

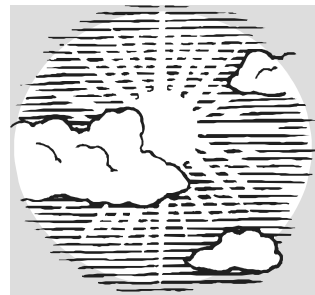
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Dear Friends
Let us love one another
Because love comes from
God. Whoever loves is
a child of God and
knows God.
1 John
4:7



To All of our Dedicated Volunteers - Please plan on joining us for
an Evening of Appreciation
for everything you do to share Christ's Love through our ministry.
We have some special guests lined up and some great surprises to
share with you. We hope you can make it!

Friends of the Carpenter Volunteer Appreciation

THURSDAY MAY 13, 2010 7:00 pm

at Messiah Lutheran Church
905 NW 94th St, Vancouver

An Evening of Inspiration from the
Master Carpenter

Please RSVP to the Friendship Center
360-75-4752



A Ministry Of
Relationships

Christ calls us to minister with all in need of safe haven by being a caring fellowship
and providing a sense of purpose through interaction with people of faith

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He Is Risen Indeed ... Same Testimony, Different People

By Rev. Duane L. Sich

"So then my friends,
because of God's great
mercy to us, I appeal to
you: Offer yourselves as
a living sacrifice to God,
dedicated to God's
service and pleasing to
God. This is the true
worship (testimony) that
you should offer. Do not
conform yourselves to the
standards of this world,
but let God transform you
inwardly by a complete
change of your mind.
Then you will be able to
know the will of God -
what is good and is pleas-
ing to God and is
perfect." Romans 12: 1-2

"Christ is Risen!"
(Response) "He Is Risen
Indeed!" It's a common
liturgy amongst believers.
We've all most likely

participated in it and
probably did this past
Easter Sunday. We do it
frequently at the Friend-
ship Center - generally
every time we begin a
group prayer. Often I
add a slight variation -
we do it twice. What
happens is predictable:
the second time the
response is always more
forceful, more enthusias-
tic and said by everyone
with more conviction.
Even those who didn't
say it the first time
follow suit! In unison,
the stronger testimony
transforms everyone.

That's the way faith
works. By ourselves, we
can believe; but in a
community of believers
our faith and our individ-

ual conviction in faith
builds. New believers,
those with weaker faith
and long-time believers
all encourage each other
and everyone's faith
grows! We were not
intended to believe alone;
we believe bigger and
easier when at least two
or three are gathered
together, and when there
is "a bunch of believ-
ers" it's better! That is
what is experienced at the
Friendship Center every
day. Faith builds for eve-
rybody! And though it
shouldn't be surprising,
often the volunteers are
the ones who are most
surprised by how much
they are blessed and ex-
perience their faith being
built up!

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THIS MONTH'S STARS! THANK YOU'S TO...

★Cecelia Henderson
for conducting an ob-
jective financial review
of FOC. It was done as
we transitioned be-
tween bookkeepers.
She is a local CPA and
brought recommenda-
tions that will be valu-
able to our accountabil-
ity and transparency.

★Camas United
Methodist Church
and DiAnne Har-
rington. We had a
well attended
Wednesday Wood-
working event on
March 31 as a group
of nine joined us as
part of their Spring

Break Mission Week.
The fellow-
ship shared
and wood-
working
projects
completed
were a
welcome gift to our
ministry!



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It is humbling. Volunteers often come from comfortable homes; they drive up in a warm vehicle and are generally taking time from their otherwise busy schedules. On the other hand, there are many in the mix who do not have that good fortune. They may not have been warm through the night, many come by bus or walk; their last meal may have been meager at best. Perhaps saddest, they often really don't have anything else to do. Volunteers often realize they seldom give thanks for the blessing of being too busy or the wide array of options they have. The benefits of a comfortable life, though worked for and earned, are still amazing blessings and clearly revealed in fellowship with those who have so few comforts. In relationship, volunteers soon sense that it takes enormous strengthen of character, deep faith in Christ to overcome depression and earnest hope to just "show up" and

continue to believe that God loves you.

So, we stand together with others whose situation is so different from our own, but still able to encourage each other to say again, "He Is Risen Indeed!" It builds faith and a bigger desire for each person to be faithful ... to be more faithful! At this time in the Ministry of Friends of the Carpenter, volunteers are needed more than ever. Each day, many of our friends show up to engage in the activities and just to be in a safe place – a place where they know they will be welcome and accepted. They are seeking support and probably needing assistance; but more than that, it's the connection and interaction with a diverse community of people that is most needed and appreciated. The activities are mostly simple wood-work. You don't need to be a master craftsman; there are plenty of tasks that are easy and there is always someone to assist

and supervise the process. Within minutes, you'll be working with others and making a difference in the pile of wood parts that are on the table. But more importantly, you'll begin making a difference in someone's life ... and don't be surprised if the biggest difference begins in you.

