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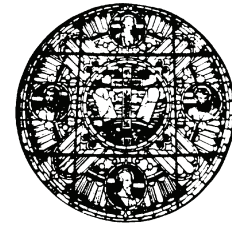
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**Pastoral Perspective
 It Starts Now**

Our perennial fresh start begins now, with the rumbling of school buses and with fiery colors strewn among the trees. This is when summer reflections gift us with a stockpile of inspiration drawn from our openness to God. I hope we've all enjoyed a toes-in-the-sand hiatus of some sort, for it is during such unguarded moments, with our minds peeled wide, that new ideas sleet in from dimensions of time and space crafted by the Almighty.

Our Rosario retreat provided just such an occasion. Summer would not leave us, and as if in payback for last year's climatic debacle, when livid clouds raged against Deception Pass stripping us of power and warmth, we reveled in the glory of the Sound under a full sun. The effect proved startling. We relaxed en masse. Conversations flourished. Ideas popped like corn in the heat. And Rabbi Jay Heyman did us proud.

And when it comes to thanks, I can't go further without naming Carolyn Lacy in particular for her prescience in booking us in a week earlier than usual. Furthermore, not only did she guesstimate our food needs to perfection, she also bought the supplies. The applause for Carolyn was heartfelt. Everyone who came had a great time, and we all left Rosario with a sense of new life.

I'm also excited about the new lives in our congregation, new babies, new friends, new baptisms ahoj, and a new theme for the year that gets to the heart of why we do church. We all want a life well lived. It's the whole point of what we call the plan of salvation. Our faith tradition is predicated on the idea that life as we know it is flawed to a tragic and even catastrophic extent. What

then can be done? To whom do we look for reprieve? Where do we find context and hope for our families? And what is the point of all this riotous life on planet Earth? Is it all awaiting the next mega-asteroid? Or can we bring dignity, joy, purpose, direction, and transcendence into our daily experience? In our darkest hour, which environmentally speaking has fully arrived, what steps can we take to make Adventism a holistic response to our own needs and that of the world's at large? You can't spend a weekend gasping at Rosario's mind-boggling beauty without mourning the meltdown of a world gone awry. We believe good will prevail. We rely on divine rescue. We see in the glory of such idylls a pastel version of Eden restored. But what if God needs us to live as though His victory is a fait accompli? A life well lived argues for just such a perspective. We can and will endure. We can and must make a difference in the world. And we can take a stand for a beach in our hearts that is as welcoming to others as Rosario's is in the late September sun.

We have a great year ahead. Be positive.

David Wood ◇

*From the
 Pastor's
 Desk*



**Preaching
 Schedule**

**2009-2010
 A LIFE WELL LIVED
 Fall 2009: Your Being**

October 3	Communion	David Wood
	A New Type of Communion Service	
October 10	<i>This Is That</i>	Tim Dunston
October 17	<i>Feeling Comfy? That's Nice!</i>	David Wood
October 24		Will Frei
October 31	<i>Whisper It Loudly</i>	David Wood



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

and other events

Bible Study.....Resumes October 7
 Church BoardOctober 13, 7:30 p.m.
 Division Chairs.....October 13, 6:30 p.m.
 Green Lake FoundationOctober 21, 6:00 p.m.
 Hospitality Potluck.....October 10, 12:30 p.m.
 Newsletter DeadlineOctober 19
 Women's Study GroupOctober 5 and 19, 6:00 p.m.
 Worship Planning.....October 8, 6:30 p.m.

