

Hundreds of Pierce County residents will walk to feed hungry people at home and around the world

2004 Pierce County Hunger Walk participants hope to raise \$200,000

Carol May of University Place Presbyterian Church says she doesn't deserve the attention. She says, "I'm just doing my little bit." But Carol's bit is not little at all. She has walked in every single Hunger Walk since Associated Ministries decided to sponsor a walk to fight hunger 24 years ago. And that's no small feat: Carol will celebrate her 90th birthday this December.

Rev. Lyn Corazin, executive pastor of University Place Presbyterian Church, describes Carol as "one of the sweetest and most wonderful silent warriors in our church.—she is a prayer, a wonderful committed Christian woman."

"It's very important to me," says Carol. "We have to do what we can for others...and I've been hungry once or twice as a child and a little needy, too. I'm proud that we've increased the money we raise each year, and thankful, too." Another generous member of Carol's congregation matches every dollar she raises. She's already looking forward to this year's



The Mountain View Lutheran Church Hunger Walk team hopes to bring 100 walkers to this year's Pierce County Hunger Walk. Pictured is the 2003 Mountain View team.

walk, though she can't guarantee she'll do the entire route. But you can count on her being there. Carol says, "I want to represent my church."

Like Carol May, many walkers will be representing their churches. On the other side of the county, at Edgewood's Mountain View Lutheran Church, the veteran walk team is planning its biggest and best team effort ever. The church is celebrating

its centennial this year, and as part of the centennial celebration, has set an ambitious goal of 100 walkers who will raise \$100 each.

Mountain View's associate pastor Scott Brents said that the church's centennial theme is heritage and hope. "We are giving thanks for the blessings of our first 100 years and expressing our hope for the next 100." He said that the church's

Peace and Justice Ministry Team chose to focus its centennial efforts on the hunger walk as an expression of hope for the future.

Hunger Walk director Maureen Fife is grateful for these committed walkers. She reports that the need is greater than ever. With unemployment and underemployment rates high, requests at area food banks have skyrocketed. In Pierce County, 102,000 people visit food banks and hot meal sites each month. In just the first six months of this year, Lakewood food banks have experienced a 33 percent increase in client visits and Tacoma food banks have increased 21 percent. Seniors and children now make up 53 percent of the population seeking food bank assistance. And international hunger also continues to rise: in developing nations, there are 800 million chronically undernourished people.

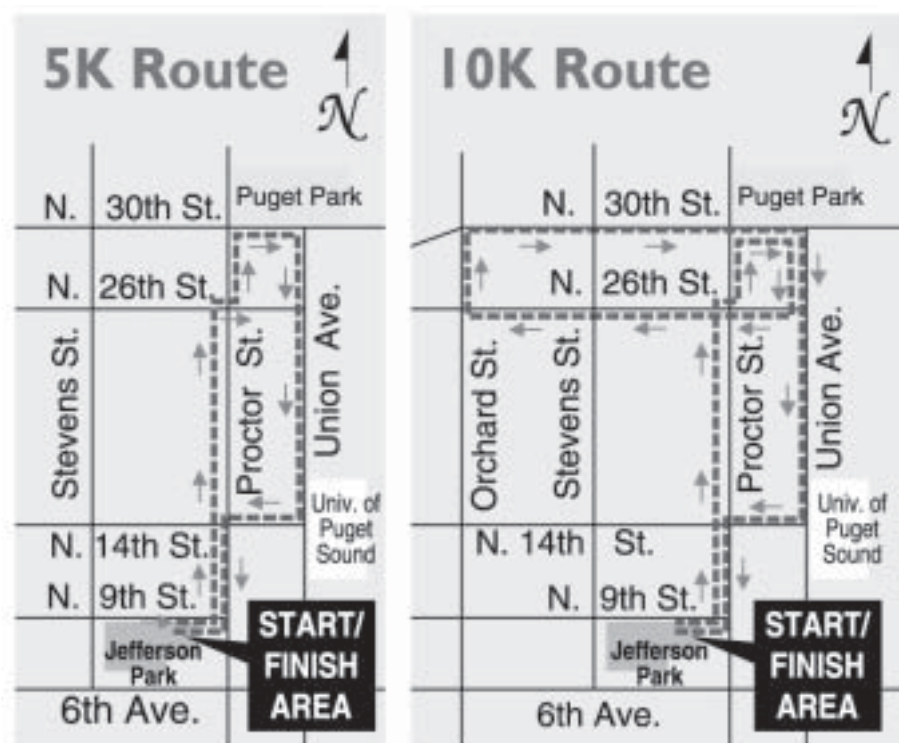
How can you help? Join Carol May and the rest of the 1500 dedicated walkers, runners and volunteers who hope to raise \$200,000 for hunger relief at the 2004 Pierce County Hunger Walk. To register, call Maureen Fife at (253) 383-3056, ext. 107 or email hunger@associatedministries.org.

Pierce County Hunger Walk is Oct. 3 at Jefferson Park

The 2004 Pierce County Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, Oct. 3 at Jefferson Park, on North 9th between Proctor and Stevens Streets in Tacoma. Participants will come from congregations, service clubs, businesses, unions, and schools. Pierce County is now host to the largest walk for hunger on the West Coast and one of the largest in the United States.

Registration and festivities will take place at 1:00 p.m. and the walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. Participants in the event will enjoy live music, an array of tasty treats, face painters, and more.

What: Hunger Walk 2004
When: 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct.3
Where: Jefferson Park, Tacoma
Info: (253) 383-3056, ext. 107
hunger@associatedministries.org
Can't walk? Volunteers are still needed!



The 10K (6.2 miles) route begins and ends at Jefferson Park and takes walkers through Tacoma's beautiful North End and Proctor District Neighborhoods. A shorter 5K (3 mile) route is available for less experienced walkers. Those who prefer may simply walk the park area as many times as they wish.

Of the funds raised, 50 percent will

support local hunger relief through the Emergency Food Network (EFN). EFN distributes food to over 70 food banks and hot meal sites and is able to distribute \$11 worth of food for each \$1 it receives. The other 50 percent of funds raised are designated to the donor's choice of any local or international hunger relief agency. Walkers have designated funds to World Vision, Catholic Relief Services, Lutheran

World Relief, Food Connection, EFN, and Tahoma Food System. All undesignated funds are channeled to international relief through Church World Service.

This is the 24th annual walk for the hungry sponsored by Associated Ministries. The 2004 Pierce County Hunger Walk's major sponsor is Tucci & Sons, Inc. Other sponsors include Comcast, Venture Bank, Mountain View Funeral

Home, United Parcel Service, R-4 Printing, Emergency Food Network., Woodworth & Company, The News Tribune, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Creative Solutions, and the University of Puget Sound.

For more information on the Pierce County Hunger Walk, call (253) 383-3056, ext. 107 or email hunger@associatedministries.org.

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Interfaith Study Circles begin this fall

How does your faith or religious tradition inform the way you live your life? In the increasingly diverse religious landscape of Pierce County, how well do we understand each other's religious traditions?

Associated Ministries' Interreligious Round Table (IRT) is coordinating a series of Interfaith Study Circles this fall to look at these questions and more. On Tuesday, Sept. 28, people interested in participating in the Study Circles are invited to attend an orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at First Christian Church, 602 North Orchard (corner of 6th and Orchard) in Tacoma.

