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from the Pastors' Study...

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them."
John 6: 51-56

I understand in fly fishing that the idea is to get the most mature trout (that is, the biggest, and meatiest) to forego the living bugs and animated creatures in the algae-feeding layer of water on top of the river, in favor of your painstakingly prepared artificial lure. I don't know how smart fish are, but to reel in the big fish, you have to fool one that has at least been around awhile. You want something that will not only imitate the real thing, but at a distance seem better – shinier – more tempting than the true food.

We know that there is that biological imperative to find food. Plus, food is fun. Food connects us to others. We at Savage Memorial have a great theology of food and fellowship. We enjoy sharing meals together. Unfortunately, all too often, individuals end up at the "dashboard diner," or having our meals rushed, or eating alone. Even those of us who have been around awhile can get distracted from what is true and healthy.

In the world, the principalities and powers know that we look for things in life to give us joy and fulfillment. Business, politicians and society try to tempt us with things that seem shinier, better than what we have, and then try to get us to buy what they are selling. There are a lot of things we need, and we appreciate the knowledge and choices that American society gives us. There are a lot of things we do not *need*, and if we choose to partake, that is fine. There are a lot of other things, lures on our time, our attention, our resources, that we do not need and that take away from what is truly important in life. Having shiny stuff only leads to wanting more shiny stuff. That is where we fall, and we end up hooked.

Our big October holiday, Halloween, is all about candy and masks. They are fun, in small doses. Some people even try to live their lives wearing figurative masks, and think they can live on the sweet taste of candy. But there is no health, no real satisfaction. And even kids know that masks get sweaty and start to pinch after not very long.

Evidently, folks in Jesus' time needed to be reminded that true food and true drink come from the timeless halls of heaven. We have always known things that fatten us up but do not satisfy. We do not want to be fooled by sweet but false lures or goaded into having to wear false faces. In the Church, we can be who we truly are, and we can together find a balanced diet of true food to nourish us for healthy lives.

As we come into fall, I pray that we will not let what is superficial and artificial worm its way into our mouths and lives. Spit it out! Christ is the bread of true life, and the source of real and lasting satisfaction. Don't let anything else take his place in life. Join us on Sundays and throughout the week as together we seek the real meal deal.

Shalom ~ *Chris Grewe*

AMONG OURSELVES

Please remember in your prayers: Marcia Pierce, who spent time in the hospital recently and has since moved into assisted living in the Scapoose area.

IN SORROW

Long-time member Gaylord (Gale) Drysdale died September 26 at age 92. He was a remarkable man and will be missed by all. Our condolences to his family and friends.

NOTES TO YOU

"I, again, wish to thank all of you for the many prayers, calls, cards, and flowers which I received following the recent tragic death of my grandson, Adam Vanvactor, age 17. He was the only child of my daughter, Kathy, and this has been a very difficult time."

Sincerely, Fran Kraus

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCT. 30 12:00 - 2:00pm

It's time once again for the frightfully fun All-Church Halloween Party. It will be right after worship and lunch is provided!



So bring a costume to change into (no costumes during worship service, please). Bring a friend! We will have all kinds of fun: pumpkins, apple bobbing, games, and food!!! You can make the party a great success by donating

food, small pumpkins, small apples, money, and/or volunteer to help set-up or clean-up. See the sign up lists in the narthex.

GOLDEN GIRLS (Women age 60+)

Meet for food, fun, & fellowship

Wednesday, October 12, 11:00 am

at the Olive Garden restaurant at Mall 205.

SENIOR TRIPPERS

In August twelve Senior Trippers went to Wildwood Park in Welches for a picnic. We shared good food and friendships. The weather was wonderful and we enjoyed the fish-viewing window and the pretty wooded setting. This was a repeat visit as we had such a good time last year. It was a lot cooler there than in town.

