

# 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

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## “Personal Peace”

by Rev. Duane L. Sich

*“Don’t worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking with a thankful heart. And God’s peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.”*  
Philippians 4: 6 & 7

A friend of mine once told me, “If you pray, why worry; and if you worry, why pray?” That’s easy to say, but often so hard to do! Being content even in ordinary or special times seems less and less the attitude of people these days. More often, it seems we hear

cries for help, know of situations seeking support and listen to stories of struggles that are serious and often unfair. It can be and often is disturbing, depressing and less than putting your mind at peace. On the other hand, we are solicited by marketing, pushed to purchase something better and we ourselves pursue products and places that promise pleasing results. Everyday, things happen or we make things happen that makes our peace pale. Where is this “peace that passes understanding” that the Apostle Paul spoke of? I would suggest its found in a personal

relationship. First, the peace God promises comes from a personal relationship with God. However it often occurs through our personal relationships with friends. Its amazing when you or I see the strength of character, the courage of an individual and the capability to cope when it is demonstrated by someone you know, someone you care about. Seeing and supporting a friend to accept and carry their burdens, results in a personal peace for all involved.

For example the other day, one of our volunteers came into my

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*A Ministry Of Relationships*

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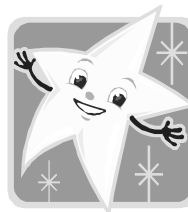
## THIS MONTH'S STARS! THANK YOU'S TO...

★ Our faithful weekly woodworkers; Bill Matney, Henry Crouch, Barry Porter, Bill Lehmann, Jim Hereford, Doug Hepburn, Warren Young, Bill Parsons, Otto Bombach, Jim DeShirley, and Tom Benner

★ Gayle Mattson for her organization skills in the product and supply rooms!

★ The companies who have donated to the kitchen remodel; Habitat Restore, Super F Paint,

Shurway Building Center, Haynes Cabinets and D & L Electric.



★ Those who donate their time, talents and financially!

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office saying she was awaiting test results that could indicate bone cancer. She said there was a history in her family. She wasn't panic stricken, she wasn't whining, in fact, she wasn't worrying. She just wanted me to know and if I would, keep her in my prayers. Amazing peace! I gathered a couple others who were nearby and together we went into the prayer room. Peacefully, confidently we simply asked God's grace and guidance as results would be determined, as decisions would be made as this person would carry on. With thanksgiving and hugs, she went on her way. Wow ... Peace Present!

Another story: last week, one of our friends called with car problems under the hood. The

serpentine belt (whatever that is) had come off its pulley. No AAA, no money and really no good idea what to do except to call the Friendship Center. With just a couple comments around the warehouse, soon another friend was on his way to help. They were able to get the car back to our parking lot but there was a bigger problem. The housing bracket (whatever that is) was broken off the motor; a significant mechanical repair would be needed – a big problem! But here again, right in our midst, a few suggestions from friends, a couple phone calls, and within a couple hours the vehicle was loaded onto our equipment trailer and hauled to a shop that gives discounts to low income clients. What seemed like “a show

stopper” and a problem to big to bear, was settled by support from good friends and a \$200 “Pay-It-Forward” loan. Throughout the incident, peace was present and working well amongst everyone, (and now, so is the car).

Again, I suggest peace is personal. There will always be problems – big ones, little ones, yours, mine and ours. By ourselves and without God in the mix, the problems will probably overtake us. But when we gather with one another, with people of faith, the problems get divided, the pressures seem to subside, good judgments are more likely to pervade and God's promise of peace becomes present. When we take it to God in prayer and when our friends get involved ...

it's personal!

This is why I constantly encourage and invite volunteers to come to the Friendship Center. Your “person” is needed here to make God's peace personal. And though you may come to help bring peace to another, it may be that you will find a new sense of peace yourself. When we gather “in His name,” it becomes personal for everybody present and peace abounds. Yes, there are many problems and even potentials that push on us and threaten to steal our peace, but God's promise is true. *“In all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.”* Come be a peacemaker at the Friendship Center!

Wines. Basket making times will be set up through out the summer. Items can be dropped off at the Friendship Center, Mon.-Fri. 9am—4 pm.

