



January 2010

# The Grapevine

## GOLDEN THREADS

*I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Psalm 77:11-12*

The beginning of a new year is a great time to look back, and consider what God has done for you this year. We love to remember the good times – the blessings. We might even write about them, so that our great-great grandchildren can have a glimpse into our lives.

It is also a good time to remember the challenges that we have faced during the year: the loss of a loved one, problems with employment, conflict among family members, a time of doubting. These things are also a part of our lives. We can ignore them – or we can face them, talk about them with a trusted friend, even write about them.

During those difficult times we sometime feel that God is far away – but we would be mistaken. God grieves with us and suffers with us. And then God gives us the strength to go on, to become stronger and even more aware of God's presence in our lives.

Let us remember the many mighty works of God in our lives.

## CAROL'S COMMENTS

My question to you is..... where did the last decade go?? It seems only yesterday that we were worried about what would happen to our computers on the stroke of midnight January 1, 2000. A great deal has happened in my life in the last nine years, and I'm sure in yours, as well. So rather than belabor the New Year's resolutions that most of us will not keep, allow me to share some words of wisdom on how to best use the short span of time we each are given.

- \* Give people more than they expect, and do it cheerfully.
- \* Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you want.
- \* When you say, "I love you", mean it.
- \* When you say, "I'm sorry", look the person in the eye.
- \* Believe in love at first sight.
- \* Never laugh at anyone's dreams.
- \* In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling.
- \* Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
- \* Say "bless you" when you hear someone sneeze.
- \* Remember the three R's: Respect for self; Respect for others; Responsibility for all your actions.
- \* Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- \* When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
- \* Remember that the best relationship is one where your love for each other is greater than your need for each other.
- \* Smile when picking up the phone. The caller will hear it in your voice.
- \* Spend some time alone.
- \* Never miss the chance to thank people for all they do.
- \* Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
- \* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- \* Read more books, watch less TV and spend fewer hours on the internet.
- \* Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll get to enjoy it a second time.
- \* Trust in God but lock your car.
- \* Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
- \* Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes the blessing.
- \* Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
- \* Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.
- And most importantly ----
- \* Pray! There's immeasurable power in it.

- Blessings to you for a wonderful 2010, Pastor Carol

### WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

**MCCABE - 9:30 AM, SUNDAY**

**SCHOOL 8:45AM**

**SHERIDAN - 9:30**

**AMITY - 11:15 AM**

**AA - AMITY UMC, TUESDAYS 7 PM**

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## AMITY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Jan. 3 - Celebration of Epiphany
- Jan. 6 - Western District Colloquy - Salem
- Jan. 8 - Amity Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Jan. 9 - Western District Leadership Training - Forest Grove UMC
- Jan. 14 - Amity Soup Supper/Committee Meetings/ Ad. Council Meeting
- Jan. 23 - Amity Council and Committees Planning Retreat

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan. 3: Holy Communion
- Jan. 6: Epiphany
- Jan. 9: District Training at Forest Grove, 12:30-4
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 19: Administrative Council, McCabe, 7pm
- Jan. 20-24: Pastor Margaret at Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting

## JANUARY NEWS FROM SHERIDAN

We plan to attend the Western District Leadership on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4 pm at Forest Grove UMC. There are training sessions for evangelism, worship, youth, finance/stewardship, outreach/mission, trustees, education, Church Council, SPRC, lay leaders and communication. Please pick up one of the informational pamphlets for more information. If you are on one of the committees and haven't attended a training in the last couple of years, please seriously consider going this year. The cost is only \$5 a person, but maxes out at \$20 for a congregation. If you are interested in carpooling, please talk to Sharon Kulick or Pastor Carol.

After the ground-breaking on December 20<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to moving on to the building of the new church building. We continue to worship in the parsonage at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and invite anyone who is searching for Christ to join us in worship and prayer.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

### Amity

- Jan. 1 - Barbara Neill
- Jan. 2 - Doris Aschim
- Jan. 16 - Katie Wilson - Y
- Jan. 18 - Jessica Hantke - YA
- Jan. 19 - Richard Earle

### McCabe

- Jan. 1 - John McGhehey
- Jan. 7 - Phil Schreiber
- Jan. 8 - Rita Nesland
- Jan. 13 - Judy Propp
- Jan. 20 - Julie Fanger
- Jan. 29 - Jim Hay

## PRAYER LIST:

- Families: children, parents, grandparents
- Kate Conolly, our District Superintendent
- Bishop Hoshibata
- Time to Grow Major Funds Campaign, benefiting our camping program
- Our pastors, Carol and Margaret
- Faye Smith, as she recovers from surgery

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