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McMinnville United Methodist ~ Trinity Lutheran*

## *2009 Harvest Dinner and Auction*

Join us *Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>* in the Great Room at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a Danish touch. A silent auction will be held at 6:00 and an oral auction at 7:30. Tickets are \$14 for adults (or 2 for \$25), \$5 for children 4-12, and free for children 3 and under. Or purchase a family ticket for \$30. Tickets will be on sale Sunday mornings or at the church office. All proceeds benefit Parkview Ministries and the Women's Retreat. Questions? Contact Genne Sherman at (503)472-6404 or Eleanor Plamondon at (503)883-4614.

### *Auction Items Needed*

The 2009 Harvest Dinner is in need of items to auction. Use your creativity and imagination to come up with donations. In the past, donations have included everything from home-baked pies to a weekend vacation. If you are interested in contributing to this valuable event, please contact Genne Sherman at (503)472-6404 or Eleanor Plamondon at (503)883-4614.

### *Inspired to Love and Serve*

At McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, we are generous. We provide a broad range of effective ministries that contribute to our vision of becoming a Christian community which puts our faith into action by listening, striving to eliminate hunger and homelessness, and fostering learning and the arts.

Soon you will be hearing stories about these ministries and their impact. We will share how we are "inspired today" . . . to love and serve with all people in restoring all of creation to God's loving embrace. We cannot do this without your support--your time, your talents, and your financial contributions. Covenant cards will be distributed after Thanksgiving and blessed on the second week of January. We hope you will choose to respond to this call, in whatever way you are moved. With your commitment and God's guidance, we will create a bright future for our congregation and community.

## One Can at a Time

"One Can at a Time" has a special request for October: BEANS! Green beans, chili beans, black beans, pinto beans, lima beans, white beans. But if you don't have beans, all foods are needed. One can per week per family will help feed the hungry. Collection barrels are located in each building.

## Operation Christmas Child October 18-November 22

It's that time of year again — time to begin packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas child is a project of Samaritan's Purse headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993, OCC has delivered millions of shoe boxes to needy children around the world. Shoe boxes may be delivered via helicopter, camel, donkey, and/or boats (depending on how isolated the destination is). Every U.S. president since Ronald Reagan has packed a shoe box gift for Operation Christmas Child. More information can be found at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

Our involvement in this worthwhile project will be led jointly this year by the Sunday schoolers and LOGOS youth. Our OCC kick off will be Sunday, October 18, and the project will "wrap up" November 15 where boxes will be dedicated at the 10:00 service. The children will decorate the shoe boxes on Sunday, November 8 and pack them on Sunday, November 15 to be dedicated and sent on their way.

Please help us by purchasing items and dropping them off in the donation box at the front entrance of the Great Room. Our children have had great fun in years past picking out items to put in a box for "their" child. More information on what items can be donated will be available at the OCC display at the entrance to the Great Room. We can also use donations of tape, Christmas wrapping paper, stickers, ribbons, bows, Ziploc baggies and of course, empty shoeboxes (*preferably ones with removable lids because they are easier to wrap*). Shoe boxes are needed before November 1st and can be stored under the table at the entrance to the Great Room.

Our goal this year is to pack and ship 65 boxes. (Each box requires a \$7 donation to help pay for shipping costs so we also need to raise \$455 for shipping.) You can also support this project by praying for the children who will receive these boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Ewing (503) 864-9177 or [ewingat@comcast.net](mailto:ewingat@comcast.net).

## Change the World Offering

Each month we give the undesignated cash and coins to an outreach ministry of our congregations. In October these funds will be donated to Operation Christmas Child.

## Attitude of Gratitude

LCS would like to thank the Cooperative ministries for their generous donation. Your gift will make it possible for us to provide life-changing counseling to a child or family that has been the victim of violence or abuse. We appreciate your partnership and support as we strive to prevent abuse and to provide quality services to survivors.

Jordan Robinson MSW

## *Interfaith Peace Fair & Walk 2009*

What does it mean to strive for peace with justice in our world? It means advocating for those suffering from abuse, domestic or institutional; working to end homelessness and hunger; fighting to insure that everyone has quality health care; attempting to heal our environment; struggling to end wars and other violence taking place around the world; building bridges between peoples of different faiths and cultures . . . . The list goes on and on, and there are many opportunities where we as members of the Cooperative can become more involved!

On Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at McMinnville First Baptist Church (1<sup>st</sup> & Cows), the 2009 Interfaith Peace Fair & Walk will take place. The speaker, Dr Fareeha Khan, PhD, Willamette University, will talk on “Embracing Peace: The Family and Islam.” There will also be a peace fair with many different groups to help educate attendees on various peace with justice issues.

The schedule is as follows:

3:00 – Peace Fair

3:30 – Speaker & Music (child care provided)

4:30 – Peace Walk

5:00 – Peace Fair & Soup Supper

Co sponsored by The Peace Co-op – an MCM ministry. For more information contact Susan Dehm - 503-857-7584 or [sdehm@onlinemac.com](mailto:sdehm@onlinemac.com)

## *Fairly Fabulous 2009!*

All are welcome to volunteer for the Fair Trade Store this Christmas Season, November 20th through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign up to help sell handmade goods created in cooperatives, villages and districts in desperately poor countries around the world. This year the church’s Fair Trade Store, Fairly Fabulous 2009, will be set up once again in the Wednesday Wines Shop at 250 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Kathy Campbell and her co-owners have graciously made room for us in their wonderful downtown store. We are looking for workers to be in attendance during business hours, Tuesday through Sunday.

When you spend time with fair trade goods, you are captivated and delighted by the international scope of items within your reach and are inspired by helping promote a sustainable way of life for these individuals. We serve and are served in return.

For more information, or to put yourself on our schedule, please contact:

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Dar Keller-Kitts at [darkent@comcast.net](mailto:darkent@comcast.net) or 971-237-0489.

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# *Living With Compassion: Next few months could show increased activity*

*by Candace Keillor*

All over the county, assistance providers are gearing up as fall and winter approach. For many reasons, we expect that the next few months will bring greater numbers of people than ever to our doors looking for help.

- At the end of the month, unemployment benefits will run out for many of those who are on the rolls. There's a bill in the house of representatives to extend benefits for 14 weeks, but this is still up in the air. When people lose their unemployment benefits, they'll come to us looking for help.
- With the current jobless rate, people are traveling to Hillsboro, Salem, Woodburn, as far as possible to look for work. As people travel more and more in search of a job, they'll need bus passes. They'll come to us looking for help.
- The H1N1 flu vaccine is going to be available in our county late in October, but it may not get here before the flu does. People who get sick with the flu will not be able to go to work. Many cannot afford to miss even one day. When people lose hours at work due to illness, they won't be able to keep up with their bills, and they'll come to us looking for help.

Providers are preparing by stocking up on hygiene kits, toilet paper, blankets, and other commonly-requested items. As always, however, the main thing that's needed is money. The best way to help ensure the continued success of our Community Compassion Fund is to keep current with your church giving so the staff can keep going, and to give a little extra when you can.

*“Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”  
– Matthew 25:40*