

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

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EDITORIAL

OUR MISSION OF THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION **CONFERENCE OF THE** SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST **CHURCH HAS THE PO-TENTIAL TO CHANGE THE** WORLD WHEN IT IS LED BY CHRIST, WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, AND EMPOWERED BY HIS SPIRIT. WITH CHRIST, **OUR CHURCH CAN DO ALL** THINGS AND NOTHING SHALL **BE IMPOSSIBLE. YET, SOMETIMES** I WONDER WHY JESUS USES THE CHURCH. AFTER ALL, THE CHURCH IS MADE UP OF FICKLE, FLAWED AND OFTEN UNRELIABLE HUMAN BEINGS. I THINK TO MYSELF, "SURE-LY JESUS COULD HAVE COME UP WITH A BETTER STRATEGY."

But when Jesus chose the church to accomplish His mission, He picked you ... He picked me. That's not only amazing, it's yet another sign of God's grace and deep love for humanity. As a church member, you are one of millions of human beings whose normal lives have been disrupted by a call to the most important task in the universe — to share the hope of Jesus Christ with the world He so desperately loves.

Which leads us to ask the questions: How can we effectively share the everlasting gospel of God's grace in a post-Christian culture? How should we authentically share God's love with our neighbors and relatives? How will we stop the flow of young adults out of our churches? How can we make a lasting impact on communities that have no clue who we are or what we represent?

To answer these questions, I would like to suggest we begin to change our conversations. For example, we could stop talking about what is not possible and start talking about what is possible in Christ. We could engage in more courageous, honest dialogue about mission — including humble, passionate prayer — and then go do something today for Jesus. When we fall before the Lord and humbly confess our lack of progress in reaching our communities for Christ, we are enabled to take hold of the Holy Spirit's strength. The Apostle Paul shared this truth: "For when I am weak, then I am strong." It is possible to unite our human weakness with Christ's divine strength and work together with Christ to move mountains of obstacles. When good things begin to happen, God receives all the glory.

In collaborative meetings with each local conference administrative team we have agreed on the points you see on the facing page that reinforce our collective goal to move forward together in Christ. Our strategic plan doesn't diminish or replace the unique focus of each conference, local church or school team, but reinforces our belief that we can each accomplish more by moving forward together on broadly shared priorities.

Our role as the North Pacific Union is to provide a clearly defined



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mission and encourage each conference and institution in the NPUC to collaborate in its accomplishment. Then we focus our limited resources and financial subsidies, our mentoring and coaching toward the success of this shared mission. The role of the NPUC is also to inspire confidence in the love and power of God, the power of prayer, the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the promise of Christ to be with us "always, even to the end of the age."

Let's keep praying together, talking together and moving forward together on God's mission, in His will, in His way and in His time. The result will be lost people finding hope and wholeness in Christ and transformed into His image.

John Freedman, North Pacific Union Conference president

INTERSECTIONS

NORTHWEST-WIDE STRATEGIC PLAN

North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) executive committee members affirmed an updated unionwide strategic plan during their Aug. 22, 2018, meeting in Ridgefield, Wash. This plan also serves as a catalyst for a continuing emphasis on young adult engagement through the Growing Young cohort project.

The collaborative approach to mission, combining input from union and local conference representatives, is an effort to move toward a common goal without diminishing the unique roles for local and regional areas of the church.

Here are the core elements of this mission-directed strategy.

OUR NORTHWEST MISSION

Our mission is to reach all people within the North Pacific Union and the world with the distinctive, Christ-centered, Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness.

OUR NORTHWEST VISION

To see people within the North Pacific Union prepared for the Second Coming of Christ by His people reflecting the character of Christ, manifesting His unconditional love for all people, and passionately sharing the gospel with every person.

OUR NORTHWEST STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- » Young adult engagement;
- » Growing together in Christ;
- Total member involvement in mission;
- » Leadership development;
- » Growing healthy churches and schools.

OUR NORTHWEST CORE VALUES

- » Integrity and Authenticity: We will be honest and accountable in everything we do.
- » Excellence: We will do our very best in all things.
- » Love, Respect and Inclusion: We recognize the inestimable value of every person as a child of God.
- » Collaboration: We believe by communicating and working together we will accomplish more.
- » Growth in Christ: We will foster a culture of discipleship.

YOUNG ADULT EMPHASIS

The key priority of young adult engagement has already led to the pilot project of Growing Young. During the past year, a cohort of 10 Northwest churches have collaborated on a training program, directed by Ben Lundquist, Oregon Conference young adult leader, and facilitated through Fuller Youth Institute in Pasadena, Calif. It was designed to reach, love and empower younger generations, while better engaging all generations in the mission of Jesus.

Positive results from this pilot have led the NPUC executive committee to authorize a second year for the project. Growing Young 2.0, as Lundquist describes it, will not only take the original churches further in the journey, but train a team of leaders from those churches to serve as Adventist project coaches for a new round of cohort churches.



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A hearty AMEN in Port Orchard.

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2018 TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Christian music artist Steven Curtis Chapman inspires the crowd on opening night.



SIX THOUSAND PROFESSIONAL **ADVENTIST EDUCATORS** FROM AROUND THE NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION (NAD) CONVERGED ON CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FOR THE NAD TEACHERS' CONVENTION, HELD AUGUST 6–9. THIS WAS THE FOURTH TIME SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY THAT THE EVERY-SIXTH-YEAR EVENT HAS BEEN HELD.

Themed "Encounter Jesus, Experience Excellence," the convention featured more than 400 presentations geared toward a wide variety of roles, including classroom teachers, administrators, deans and marketing staff. A cavernous exhibit hall, with more than 300 organization represented, allowed educators to mingle and learn more about additional resources.

Organizers spared no details to make those who came feel welcome and inspired. The opening program featured Jesus 101 speaker/director Elizabeth Talbot and music with well-known Christian artist Steven Curtis Chapman. Those who stayed until the end of the event found great blessing in the commitment service with the NAD president, Dan Jackson. A highlight for the Northwest came on Tuesday evening, when Stephen Lundquist, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) Bible teacher and religion department chair, was honored with an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF). He was recognized for demonstrating outstanding professionalism, creativity and dedication in the classroom. Lundquist's award included a \$2,000 prize, a medallion and a framed certificate of recognition.

Hundreds of Northwest educators attended with critical financial support from the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) education department, led by Dennis Plubell, NPUC vice president for education. These educators came away with a greater understanding

Warm greetings are exchanged at the Walla Walla University booth in the exhibition hall.

A circle of NAD educators begins the final morning in prayer.



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Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) teachers gather with **Oregon Conference leaders** for a congratulatory photo with Stephen Lundquist, who received the AAF Excellence in Teaching Award during the convention. Two others in the group, Mechelle Peinado and Mark Smith, have previously received the award.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS TO OUR KIDS."

"FOR ME, I BELIEVE THAT IF WE

DON'T HAVE THAT PERSONAL

GIRLIE ZUNEGA-AGULAR

Principal of Scappoose Adventist School Fifth-Eighth-Grade Teacher



of their role within the divisionwide curriculum. Some, especially those from smaller schools, received additional support materials for the new Encounter Bible curriculum. The Christ-centered theme of the gathering directly encouraged them to live it out with their students in the school vear ahead.

As Girlie Zunega-Aguilar, principal and fifth- through eighth-grade teacher for Oregon's Scappoose Adventist School, says, "If we don't have that personal encounter with Jesus, it is impossible for us to share the love of Jesus to our kids."

Several Walla Walla University students also attended and benefited from the theme. Talea Shupe, music education major, says, "The thing that stood out the most from the sessions is the overall focus on sharing Jesus to our students."

Andrea Betts, history, religion and education major, understood the choice teachers face each year. "We have the choice to be the teacher who is passive, but we also can choose to go above and beyond, who notices the slightest emotional difference in our kids," she explains.

While most who came navigated the miles by auto or air, one Northwest educator literally went the extra mile. Monte Saxby from Skagit Adventist Academy in Burlington, Washington, pedaled more than 2,100 miles to Chicago on his bike, raising more than \$13,000 in donations and pledges in worthy student funds. The many more photos online at gleanernow.com/ 2018teachersconvention

Saxby bicycle brigade included Monte's son, Craig, and a support team of Monte's wife, June, and Craig's wife, Amanda, a teacher at Cascade Christian Academy in Wenatchee, Washington.

Saxby, who in earlier years attended Mount Ellis Academy in and Walla Walla University, has given back through years of teaching in the Northwest. His students will no doubt hear stories throughout the year about his recent firsthand experience in perseverance.

Invigorating, inspiring and unforgettable would be appropriate words used to describe the impact of this session on educators across the nation. As they continue their work of instruction, mentorship, encouragement and evangelism this school year, the prayers of Northwest members will no doubt bolster their tireless efforts.





Nancy Stinson, Portland Adventist Elementary school teacher, shares a key thought during her presentation with Angela White, Oregon Conference associate superintendent.



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The NPUC education team of Golda Pflugrad, Keith Waters, Becky Meharry, Debbie Hendrickson and Dennis Plubell, takes a rare break.



Jennifer Wintermeyer, teacher from Upper Columbia Conference, soaks up the inspiration. TALEA SHUPE WWU Student Music Education



EL PODER DE LOS Grupos pequeños

esde mediado de diciembre del 2017 comencé a

identificar los lideres que Dios me había puesto en mi corazón para que fueran los directores de los grupos. En enero del 2018 comenzamos a capacitar a los lideres y a la iglesia con seminarios de grupos pequeños.

Logramos levantar un ejército de 16 grupos pequeños para gloria y honra de Dios en el distrito del Norte en nuestra linda conferencia de Washington.

Junto a este esfuerzo me comprometí a ofrecer estudios



Almas tomando la decisión de seguir a Cristo.

bíblicos a preadolescentes por tres meses. Creo mucho en los niños y en los adolescentes. Este grupo dio como resultados 10 almas para Cristo. En tan solo 4 meses bautizamos 29 almas para Cristo. Me he dado cuenta que lo único que



Líderes de los 16 grupos pequeños.

Dios necesita es de hombres y mujeres con disposición y entrega a su servicio. El resto lo hace el Espíritu Santo De Dios.

Uno de los testimonios poderosos es el de Carmen quien fue alcanzada por Lupe, directora de uno de los grupos pequeños. En el entusiasmo de ganar almas para Cristo Lupe le hablo a Carmen de Dios en su propio trabajo, algo que no es permitido. Hoy, Carmen es una fiel creyente y activa en la iglesia adventista de North Cascade. No solo se bautizó ella sino toda su familia gracias a Dios. Todo por el poder de Dios a través de los grupos pequeños.

