



Interfaith House

THE COMMON MINISTRY AT WSU

Annual Report 2012-2013

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Operating out of the **Interfaith House** at
720 NE Thatuna St.
Pullman, Washington 99163

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A Safe Space for Spiritual Development

The Interfaith House at WSU is an open and accepting community that seeks to provide “A Safe Space for Spiritual Development” for students, staff, and faculty of WSU. The Interfaith House offers a safe space for diverse religious opinion by increasing respect and mutual understanding among people of different faith, ethnic, and cultural traditions and by fostering cooperation among religious communities and civic organizations.

Interfaith House at WSU also partners with Washington State University to promote Spirituality in Higher Education.

The Common Ministry at WSU is a Christian, Protestant, ecumenical organization. Our partners include United Methodist, Presbyterian (USA), Disciples of Christ, American Baptist, Episcopal (USA), and United Church of Christ churches. The Common Ministry and Interfaith House at WSU also partners with various religious organizations: Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Lutheran, Baha’i, Korean Evangelical and those not associated with institutional organizations, in order to promote dialog, peace, and unity in the community.

We are dedicated to helping all students in their spiritual development, to promoting reconciliation among religions, and to sharing the love of God to all.

The Interfaith House is operated by the Common Ministry at WSU, a 501(c)(3) religious non-profit organization in the state of Washington.

The IFH at WSU RSO is an active Registered Student Organization (RSO) providing opportunities for spiritual development and fellowship at Washington State University.

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Building Manager Report: Interfaith House Building Usage, Lorraine Mason

Office and Business Space

Barbara Aston	Read for Life
Hillel (Jewish Student Organization)	Resonate Church
Inspire!	Verizon
Jewish Community of the Palouse	Zoe Coffeehouse and Pub
Korean Evangelical Church	

Multiple Meeting per Week

Alcoholics Anonymous	Read for Life
Meditation	

Weekly Meetings

Christian Prayer Group	Inspire! Bible Study
English Corner	Interfaith Mythbusters
Experiencing God	Korean Evangelical Church
God's Harmony Gospel Choir	Muslim Student Association Prayer
Hillel	Presbyterian Men
Hillel Board Meeting	Secular Cougs
Inspire!	Spiritual Formation

Monthly Meetings

AA Business Meeting	Jewish Community of the Palouse
Common Ministry Council Meeting	Resonate Band Auditions and Practice
Interfaith Dialogue	

Periodic Use

Alive! Program with Crimson & Gray and Resonate Church	Inspire! BBQ
Alpha Nu Multicultural Sorority Fundraiser	Inspire! Thanksgiving Dinner
Blood Drive	Intensive American Language Center
Common Ministry—Various Events	International Studies Thanksgiving Potluck
Disney College Program	Jewish Community of the Palouse
Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Fundraiser	Pullman Presbyterian Church
Humans vs. Zombies	Resonate—Various Events
	Wedding Ceremony

New to the Interfaith House This Year

Alpha Nu Multicultural Sorority	God's Harmony Gospel Choir
Blood Drive	Humans vs. Zombies
Christian Prayer Group	Inspire!—Various Meetings and Events
Common Ministry Mom's Weekend Open House and Ice Cream Social	Muslim Student Association Prayer
Disney College Program	Resonate Band Auditions and Practice
English Corner	Spiritual Formation
Experiencing God	Wedding Ceremony

Building Manager Report: Common Ministry Impact Report, Lorraine Mason

Student Contact:	Number of People Reached
All-Campus Picnic*	1500
Casual Conversation with Students*	180
Interfaith Mythbusters (Appendix 1, 2, 3)	505
Interviews with Students	14
Meditation Classes (Appendix 1, 2)	142
Retreat at the Monastery of St. Gertrude (Appendix 2)	9
RSO Student Leader Meetings	36
Welcome Back BBQ (Appendix 2, 8)	60
Category Total:	2446
 Newsletter Mailings (Appendix 2)	 980
 Community Contact:	
Building Maintenance and Property Upkeep*	20
CROP Walk	6
Dinner Auction (Appendix 4)	75
Individual Members of the Community*	150
Interviews with Community Members	6
Kiwanis Club*	90
Meetings with Religious Leaders*	26
Roger Williams Symposium (Appendix 5)	46
Category Total:	373
 Contact within the Interfaith House:	
Alive! Sessions	4000
Blood Drive (Appendix 6)	27
Common Ministry Council Meetings	19
Meetings with Program Leaders*	150
Mom's Weekend Ice Cream Social (Appendix 7)	50
Non-CM Community Contact within the Interfaith House	6591
Sharing Community within the Interfaith House	(everyday ongoing)
Category Total:	10837
Total:	14636

*Number of people reached has been estimated.

President Report, Sue Durrant

The 2012-2013 year continued to be one of transition. We were unable to hire a director during the summer of 2012, after a very good search process that brought three candidates for interview. In addition, the uncertainty surrounding the administrative changes at the Presbyterian Synod of Alaska-Northwest impact us, as the Synod owns the Interfaith House building. The IFH building has been the home of the Common Ministry at WSU since the 1960s.

Many members of the Common Ministry Council stepped forward to provide leadership for the various programs and events: Welcome Barbeque (Lorraine Mason), Mythbusters (Emi Dickens and Walt Miller), Holiday Donor Reception (Emi Dickens and Sue Durrant), Roger Williams Symposium (Roy Johnson), and our annual fundraiser Dinner Auction (Emi Dickens, Nancy Nydegger, and Sue Durrant), the Registered Student Organization (RSO) (Emi Dickens and Nicholas Cerruti), and the newsletter (Sue Durrant). Susie Savino, an accounting major at WSU, served as Treasurer. Lorraine Mason continued as Office Manager with additional duties added for Building Manager. The Council increased this position to ¾ time.

Events for Fall Semester included the Welcome BBQ, American Red Cross Blood Drive, Dinner for Eight, and the Holiday Donor Reception. Spring Semester included the Roger Williams Symposium and the annual fundraising Dinner Auction at Banyans on the Ridge. See the Roger Williams Symposium Report, and the Dinner Auction Report for further details.

Initially, the intent was to rework the job description for the Director and begin another search. However, the continued uncertainties surrounding the future of the IFH building, as well as our relationship with the Synod and the Inland NW Presbytery, resulted in the search being put on hold.

Synod and Presbytery representatives met with the Council in September and again in April. In addition, we worked with Karen Claassen, Synod and Presbytery representative, on sharing of information relating to the IFH and its operations.

Again this academic year, the Council Meetings were held on the second Monday each Month, with adjustments when necessary. This worked well as it avoided conflicts with many campus events. The Executive Committee (Sue Durrant, President; Chip Laird, Past-President; Emi Dickens, Vice President; Susie Savino, Treasurer) met the Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the Council meetings.

