

Hi Canby Alliance Family!

My humblest apologies for being quiet for 2 months. I suddenly realized it has been 2 months since we last had an Elder Newsletter. My bad! Sorry family!

Even though we have not had any Elder Newsletters since May, a lot has been happening and I want to give you a brief update on a couple of items:

PASTOR SEARCH PROCESS: The Lead Pastor position was posted on June 20, 2024 on the Northwest Alliance (our district) site and the National Christian & Missionary Alliance site. We are in the process of posting this on other external sites as well. Please continue to pray for Pastor Next and the Pastor Search Committee who have been meeting monthly (and soon to be more often) and have developed a process of evaluation of the applications!

MINISTRY APPLICATION EVENT/LOCAL NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE: The next Ministry Application Plan event is what we want to primarily use this newsletter for. We are planning a local community event for September 8, 2024 at 12 noon which will happen after our Annual Meeting. It will be called **The Good Neighbor Alliance Event**. This event will allow us to once again love and serve our community but this time it will involve the local community around our church.

As you may recall in Elder Newsletter 4.1, we introduced the Willamette Valley Big Band Concert Event and in Elder Newsletter 5.1 we shared what happened at that very successful event! It was exciting to see so many of you involved with this event and we celebrated the stories from so many of you of how we were able to intersect with our community and love and serve our community.

In this September 2024 event, we are inviting our neighbors in the vicinity of N 4th to N 10th and N Ivy to N Locust for a get together at our church in which we will have people be a part of an emergency preparedness information event. The invitation will occur through personal interaction by those of us who live in the area around the church. We plan to canvass the above area with personal invitations. It is our hope to have this be a bilingual event and we are hoping to get SDA brothers and sisters to be a part of this event as well.

We want to let our neighbors know that we are one of their neighbors and we want to be available in the event of an emergency scenario. We will let neighbors know what Canby Alliance Church can do in the event of such an emergency. We want to practically love our neighbors through this event. We want to see growth in the connections between neighbors.

We would like to have presentations by organizations like the CERT team, Red Cross and Rotary. We discussed using our church as a location where community neighbors can recharge cell phones and be a central location for people to get important information during such an emergency.

We plan to serve free hamburgers and hot dogs and have a chance to meet neighbors. We want to have a children's activity area and we are hoping to get our youth involved in this. We want to have a community board where people can share what is great about our local community and what needs there are in the community to improve the community and foster more connection with one another.

As you might imagine, an event such as this will require a lot of help and volunteers and this is where you can help. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact either Will Greenleaf or any of the area leaders where you either feel a passion about volunteering or feel gifted in that area.

"Champion"	Will Greenleaf (Project lead)
Greeters	Will Greenleaf
Event Promotion	Nancy Pickett
Kids Activities	* Yet To be Determined *
Food	Carol Reeder
MC	Will Greenleaf
Program	Joshua Stager
Setup/CleanUp/Hospitality	Sarena Sewell
Church Communication	Mel Yamase
Prayer Table/Church Info	Marilyn Greenleaf
Canby Rotary/ power/ internet	Ray Keen
Community Board	Joshua Stager

Here is the MAP (Ministry Application Plan) for **The Good Neighbor Alliance Event:**

MAP GOSPEL DEMONSTRATION AND PROCLAMATION: local neighborhood,
Revised 7/7/2024

PEAK THEMES:

Loving community:

- **Welcome for non believers**

Gospel demonstration and proclamation:

- **Demonstration of the gospel in word and deed**
- **Local neighborhood**

WHAT:

- **Initiate relationships with our neighbors in the local vicinity (defined as N 10th to N4th and Ivy to Locust)**
- **Communicate with community members that we value them as neighbors and we consider ourselves to be a part of their neighborhood.**
- **How can we practically express being one of the neighbors?**

HOW:

- Communicate this plan with the church
- Pray for our neighbors.
- Start prayer walks.
- Be more visible to our neighbors.
- Use existing church members living in this community
- Emergency Preparedness Event—use the fire department, CERT Team, Red Cross and Rotary (Canby Ready-Ray Keen).
- Personally invite our neighbors to this event from the defined geographical area through local residents and organized canvassing.
- Team Created: Nancy Pickett, Will and Marilyn Greenleaf, Earl and Carol Reeder, Ray and Rachel Keen, Ann Herman, Sarena Sewell, Joshua Sager, Ben and Lindsey Lessley, Andy and Carrie Carlson
- Program: Emergency Preparedness Information, time for neighbors to connect, free food, children and youth, etc.
- Champion: Will Greenleaf
- Teams and leads: Greeter Team-Will Greenleaf; Promotions-Nancy Pickett; Kids/youth: TBA (possible Rachel Keen and Nick Charboneau, Dan Lundy); Food-Carol Reeder; Program-Joshua Stager; Set up/Clean up/Hospitality-Sarena Sewell; Community Board-Joshua Stager; Church info/Prayer availability-Marilyn Greenleaf; Church communication-Mel Yamase
- Bilingual translations and literature
- Invite SDA church to help with translations and to intersect with neighbors.

WHEN:

- September 8, 2024; Sunday at 12 noon after the annual meeting.
- Next meetings: July 21, 2024 2 PM and August 11, 2024 2 PM

CELEBRATE:

- Celebrate progress at team meetings
- Celebrate after the event is done.

Your faithful servants,

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