At the Sept. 28 orientation meeting, those who wish to participate will be assigned to specific groups. The IRT will make every effort to see that there is a diversity of religions in each group.

Each study circle, consisting of a trained facilitator and 8-12 participants, will meet about six times. Ground rules will help to ensure productive and respectful discussion. There will be locations throughout Pierce County; dates, times and specific locations for meetings will be determined at the Sept. 28 meeting.

Study Circles are designed to be safe places for learning and growth, using a process designed to facilitate sharing and the appreciation of the perspective of the other. The basic principle of the study circle is the belief that sharing deepens understanding and builds community. The study circle makes these simple assumptions: that people from all backgrounds and all segments of society have something to contribute; that everybody ben-

efits when everybody is included in public life; that looking at different points of view on the same issue will uncover common ground; and that new ideas and approaches emerge when people develop trust and relationships through face-to-face dialogue.

Associated Ministries' Interreligious Round Table, consisting of representatives from many of the county's religious traditions, is committed to promoting conversations among people from different traditions in this region where the religious landscape has changed dramatically over the last twenty years. Pierce County residents include Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Catholic Christians, Christian Scientists, Mormons, members of Unity, Unitarians, many types of Buddhists, Jews, Muslims, followers of earth-based religion, Quakers, members of the United Church of Religious Science and others. Though most people in the area have no official connection to a religious institution, religion does continue to play an important role in daily life and public discussion.

The IRT hopes that these "Interfaith Study Circles" will be completed before Thanksgiving so that many of the participants will be able to gather together for the annual Thanksgiving Eve Service. This year's service will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 524 South I Street (corner of 6th and I Sts.) in Tacoma.

For more information about the Interfaith Study Circles, call Associated Ministries at (253) 383-3056, ext. 119.



Music at Christ Church will host Choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, England

Sept. 4 concert will benefit Associated Ministries

On Saturday, Sept. 4 at 8:00 p.m., the internationally acclaimed choir of Trinity College, under the direction of Dr. Richard Marlow, returns to Christ Episcopal Church and the Pacific Northwest with a program of music spanning 700 years of European choral tradition. The concert will include an expressive setting of the Lord's Prayer by well known opera composer Giuseppe Verdi, Renaissance compositions from England and the European continent, austere medieval polyphony and the contemporary work *Transcendence* by Indian composer Vanraj Bhatia.

The concert is a benefit for Associated Ministries. The people of Christ Episcopal Church and their rector, the Rev. Pat Trytten, see a direct connection between their mission and the mission of Associated Ministries to "build community that is humane, compassionate and just." In announcing the benefit

concert Rev. Trytten said, "The people of Christ Church have been, and are, leaders in the promotion and achievement of social justice in our community and the world. The Church is also known for its music and concert series, and recognizes that there is an intimate relationship between music and social justice. Music, art and social justice embrace the shared fundamental hope that memory, transformation and action are creative, and in this sense divine-like, and represent our common work together to 'create a community that is humane, compassionate and just.'"

Advance tickets for the concert are \$20 per person, \$22 at the door. A five percent (5%) discount is available for groups of 12 or more. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. For information or to purchase tickets, call (253) 383-1569 and follow the telephone prompts. Christ Episcopal Church is located at 310 North K Street, Tacoma.

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Associated Ministries' Annual HUMAN SERVICES RESOURCE FAIR

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University Place Presbyterian Church

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For information or registration
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Did You Know

- ✓ 102,000 Pierce County residents visit food banks and hot meal sites each month.
- ✓ More than half are children and seniors.
- ✓ 43% are families with at least one adult working.
- ✓ More than 50% of the public school children in Tacoma (and 30% in Pierce County) qualify for federal free or reduced-price lunches.

You Can Help! Serve Dinner with Your Feet at the 2004

PIERCE COUNTY
HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 3, 2004
Jefferson Park in Tacoma

North 9th Street, between Proctor and Stevens
Festivities start at 1 pm • The Walk begins at 2 pm

Food, Festivities, & Fun!

Get a team together! Call your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We can fight hunger together!

Local hunger relief efforts are directed through the Emergency Food Network, which...

- ✓ Distributes food to Pierce County's 70 food banks and hot meal sites.
- ✓ Provided more than 6.1 million meals for Pierce County residents last year.
- ✓ Can distribute \$11 worth of food for each \$1 it receives.
- ✓ Distributed more than \$8 million worth of food, at no cost to area food banks.

For Information, call
Maureen Fife, Walk Director
at (253) 383-3056, x107 or
visit www.hungerwalk.com
— A program of Associated Ministries —

Renowned author, minister Peter Gomes to deliver Swope Lecture Sept. 13

The Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes, a professor at Harvard University's faculty of the Arts and Sciences and the faculty of Divinity, an American Baptist minister, and a renowned author, will deliver a lecture at the University of Puget Sound on Monday, Sept. 13. Gomes' address, "What Makes a College Good? A Re-appraisal for the 21st Century," will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the University of Puget Sound Fieldhouse, one block east of Union Avenue on North 11th Street.

The lecture is part of the series of Swope Lectures on Ethics, Religion, Faith, and Values. The event is free and open to the public.

Gomes received his A.B. from Bates College in 1965 and his S.T.B. from Harvard Divinity School in 1968, the same year he was ordained to the American Baptist Ministry. A recipient of 26 honorary degrees, Gomes has taught at Harvard University as Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and has served as Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church since 1974.

He is widely regarded as one of America's most distinguished preachers. Gomes has fulfilled preaching and lecturing engagements throughout the United States and Great Britain, including an address at the 2004 John F. Kennedy School of Government Leadership Conference, sermons at seminaries across the United States, and talks at Oxford University, the University of Cambridge, and Canterbury Cathedral. Named Clergy of the Year in 1998 by Religion in American Life, Gomes also participated in the presidential inaugurations of Ronald Wilson Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush.



Rev. Peter J. Gomes

Gomes is the author of numerous books, including several New York Times bestsellers. His most recent books include *Gomes's Book of Good Graces: A Collection of Graces and Blessings* (2003), *Strength for the Journey: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living* (2003), *The Good Life: Truths That Last in Times of Need* (2002), *Sermons: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living* (1998), and *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart* (1996).

The Swope Endowed Lectureship was established at Puget Sound through a gift from Major Ianthe Swope in honor of her mother, Jane Hammer Swope. The lectureship is intended to promote broad discussions, critical thinking and ethical inquiry about matters of religion, such as its role in public life, issues in contemporary spirituality, ethics and world religions.

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 we offer a profile of the chapel at Fort Lewis. To suggest a candidate for a *Stewards in the Spotlight* profile, please contact *The CHANNEL* at (253) 383-3056, ext. 120.

Church Name: Fort Lewis Chaplaincy

Pastor: Chaplain (Colonel) Henry Haynes is the Installation Chaplain. Under his leadership, the various chaplains, chaplain assistants, and the Director of Religious Education provide worship, religious education, fellowship events and Vacation Bible Schools across post.



Background and History: Fort Lewis is unique in the community. It is like a city within its own perimeter, but all the citizens of this city call themselves "members." It is more like a family than most other communities. We are organized into units that support each other if called into combat, but that same supportive role is exercised here at home as well. That supportive family model impacts all aspects of life, including worship.

