



Salt & Light

Pendleton Free Methodist Church * 1711 SW 44th St.* Pendleton OR 97801

Upcoming Events

- All-Church Potluck in the Park, August 1st
- Mid-High Camp August 2—6
- Second Sunday Family Night, pizza and swimming at the Aquatic Center August 15th, from 5-8pm
- Vacation Bible School August 16-20 6-8:30pm

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Missionaries to Visit PFMC

By Pastor Scott

As most of you know, last October Betty and I got the opportunity to go to Spain to connect with the Fajardo family, our Free Methodist missionaries there, and to see up-close what God is doing through their ministry. I'm thrilled to announce that the Fajardos are coming to Pendleton this month to connect with PFMC and share their heart for Spain! They will be joining us for worship on Sunday, August 22nd, and you will have the opportunity to meet them and hear more about their life and work.

After our trip to Madrid last Fall, I was asked to write an article for our conference about our experience, and I thought I would share some of that article with you here as a way to prepare for the Fajardo's visit. What follows is an excerpt from that article.



After a fourteen-hour day of flying, we landed in Madrid and connected with missionary Josh Fajardo and Dale Wood, Director of Mobilization for Free Methodist World Missions. Dale's son, Brandon, also made the trip. So began what would become one of the most extraordinary and memorable weeks of our lives. Josh was a terrific tour guide and historian, giving us a crash-course in the history and culture of Madrid and the surrounding area. He shared the big vision God has laid on his heart for Madrid, for Spain, and for the world.

We saw the wonderful ministry of the small but dedicated church (Protestants are a tiny fraction of the Spanish population, and Free Methodists smaller yet) that Josh pastors, Comunidad Cristiana Luz y Vida, going with them on a Saturday morning as they offered food, prayer, love, and the gospel to a ramshackle gypsy community on the outskirts of town, a place where "the least of these" live in abject poverty, where the desperate come from miles around to abuse drugs, and where the police won't go either out of fear or apathy or both. We watched with sadness as people shot up heroine and cocaine openly all around us. Prostitution and theft are rampant as people abuse themselves and one another in search of their next fix, or their next meal.

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On the first morning of our visit, amid the squalor and despair of that forgotten community, we witnessed the love of Jesus break through like a flower through concrete, rejoicing with the ministry team as they helped a woman take her first steps toward breaking free. We prayed silently while team members listened to her pour her heart out about how desperate her situation had become and how ashamed and trapped she felt. We celebrated quietly as she bowed with them in prayer, then agreed to go with them to a half-way house to begin her journey into recovery and new life. In a country where Catholicism has become largely spiritually impotent and the evangelical church is considered a cult, their ministry to this woman is nothing less than miraculous.

Later in the week we went into Madrid itself, and walked through and prayed over a section of the city where immigrants from around the world settle. This area is also plagued with drug trafficking, overcrowding, and homelessness, though to a lesser degree than we had seen in the gypsy community earlier in the week. Our brothers and sisters from Comunidad Cristiana Luz y Vida minister there on a regular basis, too, passing out bottled water and tracts and developing relationships with the people of the neighborhood. Part of their vision to reach the city, and the immigrant population in particular, centers around plans to open a Learning & Cultural Center in this part of Madrid. The Center would provide needed services such as English and Spanish language classes, job placement services, cultural integration assistance, computer classes, and more. The ultimate goal of all of these services would be to help the church connect with people in order to serve them in the name of and introduce them to the person of Jesus.

On Sunday, we worshipped with about 35 enthusiastic brothers and sisters of all ages in the church's rented facility in one of Madrid's bedroom communities, Rivas-Vacia Madrid. Although enthusiastic and dedicated to the Lord, this church struggles with the sometimes overwhelming task of sharing the gospel in a post-Christian, thoroughly secular nation (although Spain is still influenced by Catholicism in some ways, the Catholic church appears impotent to generate any real spiritual renewal. Some of the most impressive and beautiful Catholic Churches we saw are now just museums, an indicator of the country's overall attitude toward Christianity in general).

Josh told us that what the Free Methodist Church in Spain needs as much as anything is to know that they aren't fighting the battle alone. They know the Lord is with them, and so they remain faithful and committed to the call, but they need to know that the larger Body of Christ stands with them in more than just spirit. He explained that prayer from and regular contact with the American church is needed as much as financial support, providing much needed encouragement and strength.

At one point in our visit, Josh said, "Spain is the gateway to Europe". That has stuck with me, and my prayer has become that during my lifetime, the Lord would initiate a spiritual re-awakening in Spain that would spread to the rest of Europe, and turn it from post-Christian to post-post-Christian! What if, in a small way, Pendleton FMC could be a part of that miracle?

