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...And MORE!

Standing in Line with Jonathan

By Keri N. McHattie

Sometimes it is rather easy to look back on one's life and see how all your experiences and skills have added up to making you capable of amazing tasks. One can easily look at the life of Moses before he encountered God in the burning bush and note that Moses had gained knowledge of both the Egyptian and Hebrew culture. He knew the religions and politics surrounding those nations; he knew the desert landscape he had retreated into, and he had experience herding sheep and was now readied for the challenge of herding people through the wilderness. He was the best man for the job.

Our Middle School and our Senior High youth groups have spent over a year studying through the Old Testament and we have now found our way into the life of David. To understand David, you have to look at the scene which he was walking into. King Saul started out not too bad of a king, but fell from God's desires. It's hard to look at both Saul and David without noticing another character, his name is Jonathan. Saul's son and rightful heir to the throne till his father failed,



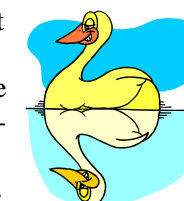
has but a few accounts in our Scriptures, but they are extraordinary.

It's important to notice that Jonathan is loyal, a warrior, and a natural leader. Men follow him, defend him even against the king. His armor bearer walked into a camp of Philistines to fight just because he believed in Jonathan's leadership. Jonathan is described as one who looks to God for all direction and gives God praise for all victories. He doesn't make a move without God's consent, and doesn't worry about the risk when fighting in God's strength. Jonathan feared the Lord above everything; more than he feared his own father. It is in this great respect for our God that Jonathan accepts God's decision to pass the crown of Israel's king to David instead of to him. Jonathan gives up his birthright to his best friend with out reserve, because He trusts God's will. All of these honorable descriptions of Jonathan and his humility lead me to think he would have been a great king, had he had the chance. And yet, it wasn't in his amazing resume for king that God was

doing His greatest work. It was in the small things that were making Jonathan a great man, for he bears a great testimony of humility.

What can I take from this? It is true God has lead me down a path that has equipped me with skill, insight and creativity to handle the tasks I'm called to in ministry, but, what I must look at more carefully are the ingredients God is fulfilling in my life that will make me more recognizable as His.

So often I will place my energy toward goals and accomplishments and work to avoid situations that seem meaningless. I will avoid standing in lines. I will avoid situations that will test my patience. But it is this very thing, this ingredient, that I believe God sows in my life to teach me patience so I can be more of His image bearer.



If it humbles you, if it tests your spirit, if you want to avoid it, it's probably more valuable than whatever you are wanting to rush off to. If standing in line taught you patience, it's probably the most productive thing you did all day.



Our Mission Statement:

Longview Community Church is a body of believers, united in their claim of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Through fellowship, study, worship, and prayer, we prepare ourselves to go forth to serve and glorify God within our community and throughout the world by words of witness and acts of loving service to others.

Join us for Worship!

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:45 a.m.— Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 a.m.— Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m.— Traditional Worship

**Ash Wednesday
February 17**

**6:00 p.m. Soup and
Bread Supper**

Sponsored by Community Life

*Followed by a special
Ash Wednesday Worship Service*



LONGVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Matters

A Bit of History

by Odetta Yeager, History Committee Member

It's fun to look back through the history of the Church, so we will go back to 1948. This is when the decision was made to proceed with the construction of the Educational Wing—a dream of the Church for more than twenty-five years.

The new addition was to be 20,000 square feet, three stories high, and a two-section addition. K. T. Henderson was the contractor, and George McPherson was the architect.

At first this plan was estimated to be \$160,000. But with some revisions, not building the chapel at this time, and some other changes, there was an estimate of \$117,000. With \$50,000 in the building fund, the project was started.

The new addition was to have 15 classrooms. Also to have two large assembly rooms, a choir room, and a large basement room (now Youth Groups' room).

In the separate wing was a room for Women's Assembly (now called Women's Fellowship). This is now our Fireside Room. It also had a small kitchen. Below the Fireside Room was a living space for the caretaker, a three-room apartment, which is now the museum.

Besides the new building, this project also included remodeling parts of the old building. It provided for a new heating and ventilating plant for both the old and new buildings. Plus the kitchen was doubled in size; new sinks and other equipment were added.

This was a large project for the church, since it was so close to the end of World War II.

It also took a while to find the brick that looked nice with the rest of the church.

The chapel was in the plans, but it was not started until the 1960's. This was part of helping reduce the costs of the Educational Wing.