In addition to the regular business of the Common Ministry Council, Emi Dickens and I participated in the CMHE Retreat at the Lazy F Retreat Center in Ellensburg, WA, October 12-13, 2012. I also helped with the 2012 Dinner for Eight at the IFH (September 23rd); the CM Holiday Donor Reception on December 8th; the Roger Williams Symposium (March 17-18, 2012; and the Annual Dinner Auction fundraising event held at Banyans on the Ridge on April 21st .

Future fundraising efforts are needed to replace the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries funding, which expired the end of 2012; and Cooperative Ministries in Higher Education funding, which will expire at the end of 2013, perhaps sooner. We may need to expand our possible funding sources beyond the local community in order to stabilize our future budget needs.

The 2012 fiscal year (January - December) did end with a surplus due to careful monitoring of expenses and not hiring a director. Monies received through the WSU Foundation were transferred to the Registered Student Organization Account (Interfaith House at WSU). This RSO account was utilized to cover the weekly meal expenses for the Interfaith Mythbusters program, the Welcome BBQ, and expenses for the student leadership retreat held at St. Gertrude's Monastery in October. Council Members were asked to discuss the Common Ministry's financial picture with their denomination and to encourage each to maintain their current levels of giving if at all possible. The 2013 budget was approved in December and included a budget line for expenses related to the search for a new full-time Director, and increased salary for the Building and Office Manager.

Over the summer, the officers will meet to oversee the planning for the 2013-2014 academic year, coverage of maternity leave for Lorraine Mason, and ongoing activities related to the IFH and CM. In addition, at least one special meeting of the Council will be scheduled.

Yes, this has been a year with many challenges. I am grateful to all Council Members for your time, energy, and service throughout this time of transition. Thank you for your willingness to put in many additional hours serving on various committees for events and other tasks. This all resulted in a very good year for the Common Ministry and the Interfaith House. Also, I have appreciated the work of the Executive Committee; the efforts of our Office and Building Manager, Lorraine Mason; and the cooperating ministries and student leaders in making the programs and events so successful. Thank you all very much!

Community Liaison Report, Wilhelmina O. Sarai-Clark

This staff position was originally established to recognize and strengthen the Common Ministry's relationships with organizations with similar concerns about representing a spiritual base for students and other community members, especially in the Palouse area. At the present time, the Community Liaison position serves as more of a presence, rather than an integrative function.

It is difficult to consider a more active and integrating function relating more specifically to world-changes without specific direction under the leadership of a single person. Group leadership can only go so far. Innovation requires coordination. We continue our search for a director. Meanwhile, I commend the staff, students, and council for their continued exploration action and possibilities while recognizing present concerns.

I do continue to be a visible participant in representing the Common Ministry in many local organizations, such as Alternatives to Violence, WSU and UI multicultural activities, Women in Ministry, Moscow Interfaith Association, Latah County Human Rights Task Force, Gritman Regional Hospital Auxiliary, Pullman Kiwanis Spiritual Values committee, Northwest Coalition for Human Rights, and more. I feel that this presence is essential, a two-way connection to the larger community.

Treasurer Report, Chad Cook

In April of 2013, I assumed the positions of Treasurer and At Large member of the council for the Common Ministry at Washington State University. With the help of the previous Treasurer, Susie Savino, I put together the April financial report. I do not have a lot to report on for the past year since I was not here. However, for the academic year, and the 2012 calendar year, we have managed to stay in the black and not fall into the red. This is great news.

Since I cannot go into depth about what I observed over the last year, I will briefly explain what my goals for the upcoming year are. First, I would like to change the monthly financial reports so they appear shorter and more concise pertaining to the details of that month's activities. While the monthly reports will appear simpler than they are now, the behind the scenes reports will be more in-depth, which brings me to my second goal of having a better accounting practices. I would like to develop a balance sheet in Excel to take into account monthly assets, liabilities, and equity. These monthly balances sheets would flow into one annual report to present with next year's report from the Treasurer. Thirdly, I would like to separate funds for certain accounts such as the Roger Williams Symposium and the Stearns Student Fund account. This would provide for clear accounting of the monies of each fund, allowing it to stand on its own without chance of being comingled with other income and expenses. I will be working with the Executive Committee once I have a clearer plan as to how this will go.

As some of these changes will seem like "more work," they are to help with any audits that may come our way. It is important to be as transparent and organized with our funds as possible so we can be accurate and informed when speaking with any such auditor or future donors. Also, having a clear and accurate knowledge of our assets, liabilities, and equity will make it that much easier come any future changes of the Common Ministry, whether it be management and/or location.

I plan on being here for the next couple of years, which will hopefully lead to some streamlined accounting and consistent financial management. My goals may change and develop as I continue to learn more about the history and interworking of the Common Ministry, of which I will update the council. Again, I would like to thank everyone that had to do with my election into this position, and for the great opportunity it is for me. Please feel free to contact me throughout the next year if you have any questions as to the changes we have made or for greater detail of any financial reports I prepared.

Budget Report

	YTD as of 12/31/2012	% of Annual	Annual Budget 2012	Annual Budget 2013* (approved 12/10/2012)
Income:				
Public Support	16,050.00	107%	15,000.00	15,000.00
Local Churches	5,980.00	120%	5,000.00	5,000.00
Buffet and Auction	11,593.00	110%	10,500.00	11,000.00
Building Use Donation	12,417.00	117%	10,600.00	12,500.00
Zoe Underground Rent	8,375.00	65%	12,800.00	8,400.00
Zoe Underground Avista	6,529.58	-	-	6,600.00
BHECM	8,406.08	84%	10,000.00	-
CMHE Support	22,691.13	95%	24,000.00	21,000.00
Cell Phone Towers	18,824.11	93%	20,260.00	21,000.00
Stearns Leadership Fund	1,140.00	114%	1,000.00	1,100.00
Roger Williams Symposium	2,000.00	40%	5,000.00	2,000.00
Workshops / Merchandise	25.00	-	-	50.00
Total Income:	114,030.90	100%	114,160.00	103,650.00
Expenses:				
Director / Interim-Director Salary	24,581.96	49%	50,400.00	38,000.00
Director Continuing Education	102.64	10%	500.00	500.00
Director Auto and Professional	89.98	6%	1,500.00	1000.00
Treasurer Stipend	632.61	105%	600.00	600.00
Office Manager Salary	12,916.00	102%	12,640.00	13,680.00
Building Manager	3,849.55	-	-	4,200.00
Security Stipend	372.72	186%	200.00	600.00
FICA	2,795.91	57%	4,882.00	4,800.00
Dept. of Labor & Industry	461.09	60%	772.00	770.00
Stearns Student Fund	617.41	-	-	1,000.00
Advertising	49.97	17%	300.00	300.00
Dinner Auction	3,845.85	128%	3,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance	562.00	94%	600.00	600.00
Office Supplies	532.52	36%	1,500.00	900.00
Postage	378.95	38%	1,000.00	600.00
Computer	1,253.70	251%	500.00	800.00
Hospitality	313.02	-	-	200.00
Printing and Publishing	2,543.05	102%	2,500.00	2,000.00
Chamber Dues	120.00	100%	120.00	120.00
Cleaning Supplies	174.96	175%	100.00	150.00
Household Paper Product	632.93	-	-	500.00
Maintenance	1,479.62	148%	1,000.00	1,500.00
Repairs	923.21	92%	1,000.00	1,000.00
Custodial Services	1,597.61	80%	2,000.00	2,000.00
Telephone	2,348.22	94%	2,500.00	2,500.00
Utilities	16,539.78	118%	14,000.00	16,000.00
Roger Williams Symposium	1,425.89	29%	5,000.00	2,000.00
Director Search	3,590.66	51%	7,000.00	5,500.00
Total Expense:	84,731.81	75%	113,614.00	105,370.00
Net Income:	29,299.09			