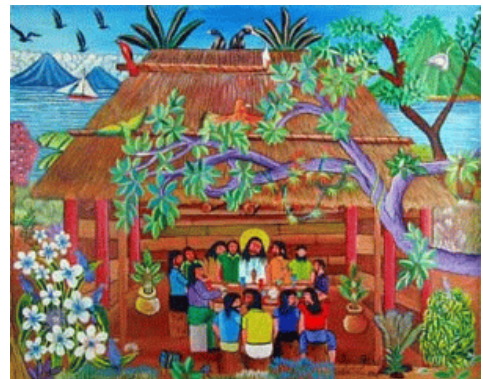
Submitted by Flora Huber

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 2, 2011

On World Communion Sunday, Christians from around the world gather in worship to partake of the elements of bread and wine in remembrance and celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. As we gather on that day, let us remember and pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s 165 partner communions and other organizations worldwide who will also be receiving Communion.

The day recommended for congregations to receive the Peacemaking Offering is World Communion Sunday, when Christians around the world celebrate our unity in Christ. As we receive bread and cup, we celebrate Christ, our peace, and are renewed to pass Christ's peace to those around us and across the world.



2011 Peacemaking Offering
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 2

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

September 21, 2011

Moderator Chris opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. New and returning Session members were welcomed.

Annual Session Conventions — Session unanimously elected Barbara Bennett as Clerk of the Session and Mary Scott as Church Treasurer. The third Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm, was set as the regular meeting time from September through June.

Deacons Report: Shirley Curtis reported on behalf of the Deacons, saying their first meeting has been held and committees established. Joann Webber will continue as moderator and Lisa Woodfill was elected secretary.

Pastors Report – Susan reviewed the pastors' activities since Session's last meeting. An enthusiastic group shared a hot week in August with the Warm Springs Boys & Girls Club. Susan is serving on the Committee on Ministry for Cascades Presbytery, and Chris is assisting a task force at Gateway Presbyterian Church in The Dalles as they consider taking their congregation in a new direction. The Grewes received approval for study leave the first week of October in order to attend a Long-Term Pastors Retreat at Mt. Angel. Ann Duffy will fill the pulpit on October 9. Another week of study leave was approved for the week of October 17, for a seminar featuring Eugene Peterson at Seattle Pacific University, at a nominal cost.

Session approved sending \$800 raised through the bottle and can drive to Pastor Jacques Doris for his well project in Haiti. The bottle project was referred to the Mission & Stewardship Committee, which will determine whether other beneficiaries will be designated in the future.

Chris reported that the Oasis de Amor worshipping community has moved to another

location, although they received approval to continue their Saturday study meetings here.

Committee Reports – The list of committee responsibilities for the year were distributed. Most committees have not yet met this fall. Building & Grounds received approval to spend up to \$2,000 from a designated gift to remove two overgrown trees from the Memorial Garden and have a third professionally trimmed. Also approved was a request for up to \$800 to repair the furnace. Peace & Justice reported on the Backpack Buddies program.

Other Business – Rodger Clawson reported on his progress toward becoming a commissioned ruling elder. Following discussion, Session approved Oasis de Amor's request to hold a Saturday overnight vigil at our church. If the first event goes well, it may become an ongoing event. The meeting was adjourned with prayer. Session will next meet on Oct 12.

BUDGETING THE END OF SUMMER

THANK YOU! The Budget & Finance Committee was able to report to Session in September that we are coming out of summer in comparably good financial shape. The church always runs a deficit during the summer months, but this year's was less than usual. That is good news! We are still approximately \$4,800 behind, after applying a \$3,944 carry-over, but that is better than expected. What it means is that your individual giving, week by week, through the rest of the year, is as always crucial for maintaining the mission and programs of Savage Memorial. We will be able to take care of a needed furnace repair and continue to worship and praise God through your good stewardship of God's bountiful gifts.

In this season of renewal, your faithful giving through the summer, particularly in July, is very much appreciated. Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!

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NEWS FROM THE SMPC VOYAGER FLEET

BUOYS & GULLS

Following a brief summer (?) hiatus, Buoys & Gulls met on August 20, 2011, at Bonnie Reeves' house. We had a pot luck dinner out on her sunlit patio-deck. The cooling breeze plus the shade was pleasant accompaniment to the enjoyment of all the members of the ship who came.