Quiero agradecer a Dios primeramente por la capacidad que nos da de ser motivadores



La hermana Carmen tomando los votos bautismales.

en su misión. También le doy gracia al Pr. Wagner Cilio nuestro coordinador de obra hispana en la Washington Conference quien a sido el responsable de instruirnos a todos los Pastores a este gran trabajo de los grupos pequeños. Nuestra conferencia cuenta con 124 grupos pequeños. A Dios sea la gloria.

Felipe Andino, Washington Conference pastor





Sitka Adventist School has welcomed many new students this year thanks to an innovative marketing program.



s this school only for Adventists?' "What? There's a Christian school in my town?" For the last six years as head teacher of the Sitka Adventist School, I have heard those questions repeatedly. This is amazing, since my school has been here for more than 50 years and people here tend to know your business better than you do. So I decided to show them what and who we are by focusing this year on marketing.

Teachers and mothers don't have time. I happen to be both, but I made time to market our school through boosting Facebook posts and hiring a professional to make a 90-second video.

What better way to showcase the video than at the movie theater? People see it, some three or four times. During summer blockbusters like *Star Wars* and *Jurassic Park*, they heard about our school. As a result, more than 15 new students were interviewed as part of a new "scholar visit" program, where potential students come visit the school for a day without their parent.

This year God blessed us with a 140 percent growth in enrollment, growing from five students to 12 this year. My day now starts at 4 a.m. to prepare lessons, but exposure to alternate education choices was needed in this town. Taking the time to invite people to see the importance of Christian education was a first step in the right direction. I now understand the need to write our story on God's terms to realize His full blessings: "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4).

Kallie McCutcheon, Sitka Adventist School teacher

EAGLE RIVER, WASILLA WORSHIP **AS ONE BODY OF** CHRIST

fter a four-year hiatus, on Aug. 17–19, the Eagle River and Wasilla churches held their highly anticipated combined services at the Lake Lucille campground. The weekend service was planned to bring the two churches together in fellowship as the theme dictated, "One Body of Christ."

Eighty-one church members attended the weekend, including 10 visitors from other churches. Although the month of August had been rainy, God blessed the group with beautiful, sunny weather.



The ultimate goal was to create a unique worship experience coupled with breakout sessions surrounding the total functionality of the church as one. The weekend began with a Friday night service during which the campers used their surroundings to re-create a favorite Bible verse demonstrating the effectiveness of working



Carl Butler Jr., pastor (third from left), enjoys a Sabbath meal with members from the Wasilla and Eagle River churches.

together as one.

The Sabbath worship experience was highly attended. Youth led the music. The afternoon events consisted of a scavenger hunt, breakout sessions surrounding the theme and a veggie hotdog roast.

Breakout sessions topics covered a variety of topics: biblical health, daily devotions, how to study the Bible, how to connect with God and how to overcome worry. The weekend closed with a hearty Sunday breakfast.

This was a cherished experience that left a spark of unity within the attendees' hearts.

Carl Butler Jr., Eagle River and Wasilla churches pastor

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OLD TRUCK GETS AND GIVES NEW LIFE

member of the Nampa Church family moved to another

city and offered the church a truck. He thought maybe someone could use it. The old work truck had seen its better days, but the church accepted the challenge of fixing it up to give away.

Six Nampa Church members and one of the pastor's neighbors worked on the truck, each giving their time and talent to transform it. The man who donated the truck couldn't believe how good it looked when completed. One member worked wonders on the paint, another cleaned carpets and seats, and others fixed mechanical issues.

The community got involved as well. Four companies in the Nampa community donated a new windshield, new tires, exhaust work and cold



Jim Mann, Peter Core, and Chris Evenson, pastor, stand in front of the shiny, refurbished truck.

air conditioning — donations that exceeded \$1,000. Now the community effort needed a recipient.

Members worked for some time through their own Adventist Community Services program, as well as a couple of local agencies, but they had trouble finding someone who really needed the vehicle. Finally a candidate

The truck was in rough shape when it was donated.



was found through the Nampa Family Justice Center.

Peter Core, the young man who was chosen, turned out to have a pretty rough past. By the time he was 16, he was living on his own. By 20 he had been to jail four times for drug possession and dealing. After his most recent arrest, he realized something needed to change. He enrolled in the Boise Rescue Mission program and graduated this past year.

He's been clean for more than a year and is doing well. He is working full-time and has been commuting on bike and foot. He was in tears at the thought that someone would offer him a vehicle. When the Nampa Church crew met with him, Core was overjoyed and couldn't believe anyone would do this for him.

After Core drove away

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with the truck, someone asked the team, "Would you do it again?" The answer was clearly yes. This truck, though in rough shape when received, became a tremendous blessing for a member of the Nampa community.

Did church members preach a sermon to this young man? Did they give him Bible studies? No. Jesus said in Matt.



Peter Core was amazed and very happy that a church would give him this truck, renewed just like his life.

25:40, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Members spent a little time to work on an old truck to make it an offering to someone in need. As a result, they were truly blessed. If you want to be blessed and challenged, find a way to help someone in need.

Chris Evenson, Nampa Church pastor

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MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY STAFF, STUDENTS EXPLORE GOD'S CREATION

ew schools can claim the outdoors as their classroom. However, that is exactly what Mount Ellis Academy (MEA) does. Every year, MEA students spend the first week of classes outside at either outdoor school or senior survival. Montana offers a rich outdoor experience and countless ways to connect with God through nature, and MEA takes full advantage of its location in Bozeman.

Every year underclassmen at MEA take part in outdoor school. These four-day excursions rotate between canoeing down the Missouri River like Lewis and Clark or camping at either Glacier National Park or Grand Tetons National Park. Each excursion incorporates placebased learning, an educational



technique that enriches the students' experience by immersing them in what they are learning. Teachers from all subject areas take part in the trip, incorporating coursework that reflects what the students see and experience on each trip.

While the underclassmen are in outdoor school, MEA seniors are surviving four days in the Crazy Mountains. During senior survival they learn about Jesus' love and care through good and bad situations, their classmates' leadership qualities, and practical survival skills like building shelters and fires. Together they cook at outdoor school or senior survival sets a different tone for the students experience at MEA. Students forge new friendships while working through challenging situations together. They spend the week in the outdoors, providing them a unique setting to grow closer to each other and to Christ. MEA believes there is no better way to experience and connect with God than to spend time in His creation. Students find that by the end of the week they have forged last-



Starting off the year

ing memories and built lifelong relationships with friends and with Christ.

Doug Schmidt, Mount Ellis Academy principal



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PAA TEACHER RECEIVES EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

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tephen Lundquist, Portland Adventist Academy (PAA) Bible teacher and religion department chair, was honored Aug. 7 with an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF). He was recognized for demonstrating outstanding professionalism, creativity and dedication in the classroom.

The ceremony took place at the North American Division (NAD) Teachers' Convention in Chicago, Ill., where AAF recognized an additional four Adventist educators from the NAD. Each received a \$2,000 prize, a medallion and a framed certificate of recognition.

Kathryn Proffitt, AAF CEO, and Gordon Bietz, AAF



Stephen Lundquist is a 2018 winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award.

board chairman, presented the award.

Joining Lundquist at the ceremony was Mechelle Peinado, PAA vice principal of academics; Gale Crosby, Oregon Conference vice president of education; and Dan Nicola, Oregon Conference associate superintendent of education.

"Stephen embodies the desire and drive for excellence," says Peinado. "Not only does he care deeply about spiritually supporting each student, but he also invests time and energy, research, and reflection into continually growing as an instructor."

"It is no surprise that Stephen Lundquist is being awarded the Teacher of the Year," says Jason Bibb, outgoing PAA principal. "His classes are planned with intention, and he cares deeply for each student. Our students and our staff are blessed by him, and PAA parents are thankful to know he is here guiding their kids. Jesus is in his heart, and it comes out in all he does at PAA. He truly deserves this recognition."

"Stephen will tell you it's not just him — that all of PAA's teachers deserve this



Lundquist's influence goes beyond the classroom. On PAA's annual Service Day, Lundquist takes student volunteers on a jog down the Interstate 205 bike corridor, where they pick up trash along the route.

award," says Nicola. "And it's true: PAA has an incredible culture of nurturing young people in a genuine walk with Jesus. But the PAA staff would say that Stephen's passion for Jesus is infectious. You can see this manifested every year through the students who choose to be lifelong friends with Jesus."

Lundquist sees his work as a sacred calling and chose a teaching career even after

Portland Adventist Academy teachers gather for a congratulatory photo following Lundquist's award ceremony at the 2018 North American Division Teachers' Convention.



serving in many successful ministerial roles. "I had so many teachers who made such a profoundly positive impact on me," said Lundquist before his commissioning ceremony in 2015. "If I can pass that gift on to my students then I have done my job."

Lundquist is one of three current PAA staff members who have been awarded the Excellence in Teaching prize. Mark Smith was honored in 2011, and Mechelle Peinado won in 2014 while teaching at Mount Ellis Academy in Bozeman, Mont.

Established in 1995, the AAF has recognized more than 110 Adventist educators in the NAD and has given away more than \$2 million in awards.

Liesl Vistaunet, PAA Gleaner *correspondent*



CENTER FOR ONLINE EVANGELISM PARTNERS WITH WHITE ESTATE



hen a person hears about Adventists or Ellen White for the first time, the following action is typically a Google search. The term, "Seventhday Adventists" is searched more than 74,000 times per month, and "Ellen White" receives an average of 27,000 monthly queries.

According to the latest research, what shows up prominently in these search result listings is not official Adventist content but that of other churches, magazines, spiritual discussion sites or news sites. And as many church members are already aware, this content is not always favorable.

That's exactly why the Grants Pass-based ministry

Center for Online Evangelism formed in 2012. It consists of a team of digital marketing professionals who provide resources and training for Adventist churches, schools and ministries. Its Project Caleb initiative focuses on creating, optimizing and promoting official Adventist content. It remains the only Adventist ministry solely focused on expanding and improving the denomination's online influence.

Last August, Project Caleb's efforts took a leap forward by entering into a memorandum of understanding with the Ellen G. White Estate forming a strategic partnership in online ministry efforts. Combining digital marketing experience and strategies with the resources and expertise of the White Estate will help increase the search engine visibility of official Adventist- and White-centric websites.

"We're excited to work with the White Estate," says Ed Wagner, longtime Grants Pass Church member and volunteer executive director of the Center for Online Evangelism. "And we're looking forward to the day when positive, truthful information about Ellen White will be prominent throughout the online world."

Local church members can be part of Project Caleb too. The center encourages its fellow Oregonian Adventists, as well as church members around the world, to be "online missionaries," sharing and promoting inspiring, truthful Adventist content within their When doing a Google search for Ellen White, questionable content often catches the eyes of new seekers. Project Caleb aims to push down this troubling content by optimizing factual, helpful, inspiring content to rank higher in Google's algorithms.

own circles of influence online.

