When I began my clinical pastoral education to be a chaplain, one of the first things my supervisor told me was that when I enter a patient's room I am standing on holy ground. It wasn't long before I knew it was true. Every day at the Adventist Medical Center we stand on holy ground with our patients. Below is such an event, as shared by Leo Zakhariya, a fellow chaplain here at Portland Adventist Medical Center.

"This episode took place in one of the intensive care rooms where a female patient in her fifties was fighting for her life. She was intubated but alert and coherent. I entered the room and introduced myself. The patient's eyes filled with tears. I asked her, "Are you hurting?" She answered by shaking her head, no. "Are you in spiritual pain?" She nodded her head, yes. I told her I would be right back and left the room. I found a clipboard, paper and pen for her to write on and returned. Extending the clipboard and the pen to her, I asked her to share with me about her pain. She wrote: 'I am dying and I am afraid.' Tears were streaming from her eyes. I read her pain and fears and shared how much God loves her. I shared about Jesus dying for hurting people, including her, and His determination to save everyone who puts their trust in Him. I prayed with her and then went on to other patients.

The next day, I came in for a follow-up visit. When she saw me she made slight movements with her right arm. I approached her and held her hand. She tried to squeeze my hand for support. This time I shared more about the love of Jesus and what happens when we die. I shared His promise to come back and raise His children from the dead and take them to His eternal home. She listened with tears in her eyes. Her family entered the room. I let her know about her family coming into the room and asked whether she would like to talk to them. She signed yes. She took the clipboard and wrote with her feeble hand, "He comforted me," and passed it on to her family. The next day I stopped by her room and she was still alert. I asked her: "Are you still afraid to die?" She looked at me and shook her head, no. A few hours later, doctors removed the life support she was on and she passed away peacefully."
Instead of the prophecy seminar approach, we addressed the universal question, “If God is love, why did this happen?” We respectfully suggested that God is on trial before the world and the universe, and dared to ask about God’s actions and motives.

The format was simple but relevant. We found a neutral location in town, a restaurant that closes in the evenings. The price was right, $30.00 each night. The 15-night, full message series was on weekends only, September 14 through October 14. We focused our advertising on person-to-person invitations.

A local lay person, Sherry Healey, developed the series, “Asking Really Tough Questions about God.” Using original PowerPoint presentations, she established the validity of the Scriptures, the irrevocable nature of free choice, and the responsibility mankind has for the condition of our world today.

Sherry showed that God really is love and that He is personally and emotionally connected to each of us. Each key Bible doctrine demonstrated God’s fairness, mercy, and love.

We organized our time to start each night at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm. As people arrived they listened to music from Sherry’s two sons, Alex and Nick Metcalf.

At 7:00 pm Pastor Ken Williams welcomed the guests, and talked about the gift book that we gave each weekend. He offered prayer and then turned it over to Sherry, who spoke until 8:00 pm.

But the event was not over! The participants, who were seated around tables, received an outline of that night’s topic with some questions. Someone at each table facilitated fellowship and a review of that night’s topic. To encourage people to stay and participate, fruit and cookies were placed on each table. This half hour enabled relationship evangelism!

The response was great from everyone. Bob said that since his divorce he had felt abandoned by God, but now he felt God’s love.

Our preparation for this day hadn’t been perfect, but for a nearly forty-year-old church that hadn’t hosted a public evangelistic event in at least twenty years, we gave it our best. On October 10, Roger Hernandez partnered with the Rockwood church in their outreach.

The church mailed Bible study invitations to every household within a one-mile radius of the church. We passed out GLOW tracts and served hot dogs at the neighborhood National Night Out. We invited all our neighbors to join us for a community picnic on the church lawn. We mailed out invitations and put up yard signs. Members were equipped with invitations so they could personally invite their friends and family. However, I believe the most significant thing we did was encourage our members to engage in the God’s City: My City six-week small group study and forty days of prayer.

While not every member accepted the challenge to become involved in a God’s City: My City group those that did will never be the same. Not only did they discover the awesome responsibility God has entrusted to them as His followers they also became excited about God’s ability to use them to dispense His love in their city.

I had no doubt that our eight-night evangelistic revival event would be well attended on opening night. I knew that Roger Hernandez would preach biblical messages. What I didn’t know was what would happen on the third night. Would the members keep coming? Would they rearrange their hectic schedules eight nights in a row?

Yes! At least many of them did. Why? Because Roger is a dynamic speaker? No. Well, he is a dynamic speaker but I don’t think that’s why they kept coming back. They could have tuned in to one of many dynamic speakers on their TVs or through their Internet connections. I’m convinced that they came back night after night because they had been inspired by a renewed sense of mission.

