

November 2025

Marantha Ultimate Workout by Oliver McClure

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to join Marantha's Ultimate Workout. The Ultimate Workout is a group comprised only of teens and their sponsors. I joined 90 other teens from across the country (along with a few from other countries) and we flew to Iguazu, Brazil. From there, we took a bus to Ciudad De Este, Paraguay. I was so glad to finally arrive at my bunk after 27 hours of flying, flight cancellations, multiple airports (and I was thankful to arrive my luggage.)

We stayed at an Adventist academy dormitory. I was part of a team building church walls for an SDA church community about one hour away from where we were staying. We were a group of about 25 teens working on the project together. Getting to know each other was one of the best parts of our adventure.

On Sabbath, we worshipped with the community where our church was located. It was fun because there were a lot of children in the church, and I could communicate better with them at my level of Spanish than with adults. I was able to share lots of toys and stickers.

We also had the opportunity to assist with VBS. I was able to play soccer with the kids, which was a lot of fun. We used translation apps to help talk about Jesus with them.

At the end of the week, the walls were almost completed. That felt like a big accomplishment. We had lots of help from local church members.

We were treated to an overnight trip to Iguazu Falls, Brazil, before flying back home. The Falls were beautiful and I really enjoyed exploring them. I would love to go back someday.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. I enjoyed my first mission experience and feel blessed by the experience. I hope to join the Ultimate Workout again next year.



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November Newsletter

I have been enjoying the change in meeting days for the Otters. Especially moving to first Monday afternoon for one of our classes. It has been such a positive change for the little ones. We are still meeting twice a month.

At the September 26 meeting, the Otters learned about God's World and His plan to save us. We began with creation, sin, and worked our way to the cross. John 3:16 says "whoever believes" So I asked our precious Otters, what are we to believe so we can be saved? Do you believe Jesus is God's Son, that Jesus loves us so much He died to save us, that Jesus rose from the grave, and that Jesus will come again to have us live with Him forever? The response was a big YES to each of my questions. Each Otter received a pinwheel with the salvation story attached to it. And this is why we have Adventurers!

The craft for the Beavers was days creation circles while Builders continued on with Christian history down to the formation of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Since it was about pioneers, the Builders made covered wagons.

The October 6 meeting, the Beavers earned their Beaver award, watching videos of beavers making dams and beaver lodges, creating lodges from pretzels, nut spread, and chocolate chips for rocks, and making paper beaver puppets.



Builders worked on Media Critic. We looked at video case covers and book order forms, and decided what would fit Philippians 4:8. Builders made posters of themselves surrounded with "whatever is" true, pure, lovely, excellent, and were challenged to fill their minds with these things. Some of the posters are in the Meeting Room on the bulletin board if you would like to see their creations.

The game at the end of the meeting was obstacle course by following cutout footprints of beavers. They climbed over "rocks," picked up logs (pool noodles) and created a dam, then finished by climbing inside a beaver lodge (table with sheets). They went through the course twice with all the Otters stuffed inside the beaver lodge at the end. So how many Otters can you fit inside a beaver lodge?

All of the Adventurers would like to thank you for your support financially. Because of your help we can have a fun filled adventure in discovering who Jesus is.



Welcome to Cindy Thomas

by Stelle Knauff

Cindy Thomas is our most recent attendee. She moved to Sequim in August from Clarkdale, Arizona.

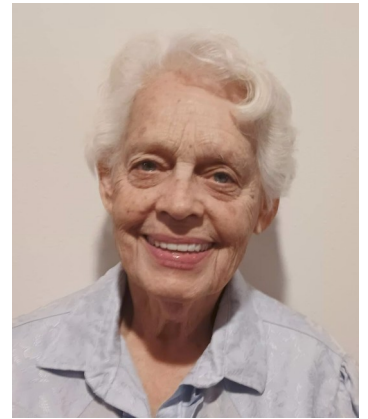
Her relocation was prompted by a desire to be closer to her daughter who lives in Port Townsend.

Cindy also has a son in Rhode Island.

She loves to read, knit, crochet, and exploring her new home base.

Cindy's most pressing prayer request is for her home in Arizona to sell.

Your new church family welcomes you, Cindy, and wishes you God's blessings in your new adventure.



