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A TRUE OASIS

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Many of us find our lives so impacted by noise and busyness, we have difficulty finding time and space for prayer and contemplation. When we do find a short block of time, we find that the distractions around us too often hamper what we seek, a place and time to be alone with God. Is it any wonder that I find myself looking ahead each month to my time spent each month in Oasis?

This program is for me a time to slow down, listen to the Spirit and address the question, "What is God calling me to do at this time in my life?" Through Oasis I am enriched and helped by times spent with my spiritual director, times spent in silence by either walking in the woods, journaling in my private space, or praying. Further spiritual nourishment comes through small group prayer with other Oasis participants and an opportunity for worship with the Sisters if I choose. Joining the Sisters for dinner is a wonderful transition back to my busy world outside Oasis. Through this spiritual enrichment I have found myself held, cradled, and loved by God and the community of St. Placid Priory. Information on the programs of St. Placid Priory is at www.stplacid.org.

NEW COFFEE HOST COORDINATOR NEEDED

Debbie Nickerson, Congregational Life Ministry

Coming into the church as a newbie, becoming the coffee fellowship coordinator was a wonderful way to get to know many people in a short period of time. I have gotten to know so many members of the church this way and value the relationships created. I greatly appreciate all the hosts and snack providers do for us by committing themselves to providing the warm atmosphere and food we have all come to expect and be grateful for after the late service on Sundays. This service is truly an extension of the hospitality work we are doing at our church. It takes many, however, to sustain it. More hosts and snack providers are needed so that the same core group are not overtaxed. Term limits can be a good thing and mine is past due. I need to step down as the coordinator of Sunday fellowship hosts and snack providers. I will work to fill up the schedule until the beginning of October. Please consider coming on board as either coordinator, host or snack provider. Coordinator work is done mostly through email and phone calls. Thanks for your consideration.

Summer Worship Services

August 23

9:00 - 9:40 A.M. - Chapel
**Reflection, Contemplation
and Prayer**

10:00 A.M. - Sanctuary
"At Home with God"

TEXTS:

- I Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
- Psalm 84
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- Matthew 14:13-21

6:00 P.M.
Spirit Service
~ Prayer

August 30

9:00 - 9:40 A.M. - Chapel
**Reflection, Contemplation
and Prayer**

10:00 A.M. - Sanctuary
"Be Love"

TEXTS:

- Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
- Song of Solomon 2:8-13
- Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
- James 1:17-27

6:00 P.M.
Spirit Service
~ Healing

TUCO Summer Events Calendar

August 21-23 TUCO Annual All-Church Retreat at Pilgrim Firs.

August 28-30 Saturday Family Bike Ride on John Wayne Pioneer Trail, with optional camping. Contact **Brian Hovis**.

August 30 Family Gathering and Amy Send-off.

September 13 Ministry Fair.

September 20 Return to 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. worship schedule.

STAY FOR THE MINISTRY FAIR

Our Ministry Fair will follow our final 10:00 a.m. summer service on **September 13**. Learn about the work and projects of each of our ministries. Sign up for volunteering opportunities and Christian Education classes, play games and enjoy fellowship with one another. A light lunch will be provided by our ministries.

IT'S DINNERS FOR SEVEN TIME

Sue Breidenbach, Dinners for Seven Coordinator

It's Time to Join a Group! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and become better acquainted with those you see at worship. We have two all-group gatherings and two rotations of small groups during the year so you will broaden your church acquaintances.

If you are interested in joining a group, contact **Sue Breidenbach**, at breidenbach@msn.com or phone 360-352-5870.

FAMILY BIKE RIDE WITH CAMPING OPTION

Join other TUCO families for a **bike ride** on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail between Hyak and Cle Elum on **Saturday, August 28**. Contact **Brian**

Hovis at brianhovis@msn.com.

Join us on a **camping** outing on Friday and Saturday nights at **Lake Easton State**

Park, a forested, 516-acre year-round camping park on the shores of Lake Easton in the Cascade Mountain foothills. Camping reservations should be made asap at: www.parks.wa.gov/parks/?selectedpark=Lake%20Easton, or by calling 888-CAMPOUT. The Hovis Family has reserved Site 47. RV sites are also available. **Prefer to not camp?** Check out South Cle Elum's The Iron Horse Inn (www.ironhorseinnbb.com).



