

December 2017

*Merry Christmas*  
**Seniors on the Move with Jesus!**

Through the Holidays like this: “. . . And the Seniors went forth that day  
Joyful and with a glad heart.” (Paraphrased Esther 5:9 KJV.)

Hi There Everybody!

Those bells aren't jingling yet, but they're ready and willing. And we're thinking about that special Best Friend and Savior we Seniors people work with who thankfully agreed to come to earth as a baby! What a show of love! Remember how it all started? “. . . the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man named Joseph . . . and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel said . . . thou shalt conceive in thy womb and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS.” (Luke 1:26-31 KJV excerpted.)

And guess what! We have a whole Potluck dedicated to celebrating that Son! It's on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in the Multi-Purpose room. Our feast in His honor begins with a prayer at 12:30PM and ends with a prayer at 2:30PM. This is an excellent time to invite a friend or two who are 55+ to join us for nourishment, fellowship, caroling and celebrating the Season. More information on the back page.

**WANT TO DRIVE A SLEIGH?** Well, we don't have a sleigh ready, but you can drive our church shuttle (2/3 of it purchased by us Seniors folks!). A CDL license IS NOT needed as was incorrectly written in November's Newsletter. You just need to enjoy driving, enjoy Senior folks who are having a fine few hours together, and enjoy the thought of motoring through Seattle occasionally. And, if your anticipation level has risen now, enjoy applying in the church office with your driver's license ready for photocopying. Call Alan Ribeira (253-212-7726) for more details. We DO appreciate and enjoy the people who drive us! They always add their special personalities to the Outings adventures!

*What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?*

**OUR MEN ON THE MOVE WITH JESUS** are making a move to re-start their group! They were abruptly, sadly shut down by Ron Paulson's passing, but his roomy backyard workshop may come alive once more. They'll organize to bring their original plan to life --- making wooden lawn decorations for sale for 2018's Christmas. Way to go Guys! And if any other men would like some testosterone-livened fellowship while creating these decorations, please call Mike Walker (253-732-8155) for details. Mike has eagerly stepped forward to lead this activity. No special talents are required to join in!

**WE'RE MAKING GOOD HEADWAY** rescuing our Senior brothers and sisters who have needed to stop driving. Not driving is a huge change that can shut down a person's life overnight. So a few people have taken on the Christmas spirit and volunteered to chauffeur their non-driving friends to doctor and dental appointments as well as other needed destinations. We're welcoming these new Transportation People: Marty Walker, Pat Agidius, Sharon Johnson and Alan Ribeira. They'll need two or more days' notice to plan their schedules. More volunteer drivers are welcome too! Call Alan if you'd like to do that.



**WE CAN TAKE PART IN OTHER WAYS:** Our Tacoma friends at Multicare's Adult Day Care Center need small items that would make good Bingo prizes. We have agreed to do whatever we can for these exuberant mentally-challenged folks. Kathy Hopkins

will gather up our donations. Also WE need a person at our Potlucks who can play the keyboard hymns when Pastor Bob cannot. Is anybody out there? Call Alan R.



## Let's Take His Hand — and MOVE Together!

We know the drill now, calling Barbara Dozier *on her cell phone (253-569-4801)* if we CAN'T come to the Outing we signed up for, and calling Alice Perteet (253-891-2479) --- our Treasurer --- if we need to add some cash to our pocketbooks from our Fund for Fun. Also, in the Sumner area we have a bountiful supply of special Christmas events to add to our holiday enjoyment. We can find many of them online or in our local newspapers. And then here's the Seniors' Outings action for December as well as a brief look at Next Year's plans:

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** If you're a widow or widower, bring your experience and recollections of how you moved through the tough days to Joyce Paulson's home at 11:30AM. Lunch will be supplied while we sit around the fireplace and also share the good days and the laughs. Park anywhere on the brand new blacktop driveway or on the street shoulder in front of the house. Sign up with Barbara Dozier by calling *her cell phone (253-569-4801)* if you haven't already signed up.

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:** Here's the Big One to enjoy! It's our Christmas Potluck with all the lights and wreaths and caroling. Come early to help set our tables or just to have the pleasure of visiting with each other. Then we dedicate our time together in prayer at 12:30PM and eat a delectable holiday lunch while it's warm. There'll be more singing and fellowship to stir up our hearts and get us ready for our final prayer at 2:30PM, prepared to celebrate Jesus' birth for two more weeks!

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>:** Is our Outing of lights and sparkling evergreen trees as we walk through the lavishly decorated Watson's Nursery, possibly picking up a Christmas present or two. Get ready in our warm church main lobby where we'll happily board our shuttles which leave at 10AM with Dana Walker and Alan Ribeira at the wheels. Lunch is at noon at Johnny's Dock in Fife where we prepare for an 18% gratuity that's automatically added to our special group lunch bills. Come join us there if you can't make it to Watson's!

**Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Advisory Board meeting in the Annex, 10-11:30AM with lunch afterward.

**All Month Long!** Here's the frosting on the cake! We live in an area that's rich with Christmas events. There's the Mane Stage Theatre musical adaptation of "It's a Wonderful Life" which highlights a man's contributions to the people of his home town, showing him how much he was needed there at a time when he did not value himself. It's at the Sumner Performing Arts Center November 26-December 16<sup>th</sup>. Call 253-447-7645 for Senior tickets and their newly reserved seats at \$20. The popular Victorian Country Christmas will be at the Puyallup Fairgrounds November 29-December 8<sup>th</sup>. Seniors 62+ get in for \$10.

**Coming UP!** Outings and Potluck schedules for 2018 at our December Potluck. YAY!

See you at Everything!  Joyce (253-862-1017)

He said, "It's Christmas, Eve!"