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## Pastoral Perspective Let's Go Organic

If we boil down religious motivation to its most basic urge, we find hunger. Beneath all the trappings of tradition, doctrine, community, and the 'fear' of God, as scripture puts it, we're left with the naked truth of our raging appetite for a life well lived. In the end, or in the beginning for that matter, what else drives us?

I believe God placed that hunger in our hearts, and every desire you ever had takes its cue from our primal need for fulfillment. Even as Christians, however, we lack imagination when it comes to the good life, and our attempts to envision the best possible world for ourselves often suffers from the same myopia that drove the disciples into squabbling for placemats at the Lord's table. As a result, whenever we pore over a pecking order of personalities, programs, and prerogatives, we miss God's bigger picture of what our lives can look like.

I sometimes think of the gospel as best viewed through God's giveaway 3-D glasses in a comfy theater chair, surrounded by hundreds of others who see the same marvels in the same communal, revelatory way. The Holy Spirit, our worship focus for October (and the wielder of 3-D wonders in our mind's eye), enables us to encounter the real meaning of our lives in a visceral,

permanent, and dynamic manner. So, for the month of November, as we turn to the subject of the Father on the biggest screen available to us—the Bible's wealth of metaphors and similes for God—we'll open our eyes to what God thinks we can do with our lives. But that's just the passive, introductory model.

Next up on screen come you and I. Before getting away from the movie analogy, it's perhaps helpful to think of God as the director, producer, and cinematographer, who writes the script in conjunction with all of us, the cast, for a huge sequel. The star of the show remains our Lord, but in this unparalleled epic, far beyond anything Hollywood could

possibly conjure, we find room for everyone on screen. As a consequence, we need collaboration and dialogue with each other. In fact, our individual well-lived lives do not get off the ground without an organic interaction among our fellow members of the cast.

A fair conclusion from all of this is that our Christian lives invite unlimited creativity. We do not live out our days in gray despair. We have opportunities in the context of movie-making, or congregational life, to produce living art. Let's go with it. Let's open our eyes to the things the Director of Life sees that we're capable of doing...just leave the stunts to the angels!

David Wood ◇



*From the  
Pastor's  
Desk*

# November





# November Birthdays

- |    |   |    |   |  |  |
|----|---|----|---|--|--|
| 1  | Kian Carson<br>Bill Nordgren<br>Joseph Talavera                                     |    |   |  |  |
| 2  | Shana Oellrich<br>Esteban Ryciak  |    |   |  |  |
| 3  | Herminia Buyco<br>Jordan Holland  |    |   |  |  |
| 4  | Sarojini Chedalawada<br>Nancy Grauman<br>Jean Hughes                                |    |   |  |  |
| 5  | Bob Hasselbrack<br>Kim Kernan   |    |   |  |  |
| 7  | Sophie Naden-Johns  |    |   |  |  |
| 8  | Erik Helmersen<br>Ava Mitchell<br>McKenna Mitchell<br>Abby Potts<br>Isabel Talavera |    |   |  |  |
| 9  | George Neiswanger<br>Ken Van Fossen   |    |   |  |  |
| 11 | Kyle Mehrer   |    |   |  |  |
|    |   | 12 | Cindy Koyama<br>Sidney Kwiram<br>Elizabeth Pham                       |  |  |
|    |   | 13 | Irina Gagliu<br>Howard Lyman  |  |  |
|    |   | 14 | Rick Mittleider   |  |  |
|    |   | 15 | Sharon Rue  |  |  |
|    |   | 16 | John Pauletti<br>Cynthia Robertson<br>Chrissie Tomlin                 |  |  |
|    |   | 17 | Audrey Dickson<br>Julie Johnson                                       |  |  |
|    |   | 18 | Donna Van Fossen  |  |  |
|    |   | 20 | Ken Klein   |  |  |
|    |   | 21 | Audrey Mitchell<br>Walter Thurnhofer                                  |  |  |
|    |   | 22 | Erik Austin<br>Boris Bagdasarov<br>Jack Hennemann<br>Janice Trousdale |  |  |
|    |   | 23 | Jonathan Aldrich  |  |  |
|    |   | 24 | Beatrice Grauman<br>Verla Jones                                       |  |  |
|    |   | 25 | Hector Valdivia   |  |  |
|    |   | 26 | Hellen Gagliu<br>Enid McAdoo<br>Carrie Wilbur                         |  |  |
|    |   | 27 | Ken Case<br>Myrlene Finch   |  |  |
|    |   | 28 | Doris Fultz<br>Karen Tupper<br>Ken Walters                            |  |  |
|    |   | 29 | Tiffany Lamberton   |  |  |
|    |   | 30 | Charlotte Ishikawa  |  |  |

