

The background of the cover is a close-up photograph of a bowl of soup. Two long, golden-brown breadsticks are placed diagonally across the top half of the frame. Below them, a vibrant red tomato soup is visible, garnished with sliced orange bell peppers and a fresh sprig of green rosemary. The lighting is warm, highlighting the textures of the bread and the rich color of the soup.

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*And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger,
because there was no room for them in the inn.*

LUKE 2:7 (NKJV)

"A Frozen Glimpse in Time," taken in Dixie, Washington, by Chris Drake of College Place, Washington.



Home for the Holidays

Over the river and through the woods, the holiday rush is on. In the midst of frantic shopping-mall crowds, jam-packed airports and bumper-to-bumper traffic, many look forward to one thing: going home for Christmas.

The song “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” was first sung by popular crooner Bing Crosby and released in 1943 during the height of World War II. It captured the longing heart of the soldier to be beyond the fray, back home, warm, and safe from harm or danger.

This is not a new phenomenon. It springs from a seed planted at the beginning of humankind. Adam and Eve felt this urgency of togetherness as the Creator eagerly sought them out to walk together throughout the garden in the cool of the evening. And when sin pierced this perfect picture, it not only brought death and disease but suspicion and separation.

Left to themselves, the children of the garden would have drifted from all memory of the place where trust is treasured and relationships rejoice. But deep in the heart of heaven, the divine Shepherd began a plan to seek out His wandering sheep. In the fullness of time, Immanuel stepped over the edge of space and became — God with us. He took the

initiative, paid the price, and began the godly work of restoring the connection between heaven and earth.

It renews the divine spark that first placed the concept of “home” in our consciousness. What sin has displaced, heaven has replaced. Christmas is not just a pretty picture or a cute concept. Like the eternal paradigm change of Easter, it is an anchor point, an “Ebenezer” spot in each year that reminds us of our Father’s initiative and His love.

And this vertical reminder has a horizontal mandate. Where “busy-ness” has prevailed, where disagreements or discord have damaged, where difficulties or disease have distracted, we too can take the initiative in restoring our own disconnected relationships. No one truly feels at home unless peace on earth and goodwill toward men moves beyond the catchy card or carol into the very fabric of life.

This is more than a Bing Crosby melody. Engrained in our DNA is a vestige of truth that this world is not our home. This truth is what draws us to the central message of Christmas. The Creator God came to bring us the keys to His home, so that where He is, there we may be always — finally home forever.

Merry Christmas!

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John Bradshaw, *It Is Written* speaker and former College Place (Washington) Village Church pastor, encourages SAC members to “Communicate the Word,” during his Friday evening presentation.

With additional support from Nancy Semotiuk, Walla Walla University (WVU) communication department chair, two WVU students attended: Bev-Lea Wessels and Heather Bradley-Robbins. Wessels was chosen as the SAC board student-at-large representative for the coming year.

“This is a great opportunity each year for Adventist communicators to sharpen their skills and their vision in presenting a Christ-centered message,” says Steve Vistaunet, outgoing SAC president.

Next year’s convention is scheduled for October 18–20 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Northwest Communicators Shine at SAC Convention

Nearly 200 Adventist communication professionals and interested students combined forces at this year’s Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) Convention, held October 20–22 in Chicago, Illinois.

Northwest communicators were well-represented. The Washington Conference communication department received two Best in Class awards for the weekly e-newsletter, *Sailing with Jesus*; and *Accent*, the daily newsletter produced for the 2011 conference camp meeting. Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director, received honorable mention in the Young Professional Award category.

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Romans 8:28 is True

[Regarding Let's Talk, October 2011] Almost six years ago, we lost our 28-year-old son in a motorcycle accident. A "sympathy card," made especially for us, haunts me to this day. The person wrote that it was good we had experienced this tragic loss because it would remind us of the "sinfulness of sin."

I am able to look back at events at the time of our son's death and since, and say with confidence that God has kept his promise in Romans 8:28.

But I think it is unfortunate that it always seems to be individuals who have experienced some miracle of deliverance or healing that are asked to tell their story in church, especially when they are known for their religiosity. It perpetuates the belief that

if we are "good enough," God will prevent bad things from happening to us.

Jeanne Powell, Merlin, Oregon.

An Early Morning Dive

[The October GLEANER Archival Photo] was taken at a North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) teachers' convention at Camp MiVoden on Hayden Lake, Washington, during the summer of 1956. Front and

center is Joe Porter, NPUC educational superintendent at the time. His son, Tom, was an elementary school teacher and the father of Mike Porter, current president of The Quiet Hour.

On Porter's right, our left, is M.L. Andreason, the guest speaker at the conference and a well-known preacher, administrator and author. At the convention, he had some health problems, but

the "brethren" found him diving off the dock early every morning. They advised him to take care and not go diving in the cold lake. He replied, "Gentlemen, I plan to die standing up, with my boots on."

Wes Parker, Goldendale, Washington.



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A New Look at the Sabbath

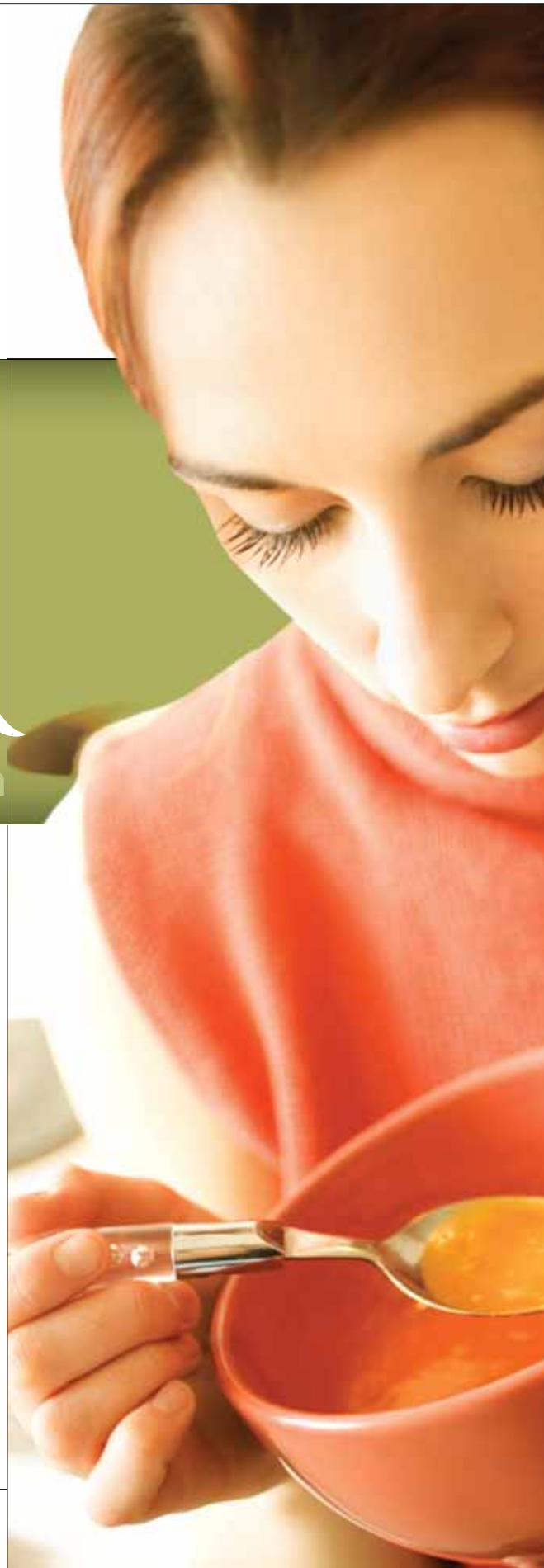
“And He said unto them, ‘The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: Therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath.’” Mark 2:27, 28

Have you ever been to somebody’s house that was really fussy? As you arrive, you see their lawn mowed meticulously with not a single weed in the flower beds. You step onto the porch and notice even the welcome mat is clean. Inside, no particle of dust or hint of any cobwebs can be seen. Everything is absolutely beautiful, perfect.

You begin to look at your hands and your clothes. “Woe is me,” you think, “if I brought any dirt into this house!” You find your assigned chair, and you quietly sit up straight with hands folded in your lap, so perfectly neat and clean and nice that you are miserable.

Houses are not made primarily to be kept clean. It may indeed be easier to live in a neatly kept house. But if your house becomes the type of place where the chief objective is to keep it clean, the house begins to exercise a kind of tyranny. The house isn’t there for you; you are there for the house.

It’s not too much different from the experience of Sabbath-keeping. Certainly the Bible says we must keep the Sabbath holy. But, as Jesus reminds us in that well-known passage from Mark 2, the primary purpose of the Sabbath is not for us to keep it holy. It is instead



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— *Max C. Torkelsen*

found in what God has to offer us on that day. Let me illustrate.

In the evening, you rush in from work and want to catch the television news headlines from Bryan Williams. You quickly heat up some Campbell’s Chunky vegetable soup and fill your bowl right up to the brim. You gingerly walk on the new carpet to the TV, being extra watchful to keep any of that soup from spilling on the carpet. As you settle into your seat, you look up and see your little boy nervously following in your footsteps carrying his own bowl of Campbell’s Chunky vegetable soup filled right to the brim.

I’ll graciously draw a curtain there.

Some of us have treated the Sabbath like a bowl brim-full of soup. We’re constantly watching, lest the slightest misstep spill that precious soup. Well, that takes all the joy out of both the soup and the Sabbath!

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Then what does the seventh-day Sabbath offer to us as Seventh-day Adventist Christians?

AN ANTIDOTE TO PRIDE

First, the Sabbath is God’s great antidote to our human pride. In the garden

at the beginning of all things, Eve fell because she wanted to be like God. And the truth of the matter is that we, just like Eve, want to be the big shot. We want to be autonomous creatures living in the universe acting like little gods.

Yet, the Sabbath offers true Sabbath keepers a perspective that is shattering to human pride. For all our intelligence, for all our good looks, for all our money, for all our education, we are still creatures.

A LESSON IN REST

Secondly, God created man on the sixth day, and perhaps even in the afternoon after all the other animals. The next day was the seventh, the Sabbath. The very first lesson Adam had to learn was not how to work but how to rest. The most important thing in our spiritual life is not that we learn how to work for God but that we learn how to rest in God.

A PROMISE OF VICTORY

Here’s a third blessing of the Sabbath. In Deuteronomy 5:15, God instructs the people of Israel: “And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: Therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day.”

