




## President's Corner with George Scranton: *Re-discovering Christ*

Advent has called us to “waiting in anticipation” for the coming of Christ into our world. We have celebrated that coming as we re-discovered him in a manger with the shepherds and the wise men, and in the Temple with Simeon and Anna. I have also re-discovered him during this past year in numerous places and in many people I may not have expected or anticipated. I re-discovered Christ in our extensive visit to the *Sagrada Familia* in Barcelona, in Montserrat Abbey, and again in a small family workshop in Marseille (which makes only Creches year-round). The presence of Christ was also sensed in the Catacombs of Rome, and in the wonderful tour guide who made the experience of believers (and martyrs) nearly 2000 years ago very “present” to me. I re-discovered Christ’s presence also in Jerusalem, in Bethlehem, in Nazareth and at the shore of the Jordan River. However, I also re-discovered Christ’s presence (in perhaps strange ways) while visiting the spaces (and theatres) on the sacred Island of Delos (Greece), and at the 12,000 seat Roman Theatre of Epidaurus. Perhaps less surprisingly, I re-discovered Christ’s presence in our new “upstairs” neighbors, and their invitation to join their family to celebrate Christmas dinner, since we were going to be “Home Alone” this Christmas (our children’s families went to their in-laws this year). Christ also waits for us to “re-discover” him in our daily lives. My hope is that we also will always be waiting to re-discover Christ in our daily lives, in those people and places God puts in our path day to day, even when they may seem to be unexpected. . . and somewhat “strange.”

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### **Purpose for The Emeri-Times**

*"to edify, encourage, and connect emeriti faculty; to profile emeriti achievements (past and present); to provide news and information about members and SPU; to encourage emeriti to continue to be involved in world change."*

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## *Provost Bruce Congdon*

In July 2019, Bruce Dr. Congdon began serving as interim provost. Prior to this, he served for 10 years as dean of the SPU College of Arts and Sciences. Following the reorganization of the College into two divisions, he served as dean of the Division of STEM and Social Sciences. Before that Congdon was director of the Blakely Island Field Station and chair of the Department of Biology. Over a period of 33 years, he has taught courses in ecology, zoology, introductory biology, and faith and science. His research as an SPU biology professor centered on the population ecology of mites and insects. And he has also conducted research on the ecosystems of Blakely Island, including population dynamics of both algae and fish in the island's lakes.

His love for plants and animals is closely tied to his Christian faith, and the intersection of Christian faith and science figures prominently in the courses he teaches and the work he does.

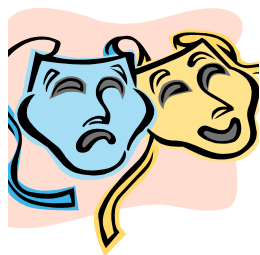
## *The Provost's Tea for Emeriti*

Join us on Tuesday March 24, 2020, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm in Upper Gwinn Queen Anne Room. This is a good opportunity to visit our beautiful campus, network with other Emeriti and hear from Interim Provost Bruce Congdon.

Look for two new staff in the Provost office: **Maliea Lowe-Hale** [lowehalem@spu.edu](mailto:lowehalem@spu.edu) and her assistant **Madisynn McCombs** [mcombsm@spu.edu](mailto:mcombsm@spu.edu). It is a privilege to be able to interact with them. They will be present at the Provost Tea.



**Emeriti at SPU basketball game.** Emeriti faculty are invited to attend the women's and men's basketball game on Saturday, February 29 vs Central Washington: 2:00 for Women and 4:15 pm for men. Reserved seat tickets will be available at the Will Call window one hour before the 2 pm game against Central Washington. Newly installed 2018 reserve seats will be available for comfortable seating, along with handrails to get us safely to our seats. At half time at each game we are welcome to the game analysis session with Coach in Falcon Lounge. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your seats with Ruby Englund [renglund@spu.edu](mailto:renglund@spu.edu) January 27, 2020. Pick up tickets at will call.



## Two of the **Winter and Spring Theater Productions**

**Urinetown: The Musical** by Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis. Directed by Ruben Van Kempen; Musical Direction by Mark Press **Dates:** January 30, 31, February 1, 6–8, 2020, at 7:30 p.m./ Matinees February 1 and 8 at 1 p.m.

## **The Shakers of Mount Lebanon Will Hold a Peace Conference This Month**

by Arlene Hutton; Directed by Marianne Savell **Dates:** April 23–25, April 30–May 2, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. May 2 matinee at 1 p.m.

