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A LUCKY DUCK

My first job in the ministry was that of a Youth Minister in Inglewood, California. I was still attending Pepperdine University at the time. Then came a four year pastorate in central Minnesota. After that fine experience our family spent fourteen exciting years serving a congregation in Tucson. Since 1987 our home and place of service has been Southern Oregon. In Ashland, the majority of my time and energy is spent in the community, among our citizens. I trust God to open doors...and he does. I work with a fine cadre of fellow-servants here in this congregation. And in a sense I'm often privileged to serve as the pastor or chaplain of many folk here in our fair city who are without a church home. I like that.

In addition, I have served with Northwest Christian University (Eugene, Oregon) for nearly 20 years, traveling to satellite class sites. More recently I've served in a new capacity, teaching online courses which introduce non-traditional students to the old and new testaments. So often these students have little or no experience with the Bible when the class begins. Yet as a course progresses I'll get word that they have found a church home or have started having family Bible study time. It is invigorating and fulfilling to have a student up and say, I think it's time for me to be baptized. Wow!

That is big.

In yet another area where God has trusted me to labor is Peru. I'll be there during the first part of March. Somehow I have hit it off with young pastors there in Trujillo. Teaching for NCU helps pay for travel expenses to South America.

I'm an older guy now. A few years back I might have seen this time in my life as a 'slow down' period. Yet this turns out to be the very best time to be in the pulpit, teaching by means of the internet and zipping down south. Just when the knife gets its sharpest is hardly the time to put it on the shelf. And all of these places of carrying the light are places in need of a veteran who is not intimidated by a few shadows. When I first enrolled in Hope International University in 1965 I had no thought of anything but serving a church somewhere in the Midwest. But now one arm stretches north to Eugene when I work late at night to tend to online teaching duties. The other hand reaches into the southern hemisphere from time to time. And always, my feet are planted here in Southern Oregon where my feet tread the highways and byways of a changing and challenging Rogue Valley.

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I have you all to thank for a kind of ministry which is so diverse, packed with adventure and yielding a wonderful assortment of fruit. Lucky Duck I am... and grateful duck at that.



their service in mid-March. Well done, all who were a part of this undertaking.

OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT CONTINUES TO PLEASE

They come from all over the Rogue Valley. One guest gave her home address as Texas. Wow! And every Third Saturday's viewing of classic films gives our folk an opportunity to develop new friendships. I encourage you to strike up a conversation or simply sit alongside somebody who is alone. Mike Royer does his part by providing these fabulous flicks. We have a part in this ministry too. Thanks to all who work in the snack bar. If you'd like to take your turn making popcorn, serving up polish dogs, hotdogs or our assortment of sweets, please give me a call. This is a mighty fine thing we contribute to our community...and it has been going on for 9 years! Jim L.

NEW RESTROOM AND REFURBISHED NURSERY!



A big word of thanks to Brad and Ava for tending to so many of the details in getting the new wheelchair-accessible restroom completed on the main floor of the

church. Thanks to Mel and Doyle for serving on that committee with Brad and working with the contractor to see that it was all done right.



Thanks as well to April Rudy and her parents, Mel and Betty Tine Metcalf for clearing out the nursery in preparation for the new floor covering and cabinets and doing their part to see this project through to completion. All is ready for our new nursery staff which will begin



ROGUE RIDERS CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN TO CALLAHAN'S

Here we go...up, up, up. Callahan's Mountain Lodge & Resort is at the highest pass from California to Washington...Siskiyou Pass. On **Friday, March 18** our bunch will gather at the church parking lot at 10:30 a.m. and caravan/car pool to the mountain feedery. If you plan to drive directly to Callahan's please call our wagon-master, Jim, so we can make adequate reservations. All adults and youth are welcome.

39PLUS... MEETING FOR 10 YEARS

Marie Hoffman continues to invite our clan to gather around her dining room table (sometimes we hardly fit) each First Wednesday. You know the routine... wild card games, followed by Bible Study ... concluding with lunch. Marie usually provides the main course, but food provided by others is always a treat. Wednesday, March 2...begins at 10 a.m. Marie lives at 61 North Mountain Avenue in Ashland.

The Last Wednesday pow wow is in Fellowship

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Hall. We get started folding newsletters at 10 a.m. and dig into the Word when that work is done. After the study? Ah! Potluck lunch. All adults welcome. Foldee...Studee...Eatee! Wednesday, March 30.

REAL MEN DEPEND
ON EACH OTHER



For at least one of our fine men, the Monday morning cohort is his 'church'. We are his congregation. And for many of us, the 7:45 gathering at the Old Farm House provides the best connection we have with other men. It may seem casual when you hear all of the laughter, but we discuss vital stuff. We lift each other up in prayer. We open the Book. And we'd welcome you in a heartbeat. Monday... Old Farm House...Phoenix (Oregon)...7:45 a.m.

SMALL GROUPS LAUNCH IN APRIL

We are getting a list of hosts to provide a site for a Small Group. And those who plan to attend one of these clusters of folk are putting their names down too. But I think with my upcoming trip to Peru happening the first part of March, it would be best to start our Small Groups in April rather than March. So, for those who haven't signed on yet, this gives you a little more time to put your name on the list...either to attend or host. Leaders will be announced soon.