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Alex Bryan Talks about Worship

The worship of Jesus is about having a seat for everybody. Worship of Jesus rejects the anti-Christ worship, where the rhetoric is always about who's in and who's out. The worship of Jesus is about His invitation to everybody. I believe in this generation we are, first, craving worship on Sabbath morning that is not natural and bottled up in form but is truly supernatural. And secondly, I believe we are craving worship that throws the doors of the church open to everybody, where there is open fellowship of saints and sinners, for we are all part of each one of those. Finally, we see in our core passages an absolute devotion to Jesus, eyes only to Jesus, faithfulness to Jesus alone."

See the entire September 10 Sabbath sermon from Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University Church pastor, entitled "The One We Worship." Also, see the complete devotional from Max Torkelsen, "A New Look at the Sabbath." Listen to the podcasts online at <http://www.npuc.org/article.php?id=441> or via the GLEANER on the Go mobile code here.

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The Sabbath, then, is not simply a memorial to creation. It's also a symbol of the fact that God leads people out of the bondage of sin and into victory through Jesus Christ. I wonder how many Seventh-day Adventists view their Christianity as bondage instead of victory. Some think the more God shows them, the harder it becomes to be saved. But that's a satanic lie, just as surely as what he told Eve. Would you rather spend the night lost in the woods looking for your camp with a little birthday candle flickering in the breeze or with a mighty searchlight in front of you? I know what I would want — the biggest, brightest light available.

A SYMBOL OF DEPENDENCY

And finally a fourth gift, another amazing blessing of the Sabbath from God's own words in Exodus 31:13 is: "Speak thou also unto the children of Israel saying, 'Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep: For it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.'"

This indeed is a hard lesson for some of us to learn. Many Adventists believe in justification by faith and sanctification by works. But you cannot nail yourself to a cross. We must let God put us on the cross. Our whole life is one of dependency on Christ, and the Sabbath tells us it is a sign between God and us that the Lord sanctifies us.

I've observed there are two kinds of Christians. There are Christians who know they have things to give up, and so they give up alcohol and they give up smoking. And they give up the late, late movie, and maybe they give up meat, and they give up all the things they SHOULD give up. And by the time they've given everything up, they're shriveled, ugly people. Even though they may be technically right, when you are with them you feel uncomfortable.

And you say to yourself, "Is that what Christianity really means?"

But thank God there are Christians who give things up not because they are shriveling up but because the Holy Spirit is making room for bigger and better things in their lives.



This, for me, is the message of the Sabbath. It is not a call to your Sealy Posturepedic mattress or your new waterbed, or an invitation to a gorgeous lunch with your friends. It isn't even primarily a reason to go out and distribute literature. All these things MAY enter into the Sabbath, but the chief purpose of the Sabbath is a call from Him who says: "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Those who do will truly understand the joy of the Psalmist when he exclaimed, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good," (Psalm 34:8).

And if you don't meet Jesus on the Sabbath day, you have totally missed the point. You've tried your best to keep that full bowl of soup from spilling. But you haven't yet tasted the soup.

Max C. Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president

Listen to the full version of the devotional "A New Look at the Sabbath," presented by Max Torkelsen, North Pacific Union Conference president, during the Northwest Adventist Leadership Convention in College Place, Washington. Go online to <http://www.npuc.org/article.php?id=441> or via the GLEANER on the Go mobile code on the previous page. Some illustrations were adapted from Smuts van Rooyen, Vallejo Drive Church (Glendale, California) pastor.

TEXTS ON THE SABBATH

THE EARLY CHURCH AND THE SABBATH

Jesus warned the Church leaders [apostles] about the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. He instructed them to pray that their flight would not be on the Sabbath day, (Matthew 24:20). (This is the only commandment Jesus instructed us to pray to keep.)

When Jesus lay in the tomb, the disciples kept the Sabbath commandment, (Luke 23:56).

When the apostles taught at Antioch on Sabbath, the Gentiles begged them to return the next Sabbath to preach to the Gentiles. On the next Sabbath, almost the whole city came to hear the Word of God, (Acts 13:14-16, 42, 44).

In Philippi, on the Sabbath the apostles went to the riverside where prayer was customarily made and met with those who met there, (Acts 16:13).

In Thessalonica, Paul customarily went in to them for three Sabbaths preaching Christ, (Acts 17:2).

In Corinth, Paul taught in the synagogue every Sabbath, persuading both Jews and Gentiles. He continued there a year and six months, (Acts 18:4).

JESUS AND THE SABBATH

Jesus created the Sabbath. God created everything, (Genesis 1:1).

On the seventh day, God created the Sabbath, (Genesis 2:1-3).

Jesus is the God who created everything, including the Sabbath, (John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:16).

Jesus commanded the Sabbath. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, (Exodus 20:8-11).

The God who wrote the Ten Commandments also delivered Israel from Egypt, (Exodus 20:1, 2).

The One who delivered Israel from Egypt was Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

Jesus kept the Sabbath. As His custom was ..., (Luke 4:16).

Jesus commended the Sabbath. It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath, (Matthew 12:12).

Jesus confirmed the Sabbath. Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath, (Matthew 24:20).

Jesus claimed the Sabbath. The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath, (Mark 2:27, 28).

It is impossible to accept Jesus and reject His day. Whoever abides in Him walks as He walked, (1 John 2:6).

The Sabbath, like a park, is a place of escape away from the noise and hustle of commercial activities, simply to take a chunk of time and spend it with the family. I don't recall ever seeing a clock at a park. A park is a place reserved (secular word for "made holy") for the family to enjoy without the encroachments of the busyness of surviving.

The Sabbath is a park in time. It is a chunk of very special time not to be intruded upon by the busyness of surviving. Those who honor its sacredness (spiritual word for "reserved") are saying that God is so good to them that they can enjoy one special day set aside for holy pursuits - knowing God, exploring His creation, enjoying family and friends, growing in spiritual dimensions that will affect eternity. God has blessed them so much that they can take a holiday (secular word for "holy day") every week and forget the worries and pressures of everyday existence. They can renew their physical (healthy) well-being, their spiritual (holy) well-being, and their mental (happy) well-being.

ACCION

Retiro de Damas Hispanas 2011 Conferencia de Washington

Fue un fin de semana del todo bendecido para aquellas que tuvieron el privilegio de participar del Retiro de Damas Hispanas de la Conferencia de Washington. Un buen grupo de hermanas se reunieron en el hermoso campamento de Sunset Lake en Wilkeson, Washington. El apacible local, juntamente con la vista hermosa del lago y los días soleados trajeron paz a nuestras almas.

El tema del retiro fue "De Gusano a Mariposa." Contamos con la presencia de la hermana Adly Campos, quien con su amplia experiencia



Las participantes del desfile de moda.

de escritora, educadora, consejera familiar, enfermera y oradora internacional, nos trajo temas contundentes con consejos prácticos para la mujer de hoy. Animó a las damas a transformar sus vidas completamente para Dios. El Espíritu Santo se movió



Hermanas de North Cascade durante la caminata del Sábado de tarde.

en los corazones de todas las asistentes y durante el llamado al arrepentimiento que hizo Campos, dos almas preciosas decidieron entregar sus vidas a Cristo!

La programación fue amena. Con gozo y alegría las damas rindieron alabanza y adoración al Rey de reyes y Creador del universo. El Sábado por la mañana tuvimos una sesión de oración muy especial, donde divididas en grupos las damas oraron por distintas necesidades de las mujeres alrededor del mundo. Y luego, Campos nos guió en un tema espiritual que tocó las fibras más profundas y nos hizo recapacitar para hacer un cambio positivo en nuestras vidas.

El Sábado por la tarde las damas hicieron una caminata por la naturaleza que nos llenó de energía y al bajar de regreso al campamento, paramos por la maqueta del santuario terrenal que tienen en Sunset Lake. Allí,

el pastor David Yeagley nos guió por los diferentes pasos de la adoración del santuario visitando el atrio, el lugar santo y el santísimo con todos los muebles y simbolismos que señalaban la promesa del Mesías. Muchas hermanas nunca habían visto algo así y quedaron impactadas con esa experiencia.

Después de despedir el hermoso día de Sábado, nos reunimos en la cafetería para un momento social. Con originalidad y aptitudes artísticas, las damas diseñaron

vestidos para cinco modelos usando solamente papel de seda y cintas. La actividad trajo mucha risa y compañerismo entre las hermanas.

El Domingo, después del último tema de Campos, pudimos disfrutar de la naturaleza una vez más. Algunas damas salieron a caminar, otras pudieron pasear en canoas en el lago y otras decidieron aprovechar el sol y conversar a la costa del lago.

A lo largo de todo el fin de semana nuestras damas sintieron la mano de Dios. Fue un privilegio ver como el Espíritu de Dios se hizo presente en la programación de este Retiro de Damas Hispanas 2011 y como las hermanas regresaron a sus casas recargadas de nuevas energías para servir sus comunidades, sus hogares y sus iglesias.

Nessy Pittau, Conferencia de Washington directora de ministerios de salud y asistente de ministerios Hispánicos

Damas disfrutando de un sabroso almuerzo.



Alaska Adventists Walk Against the Bulge

Church members and friends from across Alaska joined hands to walk the main business avenues of downtown Anchorage Sept. 25 as a public declaration that America's interest in raising a healthier generation of youth should be the top lifestyle goal of every family.

The five-mile walk was the culminating event for the Alaska Youth Summit weekend that staged the Let's Move! campaign, a comprehensive initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama to solve the problem of

obesity within a generation. The campaign's goal is that children born today will grow up healthier and be able to pursue their dreams.

A Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study, examining obesity on a region-by-region basis, indicates that Alaska is the most overweight state this side of Texas. Figures show obesity rates are 30 percent or higher in nearly half of Alaska's boroughs and census areas. The *Juneau Empire* reports that Alaska's overall obesity rate

puts the state just above the national average and ranks it 22nd heaviest nationwide.

The obesity epidemic has hit children as well as adults. As a preoccupation with television, video games and social media has led the current generation of youth to be less active, less sociable and uninterested in outdoor recreation, Let's Move! seeks to change this trend.

Participants in the walk also showed their support for Enditnow, a global campaign by Adventists to raise the

awareness of and advocate for the end of violence against women and girls worldwide, by wearing Let's Move! shirts with Enditnow logos added.

"When we declare publicly our social values that develop healthy attitudes and address physical injustice, our faith-based community is investing in social capital," says Jean Gobah, Alaska Conference women's ministries director.

