



**JULY/AUGUST
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Pastor's Column



*O Lord, You are
my God; I will
exalt You,
I will give thanks*

*to Your name
For You have worked wonders,
Plans formed long ago, with
perfect faithfulness...
And on this mountain He
(Messiah) will swallow up
the covering which is over all
peoples.
Even the veil which is stretched
over all peoples.
He will swallow up death for all
time,
And the Lord God will wipe tears
away from all faces.
And He will remove the reproach
of His people from all the earth...
Let us rejoice and be glad in His
salvation.
(Isaiah 25:1-9 selected verses)*

Wonder of wonders – the Prophet
Isaiah saw from centuries away
the completed work of Jesus

Christ, our Savior – our Messiah.
One commentator recently wrote,
“Jesus has destroyed the shroud
that enfolds all peoples.” The
dreaded death-sheet – the drapery
over the deceased. Death is a
conquered foe! Christ's victory is a
finished work! And, God intended
before the foundation of the world
that His Son – Messiah – would
make the sacrifice. His resurrection
from the tomb tore the “veil” – the
separating cover – right down the
middle. By faith, you and I inherit
resurrection life – the never-ending
life of God.

What does this mean in our life
day to day? The gloom and dark
motives – greed, ignorance,
selfishness and lust for power we
experience in this world of ours
bring on anxiety. We slip into
pessimism at least – and even
depression and despair when
personal trials increase. Feeling
isolated, as though we were
handling things all alone, we are

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trapped and unable to see our way forward.
When we call out to God for rescue, He hears.
He knows our need. He supplies.

The light of God's super-abundant love revealed in Jesus brings hope and light to our blinded, "shrouded" spirit. We are guided by this radiant vision of good life and abundant grace – for ourselves – for our loved ones – for our community and the whole world. Jesus commanded His friends, when Lazarus emerged from the tomb, "Unwrap him and let him go." So are we released from the grip of the last enemy. The Lord is faithful to His promises.

John of Patmos heard the best news ever from the heavenly throne: "Look, God's dwelling place is with humanity, and He will live with them. They will be His peoples, and God Himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.' Then the One seated on the throne said, 'Look, I am making everything new.' He also said, 'Write, because these words are faithful and true.' Then He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely give to the thirsty from the spring of the water of life.'" (Revelation 21:3-6 CSB)

