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“A Tiny Guiding Light”

by Rev. Duane L. Sich

“You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead you put it on the lamp stand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16

Remember that cute little children's song, “This little light of mine?” We used to hold our pointer finger high, giggle and jiggle and boldly sing, “I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!” As little children it was a simple but sincere declaration of discipleship. As adults, we're probably capable and committed to greater acts of Christian service than when we sang that children's song, but perhaps we discount too quickly the power and potential of “that little light.”

At Friends of the Carpenter, we have many of our homeless friends who are moved and motivated by tiny acts of kindness or simple opportunities. For those who are

accustom to adequate resources and maneuver through a maze of daily responsibilities, it is humbling to see how something as simple as “bus fare” can make the difference between getting or not getting to a job interview or doctor's appointment. To those who have places to go and too many things to do, it seems inconceivable that there are those who have no place to go, nothing meaningful to do and are burdened down by boredom. The depressing darkness prevents a positive step in any direction.

Getting back to the children's song,, “This little light of mine” can change everything. The scripture lesson indicates, a candle light illumines the whole room. When a person is in a dark pit, even a tiny light becomes a beacon. “This little light” on a lamp stand becomes a conduit to hope and a corridor for a way out and a way up. Jesus said “He was the light of the world.” When we let that light shine through us, even in small ways, good things are

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A Tiny Guiding Light"

bound to happen. However, the amazing thing is when you and I "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine" that "little light" shines both ways.

The volunteers of Friends of the Carpenter often say they receive far more blessings than they feel they offer. When those who live amongst dazzling lights see those who are grateful for a simple light, it shows everyone what is truly special. When someone gives thanks for a tiny gift of love, it clarifies the bounty of big blessings. Befriending someone in a dark pit, brightens the viewpoint and perspective between the givers and receivers and transforms charity into personal caring. "This little light" – your light – shines through the dazzling lights and everybody sees more clearly.

We are grateful for the many volunteers who are involved and serve in this ministry. We are humbled by those who faithfully hold up this ministry in prayer and support its work with financial and in-kind gifts. We pray, and request your prayers, that even more will join in our work and witness that the light will grow and continue to guide all of us to a closer and clearer walk in faith. Please call to see where "your light can shine."

Year End Financial Gift Appeal

As we approach the end of 2006, please pray about and consider giving a special, year end financial gift to Friends of the Carpenter. Our ministry is blessed by the many who support our mission and operation. However, as the ministry is growing, so is our need for adequate finances. If you are able and feel God's "nudge" to make a special gift – Thank You in advance. If you would like information or an opportunity to ask questions about the ministry, the vision and our financial priorities, please call to set up a visit with Duane or one of the Board of Directors.



Christmas With Jim Fischer and Friends



Saturday,
Dec. 2nd, 2006

Concert Ticket Sales Incentive

We want to help you help us sell tickets. For every 9 tickets you sell, you get one free. Ticket sales must be turned in to the FOC office by Monday, Nov. 27th to receive the incentive tickets. Give us a Call!

Jim Fischer *Pianist,* *Composer,* *Producer,* *Recording artist* *and Entertainer*

Hi, I'm Jim Fischer. My ensemble of friends performs for the Friends of the Carpenter's concert every December. I've performed literally all over the world in all kinds of styles; I've played dance music cruising the high seas, entertained in Tokyo, even played the Carillon bells at Esther Short Park. However, the songs I really love are ballads. Songs that tell a story. A story that moves you into kindness, caring, gratitude and compassion. Well, "Friends of The Carpenter" and their mission with the homeless is an amazing and awesome song in itself, helping real people find a bridge to another verse in their own lives. Won't you please join me in supporting this vital 'composition we're creating and performing in our community. Lift up your hearts!



