, CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Three weeks before COVID-19 was declared a pandemic, 122 junior high and high school students from Oregon Seventh-day Adventist schools met at Portland Adventist Academy for their third annual Model United Nations.

ernments around the world. “When I wrote my resolutions, there were only 1,000 deaths worldwide and it was only in 25 countries outside of China,” says Judd. “Less than a month later there are more than 1,000 deaths New York City.”

The new coronavirus was just one of many world challenges the students debated. They also explored how best to provide safe drinking water and access to education in developing nations, as well as ways to help countries experiencing civil war and how to protect the rights of people to worship according to their conscience.

Tim Erich and Sean Kootsey, PAA social studies and history teachers, believe in the value of the Model United

Nations experience especially in times like these. “It reveals the interconnectedness of all peoples,” says Erich. “The most important discovery that can come from participating in our Model U.N. is the understanding that every human being can make a difference.”

“I can think of no better form of learning social studies,” says Kootsey. “Students from different schools were sitting in a room and grappling with the real problems facing humanity today — climate change, access to fresh water, war and the lack of security in many regions of the world, access to education.”

In the case of the coronavirus pandemic, that means staying home. “When I was writing my resolution, I never imagined that one month later

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Kelsey Judd, PAA sophomore, speaks to the Model United Nations General Assembly as a delegate of Indonesia.

we would all be doing school online and quarantined in our homes,” says Judd.

Judd, her fellow Model U.N. participants and all the Oregon Conference students are getting more than a quality education. They are getting a Christian perspective on how to see and act in our world.

“One way my faith in Jesus keeps me looking forward is knowing that He will come one day and there will be no more diseases or deaths and we will get to live with Him in heaven,” says Judd. “I feel hopeful for the days ahead knowing God is in control.”

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner correspondent



Students from Riverside Christian School, Rivergate Adventist Elementary, Hood View Adventist School and Portland Adventist Elementary School acted as members of country delegations.

Representing the country of Indonesia in the health and environment council was Kelsey Judd, a PAA sophomore. She sponsored resolutions to stop the spread of COVID-19 with co-sponsor delegates from Mexico and Nigeria.

Just a week later, resolutions similar to Judd’s were being implemented by gov-



BIBLE READINGS for



Bible verses to remind you that ... You are never alone.

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					1 Psalm 23:1–6	2 Psalm 68:1–20
3 Jeremiah 15:10–21	4 Psalm 25:1–22	5 Hebrews 13:1–14	6 1 Peter 2:1–12	7 Psalm 27:1–14	8 Isaiah 30:8–19	9 John 14:1–14
10 John 14:15–31	11 Psalm 38:1–22	12 Isaiah 33:1–24	13 2 Timothy 4:1–22	14 Psalm 62:1–12	15 Corinthians 1:1–11	16 Psalm 139:1–18
17 John 16:16–33	18 Psalm 40:1–17	19 Isaiah 43:1–13	20 John 5:1–15	21 Psalm 42:1–11	22 Luke 13:10–17	23 Psalm 91:1–16
23 Isaiah 26:1–13	24 Luke 4:1–13	25 Luke 4:14–30	26 Psalm 142:1–7	27 James 4:1–10	28 Psalm 94:1–23	29 Isaiah 53:1–12
31 Psalm 102:1–28						

FOUR PASTORS ORDAINED IN UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Four pastors were ordained to the gospel ministry in Upper Columbia Conference in February and March. Jason Worf, Bonners Ferry and Clark Fork pastor, was ordained on Feb. 22, in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Justin Knapp, Lewiston and Lewiston Orchard pastor; Kevin McGill, Troy, Deary and Endicott pastor; and Marshall McVay, Moscow and Pullman pastor, were ordained on March 14, in Lewiston, Idaho. Minner Labrador Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president, presented the ordination certificate to each pastor.

Jason Worf first heard God's call to ministry when he was 15 and his pastor invited him to go along on pastoral visits. As they visited members and gave Bible studies, Worf was impressed with the need for more church involvement in personal ministry and was sure God wanted him to do something about it. Two years ago, Upper Columbia Conference invited Worf to pastoral ministry, first as an intern at College Place Village Church in College Place, Washington. More recently Worf accepted the call to pastor the Bonners Ferry and Clark Fork churches.



Gathered for Marshall McVay's ordination, (from left) Allee Currier, UCC vice president of finance; Minner Labrador Jr., UCC president; Natasha McVay; Eric Brown, UCC ministerial director; Marshall McVay; Brian Harris, UCC vice president of education; and Rodney Mills, UCC vice president of administration.

Worf received his bachelor's degree in religion from Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, and a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Andrews University in Michigan. Worf first met his wife, Joelle, while working at the personal evangelism school SOULS West in Arizona. They began dating after her graduation and were soon married. Joelle also received a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Andrews University. Jason and Joelle have two children: Adelyn, 7, and Maxwell, 5.

Justin Knapp grew up highly involved in the Seventh-

day Adventist mission to proclaim the good news of the everlasting gospel of Christ. At the age of 9, he felt the desire to follow Jesus. He studied the Bible with his father, who is an Adventist minister, and was baptized.

Knapp's journey to ministry was not direct, but there was always that inescapable, inevitable sense of calling to share the gospel. He felt that call — even though he chose a different career after graduating from Walla Walla Valley Academy in 2000.

Knapp prayed during his wandering years that God would send him a partner who



(From left) Allee Currier, UCC vice president of finance; Minner Labrador Jr., UCC president; Justin Knapp; Eric Brown, UCC ministerial director; Madison and Kimberly Knapp; Brian Harris, UCC vice president of education; and Rodney Mills, UCC vice president of administration, celebrate Justin Knapp's ordination.



Honoring Jason Worf's ordination are (from left) Minner Labrador Jr., UCC president; Allee Currier, UCC vice president of finance; Joelle Worf and Jason Worf; Eric Brown, UCC ministerial director; and Rodney Mills, UCC vice president of administration.

would encourage him to focus on the priorities that truly mattered, and God answered. Kimberly Vickroy, a fellow graduate of Walla Walla Valley Academy, was introduced to Knapp. He soon realized Kimberly loved him for who he was, and she encouraged him in his career. They were married Dec. 15, 2002.

Knapp continued to hear God's call to ministry. In September 2008 he acted on that calling by returning to Walla Walla University to study theology. Following graduation, he received a call from Upper Columbia Conference with sponsorship to graduate school. Accepting the call, the couple moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, to attend seminary. Justin and Kimberly have one child, Madison, 6.

Kevin McGill was born and raised in Port Hardy, British Columbia, Canada. As an introverted and shy boy, he never dreamed he would be a pastor and preach at church one day. However, God had different plans.

McGill met Danelle at Walla Walla University. They got married on Dec. 16, 2008.

Nine months later they were serving as missionaries with Adventist Frontier Missions in Palawan, Philippines. After serving as student missionaries, they returned to Spokane, where Kevin became a Bible worker at South Hill Church. After going to seminary, the couple was placed with the Village Church in College Place, Washington. The McGills are thankful to now be part of excellent and supportive church communities in Troy, Deary and Endicott. They have two children: Grady, 6, and Mira, 3.

At a young age, **Marshall McVay** became interested in pastoral ministry, perhaps from observing his father and grandfathers, all of whom served as ministers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. McVay enrolled in Walla Walla University in 2006 as a theology major and served as a student missionary in 2008 at Avondale College Church in Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia.

During that year in Australia, McVay fell in love with Natasha Walde, who was serving as a chaplain at Avondale

Primary and Secondary School. Marshall and Natasha married in 2011, just one week after Marshall graduated from Walla Walla University with degrees in theology and business administration. Marshall served on the pastoral staff of the College Place Village Church for the following two years.

Next, the McVays attended Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary together,

both earning Master of Divinity degrees in 2016. Marshall currently serves as pastor of the Moscow, Idaho, and Pullman, Washington, churches. In 2016, the Moscow Church stepped out in faith and locally funded a pastoral position for Natasha. Her emphasis is outreach to youth and young adults, with special emphasis on reaching the students on the campuses of University of Idaho and Washington State University.

Dustin Jones, Upper Columbia Conference communication director



(From left) Allee Currier, UCC vice president of finance; Minner Labrador Jr., UCC president; Grady and Kevin McGill; Eric Brown, UCC ministerial director; Mira McGill; Brian Harris, UCC vice president of education; Danelle McGill; and Rodney Mills, UCC vice president of administration, celebrate the ordination of Kevin McGill.

UCA LAUNCHES PROJECT-BASED LEARNING MODEL

Students at Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Washington, have the opportunity to experience a dynamic classroom approach that encourages problem solving, critical thinking and decision-making skills in real-life situations. Known as project-based learning, this innovative teaching and learn-

Michelle Melendy, UCA freshman English teacher and school counselor, challenged her class to use data from mental health surveys to identify concerns on campus and brainstorm solutions. They decided to publish a monthly mental health newsletter and divided into small groups in which they worked together to research, write copy and create designs.

In all, Melendy and her students produced 18 newsletters on topics such as depression, dating and social anxiety. “Becoming an author instills confidence in one’s writing ability, and the students are curious to read about solutions to

meaning to classroom skills, which would feel tedious if they were just on a worksheet,” says Melendy.

Science teachers Judy Castrejon and Donovan Andregg involved their classes in a project with the Lands Council, a nonprofit organization based in Spokane, to restore a portion of Spangle Creek, which runs through UCA’s campus. “The goal is to reestablish the creek bank to protect aquatic life,” says Andregg. Begun last school year by Castrejon’s classes, the project will continue to engage students and positively impact the landscape and the community for years to come.



