

# Celebrating 35 years: 1969-2004

# CHANNEL

*Building community that is humane, compassionate and just*

A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES

November 2004

www.associatedministries.org

Vol. 35, No. 9

## Benefit film screening will help make a more wonderful life for families in need

*Associated Ministries and Blue Mouse Theatre will offer classic film to benefit Family Emergency Fund*

BY GINA BREUKELMAN

On Thursday, Dec. 2, Associated Ministries will host two benefit showings of the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, to support the Family Emergency Fund. The black and white 1946 movie, directed by Frank Capra, will be shown at 2:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. at the Blue Mouse Theatre in Tacoma's Proctor District.

Starring Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, and Lionel Barrymore, *It's a Wonderful Life* is a wonderful tribute both to the power individuals have to change communities for the better and to the power of community to help individuals in need. Associated Ministries will use the funds raised at the benefit showing to respond to the needs of individuals and families in our community struggling with hunger, homelessness, unemployment and poverty.

Associated Ministries has created a special fund, the Family Emergency Fund, which meets the urgent needs of at-risk families. To help families keep their homes and jobs, this fund enables Associated Ministries to respond to emergency needs such as safety from family violence, costs surrounding death and dying, transportation to job locations, temporary child care for the working parent, medical expenses, and other real and urgent needs faced by families struggling to make ends meet. To many of us, these expenditures are small



*Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey learns important lessons about life and love in the film classic, "It's a Wonderful Life."*

or at least not substantial enough to put us in debt. Yet to individuals and families living in poverty, these expenses are impossible to meet without assistance and can put families at risk of becoming homeless or unemployed.

Sponsors for this event include Fox Movies, Click!, Pierce Mortgage and R4 Graphics. Tickets to the 2:00 p.m. show will be \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door.

Associated Ministries is seeking honorary ushers for the evening showing, which will be by invitation only. Honorary ushers are asked to fill six seats with family or friends able to donate to the Family Emergency Fund. A wine and hors d'oeuvres reception will be held at 6:00

p.m. for attendees of the evening showing.

As the film critic Roger Ebert said, *It's a Wonderful Life* is "a celebration of the lives and dreams of America's ordinary citizens, who tried the best they could to do the right thing by themselves and their neighbors." Please help Associated Ministries remain a place of hope and help for individuals and families in crisis by attending this event and donating generously to the Family Emergency Fund.

Space for both showings of the movie is limited. For tickets, invitations, more information or to donate to the Family Emergency Fund, please contact Gina Breukelman at (253) 383-3056, ext. 115 or ginab@associatedministries.org.

## Bits and pieces about "It's a Wonderful Life"

### Don't know the movie? Here's the plot:

George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, is a family man whose life suddenly seems so desperate he jumps off a bridge. In a review of his life for his guardian angel, we learn that George had always intended to leave small Bedford Falls, New York to see the world, but circumstances, his sense of duty, and his love for Mary (Donna Reed) keep him there. Everyone trusts George to do the right thing, keeping the family-run savings and loan afloat, sending his younger brother to college, and protecting the town from the greedy banker Mr. Potter (Lionel Barrymore). To help him understand the gift his life has been, George's guardian angel shows him what life would have become for his family and his town if he had never been born.

### The Script

The script credits go to the director, Frank Capra, and writers Frances Goodrich

and Albert Hackett, but there were three versions from the short story by Philip Van Doren Stern. The screenplay was developed through uncredited work by Academy Award winning writers Dorothy Parker and Dalton Trumbo, and Tony winning writer Clifford Odets.

### Critical Success/Mediocre Box Office

"It's A Wonderful Life" garnered Academy Award nominations for Best Picture, Best Actor (James Stewart), Best Director (Frank Capra), Best Sound, and Best Editing but won no awards. It was promoted by Liberty Films as a "new screen sensation" and film critics applauded it. It was the subject of articles in Parade and Life Magazines, but the movie lost almost \$400,000.

### Creating Bedford Falls, New York in Southern California

Part of the failure at the box office had

to do with the cost of making the movie. Cost for production and promotion was over three million dollars. To create the upstate New York town of Bedford Falls on the RKO ranch in Encino, a 300-yard-long Main Street was constructed, along with a factory area, a middle class residential section and slum neighborhood. Twenty full-grown oak trees were transplanted to the center of Main Street. For winter scenes, crews knocked the leaves off the trees and used 3,000 tons of shaved ice, 300 tons of plaster, 300 tons of gypsum and 6,000 gallons of other chemicals to cover the four-acre set with "snow" on a 90° day.

### A true classic

The film is number 11 on the American Film Institute's *100 Greatest Movies* list and number 8 on their *100 Greatest Love Stories* list.

Homeless Awareness Week  
is Nov. 6-12  
... see page 2

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held at First Lutheran Church

All are invited to attend Associated Ministries' annual Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service, which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 24 at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 524 South 1st St., Tacoma. A reception and fellowship time will follow the service.

A Pierce County tradition for more than a quarter century, the Thanksgiving Eve service brings together people from many different faith traditions, each year in a different facility. The evening celebrates both unity as God's people and diversity of religious tradition.

Members of the Interreligious Round Table are planning the service, which will include symbols, music, movement and prayers from various traditions. As in past years the gathering will comprise Protestants, Catholics, Latter Day Saints, Bahá'ís, Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, members of Unity, Unitarian Universalists and Christian Scientists. They come together again as faith communities to pray, reflect on God's blessings and simply be together to celebrate being brothers and sisters.

As has been a tradition at the service, an offering will be collected. This year's offering has been designated for the Family Emergency Fund, which helps to meet urgent needs for families faced with unexpected expenses that can put homes and jobs at risk.

For more information, please call (253) 383-3056, ext. 119 or email info@associatedministries.org.

## Inside . . . . .

	Page
Blanket Drive .....	2
Director's Corner .....	3
Earth Stewards: Composting .....	6
Homeless Awareness Week .....	2
Housing Discrimination .....	5
In Brief .....	7
Needs & Wants .....	7
November Happenings .....	8
Project Interdependence .....	2
Reflections: Possessiveness .....	5
Sister City Campaign .....	2
Small Group Workshop .....	2
Stewards in the Spotlight .....	3
Website honors Nouwen .....	6

## Nov. 6-12 is Homeless Awareness Week in Pierce County

The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition for the Homeless will observe November 6-12 as Homeless Awareness Week, offering opportunities to learn more about homelessness in Pierce County and to be involved in efforts to end it.

In January 2003, a one night homeless count found 1138 homeless people in Pierce County. This represented 537 people in families – 291 of whom are children – and 601 single individuals. Many of those counted reported issues with substance abuse, mental health, physical disability, and domestic violence.

The Tacoma Pierce County Coalition for the Homeless works to address homelessness through direct service, development and sharing of resources and information, and through long range community planning targeted not only to

identifying best practices for addressing homelessness but to finding solutions to its causes.

Homeless Awareness Week activities are designed to increase public awareness and understanding of homelessness in the community and to provide ideas and opportunities for service. Any proceeds derived from the various events will be used to provide direct support, such as transportation assistance to allow travel to jobs, education, and services. Homeless Awareness Week activities include:

All Week – Warmth Drive donations will be collected at South Sound Outreach Services, 1106 ML K Jr. Way, Tacoma, and Sumner School District offices, 1202 Wood Ave, Sumner. Warmth Drive articles needed are new hats, gloves, socks, and underwear. Articles will be distributed at the Friday Night Feed and at local

homeless assistance agencies.

All Week – Opportunities to volunteer your time serving meals to homeless individuals and families. Please visit the Coalition website [www.cityoftacoma.org/shelternow](http://www.cityoftacoma.org/shelternow) for a listing of volunteer opportunities and contacts.

All Week – Umbrellas! Get your beautiful and functional umbrella imprinted with “The Road Home” graphic and website for a mere \$10. Each umbrella comes with a summary of The Road Home: Ending Chronic Homelessness, a Ten-Year Plan for Pierce County.

All Week – ‘Trolleywood,’ a powerful documentary of homelessness, showing at the Grand Cinema from Saturday, Nov. 6 through Friday, Nov. 12. (See theater listings for times.)

Saturday, Nov. 6 – Discussion follow-

ing the early showing of ‘Trolleywood’ at the Grand Cinema.

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 6-7 – Coordinated prayer for the homeless in area faith communities.

Monday, Nov. 8 – The Coalition will host a luncheon at Nativity House, to inspire and inform community members with good food, speakers, and entertainment. State Senator Jeannie Darneille will provide the keynote message.

