



EVERGREEN NOTES

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TAKE YOUR PASTOR, FAMILY, AND/OR FRIEND AND LET'S GO OUT TO THE BALLGAME: MARINERS vs. ORIOLES!!

It's time to go "Out to the ballgame" with fellow Evergreen pastors, family and/or friends for the third year!

You purchase tickets at 2 for \$20 and invite others to accompany you or give the tickets to others that they may attend the Mariners vs. Orioles game on Monday, June 4, 2007 at SAFECO Field, 7:05 PM.



Last Year one congregation decided to send its youth department and members of the congregation purchased the tickets and donated them so that some 20 youth attended and had a great time!

How inventive can you be at your church to spread the good news that believers

have fun, too?

Just send your check or money order and the number of tickets you wish to purchase to: Evergreen Association of ABC, 409 Third Avenue S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032 by the deadline: May 22, 2007; and the tickets will be mailed to the purchaser at your return address.

See you at the ball game!

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Pray without ceasing for:

- *Becky Jurewicz who was able to join the American Baptist Women of the Pacific NW at the Annual Conference in Moses Lake. Having her there brought joy to the hearts of all present.*
- *Barry Briscoe who is still recuperating and getting to church occasionally now.*
- *Churches needing pastoral leadership.*

PETER'S PERSPECTIVES

There can be no appropriate, right, response to the Virginia Tech horrendous tragedy. Much has been reported and written about what

happened. And more is still coming in as the story unfolds. What can I add, why should I even try, because I am reacting to the happening and



Rev. Peter Koshi, Chair, Evergreen Association

higher educational

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EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

*******AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA 2007 BIENNIAL MEETING / CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION** will be held at the Convention Center, Washington DC, June 29—July 2, 2007. The theme is “Arise and Shine”. Information and registration online at: abc-usa.org or call the Evergreen office: 253-859-2226.

*******EURO CAUCUS GATHERING** will follow the

Association Board Meeting at Wedgwood, June 9, 2007, 1:00 PM.

*******SMALL, 4 FT LONG PUTTY COLORED DESK** Available to first potential new owner...call 253-859-2226 or email: clemeba@comcast.net

*******FREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH** invites you to come celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Estey organ

residing at Fremont Baptist, Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The 1929 Laurel and Hardy silent film, "Double Whoopee", will be shown with organ accompaniment by Andy Crow. This is a fitting tribute because the organ began its life as a theater organ in Bremerton. Andy will pull out all the stops with additional musical pieces to show us what the organ can

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FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE OF COLOR FOR BAPTIST PEACE CAMP



Have you ever...

*Wondered if things could be different

but questioned what you could do?

*Dreamed of what could happen if powers and principalities were defeated?

*Wished to understand how destructive systems come into being and how they can be undermined by ordinary people?

*Wanted concrete training to bring change for the social good in your church, school,

job or neighborhood?

*Longed for companions in your commitment to and your work for peace rooted in justice?

If so, this conference is for you! And if you are a person of color, this conference can be free to you.

Scholarships which cover all costs are offered to persons of color interested in and desiring to attend the 2007 Baptist Peace Camp to be held on July 23-28, 2007 at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky.

This gift is for the

person whose heart for peace is rooted in justice. And this opportunity offers time for rest, grounding, nurture, fun training, companionship, music, worship, challenge, sustenance and more.

For information about the Baptist Peace Camp go online to <http://www.bpfna.org/summerconference> and for info on the full scholarships, call Marcia Patton at 253-859-2226 or email: clemeba@comcast.net.



Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America

REMINDER—Dr. Yoshitada Nakagawa receives *Jitsuo Morikawa Evangelism Award* during the New Life 2010 Breakfast, Monday, July 2, 2007.

LOCAL CHURCH LEADERS CALLED

We are grateful for the many prayers for church leadership in the region.

Panther Lake Community Church called the **Rev. Dr. Clinton McNair** as interim. Dr. McNair also serves as Director of Pastoral Counseling and Associate Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Seattle University's School of The-

ology and Ministry.

And **First Baptist Church of Mountlake Terrace** has called **Rev. Dennis Ploude**, as pastor, and his installation service is planned for June 10, 2007, at 3:00 PM. Please plan to be there.