## BASKETS! “Oktoberfest with Friends” AUCTION!



We are starting to prepare the Silent Auction

baskets for the event on October 9th!

We are looking for items for the baskets and/or monetary donations to

purchase the items. If you are interested in working on the baskets, we would love to hear from you. Contact people are: Lillian Lewis 571-0966, Francia McDaniel 882-8457 and Ellie McCallum 835-2810.

We are looking for “theme” items for the

following baskets: Gardening, Men's Tool's, Kid's items, Office, Coffee or Tea's, Seasons, Christmas, Relaxation and Restore, Devotional, Holidays Trick N Treat, Anything girl, Anything boy, Princess, Family Game Night, Dogs & Pets, Chocolates & Desserts, Specialty Dinners, or

## We're kicking off many new activities !

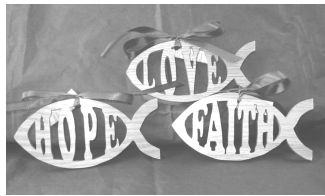
By Carrie Slayter, Activity Coordinator

Beginning Monday, July 26, we will have an Art/Craft Activity from 1:00 to 2:30 making jewelry from wood product, painting, and (your ideas here)! Beginning Fri., July 30, we will be starting our Fun Friday activities. Each Friday we will have games, movies, etc from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. Except on the last Friday of the month when we will have a birthday party for everyone to enjoy, and everyone who has a birthday during that month will receive a small gift. Would your group like to host a last Friday and provide the cake or cupcakes, ice cream, small gifts, etc? Call Carrie for more information.

With so many fun events going on this summer we will not be having outings. We do encourage you to attend the All Church Picnic on July 31, First Friday on August 6, the FOC SUMMER CONCERT & BBQ on August 7, Art in the Heart August 6 & 7, Peace & Justice Fair Sept 11, 35th Annual Vancouver Sausage festival

September 11th-13th. Check out our church partner newsletters on the resource board for additional fellowship opportunities or ask FOC Staff for more info.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with these activities and/or to provide items and ideas.



### PRODUCT ORDERS THROUGH THE WEBSITE!

YOU CAN order our products through our website. Just click on the Product Catalog Tab to see our UPDATED product pages, including NEW ITEMS. Browse the items and then click on contact and [carrie@friendsofthecarpenter.org](mailto:carrie@friendsofthecarpenter.org). Send me an e-mail with your order or give me a call at 360-750-4752 or stop on by and see it all in person! You are always welcome at the Friendship Center!

## THANKS to a Very Special Volunteer!

By Donni Ybarra, Volunteer Manager



Richard Martinez and Donni Ybarra

We, at the Friendship Center, enjoy the extraordinary gift each Tuesday of baked goods arriving at our doorstep. They are delivered around 10:00 by a very special volunteer. This month we would like to say "THANKS" to **Richard Martinez**, East Woods Presbyterian, for his volunteering commitment to the Friends of the Carpenter of connecting us to the goodies!

### Calling All Auction Volunteers....

**A General Meeting for Volunteers will be held on Thurs. July 15th, 7 pm at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay (100 Columbia St.) .**

**All committees will have a chance to meet and/or report.**

**We need NEW Help! WE need YOUR Help!**

### Volunteers Needed...

The month of June is behind us and summer is upon us now. As you schedule activities on your calendar will you include **Friends of the Carpenter?**

We invite you to join us **Tuesday at 9:30** for devotions and share in an activity. Perhaps **Monday at 1:00** works better for you to join in a crafting activity? Could we share a lunch hour to worship together at St. Paul's Lutheran on **Wednesday at noon**? Would you like to greet friends at our front desk? **Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 4:00** at the Friendship Center we have a need for your gift of hospitality. Will you **PRAY** for our ministry? Will you come to the center to **BE** with us?

**Thank you** for all of the gifts that have been given in time, money, talents and love. But, we still have more to share and we look forward to meeting together soon. We pray that you will get your calendar out today and pencil us in!