The Center for Online Evangelism is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Grants Pass. For free resources on digital marketing for churches or schools, or to learn how to become an "online missionary," visit centerforonlineevangelism.org.

Amy Prindle, Center for Online Evangelism content developer

MOLALLA CHURCH GETS SHIPWRECKED



wenty-two children attended Molalla Church's

Vacation Bible School. The entire church was decorated with palm trees, a wrecked ship, a treehouse hut, a waterfall and lots of animals.

Each day the children experienced what it was like to be on a deserted island while learning God never deserts them. The children loved seeing Bible stories come to life.

The kids also enjoyed the games, which consisted of coconut bowling, beach volleyball, lifesaver rings and many more. They ate delicious snacks shaped like turtles, dolphins, fish in seaweed, boats and crabs. They got to make most of their own treats.

A fun time was had by all. What a blessing to watch kids soak up God and His amazing truths.

Cindy Hepler, Molalla Church VBS director



FOREST GROVE **WOMEN ENJOY** RETREAT

group of ladies from Forest Grove Church, along with a few women from the Hillsboro and Gaston churches, headed up to the Mount Hood Village Resort May 18 for a weekend filled with blessings from the Lord. God gave pleasant weather, which helped the group enjoy eating outdoors and going on beautiful walks



in nature through the woods and along the river. The spiritual talks by Debbie Cox directed thoughts deeper into how to live balanced lives of devotion and industry from lessons in the lives of Mary, Martha and the Proverbs 31 woman. Everyone came away blessed from the caring fellowship, inspiring thoughts, heartfelt singing and delicious food. On Sabbath afternoon after the walk, the ladies gathered to discuss and pray through a series of Bible texts regarding their walk with God. God used this time to bring more healing to some wounds of the past. It helped to draw closer to God.

The weekend ended with an anointing service for those requesting more power from God's Spirit for service and for help and healing with health or family issues. The Holy Spirit touched each heart and brought joyful tears and renewed desires to live lives for God.

Loretta Mix helped to organize the retreat, and Peggy Horne and Robyn Cottrell worked hard to prepare all the meals, including a Friday night agape feast.

Linda Seeber, Gaston Church communication leader

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Hannah Darby (center left) displays her winning calendar art, along with her teacher, Maurita Crew (center right), along with members of the AITC board.

THREE SISTERS STUDENT WINS OREGON AG CONTEST

annah Darby, a sixthgrade student from Three Sisters Adventist Christian School in Bend, is one of 13 winners in an Oregon Agriculture Foundation art contest. This annual event is open to elementary-age children in the state of Oregon who enter illustrations of state industries such as agriculture, forestry, fishing, ranching and others. More than 2,000 illustrations were entered this year.

This year's winning pictures will be featured in a school-year calendar distributed statewide. Darby's entry — a picture of a Christmas tree farm — will illustrate December 2019.

On Sunday, Aug. 26, the 13 winning students were introduced at Oregon State Fair in Salem, with each receiving a \$50 award and certificate. Darby was acknowledged as one of the 13 winners. Her



teacher, Maurita Crew, and

Hannah Darby points to her winning entry.

several of Darby's family were there also. It was a fun and exciting day for all.

Lorene Ferguson, Redmond Church communication leader

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WHAT MILO IS DOING

ith encouragement from both contemporary research and the counsel of Ellen White, Milo Adventist Academy in Days Creek is taking an expanded approach to student work programs. This new effort echoes an intentional strategy to train students in positive work habits.

Randy Thornton, Milo principal, observes that most teenagers don't arrive at academy work-ready. "That might even be an understatement," he says. "General work skills such as responsibility, timeliness, staying on task, showing initiative and being a team player aren't inborn human traits. They need to be taught to be learned."

That reflects an emphasis on what research authors Garcia and Weiss state in their article *Making Whole-child Education the Norm*: "Traits and skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, social skills, persistence, creativity and self-control are vitally important to children's full development."

It finds support in Ellen White's comments in her book *Education* that true education is "the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."



To respond to this advice, the Milo team is planning to broaden the basic work program at the school to include several improvements.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE (CTE)

For generations academy work programs have provided jobs to students for the primary purpose of funding school fees. Over the past 20 years, state and federal labor laws have limited both this financial benefit but more importantly the ability to instruct important life skills such as the value for work. Nearing the end of extensive legal review, CTE will become a class required for graduation beginning in the fall of 2019.

VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

This fall Milo will provide intermediate and advanced instruction in a handful of vocational trade areas. These certificate programs will provide a springboard into higher education or prepare graduates for immediate entry into higher-paying, skilled positions in the work force. More than 20 certificates are planned in the next few years. Initial programs include construction, agriculture, culinary and heavy equipment repair. Coming soon are office procedures, landscape maintenance, volunteer firefighter and more.

School leaders hope these additions will strengthen Milo's ability to live out White's further exhortation in her volume *Fundamentals of Christian Education* that if youth were to devote "a portion of each day to mental improvement and a portion to physical labor, there would now be a more elevated class of youth to come upon the stage of action to have influence in molding society."

To enroll or get further information about these and other programs, email Ramiro Quero, vocational education director, at ramiro.quero@ miloacademy.org or Randy Thornton, principal, at randy. thornton@miloacademy.org.

Randy Thornton, Milo Academy principal

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UCC NAMES New Associate Superintendent

t the July meeting of the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) executive committee, Archie Harris was voted to be the new associate education superintendent. Harris fills the vacancy left by Rochelle Stanton, who moved to Arizona with her husband, John Stanton.

Harris grew up in a family of educators. His mom and dad taught in elementary schools in the Montana Conference, and his mom's parents were public school teachers in eastern Montana.

He has taught in Adventist schools throughout the Northwest since 1988, most recently as the head teacher at Spokane (Wash.) Countryside Adventist Elementary. Previously he served in the Washington Conference as vice president for education, and as the Montana Conference education superintendent, communication director and youth director.

"I have a passion for teachers who work in small schools and don't have other teachers to bounce ideas off," he explains. "I am looking forward to meeting all our UCC teachers."

Harris and his wife, Deanna, have two daughters: Alix and Joni. Alix works for Walla Walla University in the marketing and university



Archie Harris is the new associate education superintendent for Upper Columbia Conference.

relations department as their web content manager. Joni is in her second year of her master's program at Montana State University in Bozeman, Mont. She teaches freshman English as well.

A favorite pastime for Harris is riding dirt bikes, which his father raced in the 1970s. In Montana, Harris would ride to mountain lakes. More recently he has clocked a few miles in the Seven-Mile off road vehicle park near Spokane.

Kathy Marson, Upper Columbia Conference communication administrative assistant

UCC CREATES NEW MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES DEPARTMENT

he Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) executive committee invited Walter Pintos-Schmidt in July to lead a new department — multicultural ministries. This new department will encompass Hispanic, Slavic, Native American and multiethnic ministries in UCC. Pintos-Schmidt says, "Its overarching goal is to plant the kingdom of God in the heart of people in their communities."

"Multicultural ministries serves to support districts, local churches, pastors and leaders



Walter Pintos-Schmidt

among all ethnic groups in the task of raising awareness and preparing people for the Second Coming of Jesus," says Pintos-Schmidt. "It serves people who speak an original language other than English. It ministers by mingling with the community to understand their challenges and particular needs. It carries out meetings to assess and organize strategies to provide solution and help within context. It also aids families transitioning into the region from other states by helping them find a church family where they may feel welcome and supported according to their particular cultural context or needs."

Pintos-Schmidt was born in South America and has been in love with Liliana, a NICU nurse and music teacher, for almost three decades. They have two young adult children: Karel, 23, and Niko, 20. Pintos-Schmidt holds a Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He previously served as UCC liaison in the ministerial department and as the UCC Hispanic ministries coordinator.

In addition to ministry, Pintos-Schmidt enjoys reading, European history, family trips, and getting acquainted with other cultures, traditions, food and worship styles.

Kathy Marson



Pastor Fred, one of UCA's Bible teachers, talks with students about the Three Angels' Messages.

UCA SHARES CHRIST IN THE **THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES**

ric Johnson, principal of Upper Columbia Academy (UCA) in Spangle, Wash., began presession meetings this August by sharing with the staff how over the summer he spent time studying the Three Angels' Messages and was convicted we need to have a refocus on the special message that God has given the Adventist Church.

The faculty and staff spent much time praying together regarding how to best accomplish this for the students of UCA. Following an earnest season of prayer, the faculty voted unanimously to find strategic ways throughout the school year to show how Jesus Christ is at the heart of the Three Angels' Messages.

Some of those ways include having students over to faculty homes for in-depth Bible studies on this topic. Fred Riffel, UCA Bible teacher, explains, "The Three Angels' Messages are lifeless and dead if they are shared without the love of Jesus. We are going to be focusing on making sure that our students see the love of Jesus through each of these special messages."

Jessica Ing, student body president, says, "I am really excited about the direction UCA is going. For much of my life, the Three Angels' Messages have been something that I have been afraid of. I really like how Jesus is going to be emphasized in how they are shared."

It is our prayer the students on the campus of UCA this year will come to know and love Jesus more through this intentional refocusing.

Eric Johnson, Upper Columbia Academy principal

KAMIAH STATION HOSTS SUMMER GOSPEL SINGALONG

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amiah (Idaho) Church's KMEI-LP radio station, which broadcasts at 97.3 FM, sponsored the Summer Gospel Singalong at the Kamiah Riverside Park pavilion on July 21. The featured musical artists, the Clearwater Pipes and Drums, began the event with four specials, including "Amazing Grace."

In between the testimonies and specials, the audience



The audience for the Summer Gospel Singalong at Kamiah Riverfront Park pavilion enjoyed testimonies, specials and music.

was invited to sing with the Second Coming Singers. Audience members received a GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tract and a schedule of the local radio programming, which includes an interview program, *Real Life With Jesus* hosted by Victor Hays, and the *Bible Studies NOW!* series led by Steve Rogers, Kamiah Church pastor.

The audience was invited to the refreshment table at the close of the singalong to get better acquainted.

"One of our key goals is to get everyone involved with Jesus no matter where we start that journey," says Cal Ruebush, KMEI's board president.

Cathy Law, Kamiah Church communication leader

The Clearwater Pipes and Drums were special guests at the singalong.





More online at glnr.in/113-08-uc_moscow he Moscow (Idaho) Church features a special Sabbath during which young people handle the entire church service. Recently four of the youth prepared and presented their own sermons. The

entire church congreation is inspired with what these young people have worked so hard to do.

Karri Walde, Moscow Church member

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WSU and U of I students find a home away from home Friday evenings.

COUGARS, VANDALS MEET **ON COMMON** GROUND

ach Friday evening you will find a group of university students from Washington State University (WSU) and University of Idaho (U of I) gathered for an evening of vegetarian homecooked food and a Bible study discussion group.