This Month's Birthdays



# Improv • Birthdays



## Improv Workshop

Are you interested in learning how to do improv? Our regular show on November 7 will be replaced by a workshop from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **You** and your friends can try out Improv for yourselves. There will be opportunities to learn and have fun. Ages 10 and up are welcome. After the workshop, we will have two final 2009 shows, November 21 and December 5, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. As usual, the show will be followed by Open Stage from 9:00 to 10:00 p.m.

**Improv**  
November 7 workshop  
November 21  
December 5

This ministry has brought a number of walk-in visitors from the neighborhood, and at least a dozen non-Adventist teens have been regular attendees. However, the future of regular improv shows are in question after 2009 because we're losing the artistic director, and another candidate has not yet been found.



It's been exciting to watch God's hand in the creation of this improv ministry over the years and we hope to be able to find ways to continue to draw non-Adventist teens to our church. Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we move forward into 2010.

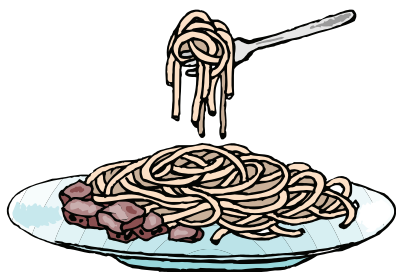
Terri Smith-Weller ◇

# International Food Festival ... November 1

Join us for an international food festival on **Sunday, November 1**, from 12 noon to 4:00. Come and taste dishes from around the world, prepared by the different nationalities represented in our church.

The money raised will go to supporting PRIA Ministries in India, the current Hands Across the Water (HAW) project. The day will also include some traditional Indian entertainment.

The around-the-world meal tickets will be sold in packs of 10 for \$10, with children under four eating free. Use your tickets to take a culinary tour around to the delicious offerings from India, Japan, China, Russia, and other countries. Come whenever you are hungry, and leave with the wonderful experience of trying new foods and having the satisfying feeling that you helped our mission project in India.



We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup, takedown, and decorations.

If you are interested in volunteering or cooking a dish from your native country, see any of the HAW members for more information: Brian and Suzanne McGrath, Jenni Hamilton, Alwin Vyhmeister, Cheryl Wells, Kim Goerlitz, Natalia Oster, Mark Haun, or Babu Rao and Sarojini Chedalawada.

In order to keep our food warm during the Food Festival, we are looking for some electric food warmers. If you have one that we could use for this event, bring it to church and leave it in the kitchen with your name on it. Questions? Brian McGrath, 206-257-8833.

Brian McGrath ◇

## Ronald McDonald House

This is the seventh year Green Lake Church has the opportunity to adopt the Ronald McDonald House for Thanksgiving. Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families with children being treated for serious illnesses. Green Lake Church has provided Thanksgiving dinners for 60 to 80 families each year. Members wanting to provide food or contribute cash toward the purchase of the food may bring food to the Church from November 14 to 21. Mark your offering envelopes "Ronald McDonald House."

In addition, during the Festival Thanksgiving service on November 21, members are invited to bring canned and packaged food to stock the pantries of the two houses.



