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**[Note the ?? . We need
Volunteers**



*The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!*

**We at Silver Valley Fuller Center For Housing
send our very sincere wishes to all of you for a
lovely Christmas Season honoring the birth of
Jesus Christ.**

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Luke 2:10-13

Greater Blessings Dedications



Standing at the top of Nancy Elliott's new stairs are Pastor Art Fleming, Ellie Arguimbau, Bob Whitman, John Boy Delaney, Nancy, and Jason Elliott.



Pastor Art blesses Nancy's home before presenting her with a Bible.



The Fuller Center group traveled a couple houses up High Street to Donna Marquette's home where the roof had been repaired. Shown here are Pastor Art Fleming, John Boy Delaney, Donna, Bob Whitman, and Ellie Arguimbau. Pastor Art is presenting a Bible to Donna after blessing her home.



Son, Bill Prince, and son-in-law, Chris Sears, finish the roof on Luke and Caroline Prince's home. Only roof cap left to do.



Pastor Seth Ramage blesses the Prince's home and watches as Luke accepts a Bible presented by Silver Valley Fuller Center president, Bob Whitman.

Starting at the Top

By Brian R. Lee

Bob Whitman is new to the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing. He's also new to house construction work. He is happily serving as the president of the Board of Directors for Fuller Center, after accepting the post about a year ago, about the same time he began with the organization.

"But, I have a mentor because I'm still learning," he said. "My mentor is Judy Blalack." Bob says he was introduced to Fuller Center through a friend, Norm Holtz, who was already serving on the board.

However, Bob has no background in housing construction. "I'm not a tradesman by profession," he said. "I'm a retired educator. But, I enjoyed that." In the year he has been working with Fuller Center, Bob says he has learned a lot. Drilling screws into wood is one thing, but there is also a lot of paperwork, he noted. The best part is meeting people and helping complete repairs.

The Fuller Center has been mostly helping people get repairs to the homes they already live in. Real estate and the costs of construction materials have gone up a lot, making it more difficult for low-income individuals to maintain their own house, much less purchase one. Where they would like to be able to help people obtain loans to build a house, or rebuild an existing house in poor condition, the focus more recently has been on repairing the homes in which people are already living. Sometimes the homeowners help with that work, if they are physically able. Other times contractors are hired and often volunteers join in to assist. They recently helped an individual with roof repairs in Smeltonville and other repairs in Wallace.

"Some of the people that volunteered are in need themselves," he noted.

Most recently Bob assisted Jim Taylor in "a little" of the work restoring the historic stairs in Wallace. Although that project did not directly provide housing to anyone, it did enable a Wallace resident to have safe access to her garage and to town from her home.

Bob did note the cost of building materials have come down some, and he hopes that in the future they will be able to expand into larger house projects. He expressed optimism that the Fuller Center's abilities to help people with housing will grow.

"I'd like to see us put up homes for people who need them," he said. "There are so many people here in the Silver Valley living in substandard housing, like old trailers and such."

Even though he has lived in the Silver Valley for 30 years, Bob says he is discovering new places in the valley he has never visited before. For instance, he had never spent much time in Osburn, and never seen the Sunny Slopes subdivision on the north side of that town. He said he is amazed at the size of that subdivision, having been built out of the wilds.

Sunny Slopes can be an inspiration towards providing housing for more residents in the Silver Valley. All it takes is donations of money, materials, time or labor. Bob encourages people to get involved with Fuller Center, which meets the second Tuesdays of each month at the Mountain View Congregational Church on Cameron Avenue in Kellogg. They are always looking for volunteers of all skill levels. "Usually volunteers can be doing anything from putting in footings to pouring cement to roofing," he said.

He plans to continue helping any way he can. "I have enjoyed it very much, being with the board," he said. "It's very rewarding."

Another Greater Blessing Project



Dawn Crane passed the pledge she signed over to Ellie Arguimbau to witness it. She pledged to repay our expenses for helping construct a porch and attach it to her roof.




Chuck Carlson helps Glendon Smith work quickly to finish Dawn's porch while the weather holds.

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I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

Coming Events

Dec 14—Board and Committee meetings, 5:30 PM, Mt.
View Congregational Church, 525 West
Cameron Ave, Kellogg
Dec 25—Christmas
Jan 11, 2022—Board Elections



Ellie Arguimbau, John Boy Delaney, Linda Amonson,
Verne Blalack, Carol Young, Janice DeVoe, Norm Holtz,
and Kathy McPeak ready November newsletter's for
mailing. The mailing workshops are held usually on the 1st
Tuesday of the month beginning at 9 AM at St. Rita's
Parish Center, 25 Kellogg Av., Kellogg, ID. These
sessions generally last an hour and a half or less.
Since COVID started, many of the steps in mailing are
now being done at home by those folding the newsletters.
We have several loyal volunteers now headed south for
the winter. If you can help either with folding and
readying the newsletters for mailing or helping with the
mailing workshop—or both—please contact Judy at 208-682-3240.



Judy Blalack
meets with Jim
Taylor to
receive Jim's
paperwork for
Nancy Elliott's
stairs. We
thank Jim for
donating his
labor on all the
projects he
worked on this year and Gerry Wivoda for help on the stairs.



We wish to thank all helpers and donors who made our raffle/silent auction booth at the Greater Silver Valley Chamber of Commerce's craft fair very successful. Pictured above are Janet Lake and John Boy Delaney. Bob Whitman, Ellie Arguimbau and Judy Blalack also helped at the booth. Collecting the incredible donations from our generous businesses were Linda Amonson, Bob Whitman, Judy Blalack, Penny Michael, and Kathy McPeak. Kathy took the donations and constructed the 3 raffle baskets and the silent auction groupings. We appreciate the loan of the lacy table cloth from Sue Roper, of Sue's Creations, who occupied the next booth. At least ninety businesses, churches, and organizations have help us so far this year with prizes for our fundraising events, for discounts on construction supplies, for ads for this newsletter, with monetary help, and with volunteer labor!!

The total income from this event including cash donations is \$1,000.50. WOW!

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