Ephraim Palmero, Alaska Conference Adventist community services director



Members of Eastern Idaho Churches

Unite to Reach State Fair Attendees

Members of five congregations in the Eastern Idaho pastoral district united to reach out to those attending the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot, Idaho, this past September. With nearly 200,000 attendees passing through the gates of the event, it seemed like a wonderful opportunity to reach the community for Christ.

David Prest, Idaho Conference president, and his wife, Ellen, volunteer for a shift in the booth.



Each church contributed toward the purchase of a canopy, display tables, signs and literature to have a fully functioning booth for use not only at the fair but other events. A prominent health message, "Got Grip?" drew interested visitors to the booth. Each visitor received a free grip-strength test, literature, and the opportunity to win a cookbook.

Several people made visits repeatedly to see if their grip strength improved throughout the fair, to obtain health improvement information, and to share prayer requests. The booth also featured two district schools and children's crafts for a day.

More than 30 church members took turns manning the booth, with guest appearances by David Prest, Idaho

Conference president, and his wife, Ellen, who took the opening weekend Sunday-shift.

Members helping at the booth received several requests for personal Bible studies. A family of three from Fort Hall, Idaho, was excited to see an Adventist booth because they had been watching 3ABN. Jim, a ticket-agent at a nearby gate, came by every day to register to win the cookbook. He has prostate cancer and wants to change his eating habits. Members arranged for him to receive a cookbook and gave him a copy of the *Full Plate Diet*.

More than 2,000 people visited the booth during the fair's eight days. The majority of fair-goers seemed to know little about Adventists. But,



David Prest Jr. and David Belcher test their grip strength.

those who had some connection or interaction with Adventists were quite willing to come into the booth. Members hope this year's booth will help others recognize the Adventist name and be more willing to visit again during what they intend to be an annual event.

Karen Lifshay, Idaho Falls Church member and pastor's wife, and Ronda Cheatham, Blackfoot Church group leader

Eagle Pathfinders, Adventurers, Beavers and Lambs Participate

in Pathfinder Sabbath

Nearly 40 Golden Eagles Pathfinders, Adventurers, Eager Beavers, Little Lambs and staff participated in the Pathfinder Sabbath program at Eagle (Idaho) Church on Oct. 15.

Three Pathfinders, seven Adventurers, six Eager Beavers and three Little Lambs were inducted into the clubs during the service, which was organized by club leaders: Steve Manning, Golden Eagles Pathfinder director; Jon and Francine Messecar, Golden Eagles Adventurer directors; and other staff.

After the Pathfinders vowed to honor the Pathfinder Pledge and Law, Terry Rusk, Idaho Conference Pathfinder director, spoke from the book of Isaiah, which the Pathfinders are studying this year for Pathfinder Bible-Achievement.

Shannen Schmitz, Eagle Church communication leader



Eureka Youth Reach Out With Health Evangelism

The Eureka Church youth class gave of their time and talents to reach out to their community prior to an evangelistic series held in March of 2011.

It was a true group effort as the youth staged a series of six cooking classes from November 2010 through May 2011



Eureka Church youth

using the Eureka Prompt Care facility as the venue. A member of the youth class designed the colorful and inviting posters that were used to advertise each cooking class.

Prior to the cooking demonstrations, various youth presented short health-related talks on such subjects as the benefits of breakfast, the immune system, "brain food," diabetes, weight control, and exercise. Each cooking class had a theme which influenced the various recipes that were chosen to share. These themes ranged from breakfast foods, healthy desserts, and soups and salads to entrees, breads, and meals to go.

The youth prepared samples of the recipes they demonstrated to share with class



attendees. These samples were well received as many people discovered that healthful cooking could be tasty as well as nutritious.

Those attending the classes not only received valuable health information from the lectures but were also provided with a handout containing all of the recipes that were demonstrated during the class. Many in attendance expressed genuine appreciation for the

information that was shared and for the opportunity to learn how to prepare healthful food. Attendance grew with each successive class and many contacts were made for the evangelistic series. The youth were grateful that the Lord used them to reach out to those that were in need of hearing Bible truth as well as the health message.

Angela Poch, Eureka Church communication leader

Bozeman Kohl's Grand Opening

Features Mount Ellis Academy

Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) students and faculty had the opportunity to personally thank Kohl's for a \$500,000 grant during the Bozeman, Mont., store's grand opening on Sept. 28.

Mount Ellis Academy students hold the grand-opening ribbon as the Kohl's employee of the month cuts it.



The grant, awarded by the department store chain at the conclusion of a Facebook competition, was won largely due to MEA students asking their friends to vote in the competition, asking the community for

votes and even posting short comedic videos on Facebook.

Students participated in the Kohl's grand opening by holding the ribbon for cutting and displaying a banner and handmade signs thanking Kohl's for support. Jeremy Vandenboer, MEA vice principal, thanked Kohl's and the community for helping make the grant a reality for the academy.

The funds donated by Kohl's will be used to update the school's sewer system, which was built more than 50 years ago. MEA students and staff



A beautiful Montana sunrise greets participants during the grand opening of the Bozeman, Mont., Kohl's store. continue to thank God for providing a big miracle for their small school.

Cathy Allen, MEA librarian

Grants Pass Students Commemorate 9/11

The students of Grants Pass (Ore.) Adventist School (GPAS) honored local police officers, firefighters and military veterans with a special program Sept. 9 that commemorated the Americans who gave their lives in the 9/11 attacks.

Thomas Kennedy, GPAS principal, opened the program with John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." After the kindergarteners led the Pledge of Allegiance, the program continued with music, a recitation of Psalm 23 and a moment of silence to remember the fallen of 9/11.

The guests of honor were presented with commemorative medallions and baskets heaped with homemade delights. Students were able to shake hands with the local heroes and distribute notes thanking them for their service. Parents, community members and the local news station joined in for the memorial.

Scale models of the twin towers, the Pentagon and hijacked airplanes covered with the names of the victims who died in each one were displayed at the program. The idea for building the models came from Kennedy, who wanted to think of a way to make the 9/11 tribute meaningful to his students.

His idea was taken up by the entire staff and student body. Roger Anderson, school-board chair and military veteran, volunteered to build the framework for each of the buildings. After the framework was built, the fifth- and sixth-grade students pasted the names of those who lost their lives on each respective building and highlighted the names of the first responders who died — blue for the 72 fallen police officers and red for the 343 firefighters.

The seventh- and eighth-grade class built four scale airplanes representing American Airlines Flights 11 and 77 and United Airlines Flights 93 and 175. They covered each

with the names of victims who died when those flights were hijacked.

Third- and fourth-grade students organized homemade baked goods into baskets, which Terah Enrich, kindergarten teacher, wrapped and decorated. The first- and second-grade students created thank-you notes and drew pictures to add to the gifts for the officers, firefighters and veterans attending the 9/11 program.

The students agreed the cumulative event was well worth the effort. "The more names we pasted, the more real 9/11 became to me," says Ronnie Fitzpatrick, a seventh-grade student. "It changed the way I look at service people."

Thomas Kennedy, GPAS principal; Susan Kergil, community member; and Angela White, GPAS teacher



Local servicemen are awarded medals from the students in honor of their personal sacrifices to ensure public safety every day.



Pictured here are models of the twin towers that went down on 9/11, covered with the names of the victims who died during the attacks.

Grants Pass Adventist School (GPAS) students and staff honor veterans with thank-you notes and gift baskets during a special 9/11 commemoration.



Eugene Churches Celebrate an International Baptism

The Eugene (Ore.) and the Eugene Korean churches celebrated the baptism of one of their own March 26.

As a child of Buddhist parents in Korea, Soyeon Park was forced to attend a school that the government chose, forced to read the Bible and forced to pray to God. Soon she was running from God.

When Park moved with her children to Eugene in 2007, her neighbor, an Adventist, invited Park's children to the Adventist Church with her own daughters. Park agreed they could go.

Eventually, Park decided to attend as well. So Sept. 11,



Eugene Church pastor (left), and Myungjun Choi, Eugene Korean Church pastor (right), nurture Soyeon Park's faith as it grows toward baptism.

2010, became "the first day I was in God's House." She was inspired by Greg Middlestetter's sermons and became friends with Charles and Clara Young, church members. The Youngs introduced her to Irving and Sonja Kim,

who invited Park to attend the Eugene Korean Church.

Park began attending both churches with her children, and her faith grew. When bad things happened, she prayed and gave thanks that things were not worse.

When Park accepted a job in New Jersey, Myungjun Choi, Eugene Korean Church pastor, suggested she be baptized before moving. Park agreed.

It felt right to her, but Park worried about the bits and pieces of knowledge of God she had. Was that enough? Choi explained that getting baptized was the first step

in believing in God. He and his wife gave Park baptismal preparations for the three weeks leading to her baptism.

Her baptism was a wonderful celebration of her love of God and acceptance into the family of Christ. Members of both churches attended her baptism and praised God for Park's faithful journey.

Of the future Park says, "The only thing I want is to have my family together in God and to become a true Christian."

Karen Wechner, Eugene Church communication leader

Molalla Vacation Bible School Sees Black and White

The Molalla (Ore.) Church was filled with "Pandamania" for one week in July with bamboo, Chinese lanterns and panda paw prints everywhere. Thirty-six children, 20 of them from the local community, enjoyed singing, hearing stories and eating healthy snacks during the church's Vacation Bible School. Several youth members served as group leaders. The children especially enjoyed the crafts, which included bamboo chimes, nature prints and placemats. The children presented a small program for parents on the last day and did a couple of songs for special music on Sabbath. Attendance at VBS was higher than usual this year, according to Cindy Hepler, VBS director.

Helen Shreve, Molalla Church communication leader



Columbia Adventist Academy Gives Back to the Community

Commitment to service is a hallmark of Columbia Adventist Academy in Battle Ground, Wash. Nearly every month of the school year a group of students spends a day serving the community. Students have three opportunities to serve throughout the year: once with their class and twice during all-school service days in the fall and spring.

October brought the first opportunity to serve. This year, students and staff volunteered at a variety of places, including International Children's Care, the Oregon Food Bank and the Battle Ground Head Start. Some students played with children or visited with mentally handicapped adults, while others braved the elements to help the community prepare for winter



Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) students enjoy their new friends at the end of a game- and fun-filled day.

by stacking wood and cleaning gutters.

Students returned to campus glad they had the opportunity to help people. They recognized the importance of service and appreciated seeing their classmates participate. Lauren Kennedy, a sophomore who helped at the food bank, says, "I

thought it was really fun, and it made me feel good helping the community."

Jacob Carter, a junior, says, "It was good to see people doing good things for people who are less fortunate."