Tuesday, Nov. 9 – A 12:00 p.m. showing of ‘Insert City,’ a locally-produced documentary depicting homelessness on the streets of Pierce County, at the Health Department, 3629 South ‘D’ Street, Tacoma.

For more information, contact Patti Spaulding at [patties@ccsww.org](mailto:patties@ccsww.org) or call (253)471-5340.

## Tacoma Unitarian Universalist Association hosts small group workshop

All are invited to a Small Group Workshop with Julia Rodriguez Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Association of Tacoma, 1115 So. 56th St., Tacoma.

The first part of the workshop will examine the small group experience and the second will look at structure and growth within and beyond the church.

Rodriguez chairs the Small Group

Ministry Council at the First Unitarian Church of San Jose.

Light snacks and child-care will be provided. Please RSVP with number of adults participating and number of children requiring child-care to Mark Backus, [backusm@harbornet.com](mailto:backusm@harbornet.com) or (253) 759-5978. There is no fee; donations will be appreciated.

## Adopt a family for the holidays

BY LORRAINE LEE, PROJECT INTERDEPENDENCE

It's that time of year again. Christmas decorations are already sneaking their way into stores even though Thanksgiving festivities have not yet begun. As Christmas draws near, however, and holiday excitement builds for many, some parents are not able to share that excitement.

For them, Christmas is the most difficult time of the year. Children

expect Santa to bring them new toys, video games, pets, and more. For many low-income families the thought of providing gifts and a holiday dinner causes apprehension as parents know their resources can barely meet basic needs such as food and utility bills. In the weeks prior to Thanksgiving, Associated Ministries' staff members receive numerous phone calls from families seeking help for the holidays. As we go to press, there are already eight families on the waiting list for Christmas.

In the past few years, we have been amazed at the community's response to families in need. Last year, Associated Ministries connected over 30 families to volunteers from congregations, agencies, offices, and private families who gener-

ously helped over 100 individuals celebrate Christmas in their own special way. We are especially grateful to one of our volunteers, Jim LeGro, who, for the second year, contributed financially to adopt a family. Last year, we were able to help two small families with the money.

In past years, families have ranged in size from two persons (parent and child) to nine (two parents and seven children). Any help that you are able to provide is greatly appreciated. Please help make Christmas a warm and happy season for a family in need. Individuals and/or congregations wishing to adopt a family may contact Associated Ministries' staff at (253)383-3056 ext. 109.



## Associated Ministries collects blankets and sleeping bags for homeless

During the month of November, Associated Ministries will conduct its annual blanket drive. The agency will collect clean blankets and sleeping bags to distribute to the homeless and to local shelters during the winter. Many of the homeless, both on the street and in the shelters, are in need of blankets for warmth each winter.

The blanket drive will begin on Monday, Nov. 1 and end on Wednesday, Nov. 24. The blankets collected will be distributed by different agencies and shelters in the county in an effort to keep the homeless population safe from the cold this winter. Blankets and sleeping bags will be given to shelters and support programs like Nativity House and Operation Keep 'Em Warm & Fed to be distributed to individuals and families in need. When, for whatever reason, people are out in the elements, Associated Ministries wants to attempt to make sure they are warm.

During November, Associated Ministries will also be accepting donations to the Severe Weather Shelter Fund. This program helps get people into emergency shelter when the weather is freezing and shelters are filled to capacity. The fund provides low-cost hotel rooms to home-

### Associated Ministries' Fall 2004 Blanket Drive

**WHAT:** Clean blankets and sleeping bags

**WHERE:** Associated Ministries, 1224 South I Street, Tacoma

**WHEN:** 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, Nov. 1-Nov. 24.

**QUESTIONS?** Call (253) 383-3056, ext. 119 or email [info@associatedministries.org](mailto:info@associatedministries.org)

less families when the shelters are full and the weather conditions are severe.

Congregations, businesses, service clubs and individuals can donate clean blankets and sleeping bags to be dispersed to shelters and direct service providers across the county. Blankets and donations to the Severe Weather Shelter Fund can be dropped off at Associated Ministries, 1224 S. I Street, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. throughout the month of November.

For more information, please call at (253) 383-3056 ext. 119 or email [lauriec@associatedministries.org](mailto:lauriec@associatedministries.org).

## Tacoma joins AIDS awareness campaign for Sister City in South Africa

The Tacoma/George, South Africa Sister City Committee is helping to sponsor their Sister City's first HIV/AIDS education campaign, entitled “Footprint AIDS Awareness.”

Tacoma's sister city in George is implementing this campaign to convey a message of “stepping away” from an AIDS-infected society by increasing prevention and care services, and “stepping towards” a new and better future by building a new AIDS-free generation.

Funds raised will help support existing care and prevention services: counseling and testing at the Rape Crisis Room of the George Provincial Hospital, case management services at Bethesda AIDS Hospice Center, and emergency needs services at Phambili Refuge for battered

women and their children, the only refuge that accepts persons living with AIDS.

Members of the Tacoma/George, South Africa Sister City Committee are inviting all of Tacoma – individuals, businesses, clubs, churches and organizations – to join with them to help Tacoma's sister city “step away” from HIV/AIDS. Individuals are asked to sign a printed “footprint” to include with their donation to the AIDS awareness campaign. The signed footprints and donations will be presented to George, South Africa on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2004. For more information contact Lynda Thomas at (253) 460-1552 or write to the Tacoma/George Sister City Committee, 747 Market St. Room 1036, Tacoma, WA 98402.

## COMMUNIVERSITY 2005 needs YOU

CommUniversity, Pierce County's premier adult education experience, needs volunteer representatives

If you can help by distributing information and registration materials in your church, workplace or social group, please call the Planning Committee at (253) 383-3056, ext 120 or email [channel@associatedministries.org](mailto:channel@associatedministries.org)

## Mormon neighbors help food bank



In a September food drive, members of the Tacoma South Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints collected nearly four and a half tons (8,500 pounds) of commodities for the Emergency Food Network. Above (l to r), Don McClellan, high councilman in charge, Clay Dickinson, Chairman of Stake Public Affairs Committee and Adam Dickinson display the truck nearly full of donations. The project served to help stake members become better acquainted with their neighbors and fellow workers while introducing them to the church's emphasis on humanitarian service.

# Stewards in the Spotlight

Each month, *The CHANNEL* features individuals, congregations and organizations who truly exemplify the spirit of stewardship in their day-to-day lives and work. This month Gina Breukelman interviews Rev. Bill Robey of First Christian Church in Sumner. To suggest a candidate for a Stewards in the Spotlight profile, please contact *The CHANNEL* at (253) 383-3056, ext. 120.

## Church Name: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**Location:** 432 Wood Avenue, Sumner, WA 98390

**Phone:** (253) 863-7858

**Meet the Pastor:** Pastor Bill Robey is a native of Alexandria, Virginia, and a graduate of The University of Virginia, George Washington University, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is in his twelfth year of service at Sumner First Christian Church. Bill is a second career clergy-person; he spent 21 years as an aviator in the U.S. Air Force prior to entering seminary. Before coming to Sumner,



Bill served a Disciples of Christ congregation in Hammond, Louisiana, and a joint United Church of Christ/Church of the Brethren congregation in south Seattle. Bill loves camping, hiking, and skiing with his wife Connie; visits with their four children and six grandchildren; a weekly game of tennis; and occasional forays on the racquetball court.

**Staff:** Karen Davey, Administrative Assistant; Jamie Philip, Praise Band/Worship Leader and Music Director; Amy Luebke, pianist; Stephen Fought, Custodian/ Groundskeeper. Praise Band also includes Shane Foster and Brian Smith.

**Worship:** Each Sunday, Traditional Worship service at 9:30 a.m. and contemporary Praise Worship service at 11:30 a.m.

**History:** Sumner First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was chartered at Fort Steilacoom in the year 1858 where its members had taken refuge from an Indian uprising. Returning to Sumner at the cessation of hostilities in 1863, the congregation met in a log school house until its first church building was completed in 1883, six years before the Northwest Territory became the State of Washington. As such, Sumner First Christian Church has been officially designated a "Territorial Church" and holds the distinction of being the state's oldest Disciples of Christ congregation. The congregation built its current facility in two phases. The Education Wing and Fellowship Hall, dedicated in 1958, served as our worship site until our Sanctuary was completed in 1968.

