

gpnw campers throughout the mission center, such as these at camp kintah (samish island senior high), enjoyed a successful and spiritual camping season during summer 2011



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mission center conference: christ's mission...our mission

by Karen Short, Mission Center Communications Coordinator

Christ's mission is our mission. From this point forward, all ministries, personnel, and resources of the World Church will be focused on the whole mission of Jesus Christ through five, life-changing, church-changing, and world-changing mission initiatives.



attend conference to see our 2011 mc conference logo up close, featuring a mosaic of the face of jesus made up of mission center photos

Join us for mission center conference this November 5 and 6, at Portland Congregation, as we share with each other how our mission center and congregations are focusing on Christ's mission. A weekend rich with fellowship and spiritual nourishment, we will also be rich with special guest ministry, including Apostle **Susan Skoor**, Western USA Field Missionary Coordinator **Robin Linkhart**, and special guest from Outreach International, **Andrea Read**.

saturday: invite people to christ

We invite you to our opening worship, as Robin Linkhart shares the peace of Jesus Christ with us. A delegate orientation and discussion of the business before the conference precedes lunch and the fast-paced afternoon business session. All may attend. New business includes:



- A proposed Alaska Travel Fund to ensure access to Community of Christ ministry for Alaskans
- The proposed 2012 mission center budget
- Priesthood calls for **Sue Coleman**, Eugene Congregation, to Evangelist and **Jammie Apodoca**, Ellensburg Congregation, to Seventy.

Child care is available for pre-registered children, ages 0-11. This year, our mission center youth will be incorporated into each of our worship services.

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PLAN ON IT! upcoming mission center events

OCTOBER 2011

- 10 — Conference delegate & alternate name submittal deadline
- 14-16 — Young Adult Retreat, Samish Island Campground
- 15 — Bold Moves application deadline
- 17 — Conference hotel reservation deadline
- 28 — Pastors' Breakfast RSVP deadline
- 30-Nov. 2 — NW Support Group Singles Retreat, Samish Island Campground
- 31 — Conference lunch reservation deadline
- 31 — Final deadline for de Michel school Haiti contributions

NOVEMBER 2011

- 5-6 — Mission Center Conference, Portland
- 24 — Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2011

- 1 - Submission Deadline for next Chinook
- 24-Jan. 2 — Staff Holiday; offices closed
- 25 — Christmas Day

mc conference

schedule

saturday, november 5, 2011

9-10 am..... Registration
Invite People to Christ
 10-10:45 am Opening Worship
 11-Noon..... Delegate Orientation
 and Discussion
 Noon-1:30 On-site Catered Lunch
 1:30-5:30 pm Business Sessions
 5:30-7:30 pm Dinner On Your Own
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering
 7:30-9 pm Family Fellowship with
 World Church Oblation fundraiser
 Afterwards..... Young Adult Activity

sunday, november 6, 2011

Experience Congregations in Mission
 7:30-9:15 am Pastors' Breakfast
 10-10:45 am Mission-focused Worship
 Service with Outreach International
 Haiti school update
*Develop Disciples to Serve"
 and Pursue Peace on Earth*
 11:00-12:30 pm Ordination and
 Communion Service – Apostle Susan
 Skoor speaking
 12:30 pm..... Conference Adjourns

power of 10: giving to christ's mission

Get involved and stay connected with how the mission initiatives have the power to transform lives. Visit Community of Christ's Power of 10 website: www.GiveYour10.org. Use your mobile device to text **MISSION** to **74574** to get to the site. During your visit, share mission stories from your community, read others' stories, and connect to the financial and emotional results of your giving to mission initiatives.



saturday night fellowship: abolish poverty, end suffering

After dinner on your own, return to church for family fun and fellowship: game night and karaoke! Mission center young adults are organizing this casual gathering to relax and enjoy each other's company. A variety of games and activities will be on hand for a wide range of interests, and will make a memorable evening worth the trip back to the church. Our Saturday night free-will offerings will focus on this important mission initiative by raising World Church Oblation funds. Bring your checkbooks. Young adults will have a late night activity following this fellowship; stay tuned for details.



sunday morning: experience congregations in mission

Sunday morning, pastors and their guests are invited to our Pastors' Breakfast, held off-site from 7:30-9:15 am. Pastors will share exciting local stories of mission, with remarks by Robin Linkhart.

