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The Messenger of Tabor Heights

Bible Reading Challenge

They're watching you read!

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise."

—Deuteronomy 6:6–7 ESV

How are you doing with your reading? The reading of Scripture is a blessing and encouragement to your own hearts and one way to honor God, but did you know that when you spend time reading the Bible, you may be influencing others? However you spend time doing in life indicates to others what you value most. Those who know you best will see your commitment to the Word of God and know you value the Bible and your time with the Lord.

Every one of us is leaving a legacy for the next generation. The Bible you mark up as you read, your journal notes, and even your quiet times with God - observed by your family or friends - are a living legacy of faith. And even if you have no one in your home to observe your daily practice, know that God is watching. He is your most important audience. He knows how much you love Him and His Word when you spend time reading.

You can be a person of influence—an individual of living faith—every single day!

- Nancy Leigh DeMoss
www.reviveourhearts.com

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NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CALENDARS

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Monthly Highlights

Linda Brideges' Cooking Class

When Mia announced she was going to seminary, I asked myself how I could help the Go family. I decided I could help by teaching Grace how to cook. From that decision grew a Youth Cooking Class that meets on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm in the upstairs kitchen. Trish Nelson, the head cook at the Horse Brass Pub, is helping with the class. The first week, we were expecting maybe 4 or 5 girls and had 8. Since then one more has joined. We are learning to cook things like lasagna, Swedish meat balls, and Key lime pie. At the same time, we talk about designing healthy menus, cooking skills, kitchen safety, and food safety. (Did you know that you carry sharp knives down by your leg so you do not stab anyone?) And finally, the girls are learning that we are not done cooking until the kitchen is clean.



In addition to working with the girls, we get a chance to get to know the parents while they wait for the girls to clean the kitchen. Everyone including the parents is having a great time. However, we do need more volunteers. Two adults are not enough to work with 9 girls. If you would like to volunteer to help teach cooking once a month, please talk to Linda.

Worship with Costumes...



Martha, Luke & Jochebed



Queen Esther



Pie & Party



Game Night!

Note of Gratitude to Members of Tabor Heights UMC

"I have been immensely blessed by my association and membership in Tabor Heights United Methodist Church. My heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you for your prayers and support during my time in Portland. I will miss you and our wonderful Church. You will remain in my prayers and in my heart.

May God bless all of you!"

- Mary Overby



Happy Anniversary in November

Larry & Pat Regan 10

Members' Updates

Mary Overby

Emerald Greens Golf Resort
13941 Clubhouse Drive - #311
Tampa, FL 33618

Marge Brown

Powell Valley Assisted Living
4001 SE 182nd
Gresham, OR

Anne Fitchner

Magnolia Innovative Senior Living
7070 SW Oleson Rd. Portland, OR

BIRTHDAYS in November

Sarah Morrell	11
Jeff Carpenter	25
Lorraine Eiland	25
Emma Wren	25
Mark Wren	27
Sam Buchanann	28
Delmer Eisert	30

CALLING ALL MUGS!

Trying to become better stewards, we have switched from paper cups to mugs for Coffee Fellowship. If you so desire, you may bring and use your own mug from home. Donations of extra mugs are welcome!

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THE PLEDGE SUNDAY & HARVEST DINNER

We celebrate our Stewardship Commitment Sunday' on November 13 by sharing together with 'Harvest Dinner' after the service. An important aspect of our spiritual growth is embodied in the principle of stewardship. Through stewardship, we thank God for all our blessings by returning to God a portion of the time, talent and treasure given to us.

***Time.** How much time do you set aside each week in prayer and involvement in volunteer activities in your parish and in our community?

***Talent.** How you are using your talents for the betterment of our parish family and for the community as a whole?

***Treasure.** What percentage of your yearly income do you presently give to support your church and community activities?

This November it is our suggestion that you would spend time in prayerful thought about stewardship and your relationship with the Lord.



Pledge Sunday & Harvest Dinner
Guest Preacher, Pastor Orphy,
God's Grace Church
November 13(Sun) at 11am.

Bishop's Threshold Event
November 13(Sun)
@ Montavilla UMC, 2-4pm.

Sunday Worship with
Guest Musician, Lasana Kanneh
November 20(Sun) at 11am.

Transition Projects
Nov. 22 (Every 4th Tuesday), 7p.m
@ 435 NW Glisan St.

Advent Festival
December 4(Sun)
In Annex, 12-3pm.

ALL CHURCH MEETING
Led by Vision Board
December 11(Sun) right after
Worship service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24(Sat)
Dinner at 5 pm. in Annex
Service at 7 pm. in Sanctuary

BISHOP'S THRESHOLD EVENT

November 13(Sun), 2-4pm.

Rev. Elaine Stanovsky, the new bishop of the Greater NW Area is to hold "Threshold Event" at Montavilla UMC, Nov. 13. All laity and clergy are invited. There will be a time to ask question and to help her become acquainted with each part of the area. This is one of several Threshold Events to be held around the episcopal area.