Last Chance! ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

Registration is almost full! Please register and pay for your space as soon as possible. Once all spaces are full, we will put you on the waiting list.

August 21-23 at Pilgrim Firs

It promises to be a great time for all. Joining us in exploring our theme "Breakthrough" is storyteller and musician **Dayton Edmonds**, an enchanting speaker and weaver of tales. **Brooke Johnson** will be wrapping up the wonderful Summer Faith formation class.

The cost for two wonderful nights and six scrumptious meals relaxing on the shore of Lake Flora is:

These prices reflect the discount the church is offering you, because we want you to "Come to Camp". If you want to assist others who may need a scholarship, simply add 10% to the above prices when writing your check.

Families	Couples	Singles
\$270	\$180	\$90

Registration forms are in the Narthex, or call the office.

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EVENTS AT CHURCH

Thursday, August 20 - Saturday, September 6

<p>Thursday August 20</p> <p>Friday August 21</p> <p>10:00 am Car- ing Friends, Fire- side Room</p> <p>All-Church Re- treat through Sunday, August 23, at Pilgrim Firs</p> <p>Saturday August 22</p> <p>All-Church Re- treat through Sunday, August 23, at Pilgrim Firs</p>	<p>Sunday August 23</p> <p>SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:00 - 9:40 am Contemplation & Prayer, Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Spirit Service,</i> Chapel ~Prayer</p>	<p>Monday August 24</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>1:00 pm Peace Crafters, Jacky Crow's home, 790-0863</p>	<p>Tuesday August 25</p> <p>1:00 pm Worship Plan- ning, Rm. 106</p> <p>3:00 Staff Meet- ing, Rm.106</p> <p>6:30 pm Stephen Minis- try, Fireside Room</p>	<p>Wednesday August 26</p> <p>6:00 pm VOICE Articles Due</p> <p>Fireside Room 7:00 Drum Fun, Social Hall</p>	<p>Thursday August 27</p> <p>7:00 pm Steward- ship Ministry, Fire- side Room</p>	<p>Friday August 28</p> <p>Camping, and Saturday bike ride on John Wayne Pioneer Trail</p>
<p align="center">THREE SUMMER WORSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-9:40 a.m., Chapel <i>Reflection, Contemplation, and Prayer,</i> coordinated by Mark Dowdy • 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary Worship with a variety of styles and music • 6:00 p.m., Chapel <i>Spirit Service of Labyrinth, Music, Taizé,</i> and Prayer 						
<p>Saturday August 29</p> <p>Camping, and Saturday bike ride on John Wayne Pioneer Trail</p> <p>Saturday September 6</p>	<p>Sunday August 30</p> <p>SUMMER SCHEDULE 9:00 - 9:40 am Contempla- tion, Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Worship, Sanctuary</p> <p>11 am Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>11:30 am-1 pm Family Fun Tumblin' Fun Party, lower parking lot</p> <p>6:00 pm <i>Spirit Service,</i> Chapel ~Healing Prayer</p>	<p>Monday August 31</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>1:00 pm Peace Crafters, Jacky Crow's home, 790-0863</p>	<p>Tuesday September 1</p> <p>1:00 pm Worship Plan- ning, Rm. 106</p> <p>3:30 Staff Mtg, Rm.106</p> <p>5:30 pm Cong- regational Life Ministry, Fire- side Room</p> <p>7:00 pm Stew- ardship Minis- try, Room #106</p>	<p>Wednesday September 2</p> <p>5:30 pm Chris- tian Education Ministry, Room #106</p> <p>6:00 pm Daugh- ters of Eve, Fire- side Room</p> <p>7:00 Drum Fun, Rm. 106</p>	<p>Thursday September 3</p> <p>7:00 pm Mission, Peace & Justice Min- istry, Library</p> <p>7:00 pm TNSCC Ministry, Room #106</p> <p>7:00 pm Worship Ministry, Fireside Room</p>	<p>Friday September 4</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>SUMMER CHOIR NEEDS YOU</p> <p>9:00 a.m. rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Service</p> <p><i>September 6</i></p> <p>MEET IN THE SANCTUARY</p> </div>						

