Seniors on the Move

Our Guideline Verse: “And then the Seniors went forth that day joyful and with a glad heart.” (Adapted from Esther 5:9 KJV.)

Welcome to SUMMER! We have slipped our raft into the Wenatchee River, screamed and laughed our way downstream for three hours of furious paddling or calm drifting toward the next set of rapids! Our 10-member family adventure proved to be so wetly energizing and wildly memorable that we may all do it again next year. The days couldn’t be better --------

UNLESS WE ADD SOME GREAT LOCAL ACTIVITIES: We can bring our folding chairs, dinner-in-a-bag and mosquito repellent (try tucking a clothes dryer/fabric softener sheet into your pocket) to the free evening Concerts in the Parks. Puyallup dishes up these events now at both Pioneer and Bradley Lake parks. They will lift our spirits from noon to 1pm as well as 6:30 to 8:30pm with a variety of music at each location. See the detailed schedule on your computer at www.puyallupherald.com (July 4th issue). Bonney Lake adds their events to Allan Yorke Park as well, sometimes with a hot dog vendor to add a snack to a family-type movie showing.

OUR VERY OWN GARAGE SALE: This is the first annual Seniors on the Move project to begin an account that will buy a new/used van. That’s Friday and Saturday, July 20th and 21st at Alice Perteet’s home in Sumner (6216 160th Ave. E.). You’ll see the signs! Come browse and have a hot dog.

CELEBRATE RHUBARB AND LAWNMOWERS: There’s that delectable flavor and rosy aroma to enjoy in a piece of pie, warm or cold, with or without ice cream at Sumner’s Berryland restaurant or Dixie’s Home Cookin’ in July as part of the now-annual Rhubarb Days. And we can’t wait to cheer on the athletes at Wilkeson’s famous handcar and lawnmower races, then delight in their small-town parade at 11 o’clock Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22.

A 101-year-old woman driving a 1930’s Packard was asked, “Have you lived in this town all your life?” She answered, “NOT YET!!”

AUGUST BRINGS MORE GOOD STUFF: The King County Fair in Enumclaw August 2-5, movies at dusk called the “Friday Night Flicks” in Bonney Lake’s Allan Yorke Park starts August 10, a Gospel Music Explosion at the Enumclaw Expo Center August 25-26. Look in our local towns’ Herald and Courier-Herald newspapers or online for other events. The fairs and carnivals will give our area plenty of old-fashioned action such as at the Pierce County Fair in Graham August 9-12th and the Western Washington Fair September 7-23rd in Puyallup.
Enjoy More Of Summer

By Walking a Maple Valley Adventure: With Alan Nash and Helen Wonders leading us, we’ll gather at the church lobby to leave at 10am in the church van on Thursday, July 19th. We’ll bring a sack lunch, including bite-sized items to share, like grapes, brownie bites, cherries or peanut butter-filled pretzels. Bring your favorite beverage. Sign up with Anna Marie at 360-893-2637 so we know how many people to plan rides for. We’ll supply bottled water.

Hopping Aboard Steve’s Hayride Truck! Thursday, July 26th, take off your spurs and relax on a bale of hay, leaving the church lobby at 10am. We’ll find a good place for lunch along the way! Bring a Senior friend and Register with Anna Marie so we have enough hay bales ready.

Visiting Our Very Own Resort! At Lee and Lavonne Karsten’s on the sunny and beautiful banks of Lake Tapps. This is our regular monthly Potluck Thursday, August 9th where we can cool off near the water and delight in each other’s company. Lee will once again take the helm of their large covered pontoon boat to show us some of the lake. We need to register with Anna Marie who’ll organize what food to bring that’ll add to the hot dog and hamburger BBQ. Gather at the church lobby where we’ll leave at 11:30am in the church van for the short ride.

At the Little Carnival at Rainier Vista Care Center: One of our ways to serve the Lord is with the people living their years at this Puyallup “home.” We help with the carnival games, visit with the friends we’ve made there and enjoy the afternoon in their streetside parking lot. Marilyn Redmond and Steve Stratis will again bring petting zoo animals as well as lead our month’s Seniors events. Come around 11am or later Saturday, August 11, to 920 12th Avenue S.E.

Ohhhhh, It’s our Monthly Potluck to Welcome the Fall! On Thursday, September 13th when we gather in the church Multi-Purpose room once again to sit down together at 12:30. This month is Kick-Off time for our new year of Senior activities. Bob Powers will again lead our Seven Minute Bible Study of Philippians 2:1-3, and Nancy Brabec will again show us from the Bible how to strengthen our prayers so that God can use them in a powerful way. Her one-hour class begins at 2:30pm after we take down the tables and stack the chairs. We’ll also bring our items for the Stryker unit people, including simple, light-weight Christmas decorations along with the usual food, magazines and other needs from our list for them.

Stretch Our Legs: We skip August but set our feet onto the Nisqually Basin trails Thursday, September 20th, leaving the church lobby at 10am, lunching at Hawks Prairie. REGISTER!

And the Return of the Spaghetti Factory! At 11am on Thursday, September 27th, we’ll leave the church lobby to enjoy one of our favorite restaurants for good conversation, great company and that unbeatable fellowship and blessing from God. We DO need to register with Anna Marie for this so she can make accurate reservations. We’ll add a caravan of cars to the church van.

That’s all, folks! As you read this, Ron and I will be packing for our long-awaited August trip to visit family and friends in Walnut Creek, Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach. They’re as eager as we are! See you soon, Joyce (253-862-1017)