Students work with home renovation class instructor Jesse Melendy to frame the new roadside produce stand, where lettuce and microgreens grown at UCA can be sold to Spangle community members.

The home renovation class recently designed and built a roadside produce stand. This stand provides an opportunity to market and sell the lettuce and microgreens grown in UCA’s greenhouse by the 21st-century farming class. To learn more about this project and others, visit ucaca.org.

Krista Phillips, Upper Columbia Academy alumni and recruiting director, and Michelle Melendy, Upper Columbia Academy teacher and school counselor



UCA’s physical science and biology classes work together to plant trees as part of the Spangle Creek restoration project in partnership with the Lands Council.

ing model is sparking creativity across the campus.

Loma Linda University’s Excellence in STEM Experiential Education (EXSEED) Conference last summer inspired teachers to create interdisciplinary projects.

real-life problems from their peers. Writing for an audience brings purpose and

UCA’s science classes work with the Lands Council to plant about 160 black cottonwood, red osier dogwood and mountain alder trees along Spangle Creek, which flows through the campus.



UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE RESPONDS TO AREA FLOODING

In early February, severe flooding hit several areas in southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon. Without hesitation, Adventists across the state mobilized along with other disaster relief ministries. Students from Walla Walla University, Walla Walla Valley Academy and elsewhere filled



Adventist Community Services volunteers work to organize and label the warehouse donations.



Volunteers prepare meals for community members affected by the flooding.

almost 40,000 bags of sand. Adventist volunteers served meals, churches offered a gathering place, and SonBridg Education Center was on standby as an overnight shelter for survivors.

Adventist Community Services sent a trailer with 146 flood buckets filled last spring by Upper Columbia Conference Pathfinders that were distributed in Waitsburg, Dayton, Walla Walla and Pendleton. In addition, Adventist ministers brought emotional

and spiritual care to survivors. WWU's Center for Humanitarian Engagement, directed by David Lopez, coordinated large numbers of university volunteers.

Phil Ruud and his wife, Linda, arranged for a multi-agency donations warehouse to be opened in Pendleton that coordinated the various donations for people in need. The warehouse was able to be leased for only \$1 within a few days of the flooding, saving Umatilla County a considerable amount of money. The warehouse provided clothing, food, furniture and other necessities for community members affected by the flood. The multiagency warehouse

Regular deliveries of clothing, furniture and other necessities kept warehouse personnel busy.

was open every day from Feb. 21 until the coronavirus-related stay-at-home order was issued by Oregon's governor at the end of March.

While sitting in multi-agency meetings throughout the disaster, Patty Marsh, UCC Adventist Community

Services director, recognized how appreciative leaders and responders are to the various ways Adventists have brought support to individuals and communities. "All glory to God as our local governments have seen how we, as a community, have been able to respond to help out our neighbors," says Marsh.

Donations are still being accepted to help those affected by these floods. For more information, visit uccsda.org. The need is still great in these areas, and UCC Adventist Community Services could use your prayers.

Dustin Jones, Upper Columbia Conference communication director



NEWPORT CHURCH HOSTS MEDICAL PERSONNEL DURING HEALTH CRISIS

Newport Church in Newport, Washington, has found a new purpose for its fellowship hall: temporary respite for local medical workers during the COVID-19 crisis.

When the church first opened its Adventist Community Services building more than 10 years ago as a thrift store, the dream was it would be a blessing to the local community and its neighbors.

The dream faded when the store was closed about three years ago.

Now utilized as a much-needed fellowship hall, the thrift store has found a new purpose in providing a place to rest for doctors and other health care staff in between shifts.

“We are allowing local health workers to stage a sleep and rest area at our Newport Adventist Community Services building,” says Becky

Anderson, Newport Church member. “If workers don’t want to go home and risk infecting family or live too far away, our building is available for them. We are equipped with a kitchen, showers, laundry and internet.”

Church members are bringing in beds and sofas to prepare rooms for these frontline workers. Several members have also been stocking the refrigerator with frozen soup and snacks for

the workers. The parking lot has been made available for parking as well.

The offer was presented to Angelika Kraus, a Newport Church member and a doctor who practices at the Newport hospital. Kraus extended the invitation to the COVID-19 incident commander at the hospital, and hospital administrators were very receptive.

“The local hospital administration was thrilled to have this option available to them,” adds Anderson.

A space that was once dedicated to serve others has now experienced a repurposing from God. When it seems that doors may have been closed, never underestimate how God has a plan in repurposing — even temporarily during a crisis.

Dustin Jones, Upper Columbia Conference communication director

The Newport Adventist Community Services building is open to local health workers in need of a place to sleep and rest during the COVID-19 crisis.





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MIVODEN HOSTS MEN'S SUMMIT

Men ranging from teens to seniors came to Camp MiVoden in Idaho, March 6–8, to discover the power of becoming men of God. Minner Labrador, Upper Columbia Conference president, presented “The Power of One” to those gathered for this year’s Men’s Summit.

Minner shared his heart with the men by sharing a journey through the life of Jacob and how God transformed Jacob into a man of God through the power of one encounter, the power of one father and the power of one warrior.

The theme continued with Buford Griffith, Southwestern Union pastor and family ministries director. His talk was titled “Strong Temple, Strong Man.” The UCC ministerial director, Eric Brown, shared how one man can make a difference if he will choose to work on himself while he loves others. When the power of one is Holy Spirit power, one man can make a difference.

Breakouts by Brenden Goertzen and Kinley Soren-

son shared how to care for aging parents and how to help veterans reflect Christ in their homes and communities.

The attendees enjoyed the weekend. One said, “The main worships were on point. I enjoyed the talking and getting to know the other attendees.”

Brown was grateful for the strong foundation laid by the previous men’s ministries team. “Even with short notice, we had a great group of men come together,” he says. “It is a powerful thing to see men of different generations kneeling together in prayer for their families.”

The weekend showed God is moving in a special way on the hearts of the men in the UCC. There was a hunger to see men’s ministries happening in the local church. Brown says, “God is calling men to strengthen each other to take on the mission God has given this church for the end time.”

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

SHINE 104.9 RANKED NO. 1 IN SPOKANE

According to the recently released Nielsen radio rankings, Shine 104.9 (KEEH-FM) is now the top-rated station for the entire Spokane/Coeur d’Alene metro market. The ratings covered the period of Fall 2019. This is the first time the station has achieved the No. 1 ranking across all demographics.*

“The station Scripture text we have on the studio wall reads, ‘Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed,’” says Darin Patzer, Shine general manager.

three core values: to share encouraging music and biblical truth; to serve the Christian community by supporting and creating awareness of local ministry events; and to be the hands of Christ through on-air service projects — both locally and internationally.

As an example, in addition to providing thousands of dollars’ worth of free radio promotion to aid the outreach events of local churches each year, the station continues to partner with listeners to sponsor the digging of freshwater wells in Guatemalan villages with the local volunteer ministry Water for Life. Shine also sponsors Christian musical performances and other popular events.

Shine 104.9 can be enjoyed from anywhere in the world

through a new app, available for both iPhone and Android at Shine1049.org. In addition, Shine has just added a new HD2 channel featuring Life-Talk programming.

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Dustin Jones, Upper Columbia Conference communication director



The Shine 104.9 staff celebrate the station’s ranking in Spokane, Washington.

“God has continued to bless this station in our mission to reach this local community, and thus He deserves all the credit for this exciting achievement.”

The radio station, owned and operated by the Upper Columbia Conference, has

ROOTED IN JESUS

My family's roots are in Kansas. Yes, I know Kansas is considered by many as a "fly-over state." I have heard most of the jokes about Kansas and may have even told a few myself. The state has a reputation



Doug Bing

of being flat, hot and humid and lacking in trees. For the most part, that is quite true.

However, we had trees in the small town where I grew up. Lots of trees, in fact. In our backyard we had wonderful trees — not the kind of stately trees we have in western Washington, but great, spreading trees. Their branches reached far and wide, their roots ran deep and strong.

As a child, those trees

were for climbing. We climbed high up into the branches, played tree tag and scrambled from tree to tree. Those trees were a place of refuge during the hot, dry summer months.

Those trees are still standing today. They have weathered harsh winters, stood against the almost constant Kansas wind and, through it all, have faithfully shared their cool shade even during the most drought-stricken summers. I still look forward to sitting in their shade each time I visit.

Right now, our nation and our world are going through a major storm — a storm of illness that has swept around the world and, as of this writing, is still growing. There is a storm of lost jobs and economic buffeting that is happening such as most of us have never seen before. Panic buying has led to fights over toilet paper.

In the midst of this storm, a Bible verse caught my eye during my daily devotion time. It's found in Jer. 17:7–8: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought,

Nor will cease from yielding fruit."

During this storm of uncertainty, Jeremiah says we can be like the tree planted by the water with roots reaching down to the life-giving river. When we're connected to the Water of Life, we will be able to weather any storm.

The last line of this Bible passage says that, even when drought and heat come, the

tree still bears fruit. In the middle of the COVID-19 crisis we're promised that we can still successfully share Jesus with the people all around us who are anxious and troubled, without spiritual roots. We can be like Jeremiah's tree — a calming, anchoring force as we point people to Jesus.

