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**FAMILY
 CELEBRATION
 BRUNCH**

**Sunday, May 30
 9:30 AM Service
 11:00 AM brunch, Gym**



MPC offices and facilities
 will be closed on
Monday, May 31
 in observance of Memorial Day



Life on the Edge

But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.” But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved. Hebrews 10:38-39 (NIV)

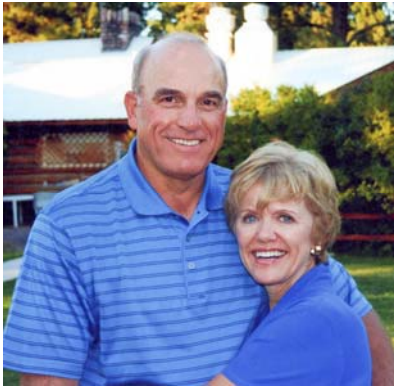
Some folks are afraid of heights. Just the idea of getting close to a steep drop off makes their stomachs go all wiggly. Rides at the fair that go too high, a curvy mountain road that has no guard rails, the edge of a canyon that drops off for thousands of feet can all make the person with *acrophobia*, *altophobia*, *hypsiphobia* or *hyposophobia* feel the need to back away. As long as they are far enough from the edge of threat or possible danger, their stomachs can go back to normal.

Some folks love the rush of being on the brink, the feeling of being far up gives them a pump of adrenalin that makes it all worth it. The top of a mountain, the edge of a cliff or the highest point of an open Ferris wheel bench; it is the place of being on the edge that makes them feel the most alive.

No matter who you are or what personality type you are – the thrill seeker or the safety expert – we are all called to life on the edge. This edge is as scary as any other. It is the place of trust where only God can keep us alive and well. It is hard to get to this edge because our natural tendency is a preservation of comfort and ease. We are pulled by convenience and efficiency away from the place of absolute trust and build fences of predictability around our lives that keep us in a semi-comatose state of safety and numbness. But that is not the place of real life.

We have a great example of life on the edge in the “Father of Faith,” Abraham. The later part of spring and this summer will take us through his life as recorded in Genesis 12-23. We will watch as Abraham and his wife, Sarah, live life right on the very edge of constant trouble and turmoil. We can learn from his life that God watches and keeps us no matter where we are, as long as we are living on the edge of faith and trusting Him for every step.

Pastor Gregg Borrer



VERY IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER:

Michael & Janet Huber

“The best thing about being retired is not having to set the alarm clock!” Michael and Janet Huber have both recently retired and are enjoying spending time with their grown children and their seven grandchildren, as well as Janet’s parents, who live at Carman Oaks.

Janet is the mother of Nathan Stevens, so they first came to MPC as guests of Nathan and Sarah in 2003. Janet was born and raised in Kalispell, Montana and attended the local Presbyterian church with her family. She went to the University of Montana in Missoula as a business education major, but didn’t

finish until years later, when she went through the Adult Degree Completion program at George Fox University, earning a B.S. in Resource Management. She later got her Masters in Organizational Management at the University of Phoenix. She was the Dean of Students at Heald College for ten years, and retired this January from her position as Associate Professor at Warner Pacific College and teaching part time at Heald.

Michael was born and raised in New Albany, Indiana, one of five children. His mother died when he was nine, so his father did his best to raise the kids while he worked for the railroad. Michael was in the Navy from 1966 to 1970 in SE Asia and the western Pacific during the Vietnam era. In 1968 his ship was in dry dock in Portland and Michael remembers flying into Portland and admiring all the green trees and flowering shrubs. He married his sweetheart after his release from the Navy, and had a daughter, but they were divorced after five years. When he met his second wife, Marilyn, they were each single parents, so they dated for eight years before marrying. She died of cancer in 1992. During his early years in Portland Michael worked part time in radio broadcasting and as a control room engineer for Channel 6. His full time job was manager of a distribution center for Essex wire and cable. In 1976, he joined Shaw Industries, “the world’s largest carpet manufacturer,” where he worked for 32 years. The past several years he was the Northwest regional sales manager in the Hard Surfaces Division, responsible for sales in 6 western states. But now he is home every night, and is happy to say that he “works for God.” Michael appeared as a disciple in the Good Friday drama and was a huge help to the director with all the technical aspects in the week prior to the performance. He is just finishing his first year as the director for Awana’s junior high club, TREK. He and Janet recently headed up a food drive that collected 1600 pounds of food from MPC and our neighbors. They continue to collect food for the Neighborhood House, which is a program where hungry kids can take home a backpack of food for the weekend.

Janet was also divorced and raising children, so she had gotten a job at Transamerica Insurance Company, where she worked with Crystal Huffman and Michael’s wife, Marilyn. She had met Michael briefly at his wife’s funeral, and was later brought together with him as a guest of Crystal at a benefit dinner. They dated for three years and were married in 1994 at the Columbia Gorge Hotel. (They are responsible for introducing Wendy, Crystal’s daughter, to Zag! Turnabout is fair play!) Janet participates in the Tuesday morning Women’s Bible Study and loves it. They have been involved in a home group ever since they first came to MPC and feel that their connection to this church was fostered in that atmosphere. MPC has been “awesome” for them because they feel it is a truly spirit-filled church. Be sure to introduce yourself!