Moscow (Idaho) Church associate pastor Natashia Mc-Vay and her husband, Marshall McVay, Moscow Church pastor, host, cook for and provide a surrogate home environment for several university students each Friday evening. The young people love to meet and share with each other and the pastors their questions, thoughts and life issues.

The McVays' Bible study group varies from five students per week to sometimes 25 students. The students have a common ground at the McVays' and often bring their friends, roommates and other interested students. Often on Saturday nights, the McVays will also host a university student game night at their home. These game nights have drawn 40 or more students at times. The games include board games, Wii, video games and foosball.

Many of these students attend either the Moscow Church or the Pullman (Wash.) Church. Students have even preached sermons at these churches. Both church families welcome and enjoy having the university students join with them for worship and events.

If you know of any WSU or U of I students who might be interested in these events or connecting with other Adventist Christian young people, have them email Natashia McVay at Natashia.mcvay@ moscowsda.org.

Karri Walde, Moscow Church member

SMALL CHURCH Shares with A Big heart

ifeSource Community Church, part of the Upper Columbia Conference, is a small church located on Government Way in Hayden, Idaho. This church family has a huge heart for reaching people for Jesus. One very significant way in which they reach the unchurched is by serving breakfasts and sharing Bible texts with the homeless.

Every Sabbath morning a rotating team of church volunteers get up early to bring the warm breakfasts and have short worships at the local center called Second Chance Commons located in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho. Many of the homeless there are searching for something better in their lives and enjoy the hot breakfasts and talking about Jesus and the Bible verses that are shared.



Recently there has been a disruption in their efforts. Someone crashed into the commons building with his car, smashing the front of the building, hitting a guitarist who was playing music in front of the building at the time, and sending him to the emergency room with a badly smashed



Cheryl Tobin, LifeSource Church member, serves breakfast to the homeless.

leg. The building had to be closed and boarded up, ruining the volunteers' ability to serve breakfast and have a worship service for the homeless there.

But this hasn't stopped the efforts of LifeSource Community Church volunteers. Instead, each week the breakfast teams bring their own equipment, including table and chairs, food and utensils for breakfast. The homeless who have been coming each week continue being fed, both physically and spiritually. They look forward to the volunteers coming each Sabbath and are happy that they have. God keeps blessing this small church with its big heart and the homeless its members serve.

Maxine Solomon, LifeSource Community Church communication leader



HAYDEN LAKE SHARES JESUS' LOVE IN CUBA

More online at glnr.in/113-08-uc_cuba

he Hayden Lake (Idaho) Church sent a team of 14 missionaries to Cuba last April.

After much discussion and planning, many hurdles and, above all, God's help, the group arrived in Cuba and got their equipment through customs with nothing confiscated or taxed — an almost unheard of feat. Once in country, the group divided into three teams.

The Minas de Matahambre team had SueEllen and

Only one horse cart driver was willing to advertise the meetings, but one family was baptized as a result.





The Minas de Matahambre team held a baptism on the final Sabbath of the trip.

Sarah Baute presenting health talks and sermons to almost 40 adults, while Jorge Baute, pastor, with Elijah Johnson and Alexa Johnson led out in the children's program. After presenting the first nightly health talk and Bible study geared to the younger folks, Jorge Baute turned the nightly meetings over to the Johnsons. Meanwhile, the La Palma team of four — Ron Honner, Nick Maniscalco, and Lance and Logan Finlayson — were conducting their meetings in collaboration with the local workers. The home church in their town was small and so poor the team felt impressed to get pews made for them — an answer to the the local Bible worker's prayers.

Over in the town of Cumanavagua, the third team - David and Cathy Keyes, Dennis Crabb, Della Sapp and her granddaughter, Davaya - tried unsuccessfully to advertise their meetings by posting flyers on horse carts. Only one driver agreed to take a poster with him, and all the others went unused. Yet God used that single poster to bring a young boy and his whole family to the meetings, where they were baptized at the end of the series.

The Cuban mission trip taught us God works through those who have willing hearts. Not only were the Cuban people ministered to, but each member of the team testifies to the blessings they received themselves.

Loren Starr, Hayden Lake Church communication leader

COLVILLE'S **GRAHAM RETIRES**

une Graham retired at the end of the 2017–2018 school year. She has been a teacher and principal at Colville (Wash.) Valley Junior Academy for the last five years.

Her students decorated the Chewelah (Wash.) Church fellowship hall with sunflowers — her favorite flower — for a dinner in her honor, held June 3. Graham's students served a buffet Mexican dinner, and Larry Marsh, Upper Columbia Conference education superintendent, presented her with a plaque to thank her for



many years of service. Graham has taught in a number of schools in Colorado, California, Oregon and Washington. Most of her teaching has been on the secondary level, although she has taught grades one though nine in Tonasket, Wash. In many of these schools she was also the principal. She has also served four years in Rwanda and Uganda.

Now that she's retired, Graham joins her husband in Tonasket, Wash., where he has a contractor business.

Debbie Stentzel, Colville Church member

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AMEN PORT ORCHARD SERVES COMMUNITY

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dventist and community volunteers came out to support Kitsap Peninsula residents at the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) Port Orchard clinic on Aug. 17 and 19. AMEN clinics help communities by providing residents who have limited or no insurance with free access to medical, dental and vision care that otherwise might be too expensive or too far.

Gary McLean, veteran and Port Orchard resident, says that, even though he has free access as a veteran to health care, the travel cost is too much for his monthly budget.



Sydney Cruz, a volunteer for physical medicine and lifestyles, listens to a patient as she considers the lifestyle choices she could make.

"I pay \$1,000 in rent a month, and I only earn \$1,097 a month," says McLean. "I can't afford the gas and toll fee to drive to the Tacoma Veterans Center."



Echo, a volunteer registered nurse, starts the process of triage with a patient on the first day of the clinic.

In the last few years, Jennifer, a longtime resident of Port Orchard and AMEN volunteer, has seen her community change and develop a need for health care and resources.

"I've lived here for close to 30 years. In the last few years especially, I have begun to see more and more people living on the streets," says Jennifer. "This clinic is a great way to help the community."

Along with general health care, residents were also given free access to physical therapy,



Oswald Rondón works with a resident to check her eyesight.

massages, lifestyle and spiritual coaching, haircuts, and local community resources.

"It's an honor to be able to serve at the clinic," says Xander Legaspi, a physical therapist volunteer. "We know that we are serving people who don't have good health care and are having to sacrifice their own health to provide for their family. I can see they're so appreciative of what we are doing for them."

Before the clinic began, AMEN Port Orchard contacted 75 optometrists, with no success, to provide vision care. The night before the first day of the clinic, Oswald Rondón, an optometrist from Montana, called and said he just needed three things to be able to volunteer. It wasn't long after this conversation took place that all three conditions were met and he was able to volunteer with his son. A second optometrist from Oregon also volunteered on Sunday.

"I'm doing God's work," says Rondón. "Jesus healed more than He preached, and this is part of God's working ministry."

By the end of the weekend, the AMEN clinic had served 97 dental patients, 94 vision patients, 66 medical



A volunteer lifestyle coach discusses lifestyle choices that can make a difference in a patient's life.

patients, 161 physical medicine patients and 208 residents who received individualized lifestyle coaching and spiritual support and prayer from a clinic chaplain. In total, the AMEN Port Orchard clinic served 257 residents.

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS EMPHASIZE SERVICE

very summer, churches host a Vacation Bible School filled with fun interactive activities for the youth in their community. This summer, the Forest Park and Kent churches added service projects to their programs.

Forest Park partnered with Beautiful Soles, a local nonprofit committed to strengthening the community by providing socks and shoes to local youth in need.

The Forest Park VBS collected 70 pairs of shoes, surpassing their goal of 50, to donate to the children in Snohomish County who are in need as they begin school.

"Many prayers were sent heavenward asking God to bless this donation," says Kami Borg, Forest Park VBS coordinator. "We all felt the program was a blessing to the children attending."



Many more photos online at glnr.in/113-08-wa_kent



Kent Church collected nearly 5,000 diapers to give to refugee families and donate to a local organization.

Kent Church collected nearly 5,000 diapers during their VBS. The diapers were donated to refugee families in the Kent community and are also being donated to a local organization.

"I feel like the kids were very excited about the project," says Garcia Jean-Baptiste, Kent Church member. "Once they understood the project and realized the need, they participated excitedly in the service project."

Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern, with Caitlin Marier, Forest Park Church member

s Everett Indonesian Adventist Church members marched in a local Fourth of July parade, the nearly 40,000 people watching spotted bright blue shirts coming down the road. As the church group came closer, the words "Get Ready" on the T-shirt fronts caught people's attention.

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Amid music, songs and trumpets sounded by parade participants, the church members led by Julyamin Hutauruk, pastor, waited in the parade line for their number to be called. When their time came, they headed into the parade line with a banner that proudly displayed their church name.

As they passed by the watching crowd, the group waved, smiled and handed out copies of *The Great Controversy* and *Hacksaw Ridge* that had been donated by Kris Halstad, an Everett Indonesian Church member. The group was followed closely by Ed Zimmerman, another member, driving a big white van that also had the words "Get Ready" posted on the front.

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People were curious as to the meaning. What were they getting ready for? As the group continued past the lines of people, the crowd saw the words on the back of the bright blue T-shirts that read, "Jesus Is Coming — sooner than expected." Out of the 40,000 people who watched, 520 accepted one of the books.

When the church members walked to the end of the parade line, they prayed to God, giving thanks to Him for the opportunity to witness to their community.

Eddy Saerang, Everett Indonesian Church personal ministry leader, with Katie Henderson, Washington Conference communication intern



CHILDREN, ADULTS **#SAYYESTOJESUS** AT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

leven-year-old Angie came with her mother to the first ever Washington Conference Children's Ministry Leadership Retreat. Her task was to be one of the retreat helpers.

Angie is shy. Yet she faithfully helped in the background, watched the puppet shows, went with fellow helpers to a session on helping children learn how to pray and slowly emerged from her shy shell.

By the end of the weekend, Angie was transformed to #SayYesToJesus. She was often the first to volunteer for the next task or errand and frequently asked, "What else can I do?"

While the leadership retreat was primarily aimed at training adults, it also became a time for training young people.

"We ended up capturing the attention of adults and children," says Abby Pozo, Washington Conference children's ministry coordinator. "It was an all-around blessing!"

AN IDEA IS BORN

Pozo first came to Washington Conference nine years ago and began coaching churches in children's ministry and evangelism. She guided Vacation Bible School and

eXperience curriculum selection, helped children's Sabbath School leaders individually with ideas and solutions, and attended or hosted ministry training sessions.

She was excited when the North American Division rolled out an eight-part certification program for children's ministry leaders.