**Creed/Mission:** One of the distinctive characteristics of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is that we do not require a person to subscribe to a particular creed in order to be a member of Christ's church. A public confession of faith in Jesus Christ and the symbolic act of receiving new life in Christ through baptism are the only requirements for formal church membership. We believe the purpose of Sumner First Christian Church is to share God's love as a diverse community of individuals through joyful praise, exploring and learning, willing commitment, and active service.

**What special programs does your congregation offer?** Our congregation currently offers three Bible studies, a Christian Women's Fellowship group, and the opportunity to participate in regional youth and young adult programs. We also host three AA and one AlAnon group meetings per week, a weekly Brain Injury Support Group meeting, and numerous other opportunities to serve on the various Initiative Teams that are part of implementing our five-year Strategic Plan.

**With what other organizations is your congregation involved?** Our congregation actively supports Associated Ministries through Paint Tacoma/Pierce County Beautiful and the Pierce County Hunger Walk; we also provide a member to the board of directors. We support Exodus Housing, which assists families in avoiding or transitioning from homelessness. In addition, we sponsor both a Cub Scout Pack and a Boy Scout Troop.

**How does your faith call you to action?** Our faith challenges us to become a community that is willing to reach out and share the Good News of Jesus Christ as we understand it in the most "unchurched" region of our nation. We recognize that organized religion has become irrelevant to many in our area who are disinterested in being part of a church that spoon feeds a narrowly-focused black-and-white interpretation of Scripture. We seek to be an open community where members are encouraged to study scripture and think for themselves in determining how the Biblical witness provides guidance and advice for living joyous, hope-filled lives here and now while recognizing that God's grace removes the guilt-laden fear that has predominated Christian thinking for years. We are open and accepting of people from all ethnic and religious backgrounds and sexual orientations, recognizing that many such people in our community have been shunned or wounded by organized religious communities in their past. We seek to be an active part of the living Body of Christ in the world today, sharing Christ's love and compassion to all and especially to those who live on the margins of our society.

**What is your biggest concern for the world/ community?** Our biggest concern is that we fail to recognize that, through Jesus Christ, God has called us to live together in peace and harmony by sharing in a fair and equitable manner all the rich blessings God has bestowed upon humankind. Somehow we must get beyond the belief that, by virtue of the fact that we live in this great nation and call ourselves Christian, God is somehow bestowing a special blessing upon us...a blessing that, through the use of violence, we must protect for the "elect" and keep from sharing with those who do not accept the American or the Christian "way of life" as the only way to live. God calls us to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God", which means we must seek justice for all people, that we must share God's blessings with all people, and that we must protect the good Earth God has given for all people to inhabit.

**What is your biggest hope for the world/ community?** Our biggest hope is that we will come to understand that creating God's reign on earth is a here-and-now proposition, not a distant hope that will be ushered in as the result of some apocalyptic future event that will separate the "elect" from all others. God calls us to be the instruments of God's on-going creative process during our lifetimes, so as to bring about God's reign of peace and justice on for all the Earth.

**What is your message to the Associated Ministries community?** Keep up the good work and keep faith that the actions you initiate are making a difference in Tacoma and Pierce County and throughout the northwest region. By uniting in action not only Christian communities, but by creating an interfaith alliance, you are helping all to realize God's vision of shalom on Earth!

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

[Associated Ministries' Executive Director Rev. David T. Alger is away from the office for a few weeks recuperating from surgery. He invited the Reverend Julia M. Price to pen the Director's Corner in his absence. Rev. Price is pastor of the United Methodist Church at Lakewood and president of Associated Ministries' board of directors.]



Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ.

It is an honor to be invited to write this column in David's absence. I know that all of you join with me in offering prayers for David and Sally as he recovers from surgery.

Earlier this year I led members of my congregation in study of Dr. Marcus Borg's latest book, *The Heart of Christianity*. I know that Dr. Borg is a controversial figure in the church today. I have heard him referred to in many different ways ranging from a prophetic voice for the 21<sup>st</sup> century church to a heretic. However, I would suggest that no matter what you think of him, he does challenge us as faith communities to examine portions of our understanding of church, God, and ourselves to the end that we might more fully reflect the way of God in the world.

Therefore, I would like to lift up one image that he uses for our reflection as we do the work of building communities that are humane, compassionate and just. Dr. Borg lifts up the work of Vida Scudder in *Glorious Companions* who listed "three ways that Christians can respond to a growing awareness of human suffering: direct philanthropy, social reform, and social transformation." While we often spend time discussing the relative value of giving directly to those who are suffering (direct philanthropy) or creating and supporting organizations for their care (social reform), we much less frequently go on to the third way: changing society to remove the structures that lead to the suffering (social transformation).

The first two are charity and the third is justice. We need to be working on all three but if we are honest with ourselves the first two (especially the second one) are much easier for us to do. Creating committees and structures requires much less risk on our part than getting directing in and among those who are suffering.

I must admit that one of the reasons I give so much of my time and energy to Associated Ministries is because I see us working in all of those ways in our community. I don't need to identify the programs that do each of these because many of you can testify to the work on Associated Ministries in these areas even better than I can.

I am thankful for the honor of being part of this work of compassion in our community. I pray that God will continue to guide and bless us.

*Julia M. Price*

Rev. Julia M. Price  
Board President, Associated Ministries

### The CHANNEL Holiday Listings

Is your congregation planning special holiday services or programs?

The December issue of *The CHANNEL* will include a special section featuring Advent and Christmas events – be sure yours is included!

**For more information call (253) 383-3056 ext.120 or email [channel@associatedministries.org](mailto:channel@associatedministries.org).**



Associated Ministries is a Christian organization representing more than 200 congregations, religious groups, and interfaith partners in Tacoma-Pierce County. We are compelled by our faith to build community that is humane, compassionate and just.

## CHANNEL

Channel is published ten times each year (monthly except June and August) by:

**Associated Ministries • 1224 South I Street • Tacoma, WA 98405-5021**

**Phone: (253) 383-3056 • Fax: (253) 383-2672**

**E-mail: [channel@associatedministries.org](mailto:channel@associatedministries.org) • [www.associatedministries.org](http://www.associatedministries.org)**

Rev. David T. Alger - Executive Director

Maureen Fife - Deputy Director

Judith Jones - Editor

The Channel is Pierce County's only ecumenical and interfaith newspaper, reaching more than 10,000 people each month.

Readers are invited to submit news items, letters, articles, opinion pieces and photographs of interest to the faith communities of Tacoma/Pierce County. The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month preceding publication. Materials may be submitted via mail, fax, e-mail or delivery, but must include a contact name and phone number or e-mail address. Submissions will be published at the discretion of the editor, and may be edited for space and clarity. Submissions will not be returned but may be kept on file for future use. Photos will be returned upon request.

For advertising information, contact Dorothy Moe at (253) 460-1443 or Judith Jones at (253) 383-3056, ext. 120.



# Thank You!

## WE DID IT!

*A heartfelt thanks to each of the hundreds of walkers, runners, volunteers and sponsors who came out to put their heart and "sole" into the fight against hunger.*

*You are the best! We have already reached our goal of \$200,000 and money is still pouring in. You will be feeding hungry families in Pierce County and around the world. Thank you for helping to set the table for the cold winter ahead and throughout the coming year.*

