

July and August 2017

Seniors on the **MOVE** with Jesus!

An Early Morning HELLO to Everybody!

Where else can we celebrate a coronation and enjoy a feast made from our own hands at the same time? We have moved into Summer with Alan and Nancy accepting the Holy Spirit's tap on their shoulders to be our new leaders. They'll be joining us all to follow His guidelines and plans for us. One of those guidelines has been at work in us big time during the past few weeks

HAVE EACH OTHER'S BACKS as we become His hands and feet. We listen for what's needed and see what we can do about it. Our ears are open to hear who would welcome a ride now that they no longer drive or have a vehicle. Or we suddenly think of something to bring a smile or a belly laugh to our neighbor or friend who could use a boost. Or a light goes off like a firecracker, inspiring us with a plan to bring help in a way that we know how to give. Or, as Max Lucado wrote,* "[We] want to live in such a way that the world [or at least one or two persons] will be glad we did."



YOU SURE DO HAVE OUR BACKSIDES! Help has poured in to Ron with great variety and goodwill. There have been prayers and more prayers for Jesus to work with. There have been cards chuck full of encouragement and a chuckle or two. Our home looks like a medical equipment warehouse as each piece of assistance arrives when it's needed. Books have been loaned to make the nights of waking at 2AM and the quiet hours sitting next to my sleeping husband a constant pleasure. Food has filled the garage refrigerator freezer and there are offers of more as visits and phone calls keep us in touch about Senior friends and their latest adventures or a family's events. Ron and I have been reminded of Bible verses that give hope and strengthening. And we know where to call when we discover a new need. We Seniors people have had some tough days to walk through, and we sure do know how to lend a hand when it's needed to lighten the burden.



Here's an excerpt from one of those very welcome books mentioned above: A woman has revealed to her church friends that she married at age 31. "I didn't worry about getting married. I left my future in God's hands. But I must tell you, every night I hung a pair of men's pants on my bed and knelt down to pray this prayer ----- Father in heaven, hear my prayer, and grant it if you can. I've hung a pair of trousers here. Please fill them if you can." (From Laugh Again by Charles Swindoll.)

BE A DRIVER FOR JESUS by calling Barbara Dozier to volunteer to take a house-bound or non-driving fellow Senior to church, to a Potluck or Outing or just for a refreshing spin around town and maybe to lunch. Dee McLoughlin, Pat Boswell and Elma Nelson were our cheerful, sometimes boisterous, always grateful companions for many months and would welcome an occasional lift until Ron and I can resume driving with them. Maybe Bonnie Caron is ready for a pick-up too. And Bob Powers still drives but sure does enjoy some company now and then. **IF YOU ALSO NEED A LIFT** this way, please call Barbara (253-569-4801).

LET'S ENJOY THE SUMMER TOGETHER!

. . . . "And the Seniors went forth that day Joyful and with a glad heart." (Our Guideline for all events and activities, paraphrased from Esther 5:9 KJV.)

Barbara Dozier (253-569-4801) is ready for us to sign up for any of the following events to help us enjoy the summer and our friendships. We also need to phone her to cancel that registration when our plans change. And call Connie Walker and Shannon Agidius if you have ideas for new Outings.

Thursday, June 22nd: We will see how a wealthy couple have offered themselves with their astounding fortune to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has opened its doors with information and examples that visitors say is inspiring for how to use our time and talents fulfilling other people's needs. The admission is free and we *leave* the church lobby at 9:30AM in the shuttles as we relax and let Alan and Bud chauffeur us into Seattle. Lunch will be at the Food Court near the Space Needle or at McDonald's up the street. And if we need a few tourist items, we can browse the Space Needle gift shop.

Thursday, July 13th we can board the shuttle that *leaves* the church lobby at 11:30AM for our monthly Potluck Summer BBQ. This time we'll gather outside at Steve and Marilyn's little farm where they provide a gentle life for aging mini-horses and their beloved dogs. Bring the food items you have signed up for OR contribute the delicious salads, desserts and other foods that go with them.



A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. (KJV Proverbs 17:22)

Thursday, August 10th: A second monthly BBQ Potluck at Lee and Lavonne Karstens. Start from the church lobby into the shuttle at 11:00AM. Party boat rides and wading in Lake Tapps coming up!

Thursday, August 17th: Outdoors again brown-bagging it or ordering a KFC chicken family meal (coleslaw and mashed potatoes \$8) that Gary Walker will pick up for us. *Leave* the church lobby in the 10AM shuttle to enjoy walking the Rose Garden or just sitting under a tree to visit with Senior friends. Then into the shuttle again to Owens Beach with restrooms and places to sit, relax and nap.

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MEN ON THE MOVE WITH JESUS: Put on hold until we see where the Lord is putting Ron Paulson to work ----- heavenward or back into his workshop. Let's wait for Him.



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This Newsletter is for July AND August. It's been put together in a hurry before going to the hospital for a daily visit with Ron. Please fill in any missing information by calling Barbara Dozier when you Register. WE CAN DO THIS!! Then we'll gather indoors September 14 for our Monthly Potluck back in the Multi-purpose room and shuttle into Tacoma Thursday, September 21st to the new Spaghetti Factory Kick-Off lunch! We'll mark our calendars.

Please keep praying for Ron. Jesus is listening and using our prayers in His way. I am grateful, *Joyce*
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