

Anacortes Christian Church

Connections Newsletter

January 2012

ELDER'S CORNER

Dear Congregation,
The elders are excited about plans for the New Year. We see the growth in the congregation and lives being changed since our kick off in the fall.

God has blessed us in this Christmas season. We want to thank Michelle Slater for her dedication in leading the children's and adult choirs in celebration of our Savior's birth. The children did such an excellent presentation for Sunday morning service. We appreciate greatly Misty and the youth for their parts in the program. Thank you to all the adult choir members for their dedication through all the practices. We could all feel the Spirit moving as Christ's birth was proclaimed on Christmas Eve.

Thanks to the entire congregation for their contributions to the Advent conspiracy drive for bringing fresh water

via the Haiti wells project.

The elders and ministers are deeply involved in our small group outreach planning for this coming year as we strive to reach out to the congregation and community with His love. We pray that our small groups will support each other as individual Christians mature and become more involved in each other's lives to lift us all up in our walk with Jesus.

The elders thank the Ministry Council for their support for the budget for the coming year.

That plan includes a half time family minister position to support congregational family needs initially approved by the council on an interim basis. As per the bylaws this individual will work under the direction of the elders and will require a congregational affirmation vote within a year to con-

tinue on a permanent basis.

I remember how well this process has worked in the past such as when Stan and Cheryl Peterson, who were bible college students, served as youth ministers for our congregation.

Thank you Dale Clark for all your hard work as Ministry Council Chairman.

We thank all ministry leaders, deacons and deaconess and paid staff for your service in meeting congregational needs.

We pray that all members of the congregation as the priesthood of believers will serve Jesus this year as His team to reach Anacortes with His Love.

In His Love,

Ron Dinson

Chairman of the Elders

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Opportunity:

Do you enjoy working with young children ages 3-5? Looking for a way to meet new people and get involved with ACC? Then volunteer with our 10:45am Sunday morning Wee Worship preschool kids! Please contact Jen Turpin at 206.484.8440 or jenturpin@comcast.net if you are interested in joining our team.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY POWER LUNCH - 1/8

On Sunday, January 8 following 2nd service there will be a POWER LUNCH with meetings to follow for ALL Children's ministry workers. This includes: Wee Worship, God's Tods and K-6th grade workers.

Lunch is provided, so no need for you to bring anything. Following lunch, all

will disperse into their respective meetings. You won't want to miss these meetings, since schedules will be discussed and 2012 planning will be done. All good and important items and info.

Please RSVP:

(Wee Worship thru God's Tods) contact Jen Turpin

(206-484-8440) or email to jenturpin@comcast.net.

(K-6th grade workers) contact Gail Douglas @ 299-8243.

~ Gail & Jen

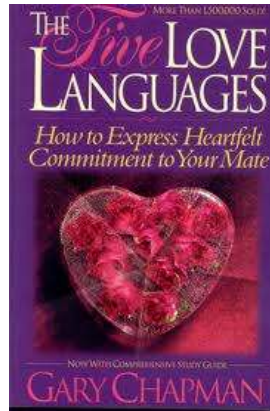


Marriage Class & the Five Love Languages

The ACC Marriage Class will be studying a new book to kick off the New Year. This class is open to anyone interested in strengthening their marriage and learning more about how to communicate effectively. We'll be studying a popular book by Gary Chapman called *The Five Love Languages*. Classes are held each Sunday between services in the Fireside Room.

Jay and Linda Lewis are teaming up with Mark and Laurel Bryant to bring new perspectives and insights into your relationships. Come join us for an hour of interesting & challenging discussion.

~ Jay



Games ON!

Grab your games and meet us for game night January 20 at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. We had a great turnout at our last game night and we want you to be sure and be there and bring a friend. If you would like, bring your favorite game along with a snack to share. Coffee and hot water will be available.

Let's start the New Year off right with blessed fellowship!

~ Anne



Movie Night for the Ladies - Jan 27



Women's Movie Night is happening Friday, Jan. 27 from 6:30-9pm.

