

Opportunity Knocks

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Our First Edition

Welcome to the first edition of *Opportunity Knocks*. Paul teaches us in Ephesians chapter four, that we are called to “works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up”. We are called to serve together in ministry.

As we do this, like the two teams heading to the World Series, the Royals and the Mets, we are called to serve as a team—unified, excited, coordinating together, accomplishing our

purpose. Unfortunately, it is sometimes true of churches that 10% of the people do 90% of the work. Fortunately for HCC, that is not the case with us. We



have many people faithfully serving, yet opportunities still knock.

So, welcome to this service opportunity resource, and

consider how you can be a part of what God is doing at HCC. Honor God through your **worship**. Enjoy relationship with our Christian **fellowship**. Grow together through disciplined **discipleship**. Continue the faith through our consistent and bold **witness**. And of course, serve God, serve each other, and serve our neighbor, together, in practical **ministry**.

~Pastor Bryan

Ministry Highlight: Blanket Coverage

Blanket Coverage is a family operated non-profit outreach ministry that has been working with the homeless of Portland since 1986.

The Mission.

According to their website, www.blanketcoverageministry.org, “This is not just a service to keep people alive, but for changing lives....Our process has

permanently removed hundreds of lives from the streets. This is not a temporary adjustment, but a permanent on-going new life; it is from the gutter to the grave. Our service does not quit once off the streets, but we continue our involvement ensuring their continued stability.”

In order to help the organization with its mission,

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Meet Your Editor

Hi, my name is Gloria. My husband's name is Josh and our children are Hannah (age 16) and Luke (age 12). We have been attending HCC since October 2014 and became members in the spring of this year.

As a new member of HCC, I have been learning about the

different ministries and have been amazed at how many opportunities exist for what many would consider a small church.

I hope this ministry-focused newsletter will help others in the congregation find where they can serve and keep us all aware of the many

opportunities we have to represent Christ to the world and in each other's lives.

If you have information to share, or if you have questions about HCC ministries, feel free to drop me an email.

I look forward to how God will use this in our endeavors to serve Him.



*"The primary qualification for a missionary is not love for souls, as we so often hear, but love for Christ."
~Vance Havner*

Ministry Highlight: The Missions Team

The Missions Team strives to expand HCC's ministry through effective witness to our local community and the surrounding area, and to extend our outreach into other parts of the world.

This means the Team:

- Provides short term mission opportunities and missions training;
- Encourages participation with local missions;
- Oversees the financial support of our missionaries; and
- Regularly communicates with our missionaries and relays their updates and prayer needs with the rest of the church congregation.

The current Missions Team consists of Pastor Bryan, Brad and Sarah Herbst, Mark Miller, Melissa Yungen, Rinda LeSage, and Peggy Kinkade .

However, everyone is welcome to encourage and pray for our missionaries.

The Missions Team meets the second Sunday of the month at Noon upstairs in Room 2 to plan short term missions; to make decisions regarding missions issues; to provide updates on our missionaries; and to pray.

Any member who would like a more active role in the missions associated with HCC is welcome to join the Missions Team.

Ecuador. March 2016

Contact Peggy Kinkade for details:
pkin61@gmail.com or 503-502-4022.

Missionary of the Month: Tim Brooks



Prayer requests from Tim:

Although he can now carry on basic conversations, Tim continues to struggle with the Indonesian language. Pray for the Lord's help as he studies.

Pray for rain so that his well will have water again and that the fire danger would be lowered.

Pray that his move to Papua in February will go well.

There is a new family arriving in Salatiga in about three weeks. Pray that their visa comes in and that their transition goes smoothly.

If you'd like to send Tim a note of encouragement, you can do so by email at tbrooks@maf.org or via mail at:

Tim Brooks
c/o IMLAC
Jl. Bina Taruna No. 2
Cabean Salatiga
Jawa Tengah 50721
Indonesia

(Takes about a month via regular mail.)

Blanket Coverage, *continued from page 1*

the people of HCC donate blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and bottled water on a regular basis throughout the year.

We also provide and serve a meal to the homeless in downtown Portland several times a year.

The Blankets. Karla Callahan hosts blanket tying nights at her home. November tying nights are:

- ⇒ Monday, Nov 2nd
- ⇒ Tuesday, Nov 10th
- ⇒ Mon Nov 16th.

Additionally, folks are welcome to purchase and donate blanket tying kits from Joann's; or to purchase a kit and tie the blankets at home.

Monetary donations are also welcome and allow Karla and HCC Blanket Coverage participants to make the most out of coupons and sales when they make purchases for this ministry.

Blankets, sleeping bags and clothing can be dropped off in the Blanket Coverage totes in the Fellowship Hall.

The Meals. On the fifth Mondays throughout the year, a team from HCC makes and serves soup, cornbread and sandwiches for the homeless in downtown Portland. The next meal will be provided on **Monday, November 30.**

As with the Blanket portion of the ministry, there are several ways available for you to help:

- Supply soup ingredients, such as canned tomatoes, beans, bouillon cubes, salsa, frozen mixed vegetables, milk, cut fresh vegetables, and cooked ground beef with onions. Ingredient sign-ups are downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.
- Help to prepare the soup, sandwiches, or special treats, like homemade cookies or fruit.
- Join the Serving Team and personally minister to the hurting and lonely while providing them with a hot meal.
- Donate cash to help offset the expenses of paper products used to serve the meal.

For more information about Blanket Coverage, please

text or call Karla Callahan (blankets and clothing) at 503-680-1066 or contact

Carrie Vandehey (meals) at 503-591-0887 or carrievandehey@gmail.com.

Guild Cookie Plate & Soup Luncheon

A chance to serve, to fellowship, and to enjoy a meal together.



What it is: An opportunity to make cookie plates and show love for our older folks and those needing a touch of encouragement during the holidays.

When it is: Sunday, December 6th, following the 2nd service.

Ways to participate:



- Make 2-4 dozen cookies. Both traditional and specialty diet cookies or treats are welcome, as well as nuts and fruit to accommodate those with special diets.
- Attend the luncheon and plate-packing event. Many hands make light work, and extra hands would be greatly appreciated in helping pack the plates. Hands of all ages are welcome to participate, and everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the luncheon.
- Sign up to deliver the cookie plates and visit with the recipients.



Bonus: In addition to the fun, fellowship, good food, and the service opportunity, those who participate on December 6th may also engage in a cookie swap after the cookie plates have been completed. Simply bring two extra dozen cookies to swap and you'll get to take some home for yourself, too!

For more information, please contact Bev Yungen at 503-647-2266.



Every Sunday:

The time between services is a great weekly opportunity to encourage and enjoy fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet for snacks on the bulletin board downstairs, and folks are welcome to bring whatever snacks they would like.

Willing hands are also welcome and needed to help with the clean up as others transition into 2nd service responsibilities and worship.

Monthly Luncheons:

This time of fellowship is open to all and is provided by the church. The next luncheons take place following the 2nd service on **November 15th** and on **December 13th**.

No need to bring a dish or to sign up, but willing hands are welcome to help with clean up.

Contact Crystal Herinckx with questions. Her contact info is downstairs on the sign-up sheet.

Send submissions and questions to: okeditor@helvetia-church.org.