



Carus United Methodist Church

We journey together to seek Christ's Truth
through love, fellowship and service.

November 2006 Newsletter

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RANDOM NOTES

A blind person was overheard to say, "One good thing about being blind is.....you're not afraid of the dark."

Although this person's physical eyesight was missing, their spiritual insight was great. Here was a person who recognized the hidden blessing in less than perfect circumstances.

It is not unlike the journey of Henry Smith, the man who wrote the Worship song *Give Thanks*. Though he suffered from a degenerative eye disease that made graduating from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia a real challenge, he accomplished his goal. Not soon after, Smith was told that he would lose his sight permanently. He has been legally blind since 1981.

One day as this was happening, Henry Smith pondering his life: struggling to find regular employment, yet thrilled to be out of school.....blind, but excited to be worshipping with friends in a vibrant congregation.....wondering about his future, yet in love with the woman that would soon become his wife. Deeply thankful for all God's blessings, Smith heard his pastor quote 2 Corinthians 8:9 to say that "*Christ, though He was rich, became poor for our sakes that we might become rich in Him.*" Penning what has become a crown jewel in Praise & Worship music was simply his way to thank the One who had so richly blessed his life.

As we prepare in this season of national thanks, some questions for you:

- Can you recognize the blessings in the midst of adversity?
- Can you find opportunity in the haystack of problems?
- Can you see hidden assets among the more conspicuous liabilities?
- Can you identify hard-to-find advantages within the more obvious handicaps?

This is the deeper meaning of gratitude. It is what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "*In all things we are more than conquerors, through Him who loved us.*"

Why not bless the heart of God Who has so freely shared His blessings with you.....

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.

Auction Bazaar at Marquam

Friday, November 3rd - Marquam's United Methodist Women's 102nd Auction Bazaar at Marquam's Fellowship Hall - Child Care Provided. 5:30 to 6:45 PM Chili & Hot Dog Dinner - proceeds to be donated to local food bank. 5:45 to 6:45 PM Silent Auction - dessert and preview. 7:00 PM Oral Auction with JillMarie Wiles. Everyone welcome.

UMW Harvest Bake Sale

Don't miss the UMW Harvest Bake Sale on November 19, 2006 following the church service.

Community Prayer

As we pray for the community around our church, and the community that will be moving into the houses across the road from our church, offer special prayers for single parents with children. Ask for blessings for their health and well-being.

TERI & EV ERBELE IN MARQUAM ON NOVEMBER 8TH

The *Marquam* congregation is a covenant partner with *UM Missionaries Teri & Ev Erbele* who minister in Lithuania, Latvia & Russia. *Teri* serves as the District Superintendent for Lithuania & Area Financial Executive for Latvia & Eurasia. *Evelyn* pastors the Eiguliai UMC located in Kaunas, Lithuania as well as being responsible for the Development of Adult Education & Outreach in Lithuania & Latvia. Read more at: <http://www.dakotasumc.org/erbele/Sept%202006.pdf>

They will be stateside this Fall. Come to a Lunch Meeting @ Noon at Marquam in the Hall on Wednesday, November 8th to greet them & hear about what the Lord is doing in these former Soviet Republics. Be part of this exciting opportunity!

“MA” Gruder

This Great Lady welcomes all who enjoy the outdoors,
Sandy beach you can't resist, walking, enjoying the sunset or roasting some-mores.

Some people enjoy getting sand in their toes,
And some people want more sun – and wear less clothes.

I saw dogs of all kinds wanting to get wet,
And some ladies were knitting – bet never a fret.

But her Shelter – with spacious dining hall, and kitchens at each end,
And a table of treats, filled with Goodies to share with a Friend.

When evening sets-in and all want to do something together,
What a surprise to see so many ladies concentrating on knitting and purling with yarn light as a feather

Now the bunks and cots, are just great for this place,
Everyone brought layers of clothing in their suitcase.

Camp-fire singing was GREAT!, songs of years gone bye,
But the stars in the heavens that night caught your eye.

So as we all packed up to leave and made the shelter look clean and clear,
We all said GOOD-BYE and hoped we'll all be together HERE next year.

Thank You – “Ma” Gruder
Ann Krupa

Poets Who Don't Know It

Are having a meeting Friday November 10, 3:30 PM at Carus Church. Come and enjoy some poetry. Call Ann Krupa 503 631-7143 all ages welcome.

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November Birthdays

2 William Foix-Jones
 5 Patrick McKenna
 6 Eric Thomas
 8 Ken Negaard
 9 Janet Sprows
 11 Betty Carlile
 11 Christopher Bello
 15 Timothy Sargent
 23 Ron Uhl
 23 Suzanne (Kolling) Hurbek
 29 Ann Krupa

November Birthday Sunday Sign-up
 Helen Smidt

December Dates to Remember

7 UMW Christmas Meeting at Nancy Pogue's 7 PM
 13 Pick up food from Carus School for Thanksgiving Baskets

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
29 Oct Reformation Sunday- Bring favorite version of the Bible October Birthday Sunday	29 Oct	31 Oct Halloween	1	2	3 Marquam Auction Bazaar 5:30 to 6:45 PM	4
5 Communion Sunday	6	7	8 Teri & Ev Erbele Lunch meeting at noon in Marquam Hall	9 UMW Meeting 7PM at Janet Miller's - World Thank Offering	10	11
12 UMW to present Mission Pins Worship Team Meeting 12:30-2:30 PM	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 UMW Bake Sale following the church service	20	21 Church Council at 7 PM	22	23	24	25 Newsletter deadline
26 November Birthday Sunday	27	28	29	30	1 Dec	2 Dec

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