Dinner Auction Report, Emi Dickens

The 25th Annual Dinner Auction fundraiser was held on April 21, 2013 at Banyans on the Ridge. The social hour started at 5:00 p.m. The weather was not ideal, but guests enjoyed the Dinner and Auction.

The Common Ministry Council members sold tickets or hosted tables for the auctions. The auction planning committee members, Sue Durrant, Nancy Nydegger, Barbara Hammond, Doug and Marcia Jacobs, Lorraine Mason, and Emi Dickens solicited local businesses and individuals for donation and prepared items for auction. Lenore Chambers put together flower arrangements for tables.

Thanks to generous donations, we were able to raffle off five baskets. Over 28 items / baskets were sold in the silent auction. The live auction started out with the dessert auction. Five plates of delicious desserts were donated: Irish Coffee Cake, Lemonade Layer Cake, Butterfly Cupcakes, and two platters of Nanaimo Bars. See the list of live auction items in Appendix 4.

Jack Alexander, a long-time supporter of the Common Ministry, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Chip Laird, Past President of the Common Ministry Council, offered an opening prayer. Austin Booker returned for the 10th time as our auctioneer. Five students from Interfaith Mythbusters program assisted with the live auction by displaying the auction items throughout the room. Seventeen items and packages contributed by generous donors were sold through the live auction, which raised \$4,910. The attendance this year was lower than past years, but the live auction raised more than last year, thanks to our generous attendees.

Many thanks go out to the Dinner Auction Committee members, the Council members, student helpers and generous attendees. The preliminary gross income from the auction is \$9,879.00. The Dinner Auction is the largest fundraiser for the Common Ministry and we appreciate generosity of our supporters.

Roger Williams Symposium Report, Roy Johnson



The 35th annual Roger Williams Symposium was held on March 17 and 18, 2013, in Pullman, Washington. The speaker was the Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews (pictured above; more information provided in Appendix 5a) of People Improving Communities through Organizing (PICO). PICO is a faith-based network of more than 1,000 congregations and 1 million families engaged in community organizing.

The Common Ministry Council members sold tickets or hosted tables for the auctions, and solicited local businesses and individuals for donation and prepared items for auction. Lenore Chambers put together flower arrangements for tables.

At Sunday evening's dinner, Rev. Michael-Ray Mathews gave a general presentation to 28 people about faith organizations working together to meet needs of the local community (see Appendix 5b for the program). At the Monday workshops, he gave "nuts and bolts" ideas to 18 participants for carrying this out in practice, including a call to look for the unspoken part that race plays in decisions.

Sunday March 17, 2013 6:00 pm: Buffet Dinner and Main Address
Faith Organizations Working Together for the Common Good
CUB Junior Ball Room, Washington State University

Monday, March 18, 2013 8:45 am – 1:30 pm: Workshops and Light Lunch
Simpson United Methodist Church
325 NE Maple, Pullman, Washington

The Symposium was presented by The Common Ministry and by the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches. The Common Ministry Roger Williams Symposium committee members for the 2013 event were Roy Johnson, Sue Durrant, Lorraine Mason, Walt Miller, Arlie Reeves, Toni Sarai-Clark, and Doug Wood.

Cooperating Ministries in Higher Education Partnership Report, Sue Durrant

The Cooperating Ministries in Higher Education (CMHE) Board met in the October 12-13, 2012, at the Lazy F Conference Center in Ellensburg, WA. Those attending represented EWU, WSU, Evergreen State College, and John Poole, the CMHE Treasurer. We again experienced warm fellowship and heart-felt discussion. Sue Durrant and Emi Dickens attended representing the Common Ministry at WSU.

Current member denominations of CMHE include: American Baptist, Evergreen Association; Disciples of Christ/Christian; Presbyterian (U.S.A.); and United Church of Christ.

Those attending agreed that it is important to meet annually to keep in contact with our member denominations and for the purposes of maintaining collegiality, even after the funding ceases (projected to be the end of 2013). However, we need to include additional board members at this meeting in 2013, both to help cover costs and to provide input for the future. Paul had those attending review a letter to be sent to the Synod of Alaska-Northwest, expressing our appreciation for the years of support and encouraging additional possibilities for the future.

Member campuses, and directors / campus pastors, include:

- Western Washington University: Not in attendance this year. A graduate student has been providing leadership to WWU, known as 'Progressive Christian Voices.'
- Eastern Washington University: Rev Paul Rodkey serves this campus where students meet weekly. There are 18-20 faith groups on campus.
- Campus Christian Center, University of Idaho: It was reported by John Poole that Doug Wood and Rev. Carla Neumann-Smiley, the co-directors, are planning to resign as of June 2013.
- Thurston County Ministries in Higher Education, Evergreen College: Chaplain Fred LaMotte serves this community with the "Common Bread" interfaith ministry. This features weekly programs and events.
- Washington State University: The search for a new director went well, but we were unable to complete the hire, and Dr. Rob Snyder was not interested in continuing as Interim Director. Thus we are without a Director at this time. We are contemplating reworking the job description and starting again. There is uncertainty regarding the Interfaith House building, since it is owned by the Presbyterian Synod. Currently, various Council members are leading programs and planning events. During the summer, the Council approved adding duties of Building Manager to those of the Office Manager.

The CMHE board continues to interpret the importance of higher education campus ministry to our denominations. The contact person for this board is Paul Rodkey.