Thank you is expressed to **Rev. Bill Clark** for his able interim ministry at Mount-

lake Terrace until Rev. Ploude was called.

Author Stephen Jones' Book, *Peaceteacher, Jesus' Way of Shalom*, Launched

On Sunday, May 20, 2007, the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America has announced a Launch Sunday for my new book, ***Peaceteacher, Jesus' Way of Shalom***. *I am giving the royalties to the Peace Fellowship for financial support of this vital organization.*

If you would like to participate in Launch Sunday, it involves hosting a book table in your church before and after worship and selling up to

three BPFNA books. They are suggesting that churches order 20 copies of my book, 10 copies of *Through the Year: A Peacemaker's Journal*, and 5 copies of *Radicals! Anabaptists and the Current World Crisis* by George Williamson. You order the books at no cost and return the unsold books and sales to the Peace Fellowship after May 20, or the Sunday you choose. That Sunday is likely the earliest they will be available.

If you would like to participate in this, I'd be most appreciative. You can do so directly by contacting www.bpfna.org/launch. If you would like to order a copy of the book for yourself, they cost \$13 plus shipping or you can purchase a copy from me as I'll have some available here in Seattle. To order from them, you contact www.bpfna.org.

Stephen Jones, Coordinating Pastor, FBC-Seattle

Hatcher, AB Women's Scholarship Recipient

Mary Hatcher, a member of Seattle First Baptist Church and an American Baptist woman from Evergreen Association, was selected by AB Women's Ministries to receive one of four scholarships to at-

tend the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, WI July 21-28, 2007.

Virginia Holmstrom, Executive Director for AB Women's Ministries announced she looks forward to meeting

Mary and prays that the conference will help nurture her interest in women's ministries.

MINISTERS RETREAT: A TIME OF REFLECTION, REJUVENATION & KITE FLYING!

Imagine time in a lovely setting to just sit and read. Imagine standing on a windy ocean beach with the sun shining and the waves crashing and kites flying overhead. Imagine restaurant-quality food -- and lots of it. Imagine the leadership of a seasoned pastoral care leader in prayer and reflection. Imagine enjoying time



with colleagues without the pressure of administrative business. Imagine laughing so hard with those colleagues that it hurts!

Those who were able to attend the April 16-18 Ministers Council retreat at Camp Bethel don't have to imagine. They only have to remember. And we hope that you will be able to help make those kinds of memories next spring. We

will do our best to get the information out to you earlier. We will also maintain the low-volume program format so that you will have time to do what you need to refresh your own ministry and to strengthen relationships with your clergy colleagues.



In the meantime, please re-
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ABCUSA ANNUAL OFFERINGS: May/June—One Great Hour of Sharing

There are four annual offerings received in American Baptist Churches that support four different kinds of mission and ministry.

The time is now for the second offering, normally received during May and June—**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**. Working together with other Christian denominations, this offering supports our response to disasters (floods, tornados, famine, earthquakes, etc.) and needs for economic development around the world. This offering is a way to respond at any time a disaster strikes.

In September and October, giving to the **WORLD MISSION**

OFFERING, is used entirely by International Ministries for its work, including the support of international missionaries. Gifts for identified mission projects may be directed to that project through the World Mission Offering.

During November and December the **RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING** raises dollars which through the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB), are shared with our retired ministers and missionaries and their surviving spouses who receive a Thank You check sent early in December. A portion of the offering is reserved

for the emergency needs of retired servants of God.

And in February and March, the **AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING** is raised to support mission and ministry in the US and Puerto Rico. This "Mission to America" is divided 2/3 to National Ministries (our home mission board) and 1/3 to the Region in which the dollars are raised (in our case—Evergreen Association).

Finally, Evergreen appreciates member churches raising an **OFFERING SPECIFICALLY FOR THE REGION** Also, the Region receives 61.5% of dollars contributed to **UNITED MISSION**.

REMINDER—Rev. Greg Ledbetter receives the *Edward H. Rhoades Urban Ministry Award* at the ABCUSA Biennial during the Children in Poverty Breakfast on Saturday, June 30, 2007.

HALVERSON INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH



Fairview Community Church, a member of the Evergreen Association, called the Reverend Sarah J. Halverson as pastor on May 7, 2006 and held a service of installation on March 25, 2007.