### 2004 Walk Teams

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church	Life Christian Academy
All Saints Parish	Light of the Hill United Methodist Church
Annie Wright School	Little Church on the Prairie
Asbury United Methodist Church	Longbranch Friends for Food
BBGNarrows	The Marauders
Bellarmino Preparatory School	Mason United Methodist Church
Bethany Presbyterian Church	Mountain Mamas
Bethel High Drill Team	Mountain View Lutheran Church
Bethel Jr. High Leadership	Mt. Cross Lutheran Church
Bethlehem Lutheran Church	My Sister's Pantry
BJH Community Ventures	Parkland United Methodist Church
Brown's Point United Methodist Church	Peninsula High Key Club
Campfire Boys and Girls	Peninsula High School
The Care	Pierce County Central Labor Council
Christ Church Episcopal Parish	Pierce County Dept of Emergency Management
Christ Episcopal Church, Puyallup	Pierce County Employees
Christ Lutheran Church	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Church	Prince of Peace Youth Fellowship
Christ the King Youth Group	Puyallup DSHS
The Cows	Puyallup Presbyterian Church
Creator Lutheran Church	Puyallup United Methodist Church
The Crozier Clan	Rotary 8 / Interact Club
CSLutheran	Skyline Presbyterian Church
Curtis Jr. High MESA Club	Smith Girls
Delta Sigma Theta	Spirit of Life Lutheran Church
Fife High School Key Club	Spunky Blue Birds
Fircrest United Methodist Church	St. Charles Borromeo Parish
First Christian Church, Puyallup	St. Frances Cabrini Parish
First Christian Church, Tacoma	St. Francis Day Troopers
First Congregational Church	St. John's Lutheran Church
First Lutheran Church	St. Leo's Parish
First Presbyterian Church	St. Luke's Memorial Church
First United Methodist Church	St. Mark's by the Narrows Lutheran Church
Food Connection	St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Foothills United Methodist Church Youth	St. Patrick Parish
Foresters	St. Patrick Parish RCIA
Fort Lewis Protestant Youth	St. Rita's Church
Gig Harbor United Methodist Church	Summit United Methodist Church
Girl Scout Troop 574	Temple Beth El
Girl Scouts Troop 320	Theta Rho Girls Club
Grace Lutheran Church	TRC Girls Club
Happy Loved Blessed Beautiful Girls	Tucci and Sons, Inc.
Helen McGovern for State Senate	Tummy Feeders
Holt Girls	University of Puget Sound Food Salvage
Holy Cross Parish	University Place Presbyterian Church
Holy Disciples Parish	Visitation Parish
IAM751	Walking Short
ILUW#23	West End Puget Sound Kiwanis
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Puyallup	Westminster Presbyterian Church
Jack and Jill of America	Weyerhaeuser Company Employees (Waves)
Josiah's Birthday Bash	Wilson High School / Varja
Lake Tapps Middle School	Woodland Elementary School
Lakes High School National Honor Society	
Lakewood United Methodist Church	

**A very special thanks to our 2004 Major Sponsor:  
Tucci & Sons, Inc.**

**And to all our 2004 sponsors:**

Bellarmino Preparatory School	R-4 Printing
Comcast	The News Tribune
Creative Solutions	United Parcel Service
Emergency Food Network	University of Puget Sound
MIXX96	Venture Bank
Mountain View Funeral and Memorial Park	Woodworth and Company, Inc.

### Businesses

Active Construction Inc.	Mt. West Investment Corp.
Apex Engineering PLLC	N C Machinery Co.
Apply-A-Line, Inc.	National Waterworks
Associated Petroleum Products, Inc.	Neil Walter Company LLC
Banner Bank	Northwest Radiator Works, Inc.
Benum Enterprises, Inc.	Olson Bros. Excavating, Inc.
BMW Northwest	P.R. Systems, Inc.
Bratrud Middleton Insurance	Pacific Coast Truck Center
By Design Rockeries and Excavation, L.L.C.	Pacific Welding Supplies LLC
Caliber Concrete Construction Inc.	Pape Machinery
Ceccanti	Parametrix, Inc.
City Glass and Upholstery, Inc.	Parker Pacific
Cokamar Trucking, Inc.	Petersen Brothers, Inc.
Commercial Brake & Clutch, Inc.	Pierce Commercial Bank
Corliss Resources	Portfolio Strategies Inc.
DR Horton Company	Puget Paving & Construction, Inc.
David P. Mathews, D.D.S., P.S.	Quality Fence Builders, Inc.
Davis Tool Company	Rainier Wood Recyclers, Inc.
Dobler Management Company, Inc.	Randles Sand & Gravel, Inc.
Dwyer Pemberton & Coulson P.C.	Road Runner Striping, Inc.
Evergreen Capital Trust	Robblee's Total Security, Inc.
Evergreen Equipment Company, Inc.	Schneider-Simpson Sheet Metal & Blower Co., Inc.
Evergreen Excavation, Inc.	Sessler Inc.
Everson's EconoVac	Shope Concrete Products Co.
Frontier Bank	Silverstreak Trucking, Inc.
Glacier Northwest	Site Development Inc.
Gordon Trucking Inc.	Slead Construction Inc.
Grade-It, Inc.	Sound Screening Services
Gray Lumber Company	Stripe Rite, Inc.
Gus Paine Insurance	T.E. Walrath Trucking, Inc.
Hentschell & Associates, Inc.	Tacoma Hydraulic and Machine, Inc.
Heritage Bank	Tacoma Screw Products, Inc
Holroyd Company, Inc	TIMCO Inc.
Hydroseeding & Barkblowers, Inc.	Titus-Will
Icon Materials	Totem Electric of Tacoma, Inc.
Interwest Metals, Inc.	Trusted Plans Service Corp.
J. Scott Homes	Tucci & Sons, Inc.
King Trucking Company	U.S. Oil & Refining Company
Leo Finnegan Construction Company, Inc	Wade Perrow Construction L.L.C.
Merit Company	Walsh Construction Co.
MidMountain Contractors, Inc.	Washington Rock Quarries, Inc.
	William R. Michelman, Inc., P.S.

### Finish Line Party In-Kind Donors

Cascade Honey Buckets	Pacific One Office Automation
Columbia Farms	PLU Students "Into the Streets"
Foresters	Stadium High School Cheerleaders
Franke Tobey Jones Retirement Community	Stadium Thriftway
Hoyt Elementary School	Superior Linen
Krispy Kreme Donuts	The Disclaimers
Landis Texaco	Tully's Coffee
Mission Foods	UPS Circle K Club
Mountain Mist Water	UPS Spurs
Nalley's Fine Foods	WAG Pet Market

*To all of the 2004 Pierce County Hunger Walk teams, congratulations on a job well done ... thanks for serving dinner with your feet!*

*And special thanks to our countless dedicated volunteers ... we couldn't have done it without you!*



*We apologize for any errors or omissions in this list. Please notify us so that we properly acknowledge all of our generous contributors.*

# Reflections: Struggling with Possessiveness



BY FR. RON ROLHEISER

The award-winning Broadway play, *Children of a Lesser God*, tells an interesting story of how love can go wrong, even when it seems like it's going right.

The story focuses on a spirited young woman who is deaf. Intelligent, sensitive, and wounded, she resists most attempts to help her, until one day a gifted teacher, a man her own age, enters her life. For awhile she resists both his love and his efforts to help her, but eventually trust grows in her and she opens up to him. They fall in love and, for awhile, things are wonderful and he helps open her to the world.

But then the story takes a curious turn. At a point, a huge tension begins to grow up between them. She feels guilty about it, sensing she should be grateful, even as resentment and anger continue to grow in her. For his part, he can't help feeling angry because he feels himself being pushed away after all he has done for her. The tension eventually produces a storm, a big one, lots of anger, lots of shouting, lots of recrimination, and a calm afterwards.

In that calm, she, still feeling guilty,

apologizes and tells him she feels badly because he has been such a great teacher and she owes so much to him. But the storm has taught him its lesson. He now knows the reason for her resentment. In essence, he puts it this way: "I've been a good teacher and have loved you, up to a point, but now I realize what I was really doing. In effect, I was saying this to you: 'Grow, but not so much that you don't need me any more. Understand yourself, but not better than I understand you. Be free, but not of my expectations for you.' I offered you my love and help ... as long as I could dictate how you use them."

Perhaps the deepest struggle we have (psychologically, morally, and spiritually) is with possessiveness and what that triggers in us, restlessness, jealousy, greed, and manipulation. Something inside our very DNA makes us want to possess whatever is beautiful and to have exclusively for ourselves whatever we love. It's no accident that there are two commandments against jealousy. From a toddler's tantrum over his mother's inattention to the sexual jealousy so universal in adulthood, we see that it's hard to look at what attracts us and respond only with gratitude and admiration.

For this reason, when we should be feeling wonderful, we often feel unsettled, restless, obsessed, and jealous in the face of beauty and love. Etty Hillesum gives us an honest expression of this in her

insightful memoir, *An Interrupted Life*:

*"And here I have hit upon something essential. Whenever I saw a beautiful flower, what I longed to do with it was press it to my heart, or eat it all up. It was more difficult with a piece of beautiful scenery, but the feeling was the same. I was too sensual, I might almost write too greedy. I yearned physically for all I thought was beautiful, wanted to own it. Hence the painful longing that could never be satisfied, the pining for something I thought unattainable, which I called my creative urge. I believe it was this powerful emotion that made me think that I was born to produce great works. It all suddenly*

*changed, God alone knows by what inner process, but it is different now. I realized it only this morning, when I recalled my short walk round the Skating Club a few nights ago. It was dusk, soft hues in the sky, mysterious silhouettes of houses, trees alive with the light through the tracery of their branches, in short, enchanting. And then I knew precisely how I had felt in the past. Then all the beauty would have gone like a stab to my heart and I would not have known what to do with the pain. Then I would have felt the need to write, to compose verses, but the words would still have refused to come. I would have felt utterly miserable, wallowed in the pain and exhausted myself as a result. The experience would have sapped all my*

*energy. ... but its beauty now filled me with joy. ... I no longer wanted to own it. I went home invigorated."*

What do we do with our possessiveness? Good spirituality and good psychology agree that the answer lies in a healthy maturity that can admire without seeking to own and love without seeking to manipulate. But that's easier said than done. We don't change our deepest instincts (John of the Cross calls them "our metaphysics") simply by willing away possessiveness.

