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The Moore Family
Invites you to join in
celebrating
Charley's 90th birthday

(AKA Keith)

Saturday, May 21, 2016

2 – 4 p.m.

Woodburn First Presbyterian
Church

950 N Boones Ferry Road

No gifts please.

Please RSVP to Julie at 503-951-2022 or
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From the Pastor

Dear friends,

We told the story of Jesus in music in our Easter Cantata, "Come Walk with Me". Here are some comments about the Cantata:

"That was terrific!" "Magnificent!"

"How moving!" "I was so inspired!"

"What a beautiful message in music!"

"Can we do a Cantata again? I'd like more of this!"

Some things to remember: It takes a lot of added work by the choir, Music Director Debra Huddleston and extra musicians. We have our limits. With that in mind, we can marshall our resources to put on a beautiful Cantata. Once a year is definitely do-able. Twice a year is probably pushing things to far. The price tag for the Cantata was well over \$1,000 (tuning instruments, hiring musicians, purchasing the music, etc.). We have to plan carefully to make something this special come together. We do have talented vocalists and narrator voices. We have the best (the absolute best!) in music direction in Debi. We did it and we can do it again.

Some things to do the same: Use the worship service as the time and place to perform the Cantata. Make use of our talents and

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Highlights of Session meeting

Your Ruling Elders:

- Bill Anderson
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- Nancy Hankins
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- Lucien Klein
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- Walt Mangerich
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- Johanna Samson
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- Mark & Marcy Sterling
(503-982-3346)

People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after.

—Oliver Goldsmith

- +Some donations have been received yet for the repair/replacement of the leather bellows in the organ with an estimated cost of \$2358.00 but there has been interest expressed in doing this.
- +Certificate of Appreciation from Presbytery of the Cascades Board of Trustees for our contribution to Partnership Giving in 2015
- +Letter and promotional "bookmark" regarding volunteering at General Assembly
- +Email from Julie Moore stating that Fran Welch, a member of Chapter DT, PEO, requests that they be allowed to use the church kitchen carts during their auction on Saturday, April 30. A motion was passed approving this.
- +Financial Review as required by PC(USA): Harley Piper and one other person will be asked to do this.
- +Annual Review of Sexual Misconduct Policy: Joanne Hanson will review the policy and make recommendations.
- +We need to prepare a new lease, now, with La Iglesia – Puerta del Cielo because Pastor Edy Mendoza is leaving. The current lease runs through June 30, 2016.
- +Organ repair savings account: the organ has costly repairs needed every 20 years (that can cost \$30,000), we must save for it. Begin a savings account? Session agreed to doing this and suggested checking whether grants might be available.
- +Request for vacation to attend my niece's wedding in Fresno, CA May 15, 2016. Session approved the request, by motion. It was noted that there will also be a substitute organist on May 15.
- +Meals on Wheels may not move out. They need our site to prepare meals. They would occupy our building for fewer hours after their new building is done.
- Mission:** It is now time to start requesting donations for school supplies.
- Property:** Walt is looking into the cost of a separate irrigation line.
 - +Pastor Peter is working with Dean to get started on the community garden and is looking for others to get involved.
 - +The carpet needs to be shampooed and water stains removed.
 - +Investigation of roof leaks. We need to find someone to caulk flashing.
 - +An estimate from Mike Bergeron to repair drains outside should be received this week. There are roots in the pipes.
 - +We need to contact Roth's about heating and cooling problems.
 - +There are carpenter ants in the building. We need to spray.
 - +There was discussion about running new wires to the sound system.
- Outreach:** A representative of Willamette Valley Hospice would come to our church to talk about Advance Directives to people who might be interested in learning more. This may be scheduled for May 22, after the service. +Our newsletter will be uploaded to our website.
- Membership Caring:** Cards were sent out to Lois Koval and to Bob Anderson.
- Worship:** Maundy Thursday service was held jointly with the Aurora Presbyterian Church, with a 6:00 p.m. soup supper followed by worship service at 7:00p.m., with 40 people served communion
 - +On Easter Sunday, we celebrated with a cantata, "The Passion of the Christ" in memory of Patty Burlingham, who directed our choir for 29 years. Communion was served to 61 people.
 - +Communion was served to 40 people on Sunday, April 3
 - +For communion on Sunday, May 1, Marcy and Nancy will prepare and serve with Walt and Bill

From the Pastor (cont.)

add to them where needed.

Some things to do differently next time: Invitations to family and friends; Advertise an invitation to the community; Splash our website with notices and updates on Cantata plans.

So, this is a milestone for the congregation. Great job! I'm proud of you! I am eager for the next time!

Pastor Peter Blank

May 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Lay Reader David Arbuckle Usher/Greeters Nancy & Bonnie Hankins	2 Betty Winfree's Birthday	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mother's day Lay Reader Julie Moore Usher/Greeters Fran Welch & Betty Kessel	9	10 Teddy Gunderson & Joanne Han- son's Birthday 12:30 Men's Lunch 6:00 Choir	11	12	13	14
15 Lay Reader Johanna Samson Usher/Greeters Patty Anderson & Linda Stokem	16 6:00 Session Meeting	17 Charlie Moore's Birthday 12:30 Men's Lunch 6:00 Choir	18	19	20	21 2-4:00 pm Charlie Moore 90th birthday celebration
22 Lay Reader Marcy Sterling Usher/Greeters Bill Anderson & Chris Smith	23	24 Bill Anderson's Birthday 12:30 Men's Lunch 6:00 Choir	25 26 Head Start In Service Day		27	28
29 Lay Reader Betty Soule Usher/Greeters Lucien & Sally Klein	30 Deadline for Newsletter submissions!		31 12:30 Men's Lunch 6:00 Choir			

If you have a birthday you want featured in the monthly calendar, please inform the office.

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Old Man on a bench with Three Little Birds — David Haugh

Singing makes me happy. Admittedly my singing my not make anyone else feel better, but I sure do. I say, “If people don't like the way I sing then they can sing louder yet; and drown me out.

Easter Sunday, we sang the cantata and I was even happier (more happy?) than usual. We had completed a cooperative effort of love for our friends and family, what more can you ask?

It's hard to remember to be happy sometimes, life seems to be constantly getting in the way. Sometimes you'll hear, “everything happens for a reason”. Personally I think that's hogwash. The real test isn't the event, it's how you deal with it, sometimes it's very hard to step back and keep your council to yourself.

That's why I recommend singing. Some of you may remember a Jamaican singer named Bob Marley, he sang in a style that was called reggae. One song he wrote in the mid-1970s was, “Three Little Birds”. The beat was simple, but there was thought behind the lyrics.

Don't worry
about a thing,
'cause every little thing
gonna be alright.

Singin', “Don't worry
about a thing,
'cause every little thing
gonna be alright.”

Rise up this morning,
smiled with the rising sun.

Three little birds
pitch by my doorstep,
singin' sweet songs
of melodies pure and true,
sayin', “This is my message
to you-u-u”.

Don't worry
about a thing,
'cause every little thing
gonna be alright.

If you listen close, it's hard not to
sing along. God bless,

Dave