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- New event—SPU fall play
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## President's Corner

This spring I got to immerse myself once again in the life and thought of CS Lewis (it's the only class I still teach at SPU and I'm grateful for it). Lewis has such a gift of penetrating to root issues and insights. The "law of undulation," from *The Screwtape Letters*, is noteworthy in this regard. Lewis here builds on the fact that we humans are made up of both spirit and matter. Our spirits can be directed to an eternal object, but our matter, our natural bodies, our passions, and our imaginations are in continual change. Thus, from a

natural standpoint, the law of undulation is at work when interest in our jobs, duties, friends, appetites, health, all fluctuate, going up and down. The dryness, dullness, or depression we experience at any moment may be a natural phenomenon and not have much at all to do with our spiritual lives. Thus, we are encouraged to focus daily on worship and Bible Study and other ways that infuse the spiritual into our lives and direct our attention to important matters eternal.

Thanks to all those who responded to my call in



the last newsletter for ideas for future emeriti events. From Ruby Englund's suggestion we added the women's basketball game in February, attended by 12 of us. Thank you Ruby!

Blessings for a happy summer!

*Mike Macdonald, Emeriti  
Faculty President.*

### Purpose for Emeri-Times

*"to edify, encourage, 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." The Emeri-Times newsletter is distributed by the Office of Academic Affairs.*

Please let me know ([mmacдона@spu.edu](mailto:mmacдона@spu.edu) or 425 881 3486) if you have recommendations.

*New Newsletter*

## Rev. Dr. R Blake Wood at Spring Tea 2012



*Strengthening ties  
and building bridges.*

Rev. Dr. Blake Wood is Lead Pastor of First Free Methodist Church (FFMC) and was the featured speaker at the Emeriti Spring Tea hosted by Office of Academic Affairs.

Pastor Wood brought the “spiritual food,” beginning with his philosophy of keeping the focus on “Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.” As Mike Macdonald says, “For those of us ‘like me’ who value keeping the main thing the main thing, it was an excellent

example of doing just that.” Mike adds, “Parenthetically, before joining the FFMC, Blake served as church planter, with his ministry team responsible for ten formal churches and scores of house churches in the Middle East.” Concluding his talk, Pastor Wood emphasized that one of his priorities is to strengthen ties between FFMC and SPU. *Thank you, Dr. Wood for your supportive and inspiring words.*

In a related event later, FFMC along with SPU’s student-led Israel Palestine Club, Professor Doug Thorpe, and Middle East Peace Builders presented a discussion “Refusing to be Enemies.” This excellent conversation was between Mark Braverman, an American Jew, and Daoud Nasser, a Palestinian Farmer. They talked with campus groups over a two day period.

## Spring Tea 2012 Continued and Fall Play 2012

### Spring Tea 2012

As has been the tradition, the annual emeriti faculty tea was hosted by Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Bruce Congdon and the Office of Academic Affairs. The gathering was enjoyed by nearly 50 emeriti faculty members and spouses. Wonderful refreshments were tasty and plentiful.

After informal conversation time, Dr. Congdon introduced the members of the Dean’s Cabinet who attended. He commented on some current issues facing SPU and answered questions.

Mike Macdonald, president of the Emeriti Faculty, introduced Reverend Dr. Blake Wood.

### Fall Play 2012

Watch your mailbox and email in the fall for an announcement from the theater department about a fall play. Two free tickets are usually offered for a Saturday matinee. I encourage you to accept the offer, meet other emeriti at the theater and enjoy refreshments with emeriti at intermission.

### Basketball Game

The February 23, 2012, women’s basketball game organized by Ruby Englund was enjoyed by emeriti and we hope to do it again next year.

**Dr. Bruce Congdon and several Dean’s Cabinet members welcome emeriti faculty and spouses.**  
**Fall Play -Theater Dept**  
**Basketball Game well-attended**



Speaking of tea . . .

Three gentlemen were discussing how they stir their tea.  
The first gentleman said he always stirs his tea with his left hand.  
The second gentleman said he always stirs his tea with his right hand.  
The third gentleman said he always stirs his tea with a spoon.