## The 2009 Wish List

- 5 Turkeys, 23-25 lbs ea
- Stuffing, 16 large boxes
- Marie Callender Corn Bread Mix, 3 large bags
- Potatoes, 50 lbs
- Gravy Mix, 8 pkgs
- Frozen Corn, 20 lbs
- Dinner Rolls, 12 doz
- Juice, 6 gals
- Sparkling Cider, 12 bottles
- Milk, 4 gal
- Pumpkin Pie, 10
- Apple Pie, 6
- Butter Cubes, 6 lbs
- Whipped Cream, 9 cans
- Black Olives, pitted, 1 large can
- Assorted Fruit — Bananas, Apples, Oranges, Melons
- Aluminum Roasting Pans, 8 extra large

For more information, [www.rmhcseattle.org](http://www.rmhcseattle.org)

Barbara Jonsen and the Outreach Division ◇



Food Fest • R M House



## Pacific Northwest Adventist Forum

December 5

The speaker at the next meeting of the Pacific Northwest Adventist Forum (PNAF) on December 5 will be Richard Choi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of New Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

Dr. Choi will speak on "Paul's Concept of Sin: Is it Relevant Today?" He notes that many think of sin as transgression of God's law—"a conscious and voluntary act committed against God and fellow humans." In this presentation, the speaker will use the teachings of Paul to present a much broader concept of sin "that affects communities, history, and creation, as well as one's own body."

Dr. Choi says that "comprehending the multidimensional nature of sin will enable one to develop a broader, more balanced understanding of atonement."

The PNAF meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the church of the North Hill Adventist Fellowship, 10106 38th Street East in Edgewood, WA. ♦



**Church seniors of grandparent age** are invited to the Cypress Adventist School yearly Grandparent and Senior Luncheon on Friday, November 6, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the gymnasium. The lunch is free for our special guests—just RSVP by November 3.

**Cypress Adventist School** would like to thank its constituents for their continued support of Christian Education. Cypress' scholarship goal this year is to raise \$60,000 to assist families in need. We have raised \$38,000 to date. Donations may be made directly to the school or through the church (mark Cypress Scholarship Fund on the offering envelope).



Veterans Day

## Directions to North Hill Adventist Fellowship

10106 36th Street East • Edgewood, WA 98371  
From Seattle:

- I-5 south (toward Tacoma) to Exit 142-B (Enchanted Parkway, 161 south, Puyallup)
- Turn LEFT at the first traffic signal onto Enchanted Pkwy S / WA-161 toward Puyallup
- Continue to follow WA-161 to 36th Street East, about four miles (note that the name of the road changes to Meridian Ave)
- Turn RIGHT onto 36th Street East; the church is near the SW corner of this intersection. ♦



We're thankful for you!

## Short-term Housing Sought

Kaylah Harding, a 22-year-old senior in the Loma Linda University Occupational Therapy program, will be at Virginia Mason Hospital for a 12-week field study, beginning the first week in January and ending in March.

She is looking to rent a furnished room during this time. She will have an automobile for transportation so proximity to public transportation is not a necessity.

If you have a room available during that time, please contact her father, Rick Harding (Gresham, Oregon), [harding16@comcast.net](mailto:harding16@comcast.net) or 503-666-3307.



## Food Collection

for Ronald McDonald House

November 14 to 21

## Fall Lecture Series November 6-7

Walking the dogs in the evening, I hear all around me nature whispering, "Autumn is coming, Autumn is coming." It's the nip in the air that goes beyond cool to chill, the dampness that hangs in the morning air gearing up to rain, and the slowing down of visible growth.

Sadly, we leave summer, and nature kindly provides us with a transition time. Leaves drop, roots store up, and creatures become obsessed with stashing food. For humans, it seems like a time for personal reflection and an opportunity to pull in and ask the important questions.

Fall Lecture Series 2009 intends to provide us with an important question: Are we every day breathing life into our beliefs? If friends, family, and acquaintances were asked what you believe, do you think they would know? If asked, would my friends say, "She believes in compassion, she has to believe in compassion, just look at her life," or would they say, "I don't know."

