

Hope House, Christian Children's Ranch, The Children's Village - do these names ring a bell for any of you? These names were not a bit familiar to me until I read Jack Zarybnisky's article in the WEEKLY MAILER of Jan. 23, entitled, *Yes, Idaho Does Have Orphanages.*

Hope House in Marsing, ID, nurtures 125 children ages 6 to 18. The Zarybnisky's have become familiar with the stories of these children. He tells of a boy at 5 yrs. of age found fending for himself in Texas. He was taken to a home in Minnesota and then sent to Hope House. Another young boy was brought from Russia by an American family to adopt. The adoption did not happen, and the boy ended up at Hope House. They are both teenagers now.

The Children's Ranch, northwest of Eagle, ID, houses boys and girls, ages 11-17. It is an accredited Christian school for grades 1-12, with a strong focus on vocational training.

Located in beautiful, Coeur d'Alene, ID, The Children's Village cares for newborns through age 18. The children go to public schools, but all other needs and nurturing is taken care of on site.

The Zarybnisky's, along with whomever they can recruit, are very involved in taking donated supplies doing service at these facilities. These institutions do not receive direct federal or state funds and exist almost entirely on donations.

If anyone reading this is interested in donating supplies and/or want to serve on a "help mission", please contact Dr. Jack at 208-678-2811. (NOTE: The complete article, which gives a list of needed supplies, is posted on the announcement board in the hallway. You can learn more about these orphanages at: ahome2come2.com; thechildrensvillage.org; christianchildrensranch.org.

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God's Plan

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To live wisely, we need to build a life plan that is consistent with God's plan. Proverbs 19:21 says "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails."

This wise saying presents a contrast between the many intentions, goals and aspirations that characterize the human heart with the single plan of God. Although we might strategize and scheme to accomplish our own goals, ultimately God's plan is the only plan that will be established. The implication of this proverb is that we should try to make our plans consistent with God's plan.

God's plan for the world is to share the good news of his love as it is revealed through Jesus Christ. It's to show people that God is real through our words and actions that reflect the good news of Jesus. God's plan for us is to be part of a church community where we're truly evolving into Christlikeness, where we're learning and giving, and where we're serving and sharing with others. It's helping our children not just be successful but to become passionate followers of Jesus who are equipped to live life in a culture that's often hostile to their faith. It's alleviating human suffering in our society by embodying Christ's tenderness and compassion. It's speaking out against evil and hatred where we see it, and by showing that many of the ideas in our culture contradict with God's creation. Also, God's plan is about helping people understand the truth of God found in the Bible.

To live wisely, we need to redefine what we mean by success. We need to abandon our quest for materialistic self-fulfillment and abandon ourselves to Christ fulfillment. We need to find out how God has uniquely wired us, and how this uniqueness can be used by God to help other people. We need to

break out of our consumer mentality and begin viewing ourselves as followers of Jesus; men and women who passionately pursue God's purpose in our lives. And we need to build a life plan that's consistent with God's plan.

Today God is inviting us to pursue wisdom. We begin this pursuit by entering into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Once that relationship is established, you are now on a journey that calls you to passionately pursue wisdom, to embrace an accurate moral code, and to build a life plan consistent with God's plan. Amen



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"To the pure all things are pure..."

Titus 1:15

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.

Tasting Party

BRING YOUR FAVORITE UNIQUE DISH TO SHARE, THE RECIPE & SMALL DISPOSABLE TASTING CUPS

THIS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The United Methodist Men
Invite the women to be their guests at their Annual Sweethearts Breakfast
Sat., February 10 @ 9:00 a.m.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Tues., Feb. 6 – Brown-Bag Pipe Organist, Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 9 – Tasting Party, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 10 – U Methodist Men Sweet-Heat Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. All women are invited to come.

Wed., Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 p.m.

In March watch for the following events: Special performance of *“The Seven Last Words”*, by Stanley F. Bruns, directed by Stan and featuring our Chancel Choir, the AmeriMethodist Talent Show. The Camp Luncheon & Auction, Palm Sunday and more.

Several projects were discussed at the Jan. Trustee Meeting.

Jim & Barbara Rodgers sat in for a discussion on the Fellowship Hall Noise

Abatement Project. It was decided to fund a second phase of sound panels to be placed on the beams to further reduce noise bounce. We will need help from the congregation with installation since neither Bryan or Jim can do ladder work. If you are able and willing to do ladder work, please let the office know.

The proposal to refit fluorescent lighting fixtures was discussed and it was decided that none of us would live long enough to realize what cost savings would accrue for the initial outlay. We will look into some of the new LED bulbs coming available to replace standard fluorescents without refitting fixtures.

Sidewalk repair cost bid has been sent to the Foundation for consideration and will be done as soon as it warms up enough to pour concrete.