The Army Chaplaincy traces its origin to the year 1775 when chaplains ministered to the soldiers of the Revolutionary Army. To become a chaplain, a person must have a graduate degree (normally a Master of Divinity) and be ordained by a credible religious body. That person must also gain the trust and confidence of that organization to the extent that they will endorse that individual to enter the Army as a representative of that religious body. Fort Lewis has 50 chaplains representing about forty-five denominations.

Structure and Duties: As a basic building block, one chaplain and one enlisted chaplain assistant (a Unit Ministry Team) are assigned to a battalion of 300 to 1000 soldiers. This team participates in the soldiers' workplaces, their dining facilities, their physical training regimen and their formal recreational events. Those soldiers have a wide variety of beliefs and non-beliefs, but they all look to their Unit Ministry Team as a vital member of their unit. A leader with a soldier who has a problem has a long-standing slogan, "Go see the chaplain." By entering people's lives at a problem-solving level, and by these constant daily interactions, a chaplain gets to know the individual soldiers at a level that is unattainable by most pastors. At home, many of these soldiers are members of chapels on Fort Lewis, or of the community of churches in the local area. When deployed, the Unit Ministry Team is responsible to "provide or perform" worship opportunities for all of their soldiers. That means the chaplain must know the denominational make-up of the battalion and coordinate with a rabbi, a priest or an imam to offer appropriate worship for those to whom he cannot personally provide care. But for the majority of soldiers, the chaplain offers a worship service and soldiers gather to celebrate the Gospel that Christians hold in common.

At this moment, 11 of our Chaplains (with their chaplain assistants) are deployed with their units to Iraq. Chaplain Tim Vakoc was seriously injured when his HMMWV was attacked with an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). He is in a coma at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The chaplain's highest calling is to offer soldiers in harm's way the opportunity to personally commune with God. The support of a home church is vital and significant. But the presence of a worship leader before and after battle is crucial to the soldier's wellbeing.

Ministry at Home: The military spirit of unity carries over to our ministry here at home. The ten chapels on Fort Lewis support more than 20 congregations. Ours is a spectacular example of collaboration where Catholic and Protestant, liturgical, contemporary and culturally-specific worshippers share facilities, resources, personnel and to a limited degree, finances. Each congregation is consistent in its doctrine and format, but is enhanced by a wonderful spirit of cooperation with people of other doctrine or format.

As an example of synchronization and cooperation, Main Post Chapel (built in 1937) is home to the 8:00 a.m. Catholic Congregation. Their worship ends at about 9:00 a.m., leaving 30 minutes to change ecclesiastical items and reconfigure platform furniture before the 9:30 a.m. Combined Protestant Service. The 8:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School uses a conference room for an adult class while the Catholic Congregation is in the Sanctuary. At 9:30 a.m., during the Protestant worship, the Catholic Congregation uses the classrooms for CCD. The Protestant Service ends at approximately 10:30 a.m., leaving 30 minutes to change ecclesiastical items and reconfigure platform furniture before the 11:00 a.m. Catholic Service. Again, at 11:00 a.m., the Protestant Congregation holds its full Sunday School Program utilizing all of the classrooms. Members of the various congregations meet and greet each other in the hallways during the transitions. This same kind of cooperative spirit is evident throughout the Fort Lewis chapels.

Under the constitutional mandate that the government not favor any religion, accommodation is made for Latter Day Saints, Islamic, Jewish and Wiccan worship services with facilities and equipment.

Number of Members: On any given week, we support over 2,000 worshippers in these various congregations.

Message to the Associated Ministries community: Please continue your fantastic support to soldiers and families. For those families with soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, or elsewhere, please continue to surround them with people of faith who can sustain them during these difficult circumstances.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



This fall at Associated Ministries is going to be a bit busier than usual. We've got the annual Associated Ministries' Resource Fair (formerly the Church Staff Orientation) and the Pierce County Hunger Walk. We have the "Week Without Violence" and Thanksgiving Eve Services, and more.

Before this busy season gets underway I hope you will join us to enjoy a very special concert at Christ Episcopal Church. The Choir of Trinity College from Cambridge, England will be performing a benefit concert for Associated Ministries on Saturday, Sept. 4 at 8:00 p.m. This is a wonderful gift from the people of Christ Church and Trinity College. I hope you will be able to join my wife Sally and me for a great evening of choral music.

Another major project, the Interfaith Study Circles, is highlighted in this month's *CHANNEL*. Following the 9.11 tragedies there was a great deal of interest in interfaith conversations. Through the study circles we want to continue these conversations as a time of "respectful presence" with one another. It will not be a time for conversion or winning someone over to your point of view. The circles will be a place for clearly articulating the essentials of your faith or religious perspective and for thoughtfully listening to others doing the same. This does not mean in any way that people will be asked to compromise their beliefs. Indeed, we are asking people to come to these gatherings fully prepared to share their faith stories and religious journeys. About a dozen of us have participated in a pilot project for this series of study circles and found the experience very worthwhile.

Looking forward to October, we are very excited about this year's Pierce County Hunger Walk. Internationally the need for hunger relief is as great as ever, and locally, the number of food bank clients in Pierce County is up 26 percent. In conversations with David Ottey, executive director of the Emergency Food Network, I received the clear message that our situation is indeed critical. We are constantly analyzing the numbers, but when David gets a certain ominous tone in his voice I know we have a very serious situation. Well, he had that tone in his voice when we talked in late August. Our walk is the single largest donor to the Emergency Food Network. When you participate in the walk half of what you raise in sponsorships will go to the Emergency Food Network, which generates \$11 worth of food for every dollar we donate to them. You can designate where the other 50 percent goes. Bring a group from your church, club, school, union, agency or whatever. Together we can and will make a difference for hungry people.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and this year, The Week Without Violence is Oct. 17-23. We are encouraging all houses of worship to have some component or components of their services focus on the reduction of violence in our county, so during early October we are hosting coffee and teas in Lakewood, Gig Harbor, Puyallup and Tacoma to provide local clergy and lay leaders with resources for worship.

Finally, we are going to prison and we want you to join us. We are very excited about our new working agreement with the Washington Correctional Center for Women. In October our two organizations will be offering six classes. These will be open to women who reside at the institution and to the rest of us. As you will see in all the publicity, the only catch is that you will have to go through security to get to class. This is a very exciting opportunity to take some interesting classes and gain a deeper appreciation for what life is like for nearly 1,000 women who live in the correctional institution.

It is going to be a great fall. Come and join us.

Rev. David T. Alger
Executive Director, Associated Ministries



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Domestic Violence Awareness Month: We must take a stand

BY ALISA VELONIS AND REV. DR. JOANNE CARLSON BROWN

As we write this article, many of us are still reeling from the horrific domestic violence tragedies that happened in Pierce County this July. In three separate incidents, seven people died as a result of domestic violence, and those closest to them continue to feel the impact.

In addition to these senseless deaths, there were countless other incidents of relationship violence that remain unknown to all but those directly involved. How many fear for their lives or for the well-being of a friend, family member, or congregant?

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. As people of faith, we must take a stand.

But it doesn't happen in my church. Wrong. Sexual and domestic violence crosses class, race, and geographic lines. Almost one in four women will be physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate partner in her lifetime (and roughly 8% of men), and nearly 2% of all women report being in a violent relationship in the past year. Count the number of women in your church. For someone you know, this is a

reality of life.

