

Evergreen Notes

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Building Bridges Educational Event April 2, 2011

The Annual Evergreen Building Bridges Educational Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011.



Our guest facilitator will be the Rev. Eric Law of Kaleidoscope Institute as we focus on Grace Margin—

having faithful conversations in the church.

Plan to join us as we study and plan how we will continue the work set before us. Though the site has not been confirmed, we can begin to determine who will attend and represent our churches.

Easter Sunrise Service April 24, 2011

For the fourth year, Evergreen Association invites you to join in the

Easter Early Worship Service

Sunday, April 24, 2011

St. Ignatius Chapel

Seattle University Campus 7:30 AM

The community worship service will feature Rev. Brooks Andrews, Associate at Japanese Baptist Church, preaching a reflection of Easter service in Minidoka, and Rev. Marcia Patton will be worship leader.

Join us. Perhaps this year, weather permitting, we'll be able to begin in the Japanese Garden.

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Keep in Prayer

- Marcus and Lauren Walker and Burton Community Church*
- Dick and Arlene Birdsall and their son, Steve*
- Barry and Anne Briscoe*
- Yosh and Sue Nakagawa*
- Pastor Aaron and Michelle Williams and Mount Zion Baptist Church*
- Confraternidad Cristiana Even-ezer*
- New Community of Faith Church*
- Wedgwood Community Church*
- Burien Community Church*

Ken's Reflection: Martin Luther King Jr. Day Worship 2011



Ken Curl, Evergreen Chair


In my opinion

Evergreen's Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2011 was the best to date. Seattle First Baptist Church was the perfect setting to celebrate Dr. King's 82nd birthday.

Panther Lake's choir was great as usual and New Beginnings Christian Fellowship's ensemble made the angels jealous.

Rev. Dr. Leslie Braxton set our


Events & Happenings Around the Association

 **Walk Christian Church** invites you to be a part of its 6th year **Church Anniversary Celebration**, Sunday, March 6, 2011, at 3 PM



BIENNIAL REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN. Register to attend the American Baptist Biennial in San Juan,

Puerto Rico, June 24-26, 2011. Go to www.abc-usa.org and click on the "Celebrate 2011" logo on the left of the screen.

 **EMONT BAPTIST CHURCH** invites you to the next **Foot-stompin' Hymn-Sing** on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

Remember **EVERGREEN'S AFTER-THE-BIENNIAL GATHERING IN PUERTO RICO** with **Manny:**
Exploring the city of Ponce
June 26-27

Pastors, Church Clerks, Secretaries, Treasurers: Expect to receive your **Annual Report Form** during the month of February. Let's aim for 100% return!!

Ken's Reflection: MLK Day Worship Service

continued

hearts on fire with his powerful message that reminded us what Dr. King would have us do if he was still alive today.

Although most really enjoyed the service, it came to my attention that some felt uncomfortable with certain parts of the program. If so, know we would never knowingly do anything to offend our members and friends.

But there will be times when each of us has our moment to become uncomfortable with something that

happens as we do our work together. I believe it is a tribute to the worship service and to the legacy of Dr. King that we were made to feel uncomfortable.

In fact, Dr. King often made America feel uncomfortable; he forced America to be introspective. In other words America had to look inside and unfortunately it did not like what it saw. Americans saw people being oppressed and made to feel "less than" because of their race. While at the same time America

was portraying itself to the world as a land of freedom, like the land God promised Moses, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Because America was made to feel uncomfortable it has made progress in race relations. So by the same token, though we still have a long way to go, we will never get there if we are not ALL willing to be uncomfortable.

Ken

America For Christ Offering 2011

What is the breakdown of the America For Christ (AFC) Offering?

29% goes to regions

59% goes to American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), and

12% goes to the offering's promotional costs

March is the AFC Offering month. Continue to pray about how you will give to affect touching and transforming lives in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

For any other information related to the America For Christ Offering, please contact Susan Bogle at 800-222-3872, ext. 2028.



