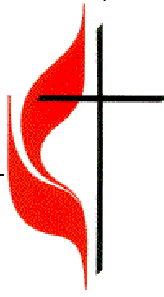




**Joyful Notes**  
**October 2008**  
**“Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors”**  
**LIFE OF OUR CHURCHES...**  
Astoria and Warrenton United Methodist Churches



**Astoria Garage Sale October 10 and 11, 10 am – 4 pm**

Astoria’s annual garage sale is coming with the help of generous volunteers and donors of clean, good condition appliances, tools, and other household items. More items are needed. Please bring your contributions to the church or call for pick-up during the set-up times between Sept. 29 and Oct. 9. Please try to participate since this is one of our fundraisers. Sign up on the volunteer wall for set-up, clean-up, and shifts on the days of the sale.

**Please – no clothes or TV’s will be accepted!!**

**Warrenton Pancake Breakfast October 18 – Yeah!**

Warrenton will serve one of their infamous pancake breakfasts on October 18, 7-11 am. Cost is \$5 for adults. \$3 for children. It is guaranteed that you will enjoy the fellowship, you won’t find a better breakfast, and that you will go away satiated.

**Join the Bishop’s Initiative to Eliminate Hunger – Reaching out in love**

The Six North Coast United Methodist Churches are undertaking a project to present to Bishop Hoshibata at The Choir Festival November 16. (It’s a surprise.) A paper chain will be put together symbolizing our activities in donation of time, service, or food: a red link for every five **meals served**; a blue link for every five **hours volunteered**; a yellow link for every five **pounds of food**; a green link for every five **dollars given**. All of these factors are to be tabulated from June 1 to November 9. Please review your contributions of time, service, food and meals served and turn in the totals to the office or to Judy. Astoria already has 133 yellow links from one recent contribution! Can we reach 1000 pounds?

**Current Food Needs**

The local food pantries are as low as they have ever been. You can help by contributing things that are most needed: **Canned soup, cold cereal, canned fruit, tuna, hygiene items**. Money or other non-perishable food items, especially protein or full meal items are also appreciated. These items can be dropped off at the church or you may call for pick-up. **Please note in Astoria: the food pantry no longer needs egg cartons**. You may put them with your other recyclable items.

**World Communion Sunday**

The most important sacrament of our Christian faith will be observed all over the world on October 5. Come, join with millions of Christians as we celebrate our faith and the grace Christ pours out for us.

## **All Church BookRead**

A new book will be available in October to be used as an all church study. The name is: “**Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living**”. This is by Bishop Rueben Job and has received a 5-star rating in the Amazon web site. It is easy reading: **Do No Harm – Do Good – Stay In Love with God**. A \$5.00 contribution will be appreciated. Sunday School at 9:45 am in Astoria and Wednesday Bible Study at 2 pm in Warrenton are two groups which will be discussing the book. Watch for notices of other small groups in which to share your thoughts. If you would like to host a weekly group for 4 weeks, let Pastor Judy know.

## **Harvest Banquet October 16**

The Astoria Rescue Mission is holding their annual banquet on October 16, 6:30 pm in the social hall of Astoria First UMC. Everyone is welcome and urged to bring food items for the food bank. (Just be sure you get them into our church tally. See article above.)

## **A warm church**

Some of us continue to notice the draft in the Astoria sanctuary. We would like to help folks be warmer. You are invited to purchase a piece of fleece approximately 60x 44 inches that can be used to wrap around our legs. You don't need to bind them and they can reflect how or where you see God. These lap robes will be kept on the pews. If we get more than we need, we will give them away to folks who can use them in a crisis. A new way to reach out in love.

## **Volunteers**

Your name is needed on one of the sheets on the Astoria volunteer wall. Can you do coffee? Can you be a liturgist? Can you greet church arrivals? Can you bring flowers? Can you help in the nursery? We would have pretty dull services without volunteers.

## **A rare opportunity**

On October 18 Harriet Hugo is going to make some of her mother's (Marge Larson) possessions available in the Astoria church. The format is to buy a box with several items in them. When you buy a box you must take all of the items in them.

## **Highlights of Astoria NOW Council** (Nurture-Outreach-Witness)

On September 21 the NOW COUNCIL met in the Church Library. Among items discussed were:

- ♥ The suggestion that we have lap robes for the pews – to make people more comfortable when it is cool. We will invite people to help supply the fleece.
- ♥ An all-church family movie night on November 1. Plans to be announced.
- ♥ A special worship service in December is planned for the First Anniversary of the 2007 storm.
- ♥ At the next NOW council meeting ideas will be considered on how to restructure the nursery
- ♥ On December 16 the Rescue Mission will have its Christmas party in the Fellowship Hall.

