



# The Vine & the Branches

September 2015

Apologies for no August Vine and Branches! Life was (is) full...

I found a poem, for the busy life:

## Take Time

Take time to work - it is the price of success.

Take time to think - it is the source of power.

Take time to play - it is the secret of youth.

Take time to read - it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time to worship - it is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of the earth from our life.

Take time to help and enjoy friends - it is the source of happiness.

Take time to love - it is the one sacrament of life.

Take time to dream - it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time to laugh - it is the singing that helps with life's loads.

Take time to plan - it is the secret of being able to have time.

Take time for the first 9 things.

*Lisa Duncan*

And Psalm 46:10 -- "**Be still**, and know that I am God! I will **be** honored by every nation. I will **be** honored throughout the world."

Be sure, God knows!

Karen Maas, Vine and Branches editor



## **PRAYING TOGETHER**

Every Sabbath morning, 8:45am, join us in the Prayer Room before Sabbath School and church. It provides us with a time to come together in praise and thanksgiving, and present the needs of members in prayer each week. The Prayer Room is the classroom across from the Mothers' Room, in the back of the church foyer. – Donna Schacher

\*\*\*\*\*

## From the Pastor's Keyboard

Dear Church Family,

Wow, a new month is already here, and summer is almost over. I sometimes long for the days in my youth when time seemed to almost stand still. Never liked it much when time would stand still just before lunch or recess, or especially when school or work was to let out, but I like time to slow down when I was doing something I loved to do. But it always seemed to be that time went slow for the things I did not like, but fast for the things I did. Oh, to reverse those two. But that got me to thinking about life for us right now. I know my life is going 90 miles an hour. Some of that is because of having kids, but some of that feeling is just because I love what I do. I love serving my God and His people. No, I don't love everything, but I do love the majority of what I do. That makes time run fast.

I remember talking to a member in a church not far from here who was in her nineties. She told me that she has served the Lord all her life, and that she was happy and excited about life. She looked forward to every day, waking up to see what her God had for her that day. That reminded me of a verse, Psalm 118:24 (NKJV) "This *is* the day the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Sometimes it is helpful to know that "The Lord" made the day, today, for you. It is not random, or out of control, but made for you. You will learn, be tested, and be blessed each and every day. The Lord is granting you this day. You may not have tomorrow, but you have this day, so rejoice in it.

Have a great month!

Pastor Ballard

## End-of-Summer Gazpacho

This is a banner year for tomatoes!

4 c pureed tomatoes (love my Vitamix!)  
2 c chopped tomatoes  
1 c diced green pepper (I use yellow or red)  
1 c diced celery  
1 c diced, seeded cucumber  
2 garlic cloves, minced (I double the garlic)  
1/2 c diced onion  
1/3 c tarragon vinegar (I use apple cider vinegar)  
2 T minced fresh parsley  
1 T minced fresh chives  
2 T minced fresh basil  
1 T minced fresh cilantro  
1 t Braggs Liquid Aminos  
1 t salt  
1 t pepper  
2 T olive oil

In a large bowl, combine everything except the olive oil. Refrigerate at least 3 hours, preferably overnight. Add olive oil just before serving. This is so easy with whatever veggies are handy!





### September Anniversaries

01 Scott & Margaret Bernard  
03 Larry & Brenda Kokinos  
05 Jason & Elizabeth Edgy  
07 Bud & Tina Miller  
08 Bobby & Lena Auvil  
15 Al & Clarice Goertz



### September Birthdays

04 Bryan Weakly  
04 Tammie Wilson  
07 Guadalupe Escamilla  
09 Kyle Ballard  
09 Wendy Reyes  
10 Roberto Ortiz  
10 Basil Yates  
11 Jim Beecher  
13 Rodney Pekarek  
14 Elbeen Kim  
15 Jason Cate  
15 Mikayla Keightley  
19 Reg Maas  
21 Sofia Stone  
23 Edie Howard  
26 Kasara Ballard  
29 Melialani Anderson  
29 Bridget Brown  
30 Elizabeth Edgy

## **Pathfinders -- September plans**

02 -- Honor night, club uniform  
11-13 -- Pathfinder Camporee, Skamania County Fairgrounds  
16 -- Honor night, club uniform  
19 -- Pathfinder meeting, 2-4:30pm, club uniform  
30 -- Honor night, club uniform

## **20-year reunion!!!**

It doesn't seem possible, but it really has been 20 years since we have been in our "new" church. Start planning now, October 23/24. Do you have special memories from the last 20 years, or from slightly previous years building this church? Write them down or email them to me ([kmaas262@yahoo.com](mailto:kmaas262@yahoo.com)). Any members that are not here now that you have contact information for -- let us know! Any special photos you have -- scan them and get them to me! What would you like to see for vespers/church/Sabbath programs? Again, email, or the Maas box is #42. Thank you for being part of the Newberg church family!