Doug Bing, Washington Conference president

A promotional graphic with a blue and green color scheme. At the top, it says "Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists". Below that, a smartphone is shown with "STAY SAFE" on its screen. The main title "Praying Continually" is written in large, white, cursive font. Underneath, it says "The same call to prayer for the family of God ...with a new way of gathering". At the bottom, it lists "New Plans for #WACampMeeting", "Virtual Week of Prayer | June 14-20", and "Area Convocations | Fall 2020". The website "Connect at washingtonconference.org" is at the very bottom. A small image of a person at a computer is visible in the lower left corner of the graphic.

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ARTS FESTIVAL GIVES MUSICAL REMINDER

One day before the coronavirus hit local attention, more than 500 student musicians from the Pacific Northwest wrapped up the Washington Conference Arts Festival. This gathering would be one of the last occasions before Adventist schools transitioned to a time of distance learning.

“We are grateful with such a large gathering that everyone was healthy and no one became ill,” says Michelle Wachter, Washington Conference associate superintendent and event host.

The Arts Festival, themed “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands,” gave creative expression to students through choir, orchestra, band, handbells, drama and art. Concert selections like “This Is My Father’s World,” “Let There Be Peace on Earth,” “How Great Thou Art” and “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing” provided a musical foundation for the experiences students and families would start discovering less than a week later.

“Music is a comfort in times of stress,” says Melia Williams, Auburn Adventist Academy chorale director and clinician. “You notice on Facebook. People in Italy are

singing together. Elsewhere there are monologue contests, Zoom concerts and Broadway performances from home. The arts are exploding, trying to help people. We do know God has the whole world in His hands, and music and arts are some of the coping tools.”

Williams continues, “Music doesn’t give immediate gratification. It takes time to learn and practice music. Sometimes things in life take longer, and we don’t have immediate answers. The arts really instill the concept that the process isn’t quick. It is possible to do difficult tasks, to break it up in small pieces, to not give up and to keep trying.”

In addition to musical rehearsals and performances, students also had a service

In a fast 32 minutes, 214 students and 40 chaperone volunteers filled 4,000 backpacks for World Vision to share with communities around the world.



ERNESTO HERNANDEZ



HEIDI BAUMGARTNER

Before coronavirus brought social distancing into our societal awareness, 500 student musicians learned music and life lessons about working together.

opportunity to package backpacks for World Vision. “Our World Vision rep told me that it would be a stretch for our students to fill 4,000 backpacks in 90 minutes,” says Gayle Lasher, service project coordinator. “I told the students about this, and 214

students and 40 chaperones packaged all 4,000 backpacks in 32 minutes. They also ate nearly 300 thank-you donuts in 30 seconds.”

“With everything we do as educators and parents, we seek to instill our children with whole-person life values,” says Craig Mattson, Washington Conference vice president for education. “We want our scholars to understand that they are part of something bigger than themselves, to make music throughout life’s circumstances and to live a life of service to others.”

Watch a highlight video from Arts Festival at vimeo.com/395809737.

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

FAITHFUL ONLINE: WASHINGTON NURTURES VIRTUAL COMMUNITIES

Like many pastors in recent times, John Miller signed up for a Zoom video conferencing account for his district in Winlock and Onalaska. Before the first weekend of online-only services, Miller hosted a virtual prayer meeting to test out the platform.

“Nine people participated in the prayer meeting,” Miller says. “Our older members picked up well with the new technology.”

By Sabbath, the Zoom church service had 37 members from both small churches and nine guests from other locations. The Sabbath School discussion that week was on Daniel 11. “I asked one of my seminary professors to tune in and be our guest speaker,” Miller says. “It was a nice connection to have an expert on church history and Bible prophecy join us.”

With the social gathering and distancing requirements associated with COVID-19, Washington Conference’s pastoral, educational and ministry team are finding new ways to virtually nurture communities of faith, learning and service.

WORSHIPPING ONLINE

Technology adoption is one key area of virtual ministry.

Over in the Port Angeles-Forks district, a member offered multicamera livestreaming software to their pastor, Ryan Wilson, so the church could continue providing messages of hope.

“A lot of people watched the first stream, including a relative who hadn’t gone to church in five or six decades,” Wilson reports. “Viewers commented how the sermon gave them a lot to think about.”

Sam Millen, Anacortes Church pastor, shares, “We’ve had people join us who would have never been able to join us

before, like a military church member who joined us from Japan.”

At North Cascade Church, youth pastor Steven Fonseca hosted an Instagram church service for 70 young adults who tuned in.

For churches who are not livestreaming, Washington Conference is offering a new Sabbath Stream with Sabbath School at 8 a.m. and worship at noon. A Spanish service is also available. Both have positive reach and engagement, and both streams are in support of local church streams.

PRAYING WITH FAITH

Washington Conference prayer ministries started hosting “Faith Over Fear” teleconferences. The first session welcomed 70–100 guests calling in from Washington, Oregon, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oklahoma, California, Louisiana, Tennessee and Alaska.

“These are unprecedented times that call for unprecedented faith, prayer and encouragement,” says Randy Maxwell, Renton Church pastor and conference prayer coordinator. “This is a good time for us to reexamine what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist Christian and Christ follower in times of stress.”

Local prayer sessions by teleconference are becoming more common. For example, Olympia Korean Church and Hispanic churches in western Washington have twice daily prayer times. Online spiritual encouragement is also helpful. One blog post with 44 scriptural reminders about “do not fear” received 195 social shares.

Renton and Bonney Lake churches offered a “drive through” prayer time. Maxwell posted roadside “Need Prayer” banners outside his church, brought out a couple folding chairs and sat in front



Randy Maxwell and Nemaia Faletoogo offer an outdoor prayer time to neighbors around Renton Adventist Church.

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JERRY RUSSELL

David Salazar preaches for the first Sabbath Stream worship experience offered by Washington Conference. Each Sabbath Stream features a new speaker from around western Washington.

of the sign to be ready to pray with any church neighbors who needed encouragement. He also listed a call-in number. Neighbors waved in passing,



Pastor district meeting by video conferencing allows the Washington team to share ideas, needs, announcements, prayer requests and a sense of community. Every Adventist church in western Washington is transforming its methods of ministry to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of its members during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

called in or said, “God bless you” or “Thank you for the offer.”

Telephone ministry is also being revived in church districts to reach all generations

and particularly families and seniors. “Our elders divided up the directory and are calling and praying with members,” reports John Kurlinski, Bremerton Church pastor. “I also spend about two hours a day doing the same.”

LEARNING AT A DISTANCE

The 19 Adventist schools in western Washington efficiently transitioned to distance learning programs, whether online or by paper packets, to provide continuous learning for scholars. Teachers quickly adopted new methods of instruction and interaction to aid students and parents.

“Adventist education isn’t cutting our students short,” says Craig Mattson, Washington Conference vice president for education. “Where the state is offering academic and minimum requirement waivers, Adventist education doesn’t need this because our students are still learning and meeting academic requirements.”

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Food banks and feeding programs operated by Adventist Community Services (ACS) are continuing to meet people’s physical needs with new safety precautions in Tacoma, Grays Harbor, Kent, Maltby and oth-

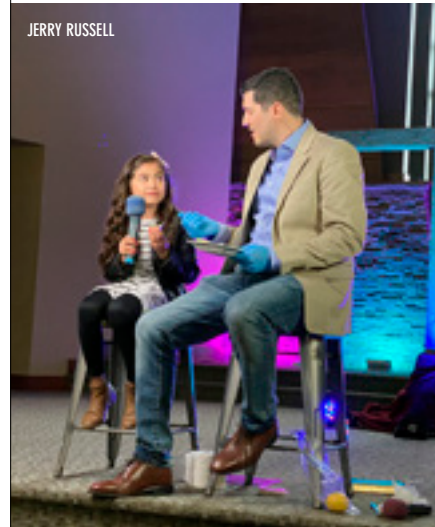
er locations. Prepackaged food bags and boxes are brought to cars, for example, instead of individuals coming inside the food bank. Kent’s Neighbor-to-Neighbor program, with 30 years of history with feeding a community in need twice a week, is now offering sack lunches for pickup.

“We encouraged community service leaders to take all reasonable precautions while finding ways to continue serving their community,” says Colette Newer, Washington Conference outreach ministries director. “One need we’re finding: the need for younger volunteers. So many ACS workers fall in a high-risk category.”

Until shelter-at-home orders came in mid-March, the Essential Supplies Warehouse distributed household goods for community families who are now spending more time at home or needed home office furniture for teleworking. Ten children in one neighborhood received rideable toys to keep active at home.

“We are learning and growing together through this experience, and we see how God is reawakening ministry,” says Doug Bing, Washington Conference president. “There are many aspects of

this coronavirus pandemic that make me nervous, yet there’s a lot that excites me as I see the church returning to a first-century model of ministry. We need to be praying bold



JERRY RUSSELL

Kid preacher Alexia helps David Salazar with a Sabbath Stream illustration about how God can turn sour experiences sweet.

prayers, renewing relationships, trusting in God, being faithful stewards and watching to see how the church will grow.”

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director



AUBURN STUDENTS FIND NEW PURPOSE

No one knew just how different student week of prayer was going

to look at Auburn Adventist Academy this school year. In the middle of the week, school administrators chose to close the campus and transition to a temporary online distance learning in a precautionary move amid regional concerns over the coronavirus.

Student leaders rose to the challenge. Sophomore student leader Jalen Creed said, “Hey, instead of this being a week of prayer, we can turn it into a month of prayer.”

So that’s what Auburn students did.