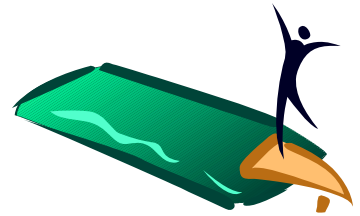
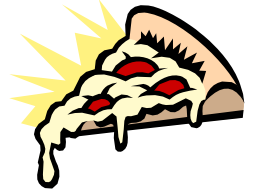
PFMC Financial Information

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
<i>Operating Income</i>	\$ 26,525	\$ 190,968	\$ 184,998
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	\$ 31,609	\$ 184,379	\$ 184,998
<i>Missions Giving</i>	\$ 466	\$ 1,882	*

* **Note:** No budget is set annually for missions giving. In addition to the amount received for missions above, PFMC also designates a portion of our operating income for world and local missions. The amount given for missions from our operating income is \$15,000 to date.



Pizza and swimming...what more could you want on a hot summer day? Join the Second Sunday Family Night group at the Aquatic Center on August 15th for pizza and swimming from 5-8pm. Please note - we are meeting on the *third* Sunday this month, not the typical second Sunday! Look for the group under one of the covered areas. We will be the ones with the pizza!



Ladies Bible Study

Contributed By Maria Heehn



We thought you might be interested in what the Thursday morning ladies Bible study group has been up to. Obviously, we study the Bible—led by our terrific teacher Juana Hayfield—and have meaningful prayer time. In addition to that, we have taken on several mission projects and are delighted with the ways we have been able to help in different areas.

Our favorite accomplishment is having been able to build three houses for three widows in Burundi, Africa. We will start working on a fourth house as well as providing furniture for these. These four homes are for Burundian widows. The miracle of a new home is a testimony to the widow, her children, her community, and ultimately to the country at large.

Other recent projects have included: Relay For Life, Pregnancy Care Services, Lisa's kids at the Alternative School, Hailey Davidson Fund, Erin Radke-Nursing internship at Christian Fellowship Hospital in Oddanchatram, India and we are currently working on a school sponsorship for two students to go to school next year in Bosnia. The Lord has blessed and multiplied our efforts. All ladies are invited to join us any Thursday morning at 9:30. If you have any questions, call Maria at 541-966-6616 or Juana at 541-276-8946.

** From the editor: Be sure and check out the ladies bulletin board, there are pictures and information about their various projects!*

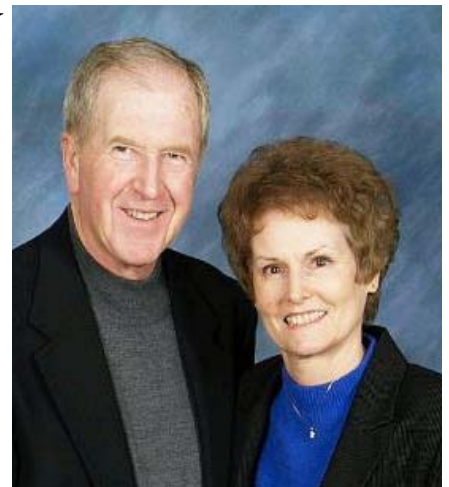


Golden Wedding Anniversary

Ed and Elaine Calame

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The children of Ed and Elaine Calame invite you to celebrate with them their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception on Saturday, August 28, 2010 at two o'clock in the afternoon at the church.

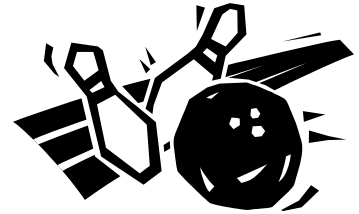


Youth Update From Pastor Chris

Youth group begins again on August 25th with a Bowling night in Hermiston. Youth group begins at the church on September 1st from 7-8:30 p.m. Looking forward to a great year!!!

PFMC Youth Group Bowling Night!

- Who? All PFMC Youth and your Friends
 When? Wednesday, August 25th from 6pm-9pm
 Bring? \$6.50 for bowling and shoes
 Meet? At PFMC at 6pm to ride the van to Hermiston.
 We will return to the church around 9pm.



*Because we will be traveling to Hermiston, we need to know who will be attending so we have enough transportation for everyone. Please fill out a sign-up flyer (available in the Youth Center, or ask Pastor Chris) and return the flyer to Pastor Chris by August 22nd. Don't forget to invite a friend!



PRIME TIMERS UPDATE

Contributed by Paul Thomas



As I write this article we are putting everything together for our trip to Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helens. We will be leaving tomorrow, July 20th, at 8am. All systems are go to launch on time. It should take us about 5 hours to reach our original destination: Mt. Rainier. After doing our research at that location (scheduled for 2 days), we will be leaving for the next stop on this journey: Mt. St. Helens. Another day there and we will gather even more information; the next day our return travel will bring us home. We should land in Pendleton about 5:00pm. We are all looking forward to this trip.

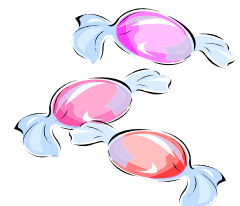
We have a change in the date for our August barbecue. We have moved the date from August 20 to August 13. VBS is scheduled for the week of August 16-20 and we have those that are active in helping with that program. Thanks, Holly, and everyone.





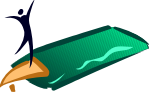



PFMC—Heads up for September's Round –Up!

