



# RELIGION

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## RELIGION UPDATE

by Dee Armstrong

This week's UPDATE with food for thought: "I know Thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou has a little strength, and hast kept My word, and has not denied My name." — Rev. 3:8.

Portland Released-time Education Association (PREP) began in 1984 when Laurie Dodge, a concerned school board member formerly of Lane County, sought out an "open door" to teach the Bible. Laurie "approached Portland's superintendent Matthew Prophet on the subject of released-time Bible teaching. She found him not only receptive but even encouraging." Since then, six schools have been provided with classes in Northeast Portland.

The Prep Committee would like to say "Thank-you" to the churches who have opened their doors to teach the Bible to students who would undoubtedly have no other way to receive the teachings of God's word without their cooperation.

Ice Cream Social/Fashion Show/Bake Sale, Saturday, 4-7 p.m., April 13th, in the multipurpose room at Meranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th. There will be games, music and door prizes. Dress to the era of the 50s. Sponsored by the Youth Department of Meranatha Church. Admission 50 cents.

Portland Youth for Christ Benefit Auction, Saturday, May 4, at the Lloyd Center Red Lion Exhibition Hall.

Sermonettes in Concert — At Community A.M.E. Zion Church, April 12th, 3 p.m. at 3605 East 13th Street, Vancouver, Washington. For additional information, call 283-0492.

Birth of the Bible — Interfaith Perspectives — The first interfaith Bible conference held in Portland is scheduled for April 16-17 at Warner Pacific College. Individual registration is \$15. Additional information may be obtained through the institute for Judaic Studies.

Prayer Line really helps; there is someone who cares. Call 286-LOVE.

Benefit Concert — Northwest Connection Community Choir will be closing out its 4th Anniversary Celebration with a benefit concert, Sunday, April 14th, 3:00 p.m. at the 5th Avenue Theatre, 1308 5th Ave., Downtown Seattle. Guests will include: 1983 Grammy Nominee Vanessa Bell Armstrong, 1985 Grammy Nominee and 1982 Dove Award Winner Bob Bailey of Portland, as well as Richard Smallwood and the Smallwood Singers. For further information, call 325-8182.



Front row: Br. Frederick Williams, Francisca Gabriel, Mercedes Singleton, Rosalyn Hicks, Mychal Johnson, Edna Hicks; Middle row: Rev. James Coleman (Pastor), Jeff Utterback, Flomina Tomasella, Dolores Fogle, Frederick Carmouche, Ella Boyea, Natalie Strickland, Monica Hicks; Back row: Phyllis Houston Gladine Reynolds, Gweldolyn Smith.

## St. Andrews holds concert

On behalf of Saint Andrew's Gospel Choir, we cordially invite you to our 6th Annual Gospel Concert, featuring some of the best gospel singing in this area. The concert is set for Sunday, April 21, 1985, at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Andrew Catholic Church, 806 N.E. Alberta, Portland.

We look forward to sharing this day of joy and praise with you, as we celebrate our Tenth Anniversary.

## Tour Europe this September

Professor Michael Balyo, Assistant Professor of History at Western Baptist College, will be leading a group tour to Europe, September 1-19, 1985.

(double occupancy), which includes air transportation from Portland, lodging, land transportation in Europe, and some meals.

The itinerary will include England, France, Switzerland, Italy and Austria. The cost is \$1,450 per person.

For more information, please write to Mr. Michael Balyo, Western Baptist College, 5000 Deer Park Dr. S.E., Salem, OR 97301, or call 503-581-8600.



(L-r) Warner Jim, Gina Wolley, Hilde Welch, Grey Osterud, Melinda Jim and Herb Cawthorne participate in breaking matzo during Seder, the feast commemorating the departure of the Israelites from Egypt and the celebration of all people's struggle for freedom. The Seder was sponsored by the New Jewish Agenda. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

## Ira Mumford passes on

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Portland lost one of her unsung heroes Saturday, April 6. Mr. Ira Mumford, a local minister and Urban 4-H Extension Agent, succumbed to a heart attack ending a life-long career of support to urban youth and senior citizens.

Mumford, 65, was recently involved in a radio show called "Gospel Train," which was a highlight of his Arts and Communication class where urban youngsters received hands-on experience in radio production.

In January 1985, Mumford said in an interview, "Urban 4-H has had a positive effect on kids. Children who were in the program years ago have children of their own who are in the program today. I'm proud to be a part of that."

During Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday celebrations, Mumford helped popularize King's, "I've been to the mountain top" speech. A Navy veteran, Mumford also related experiences of Blacks in World War II. In his office at the King Neighborhood Facility, Mumford headed the Urban 4-H project which provided area residents a variety of services.

Edna Robertson, coordinator of the N.E. Neighborhood Association, said, "He was an inspiration to us all here at the King Facility. He gave us a



REV. IRA MUMFORD

lot of help and encouragement. We lost a co-worker and a dear friend."

During the 5th annual March Against Racism, Ronnie Herndon, co-chair of the Black United Front, dedicated a portion of the march to Mumford. "He was one who did things behind the scenes to make sure those out front were covered."

A cloud of sadness descended over Albina as word spread of our loss. Many will remember Mumford for his sense of humor and down-to-earth wit.

He is survived by his wife Lydia, daughter Iretta and goddaughters Kellie Jarrelle and Gloria Richards. Mumford is a native of Durham, North Carolina. He was born November 9, 1920.



Rev. Mary Smith and Rev. Thomas share the evening during the Harvest Time Ministries banquet and awards ceremonies Saturday. The affair was held at the Grayson Inn and was attended by about 75 people. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

## Bible memory contest set

The Rose City Ministers' Wives and Widows Council presents a Bible Memory and Oratorical Contest, Sunday, April 14, at 3:30 p.m., at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 5935 N. Minnesota.

Churches participating in the event are: Fellowship Church of God, Highland United Church of Christ, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church, Mt. Gillard Missionary Baptist Church, Maranatha, Community Church of God, Providence Baptist Church, Neighborhood Church of God, Morning Star Baptist Church and St. Paul Church of God in Christ.

The contest is a scholarship benefit program directed by the Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Eugene Boyd, chairman.

## Enrichment program on

The A. A. Newton Scholarship Committee will present a Cultural Enrichment program on April 21, 1985 at 3:00 p.m., Guest speaker Dr. Darrell Millner, director of the Black Studies Program, Portland State University. The theme of the program will be, "A Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste," and will be chaired by Lurene P. Dixon.

This event will be held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3725 North Gantenbein, Portland.

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