But Pozo felt like God



Judith Andino, a local children's ministry leader, shares two popular sessions in English and Spanish about teaching children how to pray.

was impressing her to do something more: to host a leadership retreat weekend.

That long-term dream almost didn't happen after Pozo's pastor-husband recently accepted a new district in another conference. Pozo wanted to fulfill the dream God had given her and arranged to stay for a few more months in $\overline{\Box}$ Washington to host the much prayed for leadership retreat.

Finally, the weekend in late



Francini Reis from the North American Division presents a stewardship training session for children's ministry leaders.

August arrived. Eighty-five guests, volunteers and presenters convened on the campus of Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson. The retreat featured Sabbath School demonstrations, certification classes in English and Spanish (on stewardship, children's evangelism, health, prayer, witnessing and more), and keynote presentations from children's ministry experts.



Brent Kimura, Tacoma Central Church associate pastor, shares insights on puppet ministry with children's ministry leaders.

"It was a wonderful revival and great for new ideas," wrote one participant.

Another attendee added, "We all can learn more and get inspired when we come together and collaborate. I would like to see more frequent gatherings."

Still another attendee shared, "I appreciated connecting with others who care about children's ministry as much as I do."

"This retreat is truly a dream come true," Pozo says. "We learned together how to be more fruitful in investing in the faith-development of our children."

Heidi Baumgartner, Washington Conference communication director

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PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR BRINGS **TECHNOLOGY**, **INNOVATION TO CLASSROOM**

n the digital age, educators find it increasingly difficult to engage students through traditional teaching methods. The modern classroom is a battlefield for attention, and far too often smartphones take the victory.

At Walla

Walla University (WWU), Peter Gleason, associate professor of psychology, makes an effort to win back students' attention by blending new technologies with his teaching methods. Rather than viewing digital devices as a problem, Gleason sees them as a source of creative potential. "I believe that in



Peter Gleason, associate professor of psychology, is exploring new ways to bring digital technology into the classroom.

order for learning to happen, the educator must first capture attention and inspire curiosity," he explains. "Something that captures attention is novelty — something new." To get ahead of the curve, Gleason became an Apple Teacher.

The Apple Teacher program familiarizes educators with various Apple devices and apps and equips them with useful skills. Through practice, teachers discover how to use Apple technology as an avenue for instruction. With this training, Gleason, who has a doctorate in psychology, can spice up the way students interact with course materials.

"With knowledge comes ideas," he says. "What I have learned about Apple, and technology in general, has enabled me to think differently about how I can make learning happen." Apple emphasizes creativity. In his first year of teaching at WWU, Gleason has already implemented creative practices in the School of Education and Psychology. In one class, he assigned a video essay as an alternative to the traditional written essay format. In another, he sent students on a multimedia scavenger hunt. He plans to assign projects in the future in which students work together to create digital magazines related to the lessons.

Whatever the subject matter, Gleason looks for ways to combine his understanding of the human mind with his passion for experimental learning. "Education is more of a practice than a science," Gleason says. "We do not have one single best practice for education, so educators are forced to be creative as they find effective learning practices."

Gleason has led faculty workshops in the past with hopes of sharing resources and sparking a shift toward innovative teaching practices. "Apple is not the only answer, nor is technology the final solution," he says. "However, when leveraged by an educator who cares. ... This can be a powerful force."

Kyler Alvord, WWU university relations student writer

GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS INCLUDE ONLINE OPTION

The WWU School of Education and Psychology offers three master's degree programs in several areas of specialization. Students can choose a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), a Master of Education (M.Ed.) or a Master of Initial Teaching (MIT). Areas of specialization include curriculum and instruction, educational leadership, literacy instruction, and special education.

The master's degree in special education has been recently restructured and includes an option for an undergraduate minor with an endorsement in special education. An online study option and a summers-only option are available for the MAT and M.Ed. specialization in special education. The MIT degree offers an option for both elementary and secondary levels for those who don't have experience teaching or a degree in teaching.

See all options for School of Education and Psychology graduate studies at wallawalla.edu/ graduate-education.





TILLAMOOK CREATES SMILES FOR MILES

he mouth is a window to the rest of our body, often providing warning signs of heart disease, diabetes or cancer. Realizing the importance of oral health in maintaining wellness, Adventist Health's Tillamook Regional Medical Center on the Oregon coast is helping to provide dental care for those who lack adequate resources for a dental visit.

Through a partnership with Medical Teams International, Adventist Health has been creating access to dental care in Tillamook with a mobile dental van service. Care is specifically provided for people who have urgent dental needs but lack financial resources such as health insurance or personal funds to cover a high deductible. This partnership has brought hope to 259



individuals who have received services with a combined value of \$102.000.

Tillamook Regional Medical Center provides dentists and hygienists, power hookup, promotion, education, and patient screening and scheduling. Medical Teams International provides the van, medical supplies and personnel.

Together, they are providing health to those who might otherwise experience complications that devastate their overall health and well-being.

"Our mission calls us to live God's love every moment of every day throughout our community," says David Butler, Adventist Health Tillamook president. "Relieving pain and bringing hope to our rural communities along the Oregon coast is an outpouring of that mission."

Even though services are limited to the basics such as fillings and extractions, the relief each person feels is immense. A woman who had suffered several weeks of dental pain came to the hospital in tears hoping to get an appointment with the mobile dental team. When she learned the outreach team could fit her

into their packed schedule, she was so grateful she nearly jumped for joy.

"Adventist Health and Medical Teams International are well-aligned. Their mission calls them to provide loving care for the whole person - physical, emotional, social and spiritual - while ours is a promise to live God's love by inspiring health, wholeness and hope," says Butler. "This service is



putting smiles on people's faces and removing obstacles to good health. Together we are creating healthier communities."

This partnership is helping meet the needs of the underserved by healing the sick and mending the broken. Patients suffering from intense pain find relief and a new lease on a healthier life.

Melody Ayers, Adventist Health Tillamook Regional Medical Center philanthropy and volunteer services director



FAMILYMILESTONES



Sharon and Bill Carlson

Carlson 60th

Bill and Sharon Carlson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this summer. They met as teenagers in Southern California and went on their first date to Huntington Beach, Calif., on a Friday the 13th in 1956. They always considered Friday the 13th as their lucky day after that.

They were married on June 22, 1958, and lived for many years in Huntington Beach, where they had their two children, Terry and Wendy. Bill taught high school in Los Angeles for many years.

The hustle of the big city did not suit the Carlson family, so while on a vacation to Oregon they found a beautiful farm in Canyonville. Shortly after that trip, they purchased a 10-acre farm and moved the family in late 1969. Bill taught at South Umpqua High School in Myrtle Creek, Ore.

In 1973, they moved to Walla Walla, Wash., where they purchased the Health Hut health food store, providing wholesome organic food and vitamins to the community. They grew the business to three locations and worked in the stores until they sold the business in 2000.

Then they managed retirement centers in Portland, Ore., and Walla Walla, Wash., for the Holiday Corporation. After that, they managed the RV Resort Four Seasons in Walla Walla for 10 years. Walla Walla is where they raised their family, and they considered it home for many, many years.

Bill and Sharon are now residing in Richland, Wash. They are the proud grandparents of three beautiful granddaughters.

Gibbons 50th

Ed and Dianne Gibbons recently celebrated their 50th anniversary with a trip to Austria and Switzerland, staying in quaint towns and admiring the Alps. It was a



Dianne and Ed Gibbons

delight to see the Matterhorn and take the cog railway to the "Top of Europe" — Jungfrau. The couple also spent time celebrating with their children and grandchildren at Belknap Hot Springs in Oregon.

Edwin K. Gibbons met Dianne K. Swetnam at Walla Walla College (WWC) in 1967. They were in a play reading, Christ in the Concrete City, to fulfill an assignment for Dianne's speech class. Their first date was the night before her graduation. Her first teaching assignment took her to Pleasant Hill Junior Academy just outside of Eugene, Ore. While Ed finished his degree at WWC he managed to write often, and this "snail mail" courtship was the start of good things. He finished his degree

the next spring, and two weeks later, on June 17, 1968, the couple married in Portland, Ore., Dianne's hometown.

The Gibbons both taught in elementary schools in the Adventist system: Ed for 27 years and Dianne for 25 years. They taught together for 15 years as the only teachers in small elementary schools in Oregon, including Astoria, Klamath Falls and Madras. Faculty meetings were never a problem.

Three children blessed their marriage: Larry in 1974, Timothy in 1977 and Angela in 1979. All three of them became their parents' students, which made for a busy, but good, life. Larry is now an ER nurse, Timothy is an MRI technologist, and Angela works for Portland Adventist Medical Center.

They wish to thank their family and many friends, including parents and students, for their friendship and support. The years have created beautiful memories and grateful hearts.

The Gibbons family includes Larry Gibbons of Salem, Ore.; Timothy and Megan (Stenseth) Gibbons of Corvallis, Ore.; Angela and Jerel Hutepea of Clackamas, Ore.; and 5 grandchildren.

Henderson 90th

Clifford Henderson, or Cliff as he is known, was born May 10, 1928, in Avenal, Calif., near Hanford and south of Fresno, in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Cliff spent his 90th birthday with his wife, Florence, quietly, although he received well-wishes from their son and daughter by phone and cards. Cliff and Florence had a third child, a son, but he died at age 27 from cerebral palsy. They are looking forward to Christ's return, for they not only will spend eternity with Jesus but their son will be reinstated completely whole, healed from the disease he had while on this earth.

Cliff spent four years in the Navy in the early 1950s. It was during that time he met his darling Florence, whom he wed twice. The first time they wed was in March, he was in OAC and spent one year in Japan. Cliff and Florence wed prior to his completing his four-year term in the Navy so Cliff would be bringing in more money. Their second wedding was in June 1952 so their families and friends could celebrate as wedding guests in the happy occasion.

Cliff was baptized and joined the Adventist Church in 1954, two years after the second wedding.

Cliff does not remember life without Florence, as they have been married 66 years, in which they have never once fought, but had healthy discussions if, and when, they had the slightest differences of opinions. Their marriage has been a happy one.

During his life, Cliff has moved his family around frequently due to his work. He has farmed, been a machinist, worked in a sawmill and logged for a time, cutting and felling timber. He remembers felling a 16-foot-diameter Redwood tree. (Somewhere along the way, he also did some crosscut saws.) Although he worked in both California and

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Oregon, Cliff enjoyed working in the California Redwoods the most. Cliff's work in the woods also entailed what he loved best, which was a cat skinner, pulling all the logs down to the landing where they were loaded onto logging trucks. At times he was working three cats on one job.

Later in his life, Cliff and Florence spent years living east of Bakersfield in the mountains where he was a beekeeper and had 1,000 colonies of bees. He always talked to his bees quietly, especially when he took honey from the hives. Cliff rarely wore a netted bee-bonnet. His son-in-love worked with him wearing shorts, yet did not get stung. Cliff delivered twenty 55-gallon barrels of honey to the co-op at a time.

