

The Carpenter's Tool Box

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

VOLUME 12, ISSUE 8 AUGUST, 2010

“Campfire Christianity”

by Rev. Duane L. Sich

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1st Thessalonians 5:11

Summertime campfires are captivating! If you've been fortunate enough to sit around one this summer, you know what I'm saying. It feels great just sitting with friends, enjoying the fellowship, watching the fire flickering and dancing; maybe even "s'mores" if you like them. Julie and I have a patio fireplace where we've enjoyed evenings with guests on many occasions.

Tending the fire is something I enjoy; coincidentally I just happen to have access to an ample supply of kindling and dry wood

scraps. (Actually, any of you are welcome to come by the Friendship Center to pick up firewood; just call ahead.) Feeding the fire is fun. When the flames begin to fade, just tossing in a couple wood scraps brings the fire-dancing back in full force. This goes on all evening with predictable reactions – comments shared about the erratic flames, questions asked about the curious wood scraps being tossed into the fire and pleasant fellowship flourishes as long as the fire lasts. When guests go home, my job is to make sure the fire dies out and doesn't reignite.

In a way, its sort of sad to see the way the fire dies. Without additional

wood, the flames fade away; soon there are only radiant hot coals flickering. Before long, everything is mostly black and smoldering. I close the grated door and go inside. In the morning there is only charred black remains of a once festive fire, now finished.

Well, it's only a fire. But actually it's a metaphor of Christian Fellowship. It certainly reflects what happens at Friends of the Carpenter. The flames of fellowship glows bright as people gather together in the Friendship Center. New persons come and add to the energy; others leave – no, not burnt up and spent, but energized from having enjoyed the safe and caring fellow-

Continued on page 2

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

There have been several special mailings this month, and we would like to thank the many volunteers who have helped to make them happen!

- ★ Larry and Erma Patterson, Lisa Encica, Renee Darr, Clarice Garrison, Linda Ronayne, Eloise Zummo, Wayne and

Marilyn Andrews, Ron MacKenzie, Riley Osborn, Kazmir Stiason, Dave Ricks, Donna Cooley, Anita



Martin, Hilary Heizenrader, Ellen Haynes, Cle Nickels, David Boling, as well as our Auction Invitation creators... Nancy Drew, Esther Ellis, Gail Heike, Teresa Keiser, Shirley Lashley, Arla Olsen, Roberta Schlechter and again, Ellen Haynes and Hillary Heizenrader.



A Ministry Of Relationships

The Carpenter's Tool Box is a monthly publication of FRIENDS of the CARPENTER
P.O. Box 65358
Vancouver, WA 98665
(360) 750-4752

Board of Directors:
Brent Stahl, Michele Silvey, Bill Parsons, Mike Mattson, Marilyn Andrews, Lorraine Phillips, Jay Kitchin, Mary Jo DeVito, Judy Enders, David Slocum

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

SPECIAL APPEAL APPEAL	2
YOU ARE NEEDED!	2
VOLUNTEER FOR VOLUNTEER MANAGER	2
CALENDAR OF EVENTS	3
CHURCH PARTNERS	3
AUCTION NEWS	4
AUCTION REGISTRATION	4

“Campfire Christianity” ... Continued from page 1

ship. Some of those who come to the Center seldom experience genuine hospitality, being welcomed and truly included. Often, people come feeling like “scrap wood.” However, like the sacrifice of Christ Himself, something amazing happens. In giving and getting involved, the giver receives a gift often greater than the gift they gave or what they

expected. In service to others, servants find themselves being served in a special way. I frequently tell folks, “When you leave the Friendship Center your situation may not have changed much, but by having been in “the circle,” you will have changed. Little by little, day by day, being a changed person will change your life!”

Friends of the Carpenter needs, not firewood, but more friends! People who come to add energy to the circle, who increase the dance of the Holy Spirit in our midst and who help shine the Light of Christ onto each of our paths. Everyday, it's a different crowd of random persons who come to the Center. However we need consistent volunteers who will

take special positions and assigned days to welcome and work on tasks and activities. We need volunteers to “help tend the fire-dance!”

Please call the Friendship Center 750-4752, talk with me or one of the other staff. We will gladly explain areas and tasks for which we need volunteers.

“Special Appeal” Appeal

All who receive this monthly newsletter also recently received a “Special Appeal” for extra commitment giving. We know that our appeal is one of many in our community at this time. Each of us has many causes and concerns we would want to support. Though a financial gift is most needed, if that is not possible, please consider other options for bringing finances to Friends of the Carpenter. For example,

please convey to others the program and needs of Friends of the Carpenter. Ask your church family to support FOC in prayer and if possible a financial contribution. Bring people to the Friendship Center. Pick up the newly produced DVD to show in your church, to other organizations and to your friends. This show clearly presents the program and the results of our ministry. Do not neglect to make even a small donation.

Remember the story of Jesus feeding the multitude – it was only two fish and a few loaves of bread. A young boy gave his simple lunch that Jesus blessed to produce all that was needed AND MORE. In addition, there may well be someone reading this article who has excellent manufactory and/or marketing skills. The warehouse and equipment of Friends of the Carpenter is well suited for manufactory. Seeking out and

securing contracts could produce an eventual self-sufficient entrepreneurial revenue. If you or someone you know can help us, it will be a great gift. Regardless of your financial contribution, please PRAY. The Board of Directors does not believe God is done with supplying the needs of Friends of the Carpenter. It will be our prayers and faithfulness, Friends of the Carpenter will flourish. Please Help!