Wanted

Because our homeless is with the numbers and those coming to the Center, we need workers to prepare kits for our event to the perception have concerns homeless do with to the Friends policy (and our homeless partner permitted to use the Carpenter power tools. To them and liability to the great. When part to the Friends our outreach at House and St. Church, they with volunteer supporting fair in low risk assets. This estimates the risk injury and is an activity which conversations. Our program about production training; rather safe and support where volunteer pants come common activities takes the differences and means where ships can be

Wanted MORE Woodworkers to Prepare Wood Kits

Because our outreach to the homeless is working well and the numbers are growing of those coming to the Friendship Center, we need more woodworkers to prepare more wood kits for our events. Contrary to the perception many people have concerning what the homeless do when they come to the Friendship Center, by policy (and common sense) homeless participants are not permitted to use the Friends of the Carpenter wood shop power tools. The personal risk to them and the insurance liability to the ministry is too great. When participants come to the Friendship Center, or to our outreach events at Share House and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, they work together with volunteers from our supporting faith communities in low risk assembly of wood kits. This essentially eliminates the risk of personal injury and is generally a quiet activity which allows for conversations to easily occur. Our program has never been about production or even job training; rather it is to create a safe and supervised space where volunteers and participants come together for a common activity. That activity takes the focus off our differences and provides a means where genuine friendships can be formed. The

woodwork is actually the bi-product of the ministry. However, the wood kits are an essential component to the process. We are at a point of needing many more volunteer woodworkers to prepare the wood kits.

Volunteer woodworkers are generally hobbyist type woodworkers, many of whom have home shops and are fairly well experienced with woodwork tools and techniques. Kits can be prepared in home shops or at the "very well equipped, well lighted and heated FOC shop. (Now which sounds more fun?) To work at the FOC shop, volunteer woodworkers must first complete a safety orientation with our shop foreman, Dan Nicholas. Second, they must read the FOC operation and safety manual and sign a compliance agreement, pledging not to violate safety procedure or manufacturer guidelines for tool operation. Third, we ask all volunteers to sign a waiver of liability indicating that in case of injury, personal insurance will be the first source of medical treatment.

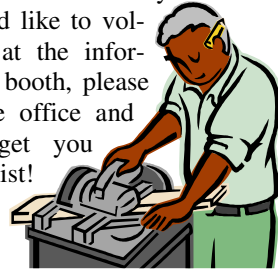
Our goal **and prayer** is that the safety procedure and policy will prevent the need of medical attention. Beginning our ninth year of operation, we

are pleased not to have needed medical attention bigger than a band aid.

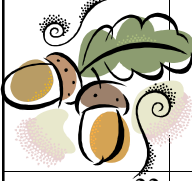






PLEASE, if you are a woodworker or know one who is interested and capable of serving in this way, please contact the FOC office **750-4752** and talk to Dan. Generally woodworkers volunteer once or twice a month for a two hour period. **FOC Open Shop times are Monday and Tuesday afternoons, or Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.**

Portland Tool Show Coming Soon!

The Portland Woodworking and Tool Show will be held at the Portland Expo Center, beginning Friday, October 20, and running until Sunday, October 22nd. Friends of the Carpenter will once again be displaying information about the ministry at the show. Stop by the booth and say Hi! If you'd like to volunteer at the information booth, please call the office and we'll get you on the list!



OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 15 	<u>16</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1:30—3:30 pm	<u>17</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Open Shop 1:30—3:30 pm	<u>18</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am Noon Worship @ St. Paul Lutheran	<u>19</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	<u>20</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Share Outreach 8:30—11:00 am Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	<u>21</u> SHARE Brunch & EVENT Portland Tool Show @ Expo Center
<u>22</u> Rev. Sich preaches at Mill Plain UMC Portland Tool Show @ Expo Center	<u>23</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1:30—3:30 pm	<u>24</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Open Shop 1:30—3:30 pm	<u>25</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am Noon Worship and EVENT @ St. Paul	<u>26</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	<u>27</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Share Outreach 8:30—11:00 am Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	<u>28</u> FOC cooks Breakfast at Salmon Creek UMC for Mission Saturday
<u>29</u> Mt Tabor Pres. Adult Forum Mill Plain UMC Open House @ Friendship Ctr. 6:30 pm	<u>30</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1:30—3:30 pm SHARE Dinner and Worship	<u>31</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Open Shop 1:30—3:30 pm	November 1 Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am Noon Worship and EVENT @ St. Paul	<u>2</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	<u>3</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Share Outreach 8:30—11:00 am Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	<u>4</u> Woodworker Show & Tell 9:30 am
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We thank our attendees and contributed so the success of the Auction and Event on September 30 at the Expo Center Inn at the Expo Center produced from live auctions, raffles, toss, sweeps, donations appreciated. The New Hope Band once again a wonderful musical pre-dinner time. Gene Johnson provided the music for the live auction bidding lively. Several of our volunteers shared their involvement in the Carpenter's Tool Box. Thank you to Bill and Esteban Mike. It was how lives have been blessed because of their love and friendship. Friends of the Carpenter's Tool Box parties and events. We had a great audience for the testimonial \$5,000 for Local Community distributed to those in need. God will bless and trust in the Carpenter to take care of us.

