

# THE OLYMPIC NEWS

The Monthly Newsletter of the Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren

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## January 2008

### An Old Goat Enjoys A Brethren Disaster Relief Response

*(from a few years past....)*

Be it known that I, for the first two years of my life, existed, grew, and thrived on goat's milk. All other foods were totally rejected by my digestive system. As a result, I concede that a goat was my "foster mother." She must have been a beautiful white "Nanny." This may account for certain personality quirks.

One of these "quirks" is making noises with my mouth when silence might be more appropriate. One of these "noises" added my name to the Washington District Disaster Response list.

On Monday, January 19th, Bob Landis and I responded and reported to Pat Anderson, our District Coordinator. We met at the Salkum Church and were briefed about our project. We were introduced to Mike and Marge Leslie and billeted in their home close by. Pat Anderson was allotted the Church Social Hall and day bed.

Our project: To repair a barn for goats and a chicken house damaged by falling trees that were downed by high winds at the time of

the recent SW Washington flood. The owner, Bruce, did not have time or resources to do the needed work, especially with hi nannies pregnant and about to unload. He had asked the Red Cross for assistance and the chore was referred to the Brethren.

By early Wednesday afternoon the barn and chicken house were repaired and much improved. Bob Landis had designed and built two birthing stalls and a milking "parlor." Bob is a handy builder. Dick is a qualified "gofor."

Pat Anderson and Leonard Francy worked at clearing downed trees and repairing damaged pasture fences. Pat is a real "staple" man, and Leonard, having a lifetime in the logging business, is a woods artist.

Except for the chain saws we used we were really two hundred years' back in time. We used pole rafters, cut lumber from downed logs using a chain saw "mill." Waded in snow, mud, and rain. We had appropriate gear and did not suffer except for heightened appetites.

Of course there is work there for years on end. That is Bruce's choice and problem. We

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handled the emergency.

Bruce is very appreciative. He was not aware that such assistance was available. He had not previously been aware of the Church of the Brethren and its Disaster Response.

Bruce worked for many years as a Landscape Architect. Insidious and persistent chemical poisoning was responsible for his present limited ability to work the hours he would like as well as for his need for help. His problems were first considered as mental, even to the extent of committing to a mental facility. Bruce finally recognized what had happened to him. He had a very difficult time getting his doctors, the Social Security system, Medicare and the State of Washington to accept the fact that he had been poisoned by the chemicals used so widely in landscaping.

Our acquaintance with Bruce has made the team much more aware of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century pollution problem. We will be more likely to vote for controls on pollution and environmental issues.

On the lighter side—the goats were French-Alpine and very well-mannered. The Billy was a spoiled pet and had to be pushed out of the way many times. I cheerfully accept them as “foster-family.” Would they do the same for me?

Bob Landis, of Olympic View, provided transport to Salkum in his pickup loaded with tools. Need a barn repaired? Goat stalls and milking parlor? Call Bob.

Need kind supervision? Need barbed wire strung? Call Pat.

Need a true lumberjack? Trees felled? Brush cleared? Leonard is your man.

Need a “gofor?” Need goat-sense? I’m available.

Dick Nash  
Olympic View Community  
Church of the Brethren



## Living Peace Church News & Notes

Focusing on the  
peace & reconciliation  
ministries of the church.  
Greetings from On Earth Peace!

### So... what are your plans for the summer?

We know that this question is the bane of every college student's existence. There's a lot of pressure to make the most of your summer, and to have a great time, too. That's a tall order, but we have a suggestion for you...

**Apply for the Youth Peace Travel Team (YPTT).** A joint project of On Earth Peace, the General Board, and Outdoor Ministries Association, the team travels to Brethren camps and Annual Conference. The YPTT leads workshops, games, songs, and worship which encourage campers to think about Christian living in the context of peace and social justice. We are looking for dynamic college students, ages 18-22, who are Brethren and interested in a summer of outdoor ministry. Team members receive a stipend.

You'd get a chance to hone your leadership skills, teach about living consciously, and spend a lot of time outside with new friends. Are you ready to...

- A) lead a campfire, hang on a high ropes course, and sleep in a cabin, all the while planting seeds of peace and discipleship?
- B) engage youth in conversations about conscientious objection, dealing with conflicts at home and school, and how faith and peacemaking connect?
- C) go on that inter-state bus trip you've always wanted to take... weekly?
- D) do all of the above — and more?



### **If you answered “D”, you are ready to apply for the Youth Peace Travel Team!**

Applications are due FEBRUARY 4, 2008, which is right around the corner!

For application or if you have questions, visit [www.onearthpeace.org/YPTTFAQS.html](http://www.onearthpeace.org/YPTTFAQS.html), or contact Susanna Farahat, On Earth Peace Coordinator for Peace Education (email: [sfarahat\\_oepa@brethren.org](mailto:sfarahat_oepa@brethren.org), or call: 410.635.8706).