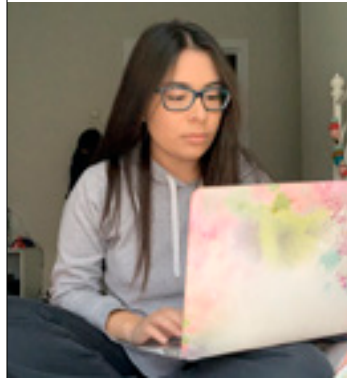
The campus ministry team, comprised of 25 students representing all four grades, is writing and sending daily devotionals to their peers during this time of online learning. Student and staff receive a personal and uplifting devotional thought each day.

School chaplains are inspired to see students who want to be actively involved in reaching out to their peers. Their dedication became especially evident in the weeks leading up to this year’s student week of prayer. News about the new coronavirus (COVID-19) started to circulate more and more, especially with the Washington epicenter located 28 miles away from campus. But in many ways, it still felt a world away.

The week of prayer started out somewhat normally but quickly changed as the death toll from COVID-19 began climbing in just a few days. On Wednesday evening, March 4, the school administration took precautionary measures and decided to close campus and transition to distance learning through spring break time. A school mission trip abroad was canceled too.

“A day earlier I had been telling a fellow student how

God does everything for a purpose, so if it’s His will He’ll make it happen, and, if not, then there must be a good reason,” says Stella Ga, Auburn’s Associated Student Body spiritual vice president. “I think back to that moment and realize that the events



Stella Ga, Auburn’s Associated Student Body spiritual vice president, and her team wrote daily devotionals while Auburn Adventist Academy participated in a prevention-based distance learning program.



Auburn Adventist Academy students Ezekiel Lemma and Bethel Ieremia work on distance learning assignments and finding ways to help nurture the spiritual health of their classmates.

that took place over the past few days have been for a very good, divine purpose. Maybe my mission wasn’t to be in the Philippines but actually here, all around me, helping others.”

Campus chaplain David Kabanje says, “I am continually inspired by the tenacity and authenticity I see in these leaders. They pursue ministry. They not only want to connect with God but also desire a sense of family with their cohorts.” And that indeed has been evident in this year’s student month of prayer.

Krystalynn Martin, Auburn Adventist Academy vice principal for spiritual life

Auburn Adventist Academy has a large campus ministry team providing spiritual leadership to the campus, even while school has shifted temporarily to online learning.



BIBLE READINGS
for

JUNE

Bible verses to remind you that ... God relieves your stress.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Romans 12:2	2 James 1:2–4	3 John 14:27	4 Romans 16:20	5 Proverbs 16:3	6 Romans 8:6
7 Matthew 11:28–30	8 Psalm 55:22	9 Isaiah 40:31	10 Psalm 16:18	11 Colossians 3:15	12 1 Peter 5:6–8	13 Psalm 56:3
14 Romans 8:38–39	15 Ephesians 5:15–17	16 1 Corinthians 3:1	17 Luke 21:19	18 Psalm 118:5–6	19 Psalm 94:19	20 Psalm 37:5
21 Philippians 4:6–7	22 Romans 8:28	23 Psalm 119:143	24 1 Corinthians 16:13	25 2 Thess. 3:16	26 Psalm 55:22	27 Proverbs 12:25
28 Psalm 23:4	29 Hebrews 13:5–6	30 Isaiah 41:10				

WWU CONTINUES MISSION THROUGH COVID-19

As the state of Washington grappled with an emerging pandemic, John McVay, Walla Walla University president, announced on March 12 the university would end winter quarter face-to-face instruction on its five campuses at the end

of spring quarter. Monday, March 30, was a historic day as the university began spring quarter entirely online.

This was no small feat. With campus buildings closed and most of the university's employees working remotely in compliance with Washington Governor Jay Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order, the university continued to offer services via multiple online platforms supported by phone and email.

"I'm pleased to report that this difficult situation also brought out some of the best of our talents," says McVay. "WWU faculty and staff tackled the enormous challenge of putting online WWU's excellent academic, social and spiritual experience. Our community was geographically apart, but we were spiritually together, working together and praying together that God would build and nourish our community."

Instrumental in the university's response has been the WWU COVID-19 Taskforce, which includes WWU employees and a student representative and is led by Doug Tilstra, WWU vice president for student life. The taskforce monitors regional and local developments, wrestles with complex decisions, and ensures frequent updates are provided to students, faculty

and staff via email and at wallawalla.edu/covid19.

Among the decisions addressed through the taskforce was moving the university's April U-Days recruiting event online and postponing Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2020. Homecoming weekend typically brings more than 1,000 guests to the Walla Walla Valley. The WWU alumni office team is already at work on plans for a combined 2020/2021 homecoming April 22–25, 2021.

While these and many other adjustments have been met with courage and innovation by students, faculty and staff alike, the pandemic has served to remind us of Walla Walla University's most valuable gifts, which include the unique blessing of being together as a community. "We took extraordinary measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect our

university family and various communities," says McVay. "But Walla Walla University is a friendly, familylike university, and we really like to be together. It has been painful to be apart."

"The blessing of community has bolstered Walla Walla University for nearly 128 years," says McVay, "and we do not take for granted that we will be stronger together well beyond this pandemic as we pursue our mission in community focused on excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression and faith in God."

Kim Strobel, WWU university relations supervisor



John McVay, Walla Walla University president, says it has been painful for the WWU community to be apart.

of the next day to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Winter quarter final exams were administered online.

During the university's spring break, March 19–27, WWU faculty and staff worked hard to prepare online classes, to plan for spiritual support and to arrange for other student services to be offered online for at least part



CHAPLAIN'S OFFICE PROVIDES ONLINE SPIRITUAL CARE, SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

During spring quarter online classes, Walla Walla University chaplains were hard at work providing online spiritual care options. Campus chaplain Albert Handal answers a few questions about the available opportunities.

What is the primary goal in caring for students during online instruction?

AH: The WWU mission statement begins with the phrase, "Walla Walla University is a community" We've been working to provide spiritual care options that support a sense of community at a time when we can't commune. Our focus is on creating connection and support while our students are spread out across the country.

How can students learn about options for spiritual care?

AH: Our primary methods of communicating with students are the chaplain's office Instagram, a campuswide email I send each week and the web page wallawalla.edu/virtual-connections.

What concerns are you hearing from students?

AH: Most of the concerns I'm hearing from students are along the lines of "I miss my friends" or "my situation at home isn't very good." The challenges they face differ widely, and we're working to support them in as many ways as possible.

What are a couple of options you would encourage students to join?

AH: On Wednesday nights and Friday nights we offer live broadcasts. Ty Gibson was on our broadcast the first Wednesday, and Alex Bryan on our first Friday night.

What words of encouragement would you offer during this challenging time?

AH: Jesus has been praying for us long before the coronavirus. In John 17 He said, "I pray that they might be one, even as You and I are one." I feel hope that God will bring us together in new ways to still be the body of Christ in these moments of social distance and fear. Christ is Victor, even over virus.

Are chaplains available to talk with students who are feeling lonely, anxious or worried?

AH: Absolutely. Students can email us anytime at chaplain@wallawalla.edu or call our office.

What are you looking forward to when students are back on campus?

AH: I'm really looking forward to the sound of longboards on the sidewalk, having students over to my house again, the crowds walking through campus between classes. We miss our students and look forward to having them back with us soon.

Kim Strobel, WWU university relations supervisor

WWU HOSTS VIRTUAL U-DAYS EVENT FOR NPUC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

This spring Walla Walla University hosted an online U-Days event in lieu of the traditional in-person event when high school students gather on the WWU campus to experience college life firsthand.

Each Virtual U-Days participant received an invitation and special kit in the mail from WWU that contained treats to brighten their days at home. The event opened online with a shared worship experience. Guests then gathered in smaller group sessions to watch videos about life at WWU including academics, spiritual life and the residence halls. The event also featured a live question-and-answer session with WWU students, faculty and staff; giveaways; and opportunities to earn scholarships.

"WWU is an incredible place with so much to offer, and we hope students were able to experience a little

sliver of that through Virtual U-Days," said Melissa Rae, WWU recruitment director.

If you missed Virtual U-Days and would like to experience the WWU



community through a virtual visit, please get in touch at wallawalla.edu/visit.

Mindy Coleman, WWU guest relations coordinator

MOROYE NAMED 2020 CRYSTAL ANGEL

When 10-year-old Marc Moroye's dad caught his foot in a lawn mower, someone needed to scour the yard for his dad's big toe. The boy took the job, and it didn't bother him one bit. Just like that, everyone knew he was made for medicine.

Fast forward more than a few years, and that attitude continues to shine in the boy-turned-doctor. Moroye still knows how to get things done and brings a boyish joy to his work as an Adventist Health Portland internist, primary care provider and clinic administrator.

Recognizing those qualities and many more led Adventist Health Portland executives to choose Moroye for this year's Crystal Angel Award, which is given annually to a physician who best exemplifies the mission of Adventist Health.

Continuity of care is what led Moroye to internal medicine. He says he values the chance to work with his patients over time and get to know their families as well. "Our office is very mission-oriented," he says. "It's less about our time and schedule and just making sure we take care of patients as best we can."

Moroye says he appreciates his involvement in many areas of health care, from bedside care to medical coding. "All of these are important," he says. "We want to make sure we take care of the whole patient and not just isolated parts."

Joyce Newmyer,
Adventist Health Portland

president, says Moroye's dedication to the whole patient is why he deserves the Crystal Angel Award. "Patients love Marc because they know how much he cares about them and takes the time to know them as people, not just symptoms," she says. "He truly embraces the Adventist Health mission

in every part of his work."