Wishing you joy all day!
Margot



**Sometimes
in life we just
need a hug...
no words, no advice,
just a hug to make
you feel you
matter.**



~~~~ today'sThot ~~~~

**Children will soon forget your presents;  
they will always remember your presence.**

## CALENDAR FOR JULY/AUGUST:

**07/10 ~** Worship Services begin at 10 AM starting today

**08/16-18 ~** Banks BBQ, Truck and Tractor Pull at Sunset Park.

**08/31 ~ 2 PM - 5 PM:** You are invited to celebrate the 100th birthday of MARCELLE DANIELSON! Her party will be held here at the Banks Community UMC.

### WEDNESDAYS:

**9:30 AM:** OGC a “retired guys fellowship” meets at the Café 47.



## WORSHIP ON BANKS DAY

Banks Day festivities are scheduled for August 18th and we will participate in the annual Community Worship Service, location yet to be determined. There will be no Worship that morning at the church.

As in the past few years, the Banks Ministerial Association is sponsoring the Misty Mamas, a “home-style bluegrass band”. They will be performing from 12:00 – 2:00, entertaining us during the Banks BBQ. We hope you can stick around or return to support and enjoy the ladies and their music.

### July

07/02 Liam Knifer  
07/16 Norma Stewart  
07/26 Ed Sipp  
07/29 Cindy Sprague  
07/29 Walt Gribner  
07/30 Margot Thompson



### August

08/02 Sally Smith  
08/06 Leola Stigleman  
08/11 Jeanine Bake  
08/19 Nancy Ridgway  
08/21 Sieata Fonua  
08/24 Bob Russell  
08/26 Patricia O’Neil  
08/27 Shirley Hines  
08/31 Marcelle Danielson

### Dear Friends ~

You are invited to celebrate the **100th birthday** of MARCELLE DANIELSON! Her party will be held here at the Banks Community UMC on Saturday, August 31 from 2 PM to 5 PM. We hope to see you there!

*Nancy & Dexter Danielson*

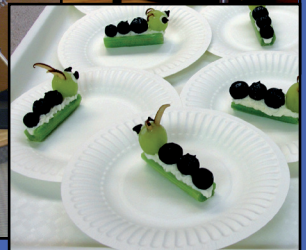


## THIS TOO, SHALL PASS.

When things are bad, remember:  
It won't always be this way.  
Take one day at a time.

When things are good, remember:  
It won't always be this way.  
Enjoy every great moment.





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## Everything is Wonderful

My face in the mirror  
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty,  
The cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely  
And so does my lawn.  
I think I might never  
Put my glasses back on.

There can be no  
other  
occupation like  
gardening in  
which, if you  
were to creep  
up behind  
someone at  
their work, you  
would find them  
smiling

~Mirabel Osler



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## MY BIGGEST PROBLEM

By Gene Westveer (Funnies reader)

"Hey, God can solve all your problems."  
I've heard that many a time.  
If I would just get with the program,  
Mountains would be easy to climb.

Those who tell me are well-meaning,  
But I just don't think they can see  
In their thoughtful intervening,  
That my biggest problem is me.

That rebellious streak I have inside  
I may try to suppress or not.  
With Christ I have been crucified,  
So each win shouldn't be so hard-fought.

"Let go and let God." That's the advice.  
Each time that I do I can see  
When I give up control, then Christ  
Solves my biggest problem, that's me.



(Courtesy of "Mikey's Funnies")



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Have you started shopping yet?

Although it is just early July, now is the time to start thinking about shoeboxes, what to purchase, what to pack in the shoeboxes, the children we can be praying for. When children receive an Operation Christmas Child shoebox they not only have the joy of getting lots of goodies that will be personally theirs, but they have the opportunity to learn about Jesus and a pathway to salvation.

Now is the time to start shopping for those summer sales of T-shirts, flip flops, socks and other small clothing items you might want to pack in your shoeboxes. School supplies will be on sale soon and a good time to buy up those pencils, crayons, tablets, etc. for the shoeboxes. Buying sale items makes it easier to purchase lots of goodies to really stuff those boxes.



### ***God Transforms a Family Through a Shoebox Gift***

*By the parent of a shoebox recipient in Burundi*

*My wife, children, and I thank God for Operation Christmas Child because we are now all Christians.*

*Before my 9-year-old son received a shoebox gift from the church, I was not a good father. In fact, I didn't deserve to be called a father because I was frequently drunk. My wife and children went to bed hungry many nights and had no clothes.*

*Then one day, my son was given a gift-filled shoebox and a small booklet called The Greatest Gift. I started secretly reading it and wondered what The Greatest Gift was all about.*

*My son started The Greatest Journey discipleship classes and told us about what he was learning. He graduated from the course and was given a Bible. I started reading it and decided to ask the pastor to help me receive Christ into my heart. When my wife saw it, she joined me and also repented. Today, we are Christians and we fellowship with the church.*

*God bless Operation Christmas Child as He uses you to transform people's lives.*



### ***Lights for His Path***

*By a ministry partner in Peru*

*Roberto is 9 years old and lives in a community, far from the nearest city, where there is no electricity. Families there only use candles for light.*

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*To get to Roberto's house, you must climb a tall hill. It is a very dangerous walk in the dark. There are no stores nearby.*

*Roberto asked Jesus to give him a flashlight so that he could walk at night—and God heard him! At an Operation Christmas Child outreach event held at his church, Roberto received a shoebox gift. Inside the box, he found among other items 24 small flashlights with batteries!*

*He was very happy and thanked God that he could share the lights with his family.*



*Since Samaritan's Purse began having outreach events in Peru in 1997, more than 3 million children like Roberto have received great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ through a gift-filled shoebox. Over 940,000 of these boys and girls have also participated in The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship course.*

Last year was a banner year for the Banks Drop-Off center. We received 1273 shoeboxes from churches and organizations around Western Washington County. Our own church people packed 65 shoeboxes, a good number.

We hope this fall sees good numbers, also. We are again asking for your help in providing shoeboxes that will be shipped around the world to children hungry for the word of God. Please be in prayer for this wonderful mission project and the part you may play in reaching children in the name of Jesus Christ.



## WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Starting July 7th our Worship time will be at **10:00 AM**. We will no longer be starting our service with Praise singing, instead, our Worship will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. For those of you who have a busy afternoon planned, this will get you on your way earlier. For those who have no need to hurry away, we will still have a good time of fellowship following our worship.

Beginning in the fall we are hoping to have a Sunday School for all ages starting sometime in September, 9:00 AM. The youth will be meeting at this time also, in place of their Sunday evening Youth Group. If they have a special outing planned it will be in the evening.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, contact any of the members of the Worship Committee: Pastor Margot, Mariana Knifer, Gail Haboush, Dave Bernel. We hope to see you all for Worship on July 7th at 10:00 AM.

## RECIPE CORNER

### Irish Shortbread

#### Ingredients

4 ounces unsalted butter (one stick),  
softened  
1/3 cup white sugar  
1 cup all purpose flour  
1/4 cup cornflour (not the same as cornmeal)  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt



dough and knead a few times until a firm ball forms.

Sprinkle with flour and roll the dough out to 1/4 inch thick.

Dust the top of the dough with flour, add a piece of thick lace, and gently roll over the lace or a doily, making an impression into the dough.

#### Directions

Preheat oven to 350° F

In a mixer with a paddle attachment, cream together the butter and sugar until light and very fluffy, about five minutes. Sift together the flour, cornflour and salt. Add little by little to the butter mixture until just combined into a dough.

On a lightly floured surface, dump out the

Remove the lace and cut the dough into squares or into rounds.

Place on a baking sheet lined with parchment and bake for 15 minutes or until barely golden brown.

#### PASTOR MARGOT'S OFFICE HOURS

Banks Community UMC

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - noon  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday - 10:00 a.m. - noon  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(At all hours, and any day Sunday through Thursday, please use her cell phone number.) She is also available for urgent or emergency matters at all times via cell.

#### BANKS TELLER

All submissions to the *Banks Teller* are **DUE BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH** preceding the month you wish it to run. The *Banks Teller* is published every two months.