

Nehemiah 10:39

“We will not neglect the house of our God”

**Next Week's Offering:
Christian Record Services**

(Please prayerfully consider giving to our Local Church Budget. We have repeatedly had a shortage for our monthly budget. The church's ministry depends on each member faithfully giving!)

To designate your offering for Tithe or Church Budget, or any other specific need at any time, please use a Tithe envelope located on the hymnal rack on the pew. All loose offering goes to the offering of the day.

Please place your offering in the box at each rear door of the Sanctuary.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cancer: Patrick Dwyer (Young-Hee's husband), Stephen Bushley; Mickey Reddy (Pastor's brother-in-law);

Francisca Conde; Samantha Steenberg (Jeanette's niece); Wilbur Howell

Health Issues: Bobara Tally; Eileen Neligan's sister Joyce; David Karpilow; Cindy; Rochelle Ybarra; Thelma McAdoo; Bob Milne Jones; Annie Hurd; Sara (Cindy's cousin)

Healing: Cindy; Becky & Stephanie; Sam Chetty; Isaac Ybarra

Work: Roger Ybarra; Cindy; Linda Renfroe; Richard Mills;

Cypress Adventist School: Scholarship

Thank you so much for the contributions that have come in for the Cypress Scholarship Fund. The Cypress Scholarship campaign is ongoing. We are already raising funds for the 2009-2010 school year. The needs are great and we appreciate your help.

You can give by marking your tithe envelope "Cypress Scholarship" and placing it in the offering boxes at the back of the sanctuary. You may wish to give a Single Sum, or a designated monthly amount for 10 months. Thank you for contributing to Christian Education.

Sunset Lake Spring Fling: Can't wait for summer camp? Now you don't have to. Camp is just around the corner and we think that's worth celebrating. Join us for a Saturday night party that will get you stoked for your week of camp. We'll start with a fun worship time then have lots of food, all your favorite games, camp giveaways and maybe even a few surprises. Each Spring Fling will be hosted by Pastor Dave Yeagley and a selection of summer staff members. This is a great way to catch up with your favorite counselor or meet some of the new staff for 2009. Invite a friend and let the party begin.

April 11 – Skagit Adventist School Gym – 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

April 18 – Buena Vista SDA School Gym – 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

May 2 – Lewis County Adventist School Gym – 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Volunteer Park Community Focus

Weekly Newsletter of Volunteer Park Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Twinkies and Root Beer

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at the boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and asked "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son could respond, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

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Submitted by Eileen Neligan

April Birthdays

03 Judi Newton
04 Christine Gilbrough
06 Sandra Boothe
10 Ed Holmes
12 Mindy Jones
14 Thelma McAdoo
15 Anastacia Saldivar
18 Sharon Menes
26 Florene Gibson
27 Keith Menes

April Anniversaries

01 Mar & Connie Timple

If your important date is missing or if you do not want your date published, please let Jeanette Mills know by e-mailing her at millje@vparksda.com

"Purls"

Knitting and Crocheting Group
Thursday evening
7pm in room 102

Bring your current project and enjoy 1 ½ hours of social time.



Malawi Project

The Student National Pharmacy Association at Loma Linda University Malawi Mission Project is coming up soon! (Stacy is in Brazil this week for a clinical mission trip) help raise funds by buying your very own beautiful t-shirts with the African continent on it. The cost of the t-shirts is \$15. If you do not wish to purchase a t-shirt but would still like to contribute, a donation would also be appreciated. There is also the option of donating online at www.justafricancrafts.com under the link *mission projects*. See Anasatcia Chetty for more details and to donate!

IMPROV DRAMA: Catch the latest performance of Clean Slate Improv at Green Lake Adventist Church every other Saturday night from 8-10pm. Shows are free (donations accepted) and appropriate for all ages. The theme for April 11 is 'Out of Time'. Find out more – become a Clean Slate fan on Facebook or email cleanslateimprov@yahoo.com

TIME TO CARE: Join Breath of Life Adventist Church on Friday, April 10 at 7 pm and Saturday, April 11 at 11 am for the 1994 Rwanda Genocide Victims Memorial. Liliane Kamikazi, a genocide survivor, will share her story on April 10. Questions -call (206) 762-0333.

APRIL 2009

4/1 Financial Peace University 7pm in the Chapel
4/2 Book Club at Victrola Coffee & Art 8pm
4/3 Vespers – 7pm in room 102
4/4 **Bible Study Groups 10:00 am**
Worship Service 11:30 am
8 Weeks to Wellness 1:30 pm in the Chapel
4/7 Bible Study Group 8pm
4/8 Financial Peace University 7pm in the Chapel
4/9 “Purls” Knitting and Crochet 7pm in room 102
4/10 Vespers – 7pm in room 102
4/11 **Bible Study Groups 10:00 am**
Worship Service 11:30 am
8 Weeks to Wellness 1:30 pm in the Chapel
4/13 Church Board Meeting 6:30 in room 110
4/14 Bible Study Group 8pm
4/15 Financial Peace University 7pm in the Chapel
4/16 Book Club 8pm at Victrola Coffee and Art
4/17 Vespers – 7pm in room 102
4/18 **Bible Study Groups 10:00 am**
Worship Service 11:30 am
8 Weeks to Wellness 1:30 pm in the Chapel
4/19 Easter Sunday
4/21 Bible Study Group 8pm
4/22 Financial Peace University 7pm in the Chapel
4/23 “Purls” Knitting & Crochet 7pm in room 102
4/24 Vespers – 7pm in room 102
4/25 **Bible Study Groups 10:00 am**
Worship Service 11:30 am
POTLUCK Fellowship Meal following Worship
4/28 Bible Study Group 8pm
4/29 Financial Peace University 7pm in the Chapel
5/1 Vespers – 7pm in room 102

NEW PARTNERSHIP: Hope Channel, the official TV network of the Adventist Church, has signed an agreement with DIRECTV to join their basic package line-up April 29 on Channel 368. This represents a huge media breakthrough for Adventists. Read more about this partnership at www.hopetv.org

GET RE:FRAMED:

VOLUNTEER Park Church invites you to reframe your perspective of the world and how to approach the post-modern mindset. Register at www.seattlereframe.com for the May 22-24 training event at the Museum of History and Industry (MOHI) in Seattle. Questions? See Paul and Roxanne Wright or email info@seattlereframe.com

WOMEN'S SPRING DAY: Author Kay D. Rizzo will speak at this year's Women's Ministries Spring Day on April 18 at Grace Community Church in Auburn. Discounts available through April 1. Find registration forms in the foyer or online www.washingtonconference.org/women.

Auburn Adventist Academy's alumni weekend is April 30 to May 2 and Academy Day is May 4. Watch for more information or contact info@auburn.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: SAGE Seniors will have their annual workbee at Sunset Lake Camp this April 19-24. Volunteers are needed for general clean-up of buildings, landscaping and cabin repairs. Bring your RV or stay in a cabin. All meals provided. Volunteer by contacting Joan Libby at (253) 681-6018

BEERMAN IN CONCERT: Vonda Beerman, a musician with Quiet Hour ministry, will perform an inspirational concert at Marysville Adventist Church on April 4 at 7 pm. Call (360) 653-2722