The staff also enjoyed working outside of the classroom with their students and seeing

them use their gifts to improve the lives of others. After working with a group of students who were spending time with the mentally handicapped, one teacher was told by the director, "Your students are able to engage people who never talk in conversations and to play games that they'll never play when the students aren't here."

The senior class made plans to work with the Battle Ground Head Start program and build a new roof at Pathfinder Paradise in November. The junior class gets their turn in December, when they will be re-packing Walk-and-Knock donations at the Battle Ground Adventist Community Services.

Lindsay Kelstrom, 2007 CAA graduate

PAA Welcomes Back Teacher



Mark Kooy

Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) welcomes back Mark Kooy to the fine arts department. He returned to PAA from a one-year educational sabbatical to learn Rhino, a 3-D imagining software program. The new software will enhance the PAA curriculum, which Kooy also took sabbatical time to rewrite.

Kooy's students are already benefiting from his time away. They began the school year by designing lights and will soon be learning about space and motion. The overall changes benefit the students in many ways. "Now our students will have a sequential art experience from basic to advanced visual arts for college-prep and scholarship opportunities," says Kooy.

As advances in technology continue, PAA teachers like Kooy will continue to keep their curricula up to date. "It's important to integrate new media and techniques to the program while staying true to the principles of creative process as well as inspiration from Genesis and the book *Education* by Ellen G. White," says Kooy.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA GLEANER correspondent

Welcome to SunnyCity!

The busy little town isn't on a map, but it really exists ... in a city park, in Portland, Ore. It's only three years old and has SunnyCity ever grown. Here, children love running, jumping, singing — even praying.

At the Visitors Center on Friendship Alley visitors are issued passports. At City Hall, Mayor-for-a-Day Andre Wang, real-life attorney and member of the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee, stamps passports and gives suggestions for the stash of “sunnymoney” for the nearby toy store.

The Portland Fire and Police bureaus and the Multnomah County sheriff have stations along Hope Expressway. Adventist Medical Center and Dr. Jon, the dentist, see patients.

At Graceland Plaza children receive grace; at Portland



DAVE ALLEN

Adventist Community Services they share Christian love; at the Commission for the Blind, they serve the unsighted; at Project Patch, they work out family issues; at SunnyCity Library, they hear stories and go to church in the little SunnyCity Sanctuary. On Joy! Joy! Joy! Avenue visitors attend Portland Adventist Elementary School and Portland Adventist Academy and then grab a snack at Delicious Island, SunnyCity's food court.

On this sunny August Sunday, nearly 120 energetic members from the Sunnyside (Ore.) Church and a team of 40, who have been praying day and

night for two weeks, host the city for a day. Jonathan Russell, assistant pastor, leads singing while Scott LeMert, senior pastor, prints more passports and Shirley Allen, associate pastor, aids the children's ministry.

In all, the population is officially 800 junior citizens, plus brothers, sisters, moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles, making the actual population closer to 2,000.

After the sun sets on Sun-

nyCity, phone calls are made, cards and emails sent, home visits conducted, and children welcomed to quarterly KidsAlive@Sunnyside Church services. Some even join Adventurers.

Tour's over. But SunnyCity's Sun shines forever!

Phyllis Foster Woods, Sunnyside Church communication leader, as reported by Richard Fenn



NORM HENRY

It takes more than 100 volunteers to keep SunnyCity running.

Churches Come Together for Refreshing Retreat

Members of the Christmas Valley (Ore.) and La Pine (Ore.) churches gathered for a spirit-filled weekend at the first REFRESHED retreat, held Aug. 25–28 at the bottom of nearby Paulina Peak.

The retreat, which included a special children's program, focused on positive living and its rippling effect on evangelistic outreach in the community and in our own families.

On Friday evening, attendees sat under a starry sky at

candle-lit tables shaped into a large cross for an authentic agape feast. “To stand before both congregations in the quiet of the night, breaking the unleavened bread and drinking the fresh ‘wine’ in the presence of the Lord under the stars that night — it was such a blessed experience, and words are few to describe it,” says Jonathan Pawson, Christmas Valley and La Pine pastor.

Sabbath included the creek-side baptisms of La Pine's

Susie Bashaw and Three Sisters Adventist Christian School (Bend, Ore.) students: Bethany and Tate Easterbrooks, Zoe Reynolds, Luke Darby, Jocelyn Griffin and Kristyn Taylor.

“To think we could have such a wonderful, spiritual and refreshing experience right here in our own ‘backyard’ is amazing!” says Martha Underwood, La Pine Church member.

Tobi Pawson, La Pine Church Bible worker



Unexpected Gifts

From time to time, there are moments that capture the incredible privilege it is to work at Upper Columbia Academy (UCA). A recent encounter with a graduate of a neighboring high school is the perfect example.

Cyrus requested a meeting to apologize for vandalism he had done to our campus in the late 90s. Soft spoken and clean cut, he's a Ph.D. candidate at a prestigious university. His story includes a journey into alcoholism — from his first drink at age 15 to the depths of disgust and despair over his addiction later. Currently on leave from his scholastic program, he's making amends and getting his life right with God.

Though he came from a Christian family and was valedictorian of his class, Cyrus discovered that the knowledge he had about God and all his "smarts" weren't enough to keep him from self-destruction. His wife was ready to leave him. There were days of which he had no memory, and he was in danger of losing his place in the doctoral program.

Attending an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, he heard God's voice speaking to him through another alcoholic, and finally understood that he needed help.

Cyrus climbed a mountain and asked God to reveal what he needed to do to stop the downward spiral. Various wrongs he'd committed through the years came to



Troy Patzer, Upper Columbia Academy principal, visits with an unexpected guest.

mind. He made a list, which included UCA. Estimating the cost of his vandalism, he offered an unexpected \$500 gift to the school.

Troy Patzer, UCA principal, and Linnea Torkelsen, development director, immediately knew where the money would go. Cyrus's gift would help a student who very much wanted to be at UCA for an Adventist education — a young man who, just days

before, had lost his father to complications of alcoholism. Hearing this, Cyrus started to cry.

Understanding what his gift could accomplish, he wrote the check for \$1,000. Torkelsen then invited him to be the young man's prayer guardian, explaining UCA's Prayer PATCH program. With more tears, he said he would be honored to accept.

The meeting ended with

prayer — for Cyrus and the journey he is on, for the students and the school, and with thanksgiving to God for His gift of forgiveness and unfathomable love for all who stand at the foot of the cross.

As Cyrus said goodbye, his face was unforgettable — it was glowing.

*Katie Torkelsen-Spoo, UCA
GLENER correspondent*

The Gospel in Diapers

Diapers are a big deal at the Richland and Pasco (Wash.) churches. In some instances, people who haven't handled a diaper in years are now busy sorting, counting and bagging hundreds of diapers each month. They have become "experts" on the various brands and can tell you down to the penny how much a single diaper costs.

Why the sudden interest in diapers? It all started with a desperate request for diapers from a mother in need. Cindy Williams, a volunteer for the Pasco Adventist Community Food Bank, was so moved she asked the nearby Tri-City (Wash.) Junior Academy students to hold a diaper drive. More than 12,000 diapers were collected, and what started out as a one-time drive became a permanent organization.

Studies show that as many as one in three families have to



The Diaper Bank collects more than 18,000 diapers and \$1,376 in donations during a stuff-the-bus event.

choose to buy diapers or pay for food or rent. Many mothers are forced to wash out and reuse disposable diapers to care for their infants.

The Tri-Cities Diaper Bank, a division of the Adventist Community Services staffed by church members, is the

first agency of its kind in the area. Pacific Mobile donated temporary storage at the Pasco Church, and there is now a second distribution center at the Richland Church. More than 25,000 diapers have been distributed in the past year.

Enthusiasm for this faith-

based ministry is spreading through the community. Chico's clothing boutique offered up to 50 percent off for customers bringing in a pack of diapers. The Pasco Chapter of MOMS International collected 2,000 diapers, and the Jason Lee Elementary School held a diaper drive this fall. The *Tri-City Herald* featured several articles about the diaper bank, which were picked up by newspapers from as far away as Seattle, Wash., and Bellingham, Wash.

Operating the Diaper Bank has generated new outreach opportunities for both churches to connect with community organizations as well as community members. More information is available at www.tricitiesdiaperbank.org.

Renee Martin, Richland Church secretary and Tri-Cities Diaper Bank associate program director

Wapato Spanish Organizes Church

The Upper Columbia Conference celebrated with local Hispanic members in Wapato, Wash., during the organization ceremony of the Wapato Spanish Church on Oct. 15. The church, which originally formed as a small company several years ago, now has more than 30 members and is quickly growing.

Jay Wintermeyer, UCC communication director



Central Washington Men's Retreat to Lake Chelan

Men from across central Washington gathered at the picturesque Camp Chelan during the first weekend in October for a powerful men's retreat. The weekend focused on fathers in the Bible and was led by David Olson from Moses Lake, Wash., and Eric Barber from Wenatchee, Wash.

On Sabbath afternoon, a group of men boated a few miles up Lake Chelan to Safety Harbor, where they enjoyed walking along a creek full of bright-red spawning kokanee salmon. Later that afternoon, some hiked up the Camp Chelan property and enjoyed the majestic views.

In addition to spiritual inspiration, the retreat gave the men opportunity to work with their hands. On Friday and again on Sunday and Monday, the men worked on replacing the cabin's 40-year-old shingles with a beautiful green metal roof.



Brandon Crumpacker of Wenatchee, Wash., and David Olsen of Moses Lake, Wash., watch spawning salmon.

Work was also done on the new shed roof. Since this property is only accessible by boat, it was especially challenging to get all the roofing material loaded on the boat and across the lake.

The weather was perfect except for a little rain, and God blessed participants with great worship and fellowship while working on an important project. More pictures can be found on the recently updated website at www.campchelan.org.

Eric Barber, Camp Chelan director



David Olson shares at the Sabbath church service held on the beach.

SHINE Graduation

A First for Upper Columbia Conference

The Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) graduated their first class of 10 students from the SHINE Bible Worker Training School on Sept. 17.

They were congratulated by their teachers Steve Rogers, Dave Livermore, Jordana Ashburn and Eric Ramirez as well as administrators of UCC. Participants received certificates of completion.

The one-month course prepared the students to assist with evangelism and Bible studies and to serve as Bible-worker coordinators. Some of the graduates will be working soon in local UCC churches.

"The results of having a Bible school called Shine have been successful," Bob Folkenberg Jr., UCC president, said to the graduates. "No matter where you go, you will shine!" He also charged them to multiply wherever they

go and help the church shine.