On top of the many problems on April 13, 1949, Longview had a major earthquake. If you look on the outside of the church building, you will see some variance in color of the bricks that were used to replace damaged bricks.

The building was dedicated on April 16, 1950. This year will be the 60th Anniversary of the Christian Education Building.

Visit the museum to enjoy more of the history of Longview Community Church.

Visit the Longview Community Church Museum, located just inside the back parking lot entrance, where the education wing meets the fellowship hall. The Museum is open following Sunday morning worship services, and Tuesday mornings.

WANTED:

Do you have an old DVD player that you would like to recycle? Now that our worship and music services are being recorded on DVD rather than in video format, the History Committee is needing such a player in working condition to use in the church museum. A donated DVD player will be much appreciated. Thank you!

—Karen Pickett, History Committee

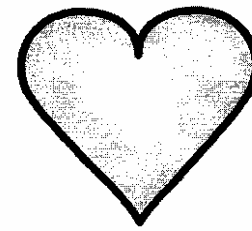
Valentine Dinner

A Night on the Town



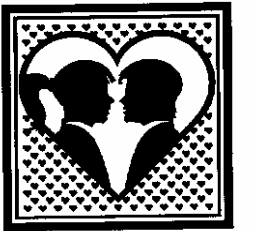
Mark your calendar and make your Valentine plans with us! The youth will be putting on, once again, an elaborate dinner on Valentine's Day, from 6-8 p.m. The theme this year is *the Best of Broadway Plays!* Every table will be themed differently, representing a variety of Broadway Plays, such as *The Phantom of the Opera*, *The Lion King*, *Grease*, *My Fair Lady*, *Oklahoma*, *Spamalot*, and many more!

Be sure you buy tickets for \$15 a plate. There will live entertainment by the Men's Castle Rock Ensemble singing, with piano accompaniment, your favorite Broadway tunes. The meal will be exquisite and an experience all its own. You will be waited on at your tables by Broadway Characters. The centerpieces from each table will be up for silent auction, so you could go home with the centerpiece representing your favorite Broadway Play. Childcare, dinner and entertainment will be available for free for parents attending the dinner. So plan, for Valentine's Day, to have *A Night on the Town!*



Women's Fellowship

February, 2010
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New Associate Pastor And Wife Entertain WF Luncheon

About 50 church women, including a few men, enjoyed a hot chicken salad lunch on January 16 and then got to hear Phil and Julie Rushton, our new associate pastor and wife, speak about themselves and their hopes and prayers for Longview Community Church. Highlights of their talk were spiritual history stories, how and where they met and where each grew up. There was a generous question and answer period afterward. Everyone attending had a great time. The Rushtons are still waiting for official permission to move to Longview and we all hope and pray it will happen sooner than later. Thank you to Lydia Circle for hosting this fun and inspiring event.

February's Luncheon Sounds Like A Winner

On February 10, 2010, Louise Arnett Circle will host a luncheon with a combination theme we can all look forward to... Abraham Lincoln and Crafts/Collectables. Attendees will enjoy a hot chicken casserole with homemade salads on the side and a yummy dessert. There will be a presentation based on the best selling book, *Team of Rivals*. If you haven't discovered this book, you may want to. Author, Doris Kearns Goodwin, won several awards for her study in depth of Lincoln's leadership skills as he plowed through the trying political times of the Civil War era. The book was on the New York Times Best seller List. Dolphine Mack is putting together a selection of music/songs from the Civil War era by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Temple Singers. In regard to the Crafts/Collectibles, attendees are encouraged to bring special crafts you have done and collections of things you have engaged in over the years. It sounds interesting so we will look forward to seeing you there at 12:00 on Wednesday, February 10th.

Looking Ahead To Spring WF Events

March: This month's event will be hosted by the Women's fellowship Board and details have not been announced at this time. Please watch for announcements in the bulletin and around the church.

April: Ruth Circle is hosting this April luncheon on Wednesday, April 14. The theme will be Easter and Spring flowers. No menu or program is available at this time. Again, watch for advertisements of details.

May: Mary Martha Circle will be hosting the May luncheon on Wednesday, May 12, and it will have a "Stepping Out" theme involving shoes. Do I detect Someone named Elizabeth around here?

As you can see, 2010 is bringing us some dynamic programs and luncheons from WF and the Circles. We welcome all women to join in for these events, Circle member or not.