When his daughter moved Cliff and Florence to Oregon, she used the ruse she was taking them to visit friends. Once in the air, high above the clouds in route, she then told her parents the truth, that she was moving them to the Village Retirement Center in Gresham, Ore.

Huntington 95th

Vi Huntington celebrated her 95th birthday recently by going out to dinner with her daughter and enjoyed a quiet evening.

Viola "Vi" was born May 9, 1923, in Castle Rock, Wash., but grew up mostly in Milwaukie, Ore.

She was partly home schooled and also attended Pacific Union College (PUC) Elementary School in California. During her growing up years, Vi and her mom lived in town, while her dad remained on the farm working in order for Vi to have Christian schooling. She graduated from Lodi Academy in California.

Vi spent two years at PUC in Angwin, Calif., in 1944. She also attended La Sierra University in California and received an associate's degree in secretarial science. She worked as director of nursing Loma Linda, Calif. Vi met her first husband, Burton "Burt" Vitrond, in 1944. Burt was in medical school and became a doctor.

After marriage, Vi and Burt spent two years enjoying Germany. They spent another eight years in Germany, after World War II, helping to rebuild Germany. They had two handsome sons, Terry and Randy, and a beautiful daughter, Karen. Vi and Burt also adopted an 8-year-old boy, who died at the age of 54. Vi also has a wonderful stepdaughter, Brooke, due to her second marriage.

Vi and Burt took several mission trips to Mexico, taking supplies there. They had their own Liga and medical group, before Maranatha was organized.

After Vi and Burt's marriage ended, Vi moved and met Lether Huntington. They wed and during their life together, they enjoyed touring various countries. Lether passed away in 2006 at the age of 96. Vi then moved to the Village Retirement Center in Gresham, Ore., in 2008.

Vi enjoys her 6 grandchildren as well as 2 step-grandchildren, 14 greatgrandchildren and a greatgreat-grandchild.

Pershall 65th

Bill and Donna Pershall celebrated their 65th wedding

anniversary with a family reunion on July 27, 2018, in Lincoln City, Ore.

William Pershall married Donna Brody on June 14, 1953, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Bill graduated from Walla Walla College in 1958. He taught school for several years then went into construction, which he recently retired from. Bill took up flying and used this means of travel in his construction. He continues to manage a cherry orchard and rentals. Through the years he has gone on several mission trips with the students at nearby Cascade Christian Academy. A highlight on a trip to Africa was that his grandchildren, daughters and sons-inlaws were with him.



Bill and Donna Pershall

Donna worked as an office manager for dentist for many years as well as doing books for the construction business. Earlier in their lives they enjoyed skiing and later took up golf, which they still enjoy. They are active members of the Wenatchee Church.

The Pershall family includes two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Jim Martin; Kim and Duane Eastman; a granddaughter, Sydnee Martin; a grandson, Dustin Eastman, and his wife, Andie; and a great-granddaughter, Aurora Eastman.

DEWEBER-DICKERSON

Roberta "Bobbi" Lynne DeWeber and David Lynn Dickerson were married July 1, 2018, in Tillamook, Ore. Bobbi is the daughter of Gerald "Jerry" Munroe (deceased) and Alice (Ross) Munroe McMullen. David is the son of Bill and Beth (Ernest) Dickerson.

FAMILYATREST

BLEUER — Orville Leroy, 84; born Jan. 14, 1934, Chicago, Ill.; died March 19, 2018, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: wife, Ellen (Hill); sons, John, of California; Rolf, of Florida; Craig, of Massachusetts; stepsons, Harrison Ross, of Oregon; Benjamin Ross, of Oregon; Benjamin Ross, of Washington; daughters, Jana Bleuer, of California; Eva Parker, of Michigan; stepdaughter, Julia Miller, of Washington; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

BOYD — Mavis Irene (Betts), 95; born Aug. 19, 1922, Ruthven, Iowa; died Nov. 13, 2017, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Marvin and Terry; daughter, Clarissa Ashley, Portland; sister, Rollen Parker; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

BRASS — Beverly Jean (Jones), 89; born Feb. 24, 1929, Pocatello, Idaho; died April 25, 2018, Palm Springs, Calif. Surviving: husband, Jerry, Portland, Ore.; daughter, Donna Hesgard, Battle Ground, Wash.; sister, Evelyn Hanson, Loma Linda, Calif.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

BROWN — Clay W., 94; born April 16, 1924, Mountain Home, Idaho; died May 16,

FAMILYATREST

2018, McMinnville, Ore. Surviving: wife, Violet (Stephens); daughter, Karen Baumgartner, Molalla, Ore.; adopted daughter, Mary Villanueva, Tualatin, Ore.; adopted son, Joe Guerrero, Gaston, Ore.; sister, Betty Oglesby, Forest Grove, Ore.; and 9 grandchildren.

BROWN — Cooper L., 99; born June 20, 1918, Binger, Okla.; died April 26, 2018, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Kimberly Lynn Huey, Sandy, Ore.; sisters, Margie Francisco and Bette Davis, both of Loma Linda, Calif.; Norma "Sandy" Johnston, College Place; a grandchild and 2 great-grandchildren.

CARLEY — Roy Ronald, 69; born Jan. 16, 1949, New Britain, Conn.; died April 21, 2018, Kapaau, Hawaii. Surviving: wife, Bonnie Dee (Balecock); son, Rondall Royce Carley, Kapaau; daughter, Lynice Marie Trevino, Plano, Texas; brothers, Ed Carley, Loma Linda, Calif.; Walter Carley, Berrien Springs, Mich.; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

CASEY — Barbara Jean (Jetton), 82; born Nov. 2, 1935, Bellflower, Calif.; died April 15, 2018, Napa, Calif. Surviving: daughter, Shawn Casey-White; and brother, James Jetton.

CLEVELAND — Randy, 53; born Sept. 29, 1964, Loveland, Colo.; died April 12, 2018, Kirkland, Wash. Surviving: wife, Ann (Myers); daughters, Megan Cleveland, Denver, Colo.; Madeleine Hill, Bethesda, Md.; and mother, Laurene (Stacey) Cleveland, Loma Linda, Calif. **CORBAN** — Myrn Marvel (O'brien), 86; born Feb. 17, 1931, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; died Oct. 20, 2017, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, John, Gresham, Ore.; daughter, Colleen Morgan, Gresham; and 3 grandchildren.

DALE — Virgil Rueben, 92; born May 26, 1925, Gary, Minn.; died Feb. 2, 2018, Clayton, N.M. Surviving: sons, Roger and Kevin, both of Roseburg, Ore.; daughter, Shirley Comstock, Salem, Ore.; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

DRESSLER — James Andrew, 50; born March 21, 1968, Spokane, Wash.; died April 10, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Parker and Paxton, both of Walla Walla; parents, Andrew and Rosemary Dressler, Walla Walla; and sister, Michelle Dressler.

EVERETT — Bernice "Bunny," 92; born Nov. 30, 1925, Minneapolis, Minn.; died May 12, 2018, Edmonds, Wash. Surviving: sons, John, Austin, Texas; Mel, Edmonds; Brad, Silverdale, Wash.; daughter, Kelly Loxdale, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada; 5 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.

GEPPERT — Jean Renée Augustine (Garcia) Schilling Toll, 68; born Nov. 3, 1949, Portland, Ore.; died March 13, 2018, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Melissa Skaggs, Glenns Ferry, Idaho; Paula Olin, Vancouver, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

HACKATHORN — Karen (Schockley), 67; born Feb. 2, 1951, Wichita, Kan.; died April 2, 2018, Salem, Ore. Surviving: husband, Patrick, Springfield, Ore.; daughter, Amy Honey, Eugene, Ore.; Melissa Drake, Salem; sister, Kathryn (Schockley) Unruh, Calimesa, Calif.; and 5 grandchildren.

HARMS — June Ruth (Corder), 95; born July 31, 1922, Mount Vernon, Ohio; died July 1, 2018, Richland, Wash. Surviving: sons, Leonard, Pasco, Wash.; Larry, Redlands, Calif.; daughter, Linda Case, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

HOLBROOK — Shirley Alice (Fisher) Rouse, 94; born Jan. 23, 1924, Antelope, N.D.; died May 5, 2018, Emmett, Idaho. Surviving: son, Ken Rouse, Irrigon, Ore.; stepsons, Edgar Holbrook and Sid Holbrook, both of Goldendale, Wash.; daughters, Carla Burt, Emmett, Idaho; Janet Myers, Philomath, Ore.; stepdaughter, Leninae Johnson, Goldendale; brother, Sheldon Fisher, Richarton, N.D.; sister, Beryl Sievers, Taylor, N.D.; 10 grandchildren, several step-grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

HOLLAND - M. Juel (Scott), 99; born Aug. 24, 1918, Laurel Fork, Va.; died May 17, 2018, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Marlene Holland, Walla Walla, Wash.; Brenda Sherman, Milton-Freewater, Ore.; Wynona Lowe, Walla Walla; Sharon Dunks, Milton-Freewater; stepson, Sydney Wayne Holland, Fair Oaks, Calif.; sisters, Hattie Lee Folck, Greenscastle, Ind.; Margaret Back, Eaton, Ohio; Jerline Aylsworth, Fair Oaks; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

IRWIN — Charlotte Jean (Massie) Clark, 94; born Sept. 25, 1923, Salem, Ore.; died May 1, 2018, Great Falls, Mont. Surviving: son, Richard Clark, Great Falls; daughters, Suzanne (Clark) Goset, Marysville, Wash.; Catherine Clark, Great Falls; sister, Catherine Busek, Bremerton, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JOHNSON — Ernest "Ordell," 95; born Nov. 1, 1922, Ossett, Mont.; died May 14, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Echo (McClenahan); son, Robert; daughter, Judy Rasmussen; brother, Dwight; sisters, Dena Larson and Darla Hanson; 4 grandchildren and 7 great–grandchildren.

KEIM — René A., 68; born Aug. 22, 1949, Scheveningen, the Netherlands; died April 3, 2018, Olympia, Wash. Surviving: wife, Denise; sons, Anthony, of Japan; Nathan, Everett, Wash.; Nicholas, Peyton, Colo.; daughter, Naomi, Seattle, Wash.; brother, Werner, Yuba City, Calif.; sisters, Anne Mie Quist, Keauhou, Hawaii; Inge Duncan, Santa Clara, Calif.; and 2 grandchildren.

KLEIN — Doris V. (Johnson) Brown, 91; born June 10, 1926, Kinder, La.; died Feb. 10, 2018, Clackamas, Ore. Surviving: husband, LeRoy; daughter, Jeannie Lusk, Milwaukie, Ore.; and 2 grandchildren.