## Emeriti updates

**Do Balch (late Wayne Balch), Music, 1985.** This is in memory of Do Balch who passed at age 96 on October 17, 2019. Though we had never met, I knew Do (as in the musical note) from her almost annual contributions to *Emeri-Times*. Since she lived in a retirement home near my daughter in Evanston, Illinois, I thought it would be fun to visit her. I was too late. She did not respond to my phone call nor did she send a note for the next newsletter. Then I learned that she had passed and I was actually in town two days after her memorial service. She was my hero. Her grammar and penmanship were perfect, her attitude was upbeat and positive, she read good books, exercised regularly, sang in the choir, learned to water color in her 90s, always had something interesting to share..... She was just lovely. We printed one of her watercolor drawings in a previous newsletter. I miss her.

**Ron Boyce (Norma Rae) Social and Behavioral Sciences, 1997.** As Emeriti professors each of us has experienced being set aside. Even if our passing was celebrated by a farewell dinner-fest, we got the dismissal message. It also is evident that one is finished when his own profession dedicates a festschrift to him. That is what the Association of American Geographers did to me in their just-published Volume III, of *Geography of the Holy Land*. By requesting that I write five chapters for it, they emptied my mind and taxed my stamina. The articles I wrote are (1) Prologue: The Nature of Cities, (2) A preface to a New Theology of the City, (3) Seeds on the Road to Sychar, (4) Jerusalem—the Superlative City, and (5) The significance of Place in the Bible.

Currently, even my daily menial tasks exhaust me; it's energy-sapping just to keep my body functioning, doing household necessities, and keeping my mind from deteriorating. Social interaction greatly helps, but sometimes has unexpected consequences. For example, recently I was rudely confronted by an atheist who was all-mouth. In order to get a better understanding of the mindset of an atheist, I have been studying Shelley's *Prometheus Unbound*.

I know more fully the fleeting nature of life. I also appreciate, that our lives, despite self-inflicted pratfalls, hold many riches and rewards. Consequently, my thoughts often turn to the blessed hope, based on His finished work and His faithful promises (Gal. 2:19-21). Now at nearly 89, my travels are restricted to armchair excursions into the realms of other people's realities.

Meanwhile, I toddle along, walking with a cane and still teach a Tuesday morning Bible class. My family is doing great. Norma Rae is also holding up well, despite her daily struggles with pains caused by spinal problems. I trust all of you are enjoying your retirements and hope to see you soon.

**Ruby Englund (the late Dave), School of Health Sciences, Professor of Nursing (2007).** Shirley Harlow, Emerita Faculty from the School of Health Sciences, and Ruby Englund enjoy going to Burgermaster regularly for fish sandwiches. Shirley always has interesting and sometimes hilarious stories from her nursing student and faculty days. Shirley will be celebrating her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday in March.

I have found new homes for my historic bedpan collection. The ceramic ones are now safely in the Learning Lab in the newly remodeled School of Health Sciences building at 6 Nickerson under the watchful eye of former SPU nursing student Emily Kelly who is the Director of the SHS Learning lab. The other half of the collection is now the possession of Dr. Heidi Monroe (nee Baum) former SPU nursing student and now on the SHS faculty. Archeologists study pots and other artifacts as part of their research so the nursing faculty now has items that could be studied in future centuries.



**Roger Feldman (Astrid) Professor of Art, Art Department , 2017.** Roger has been working with the Washington State Arts commission to design and install a site-specific sculpture at the entrance to Marysville/Pilchuck High School. The piece deals with a 12,000 year human presence, alludes to the design principles employed by native American peoples, and pays homage to the educational process as a gateway to the future. The piece is attached to a 16' x 10' triangle that points west, because in American literature and public consciousness, West has consistently represented the "unknown, opportunity, and hope". The title of the work is HopeGate, and brings two equal but different sides together, joined together to be one. One side represents the "organic" (Arts) while the other represents the "geometric" (Sciences). High School is the culmination of the K-12 educational experience, and this passageway leads toward a hopeful future. The salmon color relates to the value of salmon in a 12,000 year human history in the area, and the moire patterns created when a viewer passes by, represents the constant change that individuals go through while in the educational journey.



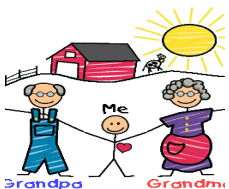
**Wayne Johnson (Claire), Department of Music, 2014.** Claire and I are enjoying a quiet life in beautiful east Tennessee not far from the Great Smoky Mountains. During the summer of 2018 we made our first trip back to Seattle since retiring and I surprised several friends and colleagues by showing up on the SPU campus unannounced.

