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MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. *Ephesians 3:20*

One of the four ABC mission offerings that we take is in June, *One Great Hour of Sharing* (OGHS), which supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners. Offering envelopes and information regarding this offering are available in the narthex. Through God's leading, let us generously support this mission endeavor.

Upcoming Events



Tuesday June 11
 Sunday June 16
 Saturday June 22
 Tuesday June 25

Parade and Ice Cream Social
Potluck (Father's Day)
Movie Night
Lunch Bunch at Wedgwood Broiler

6:00 PM
 12:30 PM
 6:00 PM
 11:45 AM

PASTOR SEAN'S ARTICLE



Whenever a new season rolls in, there are little rituals that people carry out. For instance, with the oncoming of spring, the pipes get unwrapped, winter clothes get put away, and the lawn gets mowed. Summer is the season when, arguably, the most rituals are performed. The deck furniture comes out of the garage, the golf clubs gets dusted off, propane for the barbeque, watermelon, and sunscreen get purchased. One could look at a calendar and see the official start dates of each season, but typically we don't do these rituals on specific dates. We do these rituals when the time *feels* right, when we feel in our bones that it's time to make the switch. It is only through past experience of doing these things that we develop the correct instincts for when the time is right to do them again.

Spiritually, something similar ideally happens. In chastising the Pharisees, Jesus acknowledges that they know how to interpret weather phenomena, but he concludes, "You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times" (Matthew 16:3). The Pharisees were poor at interpreting spiritual matters, which was a shame because action always follows interpretation. If you've interpreted that it's going to rain that day, you don't make outside plans. Inability to interpret spiritual matters results in taking faulty actions. On the other hand, present successful spiritual interpretation builds off of previous experiences where we just felt in our bones that *now* is the right time to say this or do that, just as we know when it's the right time to unwrap the pipes in our houses.

Jesus chastises people yet again at the end of the Parable of the Unjust Steward. Now, it is people of faith whom Jesus rebukes. In Luke 16:8 Jesus says, "The people of this world are shrewder in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light." By this, Jesus means that worldly people, when dealing with one another, know how to play by the "rules of the game" (ruthlessness, opportunistic exploitation) better than believers know how to play by spiritual rules (love, grace). Believers may not know how to play by these "rules" because they lack previous experience in discerning the things of the Spirit.

Church is a primary training ground for building experience in interpreting spiritual matters. Through communal worship, prayer, study, and service, we hone our ability to understand who God is and how God operates, so that we can see God at work in the world, and so that we can take appropriate subsequent actions. Think of coming to church as like going to practice, where through repetition we build spiritual muscle memory in the act of loving and showing grace to one another. Having years of church experience like this under our belt, it simply becomes second nature to go into our communities, effectively interpreting the things of the spirit, and glorifying God in our actions.

Pastor Sean



Evergreen Association

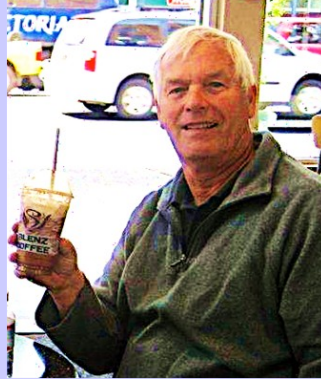


July 20 is the Black Caucus Sponsored BBQ, Bake Sale, and Auction! The festivities begin at 12 noon at Cedar River Park, Renton. The food is delicious and the fellowship awesome! See Pastor Sean if you are interested in attending.

Be sure to read *Evergreen Notes*, the monthly newsletter of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches. You can find it online at

<http://www.ea-abc.org/medianewsletter.html>

REMEMBERING BRUCE



Bruce Wallace had been the longest attending member at Wedgwood Community Church at the time of his passing, on April 26 in Indio, California. Even though he has gone to be with his heavenly family, Bruce remains a vivid presence with us. His smile, teasing, jokes, and interest in others always brightened every gathering. He shared his faith unashamedly, wherever he went. He donated abundantly in time, labor, and gifts to Wedgwood and would quietly and capably oversee our church cookouts and banquets. Cheryl often said what a good sport Bruce was, willing to do whatever she asked of him. Who can forget Bruce doing the Hula down the church center aisle, in a grass skirt, straw hat, and coconut shell “top” (outfitted by Cheryl) one Sunday morning to publicize our upcoming South Sea-themed Valentine’s Banquet. He participated in prayer gatherings, small group discussions, and social activities—hikes and picnics. And, as Milt Brown remembers, “Bruce loved the game of golf and in his prime could drive the ball a country mile. He brought several churchmen together to play at the Nile Country Club course: Pastor Wim Mauldin, Gary Hansen, Milt, and Pastor Sean.”

For many years, Bruce, along with Milt, shared a bi-monthly ministry at St. Anne’s Rehabilitation Center, bringing a message of hope and comfort to the residents. Those of us participating from WCC learned a lot from and *about* Bruce during those years.

The memorial service for Bruce on May 18 was packed. Family members and friends came to honor him, and our reminiscing was filled with laughter and warm memories. We were blessed to have Bruce in our lives—a man of faith, dedication, and service. We will always remember him with love and a smile.

