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PAUL AND NELLIE CREEL 70 YEARS TOGETHER!



On November 1, 1938, Paul Creel and Nellie Rowe were married at the Talent Community Hall. It was a simple service. They lived and worked on a ranch in Dufur, Oregon, for about six years. There Nellie fed a dozen ranch hands and Paul plowed the fields with a team of eight horses. When the war broke out they moved to Seattle where Paul worked at the Boeing Air Field. Along the way Nellie gave birth to two lovely daughters.

After the war they moved to Eastern Oregon and eventually to the Rogue Valley. In 1949 the Creels moved to



the house on Creel Lane (named after them). Dennis was born while they lived there. Paul served on the Talent/Phoenix school board in the 70s and retired from Boise Cascade Sawmill in the 70s. Nellie was a stay at home mom, ready with a hot breakfast & cookies after school. They have 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.



Paul and Nellie have been members of this church for over 55 years. They have served as leaders in about every area of church life. Nellie is a vital part of the Piece Corp and Paul is an

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Elder Emeritus. We salute these two wonderful believers and thank them for modeling the Christian life. May God richly bless you both and grant you even more years of love and harmony. Praise the Lord!

Paulette Creel Hendrickson
and the rest of the family



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE...6 PM

On Christmas Eve we will use a wonderful mix of children, carols and candles to retell the marvelous (almost too good to be true) story of the Christ-Child. Bring the entire family to this highly participatory service, concluding with eggnog, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. All children in attendance will be invited to join in the action of the dramatic celebration. December 24...6 pm.

VARIETY HOUR A REAL HIT... ANOTHER NOVEMBER 30

These Fifth Sunday 'share the wealth' evenings have proven to be quite wonderful. Little ones on up to older ones sing special songs, read



favorite poems, present instrumentals...and we love it. Everett Cade does his magic on the piano and we sing those grand hymns, led by Gene Stringer. Worship, celebration, sharing...about 90 minutes of heaven.

Our next Variety Hour is upon us...
Sunday, November 30...6 pm.
Plenty of desserts will be served at about 7:30 pm.

NEW CLASS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

With a good gang of Middle School boys attending services these days Jim Larsen and a cadre of other men will soon launch a Sunday morning Bible School class. During the month there will be other activities where these young guys can spend quality time together and pick up some special skills along the way. How about canoeing, wood working, camping, cooking and map reading? This is being put together right this minute so be alert to further announcements.

39PLUS...GAMES, STUDY AND DINING

Marie Hoffman invites all of us (39 and older) to her home on December 3. As is our way, there will be those fun games at 10, Jim's Bible lesson at 11 with lunch served by Marie at noon.

On December 17 we'll team up with Rogue Riders for a Pizza Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at noon.

Although we'll not have a usual 39PLUS meeting on December 10 or 24, Jim Larsen invites you to join him for a Dutch treat lunch at the Avalon Grill in Talent on Christmas Eve at 11 a.m. Need a ride... give Jim a call at 890-3209. Bring a White Elephant gift, please.

On the fifth Wednesday (Dec 31) we'll start the morning folding the monthly newsletter, then move on to great games. Before lunch Jim will lead us in a good Bible study. So arrive as early as 10 and bring something to contribute to the potluck at noon. Come one, come all!

ROGUE RIDERS

Rogue Riders will meet at noon on **Wednesday, December 17** in the Fellowship Hall for a Pizza party. Please let Helen Jane know so she can plan accordingly.

SAINTS ALIVE GATHERS

Oh, you know the routine by now...fabulous fellowship, beautiful buffet, jovial joking, etc. Come on by the Iron Skillet in Phoenix by 9 a.m. Order from the menu or surf the buffet. Plan to stay about an hour. Let your hair down. Bring a favorite tale (true or untrue) and plan to laugh. Planned for us older adults, but all are welcome. Iron Skillet... **Dec 6...9 a.m.**

REAL MEN MEET AT ANNIE'S RESTAURANT

It's a rich time of fellowship, stimulating Bible study and connecting with one another. A great way to launch into the week. Jerry Moore is still ready and willing to pick up the tab for any first-timers. No fake mustaches or other attempts to be considered 'first time', please. Mondays... Annie's... **7:45 a.m.**

DIDN'T OUR HEARTS LEAP...LISA PRIETO BAPTIZED

It is always a thrill to see somebody say Yes to Jesus and be baptized. God bless you, Lisa, as you take this big step in following Christ. We rejoiced and surely the angels did as well. Lisa is the daughter of Jesus and Connie Prieto. She has worshipped here for some time, attended Bible school, Jim's newcomer class, as well as Alpha. Yipee!