There's nothing I can do. Again, wrong. Asking someone if she is okay, letting her know that you are worried about her, and telling her you will stand by her (regardless of her decisions to stay or go) are some of the most important things you can do to help. She may not be able to leave the relationship when you want her to, but she'll remember your kind words and support.

I'm the minister, and nobody comes to me. Clearly, my congregation does not want to talk about it. Family violence is difficult to talk about, but just because your congregation has traditionally been silent doesn't mean there's no concern. Many people grew up with clergy who told battered women to pray harder, change their ways, and accept their husband's unconditional authority. Actively work to change that image.

A Resource: Faith Partners Against Family Violence:

Faith Partners Against Family Violence is a partnership between clergy, lay lead-

ers, and secular advocates. Our mission is to motivate faith communities to take action and speak out against family violence. As the newest program of Associated Ministries, we have a range of resources that are available to congregations at no charge.

Training Modules

Faith Partners has created a series of flexible training modules that can be tailored to meet the needs of faith-based groups. We will partner a trained facilitator with you to lead discussions around topics such as: The Dynamics of Domestic Violence; Children and Domestic Violence; Biblical and Theological Issues and Domestic Violence; and What you can DO.

Resources and Referral Guide for Ministers

If you are working with someone in a violent relationship, planning a sermon, or looking for bibliographic information, we can help. We have access to books, research, and videos about faith-based responses to domestic violence. We can

also help when making referrals for congregants experiencing violence.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This is an ideal time to address these issues in your faith setting. Write a sermon that challenges the notion that suffering in a violent relationship is "God's will." Suggest that your study group discuss scriptural texts in the context of domestic violence. Ask Faith Partners to help lead a discussion or workshop for your congregation or religious education group.

Take a stand.

For more information about Faith Partners, please call Associated Ministries at (253)383-3056 ext. 308.

For immediate assistance with domestic violence issues, please call the 24-hour Pierce County DV HELPLINE at (253) 798-4166.

Alisa Velonis is a prevention specialist with the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Rev. Dr. Joanne Carlson Brown is pastor of United Church in University Place and chair of Faith Partners Against Family Violence.

New educational program will offer "side-by-side" classes at corrections center

Learning Together, a new partnership between Associated Ministries and the Washington Corrections Center for Women, will offer low-cost, "side-by-side" learning opportunities for community members and WCCW residents.

Beginning in October, Pierce County residents and WCCW residents will be able to take adult education courses together at the corrections center facility. This shared learning experience will not only broaden the horizons of women who are incarcerated but will also lead individuals from the "outside" to a deeper understanding of the corrections system.

Learning Together classes are open to

Pierce County residents over the age of 18. Approximately half of the spaces in the evening classes will be reserved for WCCW residents.

The October *Learning Together* schedule includes three evening classes taught by Associated Ministries' faculty: "Eastern Religions," "Amazing Women in the Bible," and "Faith and Family Violence." WCCW staff and residents will offer one evening class: "Children of Incarcerated Parents," and two half-day workshops: "The Well-Rounded Gardener" and "Dog Obedience: Clicker Training."

There are more than 900 women currently housed at WCCW. The resident

population belies common stereotypes: these are women, sisters, aunts, mothers and grandmothers. Of these women, 42 percent will eventually return to Pierce or King County; 53 percent are parents who will be reunited with their children.

Many studies show a lower rate of recidivism for those inmates who receive educational opportunities while incarcerated. Through *Learning Together*, participants will learn not only about the course topic but also about each other. For a WCCW resident, the experience may well increase the chances for her successful return to the outside world.

For community participants, advance

registration is required so that *Learning Together* can obtain the security clearances necessary for admission to the WCCW facility. Each course is \$30. Class size is limited, so register early.

If you are unable to attend the classes, you might consider helping to fund a scholarship for a *Learning Together* participant. Since the WCCW residents are unable to pay for their classes or books, the *Learning Together* project is seeking scholarship support and accepting donations to cover these costs.

For registration brochures or information, please call (253) 383-3056, x120 or email channel@associatedministries.org.

Applicant screening for rental housing: Know your rights as a landlord or tenant

BY DIXIE SHAW, FAIR HOUSING CENTER OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND

Why do most housing providers screen applicants before renting to them? The simple answer is to assess risk and to determine if renting to the individual/family makes good business sense.

Property owners/managers have the right to determine if a prospective tenant is able to pay the rent based on their current income and to learn whether they have a history of timely rent payment. It's important that property owners/managers are able to look at rental history to evaluate whether the prospective tenant will maintain their property in a satisfactory manner and to determine if they have a history of rule violations or complaints from neighbors for noise disturbances or other issues. Some property owners/managers also choose to do criminal background checks.

The important thing to remember is that while screening is necessary to ensure that prospective tenants are qualified, responsible, and pay their rent on time, screening must be done in a manner that is reasonable, consistent, and complies with fair housing laws.

The first step in the screening process is to have a clear, written, screening policy and make sure that all employees involved in the rental process are know the policy and follow it consistently with all applicants. Owners/managers who need help in policy development can contact the government or private non-profit fair housing enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where their property is located. Many web sites also offer useful information about fair housing laws for both housing

providers and prospective tenants. For example, www.metrokc.gov/dias/ocre offers a helpful section entitled "Fair Housing: frequently asked questions about applications and tenant screening." If a tenant screening agency is used, owners/managers should make sure the agency is aware of the complex's screening policy, that they follow the policy consistently and ensure that the agency complies with fair housing laws.

While consistent screening is important, some prospective tenants may require special consideration. Persons with disabilities may need reasonable accommodations and/or reasonable modifications either to go through the application/screening process or to make the property available to them. If the complex has a policy of not renting to individuals who have had a history of police activity at their residence, evaluating applicants who have been victims of domestic violence in the same manner may be considered discriminatory. New immigrants to this country present challenging screening issues, and owners/managers may consider alternative methods to determine whether they meet the screening criteria.

Whatever the screening policy, prospective tenants should be made aware of the policy and the criteria that will be used in evaluating their application. Applicants should also be made aware of the cost and the timeframe of the screening process. Rental decisions should be made in a fair, objective and consistent manner without regard to an individual's protected class. Rental decisions should be communicated

to an applicant honestly and quickly. How people are treated during the screening process may be the determining factor in whether they perceive that they have been discriminated against. The Federal Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, familial status and

retaliation. State and local fair housing laws include additional protected classes.

For additional information contact the Fair Housing Center of South Puget Sound, 1517 South Fawcett, Suite 250, Tacoma, WA 98402; Phone: (253) 274-9523; Toll Free: (888) 766-8800; Email: fhcsps@ix.netcom.com.



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Reflections: Thanks, David, for a great 25 years

BY REV. JULIA PRICE

Do I remember the first time I met David Alger? No, I don't. It seems that David has just always been part of the religious scene in Tacoma and Pierce County. The impact he has made on our community is tremendous. However, I would like to tell you about the impact that he has had on me personally.

Associated Ministries was something that I observed from a distance until I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors in the summer of 1998. Accepting that position placed me into the midst of an incredible ministry and led to my getting to know David Alger. I am now serving for a third year as president of the board. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work closely with David on the board. I will carry with me always lasting memories of David's work and passion for justice.