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## Fall General Assembly

Thirty-six people attended the General Assembly on November 18th, 2007. Moderator Carol Bowers led the meeting, with devotions by Pastor Ken Miller Rieman.

Those assembled confirmed Frosty Wilkinson as delegate to Annual Conference July 12-16 in Richmond, Virginia, with Nancy Wilkinson confirmed as alternate delegate.

It was announced that we have a new church custodian, Percy Dawson. Please welcome him when you see him around church.

We heard a financial report for 2007, adopted both the 2008 budget as presented and a restructuring of mission/outreach giving called "Passionate Giving," and heard a report on the Jubilee Fund.

Pastor Ken's report reiterated the four core processes of ministry: welcoming, connecting, transforming, and sending out. In the coming year, he will focus his attention to: connect with the community, revitalize worship, and celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the Church of the Brethren and 60th Anniversary of Olympic View.

We heard reports from the Building Trustee, Deacons, Fellowship, Mission/Outreach, Children's Ministry, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Worship, as well as from our supported ministries of Northaven, Camp Koinonia, and the Oregon/Washington District.

We ended the meeting by listing upcoming events, and adjourned after repeating the words to "Here I Am, Lord."

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Herkelrath, Church Clerk

## Travelers' Donations

Thank you travelers. All your donations of toiletries added up to 66 individual gift packages to the women's shelter and Food Bank. It is the generosity of our church members throughout the year that enables me the joy of wrapping and delivering these worthwhile gifts. JoAnn Shoemaker

## Olympic View Book Club

### January and February

**January 25 - *Howards End*** by E. M. Forster.

Lois Thomsen is hosting the group in her new apartment in Northaven.

Meets at 10:30 am.

**February 22 - *Breath, Eyes, Memory***

by Edwidge Danticat.

Olive White is hosting the club in her new apartment in Northaven. Meets at 10:30 am.



## G.U.I.L.D. Women's Breakfast

January 16, 7:30am—8:30am

Welcome, ladies! Do you remember what G.U.I.L.D. stands for? *Give up inactivity and live with dignity!* Mark your calendars now for the *third* Wednesday of each month. Next meeting on January 16, 2008 at Northaven.

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**We welcome you to our services.**

## Shared Prayer Requests

### In Our Community:

For **Geraldine Campbell**,

whose leukemia has become active again.

She will begin chemotherapy Jan. 2.

We celebrate positive test results received by

**Mary Dawson**, our custodian Percy's wife.

For **Alice Dalrymple**, recovering from her recent illness at home. Alice welcomes visitors.

For the **family of Al Pride**, mourning his death.

For **Dick and Mary Nash**, who have relocated  
(see announcement below).

For **Lowell Geiver**, who is recovering from surgery to relieve severe back pain.

For friends and family of **Hazel Charland**,  
mourning her death.

### Ongoing prayer requests:

**Elsie Clayton; Elaine Rankin;**

**Russell Jarboe; Lyah Martinez;**

**Dick & Mary Nash; Gene Harnden; Charles Walker;** Bill Case's daughter, **Carol Kamada;**  
**Richard Shoemaker**, Bill Shoemaker's brother;

**Amber Compton; Eileen Birkey's mother;**

Sharon Haley's brothers, **Mark and Paul Andrews;** **Smith-Derksens** in Chad

### Our Nation, State, and World:

The people of **Darfur, Sudan** and the nearby region in Chad where violence continues to plague refugees.

For the **four-member CPT team in northern Iraq**, including Church of the Brethren members **Peggy Gish** and **Cliff Kindy**.

### Announcement:

#### The Nashes change location

**Dick Nash** has moved into a small group home in Edmonds by the name of *Edmonds Haven*.

His new phone number is (425) 742-5102.

**Mary Nash** is living with her daughter, **Dianne West**, while she recovers from her broken arm.

Mary can be reached at (425) 673-7570.

### A poem That Speaks to January

*Submitted by Stephanie Herkelrath*

When the song of the angels is stilled;  
When the star in the sky is gone;  
When the kings and priests are home;  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks...

The work of Christmas begins...

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among peoples...  
To make music in the heart!

by Howard Thurman



### Friends' Event / Singin' In The Rain a Broadway Bound Musical

*Saturday, January 19th, 2:00 PM*

Friends will see "Singin' in the Rain," the Broadway Bound Children's Musical, on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Moore Theater. The van will leave from the church at 1:00 pm. Ticket prices are \$12. Please call Jana to reserve a seat: 206.930.9608

**Refreshments will be served after the performance** at the Helmuths' home, 8237 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE.