



The monthly newsletter of The Community Church of Issaquah July 2011

## **Ambassadors to Issaquah**

“So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

-2 Corinthians 5:20 (NRSV)

There are few more prestigious honors than being appointed as an Ambassador to some important place, especially if that place is one of beauty, and a place where good people reside. In light of that it should be especially Good News what the above Bible passage says to all of us:

We are all appointed by God as Ambassadors to Issaquah.

And, hey, this is a place of great beauty, and what place can you think of that has better people? So, everybody, stand tall and proud! Keep your chin up and stick out your chest! There can be no more prestigious appointment a person could have.

Of course, with this prestige also goes responsibility. Your responsibility as Ambassador is to spread the word about God’s love expressed through Jesus Christ and lived out through The Community Church of Issaquah. And Summer is really an important time to be doing this, because it is in Summer that many new people move into our community. We all need to be Ambassadors of Christ, welcoming them here. We need to keep our eyes open for people who are moving into our neighborhoods or our apartment or condo communities, and be bold to greet them with a smile and an invitation to our church.

At the Community Church we have some tools to

help you do this:

- *Our Church Brochures.* These tell people about who we are and what we do, and can be found on the table in the lobby outside the Sanctuary.
- *Brochures about our Intergenerational Sunday School* – This will start on September 11<sup>th</sup> and will involve children, youth, parents and grandparents all studying together. So these brochures need especially to go out to families with children. Keep your eyes open for them, Ambassadors! The really unique thing about this will be the opportunity for families to share together in this learning experience, instead of being carted off to entirely separate classes. Families who want to connect with each other more will be attracted to this approach. For our church, it will be a great opportunity to reach out to younger families, and it all starts with YOU welcoming people and sharing this brochure! When you welcome these new people moving in, it can be especially effective to carry to them a plate of cookies or fruit, along with these brochures.

Of course, none of you need take on this task all alone. You are part of a team that is powered by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Remember the new song we sing on occasion, which says, “There’s some building to be done, O Lord; Not with steel, not with stone, but with lives which are your own...”? This is an important step in doing that building! I am excited about how all of our ambassadors will respond!

-Pastor Keith Madsen

## **Special Date for July**

- Independence Day, July 4th

### **4th of July BBQ**

There will be a BBQ potluck after church on Sunday July 3rd for the 4th. Bring a salad, fruit or side dish. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

## **LONG TERM PRAYER LIST**

Perhaps you would like to add these church family members to your prayer concerns:

1. Marge Armstrong, Lake Hills Family Home
2. Faye Cooper, at Marionwood
3. Rose Matthai, Aegis Assisted Living
4. Robert (Bob) Pusch, Group Home, Burien
5. Ken Schmelzer, at home
6. Dorothy Swearson, Issaquah Care Center
7. Sylvia Olsson, living with daughter in Maple Valley
8. Florence Watkins, 240 S Silke Rd Apt 105 Colville, WA 99114
9. Martha Nordhagen Adams House, Oregon
10. Geri Hardesty
11. Roger Frye, 6200 123rd Ave SE Bellevue, WA 98006

## **ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING**

Thank you to all who contributed to One Great Hour of Sharing. The total of donations to date is \$810.

## **LIBRARY UPGRADE**

On June 8<sup>th</sup> seven women worked together to remove old unused books from the church library and displayed them in Fellowship Hall the following Sunday for anyone to take - \$29 in donations was received. The remaining books were sold to Half Price Book Store for \$41.25. The money will be used by Women's Mission Fellowship to purchase new library books from the Pastor Keith's list.

The library area has been arranged into a "nook" providing a more inviting reading/studying area that we hope to make even more attractive. We are seeking donations of an area rug or full room carpet, two comfortable chairs, a small study desk/table, side tables, a flat screen TV and books from the following list. If you have an item to donate, or questions, please contact Lynora Reeves 425-255-4863 or Charlotte Scherer 425-392-1185.

Many thanks to Roma Bowen, Juanita Frye, Sue Jensen, Jacquie Powell, Lynora Reeves, Charlotte Scherer, and Carol Schubert for helping clear the old books – their cheerful hard work was a blessing.

### **Book Suggestions for the Library -compiled by Pastor Keith Madsen**

#### **Popular Authors**

*Amazing Grace: a Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris

*Dakota* by Kathleen Norris

*Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott

*Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* by Anne Lamott

*Soul Survivor: How 13 Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church* by Phillip Yancey

*Can Mainline Denominations Make a Comeback?* by Tony Campolo

*Who Switched the Price Tags?* By Tony Campolo

*101 Ways Your Church Can Save the World* by Tony Campolo

*The Sacred Journey* by Frederick Buechner

*The Wounded Healer* by Henri Nouwen

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

*The Violence Within* by Paul Tournier

*First Things First* by Stephen Covey

*Whatever Became of Sin?* By Karl Menninger

*When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Harold Kushner

*I and Thou* by Martin Buber

### **Bible-Related/ Christ**

*Walking the Bible* by Bruce Feiler

*The Scandalous Gospel of Jesus* by Peter Gomes

*The Good Book* by Peter Gomes

*Jesus Christ for Today's World* by Jurgen Moltmann

*The Meaning of Jesus* by Marcus Borg and N.T. Wright

*Cross Purposes* by Mark Miller

### **Interfaith Relations**

*The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner

*Getting to the Heart of Interfaith* by Don MacKenzie, Rabbi Ted Falcon and Shiekh Jamal Rahman

*The Battle for God* by Karen Armstrong

### **Science and Faith**

*The Language of God* by Francis Collins

*The Fingerprint of God* by Hugh Ross

### **Fiction**

*The Shack* by William P. Young

*Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo

*The Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

*A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving

## **Biographical**

*Days of Grace* by Arthur Ashe

*Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza

*Walk On: The Spiritual Journey of U2* by Steve Stockman

*The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

## **Church Renewal**

*Bringing Your Church Back to Life: Beyond Survival Mentality* by Daniel Buttrey

*Making Friends, Making Disciples* by Lee Spitzer

*U.S. Lifestyles and Mainline Churches* by Tex Sample

*Helping Church Workers Succeed* by D-B Heusser

*User Friendly Churches* by George Barna

*The Frog in the Kettle* by George Barna

## **Faith and Politics**

*The Mighty and the Almighty* by Madeline Albright

*God's Politics: Why the Right Gets it Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get it* by Jim Wallis

*The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America* by Jim Wallis

*Is Jesus a Republican or a Democrat?* By Tony Campolo

## **Marriage and Family**

*Teaching Your Children Values* by Linda and Richard Eyre

*The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by John Gottman

*Why Christian Marriages are Breaking Up* By John Dahl

## **Life Changes and Trauma**

*Transitions* by William Bridges

*Life After Loss* by Bob Deits

*Life Lessons* by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler

## **Children's Books**

*Hope for the Flowers* by Trina Paulus

*Nana Upstairs and Nana Downstairs* by Tomie de Paola

*The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein

*The Tale of the Three Trees* by Angela Elwell Hunt

## June 2011 at CCI:

- Deacons Meeting - Thursday 7/10 -----at 10:30 am
- Trustees Meeting– Sunday 7/5 ----- at 12:30 pm
- Council Meeting - Sunday 7/12----- at 12:30 pm
- Bell Deadline - Monday 7/27

## Happy July Birthday to.....



- 1 Linda Eastlick
- 1 Dawn Weaver
- 3 Lee Schubert
- 6 Duane Bowen
- 13 Grace Longton
- 27 Alice Good



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