Evergreen Thanks You for Your 2010 Giving to American Baptist Mission

The American Baptist Churches relies upon the local church to help run its ministry and mission. The following churches gave to American Baptist Mission this year. This reflects the total giving to American Baptist causes - United Mission, the four Annual Offerings (America For Christ, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering and the Ministers and Missionaries Thank You Offering), directly to the Region, and other specifics and special gifts. Thanks to our churches for your support of the American Baptist Family. We hope every church will strive to give more to American Baptist Mission, remember if American Baptists do not give to American Baptist Mission, who will?

1	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$55,640.12
2	JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$32,999.05
3	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	TACOMA	WA	\$17,169.78
4	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH/ISSAQUAH		WA	\$15,226.68
5	NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FELLOWS RENTON		WA	\$14,100.00
6	WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$13,558.48
7	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	CHICO	CA	\$12,734.16
8	UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$10,887.00
9	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	PALO ALTO	CA	\$10,016.00
10	BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$9,249.98
11	SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CH	WALNUT CREEK	CA	\$8,514.40
12	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	WA	\$8,293.00
13	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEM	RENTON	WA	\$6,591.04
14	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	SAN JOSE	CA	\$6,294.28
15	THE UNITED CHURCH	MOSCOW	ID	\$6,223.00
16	FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$5,975.00
17	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$5,822.74
18	PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CH	KENT	WA	\$5,113.52
19	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	\$4,820.00
20	BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH	BURTON	WA	\$3,750.00
21	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	BOUNTIFUL	UT	\$3,453.78
22	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	BERKELEY	CA	\$2,513.84
23	FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH	COSTA MESA	CA	\$2,263.96
24	GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CH	LYNNWOOD	WA	\$1,967.62
25	SAN LEANDRO COMMUNITY CH	SAN LEANDRO	CA	\$1,850.85
26	OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$1,400.00
27	CONFRATERNIDAD CRISTIANA	BURIEN	WA	\$1,000.00
28	TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST/SEATTLE		WA	\$637.00
29	GREATER NEW BETHEL BAPTIST	SEATTLE	WA	\$600.00
30	URBAN GRACE - THE DOWNTOWN	TACOMA	WA	\$570.00
31	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	SPOKANE	WA	\$500.00
32	FILIPINO-AM CHRISTIAN FELL	LYNNWOOD	WA	\$420.00
33	NEW WALK CHRISTIAN CHURCH	KENT	WA	\$400.00
34	CHURCH OF THE COVENANT	PALMER	AK	\$250.00
35	SKY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY	RENTON	WA	\$50.00

Evergreen Thanks You for Your 2010 Giving to United Mission

The bread and butter of Evergreen's Budget is United Mission Dollars given by churches. Over sixty percent of those dollars given return to Evergreen. We are thankful for the churches who give faithfully to Untied Mission. The churches giving to United Mission are listed below in order of giving totals. Thanks again, to these churches, their pastors, members and friends.

1	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$37,806.12
2	JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$13,115.05
3	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	TACOMA	WA	\$11,580.92
4	WEDGWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$10,108.58
5	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	CHICO	CA	\$9,775.86
6	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF ISSAQUAH/ISSAQUAH		WA	\$9,000.18
7	BURIEN COMMUNITY CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$5,569.30
8	UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$4,585.00
9	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	MOUNTLAKE TERRACE	WA	\$4,547.00
10	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	PALO ALTO	CA	\$4,000.00
11	FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$3,425.00
12	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	SALT LAKE CITY	UT	\$3,100.00
13	BURTON COMMUNITY CHURCH	BURTON	WA	\$2,600.00
14	SHELL RIDGE COMMUNITY CH	WALNUT CREEK	CA	\$2,521.40
15	PANTHER LAKE COMMUNITY CH	KENT	WA	\$2,458.61
16	GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH	SAN JOSE	CA	\$2,212.00
17	THE UNITED CHURCH	MOSCOW	ID	\$2,142.00
18	NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FEL/RENTON		WA	\$2,000.00
19	SAN LEANDRO COMMUNITY CH	SAN LEANDRO	CA	\$1,800.85
20	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEM	RENTON	WA	\$1,678.82
21	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	BOUNTIFUL	UT	\$1,242.54
22	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$774.86
23	FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH	COSTA MESA	CA	\$687.96
24	OAK LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH	SEATTLE	WA	\$600.00
25	URBAN GRACE - THE DWNTWN CH	TACOMA	WA	\$570.00
26	TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST/SEATTLE		WA	\$415.00
27	CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	SPOKANE	WA	\$250.00
28	GOOD SHEPHERD BAPTIST CH	LYNNWOOD	WA	\$247.00
29	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	BERKELEY	CA	\$241.97
30	NEW WALK CHRISTIAN CHURCH	KENT	WA	\$200.00
31	SKY CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY	RENTON	WA	\$50.00

