

## JULY 2006 CARUS UMC NEWS

### RANDOM NOTES

I believe that simple things are likely to get done! I also believe that each of us is called to be an agent of blessing in the lives of others so that they experience God's unconditional love & eventually come to know their Divine Lover. We bless others & leave the results to the Lord. In that spirit, let me tell you of an opportunity to bless that I fell into.

The other night I was in Mt Angel enjoying the music of the *Seattle Cascades Drum & Bugle Corps*. Helping them get down the road to the next competition is how I have been spending summer vacations the past few years. The Tour Manager (also my brother-in-law) came up to me during this rehearsal & asked if I could run a member to the Portland Airport. In doing so, I met a young man named *Chase*. *Chase* just joined the Corps last Saturday. His home is in Houston, TX. His Father had suffered a heart attack & was in ICU. *Chase* was flying back home to make sure his Dad was ok before returning to the road with the *Cascades*.

On the way up, I chatted with this 21-year-old Tuba player. We talked about lots of things, including his Dad & family. As I dropped him off @ PDX, I shook his hand & simply said:

*"I'll be praying this all works out well. I'll be praying for you & your Dad. See you when you get back."*

*Chase* did not know I was anyone other than a Corps volunteer who drove him to the airport. (I chose to be one of you, the Laity, instead of *Pastor Rand* this time. It was fun!) What I trust he did know was that the Lord cares about what is going on in his life right now. How these truths impacting his future & eternity works out is in God's hands to see through. All this is very significant & wonderfully simple.

May you have such opportunities to be an agent of God's Blessing in some one's life this day.

By Grace Alone,  
Rand D. Sargent

### 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.

### OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE IS BLESSING PEOPLE

Our congregation participated in helping hungry persons in Idaho be fed! This June, we received a special offering (Carus collected \$235.55) that *Pastor Rand* took to the Annual Conference Sessions in Nampa, ID. Our generous sharing, when added to that of the other United Methodist congregations in Oregon & Southern Idaho, totaled just under **\$20,500**. The entire amount was then given to the *Idaho Food Bank* for ministry. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those in need in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **SEEKING OUTREACH PRAYER COORDINATOR**

We are looking for someone in the congregation with a passion for prayer and a heart for seeing others blessed by God. This *Outreach Prayer Coordinator* would work with our existing prayer structures to help the whole congregation be focused on specific prayer to the new neighbors coming across Highway 213 from our ministry site. This person would develop and distribute regular prayer requests for them as the most important way we are looking to become agents of blessing for God in our neighbors lives.

Please be in prayer that the Lord calls the one He has already chosen for this ministry in the next two weeks. Please be praying that they will sense God's call and respond with joy to this opportunity for ministry. If you have questions, please contact *Pastor Rand*.

## **HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER**

Now that school is out and summer is here, many of our members will be on vacation and traveling. Please keep them in your prayers for a fun and safe summer. Just a reminder, that even though we may be gone on vacation, the operation of *our* Church and financial obligations continue during the summer.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2006**

July 2, 2006 – Holy Communion and Independence Sunday.

July 4, 2006 – Pastor Rand is on vacation through July 15, 2006. In case of an emergency, please contact Karen Uhl. Praying that everyone will have a fun and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

July 9, 2006 – Pastor Rand is on vacation. Carol Johns will deliver the message.

July 13, 2006 – UMW School of Christian Mission at George Fox University through July 16, 2006. Carol Johns will be attending.

July 15, 2006 – All Church WorkDay from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Ron Uhl.

July 16, 2006 – Worship Team Meeting at 12:30 PM after Worship Service.

July 18, 2006 – Church Council Meeting at 7:00 PM.

July 26, 2006 – Deadline for News Articles for August 2006 Carus News.

July 30, 2006 – Birthday Sunday, Susan McKenna in charge of set-up and clean-up. Tentative Playground Dedication Celebration following Worship Service.

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY 2006**

July 2 – Betty Fish-Ferguson

July 7 – Vartan Friedman

July 12 – Fay Houghton

July 14 – Julie Bello

July 17 – Helen Smidt

July 17 – Chris Brown

July 19 – Bob Pearson

July 20 – Bill Seagren

July 21 – Bob Johns