The Evergreen Association-ABC was represented during the installation by the Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive

Minister. And since Fairview is dually aligned, the United Church of Christ was represented by the Rev. Dr. Jane Heckles, Conference Minister of the Southern California Nevada Conference-UCC. Congratulations, Sarah and Fairview! May God bless your relationship and service to the Fairview community.



NEWS FROM ABSW

Thanks to your gifts and the gifts of other supporters, American Baptist Seminary of the West continues to educate the future leadership of Christ's Church. A few of the new opportunities that will be offered next fall by ABSW are concentrations within the Master of Divinity program and three certificate programs.

Also, at its last meeting, the Board of Trustees affirmed

the following Mission Statement of the Seminary:

American Baptist Seminary of the West is a Christ-centered school that educates men and women for leadership in the church of the 21st century who are:

- Prepared to minister in a multicultural and multiracial world
- Rooted in an evangelical heritage and tradition

- Equipped for ecumenical partnership in ministry
- Informed theologically and biblically
- Skilled in the practice of ministry for personal, ecclesial and social transformation
- Committed to the justice demands of the Gospel.

Excerpts from a letter by Michelle M. Holmes, Vice President of ABSW.

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do. In further celebration of Fremont's history, the Historical Society will show digital images of photographs taken in 1937 of all of the

buildings in Fremont. The photographs are from a 1937 Works Progress Administration project. The event is free. For more information, call 206-632-7994.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Together We Make a World of Difference



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The Virginia Tech Massacre: A People of Faith Gather to Pray for Comfort...and Peace



On April 17, the Valley Forge-based staff of American Baptist Churches USA gathered around the peace pole in front of our denominational offices. This simple white pole shares the profound message "May peace prevail on earth" in several different languages and Braille.

In years past, we have gathered at this same place to pray for victims and survivors of the bombing of Oklahoma's Federal Building, for our nation after the September 11 attacks, and for our broken world at the beginning of the Iraq war.

This time we came together, once again, 24 hours after the senseless massacre on the campus of Virginia Tech. We came together as people of faith, struggling in the darkness of fear, confusion and deep, deep sadness, seeking reason, seeking comfort. I shared words that went something like this:

We are shocked and saddened by the wanton violence that has torn apart the lives of students, faculty and their loved ones on the Virginia Tech campus. We open our hearts to them, sharing and bearing their grief. We lift our prayers for them.

While we are shocked by this manifestation of malicious violence, we are not surprised by it. Our American culture is increasingly defined by barbarous acts of incivility. Just recently brilliant and beautiful women—also world class basketball players on their way to becoming physi-

cians, musicians, educators and homemakers—were wounded by a national media mogul who referred to them as "nappy headed hos."

Confessing his complicity to verbal violence, Don Imus said, "I did a bad thing." Bob Steele, a media ethicist at the Poynter Institute, commented in *USA Today* that, along with racism, Imus has a "significant pattern" of making "mean-spirited comments about women and about religion."

Living within a social fabric where this sort of "freedom of speech" reaches millions of listeners, it's no wonder that dehumanizing each other in word grows into dehumanizing each other in action too. That's what happened at Virginia Tech.

The media has reported that a student, Cho Seung-Hui, bought two guns just weeks ago with only two forms of ID and an instant computerized background check. In Virginia, reports indicate, there is no waiting period for the purchase of a gun. Then this student, like Imus, did a bad thing. He walked through the hallways and classrooms pumping bullet after bullet after bullet into students and faculty, irrespective of race, religion, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Thirty-two were killed. We don't know the eventual death toll.

Has the toll of senseless acts of violence such as these made us numb? We hardly pay attention anymore. Here in Valley Forge, it took a numbers person like Sam Duncan, who runs our

Computer Center, to remind us we had not gathered around the peace pole for a very long time.

Why haven't we thought to gather the ABC family every time 32 people die because of the war in Iraq? A 2006 United Nations study reports that more than 34,000 Iraqis died last year alone because of the war—that's 91 every day, three times the number killed at Virginia Tech. We should be gathering for prayer three times a day until this war is over. War is another bad thing.