This past August I had a wonderful time reminiscing with army buddies at Ft. Meade, Maryland, where I attended a reunion of the U.S. Army Field Band and Soldier Chorus—an organization for which I served as pianist some 50 years ago!

Although I no longer teach, I still cherish the gift of being able to make music with two hands. In addition to my participation in area chamber music performances, Claire and I host a couple of concerts in our home each year. We bring professional guest artists whom I am privileged to accompany at the piano. This spring we will be featuring an extraordinary coloratura soprano from NYC who will be singing a program of operatic arias, music from Broadway and the movies, American folk songs and spirituals. We expect a capacity crowd. Y'all come!

**Mike Macdonald (Karen) Professor of European Studies, 2007.** I recall Mel Foreman saying that most of our lives is lived between mountain top experiences and deep valleys. That may summarize most of Karen and Mike's life in 2019: reasonably good health, steady spiritual growth, security, typical enjoyable cruising and tent trailer opportunities, trips to Europe and Mexico -- all that with no major traumatic events one could associate with deep valleys. We're blessed and grateful. Books: Madeleine L'Engle's *A Wrinkle in Time*, Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals*, and Peter Wohlleben's *The Secret Life of Trees*. **Films:** we used PBS, Netflix, Amazon Prime a lot; also enjoyed Hallmark channel's Christmas movies (and the recent "Little Women" was fabulous.)

**Don Peter (Jo Ann), Engineering and Computer Sciences, 2017.** I am back to teaching part-time at UW Bothell for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year in College. We enjoyed a varied relaxing summer with family and friends, including a trip in December to visit friends we support with CRU (formerly Campus Crusade) and we are thrilled with the continued great fruitfulness of the Jesus Film Project. Check out the free app! We are very thankful to the Lord for His daily grace and mercies.



My grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday and he asked how old I was. I said "80". Sounding surprised, he said "did you start at one?"

**Marilyn Severson, European Studies and French, 2004.** At this Christmas time I continue to be appreciative of the many blessings in my life. During Christmas I visited my nieces and their families in Canandaigua and Syracuse, New York, always a pleasure. With the New Year I will be going through the downsizing process with a move to the Hearthstone to take place in late March, probably. It's a transition to be sure but seems right for me at this time. And there is always time to read: after hearing a talk by William J. Burns at Chautauqua last June, I read his book *The Back Channel: A Memoir of American Diplomacy and the Case for Its Renewal*. I found it a most insightful presentation of Mr. Burns's over 30 years of experience in this arena. As for fiction I found *The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish a fascinating story featuring Jewish documents from the 17th century found at the beginning of the 21st century in an old house. The two women protagonists, one from each period, were especially well done.

**Arlo D. Tiede (Della) School of Health Science-Nursing, 1981.** My odometer turned to 93 years on November 1, 2019. As I reminisce with myself I am very thankful for the years that Della and I had together. Now I read a lot. I still love my duplex apartment. I drive where I need to go within the city. My daughter, Marlice, and her family all live nearby. My son Jonathon and his wife live in Baltimore. Their children both live in Israel. I have a daily routine of exercise to keep all things working.

**Tom Trzyna (Martha) College of Arts and Sciences, 2016.** Tom Trzyna encourages emeriti to get involved as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for children in court dependency or to donate to Friends of CASA of King County, a charity that funds the emergency needs of these children. Latest publication news is the contracting of *Exceptional*, the autobiography of Fletcher Johnson, M.D. an African American heart surgeon and NBA pro. I compiled this from 16 drafts left at his death. *Pornography and Genocide: The War Against Women* came out in midsummer. I officiated a wedding in Sorrento, Italy and pursued some other travel. Retirement continues to be freedom to work in other areas.

**Elaine Weltz (Tim) Computer Science, 2019.** My husband (Tim) and I are enjoying the process of getting used to the "day job:" retirements that began the same day last summer. We celebrated this milestone with a 2-week cruise of the Baltic Sea. We first spent a few days in Sweden, where the highlight was a train trip from Stockholm to Hudiksvall and the village of Stocka for a day spent with Tim's relatives. We got to see his Mother's 100-year-old cousin, whose son took us to Tim's Grandmother's birthplace and the school she attended. The cruise made brief stops in Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Tallinn (Estonia), Gdansk, Germany, and multiple cities in Denmark and Norway. Highlights for us musicians were a Sibelius concert in Helsinki, a piano recital at Grieg's home outside Bergen, an unexpected organ recital in a little Lutheran church in Tallinn, and an evening of Russian folk dance in St. Petersburg. (The men were incredibly athletic, and the women were obviously trained in the tradition of Russian ballet). And, of course, there were wonderful castle, church, old town and scenic walking tours!