Common Ministry Programming and Events

Welcome Back BBQ: The Interfaith House kicked off the school year by holding the annual Interfaith House Open House BBQ on the first day of classes at WSU on August 22, 2012. Approximately 60 students and community members attended the BBQ, enjoyed food contributed by the Interfaith House Registered Student Organization, and learned what we do and what programs we offer. (Appendix 2, 8)

Blood Drive: The Common Ministry's first annual blood drive, held on Thursday, September 13, 2012, was extremely successful, exceeding the target volume of blood collected. Some people scheduled appointments to donate blood, and many people dropped in. (Appendix 6)

Student Leadership. Emi Dickens, Interfaith House at WSU RSO Advisor: The following students were RSO's officers: Arlie Reeves, President, Kevin Renner, Vice President, Yousef Bilbeisi, Secretary, and Susie Savino, Treasurer. The student leadership group and the Mythbusters program participants as a whole, contributed support for the Crop Hunger Walk, St. Gertrude's Retreat, parking fundraisers, and the Mom's Weekend Open House Ice Cream Social.

CROP WALK. Emi Dickens, Interfaith House at WSU RSO Advisor: Four students and two council members participated in CROP Hunger Walk on October 7, 2012. CROP Hunger Walk is an annual tradition of the faith community in Pullman/Moscow area. The Interfaith House students participated in this walk to be part of this community. We walked 10k to raise awareness of hunger in the Pullman/Moscow community and the world, and raised funds to provide financial support to people in need.

Fall Student Leadership Retreat. Emi Dickens, Interfaith House at WSU RSO Advisor: Six students, two council members, and one community member participated in the retreat on October 23-28, 2012 at St. Gertrude Monastery in Cottonwood, ID. The Monastery welcomed us with an inch of snow on the ground Friday evening when we arrived. Friday evening, after we settled in at the Farm House, Sister Lillian generously offered her time to give us an overview of the Monastery including history, the life of nuns at the Monastery, and her personal reason for her commitment to God, and provided a Q & A session. The following day, Sister Lillian gave us a tour of the Monastery and answered more questions. We experienced Benedictine tradition of worship at the beautiful Chapel. Students were encouraged to take time to relax, and to get to know and enjoy each one another. We played games, carved pumpkins, and took time to enjoy outdoor between rains. (Appendix 2)

Interfaith Mythbusters. Emi Dickens, Common Ministry Vice President: The Interfaith Mythbusters program incorporated a speaker series, of 16 speakers throughout the school year, to intentionally reach out to the interfaith community. This program was started by students a few years ago to clear-up misconceptions about various faiths and build respect and understanding among them. By inviting guest speakers from different faiths, participants gained knowledge of these various faiths.

The Interfaith Mythbusters met every Thursday, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Interfaith House, and began the evening by sharing a meal. The program focused on learning about different religions, faiths, and spirituality. On average, sixteen to seventeen students and community members participated in the program each Thursday. They are all from different faith backgrounds including Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Baha'i, Hellenism, and Atheism. (Appendix 1, 2, 3)

Meditation: Wes Howell, Common Ministry Council member, and Pam McEachern led Meditation sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the noon hour. WSU faculty and staff attended regularly for a time of meditation learning and practice. Wes led Lectio Divina sessions, and Pam led sessions of Contemplative Prayer. (Appendix 1, 2)

Dinner for Eight: This special dinner is auctioned off every year at the Common Ministry's annual Dinner Auction fundraiser. The winning bidder invites seven guests, and Council members and students prepare and serve food from a menu that they caringly designed. The 2012 dinner party was held Saturday, September 23, 2012. Those attending had a lovely time and enjoyed excellent food.

Mom's Weekend Open House and Ice Cream Social, Emi Dickens, Interfaith House at WSU RSO Advisor: The students of Interfaith Mythbusters hosted an Open House Ice Cream Social for Mom's Weekend on April 13, 2013. They invited WSU students, their Moms, and family members to stop in for Ferdinand's ice cream, free of charge, see our space, and learn about what we do at the Interfaith House. (Appendix 7)

Interfaith Dialog, Larry Fox, Group Coordinator: In the absence of a Common Ministry Director, Larry Fox acted as the facilitator for the monthly Interfaith Dialog meetings of religious leaders in the Pullman area. The purpose of the Interfaith Dialog Group is to develop relationships among and within various faith communities in the Pullman and surrounding area. When an interfaith crisis arises, the Interfaith Dialog Group can mobilize the local faith communities to respond appropriately. The Interfaith Dialog Group develops friendships and respect for people regardless of their faith convictions. The Interfaith Dialog Group is an opportunity for individuals to share about their personal faith, the work they are doing in the faith community and is an opportunity to educate and strengthen interfaith dialog in general.

Organizations at the Interfaith House

Inspire!, Alissa Bertsch Johnson: The Wesley Foundation at WSU holds the *Inspire! Dinner and Fellowship* program, at the Interfaith House each week on Wednesday nights from 5-7pm, and held Bible Studies and special events throughout the year. We begin with a home-cooked meal provided by the Wesley Foundation or one of our donors, followed by a student-led program. During the Fall semester we used N.T. Wright's book *Simply Jesus* to look more deeply into who Jesus was and the cultural context of his ministry. During the Spring we used Rob Bell's video series *NOOMA* to explore various aspects of our Christian faith. Each week our *Inspire!* program is different. We might do a traditional bible study one night and "Glee" song mash-ups the next. (Appendix 1)

God's Harmony Gospel Choir: This choir met regularly to practice. The group's hope is to reach out to the local community through their performances, and thus share their passion for God and music.

Hillel, Pat Carter: 2012-2013 has been a good year for WSU-Hillel. Regular meetings usually draw 6-8 students, with the composition of the group varying from week to week, and with holiday events attracting a greater percentage of the membership. We now have more than 100 students on our email list and have started an alumni list to better keep in touch with graduates. On Tuesday nights at the IFH, the students generally talk about subjects of Jewish interest, plan upcoming events, watch movies or just eat and chat. On Friday meeting nights at the IFH, students share a Shabbat meal together, and occasionally they hold Shabbat at the Snake River dunes at sunset. In addition, the WSU-Hillel celebrated the major holidays that occurred during the academic year, including travel to the synagogue in Spokane for High Holiday services; a "Hookah in the Sukkah" event; a Chanukah party; a Tu B'Shvat Seder; a Pesach Seder; and a Purim party. Fruitful contact between Hillel and the Jewish Community of the Palouse continued this year, with between 5 and 10 Hillel students attending monthly Friday night services at the Interfaith House with the JCP, and with several services being led by the Hillel students.

Jewish Community of the Palouse (JCP), Myron Schreck: The Jewish Community of the Palouse has an office in the Interfaith House on the campus of Washington State University. The JCP offers cultural, religious and social activities for Jews living in Pullman, Moscow and the surrounding areas of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho including Washington State University and the University of Idaho. We are an unaffiliated community that is open to all members of the Jewish faith. It is our goal that Jews of all backgrounds, whether Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or Reconstructionist, feel comfortable participating in our community. Families of mixed marriages are also welcome and encouraged to participate. Our activities include High Holiday services, Sukkot, Chanukah, and Purim celebrations, Friday Night services and potlucks. Parents operate a Sunday School program for children 5 to 11. We have no Rabbi, so we depend on our members to help organize events, programs and lead services. JCP members assist the WSU Hillel student group, and students are always welcome to attend our activities, religious services and celebrations.