Sabbath School Programs

October 3	Lowell Dunston and Rick Roberts	
October 10	<i>A New Power Rising</i>	David Wood
October 17	<i>For Better or For Worse</i>	David Wood
October 24	<i>A Pact with the Devil</i>	David Wood
October 31		David Wood
	<i>Don't Hit Us, Hit Them Instead</i>	

Potluck Schedule



October 10





October Birthdays

- 1 Richard Gard
Jonathan Mitchell
- 2 Dick Johnson
Johnny Lauer
Barton Soper
- 3 James McGill
Jonathan Oellrich
Albert Zobrist
- 4 Griffin Walmsley
- 5 Jia Qian Ji
Simon Tung
Dominique Walmsley
- 6 Sally Hasselbrack
Dyrell Weber
- 9 Forrest Crowell
Terri Smith-Weller

This Month's Birthdays



- 12 Alex Gagi
Kirsten Johnson
Karl Kleppe
Marie Trenchard
- 13 Ed Buyco
- 14 Spencer Bispham
- 16 Les Bromgard

- 17 Susan Massey
Sofianna Parviz
Tarik Walmsley
- 18 Art Grauman
- 19 Paula Hansen
- 21 Meresa Buhler
Chris Oster
Karla Walters
- 22 Devanie Mittleider
- 27 Maxwell Bispham
Kim Fiori
Curtis Lacy
David Wood
- 28 Shonna Bohlman
Karen Hunton
- 29 Chelle Downey Magee
- 31 Evelyn Vulliet

Birthdays

Fall Quarter Baptismal Class

If you or anyone among your friends and family are interested in on-going studies about the Adventist Christian faith, please contact David Wood.

We'll restore our regular Baptismal Class during Sabbath School on October 3, which will cater for our pre-teens and Earliteens (Room 202). Other times and opportunities can be arranged easily for adults or those who prefer home studies.



Our goal is to complete a series of pre-baptismal studies in time for our Thanksgiving Sabbath on November 21. Bookmark that date for a great day of celebration and multiple baptisms! ◇



Improv Seeks Your Input

This fall, the Improv Support Committee will be looking for input from all aspects of the congregation about our Improv ministry.

We'd like to hear from you about what you consider its successes, its failures, and what you think the criteria for "success" or "time to pull the plug" should be.

Your thoughts about how this ministry could/should be modified are welcome as well.

Please give this feedback to Terri Smith-Weller, 206-543-3666 (work) or smithwel@u.washington.edu. ◇



Cypress School News

- Cypress School opened this term with 67 students.
- We continue our diverse community with family backgrounds from about a dozen countries. One of the special things about Cypress is its rich cultural diversity
- Mrs. Sawyer has organized chime and bell choirs, and they are practicing for the fall music schedule.
- Grades 6-8 spent three days at Rosario for Science Camp. We took the San Juan ferry trip looking for whales, but porpoises were all we saw. The third day we were blessed with low tide, and students spent several hours examining marine life in tide pools. Andrew Rice, contract Marine Biologist, led out again in classes. Mr. Dunston and Mr. Roberts appreciate the three indispensable moms who gave a week of time to help out.
- Classes are into regular routines —October is the month for Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, one of our of important academic measures.
- Scholarship needs — we are halfway to our objective for this year, with \$30,000 turned in. We are grateful to our constituency for their aid. ◇

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
- \$10,000
- \$5,000
- \$2,500
- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$100
- \$50
- 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. Click the Adventist Giving link on the home page, and designate your gift for the "platform campaign." ◇

Fall General Sabbath School Series: "The Dark Ages" hosted by David Wood

October 10, 17, 24, 31

Without an understanding of the Dark Ages, I don't think Christian history, or any other perspective on Europe, makes sense.

It was through the long chaos and horror following the fall of Rome that the forces responsible for the Reformation took shape. In short, no Dark Age equals no Luther, no Protestantism, and no Adventism.

The goal of this series is to throw light on where we came from theologically, socially, and politically as a part of the greater Western church tradition. And I hope it also helps us understand why the towering edifice of organized Christian religion, born in Dark Age anarchy, proved a bane and a blessing that affects our work, even today, as Seventh-day Adventists.

- October 10: "A New Power Rising" — What the church achieved for the survival of Europe and for the custody of Rome's imperial power.
- October 17: "For Better or For Worse" — How the church helped peasants and nobles alike choose between oblivion and survival.
- October 24: "A Pact With the Devil" — When kings and generals took their cue from the clergy.
- October 31: "Don't Hit Us, Hit Them Instead" — Why the church rounded up the thugs of Europe and sent them East. ◇



Church School



Church Board Meeting

Final platform remodel plans to be presented

The October **Church Board meeting** will be held one week earlier than normal, on **October 13**.