If you've not been to the Friendship Center lately or at all, just call or come by. Tom Iberle, our Volunteer Manager or I will be glad to greet you and give you a tour and explain where you might consider serving in this ministry. A good time to begin is one of these: 1) Tuesday morning Devotions at 9:30 am, 2) Wednesdays for Noon Prayers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church or 3) Fridays at 9:30 am. These are weekly events where many of our friends and volunteers participate. However, any weekday between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm is OK also. The next Volunteer Orientation will

be Wednesday, April 28th at 1:00 pm at the Friendship Center. Also, Friendship Tours of the Center will be hosted on May 20th/Thursday – 5:00 to 7:00 pm and May 21st/Friday – 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. These will be times to learn more about how the ministry works and to visit with other volunteers about their experience. Ideally, if you volunteer, it works best if you commit to a regular schedule – once a week, once a month or whatever your schedule allows. But as with our friends, just joining in when you can is also fine. Just know your presence will make a difference and God will determine who and how!

Christ is risen! It's the faith of each believer, but it becomes bigger when we share it together. Yes, "He Is Risen Indeed!"

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

A Volunteer Orientation will be held on Wednesday April 28 at 1:00 pm at the Friendship Center.



Come and See how Christ might be calling you or someone you know

to become more involved with our Mission and Ministry. This Orientation will provide an introduction to Friends of the Carpenter and how our new Mission Statement is bringing new life and inspiration to all who are looking for safe haven. All are welcome!!

PACKED HOUSE FOR LENTEN STUDY

Bill Lehman once again led our Lenten Bible Study this year on the Book of Esther. We averaged 18-20 attendees each week, and all who came were treated to Bill's wonderful tour through Jewish/Persian history and Scripture. Thank You Bill! We can hardly wait 'til next year!



11th Annual Rummage Sale – June 3, 4 & 5



Needed ... Sorters... Cleaners... Pricers... !

Many Hands Needed to Help Do God's work!

Join us Thurs. May 6th, 10 am–12 noon at the Friendship Center for a gathering of volunteers! Choose where your talents can best be used! Sign-ups will be held at the meeting!

Donations will be accepted of Gently Used Treasures April 21 thru May 8

Collectibles, Appliances, Tools, Furniture, Seasonal items, Household goods, Books, Sporting goods, Children's Items, Artwork and Music. (No clothes, shoes, TVs or monitors please!)

At The Friendship Center - 1600 W. 20th St.

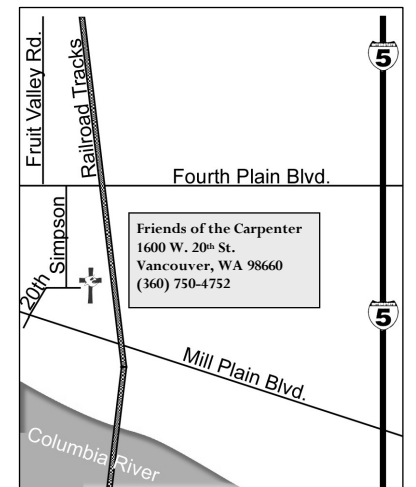
Monday - Friday, 10 am to 2 pm

Selected Saturdays: April 24 & May 8,

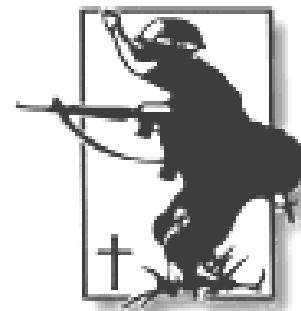
10 am to 2 pm

Please Give Us a Call! (360) 750-4752

Donations of items are tax-deductible!



Announcing Point Man International Ministries...



Point Man International Ministries will begin holding what are called Outpost meetings on Tuesday, May 4 at 2:00 pm at the Friendship Center. Their focus is on Veterans Serving Veterans by providing a place

to talk, share and listen to others who have walked in their shoes, all with a spiritual emphasis.

Outpost Meetings are led by Christian Vets who care deeply about veterans and their struggles and are places all Vets are welcome regardless of what country they served. Gender is also irrelevant as both men and women have served and sacrificed for their respective countries. If you or someone you know might be interested, you're invited to check it out Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 pm at the Friendship Center. We look forward to our partnership with Point Man Ministries.

Flag Pole Dedication—Saturday, May 29th

We have been blessed with the donation of a 25-foot pole and an American flag by Veterans honor organization **40 et 8** of Vancouver. Please plan on joining us Saturday May 29 at 1:00 pm to formally accept and dedicate this new addition to the Friends of the Carpenter property. There will be a Color Guard, the Vancouver Community Concert

Band will perform your favorite patriotic hymns and we plan on a distinguished speaker or two. Come help to honor our God, our Country and our Military this Memorial Day Weekend at the Friendship Center.