KNAPP — Anna Kristine (Pfeiffer), 55; born Feb. 15, 1963, Portland, Ore.; died May 28, 2018, Portland. Surviving: husband, Dwight, Gresham, Ore.; son, Ashton, Gresham; daughter, Libby Knapp, Gresham; mother, Sandra (White)

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Pfeiffer, Everett, Wash.; brothers, Matthew Pfeiffer, Siloam Spring, Ark.; and Mark Pfeiffer, Corona, Calif.

LOCKWOOD — Peggy Jeanne (Means), 95; born Oct. 4, 1922, Winona, Wash.; died April 21, 2018, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: sons, David, El Mirage, Ariz.; Gary, Mission, Texas; Steve, Irrigon, Ore.; daughters, Judie Bryan, Prineville, Ore.; Andrea Booth, Nesbit, Miss.; Diana Ruud, Chesapeake, Va.; Debbie Walter, Hermiston, Ore.; brothers Jack Means, Happy Valley, Ore.; sister, Kay Slawson, Ridgefield, Wash.; 23 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

MATAR — Dottie (Tininenko), 97; born Aug. 15, 1920, Bainville, Mont.; died May 15, 2018, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Dorothy Wareham and Sally Curnow; 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

NAZAROFF — Mike Max Hixson, 78; born Feb. 15, 1940, in Iran; died May 7, 2018, Milton-Freewater, Ore. Surviving: wife, Karen (Jordan) Nazaroff, Walla Walla, Wash.; son, Michael, Seattle, Wash.; and sister, Mary Gooseff, Nevada City, Calif.

NIELSEN — Richard Lee, 48; born June 25, 1969, Portland, Ore.; died April 26, 2018, Sandy, Ore. Surviving: son, Montana, Sandy; daughters, Kayla Canada, Vancouver, Wash.; Kelly Larsen, Sandy; parents, Chris and Mari (Williams) Nielsen, Sandy; and sister, Rachel Nielsen-Steeprow, Sandy. NOLIN — Alice Isabel (Bixler), 99; born June 20, 1918, Williams, Minn.; died April 22, 2018, Portland, Ore. Surviving: son, Gene, Cheney, Wash.; daughter, Jane Woosley, Gresham, Ore.; 5 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

OWENS — Pat (Hood), 90; born Oct. 6, 1927, Corona, Calif.; died May 13, 2018, Creston, British Columbia, Canada. Surviving: husband, Frank; son, Ralph, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

PAYNE — Eileen Marie (Kyllonen), 76; born July 10, 1941, Astoria, Ore.; died March 25, 2018, Dallas, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Cindy Payne, Willamina, Ore.; Cheri Wolcott, Spokane, Wash.; Deeanna Walker and Danette Haynes, both of Salem, Ore.; sisters, Ruth Hancock, Riverside, Calif.; Darlene Dalebout, Bend, Ore.; 4 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

ROCKWELL — Lois (Mills), 93; born Nov. 7, 1924, Eagle Rock, Calif.; died April 21, 2018, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Mary Bailey, Aptos, Calif.; Valerie Boger, Jonesborough, Tenn.; Pam Hogge, Vancouver, Wash.; Shirley Karavanic, Phelan, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

SASS — Melinda Yvonne (Dobbs), 68; born July 9, 1949, Fort Ord, Calif.; died Feb. 28, 2018, Lewiston, Idaho.

SATTERLEE — Norma (Reed), 97; born July 21, 1920, Portland, Ore.; died April 15, 2018, Portland. **SYLVESTER** — Wilbur Ernest, 89; born July 29, 1929, near Elgin, Texas; died May 6, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Lola Jean (Kennedy), College Place, Wash.; daughters, Denise Johnson, Spangle, Wash.; Dolly Wilfley, Federal Way, Wash.; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

TENNANT — Noel R., 82; born Dec. 12, 1935, Centralia, Wash.; died April 28, 2018, Centralia. Surviving: sons, Robert and Earl; daughter, Linda May; brother, George; 3 grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a great-great-grandchild.

TETZ — Everett Donald, 89; born Feb. 2, 1929, Hinsdale, Ill.; died May 16, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Shirley (Miller), College Place, Wash.; sons, Darel, College Place; and Warren, Tehachapi, Calif.

TUCKER — Joanne (Reiner) Unterseher, 80; born May 21, 1937, Portland, Ore.; died Jan. 21, 2018, Bremerton, Wash. Surviving: husband, Kenneth R., Kingston, Wash.; son, Greg Unterseher, Port Orchard, Wash.; stepsons, K. Scott Tucker and Mark Tucker, both of Wenatchee, Wash.; daughter, Laurie (Unterseher) McEwan, Poulsbo, Wash.; stepdaughter, Lyn (Tucker) Schildwachter, Seattle, Wash.; 2 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

VANDENBURGH — Helen Esther (Pappajohn), 93; born Feb. 20, 1925, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; died April 21, 2018, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: sons, Douglas and Robert; daughter, Donelda Todorovich, Walla Walla; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

WATSON-DALBEY — Ina H. (Haffner), 93; born Oct. 30, 1924, Green Castle, Mo.; died Nov. 17, 2017, Marysville, Wash. Surviving: son, Sam Watson, Everett, Wash.; daughter, Sue Pike, Woodland, Wash.; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

WENDELL — Betty, 92; born March 30, 1926; died March 3, 2018, Port Angeles, Wash.

WESSLEN — Karen D. (Seibold), 66; born June 22, 1951, Walla Walla, Wash.; died April 6, 2018, Tualatin, Ore. Surviving: husband, John, Happy Valley, Ore.; sons, Todd, Visalia, Calif.; Kipp, Milwaukie, Ore.; mother, Leta Seibold, Happy Valley; brothers, Kelven Seibold, Pasco, Wash.; David Seibold, Granite Falls, Wash.; and 2 grandchildren.

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- Sept. 8 World Budget: Fall Mission Appeal;
- Sept. 15 Local Church Budget;
- Sept. 22 Local Conference Advance;
- Sept. 29 Union-Designated.

North Pacific Union Conference Association OFFICIAL NOTICE

Official notice is hereby given that a Regular Membership Meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, at Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash. The membership is comprised of the members of the North Pacific Union Conference executive committee. The purpose of the Regular Membership Meeting is to hear reports and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Nov. 10 — Join us for a complimentary dinner and a WWU update at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 12725 S.E. 93rd Ave., Clackamas, Ore., Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Seating limited; RSVP by Nov. 5.

OREGON CONFERENCE

'The Wonders of Hearing' Lecture

Oct. 9— "The Wonders of Hearing" lecture from Andy McIntosh will be presented on Tuesday at 7 p.m. McIntosh is a research professor of thermodynamics at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom and is an adjunct professor at Mississippi State University. He has a background in mathematics, physics and aviation. During his career he published more than 195 technical and scientific papers and articles. He is traveling internationally speaking at universities, seminaries and conventions on creationism, apologetics and in particular against atheism. He has debated a number of atheists, including Dan Barker. McIntosh will be in the Northwest this fall and will speak at the Castle Rock Church at 7531 Old Pacific Hwy. N. Castle Rock, Wash., on "The Wonders of Hearing." Questions? Call 360-967-2165.

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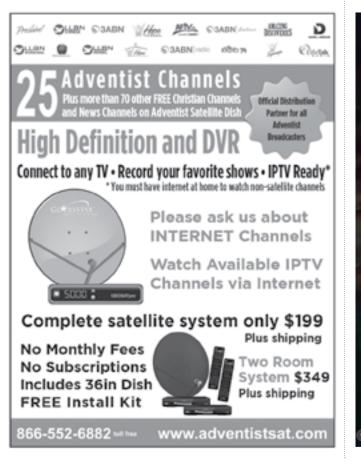
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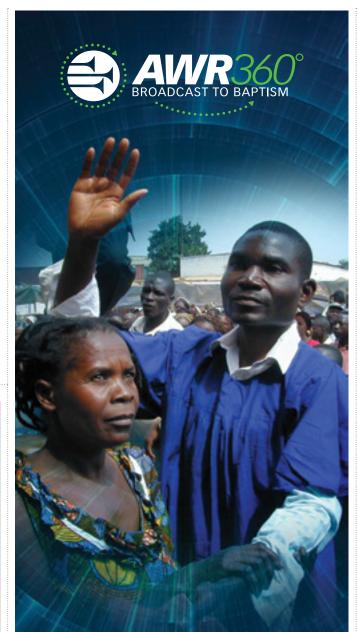
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CHILDREN AND ANXIETY

want to write about something of great import to any of you who love a child. Let's see if I can articulate this.

We have evermore-anxious children. Watch the tears of the elementary kids as they get older. See how the junior high kids worry. Watch the cares and concerns of the teenagers, the fears of the college students. Anxiety fills our air. Researchers are noticing the signs and effects of it in our young ones.

Why is this?

Here's what I think: We were not built to bear the increase of knowledge.

I'm not just talking about the knowledge that we attain in school, although I think that is

part of it.

because

But

Ginger Ketting-Weller

of electronic media, we know too much. We know what our friends are thinking and doing. We know about crimes in our neighborhoods of which we would otherwise be unaware. We know about the distresses and grudges carried by people we know personally, as well as those who are reported in the news and by social media. We know about disasters all around the globe. We know of horrific acts perpetrated here and afar. Exponentially more we hear the criticisms of leaders in our communities, our churches, our country. Others have the tools to criticize us — even when we are yet children — to large audiences ... and we can see what they are saying.

Has it ever occurred to us that perhaps we don't need to KNOW all of these things? That this new level of stress in our society in the last 50–100 years is too much for us? That we were actually not designed to bear all this horror, sadness and discord?

No wonder we and our children are steeped in anxiety these days! No wonder.

I have often thought to myself that as knowledge has increased, we are forced to bear more of the things God's heart must bear. That great sadness, that great anxiety, is not something I can survive. I don't know how God can be anything other than deeply sad all the time. But then I am not God. And I know there must be little joys in the midst of it all. (I would love to be one of them. I am certain the little children in my family are some of God's little joys.)

I don't have the answer. But I rarely ever watch the news



YOU SAID IT

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nowadays. I glance over the headlines and then keep on moving to what I can see and hear in front of me. That is enough. As I read online I try to skip most of the squabbles and much of the finger-pointing, and instead enjoy the affirmations and humor. When someone engages me in hard thinking about our world, I join them. But at some point I turn away from the discussion for a while; it is enough.

But what of our children? We adults need to give serious attention and thought to how their little hearts process all of this knowledge. This is the time of higher plasticity in their brains, the time when they are formed for life. These are the years in which their hearts, characters and emotional tools are formed. How can we help them to put boundaries on what they must bear? How can we help them recognize and reduce the exposures that bring them to anxiety? How can we right-size the world so they don't build anxious habits of thought?

