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PASTORS MESSAGE

by Pastor Glenn A, Brumbaugh

Greetings from the road! As I engage in this epic road trip across the continent, I've had ample time to reflect on the journey we will share together when I start work as your pastor on November 1st. The countryside I have passed through has been breathtaking in scope and beauty and I have reveled in the glory of God's creation on full autumn display. The fall colors eventually give way to the cold of winter, only to emerge again green and ready for new growth in the Spring. Our lives together as the body of Christ often go through a similar cyclical rhythms, from growth to waning to rebirth. As the beginning of the liturgical year swiftly approaches, I'm reminded of the expectant waiting of Advent which culminates in the birth of new life in Christ. As I travel, I find myself in a similar time of expectant waiting, anxious and excited for new beginnings and



new life. I hope you share in that excitement as well. Together I hope that we can work together to find God at work in our community and world, and enthusiastically take part in that mission to bring renewal and growth, not only in our own faith community, but in the greater community around us. If we seek and reflect Christ's light and love, it is my sincere belief that others will be attracted to join in our efforts. I wish God's blessings on you all and look forward to joining you on the first!

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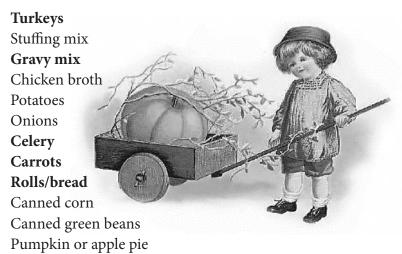
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Items needed for Thanksgiving Baskets

Basic needs



*Note: items in bold are items we don't have yet....

Supplemental needs

Cocoa or apple cider packets

Fresh apples and oranges
Fruit cocktail
Jello or pudding mix
Whipped cream
Juice
Holiday napkins

Money - no limit - any extra will be donated to the food bank

If you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer to assist Harriet Koscho in preparing food baskets please call her at: 206-992-2407

(We need 40 turkeys and 70 of everything else - contact Harriet for fresh vegetable needs that have poundage)

CHRISTMAS 1959

By Anita LaFranchi

I'll start off by saying that currently my mom has dementia. I want to honor her with memories of her past. The following is a possible excerpt from a book I plan to write about her.

My mom was a strong church lady, she was often seen in the kitchen at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, working at weddings, funerals and general church events. She taught Sunday School – the preschool kids – for over 50 years. One of her "kids," Kirby Unti, is now the Bishop of the NWWA Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

I now digress. Christmas 1959 was a time when we, as a family were struggling. My dad worked at the Shell gas station pumping gas (at a time when that would have be a living wage.) My mom was a stay at home mom with 3 young daughters. Christmas was going to be very tight.

So my mom – the artistic lady that she was, decided to make Christmas wreaths and swags to sell. Our house was a plethora of greens, glitter, spray paint, ribbons, bows and glass globes. She made a lot of really beautiful Christmas swags of all colors. When she had made enough to sell; she sent us out with our Radio Flyer red wagon to sell wreaths and swags door to door. After we had sold one to nearly everyone in our neighborhood, we set out for the Shoreline neighborhood. Well, they sold like hotcakes. I believe she was asking \$2 each.

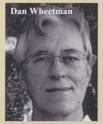
The week before Christmas we (she) had made a profit of \$40 dollars. While we were out doing our Christmas shopping with mom's hard earned cash, her purse was stolen. All \$40 dollars. She was beside herself. That was the total of monies set aside for Christmas – including the dinner. In 1959 that was a lot of money.

Then just before Christmas; the doorbell rang and Pastor Ole presented us with a Christmas basket from the church complete with a turkey and all the trimmings. This is a kindness I will remember all the days of my life.

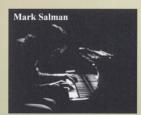
You have no idea how much something as simple as a Thanksgiving or Christmas basket can mean to a family that is struggling.

