

## Financial Facts

### End of September Year to Date:

	INCOME	EXPENSES	OVER/ (UNDER)
Sept.	\$29,185	\$36,095	(\$6910)
YTD	\$300,722	\$305,845	(\$5,845)
Budget	\$296,678	\$320,155	(23,477)

*(The above results mean we anticipated having a deficit of \$23,477 at this point in the year based on past giving patterns, but we have a \$5,845 deficit. This means we are \$17,632 ahead of where we expected to be this time of year.)*

### Pledges & Regular Gifts:

	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	OVER/ (UNDER)
Sept.	\$29,413	\$29,185	(\$228)
YTD	\$264,713	\$267,430	\$2,717

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## Upcoming Events to Remember:

### Youth Group Unite Conference, Oct. 5-7

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

3:30 pm Meet in the Church Parking Lot

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 AM Meet in the Church Parking Lot  
Staying over night at Camp White

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Unite 2006 (Post Falls, Idaho)

### NAVIGATORS IONE AUTUMN TRAIN TOUR OCTOBER 14

8:30 am Meet in the church parking lot

### MEET YOUR DEACON SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

9:30 am Reception Hall

### NAVIGATORS INLAND EMPIRE PAPER MILL TOUR OCTOBER 21

10:45 am Meet in paper mill parking lot

### FALL BAZAAR OCTOBER 28

9:00 am - 4:00 pm at the church

### REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

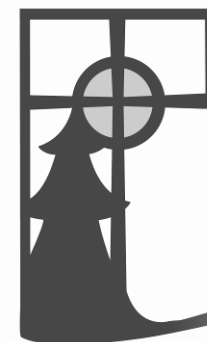
Contemporary Service at 9:30 am

Traditional Service at 11:00 am

### TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 31

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the church parking lot

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## A Continuing Conversion

By Rev. Craig Goodwin

I've been reading the book, "Changing Minds", by Harvard professor Howard Gardner. It is a study of how we move from one understanding of the world to another, one perspective of things to another perspective. The catchy marketing quote on the cover comes from a review in Oprah Magazine that declares the book a guide on "How to get anyone to agree with you." As much as I would like to have such powers, that isn't my motivation for reading the book. In fact I'm generally not drawn to books that are promoted by Oprah magazine ☺. What I am interested in is the process of change we commonly refer to as conversion.

If you look in your Bible you will actually only find one occurrence of the English word "conversion". The more common word, that gets to the heart of the spiritual change of conversion, is to "turn." It can be found referring to turning away from God as it is in Galatians 4:9; *"now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?"* Or we can find it used to describe turning to God as in 1 Peter 2:25; *"For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls."*

There are two observations from the book I want to share for common reflection. The first has to do with the timing of conversion or changing minds. Gardner speaks of his own experience and says, "I now realize that such 'lightning changes of mind,' as I felt I'd experienced...do not occur like a thunderbolt - no matter how much they may feel that way..." He goes on to describe sudden changes of perspective as the fruit of long processes. This is helpful for us as we think about our spiritual journey.

I know some of us are on a journey of exploring what Jesus and the church mean to us, without having had what we might call a conversion experience. Maybe you look around at others who seem to "get it" so easily, while you plug along in fits and starts. I want to encourage you to continue on the journey. Turning our lives to God, is not a sudden event, it is a long process. What may seem like dramatic sudden conversion events in the lives of others are actually the fruit of long journeys of discovery.



Others of us have long ago turned our lives to God. Our conversion experiences seem like a distant memory. The danger is that we might assume we're done with conversion, but the biblical vision for turning our lives to God is an ongoing work of continual conversion. It reminds me of a story my Father in law tells of driving home to California from Princeton seminary with a few friends. At one of the night time pit stops, they changed drivers and in a sleepy stupor the new driver got back on the freeway going east, back towards Princeton. At some point they figured it out, turned around, and drove west. They weren't content to simply turn around and know they were headed in the right direction. They were compelled by a destination and kept on going. For us, it's not just about turning around to face the right direction. Conversion is about turning around and then getting on with the journey, continually making sure we're headed in the right direction.