The graduates are Nitzi Barrett, Harold Beebe, Marla King, Tamala Mack, Jay Nawalkowski, Bob Ratcliff, Jerry Risenhoover, Maryann Risenhoover, Tye Schultz and Derek Williams.

Graduation was especially sweet for Jerry Risenhoover, who was told by his doctor not to attend the school because of a post-traumatic stress illness. But Risenhoover and his wife, Maryann, were impressed to attend anyway, and throughout the training he was able to retain what he learned and even preached at an evangelistic meeting. He believes the Holy Spirit worked with him and allowed him this opportunity.

Kathy Marson, UCC communication department administrative assistant

Irrigon Hosts 9/11 Concert

The Irrigon (Ore.) Church hosted its second-annual gospel and patriotic concert on Sept. 11 at the Irrigon Marina Park on the Columbia River.

The event included a color-guard service, patriotic songs and gospel singers and featured speakers Kris Perkins, lieutenant colonel from the Umatilla Army Depot, and Greg Smith, Oregon congressman.

Nearly 400 people attended, including firefighters, police officers and first responders who were specially invited to be

recognized at the event.

All Irrigon churches were invited to participate, and members provided music, equipment, cookies and punch.

Linda Anderson, Irrigon Church communication leader



Adventist Named Native Leader of 2011

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise and Development named Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Tribal Community chairman, Native Leader of the Year earlier this year.

Cladoosby and his wife, Nina, are members of the Lummi (Wash.) Church and drive 45 miles to church each week.

Cladoosby began his tribal leadership 28 years ago when he was elected to the Tribal Senate. He won the election for chairman, the tribe's highest position, in 1996.

Monthly council meetings went well, but the tribal constitution set the annual council on a Saturday. People warned Cladoosby that if he failed to appear, he would not be re-elected.

He wrote out his State of the Nation address and gave it to a trusted council member to read for him, then took his wife and daughters to church as usual, leaving the outcome to God, who sets up rulers and deposes them.

Cladoosby was re-elected.

After a few years of by-proxy speeches, the council voted (in his absence) to change the constitution, moving the annual meeting to a different day of the week. Cladoosby has been chairman ever since.

Cladoosby had "serious reservations" about the idea of building a casino in the community but consented at the urging of council members and tribal elders, with the



Brian Cladoosby, long-time member and ordained elder of the Lummi Church, a small Adventist mission church on the Lummi Indian Reservation in Bellingham, Wash., wears his official cedar "top hat," which was presented as part of the 2011 American Indian Tribal Leadership Award.

clear stipulation that profits be used for the good of the community. As a result, funds were used to repair and winterize elder housing, improve schools, create job opportunities, build and staff a medical clinic and addiction rehab center, improve childcare and youth recreation facilities, and more.

Three years ago, Cladoosby was also elected president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest American Indians, where he works with 57 tribal lead-

ers from nine states. Cladoosby was also appointed to a Native American national committee that facilitates cooperation between tribal and federal governments.

On the state level, Cladoosby is often invited by the governor to offer opening prayer at official events. This year, Swinomish was also the host tribe of the week-long Tribal Journeys festival for representatives of more

than 60 West Coast tribes from the U.S. and Canada, some of whom had paddled for weeks to be there. This may well have been the first such gathering where no alcohol or drugs were allowed on the premises.

Cladoosby was surprised to learn he had even been nominated as Native Leader of the Year, let alone won, but Lummi Church members who know him and enjoy his monthly sermons in the small shared-pastor church were not. They have seen God do great things through Cladoosby and heard him consistently give God the credit and glory.

Corienne Hay, Lummi Church member

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of ministry

God is at work in people's lives as they are "Unlocking Revelation," learning about Bible prophecy and developing a relationship with Jesus.

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400 Teens Share Acts of Service

If you drove around Kirkland, Wash., on a sunny day in mid-October, you likely would have seen nearly 400 teenagers in green t-shirts participating in acts of service in the community.

Representing western Washington's junior and senior academies, these seventh- to 12th-grade volunteers were part of the second-annual School Community Impact Service Event.

"Our purpose was to create a greater impact in the Seattle [Wash.] eastside communities," says Byron Dulan, Washington Conference outreach ministries director and event coordinator. "We also wanted to foster greater productive fellowship and unity among all academy students."



HEIDI MARTELLA

Middle and high school students give a day of service to the Kirkland, Wash., community.

Student volunteers and chaplains arrived at Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA), the host site, for a devotional and an orientation before departing to service sites.

Students chose from a variety of service opportunities, includ-

ing replanting native plants, spreading cedar chips for a new dog park, cleaning offices, sorting library books, removing invasive weeds, helping with non-profit special events, painting a gymnasium, feeding the homeless, maintaining trails

and parks, and packaging food donations.

"A few groups finished early," says Linda Taber, PSAA principal, "so they came back and helped with some projects on campus."

An afternoon rally gave teens an opportunity to report on their activities and watch a slideshow of the day.

John Freedman, Washington Conference president, thanked students for their day of service. "Every seed of kindness sown is a seed planted for Jesus," he said.

A photo gallery archive is available at facebook.com/washingtonconference.

Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director

Skagit Students Serve the Homeless

Seventh- and eighth-grade students at Skagit Adventist Academy in Burlington, Wash., began their school year with a community outreach project on Sept. 8.

The classroom of 28 students helped with the Connecting Homeless Project held at Skagit Community College. During the service fair, more than 700 Skagit County homeless could choose from services such as medical care, dental care, haircuts, legal services, food and clothing.

Students helped set up and serve lunch, assisted with the Children's Museum, and

handed out toiletries, clothing and food. Students ate lunch with guests and other volunteers and were able to share about God, their school and the local Adventist churches.

The organizers of the event were impressed with the students' enthusiasm and willingness to help. The organizers promised to find more ways for students to help with the next event, and students are already anticipating more service projects.

Tami Rowe, Skagit Adventist School teacher



TAMI ROWE

Skagit Adventist School seventh- and eighth-grade students volunteer during the Connecting Homeless Project service fair in Skagit County.

Faith in Action

Northwest Christian's Week of Prayer Features New Pastor

The Northwest Christian School in Puyallup, Wash., featured Seth Pierce, new senior pastor of the adjacent Puyallup Church, as speaker for the year's first Week of Prayer, which was held at the end of September.

"Pastor Seth inspired the students to study more about Jesus," says Allan Sather, Northwest Christian School's new principal.

Week of Prayer was divided into two groups, with a ses-

sion for kindergarten through fourth grade and another for grades five through eight. Each morning, Pierce kept the students captivated with his personal and biblical stories of faith in action.

After the morning worship, Pierce got acquainted with the students in their classrooms and at a recess dodgeball game, during which the students tried to get him out.

Week of Prayer also served as a prompt for upper-grade students to indicate their desire to study the Bible. The pastoral staff will provide these Bible studies through-

out the school year and prepare students for baptism in the spring.

The school is already anticipating their spring Week of Prayer with Greg Howell, Graham, Wash., and Yelm, Wash., pastor and former Puyallup associate pastor.

Staff and students enjoy the opportunity to be at a Christian school where they can celebrate God by dedicating two weeks of the school year to spiritual emphasis.

Alethea Miller, Northwest Christian School staff

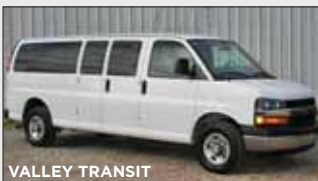


Seth Pierce, the Puyallup (Wash.) Church new senior pastor, sneaks into a photo with Northwest Christian School students. Pierce presented a Week of Prayer for students at the beginning of the school year.

Olympia Christian School Awarded New Van

The Intercity Transit board of directors recently awarded the Olympia (Wash.) Christian School (OCS) a 12-passenger van, a grant based largely on demonstrated benefit to the community.

The board said they are amazed at how many acts of service OCS students provide in the community.



Pictured here is the new van for the Olympia Christian School. The van will better transport students on fieldtrips into the community they serve.

"We're teaching students about the importance of walking in the footsteps of Jesus," says Anita McKown, OCS principal.

The OCS students regularly participate in community-service projects like pulling invasive ivy at Priest Point Park, collecting items for the SafePlace shelter and helping the Stream Team program with native plantings at Woodard Creek.

In addition, OCS teamed up with local private and public schools to present "To Haiti with Love from the Kids of Thurston County," a concert that raised \$7,000 for disaster relief in Haiti.

Music groups from OCS also

performed at United Way's Born Learning Trail, where students also introduced city dignitaries. At another event, OCS students provided music at a Christmas party for Thurston County's foster children. Older students regularly serve as pages in the Washington State Legislature and volunteer monthly at the Thurston County Food Bank.

The new van, expected to arrive soon from the Intercity Transit, will help OCS better transport students on fieldtrips and into the community they serve.

Anita McKown, OCS principal, with Heidi Martella, Washington Conference communication director



Olympia Christian School students are better able to serve the community with a new van for transportation.

Destination: Rosario

Researchers Converge at WWU's Marine Laboratory

Walla Walla University's (WWU's) Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, in Anacortes, Wash., recently hosted the Sixth North American Echinoderm Conference — a truly international event, with more than a third of the 85 participants coming from 14 different countries, including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, England, Germany, Malaysia and South Africa.

Conference attendees presented and discussed their recent research on echinoderms — animals such as sea urchins, sea stars, sand dollars and sea cucumbers.

This was the first time the group met on the West Coast. Few of the conference attendees had ever been in the Pacific

Northwest, and they were impressed with the natural beauty above and below the water.

"Rosario is stunning," expresses Maria Byrne, University of Sydney professor and director of One Tree Island Research Station in Australia. "The ambience is perfect, with peaceful surroundings that inspire new friendships as well as conversations about echino-science."

Presentation topics included the discovery of new species, the ability of many echinoderms to regenerate lost limbs and damaged nerves, comparisons between fossil echinoderms and their present-day counterparts, and the effects of changes in ocean conditions on echinoderms.

"It was a forward-looking



JIM NESTLER

Scientists from around the world enjoy exploring the area around Walla Walla University's Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory during a recent conference. Many had never seen creatures from this part of the world.

conference with great current content as well as promise for the future," says Rich Mooi, chairman of Invertebrate Zoology and Geology at the California Academy of Sciences. "Missing it would have left a huge hole in my perspective of the field."

Jim Nestler, WWU biology professor and conference organizer, felt the gathering was perfect for networking. "The size of the group allowed for significant professional and personal interaction between scientists of all levels," he explains. "Everyone was an equal at these meetings, sharing their findings and ideas."