When I reflect on who was there night after night supporting the meetings, greeting the visitors, and engaging the Spirit it was the people who had been involved in the God’s City: My City small groups. They were the ones who came back on the second night, third night, fourth night...and eighth night. Oh sure, I wish more of my members would have supported the meetings with their presence. I wish even more of them would have extended personal invitations to their friends. And I believe more of them will next time because they are seeing the difference it has made in our community.

Maybe you haven’t participated in a series of outreach events in years. Maybe your church doesn’t think it will work. After the success we experienced this month my church will tell you evangelism does work — when we do it!

If your church hasn’t done public evangelism in years I would suggest you talk to Roger about the God’s City: My City small group study guide. It will help your members rediscover the mission God has for them. And it will give the Holy Spirit an invitation to invade your church.

By Gene Heinrich
With the celebration of Thanksgiving this month, many of us will find ourselves making pies! Apple pie, pumpkin pie, cherry pie... the possibilities are practically endless!

That said, most pie crust recipes, especially the good ones, call for butter, margarine, or shortening. If you're trying to stay away from the saturated fat and hydrogenation this year, we've got a recipe for you! While the secret to a good, flaky pie crust is fat, you can use vegetable oil and boiling water to fill that order. This recipe is an old one and is praised for being crispy, flaky, and the all-around perfect compliment to your favorite pies. Try it this Thanksgiving!

Share your favorite vegetarian or vegan holiday recipes with us and we'll share them here in the eCommuniqué! Please include preparation directions. Email your recipes to: krissy.barber@oc.npuc.org.

**Hot Water Pie Crust**

**Ingredients**
- 3 cups unbleached flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1/2 cup boiling water

**Directions**
- Mix the salt and flour.
- Heat water and add to liquid measuring cup holding oil.
- Pour water and oil in all at once and stir with a fork.
- Separate into two, approximately even balls.
- Roll each ball between wax paper. Remove top paper, lay crust side down on pie pan. Remove second sheet of paper. Form dough into pie pan and flute the edges.
- Bake crust separately (about 10 minutes) or with filling in it, (according to filling recipe.)

**Note:** This recipe makes one complete crust (top and bottom) for a 9’ pie.
NOTE WORTHY...

**The Adventists-2 to Be Released Spring 2013**
The Adventists-2 is slated to be released on World Health Day, April 7, 2013! It will be available on video by mid-March via Amazon.com. According to producer/director Martin Doblmeier of Journey Films, the first edition of The Adventists made it to the #2 position on Amazon last year. Doblmeier would like to make The Adventists-2 the #1 documentary film in America, with a portion of the sales distributed to the organizations profiled in the film. In addition, he plans to have a video about Adventist education ready for spring 2013.

**Idaho Pastor to Serve as State Senate Chaplain**
Jim Wibberding, Cloverdale Adventist Church pastor in Boise, Idaho, has been chosen to serve as chaplain for the Idaho State Senate 2013 legislative session which begins in January. Wibberding was officially selected on Oct. 21 by the Idaho Senate President and the Senate Search Committee comprised of bipartisan leaders in the Idaho Senate. The decision confirms the efforts of Greg Hamilton, Northwest Religious Liberty Association (NRLA) president, who has been working for the past year with retired Idaho Senator Grant Ipsen to propose a qualified Seventh-day Adventist candidate. Wibberding, who will continue his main role as Cloverdale pastor, says, “I look forward to praying with our government leaders in Idaho and encouraging them in their work to preserve our freedoms.”

**Adventist Health Named Among Top Three Healthiest Oregon Employers**
Adventist Health was recently named among the top three healthiest employers of Oregon! Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in Portland, Ore., was rated third among large employers for their innovative employee wellness initiatives. AMC employees are encouraged to participate in wellness assessments, health/fitness programs, and obtain up-to-date health information. “We believe that healthy employees deliver the best healthcare,” says Ed Hoover, AMC wellness services manager.

**Walla Walla University Lego Challenge**
Walla Walla University would like to extend an invitation to all pathfinder clubs, schools and home school groups that might be planning to engage with the US First Lego League (FLL) or Junior US First Lego League (JFLL). Walla Walla University will host the North Pacific Regional Robotics Challenge on Sunday, April 14, 2013. This year’s FLL challenge is centered on the topic of Senior Solutions while the JFLL is focusing on Super Seniors. Interested groups can find more information and register online at http://bit.ly/SVgnZJ.