Gardner highlights one other important aspect of "changing minds." He says that it is not just a matter of mental gymnastics. He says that a key component of experiencing change and leading

## Conversion (cont.)

others in change is developing skills or inhabiting practices that reflect ideas or theories. Changing our minds necessitates changing our habits and skills. This has been the wisdom of the church through the ages. As we turn our lives to God we integrate into our lives a whole set of habits and practices. This fall we are focusing on the practice of community. Brennan Manning has this to say about the practice of community;

*"...the truest test of discipleship is the way we live with each other in the community of faith. It is as simple and as demanding as that. In our words and deeds, we give shape and form to our faith every day. We make people a little better or leave them a little worse. We either affirm or deprive, enlarge or diminish the lives of others."*

I want to encourage us in this ongoing practice of community and especially our weekly habit of gathering for worship. In many ways this is THE central practice of our life together.

Ultimately our conversion is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Maybe that's the biggest change of all, recognizing that the change we desire so much can only come as we receive it as a gift, by the power of the Spirit. May God bless us as we turn our lives to Him. Pastor Craig.

## Prayer Partner Program

In a congregation of young and old, it is important to nurture a connection between these groups. One way we plan to do is through a program of adults partnering in prayer with our youth. Those interested adults will get a card with a name, a picture, and prayer request from one of our youth. Prayer is a powerful bond among people. By calling on the adults in the church to participate in prayer for specific children, the importance to being an active player in the lives of the church youth will hopefully be recognized and encouraged. This program is in its developmental stage. If you are interested in this prayer ministry, please call the church office. Stay tuned for more information in the church bulletins.

## Christian Education

### Trunk or Treat – October 31

It's that time of year again for trunk-or-treating for candy and hot apple cider! Join us for Trunk-or-Treat October 31 from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm in the church parking lot. There will be cars to trick-or-treat from and refreshments for the adults! All ages of kids are welcome! Any adults wishing to sign up for bringing their cars and candy, please contact the church office.



## Children's Ministry

### Fall Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Worship – Children are invited to go to their classes from worship at approximately 9:45 am  
 9:45 am – Noah's Park For children ages 3–5 years  
 Adventure Kids for children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 10:45 am Bible Quest Sunday School for ages 3–5  
 LIGHTHouse – Sunday School for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
 11:00 am – Youth Sunday School

*Adventure Kids, for elementary age, is the continuation of worship after they leave the sanctuary. LIGHTHouse, at 10:45 am, is Bible learning shaped around a variety of learning styles. We encourage children of all ages to attend both hours!*

### Mitten Drive

Our LIGHTHouse classes are sponsoring a mitten drive for kids at Arthur B. Ness Elementary. Beginning October 8, after the second worship service, you will see a clothes-line in the Reception Hall containing paper mittens. Please take a set of paper mittens, and replace them with a real pair of mittens or gloves the next time you are at church. Please bring gloves or mittens by October 29. Our goal is to collect 345 pairs for kids in grades K through 5.

## Welcome Young Life/Church Partner, Ian Cooley



Ian Cooley is a recent graduate of Whitworth College and is excited to begin work as a Young Life/Church Partner with Millwood Community Presbyterian Church. Ian grew up at First

Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, Washington and began attending Young Life in high school. He was a student leader in Young Life and a Young Life volunteer throughout college and also did a summer internship working with youth at his church in Bellevue. Growing up in the northwest, Ian learned to embrace the outdoors and is an avid snow skier and competition wakeboarder. Other hobbies and passions of Ian's include film and cinematography, classic literature, and drinking good coffee.

Ian will be working roughly half-time with the Junior High youth ministry at church and half-time working to establish Young Life in the West Valley, starting with Centennial Middle School. The best way for us to think of Ian is as a full-time missionary to students in West Valley. In a month or so Ian will initiate Wyldlife outreach events for Junior High students. On any given day you will most likely find Ian "hanging out" with students at school lunches or football games. Ian would love to meet you, so feel free to stop by his office, which is next to the lower conference room and the Christian Education offices.