All are encouraged to attend a very special 10 am worship service, focused on mission activities and an update from Andrea Read of Outreach International on our mission center campaign to raise funds for the de Michel school in Haiti.



sunday ordination and communion service: develop disciples to serve and pursue peace on earth

Our 11 am Sunday worship service will feature the ordination of disciples



Sue Coleman to Evangelist and Jammie Apodaca to Seventy. Apostle Susan Skoor will bring the message of pursuing peace on earth as we share in communion.

accommodations

Receive a reduced hotel rate of \$64.99 plus tax at the Comfort Inn, located at 8225 NE Wasco St. Call 503-408-8000, and ask for the **Community of Christ rate**. Reservations must be made by **Friday, October 21** for the reduced rate. Guests may cancel without a penalty until **Monday, October 31**.

on-site catered lunch

Some of our mission center's best cooks are rolling up their sleeves to offer a fabulous on-site lunch for sale on Saturday. Special thanks to **Doug Dobkins** and his team! Be sure to make lunch reservations ahead of time. A very limited number of reservations may be available at the door. Make reservations and pay online by visiting www.conferencelunch.eventbrite.com, or contact **Kim Naten** at 360-748-3562 by **Monday, October 31**.

Visit the "Conference" page on the mission center website at www.cofchrist-gpnw.org/conference for more information and to preview materials, including the proposed Alaska Travel Fund, the 2012 Proposed Budget and Congregational Allocations, and much more. See you at conference!

GPNW MEMBERS JOIN SITE VISIT TO MALAWI

by Marne Benedict

Three members of the Greater Pacific Northwest Mission Center were able to take part in an Outreach International (OI) site-visit to Malawi, Africa for 10 days in May. **Claudia Baggerly** from Renton Congregation, and **Tamara Benedict** (age 14) and her grandmother, **Marne Benedict**, from Eugene Congregation, participated with OI staff from Independence and with Malawian staff to visit six villages.



tamara benedict visits a village in malawi, africa on oi site visit

Projects such as reforestation for firewood, wells for clean water, nursery schools for village children, and community gardens were some of the projects we saw that were supported by OI facilitators in cooperation with villagers.

The sense of pride and accomplishment of the villagers and the new leadership provided by the

village women and accepted by the village men were evident wherever we visited. OI villages are also leading by example, as other villages see the good that can be accomplished and want to learn how to bring positive things to their own village.

The goal of Outreach International is "Sustainable Good," and we came away impressed with the dedicated work of the Malawian staff and the ways people can be empowered to solve their own problems. As Tamara wrote in her journal, "I realize that though our skin color and languages are so different, we are more alike than different; we work under the same sun, sleep under the same stars, live under the same sky."

To donate to Outreach International, visit www.outreach-international.org

working to solve hunger

by Lyle Anderson II

In June I had the amazing opportunity to participate with about 300 other Christians from around the nation in Bread for the World's 2011 National Gathering and Annual Lobby Day in Washington, D.C.

For almost 25 years, our church has enjoyed a cordial and satisfying relationship with Bread for the World (BFW), a non-profit, Christian citizen's group that addresses issues related to hunger in the United States and abroad. By encouraging members of Congress to sponsor and support legislation to alleviate the plight of the hungry, the poor and the dispossessed in many countries, as well as by urging individuals and congregation to contact their elected representatives through an "Offering of Letters," BFW seeks to give hope to millions of needy people, both in the United States and around the world.

As I awoke on Lobby Day on June 14, it was words from Doctrine and Covenants 163:3b-4a that ran through my head. When I first heard those words in 2007, I would never have thought I would find myself in D.C., stepping way out of my comfort zone to share my

witness of the Good News and live out my ministerial, communal, and personal callings by visiting with elected officials and advocating on behalf of the poor and hungry. Yet, there I was doing just that... with the grace of the Spirit I found myself able to share in conversation about issues that matter, to people in power, and speaking for the powerless, and giving voice to the voiceless.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

At the end of Lobby Day, I had the chance to share in conversation with **Art Simon**, founder of BFW.

He shared with me his early encounters with Community of Christ, 30 years ago, and his appreciation for our long-standing involvement and work on behalf of the poor and hungry.

I encourage you to become involved individually and congregationally with BFW. Become a member, explore becoming a covenant congregation, participate in an Offering of Letters, and donate to Bread. (Go to www.Bread.org for more info.) Also check out Community of Christ World Hunger resources: info on Offering of Letters, local hunger ministries, Hunger No More class materials by BFW that Community of Christ collaborated on and more at www.CofChrist.org/hunger.