Muslim Student Association at WSU: The Muslim Student Association, which helps new International Muslim students to adjust and to erase misconceptions, hosted prayer sessions on Fridays at noon at the Interfaith House.

Korean Evangelical Church, Pastor Jinhee Han: The Korean Evangelical Church held services every Sunday at 11am with about twenty-five members. We also held morning prayer meetings every weekday morning, and Bible studies on Friday afternoons. Counseling was provided for students with regard to their faith.

Secular Cougs, Craig Wheeler: The goal of Secular Cougs is to promote open discussion of all things, including those things that are often taboo, and to provide a community for those lacking belief in god. Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings and participate in the discussion, ask questions about the secular community, or even bring a topic of their own.

The Living Sober Group: The Alcoholics Anonymous Preamble states: Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

The Living Sober group has been meeting at 12:10pm, seven days a week since 1989. We adhere to the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions of AA and strive to serve other alcoholics seeking a safe, anonymous place to recover from alcoholism.

Read for Life, Thomas Salsbury: *Read for Life* is a registered student organization whose primary activity is tutoring elementary children in reading. The group convenes twice weekly at the Interfaith House and serves around 20 children, most under the age of 9. Activities include homework help, reading out loud, building vocabulary, writing poems, completing worksheets, handwriting skills, and math. In addition to tutoring, the student group plays games with the children and provides a light, sit-down snack. Each semester ends with a small party to celebrate the children's accomplishments in reading and to recognize the leadership efforts of the student organizers.

All of the participating children are from Pullman schools, and there is much academic, linguistic and cultural diversity among the children. Many of our tutors hope to be elementary teachers upon graduation. The leadership team works hard to raise money for the organization and find materials for the children. All of the money raised goes to purchasing snacks and materials for the children.

Resonate Church, Chad McMillan: In our short, six-year, history, we have transformed a small college ministry into a thriving 700 person church, still aimed at the collegiate mindset. We found that collegiate ministry, while targeting a crucial time in one's life where many future-oriented decisions are made (career, spouse, habits, etc.), was less beneficial in that many college ministries were merely a segment of one's life and even of their spirituality. By deciding to turn a ministry into a church, we actually made a place where people could be more known and less isolated / hidden.

We also hold many other meetings and events at the Interfaith House throughout the year. Our women's Bible study meets at the Interfaith House on Sunday mornings. Band practices and auditions for our worship team are held monthly. Alpha luncheons and discussion times were held to facilitate spiritual conversation with members of the Greek Community. The English Corner met weekly to tutor students and adults, whose primary language is not English, in English. We also hold leader trainings, holiday parties, and 24 hour prayer sessions.

Presbyterian Men's Group, Pastor Norman Fowler: Our group is a group of men from First Presbyterian Moscow that work in Pullman mainly associate with campus. The group has been going several years now and has become a source of support and encouragement for those that attend. We discuss faith and life and lean on each other for guidance and clarification around these issues.

Christian Prayer Group: This student-led meeting was held weekly in the Interfaith House library. The time was reserved to share prayer requests and to pray.

Experiencing God: This group met weekly to more deeply develop the members' relationship with God. This group was based in Christianity, but open to anyone.

Spiritual Formation: This small group was open to anyone seeking to deepen their connection with God. The meetings were based in Christianity, but applicable to those of any faith.

Zoe Coffeehouse & Pub, Mike Wagoner, Owner: Many times we are asked "Who is Zoe?" or "May I talk with Zoe, please", but actually there is no person named Zoe. "Zoe" is one of the many Greek words used in scripture which is translated into English as "life." Zoe life is the only real and genuine life, the absolute fullness of life, both essentially and ethically, which belongs uniquely to God. It has always been our desire that, no matter how subtle, Zoe Coffeehouse be centered, not around an individual, but on the very One Who is Zoe Himself.

Zoe Coffeehouse & Pub (affectionately called Zoe Underground by many of our customers) is a safe haven for members of the WSU family to come to study, relax, or commune with friends old and new. Looking around the room you will see students lost in their laptops, church groups and campus ministries shepherding new ones one-on-one, or staff & faculty relaxing and enjoying a hand-crafted microbrew after work. In the evenings the room comes to life with the sound of music, whether it's the WSU School of Jazz enjoying their weekly Monday night jam sessions, or other aspiring student groups and local musicians.

In the '60's and '70's, the K-House was the hub of student unrest regarding human equality and social injustice. Many now-existing WSU student clubs and organizations had their beginnings in that "underground coffeehouse." In keeping with tradition, Zoe Coffeehouse hosts a monthly "open mic" for a student group called Revolutionary Minds, "...a non-violent group promoting the use of the pen and paper as a conduit for individual and collective revolution of the mind." In their own words to us, "Revolutionary Minds...is a space welcoming all viewpoints to be heard, debated, and respected."



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A Safe Place For Spiritual Development

Meditation

Tuesday and Thursday 12:15-12:45pm

Meditational instruction, followed by a time
to meditate together. All are welcome!

Inspire! Christian Fellowship

Wednesday 5-7pm

Free dinner followed by worship and fellowship.
Offered by the United Methodist and Episcopal
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Interfaith Mythbusters

Thursday 5-7pm

Free meal, followed by dialog and explorations.
Those of any belief system who would like to
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Fall 2012

From the President of the Council

Another school year is in full swing at Washington State University. On behalf of The Common Ministry Council, I want you to know that our programs are flourishing this year despite the staff changes we continue to experience in our ever-changing ministry. You will see some encouraging reports regarding our operations and programs throughout this newsletter.

Last school year, we searched for a permanent director. In spite of a very successful search process, we were not able to fill the position. Dr. Rob Synder is no longer serving as Interim Director, so we do not have a director onsite at the present time. One of the ways we have addressed some of the onsite duties of the Interim Director is by transferring some of those responsibilities to our Office Manager, now Building and Office Manager, Lorraine Mason. She is handling these duties well and continues to help us make sure our building is used well by a variety of groups. Also, various Council members have taken on leadership of the Interfaith Mythbusters and Meditation programs with good success. We plan to begin another search for an IFH Director in the near future.

