

Free choral and string concert

Hands on Art is delighted to offer a free music concert to the community.

The choir will offer some traditional Christmas songs. The 12-member string orchestra will perform one movement of the Brandenburg Concerto No.4, by J.S. Bach.

All musicians and singers are local and of all ages.

Concert is Saturday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m., at the Vernonia Community Church, 957 State Avenue.

For more information about the concert or Hands on Art, call Madeleine Gendron at 503-429-9402.

Student Bloopers

I expected to enjoy the film, but that was before I saw it.

A virgin forest is a place where man has never set foot.

Cookin' with Debbie

By Debbie Johnston



bless.

Can you believe December is here? Time to start the holiday with baking and share your favorite goodies and treats with someone else. It's a nice way to say "I'm thinking of you" or "you are loved." Is there someone you can think of who has no family close by, or who lives alone? Bake something sweet and take it over to their home. It is the season to give and to share with others. Have a wonderful Christmas and God

FESTIVE HOLIDAY BARK (EASY)

16 oz. Vanilla flavored candy coating, chopped
2 cups small pretzel twists
1/2 cup red and green candy M&Ms

Line cookie sheet with waxed paper. Melt candy coating in medium saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Add remaining ingredients; toss to coat. Spread mixture thinly on waxed paper-lined cookie sheet. Let stand until set. Break into pieces.

TRUFFLE TREATS

1 package (8 squares) Baker's semi-sweet baking chocolate
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip extra creamy whipped topping, thawed

Coatings:

unsweetened cocoa, chopped nuts, multi-colored sprinkles, angel flake coconut

Microwave chocolate until almost melted, about 2 to 3 minutes on High, stirring halfway through heating time. Stir until chocolate is completed melted.

Mix in peanut butter until smooth. Cool to room temperature. Gently stir in whipped topping. Refrigerate 1 hour.

Roll mixture into 1-inch balls and coat with your favorite coating.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED PEANUT BUTTER CANDIES

1/2 cup creamy peanut butter 6 tbsp. butter, softened
1 tbsp. light corn syrup 1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups powered sugar 1 cup graham cracker crumbs

Dipping Chocolate:

Place 1 cup (6 oz.) semi sweet chocolate chips and 2 tbsp. vegetable shortening in microwavable bowl. Microwave on high about 2 minutes or until melted, stirring after 1-1/2 minutes.

Line large cookie sheet with waxed paper. Prepare dipping chocolate; keep warm. Beat peanut butter, butter, corn syrup and vanilla in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in powdered sugar and graham cracker crumbs on low speed until mixed well (mixture will look dry).

Shape peanut butter mixture into 1-inch balls. Place on prepared cookie sheet. Dip each ball into dipping chocolate. Lift coated balls out of chocolate with fork, tapping fork on side of cup to remove excess chocolate. Place on prepared cookie sheet.

Repeat with remaining balls. Let chocolate set completely before storing in air-tight container.

PECAN TASSIES

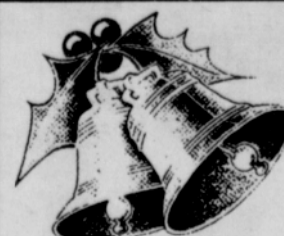
Pastry:

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
1 (3 oz.) package cream cheese, room temperature
1 cup flour

Filling:

1-1/2 cups brown sugar 2 tbs. melted butter
2 eggs, slightly beaten 1/4 tsp. vanilla
pinch of salt 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In small bowl, blend butter and cream cheese with mixer. Add flour. Mix until a soft dough forms. Do not over-mix; refrigerate pastry one hour. Divide into 30 walnut sized balls. Use tart tamper to form dough in mini-muffin cups. Trim excess dough off top edge. Fill pastry with pecan filling. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until pastry is light brown. Cool 5 minutes. Remove from pan to cool. Store at room temperature in one layer in flat container up to 1 week.



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VERNONIA FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Pastor Paul Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-1103

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Evening Service
Youth Ministry
Children's Ministry
Nursery Available

Men's Ministry 7:45 a.m.
3rd Saturday each month

VERNONIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Grant Williams, Pastor
957 State Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-6790

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church w/Nursery
Sunday 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Jr. & Sr. High, AWANA, Adult Study
Nursery provided
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Women's Bible Study, Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

D.J. Dickey, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
Vernonia, 503 429-1919

Sunday Services: Adult Prayer &
Children's Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service:
All Family Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Darwin Harvey, Pastor
662 Jefferson
Vernonia, 503 429-4615

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Youth & Kids, Thursday 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

John Cahill, Pastor
359 "A" Street
Vernonia, 503 429-1161

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

NEHALEM VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

500 California Ave
Vernonia, 503 429-5378

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Nursery available
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Associate
Juanita Dennis
960 Missouri Avenue
Vernonia, 503 429-8841

Mass Schedule
Sunday 12:00 Noon
Religious Education
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

Lee Knowlton, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
Vernonia, 503 429-7151

Sacrament Meeting, Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday School & Primary 11:20 a.m.

Relief Society, Priesthood and
Young Women, Sunday 12:10 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Kevin Reiner, Pastor, 543-2254
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
Vernonia, 503 429-8301

Sabbath School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ST. AUGUSTINE (CANTERBURY) EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Robert Grafe, Pastor
375 North St. (Vernonia Grange Hall)
Vernonia, 503 429-3700

Sunday Services 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Joel Stith, Pastor
410 North Street
Vernonia, 503 429-6522

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday:
Ladies' Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Children's Choir 3:00 p.m.
Family Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship, 2nd & 4th
Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m.