



Evergreen Notes

Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

Volume 12, Issue 1

God bless you throughout 2013

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Worship Service



Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

You, your family and friends are invited to come together

for the Annual

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Community Worship Service at Tabernacle Baptist Church (Rev. Dr. Robert L. Manaway, host pastor), 2801 S

Jackson Street, Seattle WA 98118, 6:00 PM on Monday, January 21, 2013.

Through this celebration of the life of Dr. King—an American Baptist preacher/pastor—we are reminded of the faith which permeated his message of nonviolence and freedom for all people. Events in the very recent past are painful reminders



Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews

that his message is relevant today!

The celebration this year

features the Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, Director of Clergy Organizing for the PICO National Network of California.

Come, bring a family member, friend or neighbor and let us worship together.

Inside this issue:

<i>Why Planned Giving: Webinar from ABF</i>	2
THANK YOU!	3-4
<i>Wedgwood Calls Pastor & Invites you to Installation</i>	5
<i>Peace Delegation to Hiroshima (Pictures)</i>	4-6
<i>Evergreen Recipient of Estate Giving</i>	6
<i>ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant Fund (to Ameliorate Poverty)</i>	9
<i>The Forgotten Pearl Harbor Story</i>	10

Prayer Concerns

Churches Seeking Pastoral Leadership: Filipino-American Christian Fellowship, Urban Grace-Tacoma, Japanese Baptist Church

2013 Haiti Mission Trip

That we continue turning to the Lord for the healing of our land

Perla's Pearls: Christmas Reflections



Rev. Perla Belo
Association Chair

Hanging from the ceiling of our living room is a home-made blue and

white star-shaped lantern called "parol". In many homes in the Philippines, "parols" are hung both inside and outside of homes. But living in rainy Seattle, the outside is

no place for a "parol". The "parol" is one Filipino tradition that we keep. "Parols" represent the star that guided the three magi to

(Continued on page 2)

Why Planned Giving: Webinar Invitation from American Baptist Foundation

Pastors and Organizational/ Financial Leaders are encouraged to register for this informative webinar. This 30-minute conversation will provide valuable insights on:

The benefits and necessity of having a planned giving program

How to use endowments and planned giving resources to garner support

Perla's Pearls

(Continued from page 1)

where the Lord Jesus was born.

Our faith in Christ influences and shapes our practice of Christmas. The story of Christmas as told in the gospel of Luke (Luke 2:4-19) is the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ as a human being to be the Savior of humankind. The name Jesus means "Savior" and Christ means "the anointed one." Jesus is also called "Emmanuel" which means God with us.

Christmas begins with God. The greatest gift to humankind is God's gift of His Son, the Lord Jesus. Christmas is first and foremost a spiritual

How working with American Baptist Foundation can simplify this process for your church and/or ministry

Webinar dates and times:

· Monday, January 14, 2013 – 1pm ET; 10 AM PT

· Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013 – 3pm ET; 12 Noon PT

Please RSVP by email, at abfadmin@abc-usa.org, or call the Foundation office at 610-

768-2035.

The deadline to RSVP is January 10, 2013. You can access the invitation flyer at the following webpage (the link to the pdf is on the page):

<http://www.abcofgiving.org/announcements/why-planned-giving-free-webinar>

Rev. Perkin Simpson, MBA
Executive Director
American Baptist Foundation

continued

celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. God gave His most precious gift of Jesus because He loves us and desires to reconcile us to Himself and to save us from our sin. To truly celebrate Christmas, is to personally receive Jesus Christ, by faith, as one's Savior from sin and as Lord to be obeyed.

One will be delivered from the secular craziness of the Christmas season (shopping, parties, overspending, overeating, etc.) if the practice of Christmas centers upon celebrating the birth of Jesus as Savior of the world.

As one Christian wrote: "Look at Christmas in a new way this year. This is the year to

"...delivered from the secular craziness of the Christmas season (shopping, parties, overspending, overeating, etc.)..."

invite Jesus into your heart; you will then have a "Merry Christmas." The joy and peace you will receive will last all year (and the rest of your life) as you look to God (for your life) and for all your needs to be met."

Perla

Thank You! Thank You!! Thank You!!!

