



Spirit on the Move

February 2004

South Burnaby United Church – 7591 Gray Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5J 3Z4

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Men and women are different. What's your most recent example?



Last Saturday I went to the monthly men's breakfast at the church we attend. I love it; it's great cholesterol-packing food, and a virtuous excuse to partake of it (for three bucks), and it's another blessed opportunity for me to be just a person, not a preacher: after five years the other guys have given up on hoping I'll act weird so they can shun me, and I studiously refrain from pontification or other behavior that would betray my vocational routine.

The program was great. Billy Spears showed slides (are PowerPoint images still slides?) of trips to Utah and New Mexico -- none of the traditional sites, like Bryce Canyon or Temple Square -- just gorgeous, miraculous, bare-naked scenery, what God hath wrought out there with enough time and wind to work with and not much rain to impede things: wandering canyons,

soaring pinnacles of rose-reflecting rock, endless vistas without a tree to spoil the view, a few lofty viewpoints to which our speaker had climbed to show off his cardiac conditioning. Not too long, under twenty minutes, not too many jokes, just the astonishing beauty of this precious world. And -- the noteworthy thing -- not one mention of religion in the whole thing. A prayer and blessing for the meal to begin the breakfast, and a benediction at the end, but nothing in the program to identify it as anything other than a remarkably beautiful travelogue. It was afterward that it came to me how unlike a program of Presbyterian Women that was. Not just a typical program of PW, ANY program. And not just PW, but UMW, too, I think, and Lutheran Women, and Anglican Women, and I suspect Buddhist Women and The First Sophisticated Women of

the New Age Conflation: 'cause all those bodies (not to speak of Baptist Women!) would have had a MESSAGE involved, would have to MAKE A POINT. The point might have been Don't Smoke Because It Might Burn Stuff Up, or Think About Those Rocks Until You Become One of 'Em, or "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills," but there would have been a message, a lesson. Women teach: guys look. Oh, sometimes men teach, too, and are really good at it: and sometimes women can be pretty good cawkers, when trained -- but the gender-difference is there. In a hundred programs by Presbyterian Women, the world over, not three of 'em would have let Billy Spears show his scenery... and ninety-seven men's groups would have thought it fine, and been grateful that they didn't have to do the program. Just like me.

With thanks to Houston Hodges, Executive Presbyter, Presbyterian Church, Alabama, internet comic, friend of Ian Maconald, and the late David Lochhead.



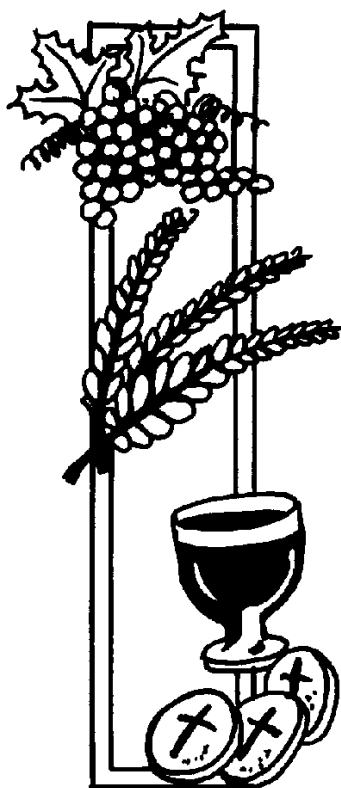
Membership News

Names of new members
removed for Intenet



Changes:

Names of members
with changes removed
for Intenet



In Memoriam:

BROMLEY, Harold
January 12/04

CROOMBE, Ruby
February 14/04

DELL, Eveline
January 22/04

LANE, Ross
December 30/03

MANN, Norm
February 3

HUGS

It's a wondrous what a
hug can do- -
A hug can cheer you
when you're blue,
A hug can say "I love
you so",
Or, "Gee, I hate to see
you go."
A hug is "Welcome
back again"
And "Great to see you,
where've you been?"
A hug can smooth a
small child's pain
And bring a rainbow
after rain.