What do our beliefs look like?

*"For God, to me, it seems,  
is a verb, not a noun,  
proper or improper."  
— R. Buckminster Fuller*



### Greg Turk

For nearly twenty years, Greg Turk has endeavored to produce transformation in the lives of individuals and in organizations. His work includes leading faith-based and social service organizations for seventeen years in highly impoverished, inner-city areas of the United States. His passion and work led him to explore innovative and successful models of effective and efficient transformation to improve individual and collective causality and performance.

Greg's fifteen years of street-level gang intervention and community building, most recently in South Central Los Angeles, brought him to join forces with USC football coach Pete Carroll to found and lead A Better L.A.—now a five-year-old project that is lessening gang violence and increasing peace and prosperity in what is often deemed the "murder capital" of our nation. This effort includes gang-intervention services, L.A. County Sheriff Department, L.A. County Probation, numerous community and faith-based organizations, L.A.

Pastor Greg Turk is experienced in asking these questions and working to live his beliefs. His beliefs inspired him to sixteen years of urban ministry in highly impoverished areas, intensely focused on providing concrete solutions to violence through gang intervention and violence prevention. For the past seven years, Greg has worked in South Central Los Angeles as pastor of All Peoples Christian Church and the founder/director of the Exodus Urban Academy. His presentations are noteworthy for their wonderful stories and appeal to a wide range of ages and people. He currently lives in Renton with his wife and two children.

Gloria Hiten ◇

#### Lecture Series Schedule

*Friday, November 6*

Soup Supper 6:30

Presentation I

*Saturday, November 7*

Sabbath School Interview 9:30

Presentation II 11:00

Potluck 12:30

Presentation III 1:30

County Department of Children and Family Services, L.A. Public Schools, business leaders, and community residents.

After years of leadership in the church and social service arena, Greg joined The Pacific Institute Community (TPI) as their President, where he jointly leads an initiative to make constructive change easy and enjoyable. With a global reach, Greg and the TPI Community team serve as highly qualified leaders in their field, working with social and public service leaders and organizations.

Greg holds a Bachelor of Arts from Central Washington University and a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School, both with honors. He has earned professional certifications in Gang Intervention, Anger Management, and Alcohol and Drug Counseling. Greg lives with his family in Seattle. ◇



# Fall Lecture Series

# Staging Our Future

## Staging Our Future

The project to expand the platform is underway. The new platform will greatly enhance our worship services, especially those that feature musical ensembles or additional participants. The 2009 Church in Business Session approved this project with a \$100,000 budget, and the Design and Planning Committee has expended extensive effort to make the expanded platform a reality. This is our first capital project since the elevator and roof campaign in 2000. There has been much activity this past month, and a summary is set out below.

### DESIGN

The platform's design has been completed by our architect and displayed on the walls of the church foyer for the past three weeks. Hodge Construction has been selected from a number of bidders to do the work. They offered both a good understanding of the work and the most competitive price, and they are well known to some key members of our church community.

The project will be completed in two phases. Phase I is the basic platform extension. Phase II will complete some modifications in the choir loft, the placement of the existing gothic choir screens (chancel rail) on the new platform, and the refinishing of the existing furniture on the platform. Here are the details.

#### Phase I

- An enlarged platform with hardwood floor and steps
- Removal of one row of pews

- Wider steps—especially for the children's story and weddings
- The piano and harpsichord on the platform permanently
- The current gothic choir screens, but made movable, not fixed
- A removable conductor's stand over the steps
- Storage for wedding materials
- A switch to turn off the blowers when the choir is singing
- Carpet for high-use areas and storage for when the carpet is not in use

#### Phase II

- Lowering the organ pit to the level of the platform so it can be moved
- Widening the stairs (left and right) to the choir loft and adding handrails
- Elevating the top level of the choir loft for easier focus on the conductor
- Purchasing and mounting a projection screen
- Two new rostrum chairs made to match the current four

Phase I can be accomplished for the \$100,000 approved budget. Phase II can probably also be completed for this amount, but the items will be addressed in the order listed so as not to exceed the approved amount.