Evergreen is very blessed to have generous donors/friends/supporters. We are fortunate that folks near and far think enough of Evergreen to gift us with funds that make our ministry possible. Some give monthly, others give once or twice a year. We are blessed. As of December 19 we had over 225 donors that gave from \$4 to over \$4,000 that equal \$34,338! Words of appreciation are not enough. These folks make a difference, help our ministry stay together and are indeed our life blood. Some gave anonymously.

But for all those that gave we give thanks.

Our friends who gave under \$100

Terie Akada
Rev. James Barnett
Rev. Herbert & Diane Carey
Judie Clarridge
Stephanie Commandest
Carole Cornell
Daisy Cox
Rev. Nancy Darnell
Rev. Charles Elven Sr.
Gary & Kathryn Felker
Juanita Freye
Rev. Dr. Judy & Leonard Gay
Ruth Gray-Fossett
Daniel Hansen
Rev. Paul & Linda Rae Hardwick

Lee Ann Hartley
Glenda Hawley
Dr. Akira Ishimaru
Janice Jackson
Earl Jones
Rubye L. Jones
Steven Kurlé
Adrienne Lawrence
Jim & Marjorie Leggett
Carla Lewis
Chaplain Lynn Lohr
Rev. Keith & Cathryn Madsen
Juanita Mae
Rev. Dr. Paul Martin
Rev. Dana McClendon
Rev. Dr. Clinton McNair
Rev. Dr. Rick Mitchell
Virginia Nielsen
Stephanie Ogle
Dan Peterson
John Peterson
Anita Pittman
Marilyn Potts
Lynn Pulliam
Rev. Janet Roberts
Deborah Robinson
Paul Roby
Leland Ross
Chellie Rowland
Vivan Sandaas
Charlotte Scherer
Rev. Dayle & Darlene Scott
Meri Shimada

Bill & Barbara Sloan
Eleanor Smith
Leota Stanley
Dale Sutton
Rev. Jerald & Bonnie Sutton
Deborah Taylor
Rev. Jacqueline Thompson
Ethelmae Walter
Helen Watkins
Michael & Martha Welch
Dehlia Winbush
Tony & Carol Zeigler

Friends who gave \$100-\$499

Dr. Paul & Gail Aita
Wally Bartlow & Family
Belva Baxter
Rev. Perla & Gasat Belo
Rev. Christopher & Connie Boyer
Barry & Anne Briscoe
Mabel Brockhoff
Barbara Bryant
Emily "Lee" Campbell
Karen & Ray Carter
Mary Cline
Ken & Gila Curl
Rev. Craig & John Darling
John & Coralea Doty
Jim & Marge Erickson
Rev. Alvin & Mary Fischer
Trolice & Anna Flavors

(Continued on page 4)

Thank You!

(Continued from page 3)

Alan & Judith Gage
 Kathryn Hansen-Kleiser
 Ingeborg Hart
 Marty Hightower
 Samara Hoag
 Rev. Dr. Sam Hochstatter
 Seawellow Holland
 Rev. Michelle & Douglas Holmes
 Rev. Lynn & Marilyn Hunwick
 Dr. Richard Ice
 Dr. Dean Ishiki
 Rev. Wiley & Nancy Kehrl
 Hatti Layton
 Karen Louis-Jeune
 Frank & Priscilla Lowe
 Sylvia Luckie-Benefiel
 Herbie Martin
 Harold & Alice Murphy
 Jeananne Oliphant
 Bobbie Patterson
 Renna Pierce
 Rev. Curtis & Robbin Price

Marilyn Pulliam
 Bruce & Candace Sagor
 Rev. Yukio & Makio Sakiyama
 Rev. J. Manuel Santiago
 Drs. Charles & Pam Scalise
 Eldora Sloan
 Hon. Charles Z. Smith
 Rev. Carol Sutton

"...These folks make a difference, help our ministry stay together and are indeed our life blood..."

Bill & Virginia Thompson
 Marian Voge
 Lauren Walker
 Rev. Sarah Welton
 Rev. Ken & Kathy Weston

Friends who gave \$500-\$999

Bonnie & Keith Harding
 Mary Ellen Harris

continued

Rev. Gay & Phyllis Hasselblad
 Rev. Ellis & Karen Keck
 Rev. Timothy Phillips & Patrick Greene
 Willie & Faye Stewart

