

MAY 2006 CARUS NEWS

RANDOM NOTES

The Apostle John relates one of the powerful resurrection appearances of Jesus on that 1st Easter Sunday. Listen to the hope & invitation to Lighthouse Living our Lord gives them:

“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came & stood among them & said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After He said this, He showed them His hands & side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you.’ And with that He breathed on them & said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”

(John 20:19-23)

The reality of a Risen Jesus dispels the fears that these disciples have about the future. He displays His scarred & glorified body. He speaks a word of peace (Shalom) that covers every aspect of living. He tells them that they are to go into the world to proclaim God’s Kingdom. He lets them know that the spiritual realities they offer to people will be honored by the Father. Jesus tells them that they will receive the Holy Spirit of God for these challenging tasks.

All this has gotten me thinking about the times when we, His People, lock up our doors out of fear. One of the many things we can be fearful of is that as Christians, we do not have much to offer people who are not. Because I believe that we have a great deal to offer others, I want to share what we have been given by Almighty God to use in ministry. During the Spring, I’ll be sharing from the Scriptures the abundant resources that we are blessed with today! I hope you will join us in Worship this Sunday as I begin this series with the teaching: *“Why I’m Hopeful.”* Come, join us as the Risen Christ blesses His People.....to be a blessing to others. See you then & there!

By Grace Alone,
Rand D. Sargent

CONNECTING MISSION IS BLESSING PEOPLE

Our congregation is participating in an area network of other United Methodist Churches to be an agent of blessing to the larger community. *Canby, Clarkes, Marquam, Molalla & Oregon City* have jointed with us to work together to these ends:

- Strengthen each local congregation.
- Do together the things that are best done, or only possible, if done together.
- Facilitate the best stewardship of available resources of personnel, supervision, property & finances.
- Impact & advocate for quality of life in our area. Make a difference in our community.

If you would like to know more about how to get involved with this network for blessing others, talk to *Pastor Rand* or Lay Leader *Carol Johns*.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE *CARUS UMC*?

Pastor Rand would like to offer a Membership Orientation Class to those interested. If you would like to explore about the congregation, the Christian Faith, & what becoming a Professing Member of ***Carus UMC*** means, please contact him @ **503/829-5508**. This opportunity is also open to current Members who would like to grow in their discipleship as well.

THANK YOU – THANK YOU

A special Thank You to everyone who worked on the Rummage Sale by donating items, organizing and pricing, working during the sale, and helping with the clean up. We made \$652.00 and there are still a few outstanding receipts from the sale. This will make the third highest Rummage Sale since 1999. Thanks again for everyone's contribution to making the Rummage Sale a success. Also UMW adds their "Thanks" for all who donated towards UMW's bake sale during the Rummage Sale.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2006

May 6, 2006 – All Daughters Tea at 1:00 PM at the Church. Theme is "Cream & Sugar Sets". All Daughters are welcome, bring a cream & sugar set to share a story or just come and enjoy.

May 7, 2006 – Communion Sunday during regular worship. All Church Movie Night at 7:00 PM at the Church. Popcorn and refreshments provided. No charge, but donations can be made for the final expenses of putting up Phase II of the playground equipment. The movie is "Little Manhattan", rated "G", and everyone is welcome for a fun evening.

May 10, 2006 – UMW Meeting at 7:00 PM at Mary Foix's home. This will be the last meeting until September.

May 14, 2006 – Mother's Day Celebration. Refreshments after church service in honor of All Mothers.

May 16, 2006 – Church Council Meeting at 7:00 PM

May 23, 2006 – Connecting Missions Meeting at 6:30 PM at Carus

May 28, 2006 – Birthday Sunday. Set-up and clean-up by Holly Rudie

BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY 2006

May 1 – Susan Kolling
May 4 – Susan (Eggleston) Houtz
May 6 – Donna Muehleck
May 14 – Linda Thomson
May 17 – Craig Thomas
May 17 – Hilliary Ferguson
May 19 – Dan Misner, Jr.
May 24 – Bill Walter
May 27 – Chayla Uhl
May 28 – Adam Helmick