Lemon Trees of Hope

Dear Loved Ones,
Happy New Year. We pray and hope that you had a blessed Christmas season in the Lord. We pray that God will keep you all safe and blessed this New Year.



November 28 and the violent manifestations, and finally the death of thousands and thousands of fish on Lake Azuei toward the end of December.

Haitians have remained strong, together; still proud of who they are as people of God and hopeful for a better Haiti tomorrow.

We feel blessed to be part of a country that have suffered a lot but has demonstrated that nothing on earth can separate them from the love of God. It is this love that keeps Haitians strong in the midst of all the calamities the country has gone through: earthquake in January 12, Hurricane Thomas at the end September, Cholera outbreak in mid-October, presidential election on

Learning from these strong and determined people we decided to end the year by planting 4 lemon trees. Lemon is used to make juice, to clean all kind of meats and to disinfect the dishes.

While we are praying for a peaceful and prosperous 2011 for Haiti, we are also praying for all of God's blessings on you.

Yours in Haiti,

Nzunga Kihomi & Kihomi Ngwemi

Haiti Videos Available for Viewing

The first of seven new videos, **"Introduction: Haiti Seeds of Hope"** shows the experience of the media team that went to Haiti in December hoping to document progress on projects supported by American Baptist churches and individuals. What they found was ... seeds of hope in unexpected places!

Go to http://www.internationalministries.org/topics/haiti_earthquake to view and download this, or any of the seven videos.

Judson Press Regional Rebate Program Still Nets Region a Rebate

Thank you to Shirley Wilkinson and Wally Bartlow who remembered to enter Evergreen's regional code (38) when they made purchases through Judson Press. As a result, Evergreen received a 10% rebate of their purchase amounts.

Here's how it works:

Purchase books, curricula,

church supplies and more online at www.judsonpress.com.

At checkout, enter code 38 in the Region Code box.

We will then receive a check worth a generous 10% of the total sales based on our region's code.

If you're already a Judson Press customer, simply start using the code when making your pur-

chases and our region will benefit from the sale. If you haven't ordered from Judson Press in the past, now is the perfect time to shop its impressive inventory. Check out new releases, best sellers, curriculum samples, clearance items, church supplies, and more.



New Walk Celebrates its Sixth Church Anniversary and Invites You

New Walk Christian Church invites you to be a part of its 6th year Church Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, March 6, 2011, at 3 PM.

The keynote speaker is the Rev Herbert Carey, Pastor of

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Baptist Church, Renton WA. MLK's choir will sing.

Also joining in the service will be the gospel recording artist, *Heavenly Scent*.

A lite meal will be served from 1:15 PM -2:30 PM.

And your attendance completes the guest list for the celebration.

Pastor Walter Heyman and congregation

Volunteer Musicians Wanted for Judson Park Retirement Community

Music is a vital part of our spiritual lives. Sacred music revives the spirit. Singing familiar hymns, songs and psalms gives comfort, nurtures faith and inspires spiritual growth. Singing together builds community.