## Reprise of Warm Beach luncheon for emeriti faculty

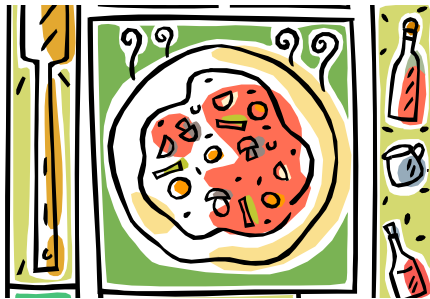
Once again the Emeriti Faculty living in Warm Beach Senior Community is hosting a special summer luncheon of SPU Emeriti on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, at 12:30. Please join friends for a lunch hosted by the Warm Beach Senior Community. The luncheon gathering will take place in the Beachwood Conference Room.

Former SPU President Curtis Martin, who lives at Warm

Beach with his wife Carol, will be the guest speaker. The title of his talk is "You Can't Fire Me, I Quit!," which will consist of humorous anecdotes from his time in the Executive Office. RSVP no later than July 27 to Bill Rosenberger by phone 360-722-7111 or email [wrose@wavecable.com](mailto:wrose@wavecable.com)

Questions? Contact Bill Rosenberger or Mike Macdonald (425) 881 3486 [mmacdo-na@spu.edu](mailto:mmacdo-na@spu.edu)

See below for directions to Warm Beach and a list of emeriti living at there..



## Directions to Warm Beach and other details

From South: I-5 north to Exit 206, Lakewood/Arlington exit. Turn west (State Highway 531). After 2 miles you will come to a stop sign. Merge (right) onto the Lake Goodwin Road. At Lake Goodwin, Highway 531 will turn south. Do NOT turn. Continue on Lake Goodwin Road to the west for approximately 4 miles. The next stop sign will be Marine Drive. Turn right (North) on Marine Drive for 1 1/2 miles and you will see a yellow caution (blinking) light. This is the entrance (to the left) into the Senior Com-

munity. As you enter the community, continue straight ahead to the Beachwood wing. (Parking at Beachwood is limited). You may want to park to the left as you enter and then walk. Signs will direct you to the Soundview Office where there is ample parking. We will try to have someone in front of the Soundview Office giving further directions to Beachwood.

From North. Drive to Stanwood, take Marine Drive south to the Warm Beach Senior Community (4.5 to 5

miles). Continue south to the third entrance into the Community and then follow above instructions.

Emeriti who live at Warm Beach:

- Gus Breitenbach
- Janet Buck
- Danna Davis
- Esther Helsel
- Don and Ivy Kerlee
- Curtis and Carol Martin
- Bill and Dorothy Rosenberger
- Arlo Tiede
- Ray and Marilyn Wells

**A tour of the Warm Beach campus is available for those interested after lunch.**



New word: **Caterpallor** (n): The color you turn when you discover half a worm in the apple you are eating.

New word: **Cashtration** (n): The act of buying a house which renders the subject impotent for an indefinite period of time.

New word: **Decafelon** (n): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

# WELCOME NEW EMERITI 2012!

**Lucille Kelley** retired as Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Associate Professor of Nursing. She earned her B.S.N. from the University of Connecticut in 1969, her M.N. from the University of Washington in 1973 and her Ph.D., 1990. Lucille has been at SPU since 1985. The "Grow Our Own" program, brainchild of Dr. Kelley, was launched in 2007. It is an innovative way for Seattle Pacific University's School of Health Sciences to increase its number of PhD-qualified faculty and attracting new staff at the same time. According to the SPU website, "It's a long-term investment that helps solve the faculty shortage problem," Kelley says. "Grow Our Own makes it possible for present and future faculty to pursue their doctorate. The end result is win-win for our students, as our already highly qualified clinicians acquire greater levels of scholarship, regard for research, and teaching skills."

