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A Witness That Really Works

Rev. Duane L. Sich

"For this reason I fall on my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its true name. I ask God from the wealth of God's glory to give you power through the Spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you together with all God's people, have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love – although it can never be fully known – and so be completely filled with the very nature of God." Ephesians 3: 14-19

A pastor who had recently moved into town got onto a city bus. This was back when drivers gave change. As the pastor took his seat, he noticed he had received \$.25 extra. Not wanting to disturb the driver, he took his seat thinking he would return the coin as he departed the bus. But while pondering the few pennies, he thought, "What's the big deal? Who will notice or care? I'll just skip it." When the bus reached his stop, the pastor walked to the

front of the bus; he felt the quarter in his pocket, pulled it out and nonchalantly handed it to the driver saying, "You gave me extra change." The bus driver reached out, took the quarter and then asked, "Aren't you the new pastor at Riverview Church?" Surprised, the pastor responded, "Yes, why do you ask?" The driver said, "I intentionally gave you the extra change." "I've been thinking about attending your church and wanted to see what you would do with the extra quarter." With a simple grin on his face he said, "You'll probably be seeing me at church." The pastor nearly stumbled off the bus, weak kneed he grabbed a nearby street pole, almost falling to his knees and silently prayed, "My God, I almost sold your son for a quarter!"

YIKES ... people watch what Christians do. Your neighbors probably know where you are headed on Sunday mornings. Your conversations with co-workers tell them how serious or sincere you are about your faith. Your actions speak more clearly

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than any words. Your children know better than anyone whether faith is your foundation and force or merely a façade. The Rev. Gary Demerest, who at one time was the National Evangelism Director of the Presbyterian Church, USA frequently said, "We do our best witnessing when we don't know we are doing it." People watch us! Without even knowing it, through simple testimonies or tiny compromises, they figure out if our witnessing is real or if it's a fabrication of faith. By our witness, people will follow our lead! We can turn a person around in a positive direction or a negative one by the simplest and seemingly insignificant actions, words and appearances.

In the scripture above, The Apostle Paul wanted his witness, his words, his prayers and every ounce of his effort and energy to point people to a closer walk with Jesus, to a deeper discipleship in faith. Paul's plea and prayer was to help people fully "plug in" to the goodness and glory of God. That also is the mission of Friends of the Carpenter. Many of the friends who come into our ministry and into the circle of our

fellowship have enormous basic, human needs. It is tempting, and often time seems more important (actually easier) to just focus upon the problem instead of the person. But more often than not, the problem is the result of the person being disconnected from any positive or personal relationships. Granted, the crisis problems are significant, but the more debilitating dilemma is the lack of constructive care, consistent contact and accountability and a witness to the love of Christ that simply makes sense and is sincere.

As we begin this New Year, we pray for volunteers to join in the outreach and activities of our ministry. In the simple woodwork events and various other activities of our ministry, more powerful than the proclaimed Word from a

pulpit, people see genuine glimpses of grace. In casual but careful ways, people of faith come not to preach or peer down at those who are poor, but rather to be ministers of God's love and witnesses to a faith that works miracles. Though there are many avenues of Christian service and opportunities to provide for the poor, I can think of no ministry that is better designed or dedicated to provide a safe place and a simple process for volunteers to profess their faith and offer a witness that really welcomes those who feel lost.

Volunteers are needed. Come by yourself or ideally, a team of volunteers from your church community increases the welcome and offers "many hands" to help new friends find their way into a church family. There are many ways Friends of the Carpenter can use your witness:

Every Tuesday – Devotion & Woodwork Activity @ The Friendship Center – 9:30 to 11:30 am

Every Wednesday – Noon Prayers & Woodwork Activity @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Every Friday – 8:30 to 11:00 am – Shower Monitoring/Clothes Distribution @ Share House