Artists for Puerto Rico

Benefit Concert Saturday, November 25th - 7pm









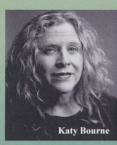




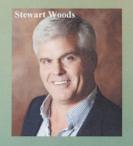












Free-will donations support

Puerto Rico Hurricane relief

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ADVENT IS ALMOST HERE!

by Pastor Glenn A, Brumbaugh

Join us for worship in
December as we wait in
anxious anticipation of the
arrival of the Messiah among
us! This year we will embark
on a journey from growing
darkness to the new light in
Christ! Starting with the Hanging of the Greens on December
3rd, we will travel together
through this season of waiting,
culminating in our Christmas

Eve service and the arrival of our Savior on Christmas Day! This year we will be incorporating the Hanging of the Greens into our morning worship. Volunteers are needed to read short texts as part of the service. Youth are strongly encouraged to participate! I look forward to walking with you through this season of Hope, Joy, and Expectation!

Report from District Disaster Co-coordinators:

by Forest (Frosty) Wilkinson

Eight volunteers from The Pacific Northwest District COB enjoyed a successful week November 13 to 19, 2016, working with the Okanogan County Long Term Recovery Group, in Washington State. Devastating wild fires destroyed hundreds of homes in the summers of 2014 and 2015. Three volunteers were from Portland Peace Church, two from Olympic View, two from Sunnyslope, and one from Cle Elum/ Camp Koinonia.. Our team blew insulation into the attics of five new houses built for deserving folks who lost their homes. We also installed door knobs and locks, set up a wood stove, cleaned plaster and paint drips from windows and bath-

tubs, scraped floors to prepare for flooring, hauled a ton or more of construction debris to the dump, and various other jobs. One of our volunteers was our cook and prepared our meals in the Church of Christ in Pateros, WA, where we stayed. Funds from the District Disaster Auctions were used to pay for the food and transportation expenses.

We returned the week of June 18 to 24, 2017, this time with a team of four. We painted inside and outside doors, hung doors, and built shelving into closets. This time we stayed in The River of Life Foursquare Church in Omak and used their kitchen for our meals. Two of us were from Olympic View COB, one from Portland Peace, and one from Cle Elum/Camp Koinonia.

Our District teams also worked there two weeks in the summer on 2015.

Folks interested in helping with recovery efforts due to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma can check the BDM website at http://www.brethren. org/bdm/hurricane-harvey. html. Cash donations are always preferred over material donations. Cash can purchase goods and services in disaster stricken communities, boosting the local economy. Inappropriate donations create secondary disasters, sometimes taking volunteers away from needed work in order to sort tons of used clothing..

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November Outreach



November Birthdays!

1 Kenny Gallagher

22 Sandi Keuss

6 David Kissinger

25 Fred Utter

9 Bill Shoemaker

26 Kate Miller Rieman

12 Susan Thomsen

27 JoAnn Shoemaker

13 Geri Oakley

27 Betty Stanton

15 Aaron Woo

November

5 Pastor Glenn's First Sunday

Upcoming Events

- 8 OV Executive Meeting
- 8 OV Board Meeting
- 9 Bobbi's Slide Show 7pm
- 25 Hurricane Relief Concert 7pm

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December Birthdays!

1	Shannon O'Brien	14	Andy Thill
1	Lenore Unger	15	Bill Hershberger
3	Lew Fortin	15	Willy Mooyman
3	Dorsey Harris	20	Tiare Sheller
3	Sylvia Hershberger	24	Sid Bosch
3	Cesar Suarez	27	Eileen Birky
5	Liz Lindley	27	Mildred Combs
12	Carmen Lau-Woo	28	Taylor Grandison
13	Harriet Koscho	30	Melissa Hinton

Upcoming Events

December

03 First Sunday in Advent

14 OV Executive Meeting

14 OV Board Meeting

24 Christmas Eve

25 Christmas Day