Parents and teachers, you are shaping the future. May you do everything in your power to make it a less anxious one. I don't think we can bear much more. You are in my prayers.

Ginger Ketting-Weller, La Sierra University School of Education dean

PEACEMAKER



ne of the internet's greatest gifts to me is the recurring picture of two fighting siblings in an "I Love You" shirt — a single T-shirt, worn by both parties, that almost forces the kids to hug and be close to each other. Perhaps it works as a deterrent to the unnecessary noise and conflicts that operate extensively on a parent's nerves (and hallelujah if it does, as these can be desperate times). But we all know forced affection, agreements and apologies fall short of the real thing. For example, if I take my wife on a date, there is a solid chance she will give me a kiss before the evening is over. However, if I make her sign a contract for a kiss, the whole mood of the evening and tone of the relationship shifts to something else.

Peace (and even quiet) are experiences longed for in contemporary life, and yet everything about life repels them. The speed of life

> causes us to judge faster. The manipulation and rapid

dissemination of selective images skews our speedy judgments. Plus, we are tired of trying to keep up with all that is going on — these dynamics, and others, don't help us produce the kind of lasting peace, love and respect that lasts.

Instead, we make moves to control and force outcomes we like. Scripture is full of stories of attempts at controlling others. Nebuchadnezzar's threat of death in a fiery furnace demanded that everyone bow to his authority (Daniel 3), Saul's fine-tuned theology led him to breathe (and execute) murderous threats against the nascent Christian community (Acts 9:1). The medieval Christian Church burned dissenters at the stake and launched crusades against other faiths — even misappropriating texts like Jesus' call to love our neighbors (Mark 12:31) as justification. Protestants aren't immune to these tendencies either.

Peter Horsfield highlights the struggle for control over biblical interpretations during the Protestant Reformation's call for sola scriptura. Horsfield observes: "Although an emphasis in Protestant Bible reading was placed on the 'plain sense' of the text, it became apparent that it was possible for the people to gain a variety of plain senses from individual reading. This led to a number of hermeneutic aids being produced to assist readers in understanding the text the way Protestant church authorities wanted them to understand it."1

Apparently, there were multiple sola scripturas and what has been called "vigilante interpretations beyond people's control."

Protestants in early America burned convents in a spirit of nativism and even produced semi-pornographic fictional literature designed to undermine Catholic influence in America. At times

PERSPECTIVE

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they even banned Catholics from voting in local government. Even early Adventists fell victim to heated debates to the point where they lost sight of the gospel. Power plays, force and control, sadly, are a part of all histories. It led to Ellen White penning, "Force is the last resort of every false religion."²

White has a lot to say on this subject. When it comes to education and deciding on people's vocation, she writes, "No human mind should dare take the responsibility of his finite mind guiding or controlling the mind of the Lord's servants and making them his servants."³ Elsewhere she talks about how our expressions of faith and life differ, when she says, "We are not to feel that we must all speak the very same things, giving the same representation in the same words; and yet there is to be unity in the diversity."⁴ She goes on to note that on the

ancient priest's sacred breastplate were different stones, each with their own unique light.

Speaking of early Adventists embracing the Sabbath, she notes how churches kicked them out. She noted, "A deception is upon those who oppress their fellow men because they do not believe the same form of doctrine that their oppressors believe."⁵ Conflict and difference can be uncomfortable, and those in power often try to resolve issues swiftly and forcefully to restore the balance. However, Jesus' words move us toward a more difficult path.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus tells us, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God" (Matt.5:9). Peacemakers is not the same as peacekeepers or peace enforcers. Making peace is slower and more painful, but ultimately lasts longer. It is also true that those who try to make peace create unrest among people who care more for power. Jesus brought peace to many, but also upset a lot of people by doing so - meaning, if you haven't figured it out, you can't make peace with everyone. Still, these thoughts encourage me to try - to move past being one of the Sons of Thunder (with whom I often empathize ... very often) and to become a son of God.

- 1. Peter Horsfield, *From Jesus to the Internet: A History of Christianity and Media* (UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2015), p. 199.
- 2. Signs of the Times, May 6, 1897.
- 3. Manuscript 169, 1897.
- 4. Manuscript 105, 1900.
- 5. *Review and Herald*, April 19, 1898.

Seth Pierce, Puyallup Church lead pastor

HOW CLOSE ARE WE TO THE ACTION?



ook out your window and see the sunset," a man called and said to his estranged wife. "Enjoy it, because it's one of the last sunsets you'll ever see."

He wasn't joking. Several nights later he broke into her home and murdered her and one of their teenage sons. Then he shot himself. Their surviving son witnessed the murder/suicide nightmare.

About 2 a.m. the call from police dispatch awakened me. As I zipped my chaplain jacket and grabbed my badge, I pleaded with God for wisdom. Walking into the station, I met Zach, just in from the murder scene. He was a normal-looking 15-year old, except his pajama shirt oozed fresh blood.

My first task was to tell Zach he couldn't wash his hands, smeared with the blood of his mother and brother.

Zach protested, "Why not?!" I didn't want Martin Weber to tell him that because he was

there when the shootings happened, police had to eliminate the possibility he killed all three family members, then blamed his dead father. They thought Zach was innocent, detectives acknowledged to me, but they needed forensics to clear him.

Zach was confused: "They don't think I did it, do they?"

I explained that police wanted

to prove his innocence with a gunshot residue test on his hands. "It's quick — just swabbing your skin. They're ready to do it right now, and then you can wash your hands."

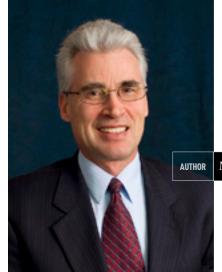
"OK," he agreed. The detective took Zach away for the test while I waited, praying silently for grace to connect with this poor kid. Soon he was back, and we sat together silently, staring at the wall. Then Zach buried his head in his hands, overwhelmed with shock at the loss of his mother, father and younger brother in one hellish night.

CHRIST CAME TO CONQUER DEATH

For victims, survivors and the emergency response agencies dedicated to preserve life, death is the ultimate tragedy. Christ's mission on Earth was to defeat the author of death: "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8, ESV). "Only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death" (Hebrews 2:14, NLT). So the death of Jesus was a victory!

None of that was apparent to Zach on the darkest night of his young life. As I tried to comfort him, he began to trust me and disclosed the devastating details.

"My brother Josh and I woke



PERSPECTIVE

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up hearing Mom screaming downstairs. It must have been midnight. Then we heard Dad shouting in her bedroom. Josh and I ran downstairs. On the way I grabbed the phone and dialed 911. Josh was a few steps in front of me as we hurried to help Mom.

"Running into the

bedroom, he got shot first. Then Mom. I got there as Dad pointed the gun at his own head and pulled the trigger. Just three shots, and that was it."

His sobbing eyes turned to face me.

"I ran to Mom. She was bleeding and died in my arms. I tried to help Josh, but he was dead too. So was Dad. I was the only one alive when the cops ran in the door. They put me in a police car and made me come here."

Zach leaned his head on the interrogation table and quietly wept. I stretched my arm around his shoulder. After a while he settled down, like a baby being calmed. I motioned for the detective watching through the window to come in and record Zach's testimony.

Afterward, Zach inquired in despair, "What's going to happen to me? I'm all alone now."

"Life will be tougher than I could explain, Zach," I acknowledged. "But you will receive lots of love from everybody you know. Friends at school. Teachers too. And if you have a church"

I paused, but Zach didn't respond to that. Not being allowed to promote religious beliefs or practices when a suspect or witness is interviewed, I asked, "Do you have relatives in town?" He did. I asked if he wanted us to make some phone calls. An aunt agreed to take him in.

Outside the police station,

a cold and cloudy morning dawned, the first day of the rest of Zach's life.

Reporters swarmed outside, eager for details. I told Zach, "You don't have to talk to them. I can take you out the back door where your aunt is waiting."

Before we went outside, I asked Zach if he would want me to pray for him. He did. Then he disappeared into his aunt's car. I never saw Zach again.

I hope he found a good church home. A spiritual family as loving as yours — maybe?

Every day, experiences of life and death, joy and grief, gain and loss, are embedded in the neighborhoods around our churches and along streets where our members live. The question Jesus asks of us at His coming is relevant today — "Where were you when I was

in need?" How close are our churches, how close are we, to

where the action really is?

Martin Weber, retired from denominational service, is a hospice chaplain.

JUST LIKE JESUS

BIKER PICNIC

or each of the last 15 years, the King's Riders of the Washington State Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) host a special meal in the park for other bikers. Like, for the Bandidos, the Hombres, the Eagles and other Rebels. Christian bikers, laying a spread for scores of biker families who have little or no exposure to anything Christian.

"Our life goals are completely different," says Patrick Murph, CMA road captain. "We ride to share Jesus, and they ride to create mayhem. Not being much good at mayhem, God's led us to share Jesus with these bikers through food. Each year we reserve some tables at the Everett City Park and invite 'em all in for a biker picnic."

The park fills with Harley roars. When the music stops and the eating begins, you can hardly tell one group of well-leathered bikers from the others. Everyone is talking, telling biker tales, comparing exhaust systems and dreaming their next ride. God's love over paper plates filled with a biker picnic.

"It's amazing to see the faces of Dick Duerksen these guys

when we tell

stories about being led by God to take a specific road, to stop at the next rest stop, speed up or slow down — all at exactly the right moment. Each of our stories shows how Jesus cares



about bikers so much that we know we can depend on His guidance. Most of the Bandidos have never even thought such thoughts," says Pat.

Stay with him for a minute, and Pat shifts into storytelling mode.

"I was riding one day in Idaho, uncomfortably watching a large black cloud growing in the sky ahead. No shade or protection anywhere. That's when God told me to turn into the rest area. There hadn't been any 'Rest Area' warning signs, but sure enough, *right there* was a turnoff for a huge rest area with lots of room for me to park under shelter."

Pat gives you a minute to imagine the situation, to feel the cool blow of thunderstorm air and wonder how the rest area showed up *right then*.

"I parked," Pat says, "threw a rain-cover over my black leather T-bag and huddled down in the shelter as the storm dumped. And I mean dumped!!!! Sure is nice to know God cares." Stories flow around the banquet, as riders and families share together. Before the riders leave, Pat asks for their attention.

"If you would like to have your bike blessed today, just stand by your bike, and one of our riders will come by and offer a blessing for you and your steed."

They stayed and stood. Bandidos, Hombres, Eagles and the others, standing tall by their bikes, awaiting a personalized blessing from one of God's Warriors.

They came. CMA riders, the King's Riders, members of the Seven Warriors team, each armed with "I Was Blessed in '18" stickers for rebel windshields and prepared to give a blessing link between riders and God.

"You ought to join us next year," Pat invited. "Bless a Rebel, and be blessed!"

Dick Duerksen, Oregon Conference storycatcher and storyteller



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