It was discussed and decided to pursue options to replace the furnace. It is working again, but repair is getting more costly and difficult. Also added to this bid will be Air Conditioning options for the parsonage.

Bids are being solicited for repair of the Choir Room ceiling.

East wall window options were discussed and research/bid assignments were taken by each trustee. Kristine Somsen, Trustee Chair



Our supply of offering envelopes has arrived. Please look inside your envelope and locate the stick on wafer to help seal your envelope. Thanks.



In football, the area between the 20-yard line and the goal of the defensive team is known as the Red Zone. When a team on offense has the ball in the Red Zone, that team is often about to score; fans take notice and pay close attention to what is happening on the field.

In the fight to end human trafficking, United Methodist Women is in the Red Zone, poised to score points that Intercept Human Trafficking.

We put pressure on the traffickers by raising our voices: United Methodist Women has educated and reached out to over 43,000 people all across America, and has shared its message all over the world. We've helped pass anti-trafficking legislation at the Federal level and Safe Harbor laws in states, and we have supported global partners working to end trafficking. Human trafficking impacts over 20 million people, with 70 percent of all detected trafficking incidents involving women and children.

Stand in the Red Zone to show you want to protect those who are vulnerable and want to prosecute those who commit the crime of human trafficking. Stand in a Red Zone to celebrate the potential, courage and heart of trafficking survivors. Stand in the Red Zone so that all who have been victimized by trafficking see the United Methodist Women's Red Zone—for we will be with them from trauma to victory.

Here's why you are asked to wear red on Sunday, Feb. 4th, in support of Intercepting Human Trafficking.

- Red is energizing and excites our emotions and motivates us to take action
- Red signifies determination
- Red is a strong color that gives confidence
- Red is noticeable and radiates
- Red means love and red means stop!

Let's get declare our virtual Red Zone to uplift and support trafficking survivors, and to raise a stop sign to Intercept the Traffickers!



The food pantry has really been busy. One week the shelves and freezers are full, the next week we are running out of items. Right now we are in need of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, and canned green beans.

Thank you very much for all the TP you all gave. It will last a short time, so keep it coming. We appreciate each of you for your support.



Grace Circle is already planning this year's Christmas Food Boxes. One thing they would like to do is make the boxes look a bit more festive on the outside. So with that in mind, they are asking for Christmas wrapping paper, preferably larger pieces, such as rolls of paper. If you have some that you would like to get rid of, it would be gladly accepted by the food pantry.



The response from filling out the personal info sheets was really great. Now that end-of-the-year reports and W-2s are nearly finished, we will concentrate on the directory. Several people have asked about up-dated pictures. We do not plan to take new pictures, however, if you have a picture you would like to put in the directory, please send or bring it by the office. We can most likely scan it and get it printed.

Elsie Gular wishes to thank her wonderful church family for the lovely Prayer Shawl received during her recent hospital stay. She is grateful for all of you. Elsie is now residing at Autumn Haven.

John Johnson sends his gratitude and thanks to the great response to his KUMC LP article in last month's newsletter.



Thank you to all for the many prayers and good wishes for my grandson Brandon Perkins, both before and after his second double lung transplant, which took place in Phoenix, AZ on October 18, 2017. He has just had his 3 month checkup and is doing well.

Norma Mittelstedt



Bishop Stanovsky intends to appoint Rev. Karen Hernandez to serve on the Oregon-Idaho cabinet as Sage District Superintendent, effective July 1.

“Rev. Hernandez is a person of deep faith, attention to detail. She has consistently built bridges across social divides and led the churches she has served into new community engagement.” Stanovksy said.

“I believe Jesus means just what he said in the new commandment to love one another, no exceptions whatsoever – not even those who would exclude others are to be themselves excluded for the good of the whole. With equal passion and resolve, I believe that God is love, that love cannot exist apart from God, and that anyone who know love is in relationship with God,” Hernandez said.

Hernandez was ordained an elder in 2012. She knows the Sage District swell, serving currently in her seventh year as the pastor in Kuna, Idaho, and previously in Burley, Idaho from 2008-2011. In the Oregon-Idaho Conference, she served on the Camp & Retreat Ministries Program Division, Episcopacy Committee, and Board of Ordained Ministry. In the Greater New Jersey Conf. she was the Asst. Director of Admission for Drew Theological School and Assistant Pastor of Mr. Fern UMC. She was raised a United Methodist in northeast Alabama. She is married to Ed Hernandez.

Current Sage Dist. Superintendent and dean of the cabinet, the Rev. Gwen Drake, has requested to retire July 1.



Ruth Circle will be making up Valentine Plates on Sun., Feb. 11th right after worship.

They do this every year for our home bound and elderly. Please help by donating cookies, and/or candy. Many recipients are diabetic, so sugar free items are always welcomed. Thanks.