

## WAC Small Group Newsletter

### May 2011

**A WORD FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR** This past few days my husband, Norm, was in Wisconsin for a business training session. Suffice to say he wasn't excited to go. All too often training sessions are just time away from doing the real work. Our goals at WAC small group ministries are to never leave you feeling that your precious time was wasted. We work in the early planning stages to incorporate at least one big idea that will challenge your thinking and at least several "hand holds" – things you can apply right away to your small group and your life. I am confident this coming session with Jim Henderson will succeed on both accounts. Jim is one of the most creative thinkers I have met when it comes to identifying ways to introduce people to his friend Jesus.

One example of Jim's creativity will take place this Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Stories From The Shack is an outside the box theater production that is sure to generate conversation about who God is. You can see a letter I received that includes a link to learn more about the show and how to get low priced festival seating tickets.

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS TRAINING!** Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:10-11:30 in the Chapel. Invite your whole group to join on this one!

**A WORD FROM THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL** Leadership Council met on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We welcomed Matt Hesselgrave as the Go! ministry lead. We said farewell to Amy Anderson, Disciple ministry lead, who is going off the Council. Items discussed during the meeting included reviewing the Common Values of Small Groups and how to make assessments of our discipleship efforts. The Leadership Council met with the Elders on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> for a time of fellowship and discussion. The Council was provided with a cash flow analysis from the Stewardship & Operations Team which was largely positive which is great heading into the conclusion of the fiscal year.

**SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES COMMUNICATIONS** Small Group Ministries is joining the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Table Project is a free program that allows ministries at WAC to communicate with you through social network sites. I will be sending you an "invitation" to join Table Project in the near future. If you don't "do" facebook, twitter, etc don't worry about responding. However, if these are communication tools you utilize please accept the invitation and explore what Table Project has to offer you. If you do opt in, you will already be set up to receive information from other WAC ministries as they jump on board.

**SERVICE CORNER** I have an opportunity for a group to serve together. On Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> we are having another small group leader's training. (Have you heard something about this already?) If you are able, would you volunteer your group to help with set up, the snacks and/or the clean up/set up for Sunday on this day? If so, please contact me and I will coordinate work with you to let you know what needs to be done, when and how.

Groups ARE serving together. A small group is coming together to clean the Petrick's home for missionaries prior to the arrival of the Merrill family in June. Another group is going to be stocking the shelves with all of the goodies the GO Team is collecting for their "shower." Isn't it great to work together?

Another group recently spent a Sunday afternoon bringing joy and ice cream sundaes to a group of senior citizens at a local nursing home. What a great way to spread the love of Jesus in our community!

What is your group's story of serving together? Let me know ([janh@wachurch.us](mailto:janh@wachurch.us) or 425-486-0367, ext. 225) and I'll share it here next month.

Bless you,  
Jan Higbee

**MISSIONS CORNER** Just a reminder that our missionary family on assignment in Russia, The Merrill's, will be returning home on June 4th for a year-long furlough. To welcome them, we are hosting a "shower" to stock their cupboards. It would be a blessing to them if a designated person from your group would come and stop by the lobby on either Sunday, May 8th or May 15th to select a card or two and go shopping. Another suggestion for your small group would be to take up a donation and purchase a gift card for the family. Collection bins will be located in both the north and south lobbies as well as in the office through May 25th. Thank you!

Cathie Heinitz, for the GO Team

**RESOURCE CORNER** Come to the Student Ministries yard sale on May 21<sup>st</sup>!! Along with supporting the student mission trip this summer and getting any number of other bargains, there will be a table of books we have purged from the small group library for a variety of reasons. There are both curriculum books for group study and books that will build your leadership skills and personal spiritual growth. Come browse and find treasures!

**SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN!** I encourage you to share the information in this newsletter with the members of your group!

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **May 14<sup>th</sup>**, 8:15-11:30, small group leader training
- **May 21<sup>st</sup>**, 9:00-3:00, Student Ministries garage sale including small group books
- **May 25<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30-8:00, small group sponsors' meeting

In service to Jesus,

*Laura Donelson*, WAC Small Group Administrator

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Dear Laura,

We want to "fill the house" for Stories From The Shack on May 8th at WAMU Theater so we've decided to add **non reserved festival seating** for the embarrassingly low cost of **a \$10 donation** per person **plus a suggested gift card** for gas, coffee or food to benefit [Northwest Family Life](#).

All they have to do is fill out the **Shack Show Donation Ticket Form** (see attached PDF or click on the link) and bring it with you to the WaMu Theatre the day of the show and you're in.

**Fine Print:** Since this is a donation we cannot accept checks or process credit cards.

And yes **please forward this offer** to your friends, families and fans. Everyone is welcome!

Be sure they understand that **they need to present this form when they arrive at WAMU** on Sunday May 8th.

### **How to take advantage of this offer**

1. Click on this link <http://jimhendersonpresents.com/promotional-material/>
2. Click on **Shack Show Donation Tickets** (make as many copies as you need)
3. Each person attending fills out one form and brings it with them to the show along with \$10 cash donation and if you choose to, a gift card for gas, food or coffee for clients of Northwest Family Life
4. Enjoy one of the most amazing shows you'll ever see.

### **What if I already bought a ticket?**

Unlike the donation/festival seating **you have a reserved seat** much closer to the stage. We hope you'll keep it and enjoy the up close and personal feel of the show. As our way of saying thanks we would like to offer you *two complimentary festival seats for every full priced seat you purchased*. Now you can invite your friends or family. Simply have your guests fill out the form and tell us at the door that these are "comp" tickets. No donation or gift cards will be necessary.

## **What About Kids**

Given the spectacular entertainment value of the show we think **young people age 10 and above** will find it truly engaging. *Please no infants or toddlers.*

## **What About Moms?**

Want to look like a genius and not have it cost an arm and a leg? Bring Mom to this show. Bring her kids. It could well be the most memorable Mothers Day gift she ever receives.

## **Why Are you Collecting Contact info?**

This is our world premier event; our opening night debut. We plan to take this show on the road. We need to know what you thought about the show. We will email you with some questions. it's worth trading a little financial gain to get your wisdom, insights and unvarnished opinions.

**What is The Show like?** [Read This](#) and visit our Website

**Questions?** [Jim@jimhendersonpresents.com](mailto:Jim@jimhendersonpresents.com) or 206 383 9078