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PENDLETON



Contributed photo The 32nd annual Presbyterian Women's Soup Supper is Friday, Nov. 6. 5-7 p.m. at the Pendleton First Presbyterian Church.

Annual Soup Supper supports mission work

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The soups of the day clam chowder, features noodle chicken and vegetable beef during the 32nd annual Presbyterian Women's Soup Supper.

The event is Friday, Nov. 6 from 5-7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pend-leton. The cost is \$7.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

The soups will be served with bread, relishes, beverages and homemade Additional desserts. homemade noodles will be packaged and available for purchase. Also, tins of homemade cookies will be for sale.

Before and after dinner, people are invited to shop for fair trade crafts from developing countries.

Items available include toys, musical instruments, crèches and jewelry. The unique and innovative products celebrate the diverse gifts of artisans around the world.

Purchasing the products help in providing food, medicine, housing and education for the artisans' families while providing steady employment, skills training and an opportunity for a better future. Also, a selection of coffee and chocolate are for sale.

Also, the craft items will be available for purchase Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church fellowship room.

All proceeds from the event support mission and church work locally, nationwide and around the world. For more information,

call 541-276-7681.

Jewish activists step up activities at sensitive holy site

JERUSALEM (AP) — A new Israeli proclamation to uphold a ban on Jewish prayer at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site should have dealt a sobering blow to the die-hard activists who have spent years fighting for the right to worship at the spot, which is sacred to Muslims as well as Jews. Instead, it has only emboldened them.

The Jewish activists, whose visits to the site are at the center of a current round of violence are now pledging to step up their attempts to change the decades-old status quo by expanding their presence at the spot where the ancient Jewish Temple once stood.

A decade ago, there were only 200 or 300 Jewish visitors annually. Last year, activists say there were about 10,000.

"When we have 100,000 Jews visiting the Temple Mount, we will be able to demand Jewish prayer," said Yehuda Glick, a leading activist who survived an attempt on his life last year by a Palestinian gunman.

What Jews call the Temple Mount is known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, and it has become the focus of the conflict between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Revered as Īslam's third-holiest spot, it is home to the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the iconic gold-topped Dome of the Rock, which is where Muslims believe the Prophet Mohammad ascended to heaven. Jews believe the rock may be where the holiest part of the



AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean

In this Tuesday photo, Israeli policeman escort ultra-Orthodox Jews as they walk past the Dome of the Rock mosque in Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site, a hilltop compound in the Old City that is revered by Jews and Muslims.

two ancient temples stood more than 2,000 years ago - and where religious Jews pray that a third temple will one day be built.

The site is so holy that Jews have traditionally refrained from praying on the hilltop, congregating instead at the adjacent Western Wall, a retaining wall of the ancient temple complex, which has become the top holy spot for Jewish prayer.

In a religiously subversive act, however, Jewish activist groups in recent years say Jews should instead focus on pushing for prayer at the contested hilltop compound itself.

decades, these For religious Jews who ignored rabbinic warnings that the site was too holy for Jews to tread on were seen as a fanatic fringe group. Their numbers have grown, however, and their cause has gained support among mainstream religious Jews and Israel's government.

In recent years, a parliamentary committee headed by Miri Regev, who is now a Cabinet minister from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud Party, held discussions about allowing Jewish prayer at the site.

after This week, Netanyahu pledged to uphold the status quo, Israel's deputy foreign minister and deputy defense minister, both devout Jews, told Israeli media they would like to see the Israeli flag flying over the Temple Mount. Their comments quickly drew a rebuke from Netanyahu's office and clarifications from both that they were expressing personal opinions.

Glick, who also is a senior member of Likud though he does not serve in parliament, pressed his case in a recent meeting with Netanyahu and in discussions with Israeli lawmakers week. Reading between the lines, he thinks Netanyahu is saying there will be no Jewish prayers at the site for at least the time being.