## Welcome Junior High Youth Intern, Katie Skattebo



Katie Skattebo is the junior high youth intern this year. She has been volunteering with the youth for the past two years as a small group leader and Wednesday night facilitator. Katie is currently a junior at Whitworth College and is

studying Speech Communication while also receiving her Certification for Ministry. After college she is hoping to work with children who have lost family members and help them through the grieving process through group therapy.

Katie was born in the Philippines where her parents were missionaries for ten years. She then spent the rest of her childhood in Colorado Springs, Colorado where her family still resides. She has four siblings between the ages of twenty-three and ten. She will always remain close with her family, even being a couple states away.

Her interests include: hanging out with middle schoolers, anything outdoors, music, good conversation, and art. She is excited about continuing her work at Millwood and is looking forward to developing relationships with the

## Congratulations Gary Harris!

Gary received an award this year at the Inland Northwest Senior Wellness conference as Volunteer Man of the Year for his volunteer work at Millwood Presbyterian and through Kiwanis.

## Fall Bazaar & Bake Sale

The Annual Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, here at the church. We will have many special "things" for the home, and gifts for the holidays. Lois Noble will be happy to take your name for our always successful bake sale. Be sure and mark your calendar for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us!



## Meet Your Deacon Sunday

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> is Millwood's annual Meet Your Deacon Sunday. It is the opportunity for all members of a flock to meet their deacon and visit in person. The Reception Hall will be set up with flock lists and the Deacons will be ready to greet each and every one of you. And there will be treats! So come after the first service at 10:30 am or after the second service at noon, and Meet Your Deacon!

## Navigators

The MCPC Navigator's committee is actively planning the 2006-2007 monthly meetings. Most of our monthly meetings this Navigator year will be on Friday or Saturday at or about 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. We are planning some interesting and we hope enjoyable day trips that will be other than the scheduled monthly fellowship meetings. The MCPC Satellites Group has been again invited to join up with the Navigators. The response was a resounding yes. Twenty-five Satellites have accepted and they are very positive about the lunch time meetings. If anyone is interested in some fellowship with "really neat" folks, watch the church bulletin/press for upcoming monthly events. See you there!

## Minute for Missions

Thanks for your wonderful response to Millwood's Foster son, Hangmuanthang Hanghal. We now have sufficient funds for support for a year. The Treat of The Month needs to continue and your Mission Committee, with the Session's consent, will be helping one of our own members with education funding in the near future. Keep watching this column for further information.

During September we collected 363 items of baby food for the West Central Community Center.

October is Operation Christmas Child. Please stop in the entryway to pick up instructions for your Christmas box and a wrapped shoebox to fill. These shoeboxes go around the world to children in the poorest areas, giving them a taste of Christmas and the message of God's love.

The Union Gospel Mission Food Barrel is in the Narthex each Sunday for October. All food collected goes directly to the mission to help feed men and women and children that have no home and little or no income. It is recommended that non-perishable food be left in the barrel. If you have garden produce, please call them for direct pickup or drop it off at the mission on E. Trent. They are always happy to get anything you have and nothing you give them goes to waste.

A recent letter from Bibles for the World requested funding for construction of a building on property that will be returned to government control unless work is commenced by mid-October. After investigating this program, it is considered a very good cause and Mission Committee encourages anyone who received this letter and feels inclined to support it.

Our monthly Crosswalk program to children on the streets is in need of help for October and November. There are funds available to purchase food, but someone is needed to purchase the food, take it down to Crosswalk and prepare and serve it. Please contact Sylvia Barney if you would like to help.

## Millwood Youth Community Center

Our Session recently approved the remodeling of the former Millwood Post Office at 8319 E Euclid into a Millwood Youth Community Center. The Teen Center will be used by our teenage youth groups, by the YOUNG LIFE middle school and high school groups, by the YOUNG LIFE CAPERNAUM MINISTRIES as well as other community uses.