The **primary agenda item** will be a Design and Planning Committee **presentation on the final platform plans**, followed by a board vote on the plans. These two steps are mandated by the platform motion approved at the January 2009 Church in Business Session.

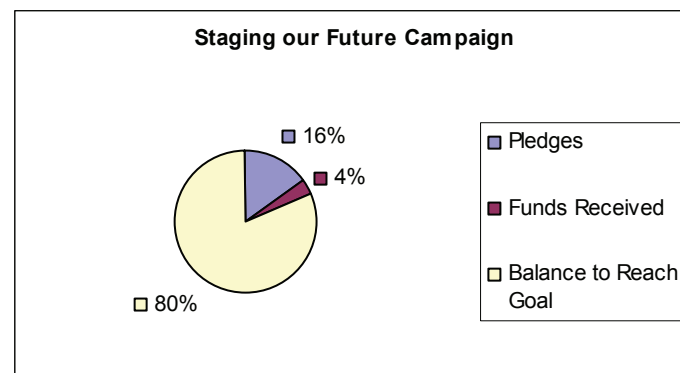
Prior to the board meeting, the platform plans will be posted in the Narthex, and Design and Planning committee members will be available after

church on October 3 and October 10 to answer questions about the plans.

Please take time to review the plans as we continue the platform fund-raising campaign and anticipate this exciting enhancement to our sanctuary.

Church board meetings are open to members and are held in the church library at 7:30 p.m.

Forrest Crowell, Chair



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 Night

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

Communion Service October 3

Communion, as it is modeled in scripture, is a meal. It is about companionship. For Jews, the practice of sharing a meal together carried deep significance. So much so that in a book about meaninglessness of life, the author of Ecclesiastes mentions five times that eating and drinking with friends is a good thing to do. Is it any wonder that, when Jesus was looking for strength, he turned to a meal with his closest friends? Is it any wonder that we do the same? When we connect with friends or family, we do it with a shared meal.

Certainly it is good to meet together in ritual worship as we do on a weekly basis. But on October 3, we also have the opportunity to eat together and enjoy each other's company as we worship together. We will be sharing a Communion brunch in the Fellowship Hall during the worship hour.

The service will begin in the Sanctuary for music and prayer, proceed to Fellowship Hall for Communion brunch together, continue with



the Bread and the Cup as we remember our Lord, and conclude with music and prayer.

There will be brunch and activities for children ages 3 through 10 coordinated by Ken Fairchild. Small children and children over 10 are invited to come to Fellowship Hall with their families.

Please bring a bag of cut fruit—ready to add to fruit salad—and/or some breakfast pastry to add to the meal.

We hope to see you at this Communion celebration.

Dana Waters, Chair
Worship Division ◇

International Food Festival ... November 1

Join us for an international food festival on **Sunday, November 1**, from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. 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.

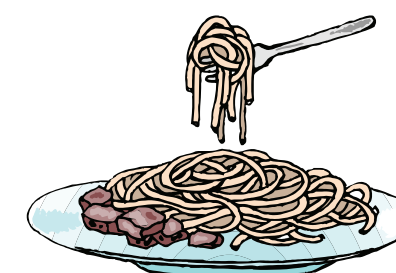
We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup, takedown, and decorations.

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.

Brian McGrath ◇





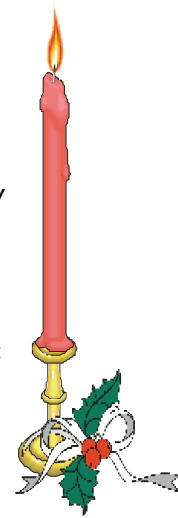
Candlelight Concert Singers Invitation

Singers who would like to sing with the choir for the Candlelight Christmas Concert (this year on December 18) are invited to participate in rehearsals during the months of October, November, and December.