MISSION COORDINATORS NETWORK

by Mike Bessonette, Mission Center Mission Coordinator

Coming this fall is the Mission Coordinator's Network, led by **Mike Bessonette**. As Mission Coordinator for the mission center, his hope is to create a network of congregations working on mission and sharing their ideas through regional meetings, teleconferences and a resource directory. All congregations are welcome to participate.

The focus of the network will be the World Church Mission Initiatives:

- Invite People to Christ
- Abolish Poverty, End Suffering
- Pursue Peace on Earth

- Develop Disciples to Serve
 - Experience Congregations in Mission
- Please contact Mike Bessonette, 541-923-3660 or mbessonette@cofchrist-gpnw.org, if you want more information or to participate in the network.



right: donna tooze was ordained to elder by cathy boyer, assisted by kathy gregory



above: charlene rislove was ordained to priest by tim polly, assisted by art tooze



above: matthew anderson was ordained to priest by jason keese, assisted by maria keese



ray & lois irby celebrated superannuation on august 7

10 mission center ordinations

may-august 2011 gpnw ordinations

- Matt Anderson, Portland – Priest**
- Bev Corrington, University Place – Evangelist**
- Stan Corrington, University Place – Evangelist**
- Barbara Crask, Mossyrock – Elder**
- Kim Naten, Olympia – Elder**
- Rick Naten, Olympia – Priest**
- Charlene Rislove, Portland – Priest**
- Donna Tooze, Portland – Elder**
- Ashley Whitham, Garden Grove – Priest**

superannuations

- **Elaine Linne** (right) was honored with Superannuation on July 10 at the Portland Congregation. **Mike Bessonette**, representing the Mission Center, presented Elaine with a letter of appreciation for her dedication and many years of service for the church.



- **Ray and Lois Irby** (photo at top) received Superannuation and were honored at a reception at Bremerton Congregation on August 7. Mission Center President **Kathy Sharp** presented their certificates.

BOLD MOVES GRANTS EXPRESS VARIETY IN CHRIST'S MISSION

by Steve Pomeroy, Chair

Ministry to the homeless. Ministry to school children. Ministry to troubled teens. Ministry to family needs. The latest recipients of Bold Moves Grants offer all of those as expressions of the ministries of Jesus Christ.

In the recently completed application cycle, new grants were awarded to the **Puyallup** (WA) Congregation, to the **Tuality** (OR) Congregation and renewed to the congregations in **Ellensburg** (WA) and **Myrtle Point** (OR).

new grants

The grant to Puyallup will expand their ongoing program of meeting the needs of the homeless in their community. Already providing nighttime shelter during the winter months, Puyallup now provides regular opportunities for sanctuary, fellowship and food in the afternoon and evening hours for the homeless in the Puyallup community. **Sean Langdon** and **Carol Woolery** coordinate this effort and are also working ecumenically with other groups in the Puyallup area.

Tuality's grant will enable them to begin providing weekend food to children in need in their community. Working with the school district and other organizations, members of the congregation will fill and deliver backpacks with food items to extend the weekday breakfast and lunch program provided by the school. Many of the children in the program often go without meals on the weekends; these food backpacks will help to combat that problem.

Ann Short is the program director and is coordinating the congregation's efforts with the school district, Northwest Children's Outreach and the Oregon Food Bank.

renewal grants

Grants can be renewed up to three years through reapplication under the guidelines. The renewal grants to Ellensburg and Myrtle Point help them continue the ministries begun with the support of previous Bold Moves Grants. Ellensburg's Teen

Life Choices program continues to work with youth coming out of the juvenile justice system in Central Washington, helping them to see new pathways and make better life choices. The work of **Jammie Apodaca** and **Donna Garner** is changing lives and being viewed as a valuable asset for the community.