Pastor Craig has asked Roger Crawford to be in charge of this project. Roger and Mona Crawford have been strong supporters of the VALLEY YOUNG LIFE program and want to see this program active in the West Valley High School as well as the area middle schools.

The remodeling of this church owned space will provide much needed dedicated space for our teens until such time as a new facility can be designed, financed and constructed. The remodeling will involve some demolition of interior walls, construction of a new restroom, all new plumbing, new electrical panel and wiring, new floors and carpet, new lighting, new wall treatments, new doors and windows, new air conditioning and a new furnace, not to mention the furnishings that will come later. It is hoped that much of the work can be done by volunteers of the church to minimize the costs.

We need the following volunteers and their special talent for this project: General: help for demolition and dump runs. Plumbing: for a new restroom and sink hook up. Electrical: Install new circuit breakers and maybe new service. Carpentry: Install new floor underlayment, and new walls. Ladies can help by making contact with local businesses for support for this worthy project.

We plan to work on the building effective September 26, each Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm until we are finished. If you would like to help, please contact Roger Crawford at 999-9977, or call the church office.

## Spokane Valley Young Life Annual Dessert Fund Raiser

*You Are Invited!*

*When: Monday, October 23, 2006*

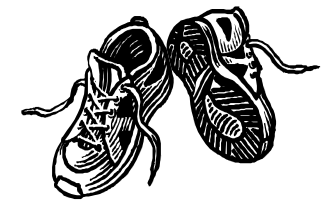
*Time: 7-8:30 pm*

*Where: Decades Banquet Room  
(10502 E. Sprague near U-City)*

*Why: Valley Young Life is growing and reaching more kids every year and we need your support.*

*The banquet theme for 2006-2007 is:  
"In Their Shoes."*

*This theme illustrates Young Life's love for kids, the joys and challenges of being a teenager and the valuable role of Young Life leaders in kids' lives. We walk in kids' shoes because Jesus did the same for us. We hope you can come!*



## Camp White Clean Up Day Saturday, Oct. 21:

Join us at 9:00 am to winterize the camp and for general cleanup. For information, call Mark Dawkins at 893-1520.

## Do You Have Muscles? Can You Read Music?

Tintinnabula, the adult Handbell choir at Millwood is looking for one very special person to help ring the large bass bells. We generally play for worship once a month and play a 30-minute concert Christmas Eve. We rehearse on Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. If you think you might be the one, please call Diane Williams (448-1309) as soon as possible.

## Men's Retreat At Camp Spalding

### Men's Retreat – November 3–5

Men of Millwood, put this event on your calendars now! Each year the Men's Conference provides a renewing and meaningful experience to hundreds of area men. If you have never been to Clearwater Lodge, you owe yourself the opportunity to experience it. The speaker this year is John Fischer; singer/songwriter, author.

The conference runs from 5:00 p.m. Friday, 11/3, till 11:30 a.m. Sunday, 11/6.

The cost for meals and lodging is \$159 per person for two to a room, or \$139 for four in Clearwater Lodge, or \$120 per person for five in one of the new Ponderosa Cabins. The classic cabins are five per room (no one has to sleep on a top bunk!) and are very reasonable at only \$80 per person. Five of us last year chose this option and had a great time.

For more information and to register to go, call Steve Wilder at 509 979-7513. Steve is coordinating for the Men of Millwood.

## Have You Seen these Items?

During the late spring and summer, our church provided a storage space for Ian Cooley, our Young Life Liaison to store some of his belongings. Some of the items stored have become misplaced during the summer and we need your help to find them. If you have seen several boxes of book son philosophy and theology, a green ottoman, woven rug, skateboard, and clothing, please call the church office and let the office know.

## Condolences...

...to the family and friends of Roy Howes who passed away recently. Roy was pastor at MCPC from 1950 to 1960.

