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Meet Deputy Todd Weber and his K-9 companion Varro of the Multnomah County Sheriff's office at Downtown Fellowship.

### The History of One Great Hour of Sharing

In 1946, Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Episcopal Church challenged members to raise "one million dollars in one hour." It worked!

In 1949, church leaders from several denominations formed an ad hoc committee to organize an appeal on major radio networks and many independent radio stations. The participants included President Harry Truman who brought greetings and a cast of the foremost dramatic and musical talent of the day.

The broadcast ended with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution for those around the globe who had urgent needs, due to war, famine or natural disaster. No exact measure of income was possible though it was estimated more than 75,000 churches participated.

## Something Bigger Than Ourselves

We always live with the temptation to see ourselves and our personal concerns as the center of the universe. That temptation only intensifies in times of stress, whether that stress comes from our own unique challenges, or whether it is a function of turbulence in the larger society around us.

Those of us whose memories stretch back a few years or decades can testify that the lost jobs and melting savings of the current economy are nothing new. Many in our congregation remember the great depression of the 1930s vividly. Threats and saber rattling among nations are not unique to our time either. We have veterans of World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam in our midst, and current members and loved ones deployed to Iraq. The "*wars and rumors of wars*" of *Matthew 24* seem to me to be not simply a sign of "the end times", but a mark of the fallen human condition. The anxiety around global climate change is a function of real challenges to which Christians of all people – aware of the Creator's mandate to exercise stewardship of the earth – ought to be responsive, but earthquakes, hurricanes, typhoons and catastrophic droughts have threatened human survival since the beginning of time. And finally, I would never minimize the searing grief of a loved one lost; I have been there myself. But the sting of death and grief are inescapable if we live and love.

If we never break out of the iron cell of self-concern, we will forever be prisoners of life's circumstances, and we will never see beyond the horizon

of the self. Jesus issues us an exhilarating promise wrapped in a challenge. "*If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it (Mark 8:34-35).*"

This is not a grim invitation to masochism, but a courageous call to see beyond one's self and to believe and live from the conviction of a new world coming. When we teach our children, offer hospitality to our neighbors, visit those who are sick and in prison, freely and genuinely forgive those who have wronged us, wish our enemies well, tithe off the top of our income, and praise God ***in all things***, we are liberated from deadening self concern, and we become living signs of something bigger than ourselves, that new world in which "*the earth will be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea*" (*Isaiah 11:9*).

It is a special invitation, then, from a gracious God, that this year, when household budgets are tight and the local church budget is stretched and we are threatened by paralyzing anxiety, we are invited to look beyond ourselves to those who have been victims of war and natural disaster through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. See the accompanying historical vignette about this offering, which American Baptists raise and distribute jointly with sister churches. Paradoxically, it is God's gift to us.

—Dr. David L. Wheeler, Senior Pastor—

**The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe** is being presented at First Baptist Church, in association with David Payne Drama, June 13 at 3:00 and 6:30. **Children under 10- \$5, Adults \$10.**

**Cost at the door, \$10 and \$15**

Pre-purchase your tickets for the lower rate by calling Lori at 503-228-7465 and ordering your tickets.



**WE'RE GOING ON A TREASURE HUNT! Sunday June 14**

*We're searching for God's treasures. The Bible provides the map with God's teaching saying **people are His special treasures**. We want to help people around the world, as well as here at home, as they face disasters of hurricanes, earthquakes, wars, hunger, poverty, lack of education and illness.*

*Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we can care for God's treasures. By sharing some of our earthly treasure, our money, our time, our energy, we can help. We will be taking this offering on **Sunday, June 14**. Please consider how you can give and change lives as needs arise throughout the world.*

*-Sharon Rich, Chair-  
Mission Outreach*

**Sunday Fellowship Dinner and Sing A-long is June 14 at 12:30**



*Join us for a Sing A-Long*

Purchase your tickets in Fellowship Hall before the dinner. The Sing A-long will follow the dinner.



**Food Barrel Sunday June 14**

We still need:  
Breakfast cereal  
and Tomato Paste

We have also been getting requests for toilet tissue.



**The Summer Music Program begins June 21.**

We're looking for soloists, instrumentalists and groups of various kinds to provide music during the 9:00 and 11:00 services during the summer months.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Travis Hatton at 503-228-7465, email him at thatton@fbc-portland.org. or sign up on the sheet in the choir room, indicating the date you would like to perform, and for which worship service.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**June 14, 2009**

**Pastor David in the Pulpit**  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Romans 8:12-17  
**"Joint Heirs with Christ"**

**June 21, 2009**

**Pastor David in the Pulpit**  
Job 38:1-11  
Mark 4:35-41  
**"In the Storm"**

**June 28, 2009**

**Pastor Ed Stelle Preaching**  
Daniel 6:16-22  
John 10:22-27  
**"Keep Tuned In"**

Worship Services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

11:00 worship also in Spanish and Cambodian languages.