**Mt. Ellis Student Miraculously Survives Heart Attack**
On October 3, Mt Ellis Academy (MEA) student Gang Yoon went into cardiac arrest while visiting his brother during home leave in Washington state. Gang, a student from Korea, was traveling by car through Collfax, Wash. when his heart stopped beating. A woman who had just completed her CPR training the day before, stopped to help. Gang was life-flighted to Providence Hospital in Spokane where he remained in a coma for three days. The outcome for Gang was very uncertain in both of survival and possible brain damage. Mt. Ellis Academy is always a place of prayer, but never more so than that week. On Monday morning Gang regained full consciousness! That afternoon he was able to speak. On Tuesday he was able to walk short distances with a walker. The doctors have been hearing saying words like “remarkable” and “miraculous” to describe his recovery. All indications show that there is no brain injury. Please pray for Gang and his cardiologist as they try to determine the cause of the cardiac incident with the hope of preventing any such future events.

**Walla Walla University Sees Increase in Enrollment**
Student enrollment is up nearly 6 percent at Walla Walla University this year—1,940 students are enrolled for the Fall 2012 quarter session, compared with last year’s 1,831 students. The increase of 109 students makes this year’s enrollment the sixth highest enrollment in the history of the university. Contributing to the increase is another large freshman class, numbering 394 first-time freshmen, and a strong retention rate of last year’s large freshman class.

**Annual Council Issues Statements on Union Ordinations and Homosexuality**
During October’s Annual Council meetings in Silver Spring, Md., world church leaders voted 264 to 25 to approve a “Statement on Church Polity, Procedures and Resolution of Disagreements in the Light of Recent Union Actions on Ministerial Ordination.” The statement is a response to the actions of three union conferences—the North German Union in the Inter-European Division, and the Columbia Union and Pacific Union in the North American Division—which separately voted this year to permit ordination without regard to gender. The North Pacific Union Conference will discuss this topic at its upcoming executive committee meeting this month. The group also voted to reaffirm the church’s stance against homosexual activity and same-sex marriage, but softened the denomination’s position statement to offer compassion toward gays and lesbians. Read more about these items at http://bit.ly/QYKHZ.

**Adventists Responding to Hurricane Aftermath**
Hurricane Sandy has left millions of people in great need! Those needs range from food and water to personal care items, cleaning supplies, shelter, and so much more. Trained Adventist Community Services Disaster Response (ACS DR) volunteers are converging on the east coast and are currently hard at work providing emergency and recovery assistance right now. With your help, they can help even more! ACS DR is a well-respected disaster response leader that can leverage partnerships and make bulk purchases that can multiply the benefits of your donated dollars. Please consider making a donation to ACS DR and help your church make a difference in the lives of those impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Ways to give include: Dropping a donation in your local church offering plate marked “ACS Disaster Response”, calling 800-381-7171, visiting www.communityservices.org, or mailing a check to ACS Disaster Response, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Whether you can help a lot or a little, every bit counts at a time like this!

**Excellence in Teaching Award Nominations are Open**
The Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF) has mailed the 2013 Excellence in Teaching Awards applications to a school near you! The AAF Excellence in Teaching Awards program is the only North American Division-wide initiative that honors outstanding Adventist teachers and showcases their talents. Each year, 10 Adventist teachers are selected from dozens of nominees to receive an Excellence in Teaching Award and a $2,000 gift. Anyone can nominate a teacher, but only one teacher from each school can be nominated. All nominations must be postmarked by Jan. 22, 2013. If you would like to nominate a teacher, download the form at http://bit.ly/SoDI8t.

**Theology of Ordination Committee Gets Go-Ahead**
Adventist world church leaders voted in September to establish a Theology of Ordination Committee. The committee has been tasked with delivering a report to the October 2014 Annual Council, the yearly meeting of world church administrators. That meeting may, in turn, recommend action to the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas. Arthur Stele, world church Biblical Research Institute director and committee chairman, says the two issues to be studied are the theology of ordination and the implications for church practices with special emphasis on women’s ordination. At least 24 of the 102-person committee will be women.

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2012 CENTER FOR BIBLE, FAITH & MISSIONS WEEKEND SEMINAR

When: November 2-4, 2012
Location: Sunnyside Adventist Church

2012 Center for Bible, Faith & Missions (CBFM) weekend seminar, sponsored by Walla Walla University Theology Department. Spirituality – Doing It Right presented by Dr. Dave Thomas, Dean of the School of Theology and Dr. Darold Bigger, Professor in the School of Theology. This seminar will be held November 2-4 at Sunnyside Adventist Church. Topics include: “A Gentle Discussion about Spiritual Formation,” “Terra Firma,” “Understanding the Functioning of Spirituality,” “The Quest to Know God: A Flyover Historical View,” and “Identifying Appropriate and Effective Spiritual Exercises.” The Sunnyside Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market Street, Portland, Ore. Call 503-252-8080 for more information.