Ellen Brown



The *Wedletter* has been posted for people to access online at:
<http://www.wedgwoodchurch.org/wedletters.htm>.

To hear sermons, click on the *Sermons* link.



The latest editions of our daily devotional booklets, *The Secret Place* and *Our Daily Bread*, are available in the narthex.

Be sure to pick up a copy of one or both for an inspirational way to start off the day!

LLS LIGHT THE NIGHT

Join me in bringing light to the darkness of cancer! I am forming a fundraising walk team for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) *Light The Night*. Register today to join our Wedgwood Walkers team or make a donation and help fund cancer cures by visiting our online fundraising page

<https://pages.lightthenight.org/wa/SeattleL19/wedgwoodwalkers>

Your impact is real! In 2018, LLS helped advance 19 of 21 approved blood cancer therapies. Locally, LLS is currently funding \$2.8 million in research at Fred Hutch and last year provided over \$1.1 million in financial assistance to patients right here in Washington and Alaska. On October 26 at Seattle Center, we will be joining other teams and approximately 2,000 individuals in our community to celebrate and walk in support, honor, and remembrance of those touched by cancer. For more information about this year's local walk, visit <https://www.lightthenight.org/washington-alaska#>. If you have any questions, please contact victoria.wenick@lls.org or call 206.957.4597. Thank you.

Victoria Wenick



CONGRATULATIONS, GERARDO!



Marilyn Potts gathered the following information from Gerardo Zelaya regarding his PhD degree:

Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics

Defended on May 9

Graduates on June 15

The title of Gerardo's dissertation is "*Computing the Tate Shafarevich Group Order and Type of Some Rational Elliptic Curves of Conductor up to a Million*"

Gerardo earned this degree from the University of Washington, where he has studied, conducted research, and taught for several years. Congratulations, Gerardo, on earning your doctorate degree in what looks to be a very difficult subject!

LEGACY WALL



Photograph taken by Victoria Wenick

On Sunday, May 5, following the worship service, a short ceremony was conducted in the narthex to dedicate the **Legacy Wall**. Many thanks to Linea Croly and her team for assembling and displaying the pictures, albums, and other historical items for the **Legacy Wall**.

This designated location in the church building is where church members and visitors can view historical items and a display commemorating our history. It also serves as a place where the true essence of the church motto, "Faith is a Journey," is real and well understood.

It is hoped that this center of history of the life of this church will serve as a special place where people can recognize that the people who created and served this church over its 112 years of existence were very special and that this is a place where God is honored for posterity.

Linea Croly



June

- 1 - Christine Sutter
- 4 - Tiffany Damuth
- 7 - Bruce Sagor
- 11 - Robert Sillence
- 11 - Lev Koshkin
- 12 - Rod Romberger
- 13 - Rose Zelaya
- 19 - Gloria Festin
- 23 - Carl Festin
- 30 - Grace Edmark

July

- 1 - Lark Rodriguez
- 2 - Aaliyah Muanda
- 5 - Carl Potts
- 6 - Tom Francone
- 14 - Daisy Wallace
- 19 - Katy Muse
- 24 - Gary Hansen
- 26 - Spencer Sillence

MOVIE NIGHT AND BOOK CLUB SELECTION



June Movie Night will be on **June 22**, at 6:30 PM, and the movie will be *Belle*, described as being "*Inspired by the true story of the mixed-race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral raised by her aristocratic great-uncle in 18th-century England.*" We gather at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and a friend to enjoy an evening of entertainment!

The book club's current selection, *Out to Canaan*, is the fourth book in Jan Karon's "Mitford" series. The Mitford books are delightful—enjoyed by all. Everyone is invited to be a part of our group. Please, come join us.



CHURCH HUMOR



BULLETIN BOARD

Opportunities to Support our Greater Community



Just a reminder that used eyeglasses are still being accepted at Woodlawn Optical located at 8032 - 35th Avenue NE. Glenn will then forward them for use by those in need, both in mission areas here in the states, as well as out of the country.

Please continue to "feed" our food barrel. Pickup is the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Check the list below for other things needed besides food. At every pickup, much thankfulness is expressed for our kindness.

Marilyn Potts

Wedgletter Contribution

If you have a personal experience for *Journey Talk*, a book review, or an article you would like to share with us, please let Ellen Brown know by the 15th of the month and submit it to her by the 23rd.



**University
District
Food Bank**

Items Currently Needed

Food

Canned Fruits
Canned Soups & Stews
Canned Protein Items (tuna, corned beef hash, chili, peanut butter-especially crunchy)
Soy Milk/Rice Milk
Vegetarian Items (tofu, canned beans, soups, chili)
Pasta and Rice
Canned Vegetables (pasta sauce, peas, olives, etc.)
Cooking oil

Other Items

Bar Soap Toothbrushes and Toothpaste Toilet Paper
Shampoo Deodorant
Pet Food
Paper and Plastic Grocery Bags
Baby Diapers, Food, Formula and Wipes