Moroye recognizes the importance of that sense of calling. "Mission is not what we do one hour a week when we are at church," he explains. "It's something we live 24 hours a day. I love how we take care of the community."

While on her death bed, Moroye's grandmother gave him two pieces of advice, which he embraces to this day. First, she said, listen to your patients because they know their bodies better than you ever will. Second, what you do is a privilege, and patients are trusting you with the most important thing they have — their health.

Those words linger in Moroye's mind as well as in his practice. "When patients thank me for taking care of them, I tell them what I do is a privilege," he says. "I try to make sure I remember that every single day."

Hear from Marc Moroye in his own words by visiting [youtube.com/AdventistHealthNW](https://www.youtube.com/AdventistHealthNW).

C.J. Anderson, Adventist Health Portland marketing manager



More photos online at glnr.in/115-3-npuc

MISSION TO PALAU ACTIVE AND STRONG

Adventist education is a core component of our ministry efforts here in the Northwest. That includes our mentoring partnership in Palau where the Partners for Palau program is active and strong.

In March, the North Pacific Union Conference Board of Education welcomed Abner Sanchez, Palau Mission Academy (PMA) principal, as a guest attendee. Sanchez was stateside recruiting for 16–20 college students to serve as student missionaries next year on Palau. In his report, he expressed his gratitude for the strong partnership between Palau and the NPUC.

Sanchez also took time to thank Adventist educators from across the Northwest for the role they played in providing critical supplies for the school in 2019. In December, Northwest educators loaded



Sixth graders at Palau Mission Academy enjoying their new desks.

an entire shipping container with 150 student desks, 20 new whiteboards with supplies, and more than 60 boxes of textbooks and teacher resources.

Dennis Plubell, NPUC vice president for education,

presented Sanchez with a special gift of \$3,000 for PMA to help purchase video projectors to better equip each academy classroom. The gift was made possible by a partnership between the NPUC and each of its six conferences.

It is a privilege to help a partner school in ministry. It encourages and extends our own commitment to educate God’s kids with all that we have.

The partnership with PMA began in 2018 when the North American Division extended to include the

Guam–Micronesia Mission. To help with this expanded territory, the division asked the nine unions in North America to take a specific area of responsibility within the mission. The NPUC is building a strong and growing relationship with PMA to strengthen the school through mentorship and resources and by providing new opportunities for Palauan youth.

Dennis Plubell, North Pacific Union Conference vice president for education



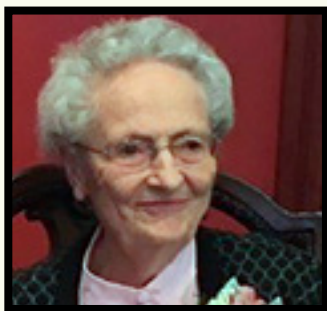
Desks loaded into the shipping container.



Johnson 95th

For Mary Ella Johnson's 95th birthday, more than 50 people surprised her with a potluck dinner on Dec. 28, 2019, in Walla Walla, Washington. Guests who honored Mary Ella included her family, church family and friends who knew her as teacher, dean, accountant and nurse.

Mary Ella was born Dec. 28, 1924, in Hemingford, Nebraska, to Allen and Sylvia Johnson. The family moved to the Walla Walla Valley when Mary Ella was 11 so she and her brother, Melvin, could attend church school. Later, at



Mary Ella Johnson

Yakima Valley Academy, Mary Ella worked in the business office. Upon graduation in 1943, her supervisor gave her an envelope to take to the business office at Walla Walla College.

God's timing was at work. When she arrived, the man in the waiting area "just happened" to be the manager of the College Store, whose bookkeeper had just graduated. Within minutes, Mary Ella had a job to support further education. There and in the business office, she worked her way through a business major plus minors in secretarial and religion.

After college graduation in 1948, Mary Ella worked in the Laurelwood Academy business office and taught typing and shorthand, then she became the girls' dean. After 14 years as dean, teaching bookkeeping again was added to her schedule. "I didn't know it then, but God was preparing me," Mary Ella says. "It got me back into business."

At the end of that school year, after 17 years with Laurelwood Academy, she transferred to Walla Walla General Hospital and worked as the controller. She worked alone at first with an adding machine and pencil. After 15 years of insurance and Medicare changes, she supervised a staff of 10-12 with their computers.

Since eighth grade graduation, Mary Ella had wanted to be a nurse. At age 60, she went back to school to become one. She then worked as a nurse at Walla Walla General Hospital for eight years until she retired to take care of her aging father.

Mary Ella especially enjoys her family, her church family, gardening, her country acre and hearing from her girls from her Laurelwood days. Her eyes and smile light up as she says, "I still have girls all over the world." She's enjoyed business travel, Christmas travel with family to Germany, and mission trips to Zimbabwe and El Salvador.

Her family includes brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Alma Johnson of Salem, Oregon; nephews, Doug Johnson of Tualatin, Oregon; Ralle Johnson of Redmond, Oregon; niece, Lana Jones of Salem; and grand-nephews and nieces.

Active in the Stateline Church in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, Mary Ella continues as church clerk and secretary. She leads a Bible study, and her business acumen and organizational skills make her a valuable member of several committees. She is a friend and Bible student. Her brother adds, "She has been a sincere, dedicated Christian all her life. Her top priority is to serve the Lord, to do what He wants her to do."

Ringering 100th

Arnold Giles Ringering celebrated his 100th birthday

during December with family, then later with friends and neighbors as well as a celebration with his church family on another date.

Arnold was born in Egen, South Dakota, on Dec. 6, 1919, to Ira and Bessie Ringering. The family moved back to Minnesota (where the Ringering roots were) shortly after his birth. Arnold grew up in the Brainard area. He attended a small church school, then later attended Oak Park Academy in Iowa.

Arnold and Peggy Van Vlack were married in December 1942. Three

1933-2019

RONALD RALPH MILLER

Ronald Ralph Miller, 86, born in Lewiston, Idaho, Feb. 25, 1933, passed to his rest on Dec. 12, 2019, at Vancouver, Washington.

Ron was raised in Southern California and graduated from Lynwood Academy in 1952. He was drafted into the Army in February 1953 and was sent to Korea, where he served almost two years.

Ron married Jeanene "Jeanie" Rogers of Clarkston, Washington, on Dec. 31, 1955. He attended Walla Walla College and completed his Bachelor of Arts in history in 1961 and master's degree in 1971. Ron was hired Auburn Adventist Academy to teach history and be assistant boys' dean. He sponsored many classes, clubs and the Associated Student Body and helped raise money for tour buses. He helped build the industrial arts building and swimming pool complex, now named Miller Aquatic Center. He retired in 1998 after 37 years.

Ron is survived by his wife of 64 years, Jeanie (Rogers) Miller of Vancouver, Washington. Their family includes three children and their spouses: Roger and Heidi Lisa Miller of Caldwell, Idaho; Marilyn and Jay Graham of Ridgefield, Washington; and Dale Miller, who passed away in 2018. They also have six grandchildren: Stephanie, twins Thomas and Douglas, twins Kaschka and Corvette, and Summer.



1944–2019

TERRY ZULL

daughters were born to them: Norvene Carey of Yakima, Washington; Phyllis Mow of Yakima; Jane Briggs of Walla Walla, Washington. Arnold was inducted into the Navy in February 1943. He spent his military career in the medical department of Shoemaker Hospital in the San Francisco area.



Theodore William Zull was born May 18, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois. He died at the age of 75 on Oct. 3, 2019, at his home in Tigard, Oregon.

Terry started his ministry in 1969 in the Texas Conference, where he was ordained and served in the San Antonio, Nacogdoches district and Corpus Christi for seven years. In 1976 he accepted a call to the Oregon Conference, where he served the Sandy, Medford, Gladstone and Beaverton churches. He retired in 2010 but was asked to serve as an interim pastor for the Tualatin company.

He re-retired in 2018, having served the church for 49 years. Terry felt that the pastoral ministry was the frontline work of the church. He loved being a pastor and was known for his sense of humor and diplomacy.

Terry is survived by his wife of almost 52 years, Sharon (Brown), and his sisters, Charmayne Zull and Robbie Bowers, both of Chicago. His beloved daughter, Elisa Beth, preceded him in death.

When our Lord comes, He will awaken as one of God's precious children. As Terry said many, many times, God is good!

After the service, he attended Clock and Water Repair School in Kansas City, Missouri. Later he worked at different types of employment and became very knowledgeable in several areas of construction, such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical and carpet laying.

Arnold married Marge Young in March 1970 and acquired four additional children with this marriage: Twyla McIntyre of Boring, Oregon; Paula Benson of Albany, Oregon; Richard Ringering of Troutdale, Oregon; and Gene Ringering of Aurora, Oregon.



WILMA ARLENE MILLER

1921–2020

Wilma Hall was born May 30, 1921, in Battle Ground, Washington, an only daughter with six brothers. She trained as a registered nurse at Portland Sanitarium and Hospital, where she met and married Don Miller, a doctor.

For 47 years, she was Don's partner in his success as director of a mission hospital in Mexico, builder of a hospital in Texas, rancher and physician in southern Oregon. They launched three medical careers before retiring in Sandy, Oregon.

Then Don and Wilma embarked on the mission adventures of a lifetime: relieving physicians in East Africa, South America, Southeast Asia, Indonesia and various Pacific islands. They also helped build the medical mission boat *Canvasback*, churches, clinics and the ophthalmology program at Montemorelos University and Medical School.

