

# 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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## “Connections” by Rev. Duane L. Sich

*“Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people. Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. Under His control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love.”*

Ephesians 4: 13-16

Connections! They are so important in everything that works! Even a small or simple part that is loose or out of place in a tool, a function or an application can stop everything. The same is true for friendships; a relationship that has a bruised or broken connection can cause catastrophes. At Friends of the Carpenter, we often see where broken relationships of family, employment, positive peers’ associations and even self esteem (a fractured image of yourself) has damaged, sometimes nearly destroyed person’s lives. Connections!

They are so important but when they are not in place, nothing really works right!

With things we value, we try to repair broken connections – our vehicles, our homes, tools and household items. What a great feeling when a repair saves not only the item but the cost of replacement. Generally repairs are not cheap; also often it’s a bother to get the repair done ... but the result is worth it. There’s nothing really different about repairing a relationship – generally not cheap (it might not

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

★ Our incredible woodworkers who have created amazing items for the upcoming auction; Theron Honeycutt, Gary Ervin, Doug Hepburn, Jim DeShirley, Lloyd DeWerff, Allan Schwindt, and Ron Pulliam.



★ The volunteers who have supported the Kitchen Remodel; Dorman Holcomb, Marion Long, Doug Hepburn, George McGee, Gary Ervin, Jim DeShirley, Mike Osieck, William Brown, Paul Schemberger, Ryan Page, Ryan Courtright, Billy Ray, Jerry Swan, and Dan Nicholas



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## “Connections”

be worth much if it is) and its almost always “at least” a bother, maybe more ... but Oh So Worth A Repaired Relationship!

Its amazing to watch “relational connections and repairs” occur at the Friendship Center. We have a good number of frequent attendees in the Center, however each day newcomers join the circle. Staff, volunteers, participants, Partner In Career work-source persons and those doing assigned community service hours all know the routines. Hospitality and welcome is KEY! We often have persons from care facilities who need a good place to be and something stimulating to do. Pastors, church leaders, and representatives from local service agencies

frequently stop in to see the Center. Almost immediately, connections and community are being created. Persons who are homeless or going through hard time, many who have been encouraged to “check us out” come and go all day long. With activities always going on, the Friendship Center becomes God’s “mixing bowl” of people working together, greeting each other, finding out common ties and interests and ideas that start something happening. Conversations are carried on amidst aromas of sawdust, glue and finish while power tools buzz. Each “part” is busy doing something interesting.

Though invisible, it’s easy to see the Holy Spirit actively present.

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Connections occur! Like parts of the body being connected to the head, so the fellowship at the Friendship Center “glues” together working and positive relationships. Its fun, its fulfilling and faith flourishes. The whole body – healed and healing bodies – are built up in love.

As we begin this fall, we are looking for “more parts,” more volunteers. We have identified 200 monthly positions. We need people to be ready to engage with guests, to help keep the activities going, to provide the hospitality that helps newcomers feel welcome. None of the projects are “rocket science,” mostly just fun but important as we want everyone to feel a sense of purpose, a place

where they feel safe and where people really care. We’d like at least two volunteers for each two hour shift: 9:30 to 11:30 am, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and 1:30 to 3:30 pm – Monday through Friday. People who have woodworking skills are needed to operate the power tools. After a safety orientation and being checked out by our Shop Foreman, volunteers’ hours can be arranged most any weekday. Another area for volunteers is the front desk to answer the phone, greet guests and guide them to an activity area. Volunteers are needed; please call or come by the Friendship Center to sign up. 360-750-4752.

## ??? Did You Know ???

\*\*\*Did you know that you can purchase **Friends of the Carpenter hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, denim shirts, and hooded sweatshirts?** Stop in and see what we have. We will be placing an order October 22nd for an early November delivery. (Great Christmas gifts!) Let us know what items you would like. You can

preorder your specific items with a prepayment.

\*\*\*Did you know that the **C.A.R.E. Committee** is sponsoring Gee Creek South Bound Rest Area on Sept. 27th? If this fundraiser works out, we may do it again and ask for your help.

\*\*\*Did you know that Friends of the Carpenter is now on **Facebook?**

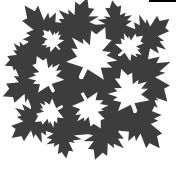

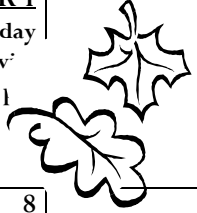
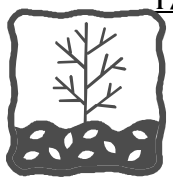
“Friend” us and tell us how you “Like It!” Photos of our auction items are shown!

\*\*\*Did you know that the location of this year’s **Christmas Concert with Jim Fischer & Friends** is at The First Church of God on 78th St. (Saturday, December 4th, 3 pm & 7 pm performances)

## NEW WISH LIST

Large, XL, XXL T-shirts for men and women; Large & XL women’s shirts; deodorant, toothpaste, razors, lotion, coffee creamer, hot chocolate, nutritious treats (berries are a big favorite), veggie sticks, apples, oranges, cheese slices, & lunch meat. Thank you for your help!

# SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>SEPTEMBER</u> <u>12</u>	<u>13</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm <i>BOARD MEETING</i> 6:30 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 Rotary BBQ for Homeless	<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> Fun Friday Activity, Birthdays 1-2:30 pm	<u>25</u> Woodworker Show & Tell  KITCHEN DEDICATION
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm CARE Committee Gee Creek South Rest Area Stop	<u>28</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm	<u>29</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>30</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am <i>Auction General Meeting 6:30 pm</i>	<u>OCTOBER 1</u> Fun Friday Activ' 1-2:30 pm	<u>2</u> 
<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Afternoon Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>5</u> Devotion & Activity 9:30—11:30 am Pointman 2 pm <i>Auction Training</i>	<u>6</u> Noon Worship & EVENT	<u>7</u> Recovery Bible Class 9:30-10:30 am <i>Auction Training Mtg. 6:30 pm</i>	<u>8</u> Fun Friday Activity 1-2:30 pm	<u>9</u> <b>OKTOBERFEST WITH FRIENDS AUCTION &amp; BANQUET</b>
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**BRING** this coupon to the  
Friendship Center  
Buy 1 item at regular price  
and receive 2nd item of equal  
or lesser value for 1/2 price!  
This is a great way to get a  
jump on your  
holiday shopping!



**PIG HEAVEN** Barbeque  
Specializing in Slow Wood Smoked  
Barbecue invites you to visit their shop  
at 2905 St. John's Blvd., in Vancouver.

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Carpenter with the presentation of a card,  
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participating church liaison congregations.



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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*

**8th Annual Auction and Banquet - "Oktoberfest With Friends"**

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!  
**TICKETS & TABLES ARE SELLING FAST!!!! Be Sure to Make Your Reservations Early this Year!!**

*We are currently accepting items for the Live & Silent 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 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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

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