

The Vision

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Youth Ministry to Recognize Youth Graduates

On behalf of the congregation, the church staff will recognize members of the UBC youth ministry who will be graduating from high school or college. They and their families are invited to a **Recognition Banquet on Saturday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall.

The evening will be the first of an annual time for our graduating youth. There will be dinner, a time of sharing, and recognition of the graduates. If you plan to attend this special evening, *please RSVP by June 22 to either the church office or Twyla Turner.*

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING ON JUNE 27 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

A Membership Meeting has been called for Sunday, June 27, following the morning worship service. The Finance Committee, with the support of the Church Leadership Council, will recommend that we amend the 2010 budget to include up to \$3,000 to provide someone to supervise an "open gym" for 3 or 4 hours a day during the months of July and August. The Mission Support Team brought this idea as a way of providing a service to the youth of our immediate community.

FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

We will give thanks for them during worship!
We will have a special gift for each man present!

**Plan to be present to honor those who
fill this sacred role among us.**

Vacation Bible School

We are planning something different for Vacation Bible School this year. It will be held on five consecutive Sunday mornings

**July 18 through August 15
from 10 a.m. to 12 noon**

Children ages 5-11 years welcome

See program details inside under Twyla's column.

Keep these dates in mind, and if you can help please contact Twyla

Unravelings J. Wayne Yawn

It seems like our human arrogance with technology, without adequate self-control, may have just got us in a predicament from which we may never fully recover. We may not be able to put the toothpaste back into the proverbial tube. Heck, we may not even be able to stop it coming out! I imagined nuclear technology would be the culprit. But it may be deep sea drilling technology! I am all for questioning what is in order to improve human life. I am all for technology and learning new things. But without adequate concern for *justice, mercy and humility* to generate *self-control* of technology from corporate CEO's, government and we individuals, technology can kill us! This is not a new story.

Genesis gives us *The Flood* story that is about people taking what they had learned from humans and nature and using those resources without *self-control*. The story says God destroyed everything with the flood because of their evil ways of living. Well, to my mind, that image of God intervening with vengeance doesn't fit the image of God in Jesus. Whatever the details the Scripture covers with the phrase "every inclination of the thoughts of [Man's] heart was only *evil* . . ." I think this story is tied to the earlier story in Genesis of the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. In pondering that story it occurred to me that I may have always heard that story wrongly. I always thought that eating of the tree would make Adam and Eve be able to identify good and evil. But that would surely be something God would want them to know. Human parents do? Pondering I noticed that the words do not say the tree of the knowledge of *what* is good and *what* is evil. Opening my mind, I think it says eating would change their minds from God's knowledge (method/way) of deciding how to live life as *good and evil*. God's knowledge is using who we are (our Being) with *self-control*, (i.e. not just for self) but for others just as God set up The Garden of Eden to operate for *good*. When Adam and Eve ate (consumed) God's way of deciding how to live life they decided to live life the way they judged the *good*—without self-control. Existence turned to havoc! Not long after this, comes not only *The Flood story*, but the *Tower of Babel story*. Mankind's technology grew beyond using just stones to build. Mankind discovered the technology of brick making. They could "reach to the heavens" just like God! Mankind would be invincible like God! You know the story. So God intervened, multiplying languages so they could not understand each other while building. Whether God actually intervened is not the point. The point is that they let technology lead them to use, to consume and discard God's way of creating *good and evil*. And it created havoc! Without *humility and self-control* of technology, we can repeat the Genesis stories.

Will we ever learn that only *humility* to use God's knowledge (not ours) to guide new technology and new information will keep us from killing us and lead to *evil*? Corporations, governments and individuals must adopt *humility* so they cannot imagine they can reach to the sky as gods, justifying whatever *goal* or out-of-control *process* may seem justified at the moment. It is up to us to convert not just individuals to God, but corporations too, so they cannot ever say, "Oh, it's just business." That, my friends, is to eat from the Tree of the Godly Knowledge of deciding good and evil; consuming it, turning it to dung. Isn't now a "ripe" time for doing this? As Pete Seeger wrote about the governments Vietnam War, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" Gone to decorate the graves of soldiers, everyone. He asked "when will we ever learn?" to stop the insanity of trying our technology (in that case, war) to make life *good* (and it turned out mostly *evil*). Are we at another Flood or Tower of Babel? Maybe! Save for the radical God of the resurrection! Whee! Let us learn God's resurrection *self-control*! Dear God, let us learn it; be converted to it; be transformed by it!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:55 a.m.

June

- 16 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner
6:00 p.m. Youth Missions
6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 19 2:00 p.m. Kid's Club
- 20 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group (Conference Room)
10:55 p.m. **Father's Day Recognition in Worship**
- 21 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 23 9:00 a.m. Sandwich Ministry
10:30 a.m. Instrumentalists' Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
3:30 p.m. Knit & Crochet Club (Parlor)
5:45 p.m. Begin Serving Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Missions (Twyla's Office)
6:30 p.m. Discipleship Study
7:35 p.m. **NO** Choir Rehearsal

Staff News ...