Returning home, we've settled into a schedule that revolves mostly around family and home projects and our part-time musical "careers". Tim keeps busy as Music Director for Rose Hill Church (Kirkland), planning worship and directing the choir and bell choir. I'm enjoying having time to actually practice regularly on both piano and organ. In addition to being Rose Hill's Organist/Accompanist, I continue to play with the Everett Philharmonic Orchestra (EPO). I was honored to be a featured artist in October's EPO concert that inaugurated the orchestra's 10<sup>th</sup> season. The director trusted me with the organ part for the Saint-Saens Organ Symphony and another work, which together pushed me to really raise my game as an organist. NOW the challenge is to build on what I've gained. I've also been able to stretch my teaching muscle a bit as part of a women's Bible study that rotates leadership. I just have to learn not to over-prepare my sessions (ha!).

All-in-all, I think our new way of life is treating us well!

**Martha Worcester (John), School of Health Sciences, Professor of Nursing, 2007.**

We are fortunate to remain in good health and realize how fortunate we are as the years pass, and so treasure time with family and friends the more. John and I were surprised by a few months stay of 2 grandchildren at different times wanting to stay with us while figuring out how to launch into adulthood. One age 19 the other age 22. A new experience for us oldies. Can't say that we were much help other than providing housing. We found us top dogs, two generations removed, can't just hand down our hard earned wisdom. This younger generation is dealing with things we never even dreamed of at their age.

Suggestions we gave, did not ring true enough for them to take, but we enjoyed getting to know them better and hearing how they see life, especially glad they cared enough about us to stay a few months, and play a few games with us. One even joined us in church every Sunday and sang with us in the choir!

Our church and several others joined together to build eight Tiny Homes for the unhoused on our church property. We work together to support our residents who moved in the day after Thanksgiving.

May the *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* of the advent season nourish you throughout in the New Year of 2020.

I (Martha - Nurse Faculty Emeritus 2007), appreciate the news of how other emeriti are supporting each other during difficult times."

**Sharon Young (Randy), Professor of Math and Education, 2015.** I chaired a three-day Northwest Math Conference in Tacoma this past fall. There were 200 speakers and 800 attendees. We traveled to Ireland, Brittany and Normandy in the Spring. In Galway we even donned helmets with facemasks and a caman to learn the game of hurling. (editor's note: Because of Sharon's note, I just learned about this sport which dates back thousands of years in Ireland.)



A 4 year old was asked where her grandparents live and she said they live at the airport. When we want to see them we just go get them . When we are done we take them back to the airport.

## In Memoriam

**Paul Lepse:** Alumnus Paul Lepse '58 and Professor Emeritus of chemistry who taught at SPU for 39 years, passed away on July 19, 2019. Paul was the uncle of Dan Lepse, assistant athletic director and sports information director in Athletics. Paul served as chair of the Chemistry Department for ten years. He helped developed the entire laboratory curriculum for organic chemistry and coauthored the lab manual in preparatory chemistry. He maintained a scholarly interest in quantum chemistry, chaos theory, and the intersection of issues in Christian faith and science.

He was known for generously giving his time in helping students one-on-one or in study groups, and exhibiting the spiritual gift of presence. In 1998, he was recognized for 35 years of service during the President's Chapel. An excerpt from the program states, "Every physician and dentist who is an SPU graduate of the last 35 years has been a student of Paul's, and was successfully prepared for professional school admissions tests by him.....Paul is also famous for his humorous addresses and essays such as the classic 'Why Did the Chicken Cross the Road.'" He was admired and respected by faculty colleagues for his good humor, integrity, transparent lack of guile, keen intellect, depth and breadth of knowledge, and humility. A memorial service for Paul was held on July 27.