Friends who gave \$1000 or more

Roxanne Fowler
 Bonnie & Keith Harding
 Harriett Harrington
 Roy Johnson
 Rev. Ronald Kirstein
 Yosh & Sue Nakagawa
 Dr. Marcia Patton
 William & Sara Patton
 Joyce Phillips
 Rev. David & Terri Simpkins
 Carol Tamparo
 Herb Tsuchiya
 Rev. Guadalupe & Francelina Vasquez

Peace Delegation to Hiroshima

(More on page 5)



Pastor Brooks Andrews at the Schmoie Museum



L-R: Emery Andrews, Ruth Jenkins, Daisy Tibbs & Floyd Schmoie



Pastor Andrews presents his father's records of the 1950's trip to Hiroshima

Wedgwood Community Church Calls Pastor & Invites You to the Installation



Rev. William Mauldin

After searching for more than two years for a permanent pastor, Wedgwood Community Church is pleased to announce that the Reverend William (Wim) Mauldin has accepted the position as our new spiritual leader. Pastor Wim became our pastor last October, taking over for the Reverend Nancy Darnell, who had served as Wedgwood's interim pastor since August 2010.

Pastor Wim grew up near Palo Alto, about 30 miles

south of San Francisco, and graduated from San Diego State University, as well as Bethel and Luther Seminaries in St. Paul. He has extensive experience in ministry, including pastorates at Murray Baptist Church in Salt Lake City and Central Baptist Church in Spokane; and has more than ten years' experience organizing faith, labor, education, and non-profit groups, helping to facilitate needed changes in those communities.

Please join us for the formal installation of Reverend Wim Mauldin on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 2 p.m. The installation service will be followed

by a reception in the fellowship hall.

An RSVP is not necessary, but would help us prepare for the reception. Leave a message at 206.522.5778 or send an email to admin@wedgwoodchurch.org.

Wedgwood Community Church's address is 8201 - 30th Ave., NE, Seattle, WA, 98115. For directions go to: <http://www.mapquest.com/maps?address=8201+30th+Ave+NE&city=Seattle&state=WA&zipcode=98115>

The Dedication of the Floyd Schmoe Museum in Hiroshima, Japan



The Schmoe House, Naka-ku, Hiroshima, Japan
Built in 1951



Sue and Dr. Yosh Nakagawa with Dr. Fred Hasegawa, a hibakusha (A-Bomb survivor) of the Seattle delegation



Brooks Andrews; Wilfred Schmoe; Yosh Nakagawa

Youth Reps for the 2013 ABCUSA Mission Summit (Biennial Meeting)

The deadline for identifying Evergreen Association's two (2) youth to serve as Regional Youth Representatives (RYR) to the 2013 ABCUSA Mission Summit (formerly called the Biennial) in Overland Park, Kansas City KS, June 20—24, 2013 is fast approaching.

The deadline for submitting applications is February 28, 2013.

Selected emerging young American Baptist youth lead-

ers will engage in the positive and relevant experience of the larger denominational family.

This is a leadership opportunity for young adults representing their local congregation as delegates (local churches should count youth reps among the number of representatives allowed) to participate in the business of the denomination.

Interested youth must mini-

mally have completed their sophomore year in high school and/or maximally, their freshman year of college by June 2013.

Transportation will be paid and housing provided for the selected youths.

Interested youth and/or youth leaders should contact Marcia Patton at marciaeba@comcast.net or 253-859-2226 for application or more details.

Evergreen Recipient of Generous Estate Giving

Evergreen received a donation from the **Estate of Esther Johnson**, long-time member of the San Leandro Community Church. The accompanying letter reads in part,

"Your organization has been part of our life and/or within

our sense of mission over the years. In appreciate of that connection, you will find a check for \$10,000 enclosed with this letter.

May your ministry and your contributions to San Leandro and the wider community be blessed and empowered"

Signed by Gene Bass, President; Jannette Jones, Treasurer; Dayle Scott, Secretary
Editor's Note: *With grateful hearts we acknowledge your gift to the ministries of Evergreen Association.*



Corean Andrews & JoAnn Sims chat

Peace Delegation to Hiroshima



Delegation brought flowers to the Hiroshima Peace Park Cenotaph to pay respect to victims of the A-Bomb.

The Implications of Incarnation

Pastor Greg Ledbetter

I'd like to share a good thought from one of our pastors this month. I do read newsletters, and you often see notes picked up from newsletters in this space. With some editing for our wider context, I share with you words and thoughts from Greg Ledbetter, pastor of Shell Ridge Church in Walnut Creek CA. With a few concluding words from me, Marcia.