The major choral works for the evening are John Rutter's *Gloria* and *The Dream Isaiah Saw* by Glenn Rudolph.

Rutter's exuberant *Gloria* requires significant vocal forces as there are many six-part passages (three-part women and three-part men), accompanied by eight-part brass, organ, and percussion, so feel free to invite your friends and neighbors who love to sing.

Contact Wanda Griffiths for rehearsal information, 206-542-2558 or wrgrif@earthlink.net. ◇



Pianist Needed

A small Edmonds Church is looking for a pianist immediately. The pay is \$150/week for approximately two hours of work on Sunday morning. Duties include playing for hymns, offertory, prelude/postlude, and special music. Sight-reading is a must. If interested, contact Laura Milleson at laurapiano@gmail.com or 206-854-1850.

Donations Online

It is now possible to make donations with your credit card or checking account to the church via the Internet.

Go to the church's Web site, www.greenlakesda.org, and click on the link to AdventistGiving. You will be guided through the steps to establish an account with a password. AdventistGiving is a secure site.

Funds will be transferred to Green Lake Church and to other recipients listed on the site, including ADRA, missions, and a host of Seventh-day Adventist Church ministries. ◇



Youth Choir and Children's Choir

The Children's Choir and Youth Choir have started rehearsing for the fall season. If you know of any young people ages five or older who may be interested in singing with either group, please contact Heather Dye for a list of rehearsal and performance dates. Contact information: 253-347-2777, isingforpennies@hotmail.com. ◇



Becky Billock in Concert

In a program entitled *Women Working*, pianist Becky Billock explores the solo piano repertoire of American women. Composers include Marion Bauer, Jennifer Higdon, Libby Larsen, Amy Beach, Margaret Bonds, and others.

UW School of Music
Brechemin Auditorium
Saturday, October 24, 2009
7:30 p.m.

\$10 tickets at the door
www.music.washington.edu for more info.

Becky now resides in Pittsburgh, PA, with husband, Jonathan Aldrich, and their two daughters, Sierra and Evelyn.



Green Lake Church worship services

are now available through the Green Lake Web site, www.greenlakesda.org.

If you'd like to listen to anything in our growing archive, simply follow the link from the home page. Click on the date of the service you'd like to hear, and the service will start to play in your browser window. ◇

Fall Lecture Series

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?

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

November 6-7
Pastor Greg Turk

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. He currently lives in Renton with his wife and two children.

"For God, to me, it seems, is a verb not a noun, proper or improper."

— R. Buckminster Fuller

Pastor Turk comes to us with an enthusiastic recommendation from Ryan and Heather Dye, who met him while he served as an interim pastor for All Pilgrims Church where Ryan Dye serves as the Minister of Music. His presentations are noteworthy for their wonderful stories and appeal to a wide range of ages and people.

Gloria Hiten ◇



Washington Conference Fall Women's and Teen's Retreat

October 16-18 at Ocean Shores

Registration forms are available in the narthex literature rack.

Women and teen girls are invited to attend the annual fall retreat in Ocean Shores, Washington, October 16-18. You'll discover with speaker JoAnn Davidson how you are valued by the Pearl of Great Price.

Afternoon workshops will resonate with your heart and revive your soul, and a beach-themed party on Saturday night will be filled with lots of laughter and fun memories.

Register online through PayPal at www.washingtonconference.org/women by Wednesday, September 30, for the early-bird rate, or contact registration coordinator, Lynda Kim, at lkimcm@hotmail.com or 253-804-2799. ◇

Men's Adventure

Washington Conference Youth Department presents The Expedition: a father-son, big brother-mentor retreat at Sunset Lake Camp October 16-18.

Les Zollbrecht, from Mountain Leadership Institute, will lead this weekend of leadership training and adventure-based bonding. Come prepared for outdoor physical activity.

Fee: \$50 per person. Space limited to 40 participants. Call the Youth Department at 253-681-6008 to register. ◇