After Don's death in 1993, Wilma worked in son Gordon's eye surgery center teaching and reassuring family members of patients.

With her loved ones at her side she quietly went to sleep on Jan. 5, 2020, waiting for the Lord's return. Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Donald B. Miller, and her son, Gordon A. Miller. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Edward B. and Nancy Miller; her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Doug Rebok; Gordon's wife, Julie; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Arnold's last years of employment were with Christian Record Braille Foundation. He supplied the visually handicapped with Christian material and found this very rewarding. Blind camp was always the highlight of the year.

He's enjoying his later years in a senior park where he still raises a garden in his backyard. There's plenty of space for walking so he stays active and busy.



NORMA V. MAXTED

1926–2020

Born in Cambridge, Idaho, Norma and her family moved to Caldwell where she attended school including Gem State Academy. She married J. Ed Maxted in February 1945. During their early married life they did custom farming in Idaho and Washington. They moved to Grandview, Washington, where they started their family.

In 1963 they moved to College Place, Washington, where Ed worked for Walla Walla College in the transportation department. Norma became a licensed foster parent and did child care in her home. She led out in the children's divisions of the Adventist churches wherever she lived and for the Upper Columbia Conference camp meetings when the children's divisions met in large tents on the campus of the old Rogers Elementary school. Norma loved to cook, bake, crochet and knit for family and friends.

Norma is survived by her husband, Ed Maxted; children and their spouses, Martha and Charles Schaffer, Covington, Washington; Glenn and Wendy Maxted, College Place; Susan Maxted, College Place; Stan and Debra Maxted, Walla Walla, Washington; Greg Maxted, Milton-Freewater, Oregon; Elly Maxted, Milton-Freewater; Candace and Karl Seely, Touchet, Washington; 9 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

OURFAMILY

BAKER — Kristina I. (Park) Miller, 43; born Nov. 30, 1974, La Grande, Oregon; died Sept. 10, 2018, Burns, Oregon. Surviving: husband, Harold; daughters, Kirstin Miller, Gracie Baker, Tresa Baker, Madison Baker, Alisa Baker, all of Burns; mother, Judy Denning, Cove, Oregon.; father, James Park, Walla Walla, Washington; brother, Irving Park, Walla Walla; and sister, Misty Morgan, Kalispell, Montana.

BORDEN — Cecil, 83; born March 27, 1936, Seattle, Washington.; died Oct. 12, 2019, College Place, Washington. Surviving: wife, Maygene (Weaver); daughters, Sherie Claire, Seattle; Terry Bell, Spokane, Washington; Susie Hoover, Seattle; Nikki LaChappelle, Walla Walla, Washington; sister, Dee Smith, Walla Walla; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

CAWDERY — Gerald T. Sr., 86; born Sept. 3, 1933, Boise, Idaho; died Sept. 24, 2019, Wenatchee, Washington. Surviving: wife, Carol (Dammarell); daughters, Tricia Mace, Boise; Lynda Amundson, Cashmere, Washington; Cynthia Fisher, Wenatchee; Robyn Featherston, Sandpoint, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

GRAHAM — Gwenda Florence (Smith), 74; born March 29, 1945, Grand Prairie, Texas; died Dec. 16, 2019, Battle Ground, Washington. Surviving: son, Joe, Battle Ground; brother, Clifton Smith, Olive Hill, Tennessee; and sister, Ladonna Viemann, Bismarck, Arkansas.

HALLSTED REGULA — Lorna M. (Warnock), 93; born June 12, 1926, Amity, Oregon; died Dec. 12, 2019, Oregon City, Oregon. Surviving: husband, Bill Regula; son, Kent Hallsted, Eureka, California; daughter,

Julie Hallsted, Gresham, Oregon; step-daughter, Laura (Regula) Bohlman, Meridian, Idaho; step-daughter, Jolene (Regula) Thomas, Hagerstown, Maryland; brother, Melvin Warnock, Denver, Colorado; and a grandchild.

HART — Elmer E., 95; born April 17, 1923, Moscow, Idaho; died March 16, 2019, Gig Harbor, Washington. Surviving: wife, Esther (Kephart); son, Wesley, Lakewood, Washington; daughters, Shirlee White, Oak Harbor, Washington; Sherie Hart, Auburn, Washington; Sandra Hall, Fort Bragg, California; 6 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

HOLMES — Ivas W., 95; born Feb. 23, 1924, LaMoure County, North Dakota; died Oct. 18, 2019, Oregon City, Oregon. Surviving: son, Dennis, Oregon City; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

JONES — Areita G. (Bolyard), 80; born Aug. 7, 1939, Wenatchee, Washington; died Dec. 3, 2019, Wenatchee. Surviving: son, Jeff, Wenatchee; daughter, Jill Emerson, Wenatchee; and a grandchild.

JONES — Drusilla “Sue” Mary Sue (Wedin) Noble Stelling, 68; born Dec. 7, 1950, Portland, Oregon; died Aug. 24, 2019, Puyallup, Washington. Surviving: daughter, Regina “Gina” (Stelling) Cuccia, Bonney Lake, Washington; step-daughter, Donna Searles Frost, Fair Oaks, California; 3 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

LEE — Marybelle (Inman), 95; born Oct. 25, 1923, Lawrence County, Indiana; died Sept. 26, 2019, Tok, Alaska. Surviving: husband, Donald Lee; sons, Don Jr., Douglas and James; 16 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

LEISKE — Erma Edna (Schultz), 99; born Dec. 24, 1919, Harrington, Washington; died Dec. 20, 2019, Kennewick, Washington. Surviving: son, Rod Leiske, Kennewick.

MARLOW — Roylee W., 89; born Oct. 30, 1930, Frisco, Texas; died Nov. 25, 2019, Springfield, Oregon. Surviving: son, Bryan, Springfield; daughters, Debie Creigh, Loule, Portugal; Sandy Sinclair, Leaburg, Oregon; Marlene Oschaak, Springfield; brothers, Paul, Glendive, Montana; Richard, Superior, Montana; sisters, Georgetta Pudwell, Myrtle Creek, Oregon; Joyce Beatty, Medical Lake, Washington; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

MCKINSTRY — Marilyn Glenna (Parmenter) Atwood Greenley, 90; born May 16, 1929, Tacoma, Washington; died Dec. 31, 2019, Walla Walla, Washington. Surviving: husband, James “Jim” McKinstry; son, Ted Atwood, Loveland, Colorado; stepsons, Tom Greenly, Petersburg Island, Alaska; Russell Greenley, of Alaska; Larry McKinstry, Salt Lake City, Utah; daughters, Carmen Atwood Walters, Oxnard, California; Diana Atwood Hanson, College Place, Washington; Jolynn Atwood Gugliotto, Walla Walla; Becky Atwood, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada; stepdaughter, Ann McKinstry Shihadeh, Portland, Oregon; brother, Norman Parmenter, Eugene, Oregon; sister, Elmerla (Parmenter) Colburn, Bandon, Oregon; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

MEIER — Bernie Austin, 103; born June 27, 1916, Farmington, Washington; died Oct. 18, 2019, Kennewick, Washington. Surviving: son, Larry, Federal Way, Washington; daughter, Beverly Horton, of Alaska.; 11 grandchildren, 6 step-grand-

children, 6 great-grandchildren and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

SHANNON — Theadore Steve Jr., 76; born June 26, 1943, Aberdeen, Washington; died Sept. 17, 2019, Centralia, Washington. Surviving: wife, Edith (Canaday); sons, Rick, Centralia; Theodore, Palm Beach, Florida; daughters, Andrea Mahn, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho; Rebecca Tietzes, Centralia; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

SHELDEN — Cameron Ray, 37; born Sept. 25, 1981, Walla Walla, Washington; died Sept. 1, 2019, Lincoln County, Oregon. Surviving: wife, April (Lutton), Kennewick, Washington; parents, Neil and Laurel (Niderost) Shelden, Milton-Freewater, Oregon; brother, Hart Shelden, Walla Walla; sister, Holly Shelden, Milton-Freewater; and grandmother, Lou Niderost, Walla Walla.

SHEPARD MEIER — Thelma Rose (Miller), 100; born April 4, 1919, Rosa, Washington; died May 22, 2019, Kennewick, Washington. Surviving: husband, Bernie Meier; daughter, Suzanne Swisher; 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

The *Gleaner* also accepts expanded obituary announcements with short bio and photo. For submission and cost info, contact info@gleanernow.com or call 360-857-7043.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Offering

- May 2** — Local Church Budget;
- May 9** — Disaster and Famine Relief;
- May 16** — Local Church Budget;
- May 23** — Local Conference Advance;
- May 30** — Local Church Budget;
- June 6** — Local Church Budget;
- June 13** — Multilingual/Chaplaincy Ministries;
- June 20** — Local Church Budget;
- June 27** — Local Conference Advance.

