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ECONOMIC SURVIVAL FAIR

Lee Johnson

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Olympia High School, 1302 North St SE

Have you ever said: "I would like to do something in and for our community, but I don't know what's out there"; or "I know our social safety net is fraying, but what can be done about it?"

If you have, then the *Economic Survival Fair* is for you. On Saturday April 4, at Olympia High School, community service providers (faith community organizations, non-profits and public agencies) and those being served will gather for a morning of information sharing and actual service delivery in some cases. This is a wonderful opportunity for us and others in our churches to mingle, to learn what is happening outside our walls and to discover opportunities for volunteer service.

In the wake of our serious cut-back this year in local benevolence funding, we have been challenged from the pulpit to donate time and talents, as God's own, to our community. This is an opportune time for this outreach. Further information about the Fair will be available in the narthex.

ONE GREAT HOUR

Missions, Peace & Justice

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will also be." Matthew 6:21

One Great Hour of Sharing is coming on **March 29** and **April 5** for both the Presbyterian and the United Church of Christ. Your contribution will support such programs as **clean water, education, health care, and micro-credit loans** for the developing world. Please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

ANOTHER GREAT HOUR

EARTH HOUR 2009 unites the world in a stand against global warming. Switch off lights from **8:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28** to send a message to world leaders. 50 million people across 35 countries in 2008; 1 billion goal for 2009! Information and sign up at www.earthhour.org.za.

Worship Services Lent 2009

March 22

4th Sunday in Lent

8:15 & 11:00 A.M.

"The Lenten Gift of Mercy"

TEXTS:

- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 3:14-21

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service
~ Prayer

March 29

5th Sunday in Lent

Family Style Worship

10:00 A.M.

"The Lenten Gift of Confession"

TEXTS:

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 51:1-12
- Hebrews 5:5-10
- John 12:20-33

6:00 P.M.

Spirit Service
~ Healing

*"Listen to the long stillness:
New life is stirring
New dreams are on the wing
New hopes are being readied:
Humankind is fashioning a new heart
Humankind is forging a new mind
God is at work.
This is the season of Promise."*

- Howard Thurman



SPIRITUAL CINEMA ON MARCH 28

*Saturday, March 28, Fireside Room
6:30 - Dessert Social
7:00 - Film followed by discussion*

This month's highly recommended Spiritual Cinema feature is **"The Power of Forgiveness"**, which explores recent research into the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness on individuals and within relationships under a wide variety of conditions.

Featuring stories on the Amish, 9/11, and peace-building in Northern Ireland, the film also contains interviews with renowned Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, best-selling authors Thomas Moore and Marianne Williamson and others.

The film also explores the role forgiveness holds in various faiths traditions. It provides an honest look at the intensity of anger and grief that human nature is heir to. Through character-driven stories the film shows the role forgiveness can play in alleviating anger and grief and the physical, mental and spiritual benefits that come with it.

Information: www.thepowerofforgiveness.com

Contact Pat at 943-8933 or cnmpat@comcast.net. Please join us—all are welcome!

PROCESSION OF THE TUCO TREES

We have decided to be trees in this year's **Proces- sion of the Species on April 25.**

We will be a mixed forest of cone-bearing trees, fruit trees, and flowering trees. Participants will dress as tree trunks and carry umbrellas decorated as tree canopies. Families will be responsible for providing an umbrella, and clothing of tree trunk colors.

The Theology and Natural Sciences Ministry has accepted responsibility for TUCO's entry and Ministry members **Joe Arnett** and **Tom Skjervold** and will help decorate the umbrellas.

Children, parents and anyone who wants to walk in the parade with the TUCO group are asked to register by phone or email with Ruth Shearer, 438-5682 or shearrj@aol.com, as soon as possible, to help our planning for decorating the umbrellas.

FIRESIDE GALLERY

Pat Fountain, Gallery Coordinator

Our new show is a small retrospective by local

artist and long-time TUCO member **Bill Radcliffe**. Bill, a painter for over 50 years, will host an informal reception after the 11:00 a.m. service on March 29.

PAIRS & SPARES MARCH 25

Annita Noah

Pairs and Spares meeting and luncheon will be **Wednesday, March 25** at Panorama Restaurant Garden Room. Social at 11:30 and lunch 12:00. The program speaker will be **Susan Alexander** from **Youth Community Services** who will be speaking about Rosie's Place and other services.

Make reservations by calling the church office at 943-1210 by Monday, March 23.