Three WWU students gave presentations at the conference. Amy Tan, junior biology major, talked about the interactions between sea cucumbers and coral. C.J. Brothers, graduate biology student, discussed her

current studies dealing with the regeneration of internal organs in sea cucumbers. Tammy Loveday, 2010 biology master's graduate, presented on a parasite that infects sea stars.

"Rosario is a great destination for researchers," Byrne says. "It has a fabulous running sea-water system, a wonderful display of local echinoderms, well-appointed laboratories, and, most importantly, direct access to great flora and fauna for research."

James McClintock, University of Alabama professor, sums up the event by saying, "Not only was the conference a huge success scientifically, but attendees departed with newfound respect for Walla Walla University and its educational mission."

*Becky St. Clair, WWU
GLENER correspondent*



JIM NESTLER

A biologist displays a giant sea urchin, one example of the area echinoderms that international scientists studied during a conference at Walla Walla University's marine laboratory.

Adventist Health News Notes

WALLA WALLA GENERAL HOSPITAL EARNS TOP MARKS FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Out of more than 3,000 hospitals submitting data to The Joint Commission, Walla Walla General Hospital (WWGH) was recently recognized as one of 405 top performers on key quality measures for achieving excellence on measures of quality care in the commission's annual report on quality and safety.

These hospitals, which represent 14 percent of The Joint Commission-accredited hospitals, scored 95 percent for every accountability measure related to heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, surgical care and children's asthma care during 2010.

In addition, The Joint Commission recognized WWGH

for achieving excellence in performance on its accountability measure during 2010 for the pneumonia measure set.

For more information, visit www.jointcommission.org/accreditation/top_performers.

ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER - PORTLAND RECOGNIZED AMONG OREGON'S HEALTHIEST EMPLOYERS

Adventist Medical Center was recently on the *Portland Business Journal's* list of Healthiest Employers of Oregon 2011. The award is designed to promote the value of workplace wellness and recognize companies demonstrating innovation and leadership in wellness programs.

In addition, the hospital recently opened the LivingWell Bistro on its campus. All menu items are made from fresh, organic, locally- and sustainably-sourced ingredients. The focus is on delicious plant-based cuisine featuring choice seasonal produce.

The bistro's open design allows customers to interact with the chefs, ask questions about cooking techniques, enjoy the casual dining atmosphere, and look for kitchen gadgets, cook-

books and ingredients to take home. For more information, visit www.livingwellbistro.com.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL NAMED TOP 100 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL

The Tillamook County General Hospital (TCGH) was recently named to the list of top 100 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in America by the National Rural Health Association. TCGH joins six other CAHs in Oregon that achieved the highest scores on the Hospital Strength Index in this first-ever comprehensive rating. There are 1,327 CAHs nationwide.

Incorporating 56 different measures of performance, the Hospital Strength Index includes a unique set of measures that rate market strength, value-based strength and financial strength as key pillars for benchmarking and setting new goals to meet upcoming health-reform initiatives.

Brittany Russell Dobbs,
Adventist Health
GLENER
correspondent

Additionally, Tillamook County General Hospital is excited to announce the debut of its newly redesigned website. Visitors to the website will find all the information they need to know about the coastal hospital. You are invited to visit www.TCGH.com.



Pictured here is the new LivingWell Bistro at Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore.



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Adventist Medical Center in Portland, Ore., recently launched a YouTube video about its awesome nurses. Now they are YouTube stars! "The Rounding Queen" has become a YouTube hit and is the hospital's most viewed video ever — and it's still spreading quickly. You can see the video at YouTube.com/AdventistHealthNW or on the hospital's Facebook page at Facebook.com/AdventistHealthNW.

It's Christmas in the Trenches



*“’Twas Christmas in
the trenches, where the
frost so bitter hung.
The frozen fields of
France were still,
no Christmas song
was sung.”³*

— John McCutcheon

While looking for a *GLEANER* story, I uncovered a most intriguing event. Historians mark a lull in World War I where enemy soldiers stopped the war in order to celebrate Christmas on the frontlines.

As Christmas Eve 1914 approached, soldiers realized they would not be returning to family tables for Christmas, as promised. There would be cold barracks in place of happy hearths, no merrymaking sleigh rides, but the grim realities of rifles. “Food

was scarce, the rats and the lice had taken over the trenches ...”¹ “The soldiers — unequipped to face the rigors of the cold and rain — found themselves wallowing in a freezing mire of mud and the decaying bodies of the fallen.”² As the night began, memories of home, family and civility flooded the GI’s minds and Christmases past, like waves, washed over their minds.

Out of the cold night, bands of German soldiers assembled small flickering Christmas trees (gifts of their government). As they

did this, they sang carols. Across No Man’s Land, the area between the two battling armies, the British recognized the hymns, looked at the brigade of lights, paused for a moment, wondered if it was a trick — and then sang heartily back.

The Christmas Truce of 1914 or “Christmas in the Trenches,” later romanticized in the block-buster movie *Jeux Noel*, lasted the entire Christmas Day and on some frontlines up to New Year’s Day along many

eye conversing pleasantly — goodwill trumping all lines.

“The cannons rested silent, the gas clouds rolled no more,

*As Christmas brought us respite from the war,”*³ McCutcheon writes.

ANOTHER TRUCE

And the journalist in me recalled another truce. In the first one, it’s possible the most sanguine angel begged: “Please let us go. It will be okay. It’s not like we’re singing on Main Street, Bethlehem. We’re

angels persisting: “But ... you’re already waging Operation War on Sin. You just sent Him ... Please ... it’s just a temporary truce.”

And the “Gloria in Excelsis Deo” Christmas Truce was born — a spiritual trove, not of Hollywood making or Disney magic, but heaven and earth reconciled if only for a time in No Man’s Land.

BACK TO WAR

And then I read McCutcheon’s saddest line regarding WWI ...

“Soon daylight stole upon

angels returned to heaven, and the shepherds went about trying to convince their respective villages they really had been privy to an angel choir. And biblical scholars everywhere mark it — Humanity’s Only Moment.

But for that moment both sang —

*“And in two tongues one song filled up that sky.”*³

And every cell in our fallible, terrible, sinful, bending selves truly loves, re-loves, lives and lives again for that Christmas TRUCE.

“The cannons rested silent, the gas clouds rolled no more, As Christmas brought us respite from the war,” McCutcheon writes.

trenches. British, French and German soldiers in merriment exchanged brandy, letters, pictures from home, sacred rations and chocolate candies with enemies. In yuletide, warriors, like giddy school children, played soccer (who won varies on the historian’s country), buried each other’s dead and sang “Stille Nacht.”

*“And in two tongues one song filled up that sky,”*³ writes John McCutcheon, performer/songwriter.

War memorabilia today shows officers in full regalia, standing eye to

just going to sing to a few shepherds. Even if the shepherds tell their story, no one is going to believe simple shepherds.”

In that truce, I like to think the Father answered, “I’m waging a war on sin down there. Do you know how putrefying sin is? Sin has separated our troops. I’ve commenced to trying to save them. But it’s not safe for angels down there. They make slaves of each other, harm their children, hurt their neighbors, and betray their families. They’re evil day and night.”

And then I imagine the

us and France was France once more.

*With sad farewells we each began to settle back to war.”*³

Some war historians say one side waved “Merry Christmas.” The other side waved back “Thank you.” The rifles taken back up, two shots rang in the air, but historians everywhere record it as — Humanity’s Finest Moment.

And so with the Angel Truce, heaven was heaven once more. And earth went back to being earth. Shepherds wiped the stardust from their eyes. The

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Cindy R. Chamberlin,
GLENER managing editor

MILESTONES

Cornell 90th

Duane Cornell was honored at a brunch at the Excelsior Inn to celebrate his 90th birthday. The brunch was hosted by his wife, Blanche, and his children: Derek and Tina Cornell, Lonnie and Dixie Robinson, and Sheryl Robinson.

The brunch was attended by his granddaughter Sofia and her husband from Reno, Nev., his grandsons, Kirk and Reese, from Washington, and his granddaughter, Angela, from Eugene, Ore. His three great-grandsons as well as other family and friends also celebrated with him.

Duane was born Sept. 8, 1921, in Topeka, Kan. He attended Union College Academy and Union College. He served as a photographer in the United States Navy and eventually retired from United Airlines.

Duane's family presented him with a photo book chronicling his life. Duane and Blanche are members of the Springfield (Ore.) Church.

Fox 60th

Claude and Vera Fox celebrated their 60th anniversary on Aug. 18, 2011, with a family dinner in Mount Vernon, Wash. They are members of the Arlington (Wash.) Church.

Claude I. Fox married Vera B. Morgan on Aug. 18, 1951,



Vera and Claude Fox

in Mount Vernon with Alfred Palmer, pastor, officiating. Claude and Vera both worked for the Stanwood (Wash.) school district, where Vera was food director for 24 years and Claude worked in maintenance for 18 years. Their hobbies include gardening vegetables as well as flowers for church, and they enjoy dinners with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They have lived in the same home in Stanwood for 45 years.

The couple's family includes Jim Fox, Mount Vernon; Larry and Wendy (Hollingsworth) Fox, Stanwood; Debbie and Ellroy Oster, Sultan, Wash.; Rick and Lezlie (Keltner) Fox, Bellingham, Wash.; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Knopp 90th

Velva V. (Vietz) Knopp celebrated her 90th birthday with family and friends Aug. 21, 2011, with a surprise party held at the Park Plaza Retirement Residence, where she lives.

Velva was born in Denhoff, N.D., on Aug. 18, 1921, to Samuel and Lydia (Schindler) Vietz, the third of five children. The Vietz family moved west in 1930 and settled in Startup, Wash. They later moved to College Place, Wash., where Velva attended Davis Grade School and the old Walla Walla High School. She worked at various house-keeping jobs after school to earn money for piano lessons.

On June 1, 1940, Velva married Bennie E. Knopp. They moved to the Portland, Ore., area, where their three daughters were born. Velva stayed home to raise their daughters

and then worked a number of years until retiring in 1983. They moved back to Walla Walla in 1988. Bennie died May 18, 1992, just before their 52nd wedding anniversary.

In 1993, Velva began working as a senior companion, which became the love of her life for 10 years. She visited eight senior citizens weekly — taking them to various appointments, reading to them, running errands for them, and so on. She retired again in 2003.

Velva moved to Park Plaza Retirement Residence in Walla Walla on Sept. 9, 2010. She enjoys the good food, her great friends and the facility's wonderful management team. She also enjoys all types of music and still plays her keyboard.