Notes from the Journey

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.
--Howard Thurman*

Dear Church Family,

Howard Thurman has always been on my long list of "heroes". I heard him speak at my college many years ago and found his words and presence to be extraordinarily deep, wise and nourishing. For years I've turned and returned to his many short musings, many of which were written for the back of the worship bulletins used at the Church of the Fellowship of All Peoples in San Francisco, the first racially integrated, intercultural

church in America, where Thurman served as the founding pastor.

Thurman's famous poem, *The Work of Christmas*, speaks of the necessary implications of incarnation and serves as an invigorating counter-balance to W. H. Auden's wonderfully dreary post-Christmas dirge that concludes his Christmas Oratorio, *For the Time Being*.

Whereas Auden notes the predictable and depressing failure to fully live out the often grandiose expectations of Christmas, Thurman suggests that post-Christmas is not a time for moping, but a time for rolling up the proverbial sleeves and engaging with the real needs and concerns of the world around us.

As we get ready to put up our new 2013 wall calendars, we know well that the "old troubles" will follow us into the "New Year" like a sad-eyed puppy. The need remains great for people who not only understand the implications of the incarnation, but are willing to allow that thoroughly practical working-birth to occur in and through them.

But what to do, exactly? How do we set free our "inner incarnational infant"? Freder-

ick Buechner writes that "the place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." And in a conversation, Howard Thurman told a friend that our "call" could be described, in essence, as that "which makes you come alive." These are some good hints from two very wise souls...

As you "deconstruct Christmas" in the weeks ahead, strain the incarnational baby from the bathwater and [seek to find] your place in "the work of Christmas" and your role in the ongoing work of Shalom.

Christmas Grace and Peace to you and yours,

Pastor Greg

Marcia's note: As we ponder what our response might be, consider the wider church family and how we might demonstrate the building of relationships between our churches and indeed with the wider world.

May God bless you throughout 2013.

Dear Loved Ones,
Greeting and Merry Christmas.

Here is what I went through during my week of visiting 6 churches in the deep end of Haiti. First the road to many of our churches is rough. It takes special courage to risk one's life on those roads. Some of the places have



Spinning Eyes Road Construction

names like "yeux virés" or spinning eyes. Looking at these valleys it is easy to get dizzy and faint. Another problem is that you can not imagine how long it will take to get where you going although you know the distance. Sometimes a truck has flipped over, landslide, flood, broken road, broken bridge,... or work on the road which was

the case when I was going through the spinning eyes road to Savanette. It took us five hours instead of two and half. Again, thanks for the good truck you provided for us.



Kihomi waiting in the truck

After seeing where our ladies come from to attend our meetings and trainings, I have come to respect them more. They endure a great deal of sacrifices and risk their lives on the most dangerous roads I have seen in this country in fourteen years of ministries. The visit also showed how much women were excited, interested and involved in the Lord's work. Everywhere I



Ladies of Lascaobas



Ladies of Baptiste

went women were the majority in churches and very active. In two churches they have very active sewing centers and one grinding machine for rice and another machine for maze. I saw how the teaching of micro finances is producing fruits. Beside, they always do evangelism in their communities.

All the women wished to have such visits on a regular basis. Because of your commitment I can say: "Here I am Lord, send me".



Ladies of Belladere

Thank you for your prayers and support to our ministries.
Yours in Haiti,
Kihomi & Nzunga Mabudiga

Why Keep Historical Records?

According to the American Baptist Historical Society, "historical records identify your unique congregation, record its decisions, and leave a visible trail of activities and ministry.

Identifying and preserving records of value is an important task for each local church. Records enable a congregation to fulfill its legal and

financial obligations, and historical records also:

- Serve as a resource for current ministry,
- Remind people about mistakes that still apply to the present,
- Provide illustrations for publications,
- Provide information for writing the history of your community, region or state.

Part I

Document the role of churches in political and social movements,
Assist persons seeking to know more about their family history,
Enrich anniversary celebrations.

Read part II of "Why Keep Historical Records?" in the February 2013 edition.

ABCUSA Introduces Matthew 25 Grant Fund



VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 12/13/12)—American Baptist Churches USA is excited to announce the **ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant**. Created through monetary gifts of a generous donor, this fund is designed to channel gifts to help meet the needs of *“housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate”*. The donor’s primary wish is to help ameliorate poverty. The **ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant** fund has been established to respond to this donor’s generosity and the great need existing in communities.

