



# The Vine & the Branches

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John 15:1-17 is where this newsletter first got its name. Let's start the 2013-14 church year by reading it again:

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call

you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.

I will try to present this newsletter in time for the first Sabbath of each month. Please submit reports and news and items, but please submit them by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the next newsletter. My church box is #42, or [kmaas262@yahoo.com](mailto:kmaas262@yahoo.com) (put V&B in the subject line), or leave a message on our house phone, 503-537-0766.

Some changes to the way this newsletter will be presented – check the church website and Facebook page and email addresses. I will have some paper copies printed, but let's not use quite so many trees. ☺

Wishing God's best blessings on all my church family!

Karen Maas, 2013-14 editor

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What makes a newsletter?

Let me know what you would like in a monthly newsletter! Contributions – activity reports, testimonies, healthy recipes – all will be considered.

### God Is the Rock

God is the Rock on which we stand  
 When sands of life are shifting  
 When we are sinking 'neath the waves  
 His saving hands are lifting  
 When we give up and lose all hope  
 Our loving God is there  
 When we need comfort in our pain  
 His love's beyond compare  
 When we have doubts and nameless fears  
 When murderous hate alarms  
 When we are frightened and alone  
 He takes us in His arms  
 He is the Shepherd of the sheep  
 He'll find us when we're lost  
 He promised us a glorious home  
 His life is what it cost

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culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

I saw this in reality in the lives of my classmates. I have seen it in the church and everywhere I have gone. God is calling for us to become changed from the inside out. He is calling for us to contemplate Him, His thoughts, and His ways. God is calling for us to allow Him to be in our heads. When we do that we will indeed be changed from the inside out. I look forward to my next class reunion. I just hope that at the next one I will be more mature, and more changed into my Fathers will. Have a great month!!!

Pastor Ballard

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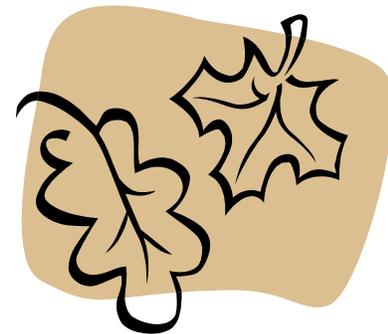
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### From the Pastor's Keyboard:

Dear Church Family,

Just recently I had the privilege of attending my 30th class reunion. I cannot believe that 30 years have gone by so quickly. As I talked to my class mates they expressed the same sentiments, "How time has flown by." There seemed to be a feeling of evaluation in the air of what has been accomplished in life since the day we got that piece of paper called a diploma. It was easy to see that we have all grown, and experienced a lot of life. Yet deep down there was a part of me that realized that we have not moved that far from the person inside that we were at Laurelwood Academy. Changed, yet still somehow the same. A form of maturity, yet still a child within.

This got me to thinking about the fact that we cannot change ourselves to something good apart from God. Any good changes that comes must be from a changed heart, that only God can do. This also reminds me that the world does indeed pull a person down, not up, and leaves it's mark of hurt and immaturity. Romans 12:2-3 say, "Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your



### October events

**Beverly Beach Annual Campout** happens this month, October 4-6. Let's plan to have some reports for November's newsletter!

**Women's Ministry Retreat** is scheduled for October 18-20, at Eagle Crest Resort, and titled, "Imagine!" Many Newberg sisters are going, so reports for November will be appreciated!

Photographs!

## October Recipe Vegan Corn Chowder



This is from <http://vegsource.com/marla/index.html>. Several years ago, Marla was one of the computer runners I knew, and she has a great recipe collection:

Warm, creamy, and satisfying – this is a soup the whole family will love.

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 2-3 large potatoes, diced
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- ½ t. dried dill
- ¼ t. dried thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 c. light vegetable stock
- 4 c. fresh or frozen corn kernels (one 16 oz bag)
- 2 c. soy milk
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

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In a soup pot over medium heat, sauté onion and bell pepper in a little water for about 5 minutes, until onion is translucent. Add the potatoes, celery, dill, thyme, bay leaf, and stock. Cover and simmer gently for about 10 minutes, until the potatoes begin to soften. Add the corn and cook for 5 more minutes. Remove bay leaf.

Ladle 2 cups of soup into a blender and add the soy milk. Blend until smooth. Return pureed mixture to pot. Add salt and pepper to taste. Gently reheat. Do not boil.

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### October Anniversaries

Vilorio, Chris & Marcia	2
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Buck, Dougy & May	12



### October Birthdays

Alonso, Martha	3
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Pekarek, Haley	3
Whyte, Aleyah	3
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Able, Anna	4
Stone, Chuck	4
Yates, Naomi	4
Ballard, Penny	5
McCart, Bill	6
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Miller, Tina	7
Stone, Stephen	7
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Thatch, Richard	10
Whitley, Weldon	10
Young, Donna	10
Sanchez, Janet	12
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## NEWBERG PATHFINDERS!

Newberg Pathfinders are going to Oshkosh next August for the International Camporee! For those new to Pathfinders, the International Camporee is an event that takes place every 5 years. Thousands of Pathfinder clubs meet for a special Spirit-filled week. And yes, it costs a LOT to go, but is so worth it!

Our Pathfinders have a commitment that they are making to participate in club events and meetings, working on classwork for the different grade levels, earning several honors, and raising their funds to be able to attend. You can help!

Direct donations to help support Pathfinder funds specifically for the International Camporee at Oshkosh can be given through our local tithe envelope. Mark the line and amount "Oshkosh". Funds to support Pathfinders in general can go on a line marked "Pathfinders". (Direct donations to Adventurers, the ages leading up to Pathfinders, can be given on a line marked "Adventurers" – let's support our children).

Other ways to help raise funds:

Plan to attend our November Harvest Festival, where supper and fresh-pressed apple cider is for sale, benefitting the Oshkosh funds.

Bring used printer cartridges-we have access to recycling them and getting funds.

Bring cans and bottles that carry a 5 cent return stamp for Oregon. If possible, rinse and air dry the bottles and cans, and please do not include the plastic caps. Ask your friends and neighbors to save cans and bottles for you! Don't crush the cans and bottles, the machines need to read the bar codes to grant the 5 cent return.

If you have yard/garden/household projects that you'd like help with, contact a Pathfinder leader for a possible work-for-donation trade! ☺