LOVE INC

THE REST OF THE STORY

On Love INC Sunday I related a story about a 10 year old girl who was referred to us by her teacher at school. She called to request a bed because she was sleeping on the floor. The challenge was getting the trundle bed, complete with bedding, delivered. We need to have an adult present, but since the adults did not speak English, I had to talk with them via their daughter. Finally her teacher met one of our guys at the warehouse and the two of them delivered the bed. I spoke with her a couple of weeks later; she was still very guarded, but said the bed was comfortable and she was sleeping well. I asked her to do me a favor. She hesitated a little, but listened as I said, "Every night when you get into bed and get the covers up around your neck and are all snuggled in and cozy, would you say, "God loves me and He thinks I am special." I doubt if she feels special most of the time. What a joy that together we can make life a little brighter for someone that God loves as much as He loves us! ~ Marilyn McDonald

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 18

Love INC will be hosting a golf benefit at Charbonneau Golf Club. The 4-person scramble includes 18 holes, golf cart, bucket of balls, box lunch. Registration is \$75 for each golfer. We encourage both men and women to sign up. This is a great way to have fun and support the ministry of Love INC. See the bulletin board in the lobby for registration forms or call Love INC at 503-655-4223 to register. Single registrations are welcome – Love INC will put you with a team.

MISSIONS NEWS

CHRIS COOK: YOUNG LIFE INTERNATIONAL, SWITZERLAND



What can one say about this very special person that Mountain Park Church has supported for about 25 years? She has been working with Young Life in Europe for 39 years. She started Young life, Contact-Jeunes, in Geneva, Switzerland, so has been there most of those years. She speaks beautiful French, still loves kids, trains and disciples youth leaders for Young Life and for churches, teaches youth ministry in a local Bible school and gives workshops on youth ministry in churches throughout Switzerland....obviously a busy lady!

Contact-Jeunes is recognized by the Department of Instruction, so they can advertise activities at school. The outreach camp each year is a ski/snowboard camp. Can you imagine a better place to have a snow camp? What fun!!! This year, 31 kids attended, and 20 of those were brand new to Young Life and to Christianity! The new kids felt loved and cared for and several of them have continued to come to club and activities! Praise and gratitude!

Each year Young Life gives an Achievement Award for Staff Excellence to three people in the organization. This year Chris got the award! The presenter said, "...she has endured many hardships and suffered though seasons of isolation and loneliness. Despite this, she has more than survived. She has thrived! ...She is a member of our Regional Leadership Team and has been an invaluable adviser to me as we have grown and developed the mission in Europe. If you get a chance, please thank the Lord for Chris Cook!"

It has been our privilege to be a part of her ministry. Because of the difficult economic situation, the value of the dollar has dropped so she is short about \$300 a month in her support. This is true for several of our missionaries. We need to make their needs a matter of prayer and/or give a little extra love gift! We can give gifts through the offering at church with "Young Life Switzerland" on the memo line. Mountain Park has been a very strong missionary supporting church through the years and the missions committee and the missionaries say, "Thank you!"

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

MAY EVENTS

Thursday, May 6

Awana Awards Night
for Cubbies, TREK, Journey
Regular Club night for Sparks and
T&T, 6:30 PM, Gym

Sunday, May 9

Happy Mother's Day!

Thursday, May 13

Awana Awards Night for Sparks
and T&T, 6:30 PM, WC

Sunday, May 16

Camp Magruder Planning meeting,
12:30 PM, FCFS

CAMP MAGRUDER WEEKEND: JUNE 4-6

Gentle donkey rides, ocean wave jumping, a challenging 2 hour team-building ropes course, boating, canoeing or kayaking, fishing, flying through the air on the Big Swing, and just playing on the beach combine to wear out the adults, and maybe the kids, at the annual Awana Camp Magruder weekend. This exciting time is the reward for over 20 kids who have worked hard to complete their handbooks over the last year. The camp is open to 3rd graders through high schoolers. The highlight for many is the huge "Capture the Flag" game in the woods. S'mores, singing, and sharing will be enjoyed around the outdoor fire pit in the woods.

Lots of adults, both leaders and parents, enjoy the fun with the kids. Most of us will sleep in Bunch Lodge, with a fireplace, indoor bathrooms, and snack bar facility. The theme is "Now what? – Awana is over and what do we do?" God Times will help us focus on practical steps to realizing that God is with us 24/7, helping us to make wise choices which have eternal consequences.

Cynthia Kenyon, Awana Commander

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

IT STARTED IN THE GARDEN!