Esteban and Cynthia at the FOC Open House

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A Witness That

Every Weekday
@ Share House

Every Weekday
@ FOC Shop:
Monday/Tuesday
Wednesday/Thursday
11:30 am

3rd Saturdays
Prep/Serve & V
11:00 am

4th Mondays
Prep/Serve & V
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Every Weekday Morning – Breakfast Prep/Serve
@ Share House – 5:30 to 7:00 am

Every Weekday - Woodworker Kit production
@ FOC Shop:

Monday/Tuesday Afternoons – 1:30 to 3:30 pm
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday Mornings – 9:30 to
11:30 am

3rd Saturdays @ Share House – Brunch
Prep/Serve & Woodwork Following – 7:30 to
11:00 am

4th Mondays @ Share House – Dinner
Prep/Serve & Worship Following– 2:30 to 7:00
pm

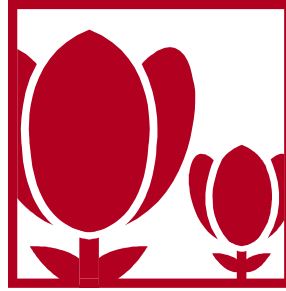
So come join us. You'll be amazed how God will make your witness work. As the story above reflects, sometimes something as simple as a quarter can make the difference whether your witness welcomes someone into the family of God. Call the office to work in your witness



Celebrate Spring With Tulips!!

Tulip Boxes Available
Perfect for front entries or patios

Handmade Cedar
Planter boxes
15" x 15" x 12" tall
Filled with a colorful
variety of 40 Tulip
bulbs from Royal
Dutch Gardens.
Purchase yours now
at the Friendship
Center for \$60.00.



Valentines H.U.G.S. Men's Gloves Needed

H.U.G.S. (that's Hats, Underwear, Gloves and Socks) will again be shared with our homeless friends at a special SHARE House event on Saturday, February 17th. We've plenty of other items... but we really need MENS Gloves! If you are able to share, please bring them to the Friendship Center, 1600 W. 20th St.

St. Valentine
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Upcoming Gatherings to Take Note Of

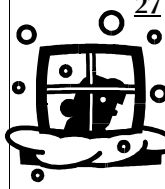




The Greater Vancouver Interfaith Association
Is hosting a Town Hall Presentation
"UNDERSTANDING ISLAM"

Sunday, January 21, 2007 1:30—4:00 pm
At First Presbyterian Church, 4300 Main St.
Speaker is Dr. Kihalid Kahn, Associate Dean of
Engineering at the University of Portland, and
an educator of the Muslim faith. He will
respond to questions in an dialogue and strive
to bring a balanced view of "the fastest growing
religion in the world" Questions? Rev. Tom
Tucker, 693-4761 or Sue Meyer, 573-9511



"Christ at Work," an international organization whose mission is to help business leaders grow in personal faith and develop faith in the workplace is hosting a fundraiser dinner and presentation on Tuesday, January 30th at the Vancouver Heathman Lodge. Proceeds will be divided among 5 local ministries including Friends of the Carpenter. \$35 per plate dinner donation. For reservations call 254-3100 or email Gary Meier at gameier@garymeier.com

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 14 Moment for Mission @ St. John Presbyterian in Camas	15 Martin Luther King Holiday Friendship Center Closed	16 Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Open Shop	17 Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am Noon Worship @ St. Paul & Games	18 Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	19 Serve SHARE Breakfast Share Outreach 8:30—11:00 am Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	20 SHARE Brunch & Event
21 Moment for Mission @ Mt. Tabor Presbyterian in Portland	22 Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1:30—3:30 pm FOC ANNUAL MEETING	23 Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Open Shop	24 Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am Noon Worship & EVENT @ St. Paul	25 Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	26 Serve SHARE Breakfast Share Outreach 8:30—11:00 am Open Shop 9:30—11:30 am	27 
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We give thanks to the Board of Directors. The years of service below. We appreciate their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors. In meetings, making decisions, and giving guidance. We appreciate each person's minds and souls that contribute to this service.