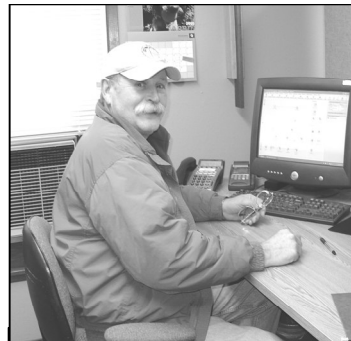


Staffing Changes at Friends of the Carpenter

It's hard to believe, but three of the Friends of the Carpenter staff positions are changing essentially all at the same time. They are all for perfectly good reasons and we're glad for each one, but it sure makes us sad and sets some changes in motion. They are: Judy Enders – Financial Bookkeeper, Julie Sich – Activity Coordinator and Tom Iberle – Volunteer Manager. Judy has served over 5 years. Julie has been involved with FOC from the beginning

(since 1998) but formally as the Activity Coordinator for 7 years. Tom has been with FOC just over 2 years. Judy's resignation came as she felt it was the right time for her to leave and a good time for a change for FOC. Julie is retiring – Congratulations Julie! Tom and his wife, Kathy, will be moving to Boise, Idaho this summer. Truly, it won't be the same at the Friendship Center, but for sure it will be the same God! We thank these three persons for

their dedicated service to Friends of the Carpenter and pray God's blessing as they move into new opportunities for sharing their faith. We will celebrate their service to FOC at the Volunteer Appreciation Dessert on May 13th.



Jerry Swan at work

Welcome Jerry!

We welcome Jerry Swan as the new Financial Bookkeeper with Friends of the Carpenter. Jerry began work in March, and replaces Judy Enders. Jerry also serves as the bookkeeper at Family of Christ Lutheran Church, where he and his wife, Trudy attend. They have 2 grown children and 4 grandchildren, with one more on the way. Jerry does enjoy woodworking too!

Position Announcements

Applications are now being received for the two positions of Activity Coordinator and Volunteer Manager. Basic qualifications for both positions are to 1) demonstrate a strong work ethic, 2) perform the duties and responsibilities of the jobs, 3) be active in a faith community of their choosing, and 4) be able to communicate and encourage others in their faith journey and the story of Friends of the Carpenter.

1. Activity Coordinator:

- Position Summary:
- Coordinate the preparation and supervision of wood projects and activities for weekly events.
 - Coordinate completion, inventory and distribution of wood projects.
 - Supervise Hospitality and Custodial tasks.
 - Coordinate purchasing of supplies.

Part-time, 24 hrs./week
Wage: \$10-\$13 per hour

2. Volunteer Manager:

- Position Summary:
- Manage schedule of volunteers for all FOC events.
 - Create event schedules and maintain call lists.
 - Conduct tours for potential volunteers and visitors.
 - Promote and represent FOC at outreach opportunities.
 - Plan orientations appreciations, and training for volunteers.

Part-time, 24 hrs./week
Wage: \$10-\$13 per hour

Application Procedures:

- Please submit the following;
- 1) letter of interest,
 - 2) application for employment,
 - 3) current resume,
 - 4) three letters of recommendations, including one from a clergy member.

Interviews will be held Thurs. May 6th & Fri. May 7th, and both positions will start as soon as possible.

Submit to:

Personnel Committee
Friends of the Carpenter
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Additional information can be acquired at the Friendship Center, 1600 W. 20th St., Vancouver, WA 98660

APRIL & MAY 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 18 Tom Iberle @ St. John Presbyterian Moment for Mission	19 Open Shop 1-3:30	20 Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	21 Noon Worship & MOVIE	22 Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	23 Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am	24 Woodworker Show & Tell
Collection Begins April 21st for Rummage Sale - 10 am - 2 pm						
25	26 Open Shop 1-3:30	27 Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	28 Noon Worship & Woodworking EVENT Vol. Orientation	29 Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	30 Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am	MAY 1
Collection Continues for the Rummage Sale - 10 am - 2 pm						
2	3 Open Shop 1-3:30	4 Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	5 Noon Worship & Woodworking EVENT	6 Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am Rummage Sale Orientation Mtg. 10 am -12 noon	7 Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am	8
Collection Continues for the Rummage Sale - 10 am - 2 pm						
9 Mother's Day 	10 Open Shop 1-3:30	11 Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Point Man Ministries 2 pm	12 Noon Worship & NEWSLETTER Assembly	13 Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am Volunteer Appreciation 7 pm Messiah Lutheran	14 Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am	15 Parkside Church Mission Visit
16	17 Open Shop 1-3:30	18 Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Point Man Ministries 2 pm	19 Noon Worship & MT. ST. HELENS OUTING	20 Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am Friendship Tour 5—7 pm	21 Open Shop 9:30-11:30 am Friendship Tour 9:30 am-1:30 pm	22 Woodworker Show & Tell
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Christ Calls Us ... And We'll be Calling You!

Over the coming months, the Board of Directors and Friends will be calling each household of our 3,000 + data base! After many years of collecting names, addresses, phone numbers and information, it is time to reconnect and update our contact information. Many new and exciting things are happening in our ministry. Our development and capacity to serve are expanding. We are eager to share, answer any questions and listen to suggestions. Periodic "Friendship Tours" will be offered so persons can "come and see" what is happening at the Friendship Center. *The next two are scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 5—7 pm and Friday, May 21, 9:30 am — 1:30 pm. Please RSVP to the Office at 360-750-4752 to let us know of your interest!*