CELEBRATION OF AFRICA PROJECT

When: November 10, 4:30 pm
Location: Vancouver Community Adventist Church

Join Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus in celebrating what God did in South Africa during August 2012. Learn more about the concert in the dark, divine appointments, and more amazing stories from Dan and Betsy Matthews and OAMC singers. Whether you supported OAMC in prayers, donations, going to Africa, attending any OAMC concert, or listening to an OAMC recording, there will be a blessing in store for you. Adventist Community Church of Vancouver is located at 9711 NE St. Johns Rd. Vancouver, Wash.

PLANT-BASED COOKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

When: November 4, 4:00 pm
Location: Stone Tower Adventist Church

The holidays are coming. Do you know what you’re going to eat? Shirley Maddox, RN, will show you how to make tested plant-based recipes. Join us on November 4 at 4:00 pm at the Stone Tower Adventist Church. The class fee is $5. Please RSVP at health@stonetowersda.org. The Stone Tower Adventist Church is located at 3010 NE Holladay St., Portland, Ore.

“HOMEWARD BOUND” PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

When: November 2 & 3, 2012
Location: Pleasant Valley Adventist Church

Pleasant Valley Adventist Church (PVC) invites you to join with us in celebrating 30 years of God’s blessings, Nov. 2 & 3. The event starts with a “Welcome Home” dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday. Sabbath services will be held at 9:10 and 11:40 am, with memory sharing at 10:30 am. Stay for potluck lunch followed by a special program from 2:00-4:00 pm. If you were part of PVC’s start and history, please let us know. We’d like to hear your recollections and see any pictures you may have. To learn more, call the church at 503-658-9248, email info@pvcsda.org, or visit www.pvcsda.org. PVC is located at 11125 SE 172nd Ave., Happy Valley Ore.

“HEALTH IN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” WEEKEND

When: November 9-11, 2012
Location: Castle Rock Adventist Church

The Castle Rock Adventist Church will host the Kinjo Family, November 9-11. This free “Health in the Ten Commandments” weekend will be filled with practical ways to achieve optimal physical, mental and spiritual health through God’s healing methods. The first meeting on November 9 will begin at 6:30 pm, November 10 follows with a sermon at 11:00 am, meetings will continue on the 10th with two afternoon sessions and end with a sacred music concert. November 11, health seminars all day, beginning at 9:30 am. Bring yourself and your friends and family. If you have questions contact Jeanne at 360-274-6709.

THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

When: November 9 & 11, 2012
Location: Gladstone Park Adventist Church

The Gladstone Park Church will hold its third annual Holiday Bazaar Nov. 9 & 11 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Offerings include crafts, gifts, collectibles, antiques, home-based business displays, food, and door prizes. The selection is large, and prices are low. Gift wrapping will be available. Proceeds will benefit the church fellowship hall and junior high wing. The Gladstone Park Church is located at 8378 Cason Rd., Gladstone, Ore. For more information call 503-655-2614, or visit www.GladstonePark.org.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR FOLLOW THE STAR

When: Event happens first two weekends of December
Location: Gladstone Park Conference Center

Positions are now available for Follow the Star! Roman soldiers, angels in the choir, shepherds, parking attendants, and more! Jobs large and small. If you can be a part of Follow the Star this year contact Yvonne Christensen at 503-631-2567 or Corleen Johnson at 503-668-5639 or corleenj@email.com. Follow the Star is always the first two weekends of December. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, at the Gladstone Park Conference Center in Gladstone, Ore.

ELECTRICIAN AND PLUMBER

CHURCH SEEKING LICENSED ELECTRICIAN AND PLUMBER

When: Currently accepting bids
Location: Chiloquin, Ore.

The Chiloquin Adventist Company is seeking a licensed/bonded electrician and licensed plumber to assist in the construction of a small church building in Chiloquin, Ore. Board and lodging will be provided, as necessary. To obtain more information and to submit bids for this mission project please call Gary at 541-891-6168.

For more announcement & event information please visit www.oregonconference.org/announcements — this page is updated weekly.
Transitions

Charles Bivens (Patricia) will no longer be pastoring for the Pleasant Valley and Mt. Tabor congregations.

Lary Brown (Rhonda) will be transitioning from a position abroad to an interim pastoral position for the Roseburg/Glide/Turning Point district.

**The Oregon Conference currently is taking applications for the position of Corporation Treasurer.**—The Corporation Treasurer works closely with the Trust Services and Treasury departments, and is responsible for financial management and accounting for Corporation funds, trusts, and estates managed by the Trust Services Department. This treasurer also assists with real estate transactions and serves as a valuable resource for Conference churches and schools in matters involving accounting, tax, real estate, and estate planning matters. View the full job description at http://bit.ly/JEA7O9.

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By Gary McLain

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