Announcements



ABC is coming to Sequim Sunday, November 16 from 3:30-4:30 at the church. Orders need to be called in by Thursday, November 13 to be included on the van, 253-833-6707. There will be things to browse on the van if you forget to order.

Sequim Food Bank Needs-Thanksgiving Boxes Distribution

Each year, for several years, our church members have helped the Food Bank create boxes for the Thanksgiving food distribution.

This year, the Food Bank is doing things a bit different with their community food distribution. Cars will go to the Food Bank to pick up the Thanksgiving Boxes. There will be stations along the way for drivers to collect their food that they indicated on a chart. This means people to be at each booth to fill these "orders" to give to the driver so they can be sent on their way as quickly as possible.

Would you be available to help for any amount of time on Friday, November 21 from 8:30 am-2:30 pm and again Monday, November 24 from 11:30 am-5:30 pm?

A signup sheet will be available in the lobby for you to add your name and contact info plus when you are able to help (list what hours, 8-11, etc.). Choose which day or both.

Then save Wednesday, November 19, to help with potato "party." Meet at the Food Bank at 9:00 am. A signup sheet can be found on the counter at church.

If you have any questions, contact Bill Needham, 360-912-1539.

Veterans Day Recognition Sabbath

On November 15th 2025 we will be celebrating those Veterans who attend our Church and our guests during our Sabbath Service. The Grand Olympic Chorus will be performing, and Mike Hakanson will be our worship speaker. Join us for a fellowship meal following the worship service. Your support is truly welcomed and appreciated.



Pathfinders

by Twyla Luke

October saw the club starting our Classwork, doing some Drilling and Marching and working on the Model Rocket Honor. This honor is always a favorite and I asked Mark Pekar to do a repeat on teaching as rockets and flight is a passion of his. He loves to engage the kids and gives meaning to sometimes difficult topics. Of course, when it comes to blowing up things the kids have no trouble getting on board! No worries, safety discussions happen on the regular!

November will be having our Induction Ceremony to welcome our new members. Always a favorite program. It will be held on November 7th in the Sanctuary.

November will also see us starting the Baking Honor and will include us selling Pumpkin Pies! The kids will be taking orders so if you haven't been contacted please reach out to them. They will be \$12 each and there are options for dietary restrictions.

The pies will be ready for pick up on Wednesday Nov. 26th in the morning at the church. We are moving into the Holiday Season. I look forward to times with our friends and family. I encourage you to find things to be Thankful. We all have Blessings in our life and counting them helps to keep our priorities in line!



Announcements

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sequim SDA Church is hosting a Candlelight Christmas program on Sabbath afternoon, 4 p.m., December 13, at our church. Church members, community musicians as well as members from our sister churches in Pt. Angeles and Pt. Townsend have provided music and readings for the program in the past. The church Music Committee is looking for participants for this year. If you would like to be a part of the program, please contact Linda Yip (360-808-1259) or Beth McBride (360-461-2892).

The lovely music, spoken word and beautiful Christmas decorations create a special Christmas atmosphere for the holiday season. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family members to attend this Christmas worship celebration.

Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival at PAES will take place on Saturday, November 15 from 5:30-7:30pm. We will be serving Vege-burgers, Italian sodas, caramel apples, and of course corn dogs! Some fun games this year will include candy corn ring toss, "hot" pumpkin, and the popular laser tag! Please contact Rachel Powless at 360-477-7218 if you are willing to help with set up, clean up, donating needed items or helping with one of the booths at the festival. This is a really fun event for kids, families and our community! We really appreciate all your support!



November Birthdays

1 Walter Grant
1 Walter Thayne
1 Destiny Woods
2 John Gatchet
2 Phyllis Anderson
3 Pete Dizbon
4 Larry Arnott
6 Rodger Petroff
6 Moraya Pulley
8 Shirley Barcellos

9 Diane Dawson
9 Joseph Griswold
9 Diana McGuire
14 Alisha Stout
15 Karlette Winters
16 Gerald Powless
25 Claire Luke
26 David Durham
28 Linda Byers
28 Richard Zbaraschuk
30 Pam Hooper

This is Sacrifice?

by Blanche Yates

My husband, Lee, and I were silent—each deep in our own thoughts. We'd been discussing the *Week of Sacrifice* Offering. We really wanted to give sacrificially. We'd been thinking and praying about it for several weeks. Lee made \$800 per week. We had four children in church school and academy. We had to pinch pennies to make ends meet. I had tried selling encyclopedias that year, but I disliked door-to-door sales, and I had finally stopped trying.