Coffee Ministry For Spring

Thank you to Lydia Circle for handling Coffee Ministry during January. Louise Arnett is on duty in February, with Ruth Circle getting ready for March. Remember when you are called for helping out with coffee ministry to bring 4 to 5 dozen cookies.



Ladies' Lunch and Fellowship
February 10, 12:00
Bring a friend to lunch
Share and View your CRAFTS and COLLECTABLES

Need work? Need work? Paper and Pencil

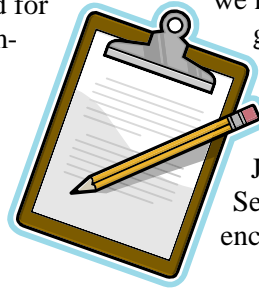
Program: AMAZING ABRAHAM
Remember the man whose beliefs and people skills saved our Nation?

Coffee Ministry Needs Donations Of Coffee and Apple Juice



Update on Adult/Family Mission Opportunity

The adult/family mission deputation trip planned for this coming summer has been changed to the summer of **2011**. There is still time to find out more information and show your interest in being involved in this Mission Outreach to African American and Latino children and families in Pasadena, CA. Our church supports the Harambee Ministries of Pasadena financially, and now



we have the opportunity to provide one week of tangible work support by helping Harambee be the change-agent in their 12-block community. Call Elizabeth Meharg (577-1059) e-mail (elizabeth@mehargs.net), or see Pastor John. We will be getting geared up in August or September of this year for a life-changing experience in mission. "Harambee or Bust - 2011!!"



Church Rummage Sale

We will be having an all Church Rummage Sale in the month of April to help send our youth to Puerto Rico on a summer mission trip this summer. So start setting aside items to donate in April to the Rummage Sale and start praying for our students and our upcoming mission trip!

Save the Date!

Women's Retreat

Alton Retreat Center, Eagle Creek, OR
April 23, 24, 25

"Springs of Living Water"

Speaker: Carmen Bensink

Watch for registration in the Narthex.

Senior Adult Ministries

Sign up with a S.A.M. representative during Coffee Hour

Contact the church office, if questions (423-6380).

- S.A.M. Committee Meeting, February 2, 9:30 a.m.
- Hymn Sing, February 6, 6:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- Pinochle, February 25, 6:30 p.m., Lower Chapel
- Evergreen Space Museum, February 27, \$69, Discovery Tours (Meet at church at 9:30; church vans to Kelso mall)



**Rosalie June Gorley
and Jerry Lee Abendroth**

Request the honour of your presence at their marriage on Friday, the nineteenth of March

Two thousand and ten
at six o'clock in the evening
Calvary Community Church
2655 38th Avenue, Longview, Washington

Dessert Reception to follow
Church Garden Room

In lieu of gifts for the bride and groom, they request that donations be made to the Ban San Faan Children's Home in Thailand. Make checks payable to Calvary Community Church.

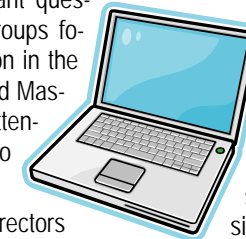


Rosalie and Jerry

Board of Directors' Meeting Highlights

The Board of Directors met January 12, 2010. President Sean Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Pastor John opened with prayer.

- ❑ **LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE**—Pastor John presented the foreword and introduction to Bill Robinson's book *INCARNATE LEADERSHIP* and presented "Nine very important questions" from a leadership web site. Discussion groups focused on why/why not about leadership and vision in the local church, in light of Ministry Characteristics and Master Plan development. Pastor John encouraged attendees to ask "What does Christ want us/you to do as a leader in the church?"
- ❑ **MINUTES** of the December 9, 2009 Board of Directors meeting were approved as presented.
- ❑ **FINANCIAL REPORT**—Approved as presented by Treasurer, Randy Sundberg.
- ❑ **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**
 - ❑ Keri McHattie presented five requests for fund raiser events (Planned Famine pledges, Coffee Bean Sales, Valentine's Dinner, Flower Bulb Sale, and Job Board). All were approved.
 - ❑ Lisa Som shared the enthusiasm of kids with Christmas, parade, musical and family fellowship. Several children are asking about the Spring program already. Sunday school



and Wednesday night kids' programs are back in session. Dennis Boaglio shared about successful outreach from a child's invitation.