FRIENDS OF FAITH...ROCK SOLID

Those wonderful believers who live 70 miles away and over the Cascade Mountains are close-knit, faithful, energized and love Jesus. In December they are planning a big Christmas party, including those zany White Elephant gifts, fine vittles, a retelling of the Christmas story and, of course, Christmas songs. Keep the faith, friends! I have the great joy of pow wowing with the bunch when they meet. Jim Larsen

LARSEN'S INVITE US TO THEIR ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

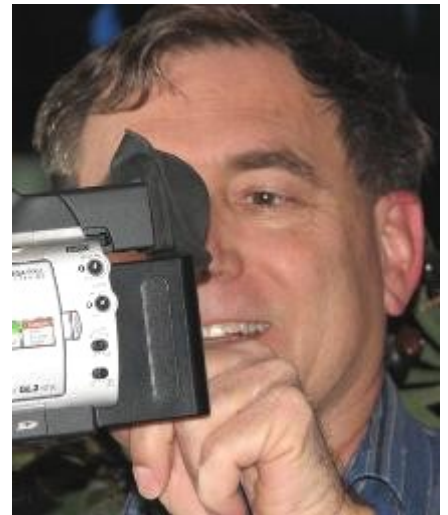
You must know that this is a highlight of the year, having our church family nibbling on goodies, drinking holiday punch, relaxing together and basically having a noisy (lots of talking) time. So please come on by Sunday, December 14th anytime between 4 and 7 on!

We live in Talent...114 Autumn Ridge. Drive north on Highway 99 to the north stop light (Colver Lane/Suncrest). Take a right at the light. Go one curvy block to our street...Autumn Ridge. Our house is the one with the halo. Further directions? Call 890-3209 or 535-7959 Jim and Karen Larsen

CHURCH AT LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL NOW ON TELEVISION

Folk all over the Rogue Valley and a bit beyond can now view a program called **CHURCH @ LOUIE'S BAR AND GRILL**. Jim Larsen and David Bruce tape the show at Louie's, discussing current world and local issues.

In January we hope to have a new day and time. We'll keep you posted. Currently you can catch the broadcast Sundays at 3:30 p.m. on cable channel 15. Thanks to Brad Fish, who runs the camera and edits the show.



JESUS' BIRTHDAY— A SEASON FOR GIVING

For much of the world, the gifts of Christmas go to everyone except the person whose birthday is being celebrated. Not so in the beginning. Wise men from far away came with gifts for the birthday of Christ and they were rare and expensive gifts. As we have in the past we invite you to consider a gift

to Christ as part of your celebration of his birthday.

Giving has and continues to be a highly individual expression of our relationship to Christ and His church. One may see the need for some particular item. Others may see a need for prayer that we remain true to our mission or send a special gift to one of our hard working missions. Others may wish to commit time for a specific ministry. During the Christmas program opportunity will be given for each to bring their birthday gift for Jesus. Take time to consider what that might be then have it ready when we celebrate His birthday on Christmas Eve.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking
Christmas Giving Gift cards and envelopes will be available on the tree in the library.

\$___ to add to what our church will be sending to our missionaries.

\$ 50 to cover the cost of sending the newsletter out for one month.

___ If you call me in the autumn of 2009 I'll come down to the church and rake leaves for 3 hours.

___ I renew my commitment to be a faithful part of our church family in 2009.

___ I will connect with one of these groups in 2009: 39PLUS, Small Group, Bible School, Saints alive or Alpha.

___ Count on me to serve as a greeter at our morning service at least once a month in the new year.

___ I'll be a prayer warrior, praying for those listed in our bulletin.

___ I'm willing to be a helper in a kid's Bible school class.

___ Sandee McDaniel, let me know how I can help in the nursery.

___ I'll prayer for our pastor and elders every week.

___ Count on me to help fold the newsletter as often as possible.

___ I will invite somebody to worship with me in 2009

___ If there is a need for a meal to taken to somebody sick or recovering just give me a call.

___ I will be supportive of our leaders (elders, deacons, board, worship) if when it is difficult.

YOU ARE INVITED

WHAT: CHURCH DECORATING "PARTY"

DATE: December 6th

TIME: 10:30 am –until finished or tired

Our volunteer head decorators have the plans prepared.

