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News from Habitat for Humanity

The Cooperative Ministries is an active partner with Habitat for Humanity as we live out our vision of providing decent housing for people in our community and around the world. McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity has purchased 3.74 acres of land which is located next to the Amvets Hall. It is being called the Atlantic Street Property. The purchase of the land was made possible by an anonymous donation! Marianne Mills, the Executive Director of the local Habitat, said that they are very excited to have a chance to create a whole Habitat Community. "We want to be deliberate and really do it right and make this a showpiece for Habitat," she said. The property will be able to accommodate between 34-36 families.

There are many people in the Coop who give of themselves to this ministry. Doug Cruickshank is both the President of the Board of McMinnville Habitat for Humanity and the building coordinator for the Apostle's Build/Student Build. The Apostle's Build is a joint effort of several churches in the area working together to provide a new, beautiful house for a family in need. The other half of the build is the student build, which was funded by an anonymous donation to help encourage youth to volunteer to work with the organization. The building is almost complete, and Habitat hopes to have the families moved in by the end of this month. They are currently in need of volunteers to help paint and finish up the houses. The houses are located at 574 SE Debbie Street, and you can volunteer by calling Jodi Boundy at 503-472-9637.

Other Exciting Developments

McMinnville Cooperative Ministries has been active in all aspects of the local organization. The Board of Directors includes not only Doug Cruickshank but also Pastor Mark Pederson and Irma Karns. Another member, Al Kuhn, has been the construction coordinator for the Women's Build houses. Mills commented on the contributions of the Coop to Habitat, "They really step up to the plate and serve as a model for other faith-based organizations in McMinnville. And it's not just the Apostle's build but in every aspect of Habitat. Coop members are active on various committees, The Board, The Restore, fundraising, and just about every aspect of the organization."

The quality of the ministry of the local Habitat Affiliate was recently recognized by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon with an "Ecumenical Service Award." The award was presented in recognition of their special achievements in providing safe, decent, affordable homes. "McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity's mission is to build partnerships among volunteers, families and the community in order to build simple, decent houses with families in need. They connect congregations in the McMinnville area to one to another, as well as connecting college students to both congregations and 'builds' in Central and South America. The organization is not just building houses, it builds relationship and networks within the faith community."

Linfield Professor Jeff Peterson was present at the awards banquet with several students from Linfield who have traveled to Guatemala to work with Habitat for Humanity there. Peterson is also leading a research project in Guatemala that looks at the impact of a Habitat house to a family's health. Jeff is leading a research team that will follow 250 families over a period of three years, interviewing them every six months to see their progress. The survey is taking place in five states across Guatemala from the Caribbean to the Pacific. It started in September of this year with 120 families. Jeff also plans on leading another college and community trip to Guatemala to build houses with Habitat. All of this is made possible not only by your generous gifts to Habitat but by your regular contributions to McMinnville Cooperative Ministries.

Summer at Parkview

Thanks to Terry Hall for putting up two bulletin board displays about the summer events at Parkview Center. Many, many thanks to the folks who came to work parties, campouts, worship and Wednesday evening picnics this summer. Our Wednesday evening hosts did a great job, and Jen Nyberg and Hanna DeMaster planned fun events for our little folks to enjoy before the picnic. The labyrinth has been a blessing to our whole McMinnville community providing a place of quiet reflection.

Our thanks to Dale Dehm and his team for the hours spent in the garden. This plot of ground feeds many in our church as well as provides a lot of food for others in the McMinnville Community.



TO LOVE AND SERVE

Living With Compassion

Here is an opportunity to participate in the work of the Community Compassion Fund. The CCF provides hygiene kits to various agencies in town as well as gives them to folks in need when they come to apply for CCF assistance. Periodically there is a need to resupply and make new kits for the CCF inventory. We are coming upon one of those times of need. From November 1st to the 15th we will be collecting the hygiene items listed below. You will find collection bins outside the sanctuary, outside the Great Room or you may bring your items to the office during office hours. Then, on Sunday morning November 22nd, after the 10 am service, all are invited to help assemble these much needed kits.

We need the following items for our kits:

All Kits:

Hand soap
Tooth brush
Tooth paste
Shave cream
Razor
Shampoo
Deodorant
Comb

Optional Items:

Hand lotion
Mouthwash (alcohol-free)
Hair Conditioner
Hand Sanitizer

Thanks for your gifts of human dignity! To protect human dignity, all items should be unopened and unused.

“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

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"ONE CAN AT A TIME" - Hearty Foods Month

Canned food with protein is needed: beef or chicken ravioli, canned spaghetti with franks, chili with meat, beef stew, chicken noodles, etc. Of course, any canned or boxed food is welcome (no peanuts). One item per week per family is our goal. Blue barrels for food collection are located at the parking lot entrances for each building. There is a basket at the 2nd Street entrance. Thank you!

Hooray for SUZY CIRCLE! When they had their monthly meeting on October 19, they asked each member to bring one item for the church's "ONE CAN AT A TIME" collection for the YCAP food bank. They collected 15 pounds of food! Thank you, Suzy Circle!!

MCM Scholarship Fund

McMinnville Cooperative Ministries has a college scholarship program! Scholarships are available to college and community college students who have a significant relationship with McMinnville Cooperative Ministries. The scholarship committee includes Joan Ponder, Sheryl Reuter, Donna Fisher, and Pastor Steve Ross. We are so pleased to announce that we have granted scholarships to three wonderful students from the Coop for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

- Jordan Egan is attending Lewis and Clark College in Portland for her freshman year. Jordan played bass guitar for our Praise Team for 4 years. She also did confirmation class and participated in our youth group throughout middle and high school.
- Kayli Ellingson is at University of Montana for her senior year. She has plans to attend pharmacy school, beginning in fall 2010. Kayli grew up in Trinity Lutheran Church, attended Sunday School, sang in the choir, participated twice in the Mexico Mission Trip, and served as a youth leader in the nursery.
- Brian Anderson is a graduate student at Marylhurst University in the Master of Arts in Applied Theology. For over a year, Brian has been participating at the Cooperative Ministries, where he can be found playing djembe in the Praise Band. He has also played on our volleyball team and participated regularly in the summer picnics at Parkview.

If you would like to donate to our scholarship fund, you can simply indicate "college scholarship fund" on your check or envelope, and we will replenish the scholarship fund for the coming year.

TO GOD'S HONOR AND GLORY

Harvest Dinner/Auction Thanks!

Many thanks to our wonderful head chef Roelie Goddik and all her kitchen helpers; to those who decorated, set up, cleaned up and brought auction items; and to our auctioneers. The Scouts did a great job of keeping us entertained with games. Hats off as well to our wonderful LOGOS youth group for a super job of serving. It truly takes a whole church to have a successful event. Thanks for attending. We made over \$2000 to support Women's Retreat and Parkview Ministries.