In order to be eligible for funds,

ministries must have a relationship with American Baptist Churches. Awards from the fund will be disbursed twice a year, in April and in October, and the maximum amount given to any ministry will be \$5,000 per disbursement. Due to the limited funds available, the application process will be competitive, with grants being awarded to organizations or churches that best exemplify the goal to help end poverty. A committee has been formed to review the applications and make the awards.

The application process is structured to help small ministries with limited staff time. Each

applicant will need to complete a one-page form, and add a one-page explanation about the need for and uses of the funds. Ministries of any size that relate to ABC are welcome to apply, including local churches. The application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15, and September 1 for grants distributed on October 15.

To download the application form, [click here](#).

For questions about the Matthew 25 Grant, please contact Beth Fogg at Beth.Fogg@abc-usa.org

Faith Action Network (FAN) Awards Dinner

Evergreen Association, an ecumenical partner with Faith Action Network, was represented at FAN’s Annual Awards Dinner held at Seattle’s Temple De Hirsch Sinai by Chris and Connie Boyer (Good Shepherd Baptist Church); Guadalupe and Francelina Vasquez (Confraternidad Ebenezer), and James and Clem Winbush (New Beginnings Christian Fellowship).



The inspiring and visually exciting program united FAN advocates and partners in celebration of FAN’s work for justice in 2012. Attendance was a record-breaking 400 and included representatives from over 60 faith communities;

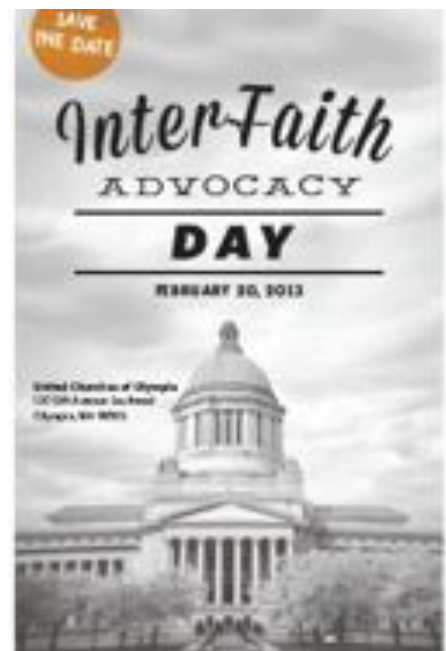
many faith traditions and community partners. There were key elected officials and many faith leaders from across the region.

Funds raised through this event will aid FAN in working to develop a partnership with legislators resulting in faith-inspired policies for a just, compassionate, and sustainable world through community building, education, and courageous public action!

FAITH ACTION NETWORK

A Partnership for the Common Good

Washingtonians: Save the date for Interfaith Advocacy Day and plan to participate: Wednesday, February 20, 2013, United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Avenue SE, in Olympia, WA!



The forgotten Pearl Harbor story: Video lifts up American Baptist ministry in World War II internment camps

During World War II, thousands of men, women and children of Japanese descent were unjustly imprisoned, by executive order, in U.S. internment camps because of wartime hysteria and fear that they would serve as spies for the country of their heritage. Subjected to harsh living conditions, Japanese immigrants in the camps included parents of American-born young men fighting in U.S. military units. Two-

thirds of those interned, born on American soil, were U.S. citizens. Society turned its back, but American Baptist missionaries stood with the oppressed, affirming them as brothers and sisters in Christ, and ministering to their needs. In "A Church Stands With Its People," American Baptist Home Mission Societies lifts up the innocent individuals and **Japanese Americans** who endured the injustice as well

as the courageous American Baptists who swam against the tide of popular opinion to serve as the hands and feet of Christ during what is, undoubtedly, a bleak period of American history.

To view the video "A Church Stands With Its People" go to <http://www.abc-usa.org/2012/12/07/american-baptist-ministry-in-world-war-ii-internment-camps/>

Congratulations Councilman Christopher Boyer

Rev. Christopher Boyer, pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Lynnwood WA has been selected to fill an unexpired term on the Lynnwood City Council.

He was sworn in by his wife

Constance Boyer (a notary public as required by local laws)!

Evergreen



Association extends congratulations to Pastor Boyer even as this new responsibility means he will not continue to serve as Evergreen's Minister of Development.

