



Notes From The Journey . . .



The students are back in town. Temperatures are dropping. Worship returns to its 11 a.m. time slot. It must be fall again. And as we enter this change of seasons, we find ourselves faced with a variety of overwhelming information from the world around us. September brings with it the anniversary reminder of the 9/11 tragedy. Violence continues to shatter lives both close to home and far away. The political rhetoric grows ever more rancorous with each passing day. And it is easy to feel small and helpless in the face of it all. How can we respond in helpful and meaningful ways when we encounter so much which seems to run against what our faith calls us to? How can we help share the light and love of God in the face of so much darkness and hate? How do we make a difference? I will not even pretend to have all the answers to such questions. But what I do know

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is that it is vital that we continue to ask such questions and seek answers. As people of faith we have an important role to play in the world. I'm certain it will not be easy. But I'm absolutely convinced that we must begin. And where we need to begin is by returning once again to the ultimate source of our strength and our inspiration. When we make an effort to connect with God then we are in a position to respond out of love rather than fear. The worship service on September 12th was planned as an opportunity to pray and reflect and seek God's guidance as we face the big issues of our day. I hope you will seek out other opportunities where you can continue to be open to the transforming power of God's presence. When we allow ourselves to become channels for God's love, there really is no telling how the world might change.

- Roger

**Volunteer to Serve on a Committee**

Would you enjoy making an active contribution to the life of this congregation? There are several committees where you can get involved and help make a difference. *The Property Committee* is responsible for care and upkeep of our building facility. *The Fellowship Committee* is responsible for planning activities and events which help us grow together as a community. *The Think Big Task Force* is being reconstituted and will be responsible for visioning big ideas for the congregation's future, including the possibility of capital improvements to the facility. And a new position being created this year will be *Tenant Liaison*, responsible for maintaining communications with the agencies who are currently renting parts of our facility. If you would be interested in volunteering for any of these opportunities, please contact *Sandy Cooper* (Board Chair) or *Roger Lynn* (Pastor).



## Fall Schedule Has Begun

*We have now returned to our regular school year schedule, which includes Faith Exploration Classes at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship at 11 a.m. The adults will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall, and will begin with a video series featuring Robert Capon, writer and theologian, speaking on the topic "Christianity Is Not A Religion."*



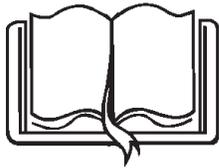
## Children's Church Needs Your Help

Our Children's Church program has been growing over the last year or two. We are in the midst of reorganizing to better meet the needs of our children. Towards that end, a volunteer form is available for you to use to designate specific areas where you might offer assistance. This need not be an every week commitment (although it could be). Please look at the form (available in the sanctuary) and give prayerful consideration to how you can help.



## Bible Study This Fall?

For the past several years *Roger Lynn* has offered a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. The focus of the study has been around the scripture texts which will be used the following Sunday. Roger is interested in offer such a study again this year. It will be helpful to have a sense of who is interested in participating in a Bible Study, whether the same format or some different format would be of interest, and what day(s) and time(s) would be most helpful. Please contact *Roger Lynn* if you are interested.



## Evergreen Baptist Association Annual Meeting October 14-17, 2004

The theme for this year's annual meeting of the Evergreen Baptist Association will be "*Out of Many...One: Strength and Courage*". The meeting will be held in Seattle. If you would be interested in attending this meeting as a representative from this congregation, please contact *Roger Lynn* ASAP.



## Congregational Meeting Following Worship Sunday, October 17th

In keeping with the by-laws of the congregation, a congregational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 17th following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to distribute the Annual Report of the congregation. It will be a very brief meeting, followed by a potluck salad lunch. Please plan to stay for both the meeting and the potluck.



## Sermons Available

From time to time people express an interest in obtaining a printed copy of one of *Roger Lynn's* sermons. They are available in two different formats. They can be found on the literature rack at the back of the sanctuary. And they are available on the church's web-site ([www.unitedchurch.cc](http://www.unitedchurch.cc)).



## Personal Glimpses

Our prayers continue to be with the family of *Don Jensen*, who died suddenly and unexpectedly in July. (see note from the family elsewhere in this newsletter)

*Pearl Jensen* had knee replacement surgery this summer and is recovering well.

*Lou Stevens* had outpatient surgery earlier this month. She is recovering well.

*Veronica Lassen* will be participating in a 9-day Nonviolent Communication Intensive Training which is being held in southern California in October.

*Oz Garton* is on sabbatical this year. This provided *Oz & Ginny* the opportunity to travel to Alaska for about six weeks, where they are enjoying spending time with their daughter and son-in-law.

Congratulations to *Hillary & Mark Talbott-Williams*, and to *Kara (Hawley) & Keith Bonine*. Both couples were married in July.

### Celebrating Birthdays . . .

. . . *In September*

13th - Kyle Hawley  
16th - Ty Hatch  
16th - Gene Leonard  
16th - Sheldon Russell



19th - Karen Davis  
20th - Xenia Hoffman-Scott  
23rd - Sandy Cooper  
23rd - Pearl Jensen

. . . *In October*

4th - Betty Leonard  
5th - Wolf Deerkop  
11th - Janice Doyle  
13th - Dick Sanchez  
14th - Ian Cooper



15th - Bob Germain  
17th - Neva Farnam  
19th - Sharon Macy  
20th - Kristi Martling  
25th - Alberta Hill

31st - Paul Santoro

*If we've missed your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records.  
We want to include you.*

## From the Family of Don Jensen

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all who extended comforting sympathy through your many cards and prayers. We would like to extend a special thank you to Roger, the Dobbins Family (for the special music) and the Ladies for food furnished. Your kindness at this time is more appreciated than any words of thanks can express.

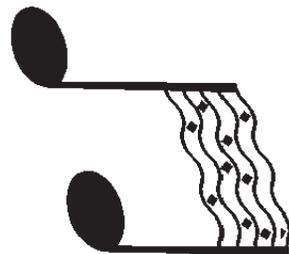
*- Pearl Jensen, Sandy & Jeff Medved, Lynda & Tim Brown*

*Thank  
You*

## Opportunities To Help

There are several jobs which need to be done every week. Your willingness to sign up to help will contribute to the smooth and meaningful operation of our congregation and will provide you with an opportunity to make an important contribution to our common life together. Please consider signing up to:

- . . . *serve as an usher/greeter*
- . . . *serve as a liturgist*
- . . . *bake communion bread*
- . . . *prepare & clean-up communion*
- . . . *provide special music*



**Come Join The Choir**

*We have a new choir director! Her name is Vernae Buck and she is a Masters student at the UI.  
Choir rehearsals will be the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m.  
The choir will sing in worship on the Sunday following the third Wednesday.  
They can always use more voices - no previous choir experience necessary.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>12</b> Fall Schedule Begins Brunch @ 9:30 a.m. Worship @ 11 a.m.	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>14</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 AM, Faith Exploration Classes Begin 2:00 PM, Care Center Worship 	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>21</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM, Elder/Deacon	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>28</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> • October •	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> Fellowship Fund	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM, 4-H 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>5</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 10:00 AM, Watercolor 7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 2:00 PM, Care Center Worship 	<b>11</b> Columbus Day. 7:00 PM, Spiritual Mysteries 	<b>12</b> 5:30 PM, AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 12:00 PM, Cancer Support 2:00 PM, Sunshine Club 7:00 PM, Board Meeting 	<b>14</b> Evergreen Baptist Annual Meeting in Seattle 	<b>15</b> Evergreen Baptist Annual Meeting in Seattle 	<b>16</b> Evergreen Baptist Annual Meeting in Seattle 



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