**Philip Prins retired from Computer Science, retiring as Associate Professor of Computer Science, Computer Engineering Coordinator.** With a PhD in electrical engineering and MS in Computer Science from the University of Idaho, Phil is both an engineer and a computer scientist. He also has degrees in Mathematics and Botany. We could also call him a world traveler, mountain climber, scoutmaster and Presbyterian elder. He does it all. Phil and his wife, a nurse, share a passion for missions and just might be spending a good deal of their retirement time in emerging countries. As shared by Elaine Weltz at his retirement celebration in early May, he is also a daily bike commuter from north Bothell, an avid mountain climber and former president of the Everett Mountaineers. He is also a member of the Highpointers Club and has reached the high points, including Denali, of all 50 states.

**Dick Smith retired in the 2011-12 school year.** On Sept. 9, 2011, the School of Education honored retiree Richard E. "Dick" Smith at an open house celebration in the Fine Center at First Free Methodist Church. This was in recognition of his 23-year tenure at SPU. He was Chair of Educational Leadership and P.E.A.B. Dick worked as a tireless advocate of educational leaders across the state of Washington. He taught countless principals, program administrators, and superintendents during his time at SPU, making a vast impact on education in Washington State. He received his B.A. degree from Seattle Pacific College in 1963, his M.A. degree from the University of Oregon in 1968 and his PhD in 1972. He was a professor at SPU from 1988 to 2011.

**Les Steele ( Gail ) formerly VP Academic Affairs (2012) and formerly Dean of the School of Theology.** Though Dr. Steele is not officially retired (he actually resigned to take another job), he was granted emeritus status after 27 years of service at SPU with 16 of those in the School of Theology followed by eleven years as VPAA. He says, He got his start in Christian Higher education at Illinois' Wheaton College, followed by work at Azusa Pacific in Southern California. He worked as a pastor while attending graduate school.

Currently he is the Executive Vice President for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. This is the primary regional accrediting body for all colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest. His role is to serve the Commission and member institutions in a way that advances the work of accreditation in order to preserve and improve the quality of student learning at the institutions. Dr. Steele says, "During my time as VPAA, I became quite involved with Commission work as an evaluator and ultimately as a chair for a number of accreditation visits. I found the work quite rewarding as a way to come to know great ideas from other institutions as well as a way to advance the desire to continuously improve student learning." Of his SPU emeritus status, Dr. Steele says "Believe me, I miss being on campus with all the great colleagues and students. I am very grateful that faculty, Phil Eaton and the Board granted me emeritus status...That is a wonderful gift and I will be involved when the time comes. I miss SPU yet will always be a part of SPU."

## EMERITI FACULTY UPDATES JUNE 2012:

**Robert (Bob) Chamberlain (Betty) retired from Communication and Journalism 1999.** Bob and his wife Betty had a lot to look back on [we still live on South Hill Puyallup] from 2011-12. Here's a sampling, with a little background:

Background: we met at Cascade College as freshmen and married after graduation in 1961, which means that our 50th wedding anniversary was August 26, 2011. We did celebrate that, with visits from several members of the SPU faculty, at Puyallup United Methodist Church, where we attend regularly and are active in such things as the Library Committee, the annual mystery dinner theatre performance (those two are both Bob), Outreach Ministries Committee (that one has both of us busy), the bell choir (that's Betty), and other events.

Then in September 2011 we began to fall apart. Betty's knees, both of which were replaced in 1997, wore out. In 2011 she had repairs on both knees and one ankle. In September Bob went for an eye exam. His eyes were dilated and the optometrist saw some retinal damage. He was referred to an ophthalmologist, who confirmed that damage and referred him for further tests. It's a long story. In November he had an angiogram followed by more tests. Those led to a double coronary artery replacement December 15, followed by cleaning out the left carotid artery Feb. 14, and a round of cardiac rehabilitation. He's now what passes for "normal" and ready for almost anything, even if a little slow.