BLT: Baptists Lunching Together

Wednesday Luncheons at 12:15 PM

Grand Lake Gardens, 401 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland

January 9 - Naw San Dee

Pastor, SF Kachin Baptist "Encouraging Burmese Refugees"

February 20 - David Robinson

Exec. Dir., Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy, SC County

March 20 - J. Alfred Smith, Jr.

Sr. Pastor, Allen Temple Baptist

"Expanding Ministries"

April 17 - Kay Kallender

Senior V-P, Strategic Planning American Baptist Homes

"Understanding Dementia Care"

Reservations should be made by the Monday of the luncheon week.

Call Joan Thatcher at 510-350-7008.

A Christmas Miracle after Kihomi's Long Journey

Nzunga Mbudiga

...Only three days after [Kihomi's return] home, she became sick with dengue fever ("break bone fever"). We thought of this dengue fever as being far away from us and never dreamed of having it in our life time in Haiti.

Kihomi was struggling not knowing what was wrong. We thought it might be exhaustion but did not know how to begin to treat exhaustion. After two days, we called [Missionaries] Dr. Steve and his wife Nancy [who had just

returned following their time in the US] and they came right away.

After listening to the complaints, right away they knew it was dengue fever. As medical people they ordered her to stop some of the medications she was taking for her blood pressure. They didn't want her pressure to drop too low. She started taking fluid. They were here to visit us morning and night. They added prayers to their visits.

In less than a week, Ki-

homi ... drank over 60 bottles of Gatorade. What a blessed gift to have experienced doctors with us. What would we do if they were not here? Many Haitians doctors don't know much about dengue fever because it is more in the Dominican Republic than Haiti.

How can we explain the fact that Dr. Steve and wife Nancy were here just in time to help Kihomi? God operated our Christmas miracle.

Holy Roller Restored: Old train car that brought religion now being saved

Excerpt from an article by Erik Lacitis in the December 27, 2012 Seattle Times.

In the unchurched towns of the American West, railroad chapel cars brought religion where saloons and brothels ruled. The Northwest Railway Museum in Snoqualmie is restoring one such car, the Messenger of Peace, that traveled [WA] state..

It is a wooden railway car — the Messenger of Peace — built specifically to be a church on wheels

and bring religion to the unchurched towns that popped up as the railroads expanded...

The Messenger came with 17 rows of pews that could seat 85 worshippers. It had an organ, a lectern and a phonograph donated by Thomas Edison....

Work on the Messenger of Peace is expected to be finished next summer and it'll be put on display [at the Northwest Railway

Museum, Snoqualmie WA].

To read the article in its entirety: http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/local-news/2019996234_chapelcar27m.html

NOTE: *The Messenger of Peace is an American Baptist Education and Publication Society Chapel Car.*

Evergreen Leaders at Bush Gardens

L_R: James & Clem Winbush, Marcia Patton, Cynthia Hunter, Bob Sittig



Walter Heyman



Perla & Gasat Belo



The Gerry Suaverdezses



Frank & Priscilla Lowe



Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches

409 Third Avenue S, Suite A
Kent WA 98032-5843

Phone: 253-859-2226

Fax: 253-859-1537

E-mail: eba@ea-abc.org

Visit us on the web at
www.ea-abc.org

Evergreen Notes, the newsletter for member churches, ecumenical partners, national affiliates, and friends of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches is published monthly.

Please submit articles by the **24th** of the month prior to expected publication.

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

Building Bridges, Resourcing Churches & Translating Our Unity

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
US
PAID
Kent WA
Permit No. 451



Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton
Executive Minister


Calendar of Upcoming Events

January 21, 2013—MLK Day Worship Service, Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews, preaching, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2801 S Jackson Street, Seattle 98118, 6:00 PM

February 9, 2013—Leaders' Retreat, Good Shepherd Baptist Church

February 20, 2013—InterFaith Advocacy Day, hosted at United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave. SE, Olympia WA 98501—Registration info soon

March 31, 2013—Easter Community Sunrise Service, St. Ignatius Chapel, Seattle University, 7 AM

 **June 21-23, 2013 – Mission Summit, AB-CUSA Biennial, Overland Park, Kansas**

July 15-20, 2013—Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) 2013 Summer Conference "Peace Camp", Gonzaga University, Spokane, Washington

October 10 –12, 2013 Evergreen Annual Meeting, Japanese 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.