We see how violence begets violence. How it grows from a word that wounds the heart and soul to a bullet that kills the body. In the wake of this latest slaughter, Lord, help us in our propensity to demonize our enemies and our desire to wipe them off the face of the planet.

As we grieve today, let us also confess. Let us learn to turn toward each other, to see and hear each other, to care for each other—laying down our hate, laying down our weapons, be they words or guns, to follow the Prince of Peace. Let us, together, build the Kingdom where, finally, peace will truly prevail.

With living hope,

A. Leonard F. Wright-Riggins, III

Executive Director, National Ministries

“Blitz Build” Constructs 12 New Houses in 12 Days—Patton A Volunteer

More than 175 American Baptists are among the 450 volunteers working on a “blitz” that aims to build 12 houses in 12 days in a hurricane-devastated area of Baton Rouge LA.



DAY 1 at the house Marcia helped build

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Baton Rouge in partnership with

the National Ministries, American Baptist Churches, USA Progressive National Baptist Convention, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Alliance of Baptists, Baptist World Aid and Canadian Baptist Ministries will build 12 houses in 12 days for families displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The 2007 Baptist Blitz Build will take place April

23 thru May 5 in three locations in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Over 400 Baptists from across the United States and Canada will lend their good hands and hearts to building homes for those who lost everything during Hurricane Katrina.

Victoria Goff, National Ministries Volunteer Coordinator, gave this Blog report:

The day started with a simple ceremony in which the hands of each house leader were washed as a symbol of the momentous undertaking about to begin. After a brief safety meeting, it was time to get underway. Under the watchful eye of the volunteer house leader, high school students, retirees, school teachers, pastors, and other volunteers worked side by side in the hot Louisiana sun. They braced up walls, drove nails, held ladders – in short, they performed what-



ever task was asked of them. In the amount of time that those teenagers would have nor-

mally spent in school, a house had taken shape where an empty cement slab had stood only that morning. True, there was no roof and the walls were not finished but there was no doubt that it was beginning to resemble a house. Actually, those bare studs and window openings stood for so much more than just a place to live. This house meant a chance to start over, a safe place to live; for Tangela Coston and her four children, this house represented hope.

Our executive minister, Dr. Marcia Patton was among the volunteers during the



DAY 6-the house Marcia helped build

week of April 23, 2007. She had opportunity to participate in a hand

washing ceremony along with our General Secretary, Roy Medley.

Also among the volunteers were First Baptist Church Chico, CA’s Pastor Rev. Dr. Ted Sandberg, and members Terry Herringer and her son Chris Herringer. Visit Chico’s website for some journal notes and more pictures. THANKS VOLUNTEERS!

Ministers’ Council

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member the baseball game on June 4 (tickets must be ordered by May 22) and the Seattle Baptist Union sponsored FREE dinner cruise for clergy on August 14.

Also, a reminder that if you have not already done so, we are collecting Ministers Council dues for 2007 now.

Your investment helps us to serve you. Contact Tim Phillips via email: tim@ubc.com or call 206-632-5188.

Blessings and peace to you in the power of the Risen One!

Jim Phillips,

Pastor, University Baptist Church—reporting on behalf of the Ministers Council Leadership Team

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY... Annual Building Bridges Campaign



I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden visions of all our golden dreams...

Rev. Beverly Spears,
Ministry Associate

The theme for the 2007 Evergreen Annual Building Bridges Campaign is *I Love to Tell the Story!* The Evergreen story is an amazing story of courage, vision and faith. It is a unique story; it is an

inspiring story. Telling our story with clarity and passion is the key to realizing our vision, accomplishing our missions and financially sustaining and growing the Region.

The 2007 campaign has already been initiated with an assessment of current thoughts and attitudes about Evergreen from pastors of its member churches. In

February and March, the Association sought information about what pastors desire and need from the Region in order to stay personally interested, active, and supportive, and in order to help their congregations become more interested and supportive. Among the information gathered from pastors was feedback on projects, events, services and

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Filipino American Christian Fellowship (FACF) Mission Team to Philippines

FACF pastor, Don Good and his wife Ruth who were missionaries to the Philippines from 1980—2004, returned there to assist the church they helped plant in the 1990's. Also members of the mission team were the Goods' son, Sam; FACF youth leader, Phoebe Naguit and Phoebe's cousin, D.J. Aquino. D.J. led many children in making crafts which can often become a bridge to reach out to

the children's parents.