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EVENTS AT CHURCH Thursday, March 19 - Saturday, April 4

<p>Thursday <u>March 19</u></p> <p>Noon Faith in Flux brown bag group, Fireside Room 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Presbytery of Olympia, Skyline Church, Tacoma</p> <p>Friday <u>March 20</u></p> <p>Saturday <u>March 21</u></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship Ministry, Chapel clean-up</p>	<p>Sunday <u>March 22</u></p> <p>8:15 a.m. Worship, Chapel 9:15 Coffee Fellowship, Narthex 9:15 Youth Choir, Rm. 6 9:30 Sunday School & Adult Ed 9:30 Lenten Walk 10:20 Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Rm. 6 11:00 Worship, Sanctuary Noon Coffee Fellowship 12:30 Senior Highs, Social Hall 6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel -Prayer</p>	<p>Monday <u>March 23</u></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Tuesday <u>March 24</u></p> <p>1:00 p.m. Worship Planning, Rm. 106 1:00 Panorama Communion, Quinault Chapel 3:00 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106 5:30 Middlers, Cook - Social Hall 6:00 Lenten Small Study Group, Chapel 6:00 Lenten Singing Group, Choir Room 6:30 Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>Wednesday <u>March 25</u></p> <p>6:00 p.m. VOICE Articles Due 6:00 p.m. SpiritSing, Chapel 7:00 Drum Fun, Social Hall 7:00 Festival Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>Thursday <u>March 26</u></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitting Small Group, Fireside Room Noon Faith in Flux brown bag lunch discussion group, Fireside Room</p>	<p>Friday <u>March 27</u></p> <p>YOUTH CONFIRMATION WEEKEND...</p>
<p>HOLY WEEK</p> 						
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>APRIL 6-10, 12:10 P.M., SANCTUARY Holy Week Organ Recitals</p> <p>APRIL 9, 6:30 P.M., CHAPEL Maundy Thursday Soup Supper</p> <p>APRIL 10, 7:30 P.M., SANCTUARY Good Friday Service</p> <p>APRIL 12, 8:15 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Easter Sunday Festival Cantata, presented by our Festival Choir</p>						
<p>Saturday <u>March 28</u></p> <p>...YOUTH CONFIRMATION WEEKEND 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Living Lightly Small Group, Purple Rm. 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Cinema Night, Fireside Room</p>  <p>8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Earth Hour 2009 Lights out for 1 hour all over the world.</p> <p>Saturday <u>April 4</u></p>	<p>Sunday <u>March 29</u></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Church Lenten Walk ONE WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 Family Style Worship, Sanctuary 11 Coffee Fellowship 12:30 p.m. Senior Highs, Social Hall 6:00 p.m. Spirit Service, Chapel ~ Healing</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>21ST ANNUAL BLINTZAPALOOZA! <i>Sunday, March 29, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</i> <i>Temple Beth Hatfiloh (at 8th & Washington)</i> Proceeds from the annual book, bagel, and blintz sale to benefit Camp Quixote, Union Gospel Free Dental Clinic, and Interfaith Works.</p> </div>	<p>Monday <u>March 30</u></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>Tuesday <u>March 31</u></p> <p>1:00 p.m. Worship Planning, Rm. 106 3:30 Staff Meeting, Rm. 106 5:30 Middlers, Pizza - Social Hall 6:00 Lenten Small Study Group, Chapel 6:00 Lenten Singing Group, Choir Room</p>	<p>Wednesday <u>April 1</u></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Christian Education Ministry, Rm. 106 6:00 Administration Ministry, Library 6:00 Daughters of Eve, Fireside Room 6:00 SpiritSing, Chapel 7:00 Drum Fun, Rm. 106 7:00 Festival Choir, Sanctuary 8:00 Chancel Choir, Sanctuary</p>	<p>Thursday <u>April 2</u></p> <p>Noon Faith in Flux brown bag lunch discussion group, Fireside Room 7:00 p.m. Mission, Peace & Justice Ministry, Library 7:00 Worship Ministry, Fireside Room 7:00 Theology, Natural Sciences & Continuing Creation Ministry, Chapel</p>	<p>Friday <u>April 3</u></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk, Social Hall</p>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>LENTEN CHURCH WALK Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Narthex each Sunday in Lent.</p>  </div>



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EASTER CANTATA & CELEBRATION

Dee Morton, Director of Music

*You are cordially invited to a
special musical presentation by*

The United Churches of Olympia Festival Choir

Sunday, April 12, 2009

8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Please come celebrate the joyous Easter Festival Music of

*G. F. Handel W. A. Mozart Pietro Mascagni
Moses Hogan Joseph Martin*

Performed by: Festival Choir, Soloists, Chamber Orchestra,
Handbells, Organ and Piano.

Easter Readings by: Pastors F. Mark Dowdy & Amy Roon.

*Each presentation to be followed by a full course
Easter Breakfast Buffet served in the Narthex and
Fireside Room by United Churches Youth.*

Prayers For

- ✦ **Jinny Beekman, Helen Goldsmith and family** on the death of **Tom Goldsmith** March 5. His memorial was March 15 in our Sanctuary.
- ✦ **Patty Pickard and family**, on the death of Norm Pickard. His memorial was March 14 at Panorama City.
- ✦ **L.D. McNall**, Panorama C&R, hospice care.
- ✦ **Curtis Eaton**, chemotherapy and radiation.
- ✦ **Clara Mitchell and Mary Webster** at Panorama C&R.
- ✦ **Bob Hutchins**, surgery March 13.
- ✦ **John Manter**, Panorama C&R.
- ✦ *Happy Birthday* to **Helen Hathaway** who turned 100 on March 10.