As a long-time resident and pastor in Pierce County I had known of David for many years. One of my first personal encounters with him was at a meeting with a seminary student who was developing a new ministry idea as part of his studies. David greeted this youth man's thoughts and ideas with openness and enthusiasm, sharing ideas that he had gathered from other sources as we worked together on what we now know of as the "Moment of

Blessing," conducted at homicide sites. This is a great example of how David reaches out to others to gather in ideas and persons to work for a more humane community for the county.

One touching and tender moment in my memories of David comes from one of those early "Moments of Blessing." This ministry was new and we were gathering at the spot where a homicide victim's body had been found. As it turned out David and I were the only persons present. As we prayed together and sprinkled water on the site I grieved for the loved ones of that victim as we stood in an isolated spot to remember a life lost. The fact that it was just the two of us made no difference – it was a spot that needed to be reclaimed for our community and for God's love and grace.

I was serving as president of the board in 2001. I had been away on retreat on Sept. 11. When I returned home on Sept. 13 the first person to call me was David as he was planning a public gathering in downtown Tacoma to pray in light of the horrific events earlier in the week. In the midst of a week that was difficult for all of us, David brought together community leaders and held an outdoor public service. As board

president, he wanted me to be there representing the Christian community. I will never forget the power of those moments as I sat on the platform between a Jewish leader and a Muslim leader to pray for peace in our world.

There are many lighter moments celebrate the sense of humor and warmth that David brings to his ministry. I think my favorite comes from the "Spring Celebration" this year. I had been asked to do a simple thing – stand on the platform and hold two pies that were to be auctioned. Much to everyone's amazement the bidding kept going higher and higher until we sold those pies for \$750!

I have always had a passion for ecumenical ministries. The opportunity to work with David and be part of Associated Ministries has only deepened that passion and I am looking forward to many more years of being in ministry with David.

Thank you, David. It has been a great 25 years. But there are even greater times ahead as we work together to build community that is humane, compassionate and just.

Rev. Julia Price is pastor of the United Methodist Church at Lakewood and president of the board of directors of Associated Ministries.



*The Board of Directors
and Staff
salute*

*Rev. David T. Alger
on 25 years of service
as executive director of
Associated Ministries*

*Congratulations on
25 years
of dedication
to building community
that is humane,
compassionate and just*

Thanks, David!

Looking Back: 25 Years of Ecumenical Service in Pierce County

To celebrate Rev. David Alger's 25th anniversary as executive director of Associated Ministries, the Associated Ministries board of directors and staff will host a special event at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Sheraton Tacoma. The evening will include dinner, recognition of David's service to Pierce County, and the presentation of the Pacific Lutheran University President's Medal by Dr. Loren Anderson.

The PLU President's Medal is given to individuals who have supported PLU and other communities that they serve and who exemplify PLU's motto of "Educating for Lives of Service." David will receive the medal as recognition of his service to the ecumenical community, his vision of educational partnership between local universities and Associated Ministries through CommUniversity, his work with PLU's public service center and social work department, and his commitment to local and global justice and reconciliation.

Born and raised in Geneseo, New York, David attended the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois and a Master of Divinity from McCormick Theological Seminary. Before coming to Tacoma, he

served as a pastor in Clinton, Iowa and in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Alger became the Executive Director of Associated Ministries on January 2, 1980. He has since served continuously in that position, presiding over 25 years of the continuing growth and development of Associated Ministries into one of the strongest local ecumenical agencies in the United States.

Associated Ministries was born in 1969 following the dissolution of the 32-year-old Pierce County Council of Churches. When David arrived in 1980, Associated Ministries operated with two and one-quarter full-time staff members. The struggling agency, located in two small rooms in the 6th Ave. Baptist Church, had a secretary and a very part-time bookkeeper. The entire agency budget, including salaries and operational costs, was \$58,000.

Under David's direction, the agency has grown to employ 16 full-time staff and operate with a \$2.6 million budget. Associated Ministries' programs currently include the Emergency Shelter Assistance Program, Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful, the Pierce County Hunger Walk, CommUniversity, the Hilltop Action Coalition, the Mental Health Chaplaincy, Housing & Shelter Services, Community

Connection for Military Families, Severe Weather Shelter Program, Project Interdependence, Moments of Blessing and the Family Emergency Fund.

During his 25 years of leadership, David helped start and support many other programs in our community that provide needed services. These programs include FISH Food Banks, Emergency Food Network, Pierce County AIDS Foundation, Pierce County Human Services Coalition, Pierce County Coalition for the Homeless, Indochinese Cultural and Service Center, Pierce County Refugee Forum, the Tacoma branch of Habitat for Humanity, Friend to Friend, Shalom Center, Homeownership Center, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Disaster Preparedness Program and "9.11: A Day of Memory, Hope and Action."

David Alger's other work in the Tacoma area includes work as a volunteer pastoral associate at Bethany Presbyterian Church and at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. He currently serves on the boards of the Pierce County AIDS Foundation, the Home Ownership Center of Tacoma, the Food Connection, the Federal Emergency Management Assistance program and the Washington Association of Churches. His church-related service includes many leadership roles within the Presbyterian Church

(USA), the Washington Association of Churches, and the National Association of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Staff.

David has received many honors, including the Rotary Clubs of Tacoma Community Service Award, the St. Francis Foundation Humanitarian Award, and the Municipal League's Distinguished Citizen's Award. David represented the religious community as a member of Class I of the Tacoma-Pierce County American Leadership Forum. An avid golfer and handball player, David was an Olympic Torch Bearer in 1996.

For 36 years, David has been married to Sally, an artist and employee of the Sumner Public Library. They have one daughter, Hannah Levin, who lives and works as a writer in Seattle.

Tickets to the Sept. 18 event are \$30, and the public is invited to attend. Seating is limited and reservations are required. To purchase seats, please contact Gina Breukelman at (253) 383-3056 ext. 119 or ginab@associatedministries.org.

If you are unable to attend the event but would like to include a letter or message in a book for David, please mail your comments to Gina Breukelman at Associated Ministries, 1224 South I Street, Tacoma, WA 98405.

Whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg will be part of Tacoma panel

BY SALLIE SHAWL

Pentagon Papers whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, Global Exchange founding director Medea Benjamin, and nationally syndicated columnist Norman Solomon will be in Tacoma to address the topic of what's at stake in the November presidential election and beyond.

The trio will appear at the University of Puget Sound on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 8:00 p.m. following the first presidential debate.

The purpose of the non-partisan panel is not only to inform people and motivate them to vote in November, but also to begin discussion and debate on vital issues affecting citizens from all walks of life. The goal is to encourage people to stay involved in working at the grassroots

level on these issues and for a more democratic America no matter who is elected.

Following stints at the RAND Corporation, the Defense Department and the State Department, working on Vietnam issues, Daniel Ellsberg gained notoriety when he provided the top secret study of U.S. decision-making in Vietnam, later known as the Pentagon Papers, to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and later to the New York Times, Washington Post and 17 other newspapers. His case was dismissed in 1973 on grounds of governmental misconduct.

Since the end of the Vietnam War he has been a lecturer, writer and activist on the dangers of the nuclear era and unlawful interventions.