The group shared Christ in Davao City for about two weeks earlier this year. They were able to share several skits, testimonies and then the gospel with students at a secular college. The students appeared most receptive.

The team also shared in the morning worship of one Baptist church and the afternoon service



of a second church.

This was good mission exposure especially for Phoebe and D.J., who though they were born in the Philippines, grew

up in the U.S. It is always invigorating to share Christ in the Philippines as the country is so open to the gospel.

Don Good, Pastor

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institutions are very close to my mind and heart.

I've decided I won't write, but am led to lift up Cho Seung-Hui's parents, fellow students, faculty, staff, adminis-

trators, the college community and the broader community in a humble prayer:

Eternal God, Creator and Father, I lift up this prayer to you because I can't find words to share with my reader friends, thus I share with

You. I know that the Holy Spirit can take my thoughts and put them into words so that they are in keeping with Your will, (Romans 8:26-27).

Grant, O Lord, that the University would rise to ever greater stature because of the

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More Than A Notion: The Joys of Tent City 4

Nine months ago in late July of 2006, the Community Church of Issaquah after six weeks of prayer, stepped out in faith and decided to host Tent City 4. Later we learned that we are scheduled for hosting Tent City 4 (TC4) in mid August of 2007, what a blessing. At that time, our understanding was that we (Community Church) would provide power and water to TC4 and apply for a permit from the city of Issaquah. That was in July!

We began looking within our fellowship for those who would step up to the challenge of this ministry. In November of 2006, we held our first informational meeting with the three schools which use our facility and discovered that our assessment of our workload for this ministry had now increased six fold. This was our first blessing.

We set out to address the concerns and fears about homelessness that were the results of that first meeting. Those concerns and fears caused us to enter into areas in which we had to grow and really face the issue of homelessness both personally and as a congregation. Since that first meeting, we have had five additional school and community meetings and one educational summit. In addition, various members of Community Church and the community made six trips to the location of TC4 and each trip opened wider the eyes and the hearts of each person.

During this time of personal and collective growth, the real detailed logistics for TC4 were discovered, hence blessing number two. We are no longer just providing power and water but we are also coordinating

daily meals and managing our kitchen usage. Within our congregation of sixty, of which 80% are seniors, the level of concern was rising regarding where the physical energy to do these additional things was coming and who would do all the work required. Yet the Lord provided! Volunteers from the community of Issaquah, Redmond, Kirkland and Bellevue began asking us how they could help. Some have already begun to assist us with preparations for Tent City 4.



James Winbush, Pastor
Community Church of
Issaquah

This journey is more

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Glen and Rita Chapman received the Meeker Award from Ottawa University



Glen and Rita Chapman—longtime missionaries to the Democratic Republic of the Congo received the Meeker Award from Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS during the university's "Celebration of the Arts and Campus Ministry" weekend.

The award is named for Jotham and Eleanor Meeker, missionaries whose nearly 30 years of service included 18 years with the

Ottawa Indians.

Glen attended Ottawa, an American Baptist affiliated school,...[and, both] Glen and Rita are from multi-generational missionary families. Glen and Rita were commissioned in 1987 and have served nearly 20 years in DR. Congo. They both teach at the Kikongo Pastors' Institute. He teaches Old Testament, African religions and Baptist distinctives, while she works with the spouses of pastoral students in preparation for minis-

try partnership in rural areas.

The Meeker award, presented annually, is designed to recognize persons, who like the Meekers, live lives of sacrifice, serve the disadvantaged, work with ethnic minorities or the underprivileged and who are persons worthy of emulation.

Invite the Chapmans who are currently on home assignment, to share with your congregation. Telephone: 253-859-2226 or email: clemeba@comcast.net

EURO CAUCUS to CAUCUS

June 9, 2007

WEDGWOOD CHURCH IN SEATTLE

LUNCH at noon

Euro Caucus Meeting to follow until 3 p.m.

Goal: to accept Caucus' revised vision statement

Questions: Call Cathy Fransson or Doug Holmes

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SAVE The DATE! SAVE The DATE! SAVE The DATE!