### BOARD ACTION

The Design and Planning Committee presented the platform plan at the October Board meeting. The Board approved the contractor. It also passed a resolution calling for construction to begin no sooner than January and after enough money has been received to pay the architect plus \$50,000.

### FUND RAISING

So far the campaign, which launched in September, has raised \$23,000 in cash and an additional \$15,000 in pledges toward the goal of \$100,000. The \$38,000 committed is encouraging but there is a long way to go to make the new platform a reality. Broad participation is needed to make the campaign a success. Please consider your gift to this important project.

If you have any questions about the platform or the fundraising, please contact members of the following committees:



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# His Kids Christmas Store 2009



## Save the Dates

Green Lake's Sixth Annual His Kids Christmas Store

**Sabbath, December 5** – beginning with volunteer lunch at noon  
Guests 2-4:30pm

**Thursday, December 3** - 5-8pm Pizza Party/Set Up and  
Decorating Night with Terri Smith-Weller

His Kids Christmas Store is accepting new toys and gift items for our families in need December 5. We are also accepting any cash donation for our shopping team. Please contact Jennifer Mehrer, mehrer2@comcast.net or 206-283-4420, with any possibilities. We will accept gifts up until December 5, but the earlier the better for our planning purposes.

Wrappers – dust off your scissors

Junior Hosts – be ready to have a fabulous day

Greeters – practice your smiles and name tag sorting skills

Store Keepers – let's go shopping!

Party Room volunteers – think good snacks, fun games, and crafts

More details to follow in early November

Any questions: Jennifer Mehrer 206-283-4420 – mehrer2@comcast.net

### Staging Our Future

(Continued from page 6)

#### Design and Planning Committee

Roy Naden, chair  
Sally Hasselbrack Verla Kwiram  
Alvin Kwiram Cheryl Wells

#### Campaign Committee

Ken Fairchild, Co-chair  
Amy Worrell-Kneller, Co-chair  
Kate Bullock Janna Stern  
Melody Bennett Gayle Ken Walters  
Jan Johnson

Ken Fairchild ♦

### Staging our Future Gift

We invite you to make a gift to the Staging our Future Campaign. [The amount of your gift is always confidential. However, the names of individuals who give to the Staging our Future campaign will be listed on progress reports.]

My/Our gift:

- \$25,000       \$2,500       \$100  
 \$10,000       \$1,000       \$50  
 \$5,000       \$500       Other \_\_\_\_\_

- My/our gift is enclosed. Please make checks payable to Green Lake Church.  
 I/we prefer to make the gift in installments of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, for a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid in full by  December 2009,  December 2010.

You can also make your gift online at [www.greenlakesda.org](http://www.greenlakesda.org). Click the Adventist Giving link on the home page, and designate your gift for the "platform campaign." ♦

His Kids

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Barbara Jonsen	Simona Vuletic
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**Preaching  
Schedule**

**2009-2010**

**A LIFE WELL LIVED**  
Fall 2009: Your Being

November 7	Fall Lecture Series	Greg Turk
November 14	Yes, No, and Maybe	Tim Dunston
November 21	Thanksgiving Service Baptisms	David Wood
November 28	Who's Your Daddy?" Baptisms	David Wood



**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**and other events**

Bible Study..... Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.  
Church Board .....November 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Division Chairs .....November 17, 6:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee .....November 11, 6:30 p.m.  
Hospitality Potluck .....November 7, 12:30 p.m.  
Newsletter Deadline .....November 23  
Women's Study Group .....November 2, 16, 30, 6:00 p.m.  
Worship Planning.....November 12, 6:30 p.m.

**Sabbath School Programs**

November 7	Interview of Greg Turk
November 14	Shelly LaGrone
November 21	Simona Vuletic
November 28	Larry Roth

**Potluck Schedule**



**November 7**