Medea Benjamin is the founding director of the human rights organization Global Exchange. A leading activist in the peace movement in the U.S., she helped bring together the coalition United for Peace and Justice. She is also the co-founder of Code Pink: Women for Peace, a women's group that has been organizing against the war in Iraq and pushing for a reorientation of budget priorities in the US to focus on health care, education and housing.

Norman Solomon's syndicated column, "Media Beat," won the 1999 George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language. The award, presented by the National Council of Teachers of English,

honored Solomon's book *The Habits of Highly Deceptive Media*. Solomon's op-ed articles have appeared in the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Newsday, New York Times, Boston Globe, Miami Herald, USA Today and more. His latest book is *Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn't Tell You*.

The evening is being sponsored by United for Peace of Pierce County, and People for Peace, Justice and Healing, with co-sponsorship by three groups at the University of Puget Sound: the Center for Spirituality and Justice, the Latin America Studies Department, and the International Political Economy Program. For further information, call (253) 238-2292 or visit www.ufppc.org.

Earth Stewards: Try these healthy choices for your fall cleaning



By ARDINE MARTINELLI

Jim Wallis, founder of *Sojourners*, Christians for Justice and Peace, and editor of *Sojourners Magazine*, told this year's graduates from Stanford University that he believes the biggest struggle of our times is the fundamental choice between cynicism and hope. He went on to say that this is a spiritual choice, that hope is not a feeling, it is a decision. Wallis believes that the decision for hope is based upon what we believe at our deepest levels, what our most basic convictions are about the world and what the future holds. It is ultimately based upon our faith.

As I read his speech, it touched me at many levels. There have been times in my life when I have chosen cynicism, believing that I was powerless to do anything about the

My choice for hope is based on a deep faith in the goodness of people and life, a faith that we can make a difference in the world by how we choose to live our lives each day.

overwhelming problems our world faces. The negative feelings generated by my cynicism drained me of life-giving energy. Today, my choice for hope is based on a deep faith in the goodness of people and life, a faith that we can make a difference in the world by how we choose to live our lives each day. The articles in this column are based on hope. Each article addresses one small way we can make a difference in the lives of our families, communities, and world. I believe that our small daily actions can individually and collectively change the world. Wallis states, "The antidote to cynicism is not optimism but action. And action is finally born out of hope."

This month I share small actions we can take in our homes that will make a difference in our family's health and the health of the environment. Switching from commercial cleaners filled with toxic chemicals, to alternative cleaning agents creates a cleaner, healthier environment. The fourth class in the Resource Conservation Stewardship program, sponsored by the City of Tacoma, was on household hazardous waste. In this class our instructors let us learn by doing. En-

tering class that night I saw two tables filled with a variety of dirty household items, even a bathroom sink with terrible stains. Knowing we were going to clean these objects, I thought for a moment, "This might be a good class to miss." How glad I am I stayed.

Before our cleaning started, we looked at the commercial products most of us use in our homes. A hazardous product is one that can cause injury or harm to you, your family, your pets, or the environment. The easiest way to tell if a cleanser is hazardous is to look at the label. Companies

have to give warnings regarding the possible dangers of their products. The level of danger is broken down into three categories. CAUTION signals the lowest hazard level, WARNING signals the next level, and DANGER signals the highest hazardous level. Hazardous products that are no longer wanted become hazardous waste. It is important to know that these products should not be thrown away in the garbage, or down the drain, as they end up in our storm water drains and are piped directly—untreated and unfiltered—to streams, lakes and Commencement Bay. All hazardous waste needs to be taken to the hazardous waste facility at the Tacoma Landfill.

As the cleaning began, I chose a sterling silver pie server, blackened with age.

I had the choice of toothpaste or lemon juice as cleansers. Using the toothpaste, the serving piece was sparkling clean within minutes. Another person used lemon juice to clean a silver platter and it cleaned up beautifully. I then chose a saucepan with a burnt copper bottom. I cleaned the entire bottom with Worcestershire sauce, and it worked. At home I tried lemon juice on a small brass chest and it shines. I now have toothpaste and Worcestershire sauce as a part of my cleaning supplies. A team of classmates tackled the old bathroom sink with baking soda and toothpaste. With some elbow grease

the sink was cleaned. See the chart bottom left for recipes for alternative cleaners.

I have been surprised to find that it takes no more time to clean using natural cleaners and that my home is just as clean without the use of toxic products. The small steps it takes to switch to natural cleaners are based on hope, and the knowledge that by eliminating toxic chemicals from my home, I increase the health of my family and the planet.

Ardine received her Doctor of Ministry from the University of Creation Spirituality in San Francisco. 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.

SUGGESTIONS FOR GREEN CLEANING

Items to Clean	Ingredients
Window, Mirror, Glass	Pour 1/4 cup vinegar in a spray bottle and fill to the top with water. Wash outdoor windows with a sponge, warm water and a few drops of liquid oil soap.
All-purpose Cleaner	Fill spray bottle 3/4 full with warm water. Add 3 tablespoons of baking soda and 2 tablespoons of liquid oil soap. Shake well. Write ingredients on spray bottle.
Furniture Polish	Mix 1 teaspoon of lemon juice and 1 pint vegetable oil in a spray bottle. Apply and polish with soft cloth.
Varnished Wood	Clean and polish with liquid oil soap.
Unvarnished Wood	Apply almond, walnut or olive oil. Work in well, wipe off excess and polish with soft dry cloth.
Clogged Drains	Use baking soda and vinegar, baking soda and hot water, Earth's Enzymes Drain Opener, or snake.
Tub and Sink Cleaner	Sprinkle baking soda on porcelain fixtures and rub with wet rag. Apply small amount of liquid oil soap to rag for more cleaning power. Rinse well to avoid leaving a hazy film.
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Sprinkle baking soda inside bowl and add a few drops of liquid oil soap. Scrub with toilet brush. Finish outside surfaces with rag sprinkled with baking soda.
Linoleum Cleaner	Mix 1/2 cup vinegar in bucket of warm water. Mop surface.
Carpet Cleaner	Fill spray bottle 1/2 full with warm water. Fill the rest of the bottle with vinegar to 1 inch from the top. Add 1 tablespoon of liquid oil soap. Shake well. Write ingredients on bottle.

Additional Green Cleaning Resources

Recipe Websites

- www.angelfire.com
- www.ewgateway.org
- www.co.pierce.wa.us
- www.cityofseattle.net
- www.envirocallenger.com
- www.prwa.net

Books

- Clean House, Clean Planet* by Karen Logan
- Clean and Green* by Annie Berthold-Bond
- Greenbook of Household Hints* by Marjorie Harris

Position Announcement: Development Officer

Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County is seeking an experienced fundraising professional to fill a staff vacancy. For a complete description of the position and its requirements, contact Maureen Fife at (253) 383-3056, ext. 107 or maureenf@associatedministries.org.