OREGON CONFERENCE

Strawberry Vespers

June 13 — Sunnyside Church announces its 39th annual Strawberry Vespers at 7 p.m. Come, bring your friends, enjoy an evening of great music presented by some of Portland's finest musicians. Following the program an offering will be collected at the doors to support Sunnyside's ministry to the homeless. Afterwards, strawberry shortcake will be served in the Fireside room for all attendees to enjoy. Note: This will be the last vespers that Lloyd Wescott coordinates. Lloyd has faithfully kept this ministry going for all these years. Now in

his 90s, he has earned a well-deserved "retirement"! Sunnyside Church, 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Oregon

Falls City Church School Reunion

Aug. 8 — You're invited to the Falls City Church School Reunion at 205 N. Main St., Falls City, Oregon. Come to Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m., enjoy the worship service at 10:45, and stay for potluck. In fact, stay all day. Please find the Falls City SDA Reunion Facebook private group for more information or contact Cheryl Androes at 503-991-3993.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Missing Members

The Chehalis Church is looking for contact information on the following missing members: Bill Appleby, Monte Barringer, Daniel Benfield, Lindsay Brickman, Calvin Byers, Christopher Byers, Kenneth Cartwright, Mari Cartwright, Theresa Cartwright, Ingrid Coleman, Donald Davenny, Nathan Doak, Steve Durell and Tania Durell. Please email contact information to Earlene Wohlers, Chehalis Church clerk, at earlenerw@comcast.net.

MORE EVENTS LISTED AT GLEANERNOW.COM/EVENTS.





GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION POSTPONED

THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH General Conference executive committee voted to postpone the 2020 General Conference Session until May 2021. The 2021 General Conference Session will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is currently scheduled from May 20 through May 25. It was originally scheduled from June 25 through July 4, 2020.

“After taking into account both the rapid spread of COVID-19 around the world and the uncertain nature of how it will develop over the next few months, the crisis management committee considered postponement the safest and most prudent route to take,” says Geoffrey Mbwana, crisis management committee and the session planning committee chair.

“The church consulted with senior representatives of the World Health Organization, and we are recommending that the church take a careful approach to large gatherings including the General Conference Session,” says Peter Landless, GC health ministries director. “We also recommend that each region adhere to the proclamations of their local health organizations to find ways to maintain local church operations and mission through alternative means.”

For the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the GC Session, held every five years, is its largest and most important business meeting. During the session, delegates elect officers and handle clarifications to the church’s fundamental beliefs, discuss adjustments to the constitution and bylaws, and vote changes to the *Church Manual*.

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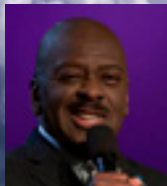
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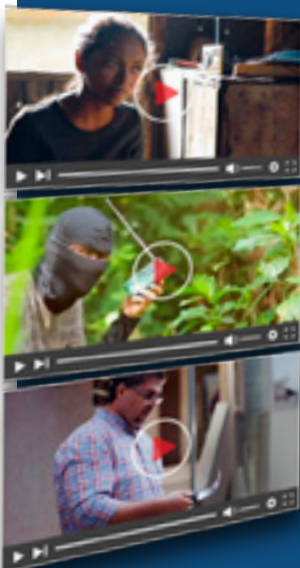
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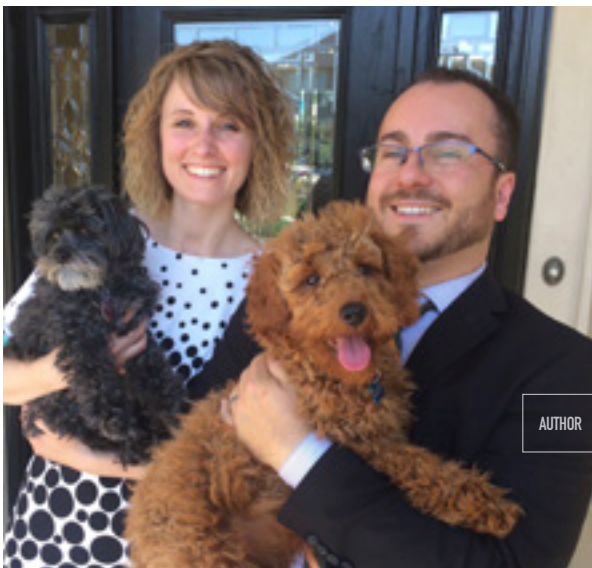
I have many childhood memories that include fun times with friends and family, playing outdoors, reading books that sparked my imagination, and being taught the necessities of life. Among my memories, one in particular comes to mind whenever challenges or troubles arise. It's the memory of my mother teaching me Scripture.

For a number of years my mother home-schooled my sister and me. Like most things in life, there were positives and negatives. A positive aspect of home schooling was that when we got our daily work done, we were free to enjoy other things. A negative was that we always seemed to be doing school. My mother wanted us to be well prepared for the world and what lay ahead. We studied all the regular subjects, including math, English, science and history.

Our Bible class received special attention. My mother did her best to teach my sister and me the importance of Jesus in our lives. She would ask us to memorize Bible verses. Often, my sister and I would pick the shortest passages in a bid to make it easier on ourselves. Occasionally, though, my mother would pick the passage or passages for us. She was never pushy but rather used the opportunity to press into our budding minds the words from Scripture.

Out of all the verses I memorized as a child, the passage I remember most is Psalm 91. Yes, the entire chapter. I remember it because I thought at the time it was impossible to memorize. It was too long, I complained often. My mother was unmoved, insisting my sister and I memorize that chapter. It wasn't until years later that I came to truly appreciate her persistence.

Today, when I'm faced with uncertainty, my mind goes back to this psalm:



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Either I dig down into a hole of fear and despair or I can look up and remember who is with me through everything.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.¹

When I recite or when I read this chapter, I'm reminded I am safe in God's loving

embrace. He promises to be like a mighty castle surrounded by warriors that excel in strength to guard and shield me. When the world around me seems to be falling apart, I find peace knowing God is with me.

Right now, the world is definitely facing troubling times. It's at times like this I'm reminded of what some of my favorite Bible heroes — Shadrach, Meshach and

Abednego — said, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from your majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."²

I was reading this story the other day, and it occurred to me that their declaration of faith directly relates to Psalm 91. God often shields us from harm and danger, but He also is with us when we are going through trials and persecution. Yes, God is concerned for our welfare, but He is also with us when we struggle and suffer on this earth.

These two passages affirm the same truth. God is always with me. That's it. He is always with me!

God will always be a stronghold for my faith. He will never leave me, but He may not take me out of this world, just as He did not take those three Hebrew boys out of the furnace. Rather, He walked in the furnace with them. Their belief in God's

love for them was not dependent on their protection or deliverance. It was simply based on their knowledge that God was with them and cared for them.

When I am faced with trials, danger and uncertainty, I have a choice to make. Either I dig down into a hole of fear and despair or I can look up and remember who is with me through everything.

During this difficult time in Earth's history, where everyday things seem to change dramatically, almost unrecognizably, I choose to remember the words that I learned so long ago: "... My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust ... He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge."

Uncertain and frightening times are an invitation to look to Jesus, my constant companion, rescuer, redeemer, and soon-returning, triumphant King.

1. Psalm 91:1–2, 5–6, NIV
2. Dan. 3:17–18, NIV

Natashia McVay, Moscow and Pullman Church associate pastor



BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, PART 2

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oubt is not always a sign that a man is wrong; it may be a sign that he is thinking." Oswald

Chambers

I read a story in the *New York Times* about a pastor in the Bible belt who became an atheist leader.¹ His name is Jerry DeWitt. He first experienced doubts about his religious beliefs when he questioned the idea of hell.

He could no longer worship a "god" who would torture people forever, but he was convinced that was what the Bible said. When he expressed his doubts, many people in the church, the people he loved, basically damned him to hell. Because of his doubts, he lost his marriage, his job and his friends.

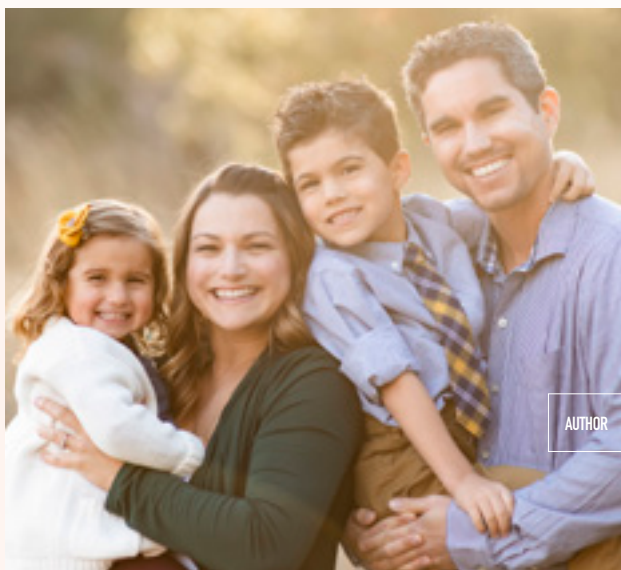
I empathized with this pastor and posted his story on Facebook. I thought I could challenge friends who read it to be merciful to those

who doubt, but some people argued that I shouldn't be sympathetic. They wondered why I would defend an atheist who was "leading many people astray."

I believe wrestling with questions is the best way to learn. A math book helps you learn math by giving you problems. If you only memorize the answers in the back you don't learn the math. Likewise rehearsed answers

AUTHOR

Kevin McGill



for Bible problems don't help. Giving people answers without helping them wrestle with the questions isn't education — it's indoctrination.

Before judging someone for not believing in God, we should seek to understand the "god" they don't believe in. We need to stop arguing for the existence of God until we can understand the true character of God. In many cases we should be affirming people's unbelief rather than arguing against it.

Heather Thompson Day, a communication professor, shares an example of what this may look like. She had a conversation with a secular friend who said, "I don't like this idea that there is this man



Christianity is about helping people find life-changing encounters with Jesus.