Velva's family includes Vicki and Ray DeLeon, Astoria, Ore.; Nancy and Dan Godman, Boring, Ore.; Kathy and Ron Fetter, Mesa, Ariz.; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Robertson 70th

John and Katherine Robertson celebrated 70 years of marriage on Sept. 21, 2011, with their immediate family.

John and Katherine first met when they were students at Walla Walla College. They married on Sept. 21, 1941, at the Portland (Ore.) Central Church. John then became a pastoral intern in the Oregon Conference.

Through the years, they pastored a number of churches including the Roseburg (Ore.) Church, Green Lake (Wash.) Church, Paradise Valley (Calif.) Church, Long Beach, Vallejo Drive (Calif.) Church and La Sierra (Calif.) College

Church. He served as assistant to the president in the Southeast California Conference and chaired the religion department at Atlantic Union College, where he also pastored the church.

After spending most of the last 50 years, including retirement, in Southern California, the couple moved to Somerset Lodge in Gladstone, Ore., to be near family.

The Robertson family includes two sons, John M., a psychologist in Lawrence, Kan.; Douglas J., a physician in Vancouver, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Rogers 100th

Margaret Rogers celebrated 100 years of life on Aug. 28, 2011.

Mary Margaret Spear was born Aug. 28, 1911, in Lincoln, Ark. When she was five, her family moved to Emmett, Idaho. She left a few times but always came back home to Idaho.

She later married Ed Rogers, and they adopted two boys, Rob and Phil, from Korea during the Korean War. Ed died a number of years ago, and Margaret now lives in a care center. She appreciates those who help her and says it's a good place to be. Margaret is a long-time Adventist and member of the Eagle (Idaho) Church.

Being 100 years old is a milestone she never thought she would reach, but if the Lord doesn't come soon she may celebrate many more.

Margaret's family includes her sons Rob Rogers, Boise, Idaho; Phil Rogers of Oregon; and 3 grandchildren.

BIRTHS

ASHLOCK — Mason James was born Aug. 15, 2011, to Tyler and Heather (Joyce) Ashlock, Portland, Ore.

BARTOLOME — Kalina Rafaele was born April 19, 2011, to Ira and Daisie (Dimalibot) Bartolome, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

BIXEL — Harley S. was born Aug. 2, 2011, to Douglas and Carrie (Miller) Bixel, Renton, Wash.

BIXEL — Ian D. was born Aug. 2, 2011, to Douglas and Carrie (Miller) Bixel, Renton, Wash.

CAFFERKY — Cora Laine was born Oct. 7, 2011, to Nathan and Andrea “Dea” (Botimer) Cafferky, Danville, Pa.

KRENZLER — Jaidyn Elise was born Sept. 19, 2011, to Jason and Miranda (Bradley) Krenzler, Vancouver, Wash.

LEE — Zara Adelaide was born May 1, 2011, to Matthew and Karisse (Fiedler) Lee, Mount Vernon, Wash.

LEITZEN — Benjamin Jude was born Aug. 27, 2011, to Beau Leitzen and Hannah Pearce, Rochester, Minn.

MUFF — Kaylee Eden was born Aug. 8, 2011, to Nick and Savanna (Spink) Muff, Bellingham, Wash.

NEELY — Judith Kilene was born July 30, 2011, to Matt and Talia (Sanfilippo) Neely, Philomath, Ore.

NIELSEN — Kalea Brielle Wat was born July 14, 2011, to Erik and Karyelle (Fleck) Nielsen, Mount Vernon, Wash.

PRITCHARD — Corbin James was born Oct. 11, 2011, to Tyler and Haley (Isaacs) Pritchard, Vancouver, Wash.

RICE — Kaya Lee was born July 22, 2011, to Andrew and Becky (Leavelle) Rice, La Conner, Wash.

WONGSAPROME — Noah R. was born Sept. 11, 2011, to Aran and Eloisa (Almazora) Wongsaprome, Hillsboro, Ore.

WEDDINGS

HUMBERT-DONESKY — Katey Humbert and Damian Donesky were married Aug. 8, 2011, in Oregon City, Ore. They are making their home in Vancouver, Wash. Katey is the daughter of Kenneth and Nancy (Logan) Humbert. Damian is the son of Conroy Donesky (deceased) and Jonathan and Susan (Anderson) Erich.

RUSH-MOSELEY — Kathy L. (Freeman) Rush and John A. Moseley were married Aug. 13, 2011, in Eagle Point, Ore., where they are making their home. Kathy is the daughter of Margaret Boone and Cleo Freeman. John is the son of Dorothy Howard and Lee Moseley.

STONE-PFLUGRAD — Aubrey Stone and Russell Pflugrad were married July 15, 2011, in Spokane, Wash. They are making their home in Cheney, Wash. Aubrey is the daughter of Jack and Tina Smith. Russell is the son of Ron and Julie (Morgan) Pflugrad and Beth (Webster) and Rick Jordan.

TOTTEN-SEGEBARTT — Sara Totten and Jared Segebartt were married Feb. 6, 2011, in Renton, Wash. They are making their home Palouse, Wash. Sara is the daughter of Wayne and Mary (Adams) Totten. Jared is the son of Allan and Kim (Sabo) Segebartt.

AT REST

ADAMSON — Harold, 94; born July 11, 1916, Linton, N.D.; died July 5, 2011, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Brett; Bruce and Craig, both of Salem; daughter, Clarice Blachly, Cornelius, Ore.; 9 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

BABB — Rose Ellen (Parsons), 85; born Dec. 15, 1925, Visalia, Calif.; died April 24, 2011, College Place, Wash. Surviving: son, Larry, Santa Rosa, Calif.; daughters,

Marolyn Duncan, Eureka, Calif.; Charlotte Mendenhall, College Place; 9 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

CANNING — George, 72; born April 19, 1939, St. Petersburg, Fla.; died July 2, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: wife, Linda (Williams); son, Christopher Baxter, Vancouver; daughters, Tracy Baxter, Midwest City, Okla.; and Christina Baxter, Vancouver.

CORBIN — Sandra Jean (Borgen), 57; born April 7, 1954, Seattle, Wash.; died June 25, 2011, Selah, Wash. Surviving: husband, Hershel Sr.; sons, Hershel Jr., Selah; George, Redmond, Wash.; daughter, Kari Rumble, Selah; mother, Doris Borgen, Bothell, Wash.; brother, Ken Borgen, Rainier, Wash.; sister, Karen Martin, Yakima, Wash.; and 6 grandchildren.

DAHL — Marjorie (Hobart Pierson), 92; born March 31, 1919, Willapa, Wash.; died June 30, 2011, Chehalis, Wash. Surviving: son, J. Roger, Rochester, Wash.; daughters, Maurene Stubbins, Rochester; Marlene Van Tassel, Scappoose, Ore.; and 8 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

DAY — Jack E., 79; born Jan. 20, 1932, Benton City, Ill.; died Jan. 2, 2011, Wenatchee, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joyce M. (Ohrazda); son, Dan, Wenatchee; daughter, Denise, Ellensburg, Wash.; and 4 grandchildren.

DICKERSON — C. Melvin, 84; born June 4, 1927, Fort Scott, Kan.; died July 31, 2011, Sublimity, Ore. Surviving: wife, Lois (Elder); sons, Dennis, Crowley, Texas; Michael, Ringgold, Ga.; Jon, Salem, Ore.; daughters, Deborah Nakamura, Kapaa, Hawaii; Terri Capps, Hannibal, Mo.; brother, Robert, Kansas City, Mo.; sisters, Genevieve Dickerson, Collegedale, Tenn.; Eva Nordgren, Ooltewah, Tenn.; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

GERBERDING — Norma Irene (Hadwick), 84; born Feb. 12, 1927, Hot Springs, S.D.; died March 2, 2011, Salem, Ore. Surviving: sons, Thomas, Sandy, Ore.; Duane and Robert, both of Salem; daughter, Mary Whiteley, Medford, Ore.; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

HERBEL — Eva (Flemmer), 88; born March 16, 1922, Napoleon, N.D.; died Dec. 1, 2010, Hardin, Mont. Surviving: sons, Dwayne, Kent, Wash.; Marvin, Spokane, Wash.; brother, Rueben Flemmer, McCall, Idaho; sisters, Mary Fischer, Eureka, S.D.; Martha Turner, Wakefield, Kan.; Lydia Rogers, Hope, Ark.; 5 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

HOLDREN — Virginia M. (Whitney) Hilde Rennings, 91; born Dec. 6, 1919, Boise, Idaho; died July 24, 2011, Marysville, Wash. Surviving: son, Jim Hilde, Goldendale, Wash.; stepsons, Peter Rennings, Spokane, Wash.; Rick Holdren; stepdaughters, Carolyn (Rennings) Mosebar, Walla Walla, Wash.; Kathleen (Rennings) Jones, Las Vegas, Nev.; Sonja (Rennings) Gourley, College Place, Wash.; Harriet (Rennings) Guthrie, Portland, Ore.; Barbara Holdren; 4 grandchildren, 17 step-grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

HOWELL — Wilbur, 94; born Feb. 23, 1917, Essex, Iowa; died June 23, 2011, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: wife, Sara (Burroughs), Kenmore, Wash.; daughter, Judith Veach, Portland, Ore.; 2 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

HUMBERT-HUNTSUCKER — Bessie (Abell), 101; born March 16, 1910, near Grants Pass, Ore.; died June 19, 2011, Coos Bay, Ore. Surviving: sons, Jim Humbert and Jack Humbert, both of Powers, Ore.; Jerald Humbert, Keizer, Ore.; stepson, Larry Huntsucker, Powers; stepdaughter, Kay Erickson, North Bend, Ore.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

AT REST

KEMPH — Lois Marguerite, 88; born Sept. 3, 1922, Melstone, Mont.; died May 26, 2011, Billings, Mont. Surviving: daughter, Louise Church, Billings; 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MEREEN — Dorothy E. (Wolske), 96; born Aug. 7, 1913, Clayborn, British Columbia, Canada; died May 30, 2010, Chico, Calif. Surviving: son, Glenn, Boise, Idaho; daughter, Margo Goff, of Wyoming; and 6 grandchildren.

MOOR — Ronnie D., 51; born Oct. 20, 1959, Hillsboro, Ore.; died July 27, 2011, Cornelius, Ore. Surviving: wife, Carolyn (James); son, Jason, Cornelius; daughter, Evelyn Moor, Cornelius; parent, Jefferson Moor, Hillsboro; brother, Jeff, Cornelius; sisters, Donna Pickelsimer, Hillsboro; and Cindy Wegener, Banks, Ore.