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SALT MEETING SITES & TIMES 2004 - 2005

- HEBREW SCRIPTURES (OLD TESTAMENT)
 Mary Queen of Peace, Sammamish
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- Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Seattle
 Tuesday Evenings, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- St. Jude, Redmond
 Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
- Immaculate Conception, Mount Vernon
 Day and Time to be announced
- TBA, Tri-Cities
 Day and Time to be announced
- CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES (NEW TESTAMENT)
 All Saints Parish, Puyallup
 Tuesdays, 7:00 pm - 9:30 p.m.
- St. Catherine Parish, Seattle
 Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 9:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Meditation series begins Sept. 22

Catherine Place will host a "Women in Buddhism" series on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 22. Each session will include a presentation about an inspiring woman from the history of the world's great spiritual traditions followed by a guided meditation in which the participants will practice the cultivation of lovingkindness and compassion. You are welcome to come from time to time or to attend all the sessions, which are offered by donation. Jude Rozhon is the instructor. Catherine Place is located at 923 South 8th Street, Tacoma (corner of J and S. 8th — house with black iron fence). Catherine Place is a women's center, so the group is women only. For more information call Catherine Place at (253) 572-3547.

September food drive will benefit Emergency Food Network

The Tacoma South Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be conducting a food drive to benefit the

Emergency Food Network on Saturday, Sept. 18. Collection bags will be dropped off during the preceding week. Food donations will be collected at the Tacoma South Stake Center at 2455 South 78th Street; food should be at the doorstep by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18. For more information contact Ed Mason at masons22@msn.com or (253) 564-1205.

Vatican official will receive honorary degree from Seattle U

On Monday, Sept. 27, Seattle University will present an honorary degree to His Eminence Walter Cardinal Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The Vatican's top ecumenical officer will be awarded the doctorate of humanities in a ceremony at 3:00 p.m. in Campion Ballroom. Cardinal Kasper has spoken across the world on topics as the social context of religion in the United States, the different perspectives of diverse Christian churches, and the need for education to improve Jewish-Christian relations. The Cardinal is known for his message of unity, often saying, "There cannot be peace in the world without peace between the world religions." Kasper was chosen in 1979 as one of a dozen Catholic theologians to sit on the World Council of Churches' Faith and Order Commission, one of the most comprehensive theological forums in Chris-



Cardinal Kasper

tianity. In 1999 he was appointed secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome, and in May 2001, Pope John Paul II named Kasper as its president. For more information about the ceremony, please call (206) 296-6100.

"Women Reclaiming Passion And Purpose"

A new women's group offers women an opportunity to gather in a sacred circle focusing on the wisdom of Dawna Markova in her book of reclaiming passion and purpose, *I Will Not Die an Unlived Life*. This six-week group will help deepen each participant's wisdom and understanding of her own life as the sacred circle utilizes quiet, ritual, and sharing. Facilitator Margaret Ann Schmidt, LMHC, is a licensed mental health counselor and retreat leader in Tacoma. The group will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings from Sept. 20 - Oct. 25 at 8404 27th Street West, University Place. Cost for the group is \$240. For information, contact Margaret Ann Schmidt at (253) 566-0779.

Concert will mark Lutheran Volunteer Corps anniversary

In October Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) will celebrate eight years of service in Tacoma and 25 years nationally with a benefit concert by singer-songwriter Michael Stem. The concert will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1315 N Stevens St., Tacoma. Michael Stern's performances combine original songs, spiritual content,

and humor. Also featured at the concert will be Tacoma's own LVC Juggler, Crystal Zerfoss, an LVC volunteer with Nativity House in 2001-2002. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors. For more information, call (253) 272-1538 or (206) 709-8690.

"Soulful Cinema" comes to Tacoma

All are invited to participate in a new "Soulful Cinema" group now forming in the Tacoma area. The group plans monthly gatherings to build community and to share "movies with a meaning," inspired by the book *The Force is With You* by movie producer and writer Steven Simon. Meetings will be held at First Congregational Church in Tacoma. If interested please contact Roger Kuhrt at (253) 222-1058 or rkuhrt@yahoo.com.

Literacy council seeks volunteer tutors

Twenty-four percent of Pierce County residents need basic literacy education. The Tacoma Area Literacy Council provides free Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language (ESL) assistance through volunteer tutors. Potential tutors need not be professional teachers, just have a desire to help others learn to read. Tutor training will be held on Monday, Sept. 27, Wednesday Sept. 29, and Friday, Oct. 1 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 6912 40th St W, University Place. For information or registration please call (253) 272-2471.

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AVAILABLE: CONN ORGAN — Available for donation to congregation, a Conn three-manual theatre organ, model no. 652 with two sets of electronic pipes, models no. 144 & no. 145, and an amp box. Originally purchased in the 1980s at an estimated cost \$17,000.00. For more information please call Julie Martin at (253) 584-8408 ext. 1002.

POSITION AVAILABLE: ORGANIST — First United Methodist Church, Tacoma is seeking an organist to play the Aeolian Skinner. The church is a welcoming and reconciling community with a tradition of high-quality music-making. Duties include: weekly Sunday service, seasonal services, Thursday choir rehearsal and quarterly Worship Arts Team meetings. For more information contact Megan Oberfield, Director of Music, at (253) 925-7198 or moberfield@harbornet.com.

POSITION AVAILABLE: ORGANIST — Spanaway Lutheran Church seeks a church organist. The church has a fine 20-stop tracker organ and a newly restored Steinway A grand piano. Essential responsibilities are accompaniment for the congregational liturgy, hymn singing, choir and other musical groups during worship services. This includes weekly choir rehearsals as well as two services from September through May and one service in the summer. The music staff also includes a choir director, music team leader and chime choir director. Spanaway Lutheran is a congregation that loves music. Compensation is negotiable. Please submit a resume ASAP to Pastor Arne Bergland at Spanaway Lutheran Church, PO Box 1300, Spanaway, WA 98387.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS — L'Arche Tahoma Hope, a faith-based nonprofit organization creating home and life enrichment for developmentally disabled men and women, is looking for people interested in serving as volunteer board members (find us at www.larchethc.org). We encourage those of diverse ethnic background to apply. Board member liability insurance is provided. Energy and availability are necessary. To apply or learn more please contact (253) 535-3178 or tahomahope@larchethc.org.

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 emailed to channel@associatedministries.org or faxed to (253) 383-2672. Items will be published as space permits.

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Pierce County Happenings - September 2004

9/2 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 9th and 11th. This display takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information call John Boylan, Criminal Justice Ministry, at (253) 502-2681.

9/2 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 Mitsuyoshi 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.

9/4 Saturday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer **Introduction to Centering Prayer** from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Centering prayer is a modern adaptation of the Christian contemplative tradition, developed by the Trappist monk, Fr. Thomas Keating. Registration is \$50; please register by Aug. 31. For information or registration call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

9/4 Saturday

Christ Episcopal Church will host the internationally acclaimed **choir of Trinity College**, under the direction of Dr. Richard Marlow, in concert at 8:00 p.m. The program will include selections spanning 700 years of European choral tradition. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Associated Ministries. Advance tickets are \$20 per person, \$22 at the door. A five percent (5%) discount is available for groups of 12 or more. Christ Episcopal Church is located at 310 North K St, Tacoma. For information or tickets call (253) 383-1569.

9/5 Sunday

Hillside Community Church, 2508 S. 39th Street, Tacoma, will host a talk by Edryce Reynolds at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Reynolds will speak on justice for prisoners. For more information, please call (253) 230-8948.

9/5 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.

9/6 Monday

Associated Ministries' office will be closed in observance of **Labor Day**.

9/9 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.

9/9 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.