SAINTS ALIVE
AND DOWNLOADING

These good Seniors are pretty techie. They bring superb jokes and other funny stuff which they've found on the internet. Lately we've needed more time to get through the humorous part of the morning. Some folk get a bit irritable having to wait an extra ten minutes to rush to the breakfast buffet. That part is not so funny. Come join us any First Saturday (March 5) at 9 for breakfast and a good bit of happy chatting. Iron Skillet, Phoenix (Oregon)



JOHN HENDEE COMING IN MAY
John's *Peace Treaty with God* is an effective tool for sharing the Gospel with others. I know men and women in Peru who are working with four or five people at a time, walking them through the 3 one-hour lessons. When John was the Administrative Pastor at the large Central Christian Church of Mesa, Arizona, all of the staff members became skilled at using this tool. I'm happy that John will



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be here in Ashland on May 20-21-22. I know that seems a bit far off, but we all know how calendars get filled up. So please try to keep that week-end open for learning how to share your faith with others.

LUNCH BUNCH

Come and have some good food and fun! Sybil Laredo, Joyce LaVelle and Laurie Royer invite all the ladies to join them at the Hometown Buffet in Medford on **Tuesday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m.** for lunch and some Bingo fun and prizes. Call Sybil or Joyce at 541-488-0118 or the church office to make your reservation. *(you can also check the box on your Sunday Connection Card)*

POTLUCK -MARCH 20TH



On March 20th Kay Killian will be our hostess for the monthly potluck.. What a great chance to share good food and get to know old and new friends alike.

If your last name begins with **A-K**, please bring a **main dish and a dessert**. If your last name begins with **L-Z**, please bring a **main dish and a salad**. Single folks just bring one item to share.

Remember the ovens are on for keeping food warm, so please bring your food already cooked.



BOARD SCRIBBLES...by Jim L

Emily Rogers brought an inspiring devotion, para-

phrasing Jesus' call: Come walk and talk with me... From Matthew 11:15-17 She noted that 'anything can be a tool for serving God'.

The budget committee was happy to report only one negative vote on the 2011 church budget. And every person voting had marked the box which asked for a personal commitment to support the budget by faithful giving.

Brad reported that with Karen's help in maintaining the church's database, a new directory has now been printed and is available.

The Elders noted that Jim is currently working with two ladies who will be our new nursery workers. They should begin working with us in mid-March.

The Worship Team was commended for getting started on time. We are also doing better at ending by noon.

Gene reported on plans to use his greenhouse to get some starter plants going for whoever would like some. Those who benefit from this work are asked to bring some of the produce to the church to help those who need veggies.

The Alpha Course is going well at the Mall Food Court. A computer is used...everybody buys their dinner and then gather with the others on the fringe of the eating area.

Worship. Brad said that he has labeled all of the bars on the sound board.

It has been suggested that we add a speaker in the foyer area so that late-comers know the service has begun. It will happen.

Missions. The Lemkes are coming! A report was given of SABI's tough times. Enrollment is not up to projections.

Library. Thanks to Gene S for making and delivering 4 sets of bookcases.

Nursery. Betty Tine and Mel Metcalf plan to disinfect all of the toys in the nursery and preschool area, now that the construction of the new bathroom is

completed and the nursery has been remodeled.

It was a good meeting. All board members who are in town were present. An agreeable and loving bunch of leaders!

NURSERY TEAM HIRED

It appears that two ladies experienced in child care will be hired to tend our nursery (children up to 3 years old). We are doing background checks on them and working out details now. This has been a missing and vital component in our ministry to children and parents. Watch for more details.

SPRING FLING FOR SENIORS...

OREGON COAST



All we have now is a date, but that is a start for our May trip to the Oregon Coast: May 9-10-11. We have several options for lodging and dining. These will be discussed at the our March trek to Callahan's at Siskiyou Pass on Friday, March 18.

TEENS PLAN CAVING AND ICE SKATING FORAYS

Our youth class is getting geared up to get some ice time. On Saturday, March 19, Jim and Ed will pick up our class members and head for the skating rink in Medford. More details in class regarding dollars and cents, lunch plans and how many friends you may invite. But save the date, please.

In May, this same cadre of youth will make a day of exploring the Lava Beds and Caves south of Klamath Falls. We'll get an early start, with plans to be away

until evening. Again, more details about money and transportation will be forthcoming. Date: Saturday, May 14.

PREACHING FROM ACTS

Somehow we began our walk through the book of Luke...and it has been an enjoyable journey for me. After Easter I plan to move into Luke's other book in the New Testament...Acts. I'm asking you to begin reading this fine work...perhaps reading your way through it a couple of times before we launch a series of sermons in May. Perhaps you'd want to take one walk through Acts using a NIV Bible and then doing it again using an audio version. I'm eager to do the study of the beginnings of the church.

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to Maryanne Rossini at the passing of her mother. Maryanne had been visiting in Florida at the time. Our prayers are with you, dear friend. May God be your strength in your time of mourning. We promise hugs when you return to Oregon.