**David Dickerson (Betty Ann) retired from English Department and OAA 1992.** China – Again. On April 10, 2012, I flew to Chongqing, China, one of the five autonomous cities, for an international job fair (at Chinese expense...). Many schools in Chongqing are interested in hiring “foreign experts,” and I am representing Educational Referrals and Resources – China. I was back home on April 15.

**Ruby Englund (David) retired from School of Health Sciences 2007.** Though I am not actively seeking to add to my collection of nursing uniforms, caps and capes, I recently received an Army green woolen nurse's cape from a former SPC student whose aunt had served in the Army in Italy in World War II. She also sent me her aunt's 1940's navy blue woolen nursing student cape. Her aunt was the 15th of 16 children from the Spokane area and had attended Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing. I have also recently acquired a nursing student uniform from Harborview Hospital from the 1950s. The SPC nursing program was affiliated with the University of Washington. SPC students could enroll at the University of Washington and do their clinical nursing work at either Harborview or Swedish, so this uniform is an example from that era. It is a joy to collect these examples that exemplify the history of the nursing profession.

**Evette Hackman (Robert) retired from Food and Nutritional Sciences 2004.** This year we are looking forward to a pilgrimage in Spain called the Camino de Santiago, also known as Santiago de Compostela. We walk the path of apostle St. James starting in France across the Pyrenees Mountains and northern Spain to the western town of Santiago where St. James is buried. While this trail is 500 miles, we will walk only 250 miles of it on this trip. Update will follow in the December newsletter. In March we led the life of leisure for 17 days on the beaches of Mexico – beach walks, great reading, interesting people, and great food.

**Ellie Mae Hansen, widow of Emeritus Professor William Hansen (1925-2000), retired dean of School of Humanities 1988.** Her daughter says Ellie now lives in Bellingham and is in hospice in the home of her eldest daughter Kathy Peterson. She enjoys her own bedroom with her cat and welcomes visits from family and friends and even the Threshold Singers from hospice. Cards are welcome also and can be sent to:

Ellie Mae Hansen 512 Darby Drive #110, Bellingham, WA 98226, email c/o Kathy at [saintnsinners@gmail.com](mailto:saintnsinners@gmail.com)

**Annalee Oakes retired from School of Health Sciences 1998.** This year February included travels to Montana State University where granddaughter Sara (Strand) Balian was graduating from the College of Nursing. She received the University's Award of Excellence and the Torley Award from the College of Nursing which had 3500 graduating seniors at MSU. While there I was a guest speaker in the College of Nursing, senior leadership class: “Making the Transition from Student Nurse to Professional Nursing Graduate and Beyond.” Other activities include continuing with the role of Parish Nurse for over 13 years now. We completed a comprehensive review of School of Nursing Curriculum for updates and accreditation requirements for University, State and National Standards including contemporary language and spiritual depth. I chaired the Curriculum Committee for Nursing and continue to serve as a Sr. Nursing Consultant/Visiting Professor for Northwest University Buntain School of Nursing. I maintain connections with overseas nursing in Japan and Taiwan – will cooperate with Cheng Hsin Hospital/Medical Center in Taipei who are sending four administration/clinical specialty nurses the end of June 2012 to Norwest University in Washington for a follow-up exchange. This is the tenth year of cultural exchange with Cheng Hsin.

I hope to make a “reunion” site visit to Gunma University in Japan either autumn 2012 or spring 2013 depending upon environmental concerns resulting from nuclear problems in Japan. Mr. Morijiro Shibayama, former English language professor at Gunma and wife Yoko stay in contact. Mr. Shibayama earned his master's in education from SPU and Masako Kako, former Gunma Faculty in Nursing, earned her RNB and MSN from SPU.

**Eugene Lemcio (Diane) retired from School of Theology 2010.** In late summer, Wipf and Stock will publish Gene Lemcio's companion volume to *Navigating Revelation* (2011): *Travels With St. Mark: GPS for the Journey. A Pedagogical Aid*. Like the first book, this one is targeted to classroom teaching-learning at the university and seminary level.