A FRIENDS of the CARPENTER

# FREE Summer Concert and BBQ Lunch

## Saturday, August 7, 2010

### 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

*Featuring the tunes of the Vancouver  
Community Concert Band*

## held at the Friendship Center

# 1600 W. 20th St., Vancouver, WA 98660

## 360-750-4752

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FRIENDS of the CARPENTER

A Ministry of Relationships, and Hope for the Homeless

- *Learn more about the ministry of Friends of the Carpenter!*
- *Enjoy an hour of music, refreshments and spirit filled fellowship!*
- *Come and find a special gift of Love!*

Hot Dog &  
Hamburger  
Lunch Available!



### • COME AND MEET NEW AND OLD FRIENDS!





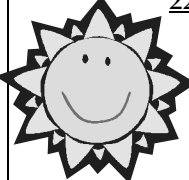
Christ  
calls us to  
minister  
with all in need of safe haven  
by being a caring fellowship  
and providing  
a sense of  
purpose  
through  
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with  
people  
of faith



Directions to the  
Friendship Center:

- Go west on either Mill Plain or 4th Plain Bvds., over railroad tracks.
- From Mill Plain, turn right onto 20th St. at the Stop Light, and continue on 20th.
- From 4th Plain, turn left on Simpson, to 20th St. and turn left onto 20th.

# JULY & AUGUST 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>July 18</u> 	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>21</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>22</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> Rev. Sich preaches at Bethlehem Lutheran in Marysville	<u>26</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>27</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>28</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>29</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>30</u> \$ Management Class 10 am Fun Friday Birthday Activity 1-2:30pm 	<u>31</u> Woodworker Show & Tell ALL CHURCH PICNIC @ Pearson Airpark
<u>August 1</u>	<u>2</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>3</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>4</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>5</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am	<u>6</u> \$ Management Class 10 am Art in the Heart 5—9 pm Fun Friday Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>7</u> Vancouver Community Band Concert & BBQ 11:30 am—1 pm Art in the Heart 
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## Money Management Class Starts!

An introduction to Money Management will be held at the Friendship Center, beginning July 30th, (10-11:00 am) and running for 8 sessions. This gathering will be lead by volunteer, Gary Ervin, and will cover topics of budgeting, checking accounts, credit/debit cards, loans and investing. Gary's guiding statements include... "It all begins with a philosophy of life...and builds to new opportunities and foresight." This class is for anyone and everyone! Call the office at 750-4752 to RSVP!

## WISH LIST UPDATES !

**Thank You** to those who responded to last months' "Wish List"! Some much needed office and cleaning supplies were received. Gift cards for gas, groceries, bus tickets, and movie passes are still needed for Event raffle prizes. (These have been great incentives for our weekly activities!)

### This Month's needs include:

- ★ Donations toward a Band Saw Blade for the Shop
- ★ Arts & Craft Instructors and Supplies

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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*

**Hugh Poland, Devotional Author's Visit was AMAZING!**

Rev. Hugh Poland, author and Minister of Worship and Music at Woodridge Church near Houston, Texas, was well received as the keynote speaker, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Vancouver, First Presbyterian Church. Hugh's message of Transitional Spirituality moved the hearts of the some 75 persons who attended.



*Hugh signing books at 1st Presbyterian*



*Karen and Hugh Poland accept a special gift made by Donald Prickett*

We thank Hugh, his wife Karen, First Presbyterian Church for hosting the event and the many volunteers who helped with hospitality. Hugh's three devotional books are still available for purchase at the Friendship Center: The Master Carpenter, Steal Away and Intentional Walk; at the cover price, or all three for \$33.

**Financial Needs Are Here!**

*We give thanks for the many who have faithfully financially contributed to Friends of the Carpenter. This ministry could not do what we do without your prayers, involvement and financial support. However, we are at a critical cash flow deficit. Though several responded to our recent "Spring Appeal," the result was far less than anticipated or needed. We continue to trust God and believe provisions will be provided. We hope this notice will lead others to do as they are able to allow our mission and work to continue. In a recent report to the Board of Directors, the statement was made, "We have a great future before us if we can just get to it!" Please help us get there!*

**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



Reservation information will be included in the next newsletter! Or call the office at 750-4752 to have a special invitation mailed to you!