A meeting followed. We tried to fill up the schedule for the meetings during the coming months. Our next meeting, to be hosted by Jane Lostetter, was scheduled for Sept. 16 in the church library. By then the yearly Piloteers dues will have been collected. For our discussion topic, Gerry Arboleda talked about a current best seller, "Heaven Is For Real" by Todd Burpo. It is a true story about a boy who dies and comes back to life and tells how heaven looks and meeting with people who are already there including, of course, Jesus Christ. A story like this, of course, elicited much discussion -- too long to tell here.

Submitted by Al Arboleda, Co-Skipper

FORE 'N AFT

The ship took a trip in May to the Curtis Museum of Travel Trailers. They had trailers from the early days and showed how they have been improved through the years until today's luxury models. It was all very interesting and a good time was had by all who attended.

In July we attended the English High Tea at the Leach Gardens. We had one of the largest groups in attendance and one that included four men. (Most of the groups were women only.) The tea consisted of three parts: appetizer, sandwiches, and dessert - all very delicious; and the service was excellent. If you haven't been there yet, I would recommend this as a good activity.

Submitted by Jay Owen, Logkeeper

SS MINNOW

Well, it's been a fairly quiet summer for all of us on the SS Minnow. We have been busy with our own family happenings and have only gotten together a few times. The gatherings were however, some of our (my) favorites. Our annual camping trip at Cresap Bay Park was fun for all and as always (and because they are just such great folks) a huge thanks to the extended Finley clan for joining us and sharing their fellowship, cooking gear, and skill in the camp kitchen. We are blessed to know them and be their friends. It also would not be the same if Cap'n Dave Scott and his first mate Mary (Ann) weren't there with their boat and their willingness to spend ALL DAY on the water keeping the kids happy. Thank you does not even begin to cover it.

Speaking of cooking skills, our other event this summer was another annual outing, the "Barbeque at Bennett's Backyard Beach". Jane and Kevin open up their home and hearts with a fantastic spread of great food - with a lot of it actually being good for us thanks to Jane's culinary expertise. We are looking forward to the upcoming months and the Voyager Buffet in December. Until then, may the Lord fill your souls and sails.

Submitted by Pat Givens

SEA SWELLS

On July 9th, the Sea Swells met on a bright sunny day at Weaver's for a potluck luncheon. All the usual good foods were greatly enjoyed. We were pleased to have Ron and Jan Clemenson as well as Jack Jones and Corinne Routtu join us. Since this was our first get-together with the former Dinghies, we decided it would be good to tell some of our individual backgrounds. Never know what you are going to say or hear.

A BYOL (*bring your own lunch*) outing August 20 at Laurelhurst Park to hear the Providence Stage Band on a very pleasant summer evening, was enjoyed by those who attended.

After our business meeting, a long-standing Sea Swells ritual, a "Tying-on Ceremony", was held at the Markel's on September 9. This is where we officially welcomed the Clemensons, Jack Jones and Corinne Routtu into the Sea Swells. We hope that they do not consider it to be "roped in." We are also looking forward to having Jim and Barbara Base join the Sea Swells.

We then proceeded to the Bipartisan Café in Montavilla for their famous sandwich and pie menu. Interesting!!!

Submitted by Jim & Irma Markel, Skippers

WINDJAMMERS

Windjammers met at the home of Joann and Frank Webber after church on August 14 for our annual picnic. We welcomed Marguerite Bunker, Shirley Marcy, Marcia Pierce, and Paula Ryba as prospective new members, and we are hoping Doug and Connie Hartung will be able to attend our September meeting. Unfortunately, long-time members Jo Curry (who had just been released from the hospital), Irene Bates and Barbara Burt (who were confined to their quarters) were unable to join us.

Skipper Ann Crawford greeted our guests with some Windjammer history, information about our meetings and projects, and background about Piloteer activities.

Shirley Marcy told us about her recent trip to Washington, DC, where she was honored for her service during WWII in the Nurse Corps. We're hoping to hear more at future meetings.

Windjammers would welcome any other Savages who are interested in a Voyager ship affiliation. Call Skipper Ann Crawford at 503-253-7807 for details.

Submitted by Joann Webber, Logkeeper

October 2011

What's Happening at SMPC

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