**Mike Macdonald (Karen) retired from European Studies, German and Philosophy in 2007.** The early part of this year has been challenging health-wise for the Macdonalds. Karen was diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer in January and is now cancer-free after surgery and radiation. Daughter Carrie was diagnosed with early stage MS. In summary, we are truly blessed in many ways but we are not “problem free.”

**Vicki McClurg (Jim) retired from School of Health Sciences.** Vicki McClurg is enjoying working part-time as a triage nurse at Sand Point Pediatric Clinic which is part of the Virginia Mason Medical Center network. Jim and I are still working more than we want to be, but with the present economy, we're thankful to have jobs. We've been investing in rental property in Arizona to supplement our eventual retirement and hope to have a part-time home there at some point in the future. We're expecting our 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild – the 4<sup>th</sup> girl – any day. We're excited for Cameron and Ivonne to be adding a sister for their two boys. Our other children, Brennan and Tiffany, their spouses and children also live close so we feel very blessed to be able to spend time with our immediate family often.

**Ken Moore (Voy) retired from Biology 2010.** Voy and I just completed a 30 day cruise, Singapore to Cape Town. We enjoyed "rickshaw" rides in the busy streets of Agra (India) and Penang (Malaysia). Snorkeling in the Maldives was fantastic. The Taj Mahal is beautiful, but we do not feel it worthy of a seven wonders of the world. Dubai is interesting, especially the tallest building in the world. We had 15 days in "pirate" waters of the Indian Ocean. We felt quite safe as pirates cannot keep up with a cruise ship, plus the "sonic cannons" were mounted on the bridge and stern. Sound from these transmitters will cause excruciating pain and rupture the ear drums of the persons targeted. South Africa is one of the greatest places in the world to visit. At the completion of the cruise we did a safari to Kapama Game Reserve, adjacent to Kruger National Park. With an outstanding guide and tracker we were able to see the big five (lion, leopard, cape buffalo, rhino, and elephant). The one which is the hardest to find is the leopard. According to our tracker, only 1% of the tourists ever see the leopard. We were successful on two different drives. The drives into the bush were a great experience. On one we found ourselves surrounded by a herd of elephants. There was a one day old baby with a number of the adults surrounding it for protection. Another experience was a white rhino coming along side of our jeep, close enough for the tracker to slap the horn to get her away from the jeep. As we were crossing a road adjacent to a waterhole, a lioness with three cubs came strolling down the road. We stopped to observe when in front of us a large bull elephant appeared, raising its trunk, trumpeting and charged us with his ears out. Quickly we backed out of the way and watched him drink. Meanwhile the lioness lined her cubs up at a distance to observe the elephant, while she moved to a position behind our jeep. The next part of the saga, the elephant reinitiated the charge, so we took off in a hurry down the road being chased by a bull elephant. Giraffes and warthogs were all over as were zebras, various antelope, gnus, cheetahs, birds, a few hippos and a rare pair of honey badgers. On our departure four beautiful giraffes were at the gate as if to send us off in style.

**Ross Shaw (Barbara) retired from Biology Department (1996)** Ross and Barbara are grandparents to nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren and they are blessed to see several of them graduate from high school, college and even law school. In fact this summer they will take a family trip to Greenville, Illinois, for the high school graduation of their grandson and back to Seattle for the high school graduation of their nephew. Later there will be a reunion in South Dakota of students who attended Wessington Springs Junior College and High School and also the college church will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ross and Barbara attended this college and Ross also taught there. After 59 years of marriage Ross and Barbara can say that he married one of his students (Barbara) and they were neither expelled nor did they cause a scandal! In fact the president's office gave her a shower – she was secretary to the president. Another celebration is the 60<sup>th</sup> year since Ross graduated from SPC. Wes Lingren (Emeritus Professor of Chemistry) was in the same class. This summer of celebrations also includes their visit to three aunts around Rochester, Minnesota, the last of relatives on Ross's father's side.

**Myrthalyne Thompson retired from Psychology 1990.** This year I plan to enjoy a Baltic cruise visiting Denmark, Sweden, Russia, Estonia and Finland. After three weeks visiting the Baltic States, we will stay on the ship for a second cruise visiting Scotland and Norway.