Myrtle Point continues to find great success in reaching those in need in their community through their Food for the Soul ministry. The congregation has been serving more than 50 young families per month with free diapers, meals, activities for children, fellowship and invitation. **Tara Blohm** has directed the program with the help of a number of volunteers from the congregation. The program has become well known in the community and continues to share valuable expressions of the ministry of Jesus Christ with all who come.

bold moves to date

The GPNW Mission Center has completed five cycles of awarding Bold Moves Grants. Over the last two and a half years, grants totaling \$55,070 have been awarded to twelve different congregations and one staff group. In several of the recipient congregations, new attendees or returning members have participated in the ongoing life of the congregation as a result of starting these new ministries. Additionally, the stories of Bold Moves efforts in these congregations have had a very positive impact on the leadership and missional efforts in other congregations throughout the mission center.

apply for next grants

Bold Moves provides all of us with the opportunities and inspiration to reach out in new and creative ways to share the mission of the church and the good news of Christ in our communities. Where are the church's Mission Initiatives calling your congregation to go? What new ministries are you challenged to begin? The applications for the next grants through Bold Moves are due **October 15**.

native american blessing on lewis river campground

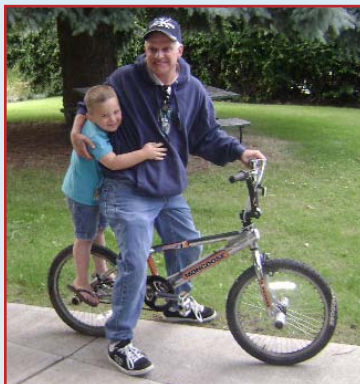
by Dave Polly

This year at the Lewis River Family Reunion, High Priest **David Byrnes** offered a special blessing on the grounds in his Native American tradition. In native dress, the blessing was given with the use of traditional song, drum, and smoke. Prayers from the West, North, East, South, the Heavens Above, and the Earth Below were given and physically manifested with smoke.

The campground is a sacred and holy place for many peoples and many traditions. As we make changes to the campground, we disturb the spirit of those grounds. We have harvested trees, and buildings will change. As these changes occur, it makes sense to ask for blessings on the grounds, to keep the grounds holy while there is change occurring.

David used a part of the trees that were harvested to create a traditional sweat lodge. It seemed appropriate to ask for a blessing in the ancient tradition of the Native Americans— those peoples that understand the concept of being a steward of the land and understand that there are many living spirits in our holy places.

It was very good to see the prayers of the reunion gathered together, moving around the grounds as the smoke dispersed. It was a very rich experience, and we were very blessed to enjoy it.



anthony jones and anthony jr. on a donated bicycle they refurbished and gave to one of the kids in ellensburg's "teen life choices" program

gpnw 2011 women's retreats

by Mary Schlenker

The year our mission center hosted two regional women's retreat, both well attended and well enjoyed.

oregon: florence

As we held each other's hands and bowed our heads in prayer on May 1, the 2011 Women's Retreat in Florence came to a close. We all longed to linger there amid fresh new friendships and renewed seasoned ones. It had been a time of celebration, classes, laughter, and beautiful worships in a picturesque location, filled with God's spirit.

The theme for the weekend was "JOY" (Jesus, Others and You). We were enveloped by God's spirit from the moment we walked through the doors. Our combined thanks to each of you for opening your hearts and responding to God's call.

washington: ocean shores

On May 20-22, 53 women gathered together in Ocean Shores for another magical weekend of singing, laughter, prayer, fellowship and rest. Participants traveled from as far away as Samish Island, WA, Eugene, OR, and all locations in between. Ages ranged from 95 years to just under a year old! They all ministered to each of us.

With a theme of "Bloom Where You Are Planted," the opening worship, by **Deborah Johnson**, reminded each of us how much God loves us: He plants the seeds of talents and gifts within our hearts, ready to burst forth in bloom in His own time.



top: wa women's retreat
bottom: or women's retreat

right: kellan skoor was born on July 9 to erik and mikaela skoor



above: jenna rose fery was blessed in june



dan and natalie hoover of southridge wed on july 10

11 special life events

weddings

Kari Stoddard, Eugene Congregation, married **Jason Jasper** on a July 24.

Dan Hoover, Southridge Congregation, wed **Natalie Stewart** at Fort Vancouver National Park on July 10.

Devin Jackson, Southridge Congregation, & **Steffi Elfeldt** were wed on July 10 in Troutdale, Oregon.

anniversaries

Arthur & Barbara Towner, Selah Congregation, celebrated their 50th anniversary on August 6.

Ray & Lois Irby, Bremerton Congregation, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on August 8.

Marilyn & Gary Lawler, Auburn Congregation, celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 23.

births

Aiden King was born to **Jess and Heather King**, Roseburg Congregation, on June 28.

Baby **Lincoln Andrew** was born on July 4 to **Andy and Shauna Puckett**, Crystals Spring Congregation.

