



FEBRUARY 2012

# NORTHWEST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

PASTOR  
KARL'S

Dear  
friends,

February is a month that draws our attention to our love for friends and family members. I have memories, as you do, of taking valentine cards to school for each of the classmates. They were distributed which meant that you would receive one from each of the class members. It was then fun to read through the cards to find out how you were valued by your friends.

Then there was the "special friend". Those were the ones that received special attention from you because there was more attention deserved. They were closer to you and your heart.

Valentines Day is a mirror of God revealing His affection for us as He does everyday. He is constantly sending out messages of love to you and me. He even calls us friends. God is the one that has put into motion the concept of sharing our feelings for others openly. John tells us that, "We love him because he first loved us."

This year, Valentines Day is also the beginning of our Ministers & Mates Retreat at Cannon Beach. We will begin our time together with a special dinner at 6pm. Our guest speaker, Rev. Isaac Smith will remind us of our special relationship with God and those in our lives. It is a retreat designed to provide a break in your usual schedule and hopefully refresh you for the ministry demands back home. The schedule will provide

free time to explore the coast and city near by.

There will also be recreation options and table games to help us stay connected with one another. Please bring some games that you enjoy playing with others. The dress for this retreat is casual but be prepared for rain and cool weather. The cost is \$150 per person plus \$100 from each church to assist the travel costs of those driving the greater distances.

Paul Borden has visited our district. Approximately 70 people from our Eastside churches enjoyed the training event on Saturday. And the approximate 100 people from our Westside churches shared the Sunday training at Capitol Park. Thank you for making the effort to get your leadership to this event.

The more people who understand the purpose of the Church and its life cycle will assist in getting that vision into the drivers seat. Structures and programs are important but they are in the 'back seat', not driving the car.

There are four pastors facing pastoral votes this spring. Pray with Jarod Osborn, Darrell Cole, Kurt Nybakken and Shane Milne as they work through the process with their LBA and congregation.

We have two new pastors in our district. First, I have had the privilege of installing George Garcia at Emmanuel. The congregation is very excited to have George and Ruth Garcia as their new pastor. George has

been the assistant to Melvin Baliton for two years. It has been a very smooth transition. Second, James and Jennifer Moore have arrived in Weippe and are getting acquainted with a new community and congregation. I heard from the vice chairman that on January 22, their second Sunday, 93 people were in attendance for the worship service and many responded to the altar invitation. Ten new people were also visiting the church.

Please pray for the Weippe people as they are stepping up to sponsor the Ski Retreat, February 3-5. There is snow but no skiing. Instead they will be participating in the Pierce Snow Carnival. We have many teens and adults traveling across the district to be in attendance. Mike Cline (assistant pastor at Aumsville) will be the speaker. A special music group will be joining in and a team from Oklahoma Wesleyan University will also be participating. Assistant Pastor, Mallorie Norris deserves a lot of praise for her leadership and oversight to this event. This is the 17th annual retreat for our youth sponsored by the Weippe church.

The Men's Retreat is approaching, March 9-11. See information on it in this newsletter!

I want to share that I love you and deeply appreciate your partnership in our district churches.

Blessings, *Pastor Karl*

## MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Retreat is approaching on March 9-11.

Double K Christian Conference Center near Easton Washington is our location again. Randy Rutledge is our speaker.

Registration is handled on line with PayPal assistance. Go to <http://www.nwwesleyan.org>, and then click on the Wesleyan Men tab.

The cost is \$115 before March 3. The cost will increase after that date. (Each registration also includes a new tee shirt.)

Please encourage the men of your church to attend this unique opportunity of ministry.

Thanks to Dan Laurence from our Northgate church who is overseeing this retreat with his team.

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## 2012 MISSION OPPORTUNITY--HAITI TRIP Please Post to Your Congregation--MAY 4-12

- \* May 4-Leave the NW arriving in Port au Prince on Saturday morning. Travel to the Island of La Gonave
- \*Sunday-attend worship service in the Wesleyan Church near by
- \*Monday thru Friday involved in ministry to the people of the island through building and other service projects
- \*Saturday-fly home

You will have the opportunity to work with our District missionaries, Rod and Michelle Geiszler, serving West Indies HELP ministries.

If interested, contact Doug Vincent at 503-428-4227.  
(Must have a passport that does not expire before December 2012.)



*FEBRUARY*  
3rd Gene Whitestone  
4th Jarod Osborne  
4th Mallore Norris  
5th Joe Coleson  
5th Chris Hayes  
18th Crystal Blake  
19th Karen Brown  
20th Charles Stewart  
21st Duane Cole  
22nd Doug Bacheller  
25th David Fowler  
27th Jessica Schmerse



## MINISTER & MATES RETREAT FEBRUARY 14-16, 2012

*Ministers & Mates Retreat* February 14-16  
at the Christian Center in Cannon Beach,  
OR.

It has been several years since we held  
our retreat at this location.  
We will start with a Valentine Dinner on  
Tuesday evening and end at lunch on  
Thursday.

Our speaker this year is the Dakota  
District Superintendent, Isaac Smith.

The cost is \$300 per couple plus a travel  
supplement of \$100 per church to cover  
the transportation of our ministry couples  
from across the district.

### MINISTER & MATES INFORMATION

- \*Registration begins  
after 3:00 pm in the  
Tides Room (upstairs)
- \*Dinner begins (6:00pm)
- \*Send money to: Roger  
Metcalf or bring it  
with you the Retreat.