**Arlo Tiede (husband of emerita Della Tiede who retired from School of Health Sciences 1981).** With the Lord's help, I plan to remain at Warm Beach Senior Community as long as possible. I feel, because of the Lord's presence I am doing well.

**Dick Wood (Priscilla) retired from Mathematics and Computer Science in 2003.** We are getting ready to leave on our second trip to California this spring. This trip is to take part in the Wee Forest Folk convention in San Luis Obispo with some sightseeing on the side. Each year when we go we try to find new places to visit. Later this summer we will head to Germany to sail up the Elbe River from Hamburg to Prague. We love the river ships!

**Martha Worcester (John) retired from School of Health Sciences 2007.** I am currently working for Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission at the Department of Health and Providence St. Peter's Palliative Care Team in Olympia, WA. Both jobs are part time with lots of flexibility. This allows for good times visiting family and enjoying the slower pace of Olympia. I connect with many of the graduates from the nurse practitioner program in my job with the nursing commission and occasionally do talks at SPU for the graduate program in Nursing about the work of the Nursing Commission and geriatrics.

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## You know you are over the hill:

When you and your teeth do not sleep together.

When your idea of a night out is sitting on the patio.

When you try to straighten out the wrinkles in your socks and discover you are not wearing any.





## In memory of ...

### **Mary Hurd, wife of James Hurd, former**

**bookstore manager.** A light has gone out with the passing of Mary M. Hurd. Her children say “Thank you , friends for enriching her life and faith!” Remembrances may be made to the James H. Hurd Scholarship Endowment Fund at SPU.”

Mary had moved to Arizona several months before her passing. Jim and Mary loved Seattle Pacific. After managing the bookstore Jim then served many more years in Development recruiting Fellows. Mary also worked at SPU for a time before becoming the personal secretary to Mrs. John McCone, wife of former CIA director. James and Mary had attended First Free Methodist Church.

**Dr. Jesse Chiang** (Rebecca) Associate Professor of Political Science 1986. Jesse Chiang passed on January 4, 2012. It was quite a surprise to me (Evette Hackman), Emeri-Times editor, because Bob and I had such a pleasant interaction with him in November at the emeriti luncheon. He was so very excited about his ability to see clearly and read well at age 90 without glasses. In the preface of his essay dated October 22, 2011 he wrote, “I could live to be 100 or beyond, or be gone in a few years, or even tomorrow.” As a result of what he called an epiphany he wrote his “Joy of Learning” essay. He says he felt a sense of renaissance, overwhelm, intimidation, humbleness, joy and gratefulness all at once. He quoted someone, “If I were to die tomorrow, I would not stop learning today.” Though I hardly know Jesse, I was deeply touched that

he would share this essay, perhaps his last, with Bob and I. I can never forget him.

### **Another wonderful faculty member, though not emeriti, made an impact on folks at SPU:**

**Don Summers.** In a message from Dean Jeff Van Duzer, School of Business and Economics (SBE), beloved colleague, Don Summers passed away March 19, 2012, due to brain cancer. At the time of his death he was in Vietnam with his family teaching university students how to conceive and implement social venture businesses. Dr. Summers was on the SBE faculty at the time.



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*Academic Calendar* see [www.spu.edu/depts/oa](http://www.spu.edu/depts/oa)

- June 4, 2012. Faculty Spring In-Service, Upper Gwinn Commons, 8:30-4:30 with Dr.Vincent Tinto from Syracuse University
- June 8, 2012 Graduate Hooding Ceremony, Martin Square, 8:45 a.m.
- June 8, 2012 Ivy Cutting, Tiffany Loop, 9:30 a.m.
- June 8, 2012 Baccalaureate, Royal Brougham Pavilion, 7:30 p.m.
- June 9, 2012 Commencement, Key Arena, 12:30 p.m.
- September 24, 2012 Autumn Quarter class instruction begins