**Annalee R. Oakes: Annalee Rosetta Oakes Annalee Oakes** passed peacefully into the presence of her Saviour, Jesus Christ, October 25, 2019. Annalee is survived by Phillip, her loving husband of 65 years, three daughters, Alice (Phil) Johnson, Joyce Oakes and Anne (Roger) Strand, grandchildren Rachel (Ben) Zupke, Sarah (Aaron) Balian and Paul Johnson, and five great grandchildren..Dr. Oakes received her Master of Arts degree in nursing and a minor in medical physiology in 1971. She later completed her doctoral degree in 1986. According to her faculty file, "She is considered by her peers to be one of Seattle's outstanding clinical specialists in the field of cardiovascular nursing and is frequently called for consultation by nurses and doctors." Served SPU from 1971-1998. She received Professor of the Year Award 1982-83 and teacher of the year award in 1995. She was Interim Dean of the School of Health Sciences from 1994-1995 and then became dean from 1995-1998. She was Director of Graduate Studies and was Facilities Coordinator for Harborview Medical Center, Northwest Hospitals, and two community agencies. The family requests that any memorial gifts be sent to The Rich/Oakes NW Nursing Faculty Development Endowment or The Oakes SPU School of Nursing Scholarship.

**Charles "Chuck" Olson** served SPU from 1981-1994 and was professor of Mathematics Education. He passed on October 29, 2019. He was married to Judy Olson for 56 years and they had two children and five grandchildren. When he arrived at SPU he set out to master computer programming and computer education. That was in the 1980s and it was a fairly new field. His students appreciated his teaching ability and he was recipient of the Burlington-Northern "Excellence in Teaching" Faculty Award, 1989-1990

**Forrest Franklin**, husband of Susan Franklin, emerita, School of Education, passed away December 4, 2019 after a year-long battle with Merkel cell carcinoma. There will be a memorial service at 2 pm Saturday, January 11, 2020, at North Seattle Church, 2150 North 122nd Street, Seattle, WA 98103. Susan notes that Forrest always felt a strong connection to SPU where he was an undergraduate and also played basketball under Les Habbegger.

**William "Bill" Rosenberger** served SPU from 1976-1993. He retired October 31, 1993. He held the position of Director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics from 1976-77 and then taught as an Associate Professor of Education from 1977-1991, finally joining the Division of Continuing Studies from 1991-1993. He lived in the Warm Beach community. His wife had already passed.

**Roger Anderson** was a physics faculty member for 35 years until his retirement in 1996. He passed away on December 6, 2019, at the age of 89. During his tenure at Seattle Pacific, Roger received the Burlington Northern Award for Research, and gave the Weter Lecturer in 1995 titled "[Disorder in Science and Religion: A Pedestrian Theology of Irony](#)". He received a BS and PhD in physics from the University of Washington. A memorial service was held Tuesday, December 17, at 11 a.m. at the Harvey Funeral Home, 508 N 36<sup>th</sup> Street in Fremont

*We apologize for the lack of information about the passing of some of our precious people. If anyone is able to contact the newsletter we can add updates in the June issue.*

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### Adelaide Hall



From SPU Archivist Adrienne Meier: As reported in the recent Board of Trustees report, Alexander Hall will be renamed Alexander and Adelaide Hall to better reflect Adelaide's "significant partnership and influence in the early days of Seattle Pacific." Here is some more information about her.

Adelaide L. Beers was the first head teacher at Seattle Seminary (she was called the "preceptress" in contemporary Seminary literature), and served the seminary with her husband, Alexander Beers, between 1893 and 1916. A single-story white-frame building built on the campus in 1922 was named for her in 1945. Adelaide Hall served as the main elementary school building (1922–45), a women's dormitory (1945–58), and as a classroom building (1958–78). It was located near the south entrance of Alexander Hall, partially where the lowest level of the Dravus Parking lot is now.

For more on Adelaide Hall, [see this SPU History Wiki entry](#) (SPU credentials required). Select the link to see photos of Adelaide Hall.

Karen Macdonald continues to supply our newsletter with her wonderful humor:



*The grandmother was in the bathroom putting on her makeup under the watchful eye of her granddaughter as she'd done many times before. After she applied lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!"*

*Think of this the next time you blot your newly applied lipstick.)*



**Winter/Spring Quarters 2020, Academic events**

**Marston Lecture**

Tuesday February 4, 3:15-4:15 pm

Lecturer: Dr. Owen Ewald, "World Domination and Universal History"

Demaray Hall 150

**Emeriti Tea** hosted by Interim Provost Bruce Congdon

Tuesday, March 24, 1:30-3:00 pm

Queen Anne Room, Upper Gwinn Commons

**Weter Lecture**

Tuesday, April 20, 3-4:30 pm

Lecturer: Dr. Katie Kresser, Priceless: Art and Luxury in Low Res World

Upper Gwinn Commons

**Walls Lecture**

Wednesday, May 6, 7:8:30 pm

Lecturer: TBD

Upper Gwinn Commons

**Retirement Dinner**

Thursday, May 7, 6-8:30

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