You just need to report to the basement for an assignment.

Refreshments available for all the "party people" when we quit.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - DECEMBER 21

A huge thank you to the deaconesses for a mighty fine feast in November! Splendid, indeed! Here's what is up for Sunday, December 21:

Dear Guests, Family and Friends... You are invited to a scrumptious Ham and Quen Potato Christmas Potluck on December 21. The ham and potatoes have been donated so please fill in the rest of the menu with your December favorites.

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.

PS: "Financial Peace University" Preview after the potluck in the sanctuary.

LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Please mark your calendars and join us for our Ladies Christmas luncheon, December 13th, 12 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Also please remember to bake your favorite holiday goodies and bring them along. Some we'll enjoy at the luncheon, some we'll take home with us and some we'll share with those who can't get out.

The Lord has blessed Karen Larsen with some thoughts and she'd like to share them with us at this time. We will also be exchanging gifts. Everyone

please bring an inexpensive gift to exchange with another. "Secret Sisters" mark yours to your secret sister and this time you can sign your name. All others just put "from" and sign your name. Be prepared to sing some of your favorite Christmas carols. This is also the time to find out who has won the beautiful quilt that's been hanging in the library.



Our wonderful Piece Corp ladies have spent many hours putting it together and it will be a great addition to anyone's home. Hope you all got your tickets. Good luck! Ladies, we can look forward to a great time celebrating our Savior's birth and a fun relaxing time in fellowship. Looking forward to seeing all you ladies on the 13th.

God bless,
Laurie Royer

OUR WEEKLY AD IN THE ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

We've received excellent feedback from Ashlanders who look for Jim Larsen's article in the Thursday edition of the Tidings, the local newspaper. They are brief, poignant, interesting and, of course, increasing interest in our church.

BECCA MAULSBY TO MARRY BEN

The entire Maulsby family is dear to our hearts. Since JD and Bonnie moved from Ashland to Gold Hill we don't connect up as often...but the love is strong. So we rejoice that their lovely granddaughter, Rebecca, (daughter of John and Debbie) will marry dear Ben on Saturday, at Ashland Christian Fellowship. Congratulations...all of you good Maulsby people!



The family of
Karl and Helen Jane Slack
invites you to an
Open House Reception
celebrating their
50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, December 27, 2008,
from 2 until 4 o'clock in the afternoon
Christian Church of Ashland
Fellowship Hall
318 B Street
Ashland, Oregon





*Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking
Romans 12:2*

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Class Begins

Wednesday, January 7, 2009
at 7 p.m.--Fellowship Hall
Free Preview: 1 p.m. Sunday,
December 21 after the Potluck

Call For More Information
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Janie Moore
- 7 - Phyllis Smith
- 10 - Jade Rudy
- 12 - David Wing
- 18 - Catherine (Kitty) Ellis
- 19 - Kiley McDonald
- 21 - Isaac McDaniel
- 22 - Allicia Pepper
- 24 - Harvey Ellis
- 25 - Ala Jones
- 25 - Dan Tiller
- 25 - Keith Nixon
- 26 - John Wing
- 29 - Alice Sweeney
- 30 - Dan Acery
- 31 - Muriel Ellis
- 31 - Brendan Ellis



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 24 - Mike and Laurie Royer
- 30 - Gene and Janice Stringer
- 30 - Harold and Marge Russell

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

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10:30 AM Discovery Club
10:45 AM Worship

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MOVIES TO HELP CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Join us Saturday evening December 20th for a couple Holiday Classics. First up, from 1950, is the perfect Christmas western, "TRAIL OF ROBIN HOOD." Roy Rogers, the King of the Cowboys, enlists the aid of his fellow western movie stars, Rex Allen, "Rocky" Lane, Monte Hale, "Crash" Corrigan and others to help him thwart the plans of a despicable gang of Christmas tree rustlers. Yep, pardner, you read that right. Christmas tree rustlers. Next up is the heartwarming 1947 "THE BISHOP'S WIFE," a Christmas fantasy about a Bishop, David Niven and his wife, Loretta Young, and their attempts to raise money for a new church building, helped by



the suave and angelic Cary Grant. If you're unfamiliar with these gems, you don't want to miss them. If you remember them, come join us for a Holiday evening journey down memory lane. We don't call it Old Time Movie Night for nuthin'.

Plus the usual extras and surprises.

Join us for the fun!
Snack bar opens at 6:00 p.m.

First movie starts at 6:30 p.m.