Dr. and Mrs. Young will be representing UBC at the Annual Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship which will be meeting next week in Charlotte, North Carolina. They will leave on June 22 and return on June 26. Dr. Young will be preaching on Sunday, June 27. Then they will take their grandchildren back to Missouri and spend a couple of vacation weeks visiting family there. They will be back the week of July 12.

Dr. Yawn will be in Durham, North Carolina for an infant dedication at Duke University Chapel for their friends the Krzyzewski and Frasher families, the weekend of July 9-11, but back in the office July 12.

Rev. Phil Carpenter will preach on Sunday, July 11, when both Dr. Yawn and Dr. Young will be gone. Phil will also be away on Sunday, July 4 and Wednesday, July 7, because of travels related to his full-time job.

Rev. Twyla Turner will be taking her father to a family wedding in Iowa. They will be gone July 8 - July 13.

Last Call for Graduates

Next week's issue of *The Vision* will contain the list of our graduates. Please have any names to be included in to the church office by this Sunday, June 20, for inclusion in that list.

Youth News...Twyla Turner

Youth Missions

Youth Missions will meet in Twyla's office on June 16 at 6:15 pm. We will work on some items for VBS. If you are available, your help is needed. Come, join us and help as we prepare to change lives. I look forward to seeing YOU!

Sunday School

We have resumed Youth Sunday School after Twyla's vacation, so try to be present this Sunday June 20th, as we meet at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship and Bible study at 10 a.m. Thanks to **James Sturges**, once again, for his special leadership role in Children's Church on Sunday morning.

Kid's Club

Due to Father's Day in June, our next Kid's Club event will be on **Saturday, June 19th**. We will meet at the church at 2 p.m. for an afternoon of fun and a special project. Please eat lunch before you come to the church. We will have a snack during our time together. We will conclude our activity by 6 p.m.

Opportunity for Service—

Thank you to **Leigh Whitcraft**, for helping with this year's UBC Yard Sale, on Saturday, June 12, to raise funds for the Hope Tree Family Services. Thanks also to those youth and children who came and made purchases, for their support. Some items were purchased that will be used for one of our Christmas mission projects of making gift boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** of Samaritan's Purse. We will have several opportunities this summer to earn donations for additional items to put in the packages we are sending and to pay for the postage.

Keep these dates available on your calendar---

June 19—Kid's Club 2-6 p.m.

June 24—Beach Day Trip-6 a.m. departure

June 26—Graduate Recognition Dinner-7 p.m.

June 27—Summer Kick-off Pool Party for Youth

July and August—Details coming...

Vacation Bible School & Summer Camp

Christmas Fundraiser and Operation Christmas Child gift collections and School Supply Collections—Watch for those school supply sales in July

SonQuest Rainforest...

is the theme of our 2010 Vacation Bible School.

On Sunday, July 18th, we will kick-off the first of our **5 Sundays** of Vacation Bible School. We will visit the **SonQuest Rainforest** to learn about God. This looks to be a fantastic Bible School and your help is needed. We hope that you will consider inviting children in your neighborhood to join us at VBS on Sunday mornings (while you are in Sunday School and Worship). Perhaps you can provide their transportation! I am challenging our congregation to identify and register **35** children to participate this year. Invitations and registration forms will be available on Sunday, June 20th for you to share in your neighborhood. We will be focusing on students ages **5-11** this year.

The "Church Mouse" observed...

Samantha and Madison Banks, and their friend, Jane, picking up trash on the playground that was left behind by others. The "Church Mouse" was really pleased that these girls wanted to help others and take care of God's creation through their actions. Thank you girls for making a difference!

Also, the "Church Mouse" has been counting pillows this spring and he is proud to announce that the ladies involved in the **Mended Hearts Ministry** made more pillows than they ever have before in a season...**408!!** So we recognize **Venetta Tucker, Hester DePue, Eleanor Brown, Sandy Godwin, Vivian Bespegetti, Ana and Ed Timmins, Norma Meadows, Twyla Turner, and Jerri Campbell**. The "Church Mouse" is proud of all of those who help with this special ministry to heart patients. Thank you all for making a difference! (This ministry is taking a break for the Summer but will resume on September 16. If you would be interested in participating, contact Jerri Campbell.

If any other "church mice" observe someone going "above and beyond" and would like to make it known, we have forms available for submission to "The Vision." They can be found on the shelf next to the mailboxes by the church office and elevator. Turn the completed forms into the church office.

Thank you ...

The church mouse was not the only one who noticed the success of the Yard Sale on June 13! As you see on the Financial Report, the Yard Sale raised **\$1,110.18 for HopeTree Family Services**. We are grateful to **Sally Norris** for heading up this effort and making it such a success. We are grateful to **Les Norris** and others who worked so hard to store and then put out the donations. We are grateful for each of you who helped in so many ways with preparation, set up, and clean up. And we are grateful to each of you who contributed something to be included in the sale. The children and families served by HopeTree will be blessed by all that you have done. Thank you!