"It does not say Jews are prohibited to pray," Glick said, referring to the statement by Netanyahu.

For Temple Mount activists, it is a numbers game.

Jewish visits to the site have increased by 20 percent each year for the last five years, Glick said, leading to about 10,000 Jewish visits by the end of 2014. That still pales in comparison to the approximately 3 million Muslims who visited the site last year, according to Glick's count. He predicts there will have been 14,000 Jewish visits to the site by the end of 2015.

Tension surrounding Jewish visits to the site is what helped spark the recent violence. Usually a few dozen Jews visit the site in a day, but calls by religious activists to go there last month on the eve of the Jewish New Year resulted in visits by about 300 Jews, including Agricultural Minister Uri Ariel, who was filmed reciting a Jewish prayer in front of his Israeli police escorts, openly flouting Israeli restrictions on worship.

These visits, coupled with some Israeli restrictions on Muslim access to the compound, fueled rumors among Palestinians that Israel was planning to disrupt the delicate status quo. Israel has adamantly denied the accusations.

BRIEFLY

Bethel church lights up with Glow Night

PENDLETON - Glown-dark games, a slime craft and a unique glow maze filled with candy and surprises are featured in an event at Bethel Assembly of God Church.

Glow Night is Saturday from 5-7:30 p.m. at 1109 Airport Road, Pendleton. People are invited to drop by while out trick-or-treating for some glowing fun. Hot dogs and other treats also will be

Oasis Vineyard Church, 1255 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Sponsored by Good Samaritan Ministries, there is

no charge. Mark Gungor explores the underlying dynamics of male/ female relationships, while providing practical solutions to common relationship woes. Couple will laugh, learn and be able to make positive changes in their marriage.

For more information or to register, call 541-564-1041.



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Junior Academy sets Fall Festival

HERMISTON -Carnival-type games, pony rides, a bounce house, face painting and door prizes are included in a Fall Festival at the Hermiston Junior Academy

The event is Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at 1300 N.W. Academy Lane, located off Northwest 11th Street, Hermiston. A potato bar, cotton candy, popcorn, hot chocolate and caramel apples will be available for purchase. There's no admission fee, but tickets must be purchased for the activities.

For more information, call Judi Hanson at 541-571-2758.

Church Women United celebrate community

MILTON-FREEWATER - Church Women United will observe World Community Day.

The event includes refreshments, door prizes and a report of the Make A Difference Day. Everyone is welcome to attend Thursday at 2 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

For more information, contact Helen Richartz at 541-558-3969 or helen_jack@columbiainet. com.

Marriage class provides laughs

HERMISTON - A practical and fun marriage class starts Monday in Hermiston.

Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage is an eightweek video presentation class offered Mondays beginning Nov. 2 from 6-8:30 p.m. at

Loved tour comes to Baker City

BAKER CITY — A weekend celebration to discover God's grace and love is being held in Baker City.

Women of Faith 2015: Loved, The Farewell Tour is Friday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 7 at 8:45 a.m. at the Baker City Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. The fee includes lunch and refreshments. The event features

special speakers, live music, shopping and a catered lunch. Presenters include Sandi Patty, Sheila Walsh, Thelma Wells, Luci Swindoll and more.

For more information, call 541-523-3533.

Pope OKs indulgences for Legion during anniversary

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Pope Francis has granted a special plenary indulgence to members of the scandaltainted Legion of Christ order as it celebrates the 75th anniversary of its foundation by the discredited Mexican priest, Marcial Maciel. Vatican Radio said Thursday that the decree was approved following a request by the current Legion superior, the Rev. Eduardo Robles-Gil.

Robles-Gil has been leading the Legion since the Vatican signed off on its process of reform following revelations that Maciel sexually abused seminarians.

Indulgences are the ancient church tradition related to the forgiveness of sins that roughly amounts to a "get out of Purgatory free" card. Catholics seeking them must be contrite and have a moment of deepening faith.