Judson Park Retirement Community, located in Des Moines, Washington, is recruiting volunteer musicians to enhance weekly Sunday

evening vespers services (6:00 pm) with sacred music and to accompany congregational singing. As a volunteer musician at Judson Park, you will have a unique opportunity to assist with meaningful worship enriching the spiritual lives of resident elders, make new friends and discover new avenues for your spiritual growth as well. Your commitment to one Sunday evening a month (or quarter if that

fits your schedule) will be a significant blessing to many and personally rewarding.

If you would like to learn more about how you can bless others with your gift for music as a volunteer at Judson Park, contact Bill Painter at 206-870-6676; or bpainter@abhow.com

Faithful Action for the Common Good! **InterFaith Advocacy Day** **Thursday, March 17, 2011** in Olympia

Participate in an interfaith gathering, learn about advocacy and current legislation, and have an opportunity to advocate in Olympia! All faith communities are encouraged to participate.

Register online at <http://thewac.org/ifad2011/>
Register before March 10th for the Early Bird ticket price.

Limited scholarships may be available.

Go green! Bring a few friends and carpool or reserve a spot on the bus with stops in

Mountlake Terrace and Seattle.

For more information, email wac@thewac.org or call 206.625.9790.

Remember to wear green!

For more information, visit www.ea-abc.org

Sponsors include: Associated Ministries/Pierce County • Church Council of Greater Seattle • Council on American Islamic Relation-WA • Diocese of Olympia (The Episcopal Church in Western Washington) • Earth Ministry • **Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches** • Interfaith Taskforce on Homelessness • Interfaith Works • Islamic Civic Engagement • Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle • Lutheran Public Policy Office • Pacific NW Conference UCC • Social Justice & Peacemaking Ministry Team, Presbytery of Seattle • United Methodist Women • Washington Association of Churches

PCBA—Baptists Lunching together

BLT Luncheons at Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland CA

Lunch Time -12 Noon

Lunch Cost: \$8.00

Program Time -1:15 PM

****February 23:** Dr. LeAnn Snow, Dean/former Old Tes-

tament Professor at ABSW ,
“*Update on Seminary News*”

****March 16:** Rev. Steven Reimer, Director, “*Samaritan Neighborhood Center*”

****April 6:** Dr. Nancy Hall, Faculty member-ABSW,
“*New Ideas in Hymnody*”

****June 1:** Mr. Frank Chris-

tine, President ABCUSA,
“*Report on ABC Biennial*”

Please call Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008 to make your reservations.

**** May 7:** Spring Conference Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek

Missionaries Will Be in Our Area—Invite them to Share with Your Group

We have invited **Missionaries, Adalia Schellinger-Gutierrez and Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes** to visit with us in the Seattle area and will have some open dates on their calendars.

If your small group or congregation, wishes to arrange for either or both of these missionaries to share with you, please call 253-859-2226; or email Clem at clemeba@comcast.net to begin

January 2011

The New Year found me in Michigan helping my Dad and family celebrate his 90th Birthday. We had good times together. When we went out to dinner after the “official” party we sat at a long table where Dad sat at one end and at the other was his great-granddaughter who will celebrate her 1st birthday in a few days! Dad’s mind is still sharp, he’s still telling long stories (as was evident at his Birthday Party) and in relative good health.

Returning home to have surgery on my foot, has kept me closely condo-bound for the rest of the month. In fact, I didn’t attend the MLK Day service, but remain grateful to all who put that event to-

making arrangements.

Adalia Gutierrez serves as a missionary to Durban, South Africa training and equipping local churches, pastors and missionaries to combat life-style related diseases like HIV/AIDS, heart and artery disease, diabetes and malaria and will be available for speaking engagements the week of April 10—14, 2011.

Mercy Barnes serves in Mexico focused on leadership

gether and to each person who took a leadership role—participating so very well. Seattle First Baptist Church’s Kellie Whitlock was especially helpful in making me a DVD! So I did get to experience it, even if it was a week or so later. Thank you, Kellie and Seattle First, Dr. Braxton, Panther Lake Community Church Choir and New Beginnings Psalmist Choir! Thanks for helping us remember who has called us and to what we are called. Thank you to each person who joined in the remembrance.