For those of you *not* leaving town for the momentous 100 year anniversary celebration, there will be a horse drawn wagon representing PFMC in the Dress-up Parade on September 11th. If you would like to participate in the parade with us, please contact Merle Gehrke at 541-449-1228 or Holly Banks at 541-276-6015 and let us know.

People are needed to pass out flyers and other goodies! More information coming soon!



August 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 All-Church Potluck at McKay Park 12pm Pastor's Prayer Team 4pm	2 Property & Facility Mtg. 7pm 	3	4 No Youth Group	5	6	7	
8	9	10 BOA — 7pm	11 No Youth Group	12	13 Prime Timer's BBQ 	14	
15 Second Sunday Family Night Pizza & swimming at Aquatic Center 5-8pm 	16 Dinner for VBS volunteers 5pm VBS 6-8:30pm 	Vacation Bible School - High Seas Adventure!				20 Dinner for VBS volunteers 5pm VBS 6-8:30pm 	21
22	23	24	25 Youth Bowling Night in Hermiston 6-9pm 	26 Pastor's Cabinet Mtg. 7pm	27	28	
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Mystery - A Psalm

Contributed by Karen Lange

Thank You God, for mystery. I wonder at the majestic pines whose branches seem to turn upward like outstretched arms reaching to You in worship. They are green even in the winter when all other trees are bare. Your colors of nature are astounding. The beautiful array of autumn leaves pitting green against brown, against gold, against red is overwhelming; but You don't stop there. You cover it all in a blanket of white snow; a blatant reminder of our soul after the blood of Jesus washes it clean from sin. Spring bursts into bright colors of blooms and green all praising You for the gift of new life; followed by the lush of summer which gives meaning to the word, warmth. All of nature grows upward as children reaching for their father; longing for his touch, their faces toward the sun. Worshipping.



Your glory is in the heavens. Sunsets and sunrises boast bright shades of pink, orange and purple mist over blue sky and mountains of the horizon; all telling us that You are the original artist of canvas. Your sun holds much mystery. It gives light and heat and the tiniest movement of it in any direction could mean our end. At night the dark sky is dotted with millions of stars; all of them named by You and You know each one by name. They hold mystery that we have yet to fully discover. They twinkle and shine and seem to form pictures – we see their light many years after it shines, sometimes even after they have burst and are no more.

But your Son, Jesus, is the most amazing mystery of all. We cannot fathom why this precious One would give up the glory of Heaven for the meager poverty of a stable manger. We may never understand His wisdom in wanting to house holy deity in the fragile, dying form of man, gladly giving up His perfect, awesome, heavenly form. Not to mention exchanging the crown of the King of Heaven for the crown of thorns; labeling Him a criminal and a liar. But Your greatest mystery of all time was the end of sin's reign over our souls forever when You allowed Your beloved, beautiful Son, Who knew no sin, to die; canceling our debt to You for all eternity.

Now You bring mystery to life every minute, by placing the cross over the great chasm stretching between You and all mankind. In a miraculous showing of Your mystery, You walk across that bridge and embrace us when we accept the cross as our lifeline and run into Your open arms; the prodigal.

Without Your mystery, we would not use our faith. We would understand You as You are and boast in that knowledge. Because we don't fully see or understand You, we revel in Your Holiness. Your ways are indeed higher and Your thoughts are most certainly not our thoughts and for that, we are so grateful. Grateful that we serve, love, trust in and worship a God who is unexplainable, beyond comprehension, indescribable. Oh Hallelujah. May Your Name be praised forever. May Your mystery never cease until we meet; face to unveiled face.



Dear Parents:

Registration has started for Vacation Bible School. I hope by now that you have signed your children up and cleared your calendar for an exciting week at our High Seas Expedition. If you haven't signed your children up yet, visit the VBS table in the church foyer to register. Our VBS is for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall, all the way up to those entering 5th grade in the Fall. VBS will take place August 16th—20th from 6-8:30pm.

What will your children experience at VBS? One of the best things is that kids will develop new friendships. While it's true that your child might not get to be with his or her very best friend, your child will have wonderful opportunities to make new friends and interact with a new group of children.

Bible Lessons are more memorable. High Seas Expedition doesn't rely on more traditional teaching methods (like fill in the blank puzzles or word searches), kids experience Bible stories in powerful, life-changing ways. And that's something kids of all ages will enjoy...and remember. Then Crew Leaders gather with kids for small-group discussions. One of the beautiful parts of this program is that a simple question will have a multi-layered answer depending on what age the children are. Kids learn from each other, which often results in such opportunities for personal growth!

Since everything is hand-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes. I want to encourage each family to think of friends that are not currently church attenders, and invite them to come along, everyone is welcome!

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children of our community to experience the mighty love of God. Our goal is to minister to 150 children the week of Vacation Bible School. Join with me in prayer for each child that will attend, and for all the dedicated volunteers who are taking time out of very busy schedules to make themselves available to this special outreach program! There is still time to join the team, if *you* are interested, please contact me asap and together we'll find a place where you can use your unique gifts to minister to our children! Thank you! Holly Banks