What's the answer? A life-long walk towards a very difficult maturity. Overcoming our incurable instinct to possess is one of the final hurdles in life. When we're no longer prone to jealousy, we're saints.

In the meantime, it can be helpful to name this. A symptom suffers less when it knows where it belongs.

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser is a theologian, teacher and award-winning author. He currently serves in Toronto and Rome as the general councilor for Canada for his religious order, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Father Rolheiser is also an adjunct faculty member of the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. He can be contacted at [info@ronrolheiser.com](mailto:info@ronrolheiser.com).

The preceding column is published with permission from *The Catholic Northwest Progress*, the official publication of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

**What do we do with our possessiveness? Good spirituality and good psychology agree that the answer lies in a healthy maturity that can admire without seeking to own and love without seeking to manipulate.**

**Perhaps the deepest struggle we have (psychologically, morally, and spiritually) is with possessiveness and what that triggers in us, restlessness, jealousy, greed, and manipulation.**

## Housing discrimination happens everywhere – including Pierce County

BY MIKI HUNTLEY, FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND

Following the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the media and the government have documented an ongoing backlash against America's Muslim community. A review of the U.S. Department of Justice website details instances in which Muslims have been the victims of physical assault, been refused service in hotels, and endured discrimination in housing. The Fair Housing Center of South Puget Sound, located in Tacoma, has witnessed this backlash first hand, including real-life instances in

which housing providers have provided inferior information about apartment availability and the terms and conditions of residency to members of the Muslim community throughout the Puget Sound region.

In December of 2002, a Muslim male and a white male visited two large apartment complexes in Pierce County to inquire about housing availability. At one of the sites, the white male was informed of five available apartments. His Muslim

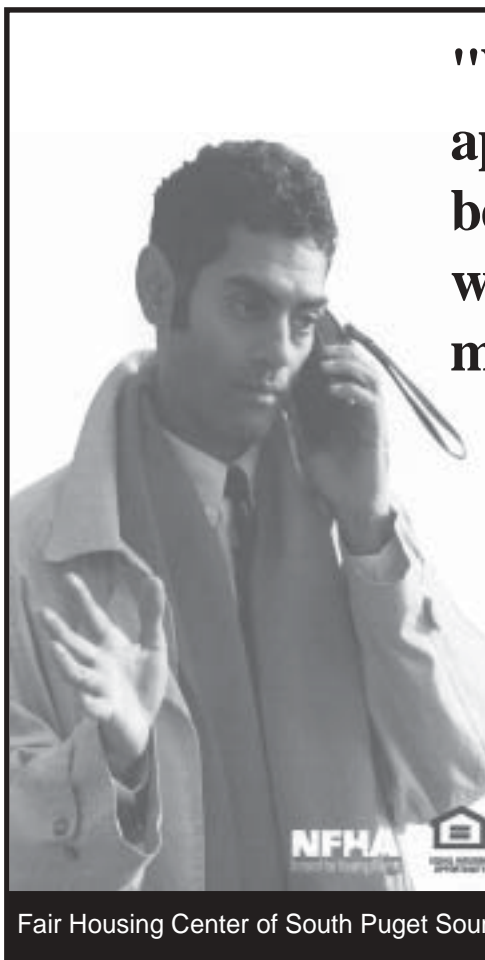
counterpart was informed of only one available apartment for rent and told that it was located next to the home of a local police officer. The agent also asked the Muslim home-seeker "do you like it here, are the surroundings adjusting to you and are you well-adjusted (to the United States)?"

Discriminatory treatment was observed during the Muslim male's visit to a second apartment complex. While the white male was informed of four available apartments, the Muslim male was informed of two available homes. The agent at this site, after asking the prospective Muslim tenant how long he had been in this country, spent the majority of the visit informing him of the enforcement of the complex' rules and requirements, including its "heavy screening" of prospective residents. Despite obtaining contact information from both prospective tenants, the agent contacted only the white male the day after his visit.

In King County in early 2004, a Muslim couple twice visited a rental agency to obtain information about housing opportunities for their family. During their first visit, they were informed that no agents were available to assist them and they were asked to leave their name and phone number. Within hours of the Muslim couple's visit, a white couple seeking housing for their family was promptly assisted and a home tour was scheduled. The Muslim couple, having received no



follow-up, returned to the agency the day after their initial visit. Once again, they were informed no agents were available to assist them and told that someone would contact them later by phone. Sadly, no agents ever contacted the Muslim couple to discuss housing opportunities.

Despite the protections afforded by federal, state and local fair housing laws, the Fair Housing Center has identified discriminatory housing practices in our community that negatively impact the housing choices of Muslims, families with children, Hispanics, African-Americans, Asians and other protected classes. How can you assist the Fair Housing Center in addressing housing discrimination in our community? In addition to learning more about fair housing laws, we can reaffirm our commitment to housing choice by letting our neighbors and the people in our congregations know that housing discrimination is a real problem that can be addressed. Toward this end, the Fair Housing Center stands ready to assist you to better understand the housing discrimination laws. The Fair Housing Center, located in Tacoma, provides free assistance to victims of housing discrimination throughout Western Washington. If you, a family member, neighbor or someone in your congregation has encountered housing discrimination, call the Fair Housing Center toll-free at (888)766-8800 or at (253) 274-9523.



**"Will the apartment still be available when they hear my accent?"**

I called 5 different numbers about apartments for rent. They all said they had been rented. I started to get suspicious so I had a white friend call. Suddenly these apartments were available. National origins are protected under the law. If you feel you've been discriminated against, call **1-800-669-9777**.

Fair Housing Center of South Puget Sound: 253-274-9523 or 888-766-8800

Can't wait for the next CHANNEL?  
Check out the Breaking News online at  
<http://www.associatedministries.org>.

# Earth Stewards: Composting transforms waste into rich nutrients



By ARDINE MARTINELLI

This time of year the foliage vibrates with color. Deep reds, bright yellows, oranges, greens all come together to offer a kaleidoscope of beauty. The leaves save their last burst of life for this

brilliant display. Dying leaves fall to the ground ready to nurture the soil through the winter and the alchemy of composting begins. This prayer from Rabbi Nachman, this season is the perfect lead to this month's topic on composting. Composting transforms waste into rich nutrients to feed the soil for new growth. I'll have to be honest and say I really never thought much about soil until the last couple of years when I began reading about earth's alarming depletion of topsoil through land development, agriculture, deforestation, and the use of toxic chemicals.

Healthy soil is very much alive—it is bustling with activity. Soil provides the foundation for strong, healthy plants. It is also the foundation for healthy life on earth as it has the ability to help with water quality, pollution prevention, stormwater run-off, water conservation, and air quality. What an amazing gift soil is, and yet it is the most taken for granted of all of earth's bounty. Did you know that soil erosion is the biggest problem affecting all of our waterways? Far too much muddy water enters our waters, over-fertilizing them and suffocating sensitive organisms. In the process we are rapidly destroying our water bio-diversity, and losing our precious soils.

Soil is our greatest renewable resource. Composting our kitchen and garden waste is a great way to revitalize our soil. It is nature's recycling system. I started composting about three years ago and find it awakens in me a powerful connection to the earth. I bought a small recycling

*"Source of all creation, grant me the ability to be alone.*

*May it be my custom to go outdoors everyday among the trees and the grass, among all the growing things, and there may I be alone and enter into prayer.*

*May I express there everything in my heart, and may all the foliage of the field, all grasses, trees, and plants, may they all awake at my coming to send the power of their life into the words of my prayer so that my prayer and speech are made whole through the life and spirit of all growing things, which are made as one by their transcendent source."*

— Rabbi Nachman

bin at Costco, and began my first cycle of composting that fall. Starting with lawn clippings and dead leaves, I then began adding all my vegetable scraps. The problem I had with my first composting adventure was adding too much grass clippings. I learned that the healthiest compost is a 50-50 mixture of green and brown materials. Green materials consist of grass clippings and plant-derived food scraps. Brown materials consist of dead leaves, wood chips, sawdust and straw (not hay). Once I obtained a balanced blend of green and brown material my attempt at composting became part of my weekly routine. All vegetable and fruit scraps go into the compost bin, along with much of my fall clean up. It decreases what I put in the garbage, recycles my kitchen and yard waste, and produces rich compost. Although there is no one way to compost, there are five principles to follow for healthy composting.

