

Church News and Events

By William Wells

A Snow-day for Church! Just in case you didn't notice, we nearly had enough snow on January 15th to shut the city down. That happened later in the week. But not quite on Sunday, judging from all the kids, (and a few adults), that were out playing in the slippery conditions. As I went around collecting church bulletins, I found most churches where open and they had a few people in attendance. But since the roads were pretty slippery and the footing was precarious, naturally some people didn't make it to church.

Since the last issue of Vernonia's Voice, I have received several compliments and only one complaint. Well maybe it was more of an observation. They wanted to know why there wasn't anything in the paper about Saint Mary's. Well frankly, I want to know the same thing about all the churches.

This is a great opportunity to take advantage of an evangelistic arm that has been handed to them on a silver platter. I have gone from church to church, called phone numbers, left messages and so on.

All I can do is write the information that is shared with me. But let's be fair. How long has Vernonia's Voice been running this column? Let me see... oh yeah, once. So I'll cut the churches some slack and give you church goers some time to get the word out. Talk to your pastor or priest. Talk to the bulletin secretary and communication director too. Tell them to email me, (or call), and share with me what is going on at church.

I have been going to church for a long, long time and my wife and I have held many voluntary positions. If I have learned anything at all, it is that churches don't get in a hurry for anything short of an emergency. Churches are run by members who volunteer their time. Like most people they have a lot of other responsibilities already. I know that they don't want another task added to their already busy schedules. But think

about it! The benefits to the church and evangelistic outreach will be well worth the effort.

I have some sad news. My brothers and sister have asked my wife and me to move in with mom and dad so that they have some live-in help. Why us? Because they have roots and ours have been ripped up by the big bad economy. Not only are we jobless, but technically we are homeless too. If it weren't for benevolence, we wouldn't even have a roof over our heads. The bottom-line, we are giving the request prayerful consideration.

The thought of leaving saddens us. We have just started to get involved in so many voluntary projects here in Vernonia like writing the 'Church News and Events' column for the Voice, creating the VernoniaChristianNews.com website, joining the Walk and

Talk Ministry, and more. So it is my hope and prayer that there are one or two people here in Vernonia that will step-up to keep this column going and the VernoniaChristianNews.com website online as well. The Walk and Talk Ministry will need someone to take my place there too. Hopefully and prayerfully these good works will be continued.

At this point, a tentative decision has been made and we are making plans to leave around February 8th. That will give me time to work with anyone that would like to volunteer to write for Church News and Events column for the Voice and take over the VernoniaChristianNews.com website as well.

Contact me at: VeroniaChristianNews@gmail.com, www.VeroniaChristianNews.com, 503-716-6279

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Senior Center Activities

5-Area Luncheon: Monday, January 30, at the Scappoose Senior Center

Please contact the Senior Center for an application.

Connie's Fabulous Breakfasts: Fabulous breakfasts are available to the public on Fridays for a cost of only \$3.50. The event happens at the Senior Center (446 Bridge Street) from 7:30 to 9:00 AM each Friday. Meal price includes a beverage, too. Enter through the side, parking lot door. What a deal!

Maple Bars available locally! Connie King, the cook at the Senior Center, is making maple bars each day. The maple bars are available to the public, too, and only cost \$1 each. Availability is subject to quantity on hand. You can assure yourself of a good supply by pre-ordering them directly from Connie by calling the Senior Center (503-429-3912) any week day, from 7:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please allow one day lead time for larger orders. The Center's front door opens at 9:00, but the side parking lot door opens at 7:00. Ah, sweet treats!

Week Day Lunches: The Vernonia Senior Center offers nutritious and tasty lunches each weekday for a \$4 donation for seniors over 60; cost is \$5 for anyone under 60. To-go meals are available for \$5. These are available to the public, not just Senior Citizens. (Mealtime is noon; late arrivals may not be served.) You can reserve your lunch by calling by 11:15 AM, or further in advance if possible, to assist the cooks as they prepare the day's meals. Meals on Wheels are available for a \$4 donations for seniors over 60.

Thrift Store: Bargain prices can be found in Vernonia's Senior Center in their Thrift Store. The retail store is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Thrift Store provides funds for the Senior Center's facility and its many activities. Donations can also be dropped

off during those same hours, and donated clothes need to be clean and in good condition so they are "sales ready". We are offering half off during the first week of each month. Buy locally and support your local Senior Center.

For after hours drop-offs please contact Pauline 503-429-5810.

Special Days: On the last Wednesday of the month Wauna Credit Union will be serving ice cream. On the last Friday of the month we will serve birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate that month's birthdays.

Membership Dues: Another way to support Vernonia's Senior Center is to pay the \$15 annual membership dues. Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the Senior Center. Anyone 50 and older may join.

Questions? Call: (503) 429-3912

Church Directory (in alphabetical order)

Assembly of God
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening: 6:00 PM
Wayne Marr, Pastor
662 Jefferson Avenue
503-429-0307

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 AM
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 PM
Marc Farmer, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151

First Baptist Church
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7:00 PM
John D. Murray, Pastor
359 "A" Street
503-860-3860

Nehalem Valley Bible Church
Sunday School: 10:00 AM

Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Wed. Ladies Bible Study: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM
Sat. Men's Prayer Meeting: 6:30 AM
Gary Taylor, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
503-429-5378

Pioneer Baptist Fellowship
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Thursday Prayer 7:00 PM
www.pbfalive.com
John Cahill, Pastor
939 Bridge Street
503-429-1161

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Sun. Religious Education: 10:30 AM
Sunday Mass: 12:00 PM
Rev. Luan Tran, Administrator
960 Missouri Avenue
503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org

Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street
503-429-6522

Vernonia Community Church
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Wednesday Prayer: 6:30 PM
Ralph Young, Interim Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790

Vernonia Foursquare Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School
Carl Pense, Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
503-429-1103

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church
Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
503-429-8301

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