

Dates to Remember

December

"Bread of Life" Community Dinner
Fellowship Hall, Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Community Service - Fellowship Hall
Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

Women's Ministry of Healing Study
Thursdays, 2:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

First Sabbath Outreach
Pelican Point, Dec 7, 3:00 p.m.

Vegetarian Potluck Fellowship Dinner
Sab, Dec 7, 21
following services

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Upper Deck Restaurant
Sun, Dec 1, 8:30 a.m.

Choir Practice
Fri, Dec 6, 13

School Board Meeting
Mon, Dec 9, 6:30 p.m.

Cooking Club
Tue, Dec 10, 6:00 p.m.

Caroling and Ingathering
Sab, Dec 14, 4:30 p.m.

Church Board Meeting
Mon, Dec 16, 6:30 p.m.

SALT SS Class Potluck
Sab, Dec 23

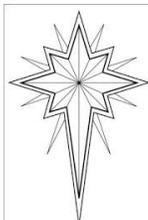
Upcoming

Women's Ministries Meeting
Jan 5

Women's Bible Study
Jan 7

Reversing Diabetes Follow-up Meeting
Jan 7

VOP "Final Empire"
Shawn Boonstra
Jan 23 - 26



Klamath Falls SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Pastor's Corner

December 2019

What Do You Give Someone Who Has Everything?

Suppose you could give a gift to Christ, what would it be? How could you possibly select a gift for the One who not only has everything, but who made everything? In addition to the gold, frankincense and myrrh, the wisemen gave the Savior some gifts we can give him today: their **hope**, their **time**, and their **worship**.

The wandering wise men gave Jesus their **hope**. When everyone else saw a night sky, this small band of men saw the light. The sight of the star sparked a desire in their hearts that sent them packing. They went, seeking Jesus.

When night comes to your world, what do you see? The darkness or the stars? Hopelessness or hopefulness? Sometimes, just as he did so long ago, God used the darkness to reveal his stars- "The light shines in the darkness" (John 1:5). If your heart has been shadowed by the darkness of loneliness or grief or disappointment, look for the light that only he can give. "I am the light of the world. The person who follows me will never live in darkness but will have the light that gives life" (John 8:12)

While you're giving, give God your **time**. The wise men did. Before they gave God their presents, they gave their presence. It's likely that these men traveled as long as two years before locating the prince of heaven. Before that one incredible moment when they knelt before Jesus, the wise men spent many moments, months, perhaps years searching, in anticipation of that meeting. Just as the wise men devoted themselves to seeking the Savior, so can you: "You will seek him and find him when you seek him with all of your heart" (Deut. 4:29)

Worship. It's a gift that extends to the giver as well. Through worship, we come to see God more clearly. God invites us, through worship, to see his face so he can change ours. "We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him. This change in us brings ever greater glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18)

He loves to change the faces of his children. By his fingers, wrinkles of worry are rubbed away. Shadows of shame and doubt become portraits of grace and trust. He relaxes clenched jaws and smoothes furrowed brows....

In worship, we simply stand before God with a prepared and willing heart and let God do his work. And he does. He wipes away the tears. He mops away the perspiration. He softens our furrowed brows. He touches our cheeks. He changes our faces as we worship.

The wise men sought the child of God, just as God seeks His children. "The Father is actively seeking such people to worship him (John 4:23)

The gifts of **hope**, **time** and **worship**.
Three gifts the wise still give today.

Blessings, Pastor Barry

Merry Christmas

First Sabbath Outreach

Plan to come and bless the residents of Pelican Point on Sabbath, December 7, at about 3:00 p.m., following the afternoon meeting with Gary Parks. Everyone is invited to come and sing and also bring your instruments to accompany the singing. Contact David Houtchens with questions.

Cooking Club

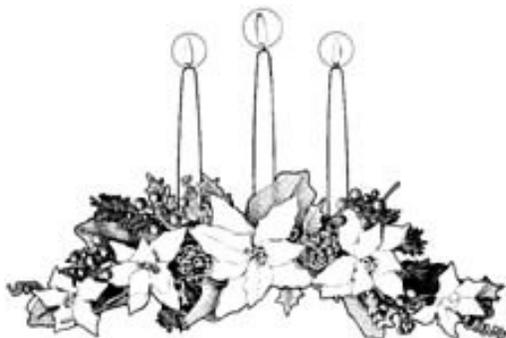
Our Cooking Club will be meeting on December 10 at 6:00 p.m. We will be serving up a holiday meal and will demonstrate how to make a few of the dishes that we will be sampling. There might be a few surprises, so plan to join us! Contact Patty Moore with questions. From all the Cooking Club helpers - We want to wish you the Lord's blessings and speedy health now and for the new year!

Church Board Meeting

Items of discussion and action taken at the November Church Board meeting included:

- Repairs made to geothermal well
- New freezer purchased for Fellowship Hall
- Motion passed to not allow pets/animals in church buildings without approval
- New Deaconess nominations approved
- Proposal presented regarding changes to Nominating Committee procedures
- Reports from Pathfinder Club, Executive Committee and School

The next Church Board Meeting will be Monday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m.



Women's Study

Ladies who are interested can join us as we read and discuss the book by Ellen G. White, *Ministry of Healing*, on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pam Munoz with questions.



Church Board Decision

"No pets/animals are to be allowed in the Church and/or Fellowship Hall, exceptions may be approved for service animals by the presiding deacon." This action is effective immediately.



Women's Ministries

All women and their friends are invited to join us for a Women's Ministries Meeting Sunday, January 5, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The theme of the meeting is "Falling In Love". If you have questions contact Roma Gryte.



Women's Bible Study

WOMEN: You asked for another study on the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy and we listened! Starting Tuesday, January 7 at 2:00 p.m. we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to study the book *Christ's Object Lessons* by Ellen White. Please bring your copy of the book and your Bible. If you don't have the book yet, come and we will see how many more we need to get. Also, if you have extra copies of COL that you would be willing to share, please bring them. Let's "get ready, get ready, get ready" together! Invite your friends and we will see you there. Contact Patty Moore with questions.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Guys! Meet for a no-host breakfast and fellowship at the Upper Deck Restaurant on Sunday, December 1, at 8:30 a.m. Bring along a friend, and enjoy this time together!

Check with Jerry Bowers if you have questions.