I felt strongly impressed that we should give a full week's salary. But I hesitated to suggest it.

Lee broke the silence, "*I think we should give one week's salary!*" We both felt that this was God's leading.

When we turned in the money the following Sabbath, we experienced a mixture of apprehension and excitement. This was the first time we'd ever stepped this far out in faith.

On Sunday morning we attended a county auction with my parents. As we settled onto the hard wooden benches and looked around, we wondered what we'd gotten into. The building looked like it was constructed from scrap wood. The auctioneer was disheveled, and cigarette smoke filled the air. But we soon forgot the discomfort and crude surroundings. The auctioneer kept the people laughing, and excitement rose as he urged the crowd to bid higher prices.

Suddenly Lee poked me in the ribs and said, "*Look! That's exactly what we've been needing.*" They were just bringing in a new 80-gallon hot-water tank. Before long we bought the water heater at a much reduced price. Soon we made other purchases, and by the time we left, we had to make arrangements for someone to deliver our things. As we added up what we'd gotten we knew that we had saved more than \$500.

The next night I received a phone call, asking me if I sold encyclopedias. I set up an appointment, and the following evening took a large order that qualified me to receive a free set of encyclopedias and dictionaries for our family and a self-teaching learning center for our children. After I returned home, Lee and I talked about how God had provided much more than the \$800 that we'd given three days before—not in money, but in goods.

A few weeks later Lee called and asked me to meet him at a restaurant after work. When I arrived, he smilingly handed me three envelopes. His company at times gave employees special awards for specific work well done. The first envelope contained an award check for \$100. The second had a check for more than \$300. My hands trembled as I opened the third envelope. Out fell a check for \$800. Lee's manager had commented that he'd never heard of anyone receiving three employee awards in one day. But we knew why it had happened.

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Proverbs 3:9, 10.

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Nov. 2025 Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						¹ Dr. Sigve Tonstad Series 9:30am, 11:00am, 2:00pm Fellowship Meal
²	³ Adventurers 3:30-5:00pm Elders Meeting 6:30pm	⁴ ACS 10:00am-12:00pm Community Christmas Chorus Practice 6:00-9:00pm	⁵ Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	⁶ Backpack Program 8:00am Pathfinders 6:30pm	⁷ Pathfinder Induction Service 7:00pm	⁸ Speaker: Pastor Cristian Boboceca Fellowship Meal
⁹	¹⁰ School Board Meeting 6:30pm	¹¹ Church Office Closed Veteran's Day	¹² Prayer Meeting 6:30pm Worship Series at PAES 8:00am	¹³ Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Pathfinders 6:30pm Worship Series 8am	¹⁴ Worship Series at PAES 8:00am (All are invited Nov. 12-14)	¹⁵ Speaker: Mike Hakanson Children's Church Fellowship Meal Fall Festival
¹⁶ ABC Bookmobile 3:30-4:30pm	¹⁷ Church Board Meeting 6:30pm	¹⁸ ACS 10:00am-12:00pm Community Christmas Chorus Practice 6:00-9:00pm	¹⁹ Food Bank Prep for Thanksgiving Boxes Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	²⁰ Backpack Program 8:00am Pathfinders 6:30pm	²¹ Food Bank Distribution of Thanksgiving Boxes 8:30am-2:30pm	²² Speaker: Pastor Cristian Boboceca Adventurers 2:00-3:30pm
²³	²⁴ Food Bank Distribution of Thanksgiving Boxes 11:30am-5:30pm	²⁵ Community Christmas Chorus Practice 6:00-9:00pm	²⁶ Prayer Meeting 6:30pm	²⁷ Church Office Closed Thanksgiving	²⁸ Church Office Closed	²⁹ Thanksgiving Service
³⁰	Upcoming Events: Dec. 2 Women's Ministry Party Dec. 5-7 Community Christmas Concerts (no Fellowship Meal Dec. 6)			Dec. 13 Church Christmas Candlelight Program Dec. 16 PAES Christmas Program		

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