I should be back on two feet again after a Doctor’s appointment in the middle of this month. Each day I re-

development for new church planting, teaching at the Seminary, and work with short-term mission groups from the United States, and will be available for speaking engagements in the days before or after March 26, 2011.

We must fill their schedules in order to assure the cost-effectiveness of their trips to our area.

Let us hear from you, so you can hear from them!

by Marcia Patton

main grateful for friends who make my life so much better. Special angels of mercy are Clem Winbush, Nancy Darnell and Carol Sutton. I am reminded that visitors and phone calls are welcome when health issues mean you can’t get around. Thank you, too, for prayers. I know prayers are being said and prayers, too, are very welcome and appreciated.

Remember us this month during our Leaders Retreat (February 11 and 12). Evergreen has many opportunities and challenges before it, our opportunity to be together will help us forge a good year for God’s work.



Take Your Pastor/Church Leader/Friend/Family to the Ball Game-June 13

It's time again for the Evergreen Family's annual "Take Your Pastor...to the Ball Game" event.

This year on Monday, June 13th, we will attend the Seattle Mariners vs. Los Angeles Angels at Safeco Field—game time 7:10 PM.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be ordered by including the number of tickets in an email to clem@ea-abc.org; leaving a telephone message at 253-859-2226, faxing your order to 253-859-1537, or completing the form below and mailing it with your pay-

ment. When your check or money order made payable to Evergreen Association, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032 is received, the tickets will be mailed to you.

Please place your order by May 13, 2011.



BASEBALL TICKET(S) ORDER FORM

Seattle Mariners vs. Los Angeles Angels

June 13, 2011



Name _____ Date _____

Tickets _____ @ \$10 each = \$ _____ Amount Enclosed

Mail Tickets to: _____

Please make check or money order payable to Evergreen Association; send to 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032

You may also phone (253-859-2226), fax (253-859-1537) or email (clem@ea-abc.org) your request, and when payment is received, the ticket (s) will be mailed to you.

ORDERS MUST BE IN THE KENT OFFICE BY 4:30 PM ON MAY 13, 2011

American Baptist Women's Ministries of the PNW—Scholarships Available

American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Pacific Northwest are again offering three \$500 scholarships to deserving students who are preparing for full time Christian service for the academic year 2011/2012.

The application form and applicant guidelines are available via snail mail at Evergreen Association, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA or fax at 253-859-1537.

Be mindful that applications and references must be post-

marked no later than March 7, 2012.

Also, in certain cases, the American Baptist Financial Aid Program will match the scholarship at related ABC seminaries or colleges.



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Please submit articles by the 23rd of the month prior to expected publication.

You are encouraged to copy and/or reprint information and articles.



Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton
Executive Minister

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

Calendar of Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

11-12—Leaders' Retreat,
Camp Burton

MARCH

17—Faith Advocacy Day in
Olympia

APRIL

2—**Building Bridges Day**, with Eric Law. Details Later.

16—**Association Board Meeting, 9 AM, Wedgwood**

24—**Easter Sunrise Service**, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University Campus, 7:30 AM

JUNE

13—Take your Pastor/Church Leader to the Ball Game, Mariners vs. Angels, 7:10 PM

24-26—American Baptist Biennial, San Juan Puerto Rico

JULY

4-9—Baptist Peace Fellowship of NA Summer Conference, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg VA.

AUGUST

15-19 Kaleidoscope Institute NW—"Process for Planned Change", Rainbow Lodge, North Bend WA

OCTOBER

14-15 - Evergreen Annual Meeting 2011, Seattle First Baptist Church

MISSION STATEMENT

Being a culturally diverse people who are one in Christ and who value the liberties of our American Baptist Heritage, the Evergreen Baptist Association will

Build bridges between communities;

Provide resources to **equip member churches** to share Christ and teach God's word; and

Translate our unity to the world.