The challenges to support campus ministry in these tough economic times continue to increase, and some of our traditional denominational supporters have notified us that they will not be able to provide funds in the future. We will need to replace \$10,000 in 2013 and another \$20,000 in 2014. Thus, your continued support is urgently needed. Please take a moment to review the enclosed donation form to see how you can support our outreach to the many college students who are exploring their faith, seeking knowledge of various faith traditions, and/or searching for a spiritual context. The students at the Interfaith House today are growing into the open-minded, faithful leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you for your past support, and we hope you will be able to continue your support in the future.

Sue Durrant, President of the Common Ministry Council

Interfaith Mythbusters

Thursday night at the Interfaith House is the place to be for inquiring minds. We incorporated a "Speaker Series" format to hear first hand from individuals of different faiths, and deepen understanding of our neighbors of different faiths and spirituality. A typical Thursday program starts by sharing a meal prepared by volunteers or by students to nourish our bodies, then moves into a presentation or/and dialogue to nourish our faith and spirituality.

15-18 individuals from different faith backgrounds participate regularly in the program. One of the regular participants, Maria, talks about her experience with the program:



"The Interfaith House is a welcoming place where everyone is able to openly express their thoughts, ideas, and beliefs: spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. Personally, I find the Interfaith House to be a stimulating environment for any type of open discussion. The thoughts and ideas that are expressed have contributed immensely to my own spiritual growth. . . . I have made lasting friendships with people from different walks of life and have found something to look forward to every Thursday evening."

The Interfaith Mythbusters crew on November 8, 2012.

Everyone is welcome to join us at the Interfaith Mythbusters program to witness God's work at the Interfaith House at 5pm on Thursday nights. Refer to our website for an up-to-date speaker schedule

Emi Dickens, Vice President of the Common Ministry Council, Program Coordinator for the Interfaith Mythbusters

CROP Hunger Walk

On October 7, students from the Interfaith House participated in CROP Hunger Walk in Pullman to demonstrate the Interfaith House's involvement with and caring for our community. CROP Hunger Walk is a fundraising and awareness event, in which participants walk 10k to raise money and awareness for hunger in the local and global communities. It was a beautiful fall day and we all enjoyed the walk. The Pullman-Moscow community members raised over \$10,000. 25% of the money raised stays in the local community and the rest is used to help people in developing countries in Asia and Africa through Church World Service. THANK YOU to individuals who made donations on behalf of the Interfaith House.



IFH CROP Walk participants at the halfway point of the 10k.

- Have extra time and want to volunteer? We have several one-time and on-going projects with □
- which we always appreciate a helping hand! Contact the office for service options and to schedule. □
- A partial list of ideas can be found on the Interfaith House website: www.interfaith-house.com. □

Meditation: Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is an ancient Christian practice that combines reading, listening, praying, and mediation. It is a way to read deeply, allowing ourselves to become more in tune with the presence of God in ALL areas of our lives.

Macrina Wiederkehr, a member of St. Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith, Arkansas, models for us Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) as a way of life. It is based on an incarnation spirituality which finds God fleshed out everywhere. In her many books, she teaches us the art of seeing the presence of God in the midst of our daily activities. One of my very favorite passages is about a moment of beauty spotted by the author in a bus station:

"Taking my head out of my book for a moment proved to be true nourishment. I witnessed a little girl helping her brother get a drink at the water fountain. Attempting to lift him to the proper height turned out to be impossible. I was just at the point of giving them some assistance when quick as lightning she darted over to a shoeshine man, pointed to a footstool he wasn't using, dragged it to the water fountain, and very gently lifted up her thirsty brother. It all happened so fast and it was so simple, yet it turned out to be a moment of beauty that became a prayer for me. So much to be learned from such a little moment. Perhaps what touched me most was her readiness to seek out a way to take care of the need without waiting to be rescued. It was a moment of beauty: a small child with a single heart." Practicing Lectio Divina gave her the awareness of God deep within the words, allowing her to see and enjoy God moments in the everyday.

Wes Howell, Common Ministry Council Member, Meditation Program Coordinator

Meditation: Contemplative Prayer

I offer guidance with a Christian form of meditation called Centering Prayer. It can be paired with Lectio Divina, which is traditionally done with scripture readings, but can also include poetry, art and music. These forms of Contemplative Prayer have their roots in the early Christian tradition. I have found that they have enriched my spiritual journey.

Experience Lectio Divina and Contemplative Prayer! Join us for this quiet and focused time, every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:15 to 12:45.

Pam McEachern, Meditation Leader

Keep in Touch!

To be kept up-to-date on the latest happenings at the IFH, "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/InterfaithHouseWSU.

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Be sure to check out our website: www.interfaith-house.com!



The students of the 2012 retreat in front of the St. Gertrude Chapel.

Retreat at the Monastery of St. Gertrude in Cottonwood, ID October 26-28, 2012

The Monastery welcomed us with an inch of snow on the ground when we arrived Friday evening. After we settled in at the Farm House, Sister Lillian generously offered her time to give us an overview of the Monastery including history, the life of nuns at the Monastery, her personal reason for her commitment to God, and provided a Q & A session. The following day, Sister Lillian gave us a tour of the Monastery and answered more questions. We experienced Benedictine tradition of worship at the beautiful Chapel. Students were encouraged to take time to relax, and to get to know and enjoy each other. We played games, carved pumpkins, and took time to enjoy the outdoors between rains. Rithy, who participated in the retreat for the first time, says:

"The retreat, for one, was a great venue to refresh my mind from the daily monotony of school life. I was able to be involved in rituals that I have never done before such as singing hymns and ingesting sacramental wine and bread, and we were able to personally interact with the nuns. . . . I felt very welcomed by all of the Sisters (who smiled or said hello to each one of us), and this retreat allowed me to better understand the members in the Interfaith Group more personally.

Overall, my time at St. Gertrude Monastery was very enlightening because it gave me a first-hand experience in Benedictine faith and it will be an experience that I will not forget."

Another student, Arlie, describes:

"I look forward to the Interfaith retreat every year. I explain to people that the retreat brings a bunch of WSU students together from all different religions and faith backgrounds. I say, 'Imagine a diverse group of people and religions spending the weekend at a monastery with nuns.' It's a bonding experience as we stay up late playing board and card games, carving pumpkins, and laughing endlessly. We go into the retreat often just being friendly acquaintances, and then come away from the trip with strong friendships and unforgettable memories. The Interfaith retreat is a time to escape the stress of school and life, relax, enjoy, and grow spiritually together in the beautiful environment."

Emi Dickens, Vice President of the Common Ministry Council

* **Save the Date!** *
* Our 2013 Annual Dinner Auction will be *
* on Sunday, April 21 at Banyans on the *
* Ridge. *
* Tickets will go on sale in March, 2013. *
* To donate items or to help find donations, *
* please contact the Interfaith House office. *
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Participants of the 2012 retreat inside the ornately beautiful Chapel at the St. Gertrude Monastery.



Open House BBQ was a Huge Success!