- ❑ Pastor John noted that Rushtons will be here this weekend, then for Couples' Retreat. Expressed appreciation for staff. Pleased with classes, Bible Studies and SAM events.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan—Sean Kelly will e-mail an attempt to schedule a February Saturday meeting to discuss MP and options for presentation.

Women's Retreat Request—Mary Gronseth requested permission to hold communion at the closing of Women's Retreat, off-site, April 25. Approved.

Budget—NEW BUSINESS

- ❑ **Church Triumphant**—Francis Hoffman's membership was formally transferred to the Church Triumphant.
- ❑ Attendees drew prayer cards.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:45 p.m. —kt

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

CONNECTIONS

Connecting young families & anyone who wants to participate!

Friday, February 5: Family Movie Night and Sardines. Youth room at 6pm. Pizza dinner.

If you have ideas for Connections events in 2010, contact Bruce or Michele Fischer at 425-4711, michelef@techline.com, or on Facebook!

SEWING CLASSES

Learn to sew or to improve your skills. WSU 4-H Sewing and Textiles Advisors are offering 5 classes on Feb. 25 through March 25, 6:00-9:00 p.m. for adults, 15 years old and up. A fee of \$30 is charged to cover instructional materials and some supplies. Watch for notice of registration in the Daily News, Area News section or call JoAn Gallagher for more information.

Notes of Appreciation ...

Thank you for the love, prayers and support while I was fighting with cancer. A special thanks to those who sent me cards, flowers, food, gifts, handmade hats and scarves. The chemo treatment is done, and I am looking forward to a speedy recovery.

God bless, Margaret Ng

With appreciation ~ Thank you for your attendance at the reception honoring my 90th birthday. Thanks to my entire family who were present, and for the light lunch that was served to the people who attended. Thank you to Odetta Yeager, Phyllis Abbott, and LeAnn Gaston, and to Ruth Circle for their help. With all of the activities that were taking place, I am a little late in getting this in the newsletter. Better late than never. Thank you.

—Helen McHattie

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Noon— Pastor's Bible Study 2PM Ruth Circle, F/Hall 6:30PM Teen MOPS 6:30 PM Mary Martha, Chapel	2 7AM Men's study, Starbucks 9:30 a.m. S.A.M. Team 9:30AM Library/Museum 1:30PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Bell Choir 7PM Deacons' Meeting	3 9AM MOPS 6PM Simple Supper 6:30 KidMo, C-4, WAVES 6:45 Adult Ed.	4 7AM Men, Starbucks 9:30AM Women's Bible Study	5 6AM Men's Bible Study Red Rooster Café 6PM Connections' Sardines & Movie Night, Youth Room	6 6:00pm Hymn Sing
7 7AM Men's Bkfst/Study 8:45AM Contemporary 10AM Christian Ed. Classes 11:00AM Traditional Kids' Spring Program Practice begins 6:30-9PM FLAMES (Sr. Hi)	8 St. John's Bereavement Support x5 weeks (9:30-11:30) Noon Pastor's Bible Study 6PM Lay Counseling	9 7AM Men, Starbucks 9:00AM Work'n' Lunch 9:30AM Library/Museum 1:30PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Bell Choir 7PM Board of Directors	10 9:15AM MOPS Steering 10AM WF Board Meeting Noon WF Luncheon (Louise A.) 6PM Simple Supper 6:30 KidMo, C-4, WAVES 6:45 Adult Ed., Choir Practice	11 7AM Men, Starbucks 9:30AM Women's Bible Study	12 6AM Men's Bible Study Red Rooster Café	13 Youth Prep for Sunday Evenet
14 8:45AM Contemporary 10AM Christian Ed. Classes 11:00AM Traditional 6-8PM Valentine Dinner (Youth fundraiser)	15 Presidents' Day OFFICES CLOSED 6:30 Teen MOPS, Chapel	16 7AM Men's study, Starbucks 9:30AM Library/Museum 1:30PM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Bell Choir	17 9AM MOPS 10 a.m. Lydia Circle, Fuller's 1:30 PM Somerset Visit 1:30PM Louise Arnett, F/Side 6PM Soup—Ash Wednesday 6:30 KidMo, C-4, WAVES	18 7AM Men, Starbucks 9:30AM Women's Bible Study	19 Newsletter Deadline 6:00AM Men's Bible Study Red Rooster Café	20 8-9:30 Men's Breakfast 9AM-2:30PM WSU Sewing 2-3:30PM Celebration of Life, Canterbury, Norma Morton
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