

PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH

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SERVICE - 11:00 AM – FEBRUARY 28, 2010

LENT II – ANNUAL MEETING

**Please stand, as you are able*

Coming to the Sheltering Wings of God

Prelude

*Gathering Hymn #335 “At The Name Of Jesus”s.1-3

*Welcoming One Another

Announcements & Celebrations

Call to Worship - back of bulletin

Prayer of Renewal – back of bulletin

Children’s Time & The Lord’s Prayer

Tenebrae extinguishing the second candle

Sing Together #108, s.1

The Story Is Told

Choral Prayer for Illumination #121, s. general

Hebrew Scripture **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

Psalm **27 Choir**

Epistle **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Gospel **Luke 13:31-35**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Walking The Lenten Way

*Hymn #269 “The Care The Eagle Gives Her Young”

Offertory

*Choral Dedication of the Offering #544

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Upcoming Events:

Annual Meeting today, directly following worship

World Day of Prayer at Portland **Friday March 5th 2pm**

Hosted by: Women's Interchurch Council and written by the **Women of Cameroon**. Guest Speaker: **Captain Margo Goguen**

Topic: "Stone washed laundry"

Coffee and Conversation: March 7 - would you like to host?
Please let Jennifer know.

Please note: The next meeting of the UCW will be on **March 8 at 7:15 p.m.** - NOT March 1 as normally scheduled.

Jennifer will be out of the office Monday to Friday, next week. She will be available for emergencies.

Tracy Friars & Steve Bell invite you to join them for an afternoon of Christian and Inspirational music at the Imperial Theatre on **April 11th at 2:30pm**. Both Tracy & Steve share a deep rooted faith and have been privileged to share that faith through music for many years. Tickets go on sale March 8th at the Imperial and on their website and range in price from \$30 - \$25 - \$20. It is anticipated that tickets will sell quickly so don't miss out.

St. Mark's Annual Shamrock Supper will be held on **March 13th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm**. Please come and enjoy the **Roast Beef Dinner and Irish Music**. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets can be reserved by calling 672-3320 or purchased at the door.



THE CHURCH AT WORK

~ February 28~

Sunday – 28 th	11:00 am 1:15pm	Worship, Sunday School, Nursery World Wide Church of God
Mon. – Mar 1 st	6:30- 9:00pm 7:00 pm	Scouts N/A New Beginnings Group
Tues. – 2 nd	6:30-8:30pm 8:00 pm	Cubs A.A. Group
Wed. – 3 rd	9:00 am 10:30am 6:30pm	Quilting Lenten Service Challengers Venturers & Rovers
Thurs. – 4 th	6:30-7:30pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Beavers Bible Study Choir AIAnon Group
Friday – 5 th	2:00 pm 6:15 pm 7:00 pm	World Day of Prayer-Chapel Badminton N/A New Beginnings Group Venturers
March Sunday – 7 th	11:00am	Worship: Communion, Sunday School, Nursery. Coffee and Conversation following worship

Minute for Mission: Going Green

One: What do you think about cities charging for plastic bags in stores?

Two: I think it's a good start on cleaning up the environment.

One: But plastic bags are so convenient—they don't tear, they're waterproof, and they're great for picking up after our dog. Now we have to pay extra for them? Are they really such a problem?

Two: Just think how many plastic bags are out there. Environment Canada says that Canadians use 55 million bags every week. That's a lot of plastic, and most of the bags are only used once.

One: Well, I know it's a lot of plastic. But it's cheap to produce, right?

Two: The problem is the plastic takes years to break down and when it does break down, it releases chemicals into the soil and water. Those billions of bags take up a lot of space in landfills and blow around as litter. Thousands of animals and fish die every year from eating the plastic. And we're wasting resources.

One: What resources?

Two: Plastic is made from petroleum, which is expensive and causes pollution. It is also non-renewable so we're going to run out of it.

One: But surely it doesn't take much oil to produce plastic bags.

Two: The world uses 60 million barrels of oil a year for plastic bags.

One: Really? Imagine saving all that oil just by banning plastic bags!

Two: It seems like an easy start on being green. And there are good alternatives to plastic, like reusable canvas bags. I got one from United Church Resource Distribution three years ago and it's still as good as new. Some Conferences even have **M&S** logo bags.

One: I agree that reusable bags are better. They aren't so good for picking up after our dog, though. I guess I'll have to find biodegradable bags for that.

Two: Just think: you'll be working toward a cleaner environment,

one bag at a time.

Both: Gifts to the **Mission and Service Fund** promote awareness programs and clean-environment projects with partners in Canada and throughout the world. Give to the **M&S Fund**—a United Fund for a United Vision.

Sources: www.ec.gc.ca/education/default.asp?lang=en&n=600C1403-1

www.wisconsin.sierraclub.org/foxvalley/plastic_bags.html

www.businessmirror.com.ph/02042008/special_feature01.html

www.thestar.com/News/article/210905

Prayer of Dedication

O God, we cover this offering with gratitude for the ways we experience your care – for the beauty of creation, the warmth of this shelter, and the friendship of loved ones. May our offering of time and resources help to extend the shelter of your loving way in the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco, and San Marino.

We pray...

Dear God, as a hen covers her chicks with her wings to keep them safe, protect us this day under your golden wings. Amen

Blessing

Choral Response #415, s.5

Postlude

The Scripture Reader today is **Brent Nelson**.

The team of **Stephen Biggs** is welcoming today.

Our Counters are the team of **Richard Lingley**.

Next week: Counting team: Marilyn and Ernie Clark

Scripture Readings for March 7: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

*In memory of
Helen McAloney
From
Jack and The Family*