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“Grace Happens”

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As Jesus made his way to Jerusalem, he went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. He was going into a village when he was met by ten persons suffering from a dreaded skin disease. They stood at a distance and shouted, “Jesus! Master! Have pity on us.” Jesus saw them and said to them, “Go and let the priests examine you.” On the way they were made clean. When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself on the ground at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. Jesus spoke up, “There were ten who were healed; where are the other nine? Why is

this foreigner the only one who came back to give thanks to God?” And Jesus said to him, “Get up and go; your faith has made you well.” Luke 17: 11-19

There’s the slogan many may have seen: “Grace Happens!” And It does! Often we see and acknowledge it. Sadly, also often, we don’t. In the story above, all ten received the same healing grace. Life was undoubtedly changed for all ten, but apparently nine took it for granted, or maybe took it and ran. Only the one realized what happened, realized why it happened and

returned to Jesus to say, “Thank You!” We don’t generally think much about the nine; it’s the testimony of the tenth that catches our attention.

The power of gratitude not only changes the life of those who receive and recognize grace, but it can also change life for those who celebrate the grace that was given to someone else. Witnessing sincere gratitude grips the heart of those who watch a grateful recipient. Like a sounding bell, the words, “Thank You” turn

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

★ All the incredible helpers at this year's

Rummage Sale: Chairperson Clarice Garrison, Carol Bitz, Larry Bleibaum, Paul Boyer, Jerry & Judi Brower, Esteban Canedo, Elaine & Jack Eaton, Betty Evens, James Gentry, Brenda Hall, Marcella Harvey,

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“GRACE HAPPENS”

heads and transmit a challenge for a giving and grateful community. It calls the Body of Christ to minister to itself – to motivate the giving and receiving of grace – and return to Jesus to say “Thank You!”

We at Friends of the Carpenter say “Thank You!” In fact, like the one who returned, we are bowed down at the feet of Jesus! Last month’s newsletter put out an urgent appeal for financial support. FOC, like many other agencies, has been hit hard by the current economic depression. Monthly revenue was not nearly meeting expenses; the reserve account was rapidly being depleted. Like the ten who called

out to Jesus, FOC put out a plea. And Grace Does Happen! The response has been amazing and very humbling. Most regular donors increased their giving and pledged to continue. Many new donors have joined our fund base. A few gave major gifts between \$500 to \$1,000; one gave \$5,000 and one gift of \$20,000 was given! Wow! To date, nearly \$40,000 has been received! **THANK YOU!**

Thanks Be To God and Thanks Be To Each And Every One Who Has Contributed! In addition to the financial support, several prayer commitments have been pledged, others have indicated increased personal involvement and some are seeking

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new markets for the manufactory FOC is capable of producing. All-in-all, the response has been amazing. Though this does not resolve the long-term need for sustaining revenue, it is a clear indication that God and God’s people are committed to this ministry. The Board of Directors is determined to design an adequate Fund Development Strategy and Long Range Vision. We pray the support will continue. Thank You! Thank God!

In the scripture lesson, it is the “Thank You” that catches our attention and motivates our heart. Time after time, recipients of gifts and God’s grace return to the Friendship Center thank-

ing FOC, thanking God and obviously thanking those who support the mission with your time and treasure. Oh, maybe not all of them return, maybe not right now. Maybe some will say “thank you” in another way, perhaps in another place. Regardless, lives are being touched with God’s love. With your support, God’s grace will continue to flow through this ministry. Grace Happens and all who recognize it give thanks and praise to God! Thank You and Praise God!



DONATION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF FOC

We are adding a new option to our donation methods as requested by several people. Now, in addition to you writing a check to Friends of the Carpenter for your donation, you can ask YOUR bank to add OUR name to your automatic “Bill Pay” each month. They will then deduct your requested amount from

your account for you. All you need to do is set up “Auto Bill Pay” at your bank, and list Name: Friends of the Carpenter, Address: PO Box 65358, Vancouver, WA 98665, and Account #: 0770008449. It’s as simple as that! Monthly payments can be made automatically. We ask that the checks

from your bank be sent directly to Friends of the Carpenter so that we may give you credit for your donation as soon as possible.

In order to be frugal and keep our bank service charges down, we are not offering direct payment options as this service would cost FOC about \$50 per month in fees. The Bill Pay at

your bank should be free of charge.






We will also be accepting VISA, MasterCard and Discovery Credit Cards shortly. Payments and Donations can be then made over the phone or in person. If you have questions, please call Judy on Mondays or Thursdays or Jan the other days, 750-4752

SUNDAY	MONDAY
14	SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3
21 Father’s Day 	Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3 Cook SHARE Dinner & Worship
28	Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3
5	Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3
12	Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3 Board Meeting Director’s Meeting
19 	Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3

C.A.R.E Group

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JUNE & JULY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3:30	<u>16</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	<u>17</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Noon Worship & Portland OUTING	<u>18</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<u>19</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30-11	<u>20</u> Woodworker BBQ 
<u>21</u> Father's Day 	<u>22</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3:30 Cook SHARE Dinner & Worship	<u>23</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	<u>24</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>25</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<u>26</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30-11	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3:30	<u>30</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	<u>July 1</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>2</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<u>3</u> Friendship Center CLOSED for 4th of July Holiday	<u>4</u> Happy Independence Day! 
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3:30	<u>7</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	<u>8</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Noon Worship & NEWSLETTER	<u>9</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<u>10</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30-11	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 1-3:30 Board of Director's Mtg.	<u>14</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Center Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am	<u>15</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Noon Worship & OUTING	<u>16</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast	<u>17</u> Serve SHARE Breakfast Open Shop 9:30-11	<u>18</u> Share Brunch & Event
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C.A.R.E Group Formed ... Community Awareness Reaching Everyone

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so far the group has expanded the areas where fellowship event flyers are placed, and reviewed old "intake" forms of past participants, to see how things are going now for them, "post" FOC.

A grant for \$2,900 from

the Archdiocese of Seattle is under consideration, requesting funds to focus on the promotion of the ministry to the public and those in need. The goals of the grant proposal are to: 1) Create a Testimonial Slide Show Presentation Tool, 2) Produce

Color Posters, 3) Paint Website Address on the back of the FOC Center, and 4) Host the Summer Concert & BBQ in August. The leadership of this group is priceless to the ministry and we thank them for their caring and input to the process!

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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



Friends of the Carpenter
Summer C.A.R.E.

Concert & BBQ

Friday, August 14, 2009

at the Friendship Center

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

BBQ begins at 5:30 pm

Band Plays from 6:30—8:00 pm

Featuring the tunes of the Vancouver Community Concert Band

The Vancouver Community Band strives to preserve and promote the foundations and history of
American Community Band Music from the early 1800s to present.

They are a group of mostly amateur local musicians.

The C.A.R.E. Committee of Friends of the Carpenter (see related article on Page 3),
invites the Vancouver Community to an evening of great music and delicious food.

Admission: \$3 ea. or \$5 per couple

Dinner Available!

Raffle Prizes Too!