- Feed it with a mix of green and brown materials
- Water it periodically
- Turn the compost over to increase air circulation
- Chop up what you put in the bin into small pieces for quicker composting
- Compost piles should be at least 3 ft. x 3 ft.

For some, composting is not a viable option due to space and/or time. Building a worm bin would be a great alternative and a wonderful activity for children.

Worms turn food waste and bedding into high-quality soil suitable for use on houseplants, vegetable seedlings, and flowers. Worms aren't too particular about housing as long as they are fed regularly, have ventilation and some moisture. A large dark Rubbermaid tub with a lid will do fine for starting your worm bin. It should be at least 15 inches deep. Drill holes around the top edge of the tub and some on the bottom for drainage. Start by making a moist "bedding" for the worms consisting of shredded newsprint, sawdust, or fall leaves. The smaller redworm is used instead of earthworms. They can be purchased online at [www.yelmworms.com](http://www.yelmworms.com). Once your bin is set up it is ready for all your vegetable and fruit scraps. Again, chop them up small and keep the bin moist. There is a lot of information online: a search for "worm bin" will get you started.

Compost tea is one of the most effective ways of naturally fertilizing your plants. It is a solution made from traditional or worm compost, which contains billions of microorganisms that help convert soil nutrients and minerals into a form more easily absorbed by plant roots. Mix one part compost, either from your worm bin or compost bin, to four parts water and you have compost tea to water your plants.

Composting or making a worm bin are small steps we can take to nourish the earth. Each small step I take is based on hope that each thing I do makes a difference in the larger scheme of things. I feel, as I turn my compost pile, or chop up the vegetables into small pieces, or spread my compost on my garden that I am an intricate part of this vast web of life. It is reciprocal, as I nurture and care for the earth, I nurture and care for my soul. I am continually grateful for the abundance of earth's bounty and feel a deep connection to the whole when I give back to the earth. It makes me aware of my interdependence and shared responsibility for the wellbeing of the human family and the larger living world.

*Ardine Martinelli received her Doctor of Ministry from the University of Creation Spirituality. Her theology is creation-centered, believing in the interconnectedness of all beings, seeing the sacred in the ordinary. She is a writer, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Ardine can be reached at [ardinem@att.net](mailto:ardinem@att.net).*

## YOGA CLASSES

*Discover harmony in body,  
breath & mind*

Classes & private sessions  
with NAJEEA LESLIE, LMP  
Over 10 years experience

**(253) 274-0137**

*New Student Special*

## HEIDI ERDMANN

Masters in Education • Counseling

### Spiritual Director

**(253) 537-1979**

[angelsmom@foxinternet.com](mailto:angelsmom@foxinternet.com)  
*Initial consultation free of charge*

*Cultivate the sacred in your soul*

## New website taps into rich spiritual legacy of popular author Henri Nouwen

The Henri Nouwen Society has announced the launch of its new website, [HenriNouwen.org](http://HenriNouwen.org). Designed to serve the spiritual needs of the North American faith community, seekers, teachers and scholars, site highlights include:

- Daily Meditation, a free daily e-letter that offers words of hope and encouragement from the writings of Henri Nouwen;
- Weekly Reflections, a free, weekly e-letter that nurtures spiritual growth;
- Discussion Guides, available free for Nouwen reading groups;
- Event calendar, listing reading groups and retreats throughout North America;
- An online store for Nouwen books;
- Mentors for Spiritual Guidance, an innovative distance spiritual direction program where personal spiritual growth is supported by email or telephone.

The Henri Nouwen Society was established in 1998, two years after Nouwen's death. Inspired by the spirituality of solitude, community and compassion that was embodied in the life and ministry of Henri Nouwen, the Society exists to extend Henri Nouwen's spiritual and literary legacy and to provide means for people from a variety of backgrounds to build

Christian community.

An internationally renowned author, respected professor and beloved pastor, Henri Nouwen wrote more than 40 books on the spiritual life that have comforted and inspired individuals of all ages and backgrounds.

Born in Holland in 1932, Nouwen's desire to better understand human suffering took him to the United States to study at the Menninger Clinic in the Religion and Psychiatry Program. He went on to teach at the University of Notre Dame, the Pastoral Institute in Amsterdam, and the Divinity Schools of both Yale and Harvard where his classes were among the most popular on campus.

Nouwen lived the last 10 years of his life with people who have developmental disabilities in one of Jean Vanier's L'Arche communities near Toronto. His works have been translated and published in 22 different languages. *The Wounded Healer* and *The Return of the Prodigal Son* are among the most popular of Nouwen's many books.

For further information about the Henri Nouwen Society contact Maureen Wright, Resource Coordinator, toll free at (866) 226-2158 or at [mwright@nouwen.net](mailto:mwright@nouwen.net).



## THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

### STM Returns to Tacoma Summer 2005

#### Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies

Come to an information session and learn all about it.

**October 6, 2004**

5:30pm - 7:00pm  
St. Leo Catholic Church  
710 S 13th Street Tacoma, WA

**December 2, 2004**

7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
1601 North Street SE Olympia, WA

**January 14, 2005**

5:30pm - 7:00pm  
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma  
University Center Room 210



**SEATTLE  
UNIVERSITY**

**School of Theology and Ministry**  
901 12th Avenue • P.O. Box 222000  
Seattle, WA 98122-1090  
206.296.5330 • 800.578.3118  
[stm@seattleu.edu](mailto:stm@seattleu.edu)  
<http://www.seattleu.edu/theomin>

# IN BRIEF

## Alternative gift market to be held Dec. 5

In the search to reclaim the meaning of Christmas and keep it "Christ-centered," Bethany Presbyterian Church has developed a tradition called the "Alternative Christmas Market." The 2004 Alternative Market will take place on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4420 N. Verde, Tacoma. The Alternative Christmas Market focuses on gifts that "give twice." At the HeiferProject International booth, one can buy — as gifts — shares in cows, goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, bees, tree seedlings, fish, or even a water buffalo. The recipient of your gift receives a card explaining that the animal has been sent in their name to a needy family to improve its standard of

living. A SERRV booth at the market will offer Third World crafts. This non-profit organization sends most of the sale proceeds back to the artists and craftspersons, enabling them to earn a living wage from their work. Other groups will have items such as handmade crafts which benefit those in need or opportunities to honor someone with a donation. The market will also include an activity and art area for children, and a light lunch will be served. For more information call (253) 752-1123.

## Advent/Christmas women's group now forming

As the earth moves more into the season of darkness, we are invited to go

within. The invitation of this time beckons us to move closer to the sacred — to wait, to ponder, to listen to our inner stirrings. "Night Visions" is a new women's group forming to search together the shadows of Advent and Christmas. This eight-week group will use the book *Night Visions* by Jan Richardson as a daily guide. This group will be facilitated by Margaret Ann Schmidt, Mental Health Therapist/Spiritual Director. The group will meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. beginning Nov. 22 at Margaret Ann's office, 8404 27th St. W, University Place. Fee for the eight week session is \$320; the *Night Visions* is \$12 for book and may be purchased through Margaret Ann. Group is limited to eight participants. For further details or to register, contact Margaret Ann Schmidt, LMHC, at (253) 566-0779.

cert, Doan plays sixteen turn-of-the-century instruments, including guitar, classical banjo, chartola, and ukelin. The performance will include several arrangements from Doan's CD, *Wrapped In White*, a collection of arrangements and medleys of favorite carols performed on Americana instruments. First Congregational Church is located at 209 South J Street, Tacoma. Cost is \$12.00 Adults; \$10.00 Seniors (over 62); \$6.00 Children 11-17. Children under 10 are admitted free of charge. Tickets are available in advance from the church or at the door on the evening of the concert. For information call (253) 383-3878 or email doctorrok@hotmail.com.