Ladies, join us for a wonderful day of catching up with friends, a delicious formal tea, gorgeous garden flowers and plants... and of course shopping!

Meet at church on Saturday, May 15, at 10:30 to carpool to Sleighbells where we will peruse their huge gift shop... then a formal tea is served at 11:30 in the Tea Room for our lunch. Costs are from \$14 to \$20 or you can order tea and a scone. Weather permitting, we will be given a presentation by the Florist on staff at Sleighbells in the Pole Barn, and with that inspiration, we are off to the amazing Al's Garden Center a few miles down the road! Al's may be doing a few demonstrations, but we will be able to shop there for the widest variety of plants and flowers in the Pacific NW and beautiful garden embellishments.

Enjoy hanging out with your friends (so invite them!), and probably make some new ones! Registration will be available on May 2 and 9 in the church lobby. A \$5 deposit is required towards your lunch. There is a limit to the amount of guests they can accommodate, so please sign up early and secure your spots for you and your girlfriend! If you have any questions, call Rhonda Mircovich at 503-263-8452. See you there!

If you would like to view the menu choices and some gift shop items, visit www.TeasMe.net and www.Sleighbells.biz

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Women's Ministries invites you to our Summer Bible Study "Dealing with Difficult People," which begins May 25 in the Family Center Fireside Room at 9:15 a.m. This study encompasses four independent lessons which explore how loyalty factors in when dealing with difficult people and circumstances. The topics are "God is in Control," "Speak the Truth," "Show Grace," and "Pledge Love." Our summer sessions also include learning life skills such as felting and "Seasonings with Rhonda." This is the perfect time to invite a friend and introduce them to Bible study and to great women from the church. You can register in the lobby for individual studies or for all four on May 16 and 23. Childcare is available at the time of registration. Questions? Contact Gloria Bremner at 503-635-3319.

FROM PASTOR STEVE



GOD REFLECTED THROUGH WOMAN

With Mother's Day on the horizon, let's think about moms for a moment. Freeze frame: now what comes to your mind? Do you picture a loving, caring woman who tended you and the family well, or does your mind fade to a selfish mom who only seemed to care about herself? Do you remember an omnipresent mom, supporting you and showing up for all your activities no matter how mundane, and noticing the little nuances of your moods and feelings, or are your thoughts a kaleidoscope, revealing fragments of memories of a woman unavailable, hiding from life and relationships, and from the intimacy they might bring?

Maybe you're thinking of yourself as a mom, carrying on the legacy and traditions of your own mother... or perhaps you've determined to do it differently than her, forging your own unique brand of "family." Or, sadly, maybe you, or someone you know, has longed to be a mother, but for whatever reason the fruit is not forthcoming, and you wonder why God is holding out on you from enjoying the very thing for which you imagine you were made.

Hmm! I guess thinking about moms is not such a straightforward thing... so many variables; a whole slew of scenarios. But there is one strand, one thread that weaves its way through the heart of every single woman. This "quality," whether shrouded and hidden by layers of protection from life's pain, or worn right out there on the sleeve for all to see, is the profoundly natural instinct to love, nurture, protect and care for her own, and it is branded on the soul of every woman. Branded there by God, as a mark of His image on her... a vivid reminder to the world, through womankind, that God is full of compassion, and deeply loves that which was born of Him... even so much that He would send His only Son to die on our behalf, rescuing us from hopelessness and death into new life and eternity with Him. That is a "mark" which every woman should hold in highest honor!

God transcends the concept of both woman and man, but His nature is clothed with the qualities of both, reflected in His creation of them. As you think about mothers, or if you are a mother reflecting on the role that you play in the lives of those around you, be in awe of God in all His compassionate glory as you witness Him through the wonder of motherhood, or through those passionately wishing to be mothers, desiring to tenderly care for their own.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

There will be a book sale May 15 and 16 - Saturday (9am-2pm) and Sunday (before & after services) in the Family Center. All proceeds will go to the Youth mission trip to Esperanza. Please drop off your donations of secular and religious books and media in the church lobby in front of the MPC Library/Bookstore. If you want a donation receipt, put a note with your donation. For more information, please contact Patti Russell at library@mtnparkchurch.org or call her at 971-244-2544.

THANK YOU

From Carren Woods

Thanks for all you do to help support our ministry at Rivergate. Please give our thanks to all the children and youth who collected the food. Children will not go hungry and families will also have food to help out in a crisis.

We appreciate all the hard work that the people of Mountain Park Church do.

NEW ARRIVALS

Henry Murchison

Born April 6 to Erika and Nicholas Murchison. Henry joins his 3-year old sister, Ellen.

Kalia Grace Lasco

Born April 10 to Ali and Kawika Lasco.

Zoe Sophia

Born April 20 to Sarah and Beau Rudzek.

IN MEMORIAM

Sonia Harold's cousin

April 2010

Larry Rodriguez

(Virginia Everett's brother)

April 5, 2010

Helen Baker

(Long time MPC member)

April 7, 2010



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