PAIGE — Harold Howard, 80; born May 20, 1931, Pocatello, Idaho; died June 3, 2011, Pocatello. Surviving: wife, Nadine

Emerson; sons, Allan, Pocatello; David, Walla Walla, Wash.; Doug, Aurora, Colo.; stepsons, David L. Hokanson, Blackfoot, Idaho; Mike Hokanson, Amity, Ore.; Gilbert Hokanson, Ontario, Ore.; daughter, Michelle Ellen, Missoula, Mont.; brother, Earl Paige, Boise, Idaho; sister, Dorothy Scherbel, Pocatello; 5 grandchildren, 15 step-grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and 13 step-great-grandchildren.

PORTER — Loraine G. (Hicks), 51; born June 30, 1959, Tulare, Calif.; died April 7, 2011, Silver Lake, Ore. Surviving: husband, Gene; sons, Lucas, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Steven, Healdsburg, Calif.; daughter, Lori Brusse, Bend, Ore.; parents, Lawrence W. and Janice (Fountain) Hicks, Christmas Valley, Ore.; brothers, Bill Hicks, Christmas Valley; Dan Hicks, Portland, Ore.; sister, Darlene Putnam, Klamath Falls; and 3 grandchildren.

REEVES — Benjamin David, 33; born Dec. 6, 1977, Walla Walla, Wash.; died July 12, 2011, Colville, Wash. Surviving: wife, Silke (Scheffler), Kettle Falls, Wash.; parents, Ron and Gwen (Grosboll) Reeves, Kettle Falls; brothers, Joseph Reeves, Ooltewah, Tenn.; Christian Reeves, Kent, Wash.; sisters, Rhonda Clark, Kent; and Deborah Reeves, Collegedale, Tenn.

SAMUELS — Cara, 28; born May 4, 1983, Walla Walla, Wash.; died July 7, 2011, Vancouver, Wash. Surviving: mother, Jeanie (Garcia); brother, Shawn, Vancouver; sister, Carlie Samuels, Vancouver; and grandparents, Frank and Maria (Alvarez) Garcia, Vancouver.

SMITH — Leslie A., 93; born Feb. 4, 1918, Oakland, Calif.; died July 5, 2011, Coos Bay, Ore. Surviving: wife, Twyla (Weilage), Coquille, Ore.; sons, Jerry, Vallejo, Calif.; David, Gresham, Ore.; daughters, Judy Casper, Van-

couver, Wash.; Bev Mendenhall, Keene, Texas; and 3 grandchildren.

WALL — Joshua J., 93; born Sept. 8, 1917, Lincoln Valley, N.D.; died July 26, 2011, Troutdale, Ore. Surviving: wife, Barbara (Hough); sons, Jerry Wall, Louisville, Colo.; Stephen McNally, Denver, Colo.; Kevin McNally, Troutdale; daughters, Brenda McGee, Springfield, Ore.; Janenne Rosen, Inglewood, Colo.; Joan Minten, Calhoun, Ga.; Karen Sass, Genesee, Idaho; brother, Ernest Wall, Salem, Ore.; sister, Marian Sharp, of North Carolina; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

WESEMAN — Russell Lee, 81; born April 5, 1930, Mountain View, Calif.; died July 17, 1911, Nampa, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Joan (Kriner); son, James, Puyallup, Wash.; daughter, Kathy Opp, Boise, Idaho; brother, Wellesley, San Jose, Calif.; sister, Gloria Carlee, Los Banos, Calif.; and 2 step-grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Pacific Union Conference

Offering:

Dec. 3 — Local Church Budget;

Dec. 10 — World Budget: Inner City;

Dec. 17 — Local Church Budget;

Dec. 24 — Local Conference Advance;

Dec. 31 — North American Division: Outreach Project.

Walla Walla University

Dec. 9 — Annual music department Christmas concerts will be at 6 and 8 p.m. in the University Church. (The same concert is performed twice.) Admission is free.

Dec. 11 — I Cantori and Walla Walla Symphony perform Handel's *Messiah* at 3 p.m. in the University Church. Admission is \$20/adult, \$15/youth.

Dec. 15-Jan. 2 — Christmas Break.

Jan. 3 — Winter quarter begins.

Oregon

Collegiate Church at Sunnyside

Plan now to attend these special church services, which begin at 11:20 a.m.: **Dec. 10** — Paddy McCoy, Walla Walla University campus chaplain; **March 10** — Ken Rogers, WWU vice president for student life and mission; **May 12** — Alex Bryan, WWU Church senior pastor. Sunnyside Church, 10501 S.E. Market St., Portland, Ore. For more information, call 503-252-8080 or contact Katie Harris at 406-750-1370.

White Elephant Gift Exchange Christmas Party

Dec. 19 — The Beaverton Adventist Single Adult Ministries' (ASAM's) annual white elephant gift exchange Christmas party will be at the Beaverton Church. Potluck supper will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a special holiday dish or dessert and a \$5-\$10 wrapped gift to the exchange. Your supervised children are welcome. For more information, go to www.beavertonsda.com/singles.

Missing Members

The McMinnville Church is seeking contact information for the following missing members: Glenn and Stella Almond, Iris Cifuentes, Jessica Clark, Kim Decker, John Jennings Jr., Michelle Jones, Brenda Kilgore, Sheryl Lisignoli, Chris Perry and Michelle Perry. Please call Muriel Zaugg, church clerk, at 503-472-9015.

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Sunset Schedule

December	2	9	16	23	30
Alaska Conference					
Anchorage	3:50	3:43	3:40	3:42	3:50
Fairbanks	2:59	2:47	2:40	2:42	2:51
Juneau	3:12	3:07	3:06	3:08	3:15
Ketchikan	3:20	3:16	3:16	3:18	3:24
Idaho Conference					
Boise	5:09	5:08	5:09	5:12	5:17
La Grande	4:11	4:10	4:10	4:13	4:18
Pocatello	4:56	4:55	4:56	4:59	5:04
Montana Conference					
Billings	4:31	4:30	4:30	4:33	4:38
Havre	4:25	4:23	4:24	4:27	4:32
Helena	4:42	4:41	4:41	4:44	4:49
Miles City	4:18	4:16	4:17	4:20	4:25
Missoula	4:49	4:47	4:48	4:51	4:56
Oregon Conference					
Coos Bay	4:42	4:41	4:42	4:45	4:50
Medford	4:40	4:39	4:40	4:43	4:48
Portland	4:28	4:27	4:28	4:31	4:36
Upper Columbia Conference					
Pendleton	4:12	4:11	4:12	4:15	4:20
Spokane	4:00	3:58	3:58	4:01	4:06
Walla Walla	4:09	4:08	4:08	4:11	4:16
Wenatchee	4:12	4:10	4:11	4:14	4:19
Yakima	4:16	4:14	4:15	4:18	4:23
Washington Conference					
Bellingham	4:16	4:14	4:14	4:17	4:22
Seattle	4:19	4:18	4:18	4:21	4:26

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“Fifty yards from shore we discovered those confounded paddles were defective. There was no other way to explain why the kayak refused to go in a straight line.”

Several months ago, with weather still warm and sunny, my wife and I purchased a boat. Hold your fire ... this vessel is no splurge of luxury. Our new yacht, stretched to its uttermost, is less than 13 feet long. It's flat as a pancake unless filled with air. With my abundance of hot air, a friend kindly observed, it could serve as a small dirigible. But, no, we are the proud owners of an inflatable kayak built for two.

“We call those ‘divorce boats,’” grinned the salesman, after he had taken our money. We chuckled along with his embellished stories of couples pushed to their limits by a tandem kayak. Not us, we thought, our minds humming with the romance of the open sea.

Then came the bright fall day when we hefted the bundle of vinyl into the car and headed to beautiful Trillium Lake, tucked into the forest at the base of Mount Hood. We inflated the boat, cinched up life vests, picked up our paddles and launched out onto the placid surface.

Fifty yards from shore we discovered those confounded paddles were defective. There was no other way to explain why the kayak refused to go in a straight line. Spectators on shore began to gather with voyeuristic delight. Had the lake been frozen, we could have won a prize for involuntary figure 8s.

Frustrated, I took a break in shouting futile instructions at the back of my wife's head. After a moment or two of blessed silence, the laughter spontaneously erupted: “Divorce boat!” we both exclaimed. We took it easy after that, enjoyed the view and,

after a few more self-inflicted lessons, began to master the essence of a straight line. The paddlers, not the paddles, had been the problem all along.

Now we'd like to try a river with some ... modest whitewater.

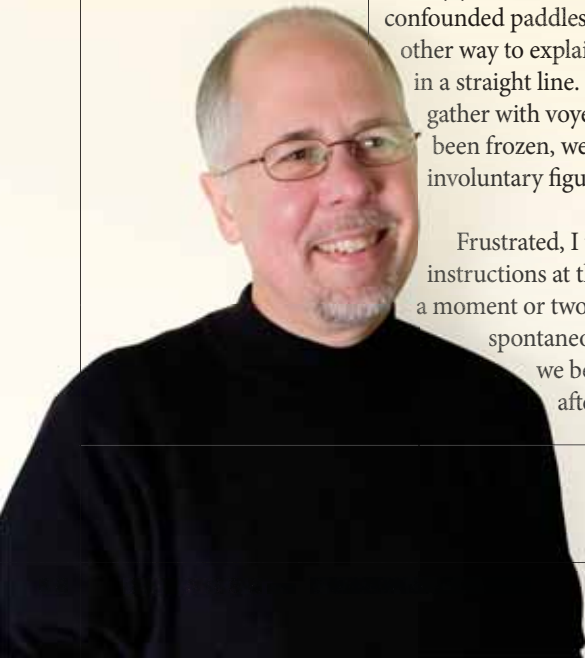
Life is not always a peaceful lake. Whitewater is the very nature of our world — constant, unpredictable change. Management guru Stephen Covey suggests the greatest need we have in this sea of constant change is something that DOES NOT change. Besides change itself, Covey says, there are two other important constants in this whitewater world: principles and choice.

I believe he's right. Principles: We turn to Scripture as the source for principles of Christian living that provide a changeless core to our lives. And choice: where those principles are adapted to the needs of daily living.

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So have patience with the character dripping cold water down your back. Don't despair when your best efforts leave you going in circles. Put down your paddle. Take a break. Take a breath. And, before you resume your task, breathe a prayer of invitation to that Gift, the Heavenly Helper now here.

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