YOU are desperately needed!

Can you provide an hour or more each week or month to:


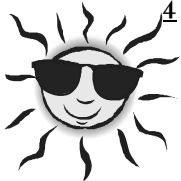
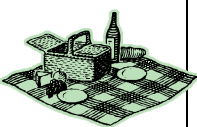
- ★ Provide hospitality by brewing the coffee and laying out the pastries?
- ★ Help set up, clean up, or lead an activity such as the Monday Arts & Crafts, Tuesday morning or Wednesday afternoon activity, or Fun Friday?
- ★ Provide hospitality for the product room to assist guests with their purchases.

- ★ Scroll saw (and learn to scroll saw) to increase our products.
- ★ Welcome everyone at the front desk and answer the phone.
- ★ Take home dirty cleaning rags for washing.
- ★ **Please pray for US!**



We want you to know that Donni Ybarra is no longer serving as the Volunteer Manager with Friends of the Carpenter. The Board of Directors has decided NOT to re-hire this position at this time in order to cut expenses. SO.... We are in need of a “volunteer” Volunteer Manager. Please call Duane at 360-750-4752 if this sounds of interest to YOU or to someone you know! It could also be an Internship or Practicum opportunity.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>August 15</u> 	<u>16</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>17</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>18</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>19</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>20</u> \$ Management Class 10 am Fun Friday Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>24</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>25</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>26</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>27</u> \$ Management Class 10 am Fun Friday Birthday Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>28</u> Woodworker Show & Tell
<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>31</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>September 1</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>2</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>3</u> \$ Management Class 10 am Fun Friday Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>4</u> 
<u>5</u> 	<u>6</u> Labor Day Holiday— Friendship Center Closed	<u>7</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>8</u> Noon Worship & NEWSLETTER	<u>9</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>10</u> \$ Management Class 10 am Fun Friday Activity 1-2:30 pm ←	<u>11</u> Peace & Justice Fair Sausage Festival
<u>12</u> Sausage Festival	<u>13</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>14</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>15</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>16</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>17</u> \$ Management Class 10 am Fun Friday Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Veterans Stand Down Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>21</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>22</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>23</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> Woodworker Show & Tell

Calling All Church Partners – Liaisons

A liaison is “a connecting link” between Friends of the Carpenter and “your church.” This person promotes the mission and program of FOC to the church, inviting and urging involvement. Equally, the liaison promotes the mission and program of their church to those at FOC; to invite and urge those who do not have a church home to become a part of yours. Check to see if your church already has a designated liaison; if yes, please help support them, if not, consider becoming “the connecting link.”

It Is One Ministry In Which We All Belong and Serve!

Auction Basket News

We are assembling baskets in August and September for the Auction. We need basket items for these categories: Doggie Basket, Coffee Basket, Relax and Restore Basket, Chocolate Basket, Princess Basket, Garden Basket. Bring your items to the Center. We appreciate your help.

CHURCH CHALLENGE - SPONSOR A TABLE OR PROVIDE A CHURCH BASKET FOR THE AUCTION ! (call us for more details!)



August, 2010

Refused

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please check the box and return it to your mail carrier. We pay the postage.

Return Service Requested

NONPROFIT
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT 702
VANCOUVER,
WA

Friends of the Carpenter
P.O. Box 65358
Vancouver, WA 98665

1600 W. 20th St.
Vancouver, WA 98660
Phone: 360-750-4752
Fax: 360-694-5800
www.friendsofthecarpenter.org

Contact Us!

Rev. Duane Sich, Exec. Director
Cell Phone: 360-936-3461
Jan Cox, Program Manager
Cell Phone: 360-936-3421
Dan Nicholas, Shop Foreman
Cell Phone: 360-771-0761
Carrie Slayter, Activity and Product
Coordinator
Bill Jennings, Yard Coordinator
Cell Phone: 360-771-0172
Jerry Swan, Financial Secretary

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



8th Annual Auction and Banquet

Sat. October 9th Red Lion Inn at the Quay

5:30 - Silent Auctions 7:00 - Banquet 8:00 - Live Auction



Call the office at 750-4752 to have a special invitation mailed to you, or return the card below to Friends of the Carpenter, PO Box 65358, Vancouver, WA 98665!

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR THE SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

If you have an item you would be willing to donate... please get in contact with us, and a procurement form will be sent to you! **WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

2010 Auction & Banquet - "Oktoberfest with Friends"

Yes, I / we would like to attend: Please reserve _____ places @ \$50 per person
Please reserve _____ table (s) of ten @ \$500 per table

Meal Selection: # _____ Pork Loin Snitzel # _____ Vegetarian Bierocks

I / we would like to be seated at a table with _____.

Sorry, I cannot attend this event, however, I still wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to Friends of the Carpenter in the amount of \$ _____.

Check enclosed: Please Make Checks Payable to **Friends of the Carpenter**

Master Card VISA Expiration Date (mm/yy): _____ Card Number: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail* _____

*List your e-mail & receive pre-event auction item updates!

PLEASE return this card to Friends of the Carpenter by Oct. 1, 2010.