INTERFAITH CREATION FESTIVAL

May 31 – June 3, 2007

Participate in worship, celebrations, workshops, sharing and planning that:

- Celebrate the richness of our sacred traditions of Creation
 - Affirm our interconnectedness in the web of life
 - Launch a year of interfaith dialogue and action

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programs they would like to see offered by the Association. Pastors also responded with suggestions on how Evergreen can help member churches build closer relationships with each other.

The clear and passionate

telling of the Evergreen story, a constant demonstration of the Region's commitment to the Gospel message and a direct response to the expressed needs and desires of the member churches of the Association, will spur greater commitment from current supporters and open

new minds and hearts to Evergreen.

Please use the enclosed envelope to send your gift today. Or if you receive the Evergreen Notes electronically, send your gift to 409 Third Ave. S, Suite A, Kent WA 98032.

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tragedy. May students return and new students enroll in tribute to those whose lives were taken. May they be remembered for the purpose for which they were enrolled and for the sake of the families who sent them there full of dreams.

Grant that colleges do not focus only on physical security but also on mental and emotional security, a place where all can share a life in a peaceable environment.

May trust and the sense of well-being be restored and strengthened.

And Lord, may the parents place of business be filled

with flowers and words of forgiveness and kindness.

"MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN." AMEN.

With appreciation and love,

Peter

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than a notion as it relates to the amount of work required; however the level of joy and spiritual growth, both personally and collectively, for this congregation is priceless. The spiritual growth in our congregation is flowing out into the community of Issaquah, especially as it pertains to how the Issaquah community is starting to view homelessness.

As I am writing this article we are completing the permit application for the city of Issaquah and are entering into the period of community meetings in which the community will voice their views about TC4 coming to Issaquah. We ask that you hold us up in prayer that the Lord's will, be done.

If you or your fellowship would like to support or assist in this ministry, please see the list below. TC4 will be arriving in Issaquah between August 11th and August 16th 2007 and will be located at 205 Mountain Park

Blvd. SW for at least 90 days. Included in the list below is providing a meal (dinner) for the TC4 residents. Details on how you can assist us in this area are coming. We are setting up our meal calendar process now.

Please send any questions to Outreach Minister, Elizabeth Maupin, at Community Church of Issaquah (425-392-6447) or info@commchurchiss.org.

Areas of help desired:

Volunteers to help with making and breaking camp on arrival and departure days. Work gloves and a hammer are useful.

Meal solicitation – asking groups within your church or service clubs in your community to support Tent City 4 by providing an evening meal.

Meal support – prepare and/or serve a meal for the residents of TC4 ~ 60 people.

Food scrounge – Ask people with bumper garden crops for their excess produce; solicit non-perishable items; etc.

Blanket, tent, and clothing drives – all of these are helpful.

Transportation volunteers – help residents get to medical appointments, to their home church, etc.

Communication – write or edit articles about poverty, homelessness, and/or tent cities for your congregation's newsletter. Take pictures to go with the articles.

Fund-raising for SHARE and WHEEL, the non-profit groups that sponsor TC3, TC4, and 14 indoor shelters.

Prayers and all other support are welcomed.

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Please submit articles by the 25th of the month prior to expected publication.

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

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Building Bridges Between Communities

Rev. Dr. Marcia J. Patton, Executive Minister

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 1—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, Japanese Baptist Church, 160 Broadway, Seattle, 6:30 PM
- 15—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6:30 PM

JUNE

- 4—**The Baseball Game—Mariners vs. Orioles, SAFECO Field, 7:05 PM**
- 5—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6:30 PM
- 9—**(Note Change from May 19) Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**
- 9—Euro Caucus Gathering at Wedgwood, 1:00-4:00 PM

- 19—Evergreen Sounds Rehearsal, JBC, 6:30 PM
- **JUNE 29—July 2 Biennial Meeting/Centennial Celebration, Convention Center, Washington DC**

AUGUST

- 25—**Association Board Meeting, Wedgwood, 9 AM**

SEPTEMBER

- 15—Building Bridges Event, Location & Time TBD

OCTOBER

- 12—13 **Annual Meeting, Japanese Baptist Church, General Secretary AB-CUSA, Roy Medley, Key-note Speaker**

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.