The school year kicked off with the Interfaith House Open House BBQ on August 22. Approximately 60 students and community members joined the BBQ and enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and sides provided by the Interfaith House RSO (Registered Student Organization). This was a wonderful opportunity to open the Interfaith House to students to let them know what we do and what programs are available for them to participate.

Zoe's Café participated by providing a prize wheel to attract students and provided discount coupons for the café.

Everyone sat around and enjoyed conversations and the beautiful evening under the tree in the front yard. It was a great way to start the new school year!

**Thank you for being an invaluable part of our Interfaith House community!
We pray many blessings be upon you this holiday season!**

Interfaith House Building Use

The Interfaith House has been busy this Fall semester. In August, we had 570 people attend meetings and events here! In September and October that number increased to an average of 835 people per month. That's not including our bustling office activity: Resonate Church has the entire third floor for office space; the Korean Evangelical Church, Inspire!, Read for Life, Hillel, Barbara Aston, and the Jewish Community of the Palouse all have office space here as well.

In September, for the first time in many years, we held a Blood Drive at the Interfaith House. The many groups who make up the Interfaith House community pulled together to help advertise, donate blood, and host the event. We had an extremely successful blood drive, and exceeded our donor goals. Our Dinner for Eight, which was raffled off at our 2012 Dinner Auction in April, was also held in September and was enjoyed by our eight guests who dined on delicious food while basking in one another's company.

We have wonderful support from our community here at the Interfaith House. Alcoholics Anonymous, Christian prayer group, Experiencing God, God's Harmony Gospel Choir, Hillel, Inspire!, Interfaith Dialog, Jewish Community of the Palouse, Korean Evangelical Church, Muslim Student Association prayer group, Presbyterian Men, Read for Life, Resonate Band Auditions, and Secular Cougs all meet regularly at the Interfaith House. This is not to mention that Zoe Coffeehouse has the entire basement for their thriving business!

If you are interested in finding out more about a Common Ministry program, or another program that meets here, please call or email the Interfaith House office. Information about many of the programs can be found in our foyer.

We regularly host one-time events here, too, such fundraising meals, holiday dinners, weddings, luncheons, and conferences. If you are interested in hosting a meeting or event here, or would like to inquire about office space, please contact the office for paperwork and scheduling.

Lorraine Mason, Building and Office Manager of the Common Ministry / Interfaith House at WSU

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Ground rules for Interfaith Mythbusters

- I am here to listen to and learn about other religions and faiths to increase understanding of one another in our diverse society.
- I agree to disagree, and I am here for a dialogue, not a debate.
- I respect the integrity of religions, faiths and beliefs, and respect each person's right to follow individual beliefs and practices.
- I am willing to contribute to a dialogue in respectful ways.

Prayer

Today, may I be open to others' ideas and beliefs,
Respectful of our differences, not threatened by them.

May I grow in understanding of my own motives,
Knowing that people often act out of their own fears.

May I be a force for replacing fear with insight,
Helping us all to be patient and kind as we talk.
Working together, may we find a common ground,
Enable us to move forward with a shared purpose,
May we see what is truly important and unites us,
Focusing on that, to banish road blocks of ego and fear,
Today may I be open to others' ideas and beliefs.



Join a Meal and a Dialogue.

Our goal is to clear up misconceptions about various faiths and build respect and understanding among them.

GUEST SPEAKER SERIES

- September 6 Spirituality and Religions
 by Mel Morgan (Assistant Dean of Student, WSU)
- September 27 Muslim Faith and Tradition
 by Robert Eddie (Muslim community)
- October 4 Bahai faith and traditions
 by Toney Driver (Bahai community)
- October 11 Religion and Science
 by Todd Scranton (Pastor, Simpson United Methodist Church)
- October 18 Jewish faith and traditions
 by Erica Austin (Jewish community)
- November 1 Panel presentation
 Mary Beth Rivetti (Pastor, St. James Episcopal Church)
 Wes Howell (Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church)
 Chip Laird (Pastor, United Church of Christ)
- November 15 Thanksgiving celebration

Contact the Interfaith House (IFH) for the most up-to-date speaker schedule.

Interfaith Mythbusters meets every



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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

5-7 p.m., Interfaith House

- January 10 A Day in Occupied Palestine
 Video Presentation
- January 24 Episcopalian faith and tradition
 by Kevin Renner
- January 31 "Unmistaken Child" video viewing (part 1)
 Tibetan Buddhism
- February 7 "Unmistaken Child" video viewing (part 2)
 Tibetan Buddhism
- February 21 Hindu faith and tradition
 by Malathi Jandhyala
- February 28 Atheist / Secular Cougs
 by Kyle Rutherford
- March 7 Catholic faith and tradition
 by Kevin Codd (St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church)
- March 21 Mormon faith and tradition
 by Arlie Reeves

Additional speakers may be scheduled in April

The Common Ministry at WSU's
25th Annual Dinner Auction
**A Special Evening
with Friends**



Sunday, April 21, 2013

Austin Booker, Auctioneer

**5:00 p.m. Social Hour, and
Silent Auction**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner, and
Live and Silent Auctions**

*Banyans on the Ridge Banquet Facility
1260 Palouse Ridge Dr., Pullman, WA 99163*



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**Welcome to the 25th
Annual Dinner Auction,
presented to you by the
Common Ministry at WSU**

Auction Recommendations:

- Please pick up a bidding paddle for the Live Auction. They are available at the registration table.
- The close of the Silent Auction will be announced shortly after the Live Auction begins. The highest bidder's name will be highlighted on the bid sheet.
- Please pay for and take auction items home this evening. We now accept debit and credit cards in addition to cash and checks! Cash and check are preferred.
- Certificates may have expiration dates, so winning bidders, please check your certificates for expiration dates.
- Please contact individuals donating services within two months after the auction to make arrangements for collection.
- For tax guidance, please contact your tax advisor.

Raffle Baskets

Take a chance, or several, on these great baskets or items!

"Perk Up Your Day" Basket

Donated by The Daily Grind



"Fashion" Basket

Donated by Mary Lauver, Emi Dickens, Sue Durrant



"Coug Play" Bag

Donated by WSU University Recreation and At Home Designs



"Cougar Football" Package:

Two end-zone tickets, WSU vs. Utah, Nov. 23, 2013

Donated by WSU Athletics

Live Auction

1. Dessert for Your Table

Get together with the others at your table and outbid the rest of the room for your favorite specialty dessert: Nanaimo Bars, Cupcakes, Irish Coffee Cake, or Lemonade Layer Cake.

Donors: Jill Aesoph, George Martin, and Brianna Fischer

2. A Scheduled or Two-day Private Retreat at the Spirit Center at the Monastery of St. Gertrude

Anyone who has spent time at St. Gertrude's comes away calmed and refreshed. Schedule your own private or guided retreat at the beautiful Spirit Center near Cottonwood, Idaho.

