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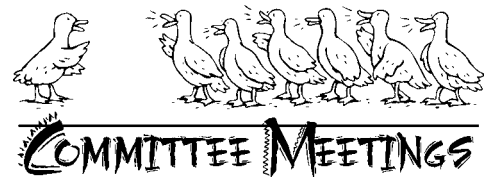
Fall 2008: Facing Our Fears

December: Facing Our Fears: A Child of Hope

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| December 6 | | David Wood |
| | <i>The Gentleman Doth Not Protest Too Much</i> | |
| December 13 | <i>A New Hope</i> | Tim Dunston |
| December 20 | <i>Hath Not A Jew Eyes?</i> | David Wood |
| December 27 | <i>Stepping Into Uncertainty</i> | Roy Naden |

Sabbath School Programs

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| December 6 | Musical Program | Tim Amukele |
| December 13 | Personal Stories and Poems | Ruth Christensen |
| December 20 | Annual Christmas Breakfast | Education Division |
| December 27 | <i>Politics and Religion in Peshawar, Pakistan</i> | Alvin and Sidney Kwiram |



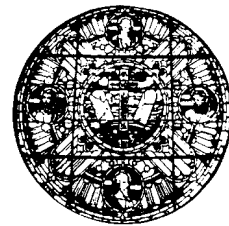
and other events

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| Bible Study..... | Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. |
| Candlelight Christmas Concert | December 19, 7:30 p.m. |
| Christmas Breakfast..... | December 20, 9:30 a.m. |
| Church Board..... | January 20, 7:30 p.m. |
| Church in Business Session | January 27, 7:30 p.m. |
| Division Chairs | January 20, 6:00 p.m. |
| Finance | November 12, 6:30 p.m. |
| Hospitality Potluck..... | December 13, 12:30 p.m. |
| Newsletter Deadline..... | December 22 |
| Worship Planning | January 15, 6:30 p.m. |

Potluck Schedule



December 13



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Pastoral Perspective

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

I think of ritual as so much sauce. And like an entrée deprived of béarnaise, plum, or diavolo, life has the look and taste of something insufficiently loved without a proper slathering of observances. Sans ritual, our lives can shrivel into a joyless expanse of years. Regular markers invite, by contrast, a penetrable warmth from the past and a mouth-watering menu for the future.

As Seventh-day Adventists, we stand for markers. We celebrate life in week-sized bites and revere the concept of Advent. I believe this makes us more current. Our denominational DNA plugs the ritual gap in people's lives because so many now crave rhythm and purpose in an age defined by anxiety.

So here's the sauce . . . Our Worship Division will explore Advent with unprecedented intentionality at a time when Christians do the world over: during the "Advent" season of Christmas.

I'm excited by our adaptation of this month-long tradition. It means that for the four worship services leading up to Christmas we'll explore peace, love, hope, and joy, in that order. What most of us don't realize is that Advent, from the perspective of other church

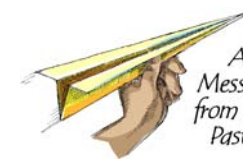
traditions, incorporates not only the first but also the Second Advent. It is a time, therefore, for priceless reflection on key components to our faith, just as the Lenten celebration proved earlier in the year.

In short, this is our time to know the Child and the salvation story in fresh ways. To assist the process, I'll send a month's worth of Advent e-mails drawn from sources that boost my faith, beginning on the Friday after Thanksgiving. I welcome any contributions you may wish to share. Simply e-mail any delightful Advent reflections to me at pastor@greenlakesda.org

Join me as we roast chestnuts, trim the holly, and concoct cranberry sauce for the soul. I've always loved Christmas more than any other time of year, and we can look forward to new liturgy each week, fresh symbols, the His Kids event, great participation from Green Lakers of all ages, and, of course, our splendid Candlelight Christmas Concert.