Baby **Kellan Skoor** arrived on July 9, to **Erik and Mikaela Skoor**, Crystal Springs Congregation.

baby blessings

Jenna Rose Fery was blessed on June 12 by **Sue Coleman and Chris Lasley**. Jenna's parents are **Michael and Melissa Fery**, Cottage Grove Congregation.

Andrew Scott Peters, son of **Misty and Tony Peters**, Eugene Congregation, was blessed July 3.



above: marilyn & gary lawler celebrated 50 years of marriage



above: Leah Wheeler (center), Garden Grove congregation, at Camp Winniaugwamauk in Maine

a summer of blessings

by Leah Wheeler, Garden Grove

This summer I was a Graceland Summer Representative. In this program, I was assigned to travel to Community of Christ camps all over the country. At these camps, I not only represented Graceland, but I held specific responsibilities such as leading campfire, teaching a theme class, teaching recreation class, teaching volleyball class, and to simply be present and helpful.

I cannot explain just how happy I am to have had this experience. Some of the people I came across were church members, and some weren't. But that didn't matter because we were all experiencing the same things. I can say I felt God's spirit at each and every camp I went to and saw God working through the people around me.

Through this summer I've realized how much I believe in sharing God's love. It doesn't matter if you've known someone for a few years or a few hours, you can always spread love everywhere you go. I've learned it's in the little things—it's about the smiles, the hugs, the testimonies, the high fives, and more.

For me, it was worth being at a camp if I could make even just one camper's experience better. My motto for this summer was to be the counselor that I wanted from my own camper experience. I found that being present in the activities with the campers helped make my time more memorable. I've truly been blessed this summer.

NORTHWEST SPECTACULAR 2011

by Mike Bessonette, SPEC Staff

The theme for Spectacular this year was "Uncharted," and it was an amazing time for our group from the Pacific Northwest. Our biggest obstacle was the hot and humid weather, which was the hottest in memory.

We had 67 campers this year, up about 20 from last year. The states represented by the Northwest Delegation were Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Kansas. The kids enjoyed the three days in Independence, which included a tour of the temple, sports, Worlds

of Fun, doing the Prayer for Peace, our own worship in the temple, and a pirate birthday party, complete with a water slide.

The seven days at Graceland were awesome as well. We participated in large and small group worship, sports, leadership, music and arts classes, devotions, and of course living in the dorm (not air conditioned!). This year, the Northwest Delegation was awarded the Sportsmanship Award in two Sports—soccer and basketball. This is a first for our delegation. The experience was a true "Community of Christ" for the participants.



caravan: mission matters most!

by Jody Barnhart, Caravan Director

This year the Caravan youth and staff focused on the enduring principles, both in the program they presented as well as their missionary outreach in the communities they visited in California.

The Caravan gathered more than 22 pounds of trash and 10 pounds of recycling from the beach in Santa Cruz. The youth and staff also sorted and boxed almost 5,000 pounds of food for the Contra Costa Food Bank in Fairfield from a recent mail carriers' food drive. At the Sacred Heart Community Resource Center in San Jose, Caravaners assisted with a welcome and smile while hundreds of families were fed and clothed.

We feel blessed to have focused on so many of the enduring principals and were able to live them out on our venture:

- Sacredness of Creation
- Worth of all Person
- All are Called
- Grace and Generosity

- Pursuit of Peace

- Blessings of Community

The Caravan experiences also focused on Unity in Diversity while spending so many days in different communities.

In addition to our mission activities, we visited Alcatraz, San Francisco's Pier 39, Fairfield's Jelly Belly Factory, and Vallejo's Discovery Animal Kingdom. In the evenings, we were blessed to provide ministry to our congregations in Sacramento, Fortuna, San Jose, and Suisun Valley, ending at Remote Family Reunion. Twenty-nine youth and eight staff were part of this year's venture.

The directors and staff are busy planning the youth venture for 2012. The Southern Oregon Caravan looks forward to celebrating its 50th anniversary soon! If you would like to be a part of this amazing outreach ministry, please contact **Jody** or **Troy Barnhart** at 541-747-6728 or troy-jody@comcast.net.



we celebrate our 2011 graduates!

Many members across our mission center graduated from high school, college, training programs and more. We congratulate ALL of our graduates! Here are some members who wanted to share their graduation with you:

redmond, or:

- **Jennifer Knobel** (far right) and **Kendra Petrie** (right) both graduated from high school.
- **Megan Martens** received her master's degree in secondary education.



olympia, wa:

- **Tesha Maria Thompson** graduated from Yelm High School. Tesha is the daughter of **Keith Thompson** of Lacey, WA and **Sara Thompson** of Richland, WA and granddaughter of **Minnie Ledington**. Tesha is now living and working in Richland.