## PLU will host public forum with ELCA Bishop Hanson

All are invited to a public forum with ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson and PLU Religion Professor Patricia Killen. The topic is "A Missional Church for a Missional Culture." The discussion will focus on Killen's new book *Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The None Zone* and its implications for ministry and evangelism in the Northwest mission culture. The forum will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Scandinavian Cultural Center of the University Center at PLU. Refreshments will be available starting at 9:00 a.m., and admission is free.

## Save the date: Victorian Christmas with John Doan

First Congregational Church of Tacoma is proud to present John Doan and his Victorian Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7:00 p.m. The concert explores the Victorian origins of many favorite Christmas traditions. During the con-



John Doan

concert explores the Victorian origins of many favorite Christmas traditions. During the con-

## Needs & Wants

**POSITION AVAILABLE: CHILD CARE PROVIDER** — First Baptist Church in downtown Tacoma is looking for a Child Care provider for infants thru age 5 for the Church School program, 9:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m. each Sunday. Wage is \$12/hr. Contact the church at 253 272-2184, or fbcnewtacoma@yahoo.com or send a resume to 902 Market St, Tacoma, WA 98402. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. M-Th.

**POSITION AVAILABLE: MUSIC DIRECTOR** — First Baptist Church in downtown Tacoma is seeking a keyboardist / music director / organist for an immediate start. Desired qualifications include keyboard skills, ideally including organ; directing skills; knowledge of praise music and traditional music. Compensation is dependent on qualifications. Please submit a letter stating your reasons for interest in the position and your qualifications, plus a resumé to: Organist/Music Director Search, First Baptist Church, 902 Market St, Tacoma, WA 98402. For further information contact Doris Krilich at (253) 858-7912.

**POSITION AVAILABLE: CUSTODIAN** — First Baptist Church of New Tacoma is looking for a part-time custodian (60 hrs/month) to provide building security and maintenance in exchange for a furnished apartment with phone and utilities provided. Contact the church office for an application: 902 Market St. in Tacoma or by phone at (253) 272-2184. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**POSITION AVAILABLE: YOUTH WORKER** — Westminster Presbyterian Church is looking for a paid youth worker, a second youth leader to work with our Sunday night youth program. The other youth worker is a senior at PLU. For more information contact Rev. Dave Brown at (253) 472-4795 or dbrown7086@aol.com.

**POSITION AVAILABLE: CHURCH SECRETARY** — Grace Baptist Church has an immediate opening for a church secretary; 20 hrs/wk. MS Office, phone exp. Confidentiality Essential! Salary DOE. Please send resumé to Grace Baptist Church, 2507 N. Vassault, Tacoma, 98406 and/or to gracebaptist@harboret.com.

**POSITION AVAILABLE: NURSERY CARE** — Grace Baptist Church seeks a nursery care provider for Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; \$30/wk; First Aid, CPR, WASP background check required. Must be able to care for children birth-4yrs. Please send resumé to Grace Baptist Church, 2507 N. Vassault,

Tacoma, 98406 and/or to gracebaptist@harboret.com.

**POSITION AVAILABLE: NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST** — AIDS Housing Association of Tacoma (AHAT) is seeking a nutritional support specialist for Project Open Door, a collaborative effort between AHAT and the Pierce County AIDS Foundation, to provide permanent housing and intensive services to homeless individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. Responsible for implementation of nutrition programs for clients, including meal preparation and nutrition education for residents of two homes. Requires outgoing personality, strong organizational skills, relevant training, work experience, and demonstrated ability to work with persons who have HIV/AIDS. Part-time (30 hours per week average); \$13.00 per hour, plus generous benefits. For complete job description and application information call (253) 272-5533 or email debra.admin@aidshousingtacoma.org.

**AVAILABLE: OFFICESPACE** — Office space for lease, one-day-per-week or private room lease for a year or more. Call Healing Places Counseling Center for details and directions at (253) 564-4233.

**AVAILABLE: OFFICE SPACE** — Catholic Community Services' Tahoma Center has small office space to rent or lease to nonprofit. 514 total square feet. Includes one enclosed office or conference room and 388 square feet of open office space. Wired for computers and telephone. Full service lease includes utilities, janitorial, walk-in reception and security. ADA compliant and includes private parking. Located at 1323 South Yakima Ave. \$700.00 a month. Call (253) 383-3697.

**AVAILABLE: SAFE** — Christ Lutheran Church has a safe with combination lock available free of charge. Dimensions are 12.5" H, 10" W, 10" D. Contact Kjeri at the church at (253) 582-0331 or parishaccountant@christlutheranchurch.us.

**POSITION SOUGHT:** Paid, non-clinical position that will allow retired MD to use 30 years experience in general practice/ industrial medicine in the service of others. Contact A. Rosemary Crawford, MD at (253) 627-3779.

Items for *Needs & Wants* are due by the fifteenth of the month preceding publication. Each must include a contact name and phone number. Information may be faxed to (253) 383-2672 or emailed to [channel@associatedministries.org](mailto:channel@associatedministries.org). Items will be published as space permits.

the nonprofit center presents the

### Grantmakers' Roundtable


Learn about possible funding sources directly from the grantmakers. At least fifteen funders will be represented, including the

#### Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Thursday, December 2

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
**REGISTER EARLY BECAUSE THIS WILL SELL OUT**

For more information call 253-272-5844 or visit [www.npcenter.org](http://www.npcenter.org)

 "The first wealth is health."  
Ralph Waldo Emerson


### Recommendations for being healthy

- For adults: Accumulation of 30 minutes of physical activity or more a day at least five days a week
- For youth: Accumulation of 60 minutes or more a day of appropriate physical activity on all, or most, days of the week.

.....

Examples of physical activity include:  
gardening for 30 minutes; raking leaves for 30 minutes;  
stair walking for 15 minutes; walking 20 min/mile

For more information contact Eileen Finnigan, Health Educator,  
at 253-798-6549



## Harbor View Manor

### A 62+ Retirement Community

Fantastic Mountain and Water Views  
Computer Lab with Free Internet  
Dining Room • Covered Parking Available  
Cable, Utilities and Maintenance Included in Rent

 **253-272-5552** 

919 South Fawcett, Tacoma, WA 98402

# Pierce County Happenings - November 2004

## 11/2 Tuesday

**Election Day** — please remember to vote.

## 11/4 Thursday

A **public witness to abolish the death penalty** will be held from 12:45-1:45 p.m. in front of the County-City Building on Tacoma Ave. S between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. This display takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information call John Boylan, Criminal Justice Ministry, at (253) 502-2681.

## 11/4 Thursday

Jean's House of Prayer will host an evening of **Buddhist prayer and chant**, along with a talk on Buddhism led by former Buddhist monk Mitch Kohjima, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Jean's House of Prayer is located at 1414 Tacoma Ave. S. Access is through the alley behind the house; enter through the back door. For more information call (253) 627-4347.

## 11/5 Friday

Church Women United of Tacoma will celebrate **World Community Day**. The meeting will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 4818 Portland Ave, Tacoma. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow. For more information, please contact Elda Sulerud at (253) 383-3166.

## 11/5 Friday

**"In Faith, Women Shape the Future for Peace,"** is the theme for World Community Day 2004, sponsored by Church Women United, Lakes Unit, at 10:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church at Lakewood, 6900 Steilacoom Boulevard SW. Registration and coffee begin at 9:30 a.m.; child care is available. For more information, please contact Dawn Sage at (253) 588-0011.

## 11/5 Friday

Gloria Dei Church, 3315 South 19<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma, will host a first Friday **Taizé** service at 7:00 p.m. For more information call (253) 383-5515.

## 11/5-7 Friday-Sunday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer a **Silent Centering Prayer Retreat** from 7:30 p.m. Friday to 2:00 p.m. Sunday. Registration is \$170; please register by Oct. 29. For information or registration call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

## 11/6 Saturday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer **Gregorian Chant as Spiritual Practice** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Learn to sing the Psalms, hymns and other melodies of a traditional Gregorian Vespers service, and explore the relationship of chant to contemplative practices. The day will be facilitated by Joseph Anderson, founding member of Peregrine Medieval Vocal Ensemble. Registration is \$50, \$5 for music and binder; please register by Oct. 29. For information or registration call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

## 11/6 Saturday

All are invited to a **labyrinth walk** in honor of All Saints' Day at St. Luke's Memorial Episcopal Church. The Walk will begin with an opening prayer at 10:00 a.m., and the labyrinth will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Bell Parish Hall. The church is located at 3615 N. Gove St., Tacoma. For directions, call the church office at (253) 759-3534 or visit [www.stlukestacoma.org](http://www.stlukestacoma.org).