Other items of discussion are reported elsewhere in this issue.

*Let us not become weary in doing good. . .  
Therefore, as we have opportunity,  
let us do good to all people.*

Galatians 6:9a,10a

## **Please Pray for**

- ♥ Those with health concerns: George Gunn, Gail Estes, Allen Larson, Waletta Kempt, Sara, Maxine Dymond, Jim Spain, Delores Hodney, Ginny Bynum, Verna Davis, Todd Butler, Priscilla Gauthier, Jewell Smotherman, Rose Marie Thompson's brother, our district superintendent Kate's mom. All who are ill.
- ♥ Those who are mourning: the family of Edna Landro, Ann Maize with a death in the family
- ♥ Those displaced by hurricanes and other disasters, immediate responders, long term responders, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) who provide both immediate and long term help
- ♥ Those being displaced by Uniontown closing and changes in mental health services
- ♥ Patience and wisdom in these financially perilous times
- ♥ Paul, Gladys Dyer's grandson, and all the men and women serving in Afghanistan and the Middle East.
- ♥ The hungry, the homeless, those in prison, those living in violence
- ♥ Our churches – that we will be a blessing to God and our communities

*Courage doesn't always roar.  
Sometimes courage is the quiet voice  
at the end of the day saying,  
"I will try again tomorrow."  
Author unknown*

**Pictorial directory corrections and additions** (Please call the Astoria office with corrections.)  
**Corrections in Astoria:** Eugene & Brenda Hamblock, 2136 Hemingway St., Redding, CA 96003-8257, Leroy & Linda Laine, 35148 Willette Lane, Astoria, OR 97103 (Note: their previous address was different by the last digit.)

## **Special People**

- ♥ **Rosemarie Thompson** for her flowers on the Warrenton altar, and her gardener cleaning up the Warrenton church grounds
- ♥ **Generous people** who give money, time and energy, supplies and prayer support to our churches
- ♥ **Gloria Jones, Anne and Don Morden, Helen Gunn, and Jane Hill** who helped set up and provided food for the meal after worship in Astoria September 28.
- ♥ **All who are willing to take part in conversations about our ministries into the future.**
- ♥ **Bob Gauthier** who has been on the Astoria roof again.
- ♥ **All who attended** the Kick-off breakfast in Astoria September 7. Special thanks to members of NOW Council (**Diane Curs, Kathy Patterson, Anne Morden and Pastor Judy**) for the food. Thanks to all who set up and cleaned up.
- ♥ **Joann Soderman** for all her hours at the Food Bank. She also coordinated the food bank volunteer celebration September 28.
- ♥ **Judy and Dick Mattson** for starting our food drive in a very dramatic way: 669 pounds of food!! They are challenging each of us to do as well. Invite your neighbors and family to contribute. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our two churches combined could contribute a ton of food?

## **BECOMING PARTNERS IN GOD'S WORK**

- ❖ *My child, I've often heard your question: This message is my answer. You're concerned about the hungry in the world, millions who are starving ... and you ask, "What can I do?"*  
**FEED ONE**
- ❖ *You grieve for all the unborn children murdered every day ... and you ask: "What can I do?"*  
**SAVE ONE**
- ❖ *You're haunted by the homeless poor who wander city streets ... and you ask: "What can I do?"*  
**SHELTER ONE**
- ❖ *You feel compassion for those who suffer pain, sorrow and despair ... and you ask, "What can I do?"*  
**COMFORT ONE**
- ❖ *Your heart goes out to the lonely, the abused and the imprisoned ... and you ask "What can I do?"*  
**LOVE ONE**

*Remember this, My Child ... two thousand years ago the world was filled with those in need, just as it is today, and when the helpless and the hopeless called out to me for mercy, I sent a Savior.*

**HOPE BEGAN WITH ONLY ONE!**

## **October Birthdays**

4 – Bev Aspmo

11 – Uschi Gunn

10 – Linda Williams

11 – Robert Butler

12 - Dick Kettelkamp

13 – Waletta Kempt – Happy 90<sup>th</sup>!!

16 – Ginny Bynum  
Ellen Charles

20 – Thal Anderson

22 – Jane Hill

24 - Daryl Dobry

27 - Matt Patterson, Jr

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY**

## **October Anniversaries**

Daryl and Joanne Dobry, October 3, 1970

John and Linda Williams, October 21, 1961

*Happy Anniversary!*

# October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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