To them, the term Christianity meant something that no Christian I know would defend. By fortifying the term, I am only making them more and more angry. I won't do it. Stop 10 people on the street, ask them what they think of when they hear the word Christianity, and they will give you 10 different answers.

How can I defend a term that means 10 different things to 10 different people? I told the radio show host that I would rather talk about Jesus, and how I came to believe that Jesus exists and that He likes me. The host looked back at me with tears in his eyes. When we were done, he asked me if we could go get lunch together. He told me how much he didn't like Christianity, but how he had always wanted to believe Jesus was the Son of God.

Christianity isn't about defending theological terms. Christianity is about helping people find life-changing encounters with Jesus. The greatest argument for Christianity today is loving and lovable Christians⁴ who point people to a loving and lovable God.

Give the benefit of the doubt, seek to connect with others before trying to correct them. Prioritize defending

hurt people above defending theological opinions. Be empathetic.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer expressed it like this: "Nothing that we despise in other men is inherently absent from ourselves. We must learn to regard people less in the light of what they do or don't do, and more in light of what they suffer."

Jude, the brother of Jesus said it best: "Be merciful to those who doubt."⁵

who demands my worship. It makes me feel uncomfortable."

Heather replied, "But God is not a man. God is love."

Her friend paused in reflection and said, "I could worship love ... that makes sense to me."²

Many times when we argue with people over terminology, we miss an opportunity to listen and connect to their heart. As mathematician Blaise Pascal said, "The heart has its reasons, which reason does not know. It is the heart which experiences God, and not the reason."

Author Donald Miller demonstrates in his book *Blue Like Jazz* what it means to

connect to the heart:³

In a recent radio interview I was sternly asked by the host, who did not consider himself a Christian, to defend Christianity. I told him that I couldn't do it, and moreover, that I didn't want to defend the term. He asked me if I was a Christian, and I told him yes. "Then why don't you want to defend Christianity?" he asked, confused.

I told him I no longer knew what the term meant. Of the hundreds of thousands of people listening to his show that day, some of them had terrible experiences with Christianity; they may have been yelled at by a teacher in a Christian school, abused by a minister, or browbeaten by a Christian parent.

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PERSPECTIVE

RESOURCES OF FAITH, CARRIERS OF PEACE



Our vision for 2020 has been irreparably altered. Plans have been canceled. Homes have become fortresses. Snide asides about toilet paper being worth its weight in gold are increasingly less funny.

The complacent cocoon we have nurtured, that implies life goes on as always, has been exposed. Individual crises do that all the time — a sudden cancer diagnosis, an unexpected job termination, a cheating spouse unmasked.

But a global challenge that threatens the infrastructure upon which we have blithely depended?

That's something most of us, apart from our vanishing World War II generation, have never experienced.

A microscopic intruder has silently interrupted our naiveté. We are not as invulnerable as we thought.

Perhaps our relative affluence has insulated us from the life-and-death struggle

others have historically endured. Your 401k may be groveling in the dust, but it's beyond comprehension for the refugee woman who daily stands in line for a cup of rice. A home quarantine is frustrating, but it pales in light of the Dachau death camp. My livestream and Zoom church connections are a luxury never

afforded to the Waldensian believers.

Lest we imagine these are unprecedented times, we are confronted with the same choice as other generations facing war, financial depression, famine or disease. Simply: When our jobs, our finances and our very lives are at stake, how do we escape the paralysis of fear and instead choose active steps of faith?

“I HAVE SOUGHT FULFILLMENT FROM [COSTCO/WALMART/FRED MEYER/AMAZON], BUT FROM WHERE DO MY RESOURCES REALLY COME? MY HELP COMES FROM THE ONE WHO CREATED ALL THAT IS GOOD.” *Psalm 121:1,2 (recent paraphrase)*

Fear is often our automatic reaction to circumstances spiraling out of our control. Empty store shelves are stark testimony that fear prompts us toward acts of self-preservation, in an effort to answer all the “what ifs.” But when, like Peter sinking under the waves, we acknowledge our fear and cry out, “Lord, save us or we perish,” we allow God to build our faith on resources far bigger than our fears. It's why the apostle Paul could confidently exclaim, “We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not

forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed” (2 Cor. 4:8,9).

Will this present crisis teach us anything of eternal value? The foundation of God's kingdom, the DNA we must have as His followers, is loving God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves in the best and the worst of times. A relentless commitment to these fundamentals will help bolster local communities physically, financially and mentally shaken to the core. Resolve to become a leader in helpful habits and safe practices. Remain digitally connected with others.

Stay informed through credible sources, but refuse to let a sensational media diet turn your eyes from faith to fear. “Peace I leave with you,” Jesus says. “My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

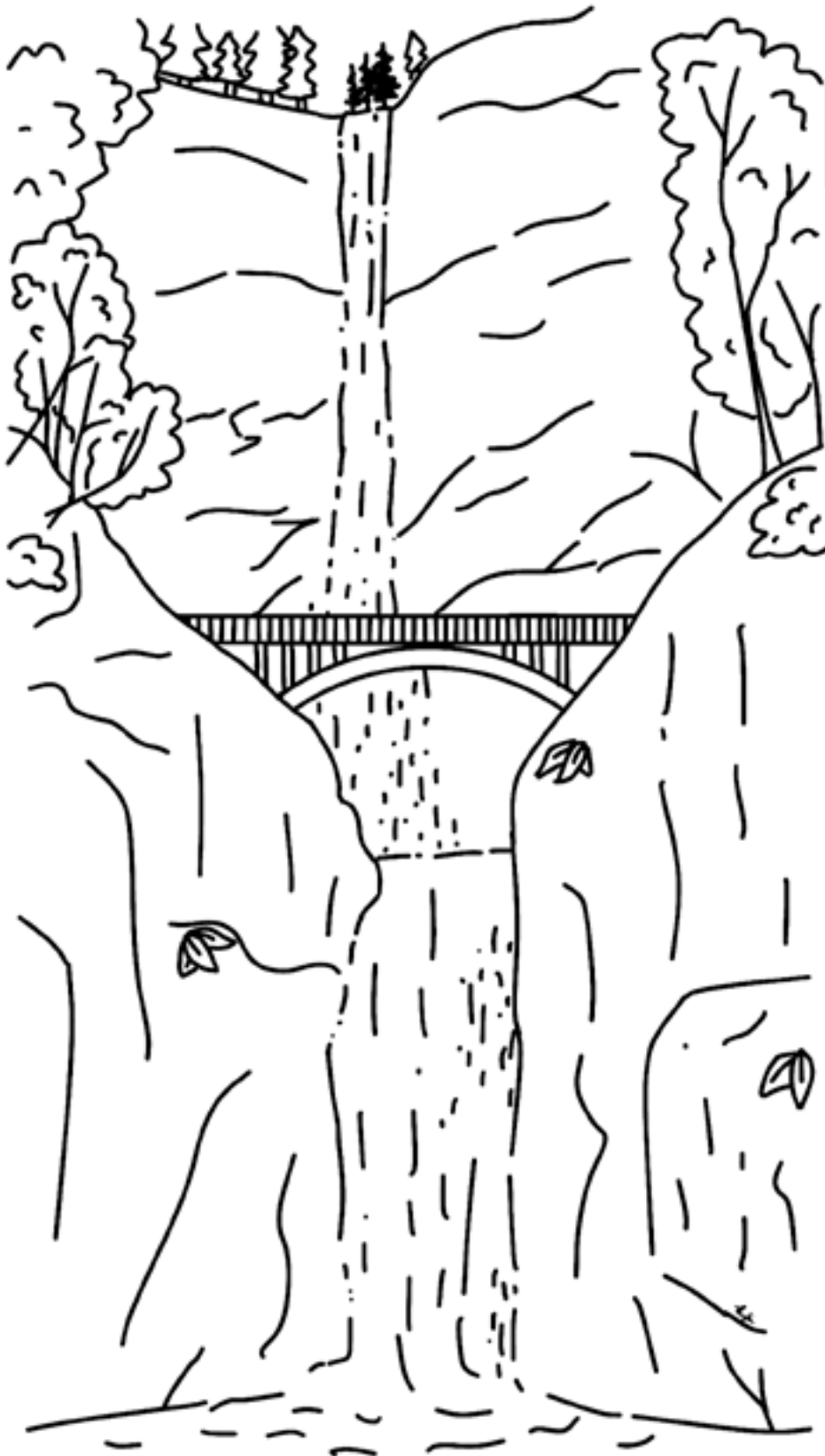
Our Savior has not left us to navigate these waters alone. As we feed on His words, we will become carriers, not of a viral scourge, but of His peace, a healing balm for those seeking something safe and secure.

Steve Vistaunet, Gleaner editor emeritus



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Fast Falls Facts

ELEVATION:
627 feet

TYPE:
Tiered

TOTAL HEIGHT:
620 feet

HEIGHT OF LONGEST DROP:
542 feet

AVERAGE WIDTH:
10 feet

NUMBER OF DROPS:
2

AVERAGE FLOW RATE:
150 feet³/second

WATERCOURSE:
Multnomah Creek

WORLD HEIGHT RANKING:
434

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THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST is home to beautiful examples of God's amazing creation. Multnomah Falls is one such spot. This spectacular waterfall is perched along the scenic Columbia River Gorge, east of Portland. One of our Northwest Pathfinders drew this lovely picture of the falls for you to color. Ask your parents to post your finished masterpieces on Instagram.

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