NOVEMBER 20TH SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH GUEST MUSICIAN

A beautiful African music, IjenNeh in Sunday worship. We all are invited to celebrate 'the Season of Thanksgiving' with a Liberian musician, Lasana Kanneh who suffered much in his native homeland. He was born blind and ostracized by his community for this disability. November 20, he is bring us his testimony and music that are to bring us to a closer relationship with the living God in an unexpected and joyful experience.

ADVENT FESTIVAL IS COMING!

A wonderful way to start off the Christmas season is our annual Advent Craft Festival. It has been held on the first Sunday in December for as long as I have been coming to Tabor Heights. Let's see, Robbie is 28 and he was 3 months old when I started coming so... a long time! And no surprise! It is on December 4th this year. We liked having the chili lunch right after the service, and then downstairs for the crafts and music and treats, so that is what we will do again this year.

Last year, we had the African Violet Society join us and they showed us how to grow baby African violets from starts. I have a few that survived and well on their way to putting out blooms. The craft tables ran the gamut from simple to complex, for young and old. Of course, you could make an evergreen swag for your front door and maybe one for a friend. I have invited some of the musicians from The Beat Goes on Marching Band to play some Christmas songs and there will be treats, fellowship and fun (supplied by our wonderful congregation).

There is a lot of preparation that goes into the Advent Craft Festival, but so many people pitch right in and help. That makes it even more fun since we work together. Even if you cannot help directly, make it your goal to personally invite someone and have a flyer ready to hand them so they have all the information. Remind them that there is no hidden agenda; it is for fun! And think! What a nice present you are giving them with your invitation. Everyone who has come tells me how much they enjoyed it.

So mark it on the calendar, offer to do a craft table or be a helper, to bring something for the lunch, to help decorate or clean up. Contact Lois Lee, Linda Bridges or me, Barbara Carpenter. I'll be glad to help with a suggestion for a craft or a task; most people realize I have the ability to tell them where to go or what to do!!!(That is a small joke). This is for everyone and it is wonderful!



Christmas Eve:

Potluck Dinner at 5PM & Candlelight Service at 7PM

This year we will have a Christmas Potluck Dinner with the congregation of God's Grace Church followed by a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service.



We come to God to let our requests and thanks be known for all things.

*“Come, ye thankful people, Come, raise the song of harvest home;
God our Maker doth provide for our want to be supplied;
Come to God’s own temple, come raise the song of harvest home”*

We thank God for His continued healing presence in the lives of those who we have prayed for throughout the past month:

Rick Hovercamp, Joanne Mattson, Lindsey, granddaughter of Mary Overby, Ed Lee, Lois Lee’s daughter and nephew, Phyllis Williams daughter, Rhonda, Marilyn Reihs, Jean Vann and her friend, Steve, Laurie Newcomer, Gay Disco , Jim Buchanan, and all those who are experiencing transitions in life.

We bring thanks and praise for our many blessings:

Our church musicians, and the many other volunteers who serve continually by sharing their own gifts throughout the congregation. Special thanks to Tom Lohkamp for his encouraging message on Laity Sunday.

A weekend visit by Mia Park after two months of intense study at Garret Evangelical University in Chicago.

The children who have made several presentations in the past few weeks.

The safe return home as many have traveled over the summer months.

Visitors who have joined us in worship.

The success of the “Volunteer Week” organized by Joanne Buck.

We pray for God’s direction in the lives of:

Nathan Flores, grandson of Joanne Dobrinski who was sworn into the National Guard and will be in basic training to be a cryptologic linguist.

Harley Disco, grandson of Gay Disco who is going through a difficult time and experiencing emotional issues.

Mary Overby as she leaves our church to live near family in Florida.

We offer prayers of thanks for the lives of those who have passed and will be fondly remembered:

Jerry Long, whose Memorial Service was held here on Saturday, November 5th.
Vicki, Char Blakely’s dear friend.

Pray for our church, our nation and the world as we continue to pray for each other.

With Christ’s Peace and Love,
Your Church Family

*“Let us not become weary in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up”*

Happy Birthday

Sam Buchanan, "Fun in the sun."

Sam B will be 17 years young this November and continues to really enjoy Maui and it's wonderful weather. In fact, today (the 7th) he spent time in the surf body surfing. Last week he attended Comic-Con, LaHaina, where he was checking out the grand variety of costumes and comics to expand his art ideas.



He's living at a condo, which also has a pool, and the beach is only five minutes away, so he gets plenty of sun and exercise. He and Mom took two of the dogs with them and Buddy is Sam's special friend. He's the younger of the two and definitely less controllable. The elder dog Sadie is calm and composed.