Remember that babysitting will not be

provided, so we hope you have had ample time to find sitters if you need. Snacks and beverages for the night WILL BE provided. Any and ALL ladies are welcome to come. We want this to be a relaxing time for you following the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

The movie title: **"Like Dandelion Dust"**. The following is an excerpt from a review:

Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino and Barry Pepper star in this heart-wrenching tale of a recently released ex-con who uses a legal loophole to locate his son, who was adopted by an upper-crust family shortly after his father was incarcerated. When Rip Porter (Pepper) went to prison, his wife, Wendy (Sorvino), couldn't handle the responsibilities of being a single parent. Wanting the best for her newborn son, Joey, she put the boy up for adoption. Adopted, Joey now enjoys an idyllic life with his new parents in a small town just outside of West Palm

Beach, FL. Then, one day they receive a troubling phone call from the social worker who assisted with the adoption: Rip has just been released from prison, and he's eager to start a new life with his wife Wendy and son Joey. A judge issues a ruling that the adoptive parents have to return Joey to his biological parents -- but what if they were simply to disappear with Joey, like dandelion dust, never to be seen again? The film is adapted from the best-selling novel by Karen Kingsbury.

Ladies, we hope you can come and enjoy this evening.

ACC Host CPR Course - Jan 23 & 24

ACC is again hosting Skagit Medic One CPR and First Aid course for people in our church and community who are looking to be certified in these practices and applications.

Medic One provides the instructors for this **2 night course**.

Dates: Monday, January 23, 5-9pm and Tuesday, January 24, 5-9pm.

Location: ACC Fireside room

Cost: \$20 (for full 8 hrs.)

If you or someone you know would be interested, reservations can be made by calling Bill Craig at 428-3236, or by e-mail at billc@skagititems.com. Calls also can be made to our front desk at (360) 428-3230.

Space is limited, so don't delay. Check out: www.skagititems.com/services/public-training



Thank You



The leaders and teens at JOLT would like to thank the host homes and cooks that participated in our Annual Progressive Dinner Christmas Party.

Thank you for opening up your homes, and the food was fabulous!

Everyone had a wonderful time.

Would You Pray for a Teen?

Coming soon, **Teen Encouragement Week!** Teresa will be collecting names of people who would like to pray for one of our teens for a week.

Our week will conclude with a special lunch where you and your teen will get to meet and spend time together.

Sign ups will begin January 22, in the entryway. Last year's event was enjoyed by all, don't miss this exciting opportunity!

Dates this year are February 27 – March 4, please be in prayer about your involvement. See Teresa if you have questions.



Missions Event in February



ACC will be hosting a Missions Fund Raiser spaghetti dinner and silent auction for Katie McNeil on Sat., February 11 from 6-9pm.

or contact Katie @ 360-610-9745... She's happy and energized to share with you about this exciting year.



More Thanks

Many thanks to those of you who donated to Jade Thomason's Christmas. Your generous hearts helped her greatly at this time of need in her life.

Your continued support and prayers are appreciated.

Love, the Painters

Be watching for more information about this great opportunity that benefits an 11 month missions adventure for Katie.

Want more info now? Go to:

katiemcneil.theworldrace.org,

Deacon Notes & More

1) The Deacons will have their monthly meeting January 29, after second service in room #205. Please forward agenda items to Dale by January 25.

2) The Deacons' Chairman for January 2012 will be Dennis Asseln. If you need the Deacons' assistance contact him or Dale Clark.

3) During January the review of the By-laws and Policy and Procedures Manuals will start. For those involved, please contact Dale for setting a date and time.

4) We are looking for men who have a desire to connect in fellowship and service within this body. If you are interested in developing an ACC Men's Fellowship please contact Dale Clark during January.

5) The Facilities/ Capital Improvements Committee will meet in January to start formulating plans for the future. The date and time TBA later. If you or someone you know has a gift for decorating or has construction industry knowledge/gifts, please consider becoming a member of this committee and contact Dale Clark during January.

Centennial Info

Centennial Celebration Meetings:

Thursday Morning, January 12 at 10:00AM and...

Monday, January 23 at 7:00PM

Contact Teresa if you'd like to be involved.



God's Grace
In This Place

Celebrating
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YEARS



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TO!

SUNDAY SERVICES: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
 SUNDAY CLASSES: 9:30 AM
 JOLT WED. NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: 7:00PM



Staff & Employees

John Douglas Senior Minister
 Mike Rauwolf Associate Minister
 Teresa Goldstein Youth Minister

 Nancy Yount Office Manager/secretary
 Denise Cote Bookkeeper
 Sandy Moffitt Front Desk p/t
 Bud Adams Maintenance Manager

 Lori Keller Preschool Teacher
 Michelle Costanza Preschool Teacher



JANUARY 2012

GENERAL INFO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Reverse Offering 10:45am-One Service No Sunday classes	2 Office closed	3 6p - Borlin young adults group 7p-Mooney (couples) group	4 6a- Men's group 10a - Ladies study 6:45p - Ruddell group 7p - JOLT Youth	5 2p - McCoy group 7p - Kendall group 7p- Lofgren group	6	7
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