"God bless us, Every One,"

David
(I almost called myself Tim) ♡



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December Birthdays

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| 1 Tad Ishikawa | 11 Ayako Takamori | 21 Sean Luckie |
| 2 Merle Mittelieder Derek Rajah Joe Wonderly | 12 Dorothy Burgess | Kari Qvigstad Sandra Vermeulen |
| 3 Dulce Hamstra Peter Oster Megan Rickaby | | 22 Sarah Wheeler |
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| 8 Phyllis Alleyne Joyce Grauman | 13 Carroll Dunston | 27 Sally Ghati Maroa |
| 9 Ron Morgan | 14 Rick Roberts Dwayne Willis | 28 Robin Gibbs |
| 10 Deanne Loganbill | 15 Eddy Rue | 28 Stephen Vaira |
| | 16 Liz Joseph Mary Morgan | 29 Keoni Smith Ryan Voth |
| | 17 Joshua Sutter | 31 Savannah Mitchell |
| | 18 Lucy Goerlitz | |
| | 19 Dana Aldred | |
| | 20 Ruth Christensen Mark Haun | |

Entertainment Books

Green Lake Preschool is selling the 2009 Entertainment Books as a fund-raiser. They make great gifts. The price is \$20. To make arrangements for picking up a book, call the Preschool at 206-525-7877 or e-mail to anne_kellygrnlksda@yahoo.com.



Improv Schedule

Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m.
followed by Open Stage at 9:00 p.m.

Dates

December 6
December 20

Children's Accoutrement Needed

Wanted for approximately a week at Christmas-time: the use of a Pack'n'Play or some other brand of collapsible crib/playpen that will accommodate a 6-month-old baby. Also needed: one or two highchairs. Call Virginia Bock, 206-522-2983, if you have these items to lend.



Christmas Decorating

Your help is needed to finish decorating the church for the holidays. A team led by Terri Smith-Weller will finish decorating, concentrating their efforts on the sanctuary, on Sunday, December 7, from 11:00 to 2:00.

Helpers with varying capabilities are needed—folk who can haul things to and from the attic and folk who can lift decorations to a windowsill. It would also be good to have a couple of people who are okay on a short ladder. Kids are welcome. An example windowsill will be available for the creatively challenged.

Give Terri a call (206-789-8803) or e-mail (smithwel@u.washington.edu) if you are able to help. ♦



Candlelight Christmas Concert

Friday, December 19

7:30 p.m.

Doors Open 7:10

Join us for our Forty-Fourth Annual Candlelight Christmas Concert, and bring your family and friends. It promises to be a beautiful evening of Christmas music, Scripture, and inspiring readings by candlelight.

Our musical groups here at Green Lake have been practicing dedicatedly on John Rutter's inspiring *Gloria*, a three-movement work sung by choir accompanied by brass, organ, and

percussion. This year our own intergenerational Green Lake orchestra will be sharing some of their music as well.

The concert will begin with the traditional candlelight procession and conclude with a carol sing-a-long accompanied by organ and instruments.

The concert is free and open to the public; an offering will be taken to benefit charity. Child care will be provided again this year. And, as always, afterward there will be a light reception with tasty treats. ♦



Annual Christmas Breakfast

December 20
9:30 a.m.



Sabbath School December 27

Politics and religion on the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan is the topic of Sidney Kwiram's presentation at the December 27 Sabbath School. Sidney returned in October after spending nearly 2½ months in Pakistan with the United States Department of State, based at the Peshawar consulate. She will discuss religion and sectarian violence in the area, as well as terrorism and the challenges for women.

Sidney Kwiram grew up in the Green Lake Church and graduated from Harvard University and the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

There may be some slides to illustrate what she has to say about her work in Pakistan.

Sidney will be interviewed by her father, Alvin Kwiram. Come and take advantage of this opportunity to hear directly from one who is able to tell from personal experience what is happening in that part of the world. ♦



December 6

Thank you to those who have already contacted Jennifer Mehrer with their willingness to bring this event into its fifth year at Green Lake on Sabbath, December 6.

Continue to send in volunteer names via the sign-up board in the foyer of the church, e-mail, or telephone.

We can use help in the wrapping room, guest services, and the party room; if any of these is a match with you, contact me.

Formal invitations have gone out to guests at Green Lake Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Lawton Elementary, North Seattle and Wallingford Boys and Girls Clubs, and New Haven S.H.A.G. (Senior Housing Authority) contacts. We are planning on 40 to 50 guests. If you know of a local family in need who may be a match for this event, contact me. ♦

Jennifer Mehrer

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New Officer Training

A short orientation for new officers—board members, division chairs, and committee chairs—will be held following the potluck on Sabbath, December 13. ♦



Coming Events