THANK YOU CORY AND JANICE

Friday evening, February 18th was a great start to our Personal Evangelism Training. Cory and Janice Lemke introduced themselves and shared their journey to Ukraine and what the Lord has been doing there over the past fifteen years.



Saturday morning following a light breakfast we delved deeper into what it ment to share our faith. We also learned some techniques and did some role playing to practice.



Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour Cory and Janice recapped some of what they had shared earlier for those who had not been able to attend the other sessions.

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For our morning worship Cory brought a message titled “Fruit Bearers” which spoke of who Jesus is and why it is important for us to bear fruit by sharing our testimony with others. You can hear Cory’s message at podcast.cc-ashland.org or on iTunes.

Cory joined our “Real Men” at the Old Farm House Restaurant on Monday morning for their usual Monday gathering where he shared more about his experiences and walk with the Lord. Janice joined the ladies for their Monday morning Bible study.

We also thank their daughter Alicia for sharing with us this past weekend.



Gene and Janice Stringer had these words for the Lemkes about their visit.

Your contributions to the self-selected group of participants has already been a blessing to us. We hope this nucleus can spread the “good infection” to those unable to attend. Your efforts to help us and your extensive preparation are very much appreciated. It was also great to learn firsthand of the way God is working in Ukraine and better understand that culture.

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the Christians, I couldn't stop thanking God for you--every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. (Eph 1:15-16)

Glory to God,
Gene and Janice

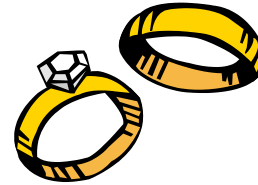
But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 NIV



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Karen Larsen
- 7 - Ernest Potter
- 14 - Matt Wing
- 26 - Corey McDonald
- 26 - Irma Potter
- 27 - Brad Fish



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 - Jerry and Janie Moore
- 17 - JD and Bonnie Maulsby
- 30 - Bill and Jean Dooms
- 30 - Ernie and Irma Potter

Editor's Note: If I have missed your birthday or anniversary please let me know so I can update my calendar and include them in the future. If I have included any that you would like removed please let me know that also. Just send corrections to the church office. Brad

"JESUS, LORD OF ALL"

"The Family of God"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>12:30 PM Board Meeting Daylight Savings--set ahead 1 hour</p>	<p>7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group <i>Ernest Potter, B'day</i></p>	<p>9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>10:00 AM 39 Plus - Marie Hoffmann's Home</p>	<p>Karen Larson, B'day</p>	<p>9:00 AM Saints Alive Breakfast - Iron Skillet</p>	<p>9:00 AM Deacons & Deacons Work Day</p>
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<p>20 12:15 PM Potluck</p>	<p>21 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>22 9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Carey Mc Donald, B'day Imma Potter, B'day</p>
<p>27 Brad Fish, B'day</p>	<p>28 7:45 AM Real Men-Old Farm House Cafe 8:00 AM Ladies Monday Morning Study Group</p>	<p>29 9:30 AM Piece Corps</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM 39 Plus - Newsletter Folding Bill & Jean Downis, Ann Ernie & Imma Potter, Ann</p>	<p>31</p>		

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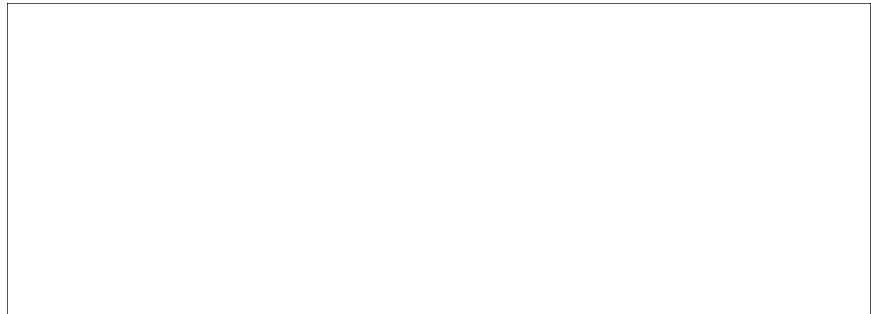
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OLD TIME MOVIE NIGHT--
OUTDOOR ACTION, ROMANCE AND MUSIC



For a couple generations or more, he was truly "The King Of The Cowboys" and a role model for young and old alike. To commemorate the 100th year of his birth we are pleased to present ROY ROGERS in his first starring motion picture, Republic's 1938 outdoor classic "UNDER WESTERN STARS."

This little gem, filled with action, romance and a song or two will be followed by another outdoor classic, this one in

color, starring that rugged man of the west RANDOLPH SCOTT. He's joined by Maureen O'Sullivan and Richard Boone in Columbia's 1957 "THE TALL T."



You don't want to miss this evening of two-fisted action, suspense, and a little singing, plus the usual surprise or two. Come one, come all. It's all happening **Saturday evening March 19**. And as Roy would say: "May the good Lord take a likin' to ya."

Doors open at 6:00pm, movies and FUN start at 6:30pm.

While you're at it, consider bringing something for the Ashland Emergency Food Bank.