9/10 Friday

St. Leo Parish, 710 South 13th Street, Tacoma, will host a **Taizé** service at 7:00 p.m. For more information please call (253) 272-5136.

9/10 Friday

The University of Puget Sound will present the season's first **Jacobsen Series concert** at 7:30 p.m. in Schneebeck Concert Hall. This will be the inaugural concert for the newly formed Northwest Sinfonietta String Quartet, featuring violinists Adam LaMotte and Mary Manning, violist Heather Bentley, and cellist Mara Finkelstein, performing Beethoven's "Quartet in D Major, Opus 18, No. 3." The second portion of the program features Duane Hulbert, UPS professor of piano, performing Johannes Brahms' "Piano Quintet, Opus 34" with the Sinfonietta quartet. Concert tickets are \$12 for the general public; \$8 for students, seniors, faculty, and staff; and free for Puget Sound students. They are available at the Wheelock Information Center. Credit card orders may be phoned in to (253) 879-3419. Tickets also will be available at the door.

9/11 Saturday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer **Lectio Divina: Healing for the Spirit** from 9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, an ancient Benedictine prayer practice, is a method of reading sacred scripture that actively helps the practitioner push past emotional difficulties that can block healing. The retreat day will include Lectio experience, sharing and ritual. Registration is \$50; please register by Sept. 3. For information or registration call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

9/11 Saturday

Tacoma First United Methodist Church LINK-UP Youth Group and World Vision in cooperation with the City of Tacoma Neighborhood Council office are sponsoring a **free community gathering** from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Wright Park in Tacoma. This event is in memory and honor of the people who lost their lives in the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001. This peace-filled event will include food, entertainment and activities for all ages, along with a back-to-school giveaway. For information contact Brenda Lopez at (253) 431-6700 or rainbowyow@aol.com.

9/13 Monday

The Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare **Mental Health Mondays** series will present "Generalized Anxiety Disorder" at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Library, 6300 Wildaire Road, Lakewood. Much more than normal daily anxiety, Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD) causes excessive worrying and constant anticipation of disaster, often with physical symptoms. Facilitator Stella Patterson, LHMC, will help participants learn how to identify and manage symptoms of GAD. The program is free of charge and reservations are not necessary. For information call (253) 581-7020.

9/13 Monday

The University of Puget Sound and the Swope Lectures Committee will present "What Makes a College Good? A Reappraisal for the 21st Century," a lecture by **Rev. Peter J. Gomes** at 7:30 p.m. in the UPS Fieldhouse, one block east of Union Avenue on North 11th Street. The Reverend Professor Peter J. Gomes is a professor at Harvard University, an American Baptist minister, and a renowned author of numerous books. The lecture is free and open to the public. For information call (253) 879-3419 or (253) 879-3374.

9/14 Tuesday

Washington Primary Election - Don't forget to vote!

9/15 Wednesday

Deadline for October CHANNEL

9/16 Thursday

In Judaism, **Rosh Hashanah** marks the beginning of the New Year and the "Days of Awe" — the High Holy Days of the Jewish calendar. The observance begins at sunset on Sept. 15.

9/16 Thursday

Jean's House of Prayer will host an evening of **Pax Christi prayer** beginning at 7:00 p.m. Pax Christi is the international Catholic peace movement. 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.

9/17 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.

9/18 Saturday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer a **Knitters and Spinners Retreat** from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. (optional Friday evening 7:30-9:00 p.m.). Sister Monika Ellis and the Priory Knitters and Spinners invite you to a retreat time with your knitting, spinning, or other fiber-related art. The retreat will include quiet reflection or prayer and storytelling about how your art affects your life. The Friday option is for those who would enjoy time simply knitting or spinning together. Registration is \$50 for Saturday only, \$100 for Friday/Saturday; please register by Sept. 10. For information or registration call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

9/19 Sunday

Hillside Community Church, 2508 S. 39th Street, Tacoma, will host a talk by Scott Fischvach at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Fischvach will speak on "The Versatile Didgeridoo." For information, please call (253) 230-8948.

9/19 Sunday

Renowned **Japanese flutist Kurotaro Kurosaka and his wife, vocalist Kanemi Yaguchi**, will perform a benefit recital at St. Leo's Church, 710 So. 13th St., Tacoma, at 6:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission; a free will offering may be made to aid the work of a local SOA Watch group. SOA Watch works non-violently for the closure of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (formerly called the School of the Americas) at Fort Benning, GA. For more information contact Tracy Wiegman at (253) 474-5796 or Tom Karlin at (253) 732-7475.

9/19 Sunday

Westminster Presbyterian Church, East 54th and B Street, Tacoma, will host a **Blues Vespers** service at 5:00 p.m. Music will be performed by Straight Shot, featuring Mark Reilly and Paul Green. For more information, contact Rev. Dave Brown at (253) 472-4795.

9/23 Thursday

Jean's House of Prayer will host an evening of **Native American prayer and talking circle** led by Joan Staples Baum, director of the Tahoma Indian Center, 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.

9/25 Saturday

In Judaism, **Yom Kippur**, the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year. The observance begins at sundown on Friday, Sept. 24.

9/25 Saturday

The Priory Spirituality Center, 500 College Street NE, Lacey, will offer **Living at Peace with One Another** from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Explore the ideas of Saint Benedict on how we might live together in love, service and peace. A realist, he knew that at times harmony would be broken and reconciliation would need to be restored. We will look at ways he suggested that we might achieve forgiveness and reconciliation. Facilitator Margaret Malone PhD is a sister of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St. Benedict and a member of the staff at the University of Notre Dame, Australia. Registration is \$50; please register by Sept. 17. For information or registration please call (360) 438-2595 or email spiritualityctr@stplacid.org.

9/26 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 speak on "Life as Art." For more information, please call (253) 230-8948.

9/28 Tuesday

Associated Ministries' **Interreligious Roundtable** will host an introduction and orientation meeting at 7:00 p.m. for those interested in fall Interfaith Study Circles. [See story on page 2.] The meeting will be held at First Christian Church, 602 North Orchard (corner of 6th and Orchard) in Tacoma. For more information please call (253) 383-3056, ext. 119.

9/28 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 112th Street SW, Lakewood. For information call (253) 383-5755.

9/29 Wednesday

The Alliance for Youth of Pierce County will present **Pierce County of Promise**, a one-day training event from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Pierce County Library Administration Building, 112th and Waller Road in Tacoma. National officials from America's Promise will help participants explore ways to provide Pierce County youth with life skills and tools for success. There is no charge for admission but space is limited, so reservations are required. For information or to register call Donna Saling at (253) 537-4529.

9/30 Thursday

Daniel Ellsberg, Medea Benjamin, and Norman Solomon will speak at the University of Puget Sound at 8:00 p.m. in Schneebeck Concert Hall. The speakers will address what's at stake in the November presidential election and beyond. The evening is being sponsored by United for Peace of Pierce County, and People for Peace, Justice and Healing, with co-sponsorship by three groups at the University of Puget Sound: the Center for Spirituality and Justice, the Latin America Studies Department, and the International Political Economy Program. For further information, call (253) 238-2292 or visit www.ufppc.org.

If you have an upcoming workshop or event for *The CHANNEL* calendar, please submit it by the 15th 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. Items will be published as space permits, and may be edited for space and clarity.