Donor: Monastery of St. Gertrude

3. Floral Arrangements for Eight Holidays

Have an arrangement delivered to your door—or give the arrangement to someone special—on Mother's Day, Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, and one Special Occasion of your choice!

Donor: Neill's Flowers & Gifts

4. A Get-Away at The Davenport Hotel or Tower in Spokane

Treat yourself to a stay at the luxurious, historic hotel in Spokane, Washington after a day of shopping or a Broadway show. The gift card (\$25) can be used at any Davenport shop, restaurant, or spa. You deserve it!

Donors: The Davenport Hotel Collection and The Common Ministry

5. Combine Ride on the Flensburg Farm

Have you ever experienced the magic of riding on a combine during harvest? Each of the Flensburg's two air-conditioned combines can take two passengers!

Donors: The Flensburg Family

6. Hutton Hut Weekend Retreat at the Base of the Blue Mountains in Dayton, WA

Treat your family or friends to a 2-3 night retreat. Many activities are nearby—just a short drive up the hill to hiking and skiing, or enjoy wine tasting in the Walla Walla wine country. The cabin is fully furnished and sleeps six: two in the master bedroom, two in the loft, and two in the living room.

Donors: David and Sylvia Hutton

7. & 8. Magnum Bottle of Wine from Merry Cellars—OR—Growler from Paradise Creek Brewery

Are you a wine connoisseur or beer lover? . . or both? Enjoy delectable seasonal wine in a refillable Magnum bottle (equivalent to 2 regular size bottles)—OR—refreshing beer in a growler, with two beer glasses, and a gift certificate (\$50) to Paradise Creek Brewery.

Donors: Merry Cellars and Paradise Creek Brewery

9. Weber BBQ Grill and Gift Certificate for Vandal Brand Meats

Are you ready for summer? Have a fantastic BBQ party with this grill and great tasting steak or sausage from Vandal Brand Meats. The gift certificate can be used to purchase \$75 worth of quality meat at Vandal Brand Meats. Enjoy!

Donor: Generous Donor and Vandal Brand Meats

10. Fireside Dinner for Six to Eight People at the Interfaith House

Make an evening of it, enjoying music and conversation with your favorite people during five courses of gourmet

food lovingly prepared and served by the Common Ministry Council.

Our chefs and wait staff ask the successful bidder to trust them to create a menu and an evening that is sure to please. We will negotiate a date convenient for you in the next year.

Donor: The Common Ministry Council

11. Round of Golf for Four at Palouse Ridge Golf Course; and Gift Card for Banyans on the Ridge or Fireside Grille

Enjoy a round of golf with your friends, while taking in the beautiful view of the Palouse. A golf cart will be provided for your entourage.

After golf, savor the fine food at Banyans on the Ridge or Fireside Grille. A \$20 gift card is included.

Donors: Palouse Ridge Golf Course and Fireside Grille

12. Lake-Side Cabin at Heyburn State Park

This 1930's lakeside cabin is casual but comfortable, and sleeps up to 9 people. Swimming, boating, and hiking are close by. Appreciate a long weekend getaway or 4-night equivalent midweek, June through September.

Donors: Alex and Barbara Hammond

13. A Day of Sailing on Lake Coeur D'Alene

You and up to three friends can enjoy the beauty of Lake Coeur D'Alene on a sailboat with Walt Miller. Captain Walt will take you on a lake tour that you will never forget. Please contact the Millers to make arrangements for the adventure.

Donors: Walt and Janet Miller

14. A Bouquet a Week Delivered to Your Home or Office

Enjoy a freshly cut bouquet of flowers delivered to your work or home. You will receive 1 bouquet a week for 12 weeks from the well-tended gardens of Jane Stratton's Sunshine Crafts. These flowers will cheer you up and make you smile!

Donor: Jane Stratton

15. Cougar BBQ Cooking Set and Gift Certificate from Tri-State

A must have for Cougar tailgate parties or backyard BBQs! Show your Cougar spirit with this beautiful BBQ cooking set! You will be the envy of your neighbors. You can add items of your choice for the BBQ, from Tri-State with this gift card (\$100).

Donor: Crimson and Gray and Tri-State

16. One Day Pass for Two at Silverwood Theme Park; and Kool Mate / Electric Igloo

Have fun at Silverwood Theme Park this summer with your family! You can take along this "Kool Mate" for your beverages and snack. Happy Summer!

Donors: Silverwood Theme Park, and Dorothy Woelti.

17. Fisherman's Companion

"The solution to any problem ... is to go fishing, and the worse the problem the longer the trip should be." (John Gierach)

"Do not cease to fish because you get old. You get old because you cease to fish." (Anonymous)

Happy Fishing!

Orvis Fishing Reel

Trout Unlimited Fly Box and

Assorted Montana Flies

Flying Fish merlot by Columbia Valley Winery, with fish wine bottle holder

Donor: Joanne Washburn

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Fireside Grille	Zoe Underground
The WSU Bookie	Crimson and Gray
Lamadrid	Merry Cellars
Jill Aesoph	Silverwood Theme Park
Tri-State	WSU Recreation Center
Sue Durrant	David and Sylvia Hutton
Ellen Johnston	Joanne Washurn
Harriet McQuarie	Walt & Janet Miller
Brused Books	Jack & Belle Rogers
The Daily Grind	Paradise Creek Brewery
Dorothy Woelti	Neill's Flowers & Gifts
WSU Athletics	Wes & Linda Howell
Tim Paulitz	Brianna Fischer
Mary Lauver	Sam Dial Jewelers
Cafe Moro	The Flansburg Family
Nancy Nydegger	Common Ministry Council
Just Trade	George & Marilee Martin
Emi Dickens	UCC Thrift Shop
Old European Restaurant	
Sunshine Crafts/Jane Stratton	
Palouse Discovery Science Center	
Spirit Center at Monastery of St. Gertrude	
Palouse Ridge Golf Course/Mel Taylor	
Kaya Fitness/Danielle Eastman	
Vandal Brand Meats/Ron Richard	

...and any others to whom we apologize for not mentioning.



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Biographical Sketch: Michael-Ray Mathews



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Rev. Mathews celebrates twenty-six years of pastoral ministry this year. An ordained American Baptist minister, his early ministry leadership experiences began at Trinity Baptist Church – Los Angeles where he served as Assistant Financial Secretary and Operations Manager. He has also served as Campus Minister for the American Baptist Campus Ministry at USC; Youth Pastor at Temple Baptist Church – Los Angeles; Minister of Outreach at Beth Eden Baptist Church – Oakland; and Program Associate for Contextual/Field Education at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. From 2000-2008, he served as the senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church of San José, California.

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