We also wish to thank those who made this possible. Beacock's N

4th Annual Auction a Fun and Successful Time!

We thank our many donors, attendees and purchasers who contributed so generously to the success of the 4th Annual Auction and Banquet held on September 30 at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay. Income produced from the silent and live auctions, the raffle, ring toss, sweeps, and additional donations approaches \$30,000. The New Horizons Beacock Band once again provided wonderful music during the pre-dinner time. Auctioneer Gene Johnson of Montana provided the expertise during the live auction, and kept the bidding lively and entertaining. Several of our friends and volunteers shared their stories of involvement with Friends of the Carpenter over the years. Thank you to Ellie and Brian, Bill and Esteban, and Bill and Mike. It was special to hear how lives have been changed because of the relationships and friendships formed during Friends of the Carpenter activities and events. A sweep of the audience following these testimonials raised almost \$5,000 for Love Gifts to be distributed to participants in need. God will use these gifts and trust in Friends of the Carpenter to transform lives.

We also wish to thank all those who made this event happen.. Beacock's New Horizons



New Horizon Band Performs at the Auction

Band, Jay & Sue Kitchin, Marilyn & Wayne Andrews, Jack & Elaine Eaton, Ira & Lillian Lewis, Olie & Yvonne Mettler, Bob & Bea Howell, Bob & Francia McDaniel, Rodger Stevens, Dave Ricks, Danielle Connor, Cindy Smith, Kathy Scott, Fred Scott, Marc Hartquist, Nelson Williams, Marta Williams, Lindsey Wilcox, Lauren Haire, Marisa Bravo, Detra Swenson, Marie Morrison, Rosemarie Buker, Michele Silvey, Virginia Williams, Nadine Swartz, Judy Duncan, Ellie McCallum, Heaven Lee, Amelia Rivero, Paulette McSor-

ley, Lynnette Trotter, Donald Prickett, Wanda Wells, Leea Drake, Jason Smith, Sheila Hundley, Sherry McKusick, Sharon Marcotte, Valerie Huggins, Jennifer Dalton, Pam Noll, Wayne Pueschel, Chris Nolte, Bill Parsons, Judy Enders, Amy Rich, Margit Johnson, Esteban Canedo, Bill Johnson, Stacy Mortenson, Paul Boyer, Bruce Mort, Brian Collister, Tracy Pemberton, Mike Lawson, Patrick Barnett, Virginia & Angelina Babin-Riggio, Bill Jennings and the staff of Friends of the Carpenter.



Marta, Lauren, Lindsey, Marisa assist with Love Gift Sweep during the Live Auction

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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*

<p>Christmas With Jim Fischer and Friends A Benefit for Friends of the Carpenter Saturday, December 2nd, 2006 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm Shows at the Royal Durst Theater 3101 Main Street - Vancouver, WA 98663 Please join us for this Musical Christmas Celebration for the entire family! Tickets NOW Available! \$15 Adults and \$12 Sr. Citizen/Student Contact Friends of the Carpenter at (360) 750-4752 for tickets!</p>		<p>Auction Centerpieces Available The auction is over but some centerpieces are still available. What a nice gift to take to your Thanksgiving dinner, or give to a friend to dress up their dining table. If you were unable to attend the auction, the centerpieces include: a large floral cloth with a French style galvanized container sitting in the center. The vase contains a bottle of wine, a coordinating striped napkin and vines draping down. Two wine glasses serve as candle holders and artificial grapes and vines surround the vase. If you are interested in purchasing one for \$45.00, please call the office at 750-4752</p> 
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