## 11/6 Saturday

Parkland United Methodist Church, 12223 A Street S., Tacoma, will host its

**Annual Bazaar** from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. More than 20 vendors from the Puget Sound area will be participating. Admission and parking are free. For more information please contact Pam at (253) 537-5874 or [misspiggy1957@comcast.net](mailto:misspiggy1957@comcast.net).

## 11/7 Sunday

Hillside Community Church, 2508 S. 39th Street, Tacoma, will host a talk by Tina LaBouvé at 1:00 p.m. Ms. LaBouvé will speak on home ownership for low-income families. For more information, please call (253) 232-8948.

## 11/7 Sunday

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10630 Gravelly Lake Drive SW, Lakewood, will host a **Community Compline Service**, directed by Dr. Richard Nance and sung by Men's Compline Choir, at 9:00 p.m. For information call (253) 588-6621.

## 11/10 Wednesday

A **Women in Black vigil** will be held from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in front of Tacoma's Union Station (Federal Courthouse). Women in Black is an international network challenging militaristic solutions to conflict. Women stand in public vigil, in silence, wearing black to mourn for all victims of war. Vigils are also held in Gig Harbor every Friday from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on the southwest corner of Olympic Dr. and Pt. Fosdick Dr. For more information please contact Alison Loris at (253) 572-5084 or Terrie Watrin at (253) 265-2356.

## 11/11 Thursday

The Point Defiance-Ruston Senior Center will hold its **Annual Boutique and Book Sale** from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Antique appraisal will be offered from 12:00-2:00 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the senior center. Donations of books and boutique items are welcome. For more information please call (253) 756-0601.

## 11/11 Thursday

Jean's House of Prayer will host an evening of **Taizé prayer and music** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Jean's House of Prayer is located at 1414 Tacoma Ave. S. Access is through the alley behind the house; enter through the back door. For more information call (253) 627-4347.

## 11/11 Thursday

The CWA Chapel Seminar series will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel at Charles Wright Academy, 2273 Chambers Creek Rd, Tacoma. The topic will be **"I Am the Way."** What did Jesus mean when he said, the Kingdom is within you? Is there a doorway to God at the center of our soul? This seminar will explore, comparatively, the way of "I Am" in the Bible, Buddhism and Yoga. For information contact Chaplain Fred LaMotte at (253) 620-8346.

## 11/11 Thursday

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1619 6th Ave., Tacoma, hosts a **meditative prayer service** at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Enter into a candlelit hour of quiet music, inspirational readings and prayer, and experience the presence of God for healing and encouragement. For information call (253) 272-2087 or (253) 272-8819.

## 11/12 Friday

In the Bahá'í tradition, Nov. 12 celebrates the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í faith.

## 11/12-13 Friday-Saturday

Holy Cross Parish will hold a **Holiday Bazaar and Silent Auction** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the parish hall at 5510 North 44<sup>th</sup> St., Tacoma. For information please call (253) 759-3368.

## 11/12-13 Friday-Saturday

The Center for Spiritual Living will sponsor a **conflict resolution workshop** with

Deidre Combs, author of *The Way of Conflict*. The workshop will be held at Seabeck Conference Center. Deidre Combs is a credentialed mediator, an interfaith minister and a faculty member of the University of Creation Spirituality. Cost is \$175 for Friday evening and Saturday sessions (6:00 p.m. Friday – 5:00 p.m. Saturday). An additional pre-workshop is available on Friday from 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. for \$115 (includes lunch, dinner and Friday evening session). To register or for more information, call (253) 383-3151.

## 11/13 Saturday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer **Moving Toward God: Embodying our Prayers through Christian Yoga** from 9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Learn to use yoga as a prelude to meditation and prayer, connecting yoga poses with prayers from the Book of Psalms, the Lord's Prayer, and the Serenity Prayer. Previous experience not necessary; all levels of experience are welcome; the workshop is interfaith and non-denominational. Instructor Roy DeLeon, OSB, is a trained spiritual director and a certified yoga instructor in the Viniyoga tradition. Registration is \$50; please register by Nov. 5. For information please call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

## 11/14 Sunday

Hillside Community Church, 2508 S. 39th Street, Tacoma, will host a talk by Rev. John Alvord on "Life Lessons" at 1:00 p.m. For information, call (253) 232-8948.

## 11/14 Sunday

All are invited to join in a **rally to close the Western Hemispheric Institute for Security Cooperation (formerly known as School of the Americas)** at Fort Benning GA, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at Wright Park in Tacoma. The rally will be followed by a walk downtown to the University of Washington (Tacoma) campus on Pacific Avenue. For further information contact Tamara or Amanda at (253) 535-7856 or Steve at (253) 879-4465.

## 11/15 Monday

**Deadline for December CHANNEL**

## 11/14 Sunday

The Islamic holy month of Ramadan concludes with the celebration of **Eid al-Fitr**, the Breaking of the Fast.

## 11/15 Monday

The Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare **Mental Health Mondays** series will present "Understanding Stress and Stress Management" at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Library, 6300 Wildaire Road, Lakewood. The workshop will be facilitated by Cynthia J. Potts, MA, LMHC, NCC. The program is free of charge and reservations are not necessary. For more information please call (253) 581-7020.

## 11/18 Thursday

Jean's House of Prayer will host a **Pax Christi prayer service** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Jean's House of Prayer is located at 1414 Tacoma Ave. S. Access is through the alley behind the house; enter through the back door. For more information call (253) 627-4347.

## 11/19 Friday

All are welcome to join the **Dances of Universal Peace** from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 206 North J St, Tacoma. Newcomers warmly welcomed. Donation of \$7-10 suggested. For more information please contact Farishta Karen Lindsay at (253) 396-9656 or [tacomadup@yahoo.com](mailto:tacomadup@yahoo.com).

## 11/21 Sunday

Hillside Community Church, 2508 S. 39th Street, Tacoma, will host a talk by Tim

Smith at 1:00 p.m. For more information, please call (253) 232-8948.

## 11/20-21 Saturday-Sunday

St. Leo's Social Justice Commission invites all to the **3rd annual Fair Trade Market** in the Great Room at Catholic Community Services, 1323 S. Yakima Ave., Tacoma, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Discover handcrafted gifts and home décor from 30 developing countries, including jewelry, toys, musical instruments, and holiday decorations. Purchases will support fair trade business practices and will provide continuing work for artisans. For more information call (253) 272-5136.

## 11/21 Sunday

Westminster Presbyterian Church, East 54<sup>th</sup> and B Street, Tacoma, will host a **Blues Vespers** service at 5:00 p.m. Music will be performed by Tim Langford from Too Slim and the Tail Draggers, Buck England and Michael Kinder. For more information, contact Rev. Dave Brown at (253) 472-4795.

## 11/23 Tuesday

Associated Ministries' Mental Health Chaplaincy hosts **Soul Care**, an open room, participatory worship and prayer service shared with friends who are living with mental illnesses. Now meets every fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 8211 112<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Lakewood. For information call (253) 383-5755.

## 11/24 Wednesday

A **Women in Black vigil** will be held from 5:15-6:15 p.m. in front of Union Station (Federal Courthouse). For more information see 11/10 listing.

## 11/24 Wednesday

Associated Ministries will sponsor the annual **Interreligious Thanksgiving Eve Service**, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 524 South I St., Tacoma. For information please contact (253) 383-3056, ext. 119 or [info@associatedministries.org](mailto:info@associatedministries.org).

## 11/25-28 Thursday-Friday

Associated Ministries office will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend.

## 11/26-28 Friday-Sunday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer **Prayer Tools** from 1:00 p.m. Friday-12:00 p.m. Sunday. Learn new ways of praying. Each of the sessions will focus on a tool for prayer, including the Jesus Prayer, the Little Way of Therese of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Avila's Practice of Recollection. Registration is \$50; please register by Nov. 19. For information or registration call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

## 11/28 Sunday

The first Sunday of **Advent**, in the Western Christian tradition, begins the period of preparation for Christmas.

## 11/28 Sunday

Hillside Community Church, 2508 S. 39th Street, Tacoma, will host a talk by Rev. Frances Lorenz at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Lorenz will offer an Advent message. For more information, please call (253) 232-8948.

If you have an upcoming workshop or event for *The CHANNEL* calendar, please submit it by the fifteenth of the month prior to publication. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number. Information may be submitted via fax to (253) 383-2672 or by email to [channel@associatedministries.org](mailto:channel@associatedministries.org). Items will be published as space permits, and may be edited for space and clarity.