

The Bell



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The monthly newsletter of The Community Church of Issaquah June 2011

Fighting the Good Fight

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”

-2 Timothy 3:7-8 (NRSV)

Those who went on the Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Burton this past month will recognize a similarity between this Scripture and the one which was our theme Scripture at the retreat. As I said then, Paul seemed to be a fan of racing (human foot-racing, not the Kentucky Derby or the Indianapolis 500), because he frequently used the metaphor of a race. He did so in our Scripture from the Spiritual Life Retreat – Philippians 3:12-14 where he writes of racing toward the goal which lies ahead. And he also does so in the Scripture at the head of this article, where he tells how he had “finished the race” and was looking forward to receiving his prize.

By the time you read this most of you will know that my mother passed away on Memorial Day, just a week before her 91st birthday. So now I have a person to personally apply the passage in 2 Timothy

to. Of course, Paul was originally applying it to himself. He was in a Roman jail, and he could see the handwriting on the wall. He knew he would die soon, but he likened it all to finishing a long race, and receiving his prize, a “crown of righteousness”.

Now my mother has finished her race. At times it was long and hard. She raised six children. She struggled with her health a great deal throughout the last half of her life. It was hard on her when she lost her own mother and father, and it was hard on her when her first grandson died. But she held fast to her faith. Now it is her turn to receive that crown of righteousness from her Lord (I’m thinking it will be a little better than the ones we made for each other at the retreat, although those were good too!)

Cathy and I have received condolences from many of you, and we appreciate them greatly. As the song says, “Blest be the Tie that Binds”! But the greatest condolence of all is knowing that Mom is with her Lord.

My plan is to be back on Tuesday, June 7, and I will look forward to seeing you all again after that.

-Pastor Keith Madsen

Special Dates for June

- Ascension of the Lord, June 2, 2011
 - Pentecost, June 12, 2011
 - Flag Day, June 14, 2011
- Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011
 - Father's Day, June 19, 2011
- First Day of Summer, June 22, 2011

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

CCI will be receiving donations for OGHS in June. Our contributions make a difference in the lives of people. Church World Service, a division of the National Council of Churches, with overseas partner churches and church councils are often the first on the scene following a disaster of natural or human origin. Local church leaders identify the needs of their people. Priorities are set to bring long-term solutions that will improve the quality of life for individuals and communities around the world. One Great Hour of Sharing, nearly 50 years old, continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created.

Give Generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

LADIES OF THE FABULOUSLY FAMOUS WOMEN'S MISSION FELLOWSHIP

Prepare to do battle with dust bunnies, trivia trash and books. We will start and hopefully finish sorting through books and stuff
In the library on **Wednesday June 8th**.

(Actually responsibly and realistically, we are hoping to get a good start on making the library inviting by removing distractions and updating reading selections.)

The party will start at **10:00am** and continue until we are done. Bring a sack lunch, beverages will be served.

This will be fun ;).

Our Speaker Series at the Library

We have scheduled our next speaker in our series, “Faith and Today’s World.” The series continues to be at the Issaquah Public Library in order to provide more convenient access for the public. All interested persons of any faith are encouraged to attend. These sessions will be from 3-5 p.m. in Sunday a month.

Sunday, June 26th (3-5 P.M.) – “Gay Spirituality” – Ken Burr will be our speaker. As an energetic public speaker, Ken has frequently presented seminars on this topic at the National Conventions of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists. He is also an ordained minister in the ABCUSA.

For more info, see our church website under “Coming Events” (www.commchurchiss.org)



Father's Day Breakfast

Saturday, June 18th

9:00 A.M.

All Men invited to come!!

Bring your Brother, Son, Friend.

The more the merrier!

Share in good food and fellowship.

Please RSVP to Sarah at the church
office. 425-392-6447

June 2011 at CCI:

- WMF Meeting - Tuesday 6/7..... at 1:00 pm
- Deacons Meeting - Thursday 6/10 -----at 10:30 am
- Trustees Meeting– Sunday 6/5 ----- at 12:30 pm
- Council Meeting - Sunday 6/12----- at 12:30 pm
- Young At Heart-Thursday 6/16-----at 11:30 am
- Bell Deadline - Monday 6/27

Happy June Birthday to.....

11 Teri Hansen

20 Peggy Wilson

22 James Winbush

26 Beverly Hansen

30 Don Schuller



BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH



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