Because Sam loves animals so much, Mom got him helping at a pet store/animal adoption place, where he has been a caretaker and had several pups and even a kitten given away. It is the kind of responsibility I could see Sam loving to do for a long time. Not the give-a-ways, but definitely the caring and playing with them. Note, he is kind to and not scared of helping other mammals, or even reptiles. When younger, the visit of the Reptile Man was great for Sam, since he was front and center to hold them. He even asked and sometimes got to 'feed' the iguana at OMSI.

Current plans are for Sam to visit with me next January, after his brother Max comes back from a Christmas Holiday in Maui. As you know, after nine months in Maui last year, he came back here six feet tall and 190#. I am not sure what to expect after another summer in the sun and great eating. We Skype every week and his moustache and beard look all grown up!

-A note of Sam Buchanan, from his dad, regarding Sam approaching 17 on Nov. 28th. I know when he's here, he will join me at church and say "Aloha."



Just imagine we took time on Sunday morning or in a fellowship meeting to discover the "back story" of the person you are sitting next to. What a revelation it would be!

Maybe you'd find a former U-2(spy plane) pilot, a world class orchestra concert master, a Vietnam or WWII vet, a prison nurse, a master contractor and builder of Tabor Heights UMC, school teacher, party planner, scout leader, hair stylist, insurance adjuster, and

In that lull, ask that inquiring question and be prepared for an "earful"!

- Evie Brim

Create YOUR FUTURE VISION BOARD

ALL CHURCH MEETING ON DECEMBER 11TH



Make plans to attend a meeting of all members and any others who are interested in the future direction of Tabor Heights Faith Community. Immediately following the worship service (approximately 12:00PM) we will have a meeting briefly (target 30 min total for presentations). There will be time for questions and comments following. These are exciting times -- make sure you're on hand to hear first-hand what the future can look like.

Scholarship Fund at Tabor Heights

Tabor Heights Vision Board is pleased to present the opportunity for award of scholarships for post high school education. The purpose of the scholarship awards is to assist eligible High School graduating seniors and college students with financial assistance to continue their education. The application form will be available in the church office. Plus, if you are thinking you want to contribute scholarship funds, this could be a significant way you can impact a life of the young who would help solidify the future of the Christian faith community.

Have you noticed the name tags attached to ribbons in our Narthex? Everyone in the congregation who attends regularly has a name tag hanging in one of these places.

In a recent article in the Upper Room a man tells of neglecting to take his name tag off after leaving church one Sunday. He stopped at a local store. As he checked out, the cashier greeted him by name. He was puzzled as to how she knew him. He quickly realized he was still wearing his name tag. By wearing his name tag, he was sharing the message we read in Isaiah 43:1. "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Our names are important to God and certainly important for us to respect and use.



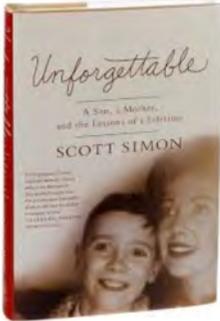
What a witness this is to those who are not acquainted with a church family. You may not want to wear a name tag when you are out and about, but wearing it each Sunday is, obviously, very worthwhile.

God has called us each by name. You don't have a name tag? If you are a regular visitor or a new member, please let the church office know or write it on your attendance card. We will be very happy to see that there's one for you soon.

BOOK REVIEW: "UNFORGETTABLE"

A Son, A Mother, and the Lessons of a Lifetime

By Scott Simon



Reading a book about a son, sitting at his mother's bedside in a hospital room might not sound like the uplifting book we all enjoy. However, NPR's Scott Simon chronicles his mother's death and reminisces about her life revealing her humor and strength and celebrating familial love.

Spending their last days together in a hospital ICU, mother and son reflect on their lifetime's worth of memories, recounting stories laced with humor and exemplifying resilience. This is highly recommended reading for anyone who has faced the passing of a loved one or anticipates it. As you read you will be prompted to restore your own memories and consider sharing them. You may want to also share this book with family and friends.

Marilyn Reihls

PLEASE NOTE: If you have read a book that you would like to share in a future newsletter, please email a brief review to mareihs@comcast.net

MOVIE REVIEW: "The Free State of Jones"

As the Civil war dragged on the Confederate Army ran out of supplies. The only solution was to steal from the civilians in the area. A group of disillusioned Confederate soldiers band together to fight the regular army.



In 1863, Mississippi farmer Newt Knight serves as a medic for the Confederate Army. Opposed to slavery, Knight would rather help the wounded than fight the Union. After his nephew dies in battle, Newt returns home to Jones County to safeguard his family but is soon branded an outlaw deserter. Forced to flee, he finds refuge with a group of runaway slaves hiding out in the swamps. Forging an alliance with the slaves and other farmers, Knight leads a rebellion that would forever change history.

The movie is very good and based on a true story. You will discover things you didn't learn in school; however it is not recommended for young children. It stars award winning. Mathew McConaughey as Newton Knight and is available at the Red Box.

- Char Blakely