...to the family and friends of Dick Brandvold who went to be with the Lord on September 30, 2006. The memorial service for Dick will be held at 2pm on Saturday, October 7 at 2pm in the sanctuary.

## Welcome New Choir & Praise Team Members!

Each year, the Memorials Committee provides scholarships to choir students from Whitworth College. This year, we are blessed to have sophomore Meghan Brombach who is a soprano from Olympia, and sophomore Jeremiah Sataraka who is a tenor from Puyallup.

Matt Park, who began singing bass in our choir us this year as well.

Cindy Schuman, who is new to our church, will be singing soprano in the Choir and Darwin

Kellogg will be singing tenor in the Choir as well. The Praise Team is glad to welcome sophomore Derek Gruen, who is form Colorado Springs, Colorado, to our Praise Team. Derek will be playing acoustic guitar with us this year. Please take a moment and welcome our new Choir and Praise Team Members.



### Looking for a Good Book to Read?

In conjunction with our focus this year on the spiritual growth, the Session is reading book by Philip Kenneson titled "Life on the Vine." It is a study of the fruits of the spirit. Let the church office know if you are interested in getting a copy and reading along with us throughout the year.

### Thank You!

The Camp White committee would like to thank the following individuals for their work in the dock resurfacing project. Dan Hood for his talents and materials with the welding requirements, Ken Williams and Jim Buntain for the purchase of the materials and coordinating the project. The following individuals also helped to ensure the project was finished: Bryce Backus, Tom Shannon, Larry Ross, Rich Harvey, and Steve Wilder. We would also like to thank Gary Matthews for the use of his tools. Thank you also to Geneva Donahue and Edna Mae Herbert for their work cleaning and painting the women's room in the old bath house.

## Thank You for Your Support

The Deacons had twelve requests for food assistance from families in our community during the months of June, July and August. Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to reach out and help those who needed it. The food bank is gearing up for the winter season and is low on some items. If you are able to help us, we could use the following foods to replenish the pantry: cans of fruit, pork & beans, evaporated milk, canned pumpkin, refried beans, and packets of spaghetti sauce mix to go with canned tomatoes that we already have on hand. The Deacons thank you for your continued support in serving and ministering to the Millwood community and to our church.

## Presbyterian Women Meeting

October 5, 10 am

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a speaker from the Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House has four "Help Yourself Kitchens," and always need help keeping them stocked with snacks such

as popcorn, cookies, crackers, cans of soup, etc. They could also use such items as tooth brushes, tooth paste, and hand soap. If we all bring just one item, it would be very much appreciated by the out of town families staying there while their children are in the hospital. For more information, please call Sylvia Barney at 891-1045, or Lois Batson at 926-8079.



## Deacon Food Bank

The Deacon Food Bank commodity for October is canned pumpkin and evaporated milk. All donations are appreciated. Thank you for giving to your community and church through the Deacon Food

## Priscilla Circle Meeting

The Priscilla Circle will meet Tuesday, October 24, 2006, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to work on quilts. If you like to quilt, bring a sack lunch and join us!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the family of Hayden Harlander. Hayden was born July 31, 2006, to Christine and Nick Harlander. Cindy and Dave Noble are the grandparents and Lois Noble is the great - grandmother. The Harlanders and the Nobles would like to thank everyone for the prayers offered and all of the help they received.

## Bring Church to the Homebound

MCPC's Lay Ministry team is in need of more folks to visit precious members of our congregation. Are you a good listener? Do you have a heart for the homebound? We are looking for those who can commit to visiting homebound members at least once a month. Our goal is to make sure those who can't make it to church still feel connected to the Body. We want them to know they are treasured members of our congregation! If you have any questions as to what this type of commitment would entail, just ask one or more of the current members of Millwood's Lay Ministry Team: Lu Simpson (moderator), Verda Coryell, Ina Grunwald, Evelyn Guenther, Carol Harvey, Jim Kujala, Jan Phillips, Carol Schjodt, and Lois Wynecoop. Please call Lu Simpson if you'd like to join the team, 926-4547.