"Time for Children" during the 11:00 service

Children's Church for ages 3 through

Second Grade follows the Time for Children at 11:00am.

Sunday school for all ages at 9:55am.

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We will continue to mail The Trumpeter to all who desire to continue receiving a hard copy.

-Darlene Smith-

**Thanks to the choir and to Music Director Travis Hatton for making our worship more meaningful with their music. They will now take a break over the summer.**



**Summer Home Groups July 15 to August 19**



Our Wednesday Evening Dinner and Bible Study ends on June 24 and we plan to begin our summer home groups on July 15.

If you would like to offer your home as a site for a home group or if you would like to be a part of a leadership team, let us know. This is a great ministry with a short-term commitment. You can let us know on the back of the Communication Card whether you want to "host" or "lead," give Genie a call at 503-228-7465, or email her at gbridwell@fbc-portland.org.

**The Youth Auction is a Hit!**

"And the winner of this year's youth auction king and queen goes to Bruce Bridgess and Bev Simmons!"

I forget which items sold for the most but we auctioned off

- two vacation homes,
- a set of trek bikes,
- a collection of Elvis dolls and memorabilia,
- and more monkey bread and dinners than you can imagine!

The youth auction is an annual affair at First Baptist Church. And we raised more money this year than almost any other youth auction in the history of this church!

Thank you all for attending and your support for our REAL: Where Gospel Meets Life youth group.

—Pastor Abraham Bates—  
Christian Education and Discipleship

*WITH Sympathy Jo Jones*

*Born: April 10, 1916*

*Joined: November 28, 1982*

*Died: May 31, 2009*



**Members, clergy and friends of First Baptist Church** are invited to participate in First Presbyterian Church's Farmers' Table program every Sunday from June 14 - August (except July 19) from 12:15pm-1:00pm in First Presbyterian's basement or on their outdoor plaza, depending on the weather. Enter the basement from SW 13th or the outdoor plaza from SW 12th or 13th.

A Hmong farm family, the Her's, sell pesticide-free and herbicide-free vegetables, berries, and flowers every Sunday. A project of the Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.



**New Member Parking Stickers**

Old and new members can receive parking stickers to identify them as members of FBC. Members with parking stickers are allowed parking privileges Monday-Saturday after 6:00pm and all-day Sunday. The coordinator of each Special Event must arrange for parking with Steve Purvis of Diamond Parking. Ask for your parking sticker at the Welcome Center on Sunday or contact Lori during the week.

*June*

*Birthdays*



- Jun 19- Debra Fergerson  
Jennifer Lawson  
Lance Madenwald
- Jun 20 - Steve Lofland  
Sherrill Powell  
Christi Wulf
- Jun 22 - Paul Barnett  
Bev Owen
- Jun 23 - JoAnn Honey  
Mike Roberts
- Jun 24 - Charlotte Shepherd
- Jun 26 - Lestelle Anderson  
Lydia Cross
- Jun 29 - Kindra Aschenbrenner  
Jean Dransfeldt

We do not wish to leave anyone out. If you have a birthday in the last two weeks of June and it is not listed here, please call Genie at 503-228-7465.

**Children out of school for the summer** may enjoy the Downtown Fellowship program with Deputy Todd Weber and his dog Varro, members of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office on Thursday, June 25 at 10:30. The program lasts about 45 minutes. You are welcome to stay for the hot lunch.

**Save the Date of these upcoming events.**

Don't Miss the:

➤ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AT OAKS PARK

July 19 after church Picnic/Ride Tickets at the park

➤QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

July 26 at 12:30pm Fellowship Hall

**Time Dated Material**

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**Downtown Fellowship**

**Friends...Faith...Food**  
**Thursday, June 25**  
**at 10:30am in the**  
**Social Room.**  
**Last Program until Fall**



**Program: Deputy**  
**Todd Weber and**  
**Varro from the**  
**Multnomah County**  
**Sheriff's Office.**

Deputy Weber and Varro  
trained over 400+ hours  
learning to patrol and track.  
Varro once located a thief  
who was hiding submerged  
in a pond and under an  
overhanging bush.

You are invited to stay for a  
hot lunch (\$3.00) served in  
the dining room at 11:45

**+** **ដំណឹងពីសកម្មភាពនៃពួកជំនុំខ្មែរ**  
**MESSAGE IN CAMBODIAN**

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