The hug; there's just no
doubt about it,
We scarcely could survive
without it.
A hug delights and warms
and charms,
It must be why God gave us
arms.
Hugs are great for fathers
and mothers,
Sweet for sisters, swell for
brothers.
And chances are your
favorite aunts
Love them more than
potted plants.
Kittens crave them puppies

love them,
Heads of State are not
above them.
A hug can break the
language barrier,
And make your travels
so much merrier.
No need to fret about
your store of them-
The more you give, the
more there's more of
'em.
So stretch those arms
without delay,
And give someone a
hug today!

Dean Walley



South Burnaby United Church Presents....

The Lenten Lunches

"The Cross in a Restless World"

**Come and enjoy soup, sandwiches
and engaging speakers**

**12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM
Cost - \$4.00**

**South Burnaby United Church
7591 Gray Ave. (at Rumble)**

Ash Wednesday Wed., Feb. 25	"No More Heroes"	Christ" Rev. Ian Macdonald South Burnaby United
Wed., March 3	"The Restlessness of Hope"	Rev. Dan Kirkegaard East Burnaby United
Wed., March 10	"Shouts & Prayers"	Rev. Jennifer Shepherd West Burnaby United
Wed., March 17	"Wounds & Blessings"	Rev. Doug Goodwin BC Conference U.C.C.
Wed., March 24	"Goodbye to..."	
Wed., March 31	"The Passion of	

Proceeds to support Aids Relief in Africa



What's In A Name?

Remember
that you
are dust.

Imagine yourself in a new congregation full of faces and names you don't know. How do you feel when everyone else talks to each other and knows "who's who?" Now imagine those faces who welcome you with a name to make the face.

New folks have told us the value of nametags in

their feeling at home in our church family. The new supply is in, so we have enough for everyone! Please pick up your nametag before worship in the Memorial room and drop it off in the drop-offs in the hall after coffee. If you don't see your name or you are new, there are blank

inserts and pens. We'll see that you get your official one soon.



Appreciative Notes from Christmas Hamper Recipients

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pi (pie) Sunday –
March

Cancer Survivors –
March

Kirking The Tartan –
April

**Celebration of our
Flower Committee -**
May

The Outreach Committee has received many thanks for the Christmas Hampers, gifts or shopping expeditions made possible by the SBUC congregation and the generous contribution of the Burnaby Host Lion's Club in response to our Christmas Hamper Appeal. This year we were able to assist twelve families (14 individuals).

One of the notes received expressed their appreciation this way –

"Thank you very much for your generous gift and baked goods. I could never express how much you have touched my heart. Never have I received this much kindness and never will I forget. Thank you very much. God Bless." Another receiver wrote – "Please let the members of your church know that the help they have given my family by your Christmas Donation was well appreciated. What smiles and joy you gave

my grandchildren whom I am raising. God Bless you all." So on behalf of the Outreach committee "Thanks to all who participated in this project and also to our other Christmas Appeals!"



PUYALLUP ADVENTURE

AUGUST 6-7, 2004

****REVISED****

THE COVENANT CELEBRATION CHURCH PRESENTS

THE GREAT NORTH WEST
PASSION PLAY
JESUS OF NAZARETH

HERE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR A MINI-VACATION AND TO SEE THIS HIGHLY ACCLAIMED PERFORMANCE IN A BEAUTIFUL SETTING IN N.W. WASHINGTON WE HAVE CHARTERED A PRIVATE BUS FROM "QUICK" COACH LINES AND RESERVED ROOMS FOR OUR GROUP AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON

THE COST PER PERSON, (2 SHARING), IS \$125. CDN. THIS INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMODATION AND THE BEST TICKETS TO THE PERFORMANCE.

ITINERARY

AUG. 6	10:00 AM	Lv. SBU Church (Burnaby)
	12 Noon	Lunch stop – Marysville, WA
	3:00 PM	Arr. Holiday Inn, Puyallup
	5:30 PM	Suggested dinner time
	7:30 PM	Evening performance PASSION PLAY
		Bus to hotel
AUG, 7	9:00 AM	Lv. Puyallup
	11:45 AM	Lunch stop – Bellingham (Bellis Fair)
	2:00 PM	Arr. SBU Church
	Covenant Church	1/253/475-6454
	Holiday Inn, Puyallaup	1/253/848-4900

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