- **Katherine Naten** (left) of Chehalis, WA, graduated with honors from WF West High School on June 11. Katherine is attending Whitworth University in Spokane, with plans to major in theology and peace studies. She is the daughter of **Kim and Rick Naten**.

woodland park, wa:

- **Keeli Harrison** (right) graduated from Graceland University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree. She lives in Marysville, WA, where she is employed with Windsor Square Senior Community.



lacasmas heights, wa:

- **Austin Webberley** (see below) graduated from high school and is attending Graceland University, majoring in computer science and minoring in music.



crystal springs, wa:

- **Sarah McEnroe** graduated from the Fire Academy at the Everett Community College campus.
- **Christian Bauer** (left) graduated from Snohomish High School and began attending Graceland this fall.

garden grove, wa:

- **Sam McFarlin** graduated from Columbia River High School in Vancouver, WA. Sam is attending Graceland University to pursue degrees in computer science and mathematics. Sam is the son of **Bill and Beth McFarlin**.

southridge, wa:

- **Allison Baylous** graduated from Columbia River High School. Her parents are **Jeff and Kristine Baylous**.

below: debbie johnson is sworn in as police captain



above: cottages grove's relay for life team raised money to fight cancer

left: austin webberley is awarded the eagle scout rank



auburn women sew pillowcases for mary bridge children's hospital

6 special moments in congregational life

auburn, wa:

- **Nancy Massey** and **Marilyn Lawler** head a sewing group at Auburn Congregation that recently made more than 50 pillowcases for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. The cases were blessed at church to bring peace and comfort to children who receive them. The sewing group meets at 9 am the third Saturday of each month; everyone is welcome.
- **Sara Mongrain** was one of only five girls in her school to be nominated for the Jr. Achievement Award for Enumclaw High School. Sara has a 4.0 GPA while being active in sports and leadership in school, church and community.

cottage grove, or:

- The Cottage Grove Community of Christ Team participated in their 4th "Relay for Life" in South Lane County in June. Their 17-member team walked non-stop for 24 hours and raised \$3,790 to fight cancer.

lacasmas heights, wa:

- **Austin Webberley** was awarded the highest rank in Scouting, the Eagle Scout, on August 6. His project consisted of restoring a campsite at Camp Currie, used by Boy & Girl Scouts and other nonprofit groups.

cowlitz valley, wa:

- **Deborah Johnson** was recently promoted to Captain of the Longview Police Force. She is the first female Captain in the county. Debbie serves the congregation as a priest and looks forward to continuing her service to community and church.

southridge, wa:

- **Kallie Hutchinson**, 11, was given a National PTA Award of Excellence for her entry in this year's Reflections contest. The entry described her experience of learning to bake pies with the Southridge "pie ladies" and what she learned from that beyond pie baking skills. Vancouver School Board members expressed appreciation not only for Kallie's win, but also for the church's dedication to the Clark County Fair Pie Booth that creates funds used to support the less fortunate in the county.

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we're growing: gpnw baptisms

Below are recently reported baptisms in the GPNW mission center:

David Baker – Eugene
Denise Baker – Eugene
Ileana Baker – Eugene
Anna Bowman – Puyallup
Bronwyn Cusson – Tuality
Colton Eagle – Samish
Jill Eagle – Samish
Kyle Garner – Yakima
Owen Johnson – Cowlitz Valley
Kai Kauhi – Puyallup
Alexxis Knight – Bend
Ted Pickrell – Puyallup

Alli Ramirez – Salem
Anthony Ramirez – Salem
Annamarie Schlage – Bremerton
Mikayla Schlage – Bremerton
Mark Simonsen – Cottage Grove
Maya Olson-Wickstrom – Yakima
Sophia Wight – Crystal Springs



left: harold lasley and erik
nilsen confirm bronwyn
cusson, tuality congregation



below: mark simonsen, cot-
tage grove, was baptized by
his dad, stan, on july 30 at
summit lake in oregon



left: kyle garner
being baptized
on june 26
in yakima by
his mom, tina
garner



right: maya
olson-wickstrom
being baptized
at samish island
on july 13 by her
grandmother,
mary wickstrom