The newest member of the Board of Directors of the Carpenter's Tool Box is Evan. Evan has been a member of FOC for several years. In various capacities, he helps cook and clean on our 4th Meeting Share House. He has also given legal advice to our "friends" who

Evan is a member of the United Methodist Church and has volunteered

Friends of the Carpenter Board of Directors



We give thanks for our Board of Directors. Their names and years of service are listed below. We are thankful for their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors, attend meetings, make decisions and give guidance for the ministry. We appreciate the support of each person - their hearts, minds and soul that they dedicate to this service.

The newest member of the Board of Directors of Friends of the Carpenter is **Evan Hull**. Evan has been involved with FOC for several years, donating his money, time and talents in various capacities. Monthly he helps cook and serve dinner on our 4th Monday night at Share House. He has also given legal advice to some of our "friends" when needed.

Evan is a member at First United Methodist Church. He has volunteered in several dif-

ferent capacities at the church, including the Mission and Finance Teams, Ocean Park Church Camp, Sunday School and the Vancouver Methodist Foundation.

By trade Evan is a lawyer in Vancouver, having been in practice since 1983. He primarily practices law in the areas of wills, probate, powers of attorney, guardianships, business law, collections, real estate, landlord/tenant, personal injury, family law, and adoptions.

We are thankful for Evan's energy and enthusiasm and welcome him to serve on the Friends of the Carpenter Board of Directors.

ANNOUNCING THE 7th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION & THE FRIENDS OF THE CARPENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Monday, January 22, 2007
7:30-8:30 PM**

**At THE FRIENDSHIP CENTER
1600 W. 20th St.
Vancouver, WA 98660**

Please Come!

FRIENDS OF THE CARPENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Duane Sich – (1998) Executive Director – attends 1st UMC

Jay Kitchin – (2000) President of the Board - member at Orchard Methodist

Wayne Pueschel – (2000) Vice President of the Board

Member at 1st Presbyterian

Bob Ruby – (2005) 2nd Vice

President of the Board – Member at Brush Prairie Baptist

Marilyn Andrews – (1998)

Secretary of the Board member at 1st UMC

Chris Nolte – (2001) pastor at St. Paul Lutheran

Julie Sich – (1998) - member at 1st UMC

Dean Flory – (2000) member at 1st UMC

Wilk Zilke – (1998) - attends 1st Church of God and Glad Tidings

Michele Silvey – (2003)

member at 1st Presbyterian

Bill Parsons – (2005) member at Messiah Lutheran

Bill Jennings – (2005) - member at 1st UMC

Evan Hull – (2006) – member at 1st UMC

2006 Annual Reports will be available soon. If you would like a copy, please contact the FOC Office at 750-4752

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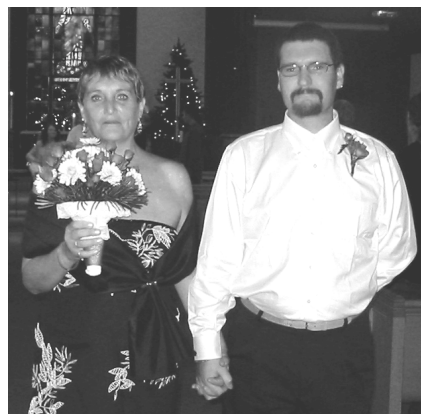
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Through Friendship

*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*

2007 SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- Volunteer Appreciation - May 8, 2007
 - 8th Annual Rummage Sale
Thurs.-Sat., June 7, 8 & 9, 2007
- Friendship Center Warehouse Dance
Sat., July 21, 2007
 - Uptown Village Street Festival
Sat./Sun., August 18 & 19, 2007
 - 5th Annual Auction & Banquet
Sat., October 6, 2007
 - 5th Annual Christmas Concert
with Jim Fischer & Friends
Sat., December 1, 2007



Congratulations to Donald Prickett and Wanda Wells who were married on December 19th at St. Paul Lutheran Church! The newlyweds currently reside at the FOC Duplex.