



Two members of the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers, who came with the second group, get their arm exercises pulling a pork roast apart. Our thanks go to Todd Richie who lives next to the park and loaned us metal forks!

### Our 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Pig Roast

We wish to thank all the donors who used their chef skills to bring lovely salads and desserts to the event. We also thank those who baked the beans: Peggy Banks, Jody Blalack, Glory Carlisle, and Judy Blalack using burger donated by Suzy Blalack and other ingredients donated by Harvest Foods in Wallace and Stein's Family Foods in Osburn. Barney's and HICO in Pinehurst donated ice; Wayside Market in Smelterville gave us margarine and Sunrise Dairy donated butter. Wal-Mart gave us \$50 to use for other needs. Pepsi donated 20 cases of pop and water. Yoke's arranged discounts and handled the Pepsi donation.

I hoped to have a turnout like last year's, but my expectations were too high. Even though the temperature was 103 last year, we served almost 500 dinners. Some came to eat with us & others filled their plates and returned to a cool house to eat. With the nice temperature this year, many enjoyed camping and other events such as the activities in Smelterville, Hoop Fest, Iron Man, etc. The Tator Tots chose to come a different weekend.

So, our ticket sales were lower. When a construction group comes to help like the Bicyclists, we provide one of their meals. They were excellent helpers—some working on the Osburn house & some with set up, serving, and cleanup. They enjoyed the meal they earned and took some of the leftovers with them. ☺

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The second group of Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers gets ready to work on the Osburn house which will be John "Boy" Delaney's home.

### A Biker's Perspective

My name is Liz Sherwood, and I visited Kellogg and Wallace, Idaho in late June, 2016 as part of the 2016 Fuller Center Bike Adventure (FCBA), which is an annual across-the-United-States bike ride intended to raise funds and awareness to eliminate poverty housing here and abroad. Our particular ride -- approximately 25 riders as well as several volunteers assisting with support and video/photo documentation -- follows, with a one-week delay, an even larger group of approximately 40 riders following the same path. We left Seattle, Washington on June 18, arriving in Wallace, Idaho on June 24. We then turned southeast for a week, landing in West Yellowstone, Montana on July 2, then south to Salt Lake City, Utah, arriving on July 7. Since Salt Lake City, we've basically headed due east up and over the last of the Rockies and then onto the Plains and into the Midwest; I'm writing this from Lincoln, Nebraska, four weeks after our departure from Wallace! We're due in Washington, DC -- my longtime home -- on August 13.

Why do we ride? A variety of reasons, including support for the mission of the Fuller Center and the desire to help others, the physical challenge of the ride itself, the camaraderie of fellow souls, and, for more than a few people, the joy of reconnecting with the friends and "family" they've made on previous Fuller Center rides. Far more than a few riders marvel at the life-long friends they have made through the thrown-into-the-deep-end and completely-out-of-one's-comfort-zone pressure of the daily riding, living, and organizational challenges of FCBA!

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*Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain.*

1 Corinthians 15:58



### Biker's Perspective (Continued from Page 1)

Whatever the reason for riding, the other unifying force of the FCBA riders is the participation in the work of Fuller Center affiliates along the way. Completely different from the days we ride, the work days allow us to connect with committed local activists in the fight against inadequate and unsafe housing and to meet those who benefit -- however meagerly -- from our efforts.

Our days in Kellogg and Wallace were a fantastic introduction to a group of people who have taken to heart the importance of engaging with and helping neighbors and of preserving existing community housing assets. Our team helped with the rehabilitation of an older house that will eventually become the home of a local man who has sadly not drawn the most fortunate straws in this life. It truly felt as though the local Fuller chapter had embraced this man in order to ensure that his later years would not include fear for his safety or health on account of inadequate housing. And he, in turn, had embraced them. It was a lovely relationship in which to play a small part.

And this relationship felt mirrored in the whole town of Wallace, where we had spent the weekend. When I first saw Wallace, I was immediately struck by the neighborly scale and comfort of the place. The solidity of the buildings in its core, the layout and relatively narrow width of the streets, and the "tucked-in" feeling from its location all telegraphed to visitors that this was a town that valued its residents, its buildings, and its history, and that its residents in turn make the effort to ensure that the town survives. The more I saw and learned about the town, the more it became clear how hard its residents had worked to maintain it. It also was clear to me why the Fuller Center ethos is appreciated in the area -- that locally-championed ideas and investments will be the ones that endure.

It was a true honor to meet and work with members of the local Fuller Center chapter and the United Church of Christ. While the FCBA riders may begin the ride with the idea that we're the contributors to the mission, it is places like Kellogg and Wallace and our experiences there that teach us that, in fact, it is we who are the beneficiaries. We truly thank you for your gifts.

Elisabeth Sherwood  
2016 FCBA Rider



United Church of Christ Congregational ladies provided an excellent breakfast before the cyclists left on their way to Montana. Pictured here are Janice Solum, Joyce Dunphy, Jenniffer Carrico, Marsha Lilienkamp, Judie Labau with a lady cyclist.



Following breakfast at the UCCC, the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventurers gather for devotions and instruction about their route over Dobson Pass on their way to West Yellowstone. Weather leaving was fabulous compared to the day they rode from Spokane to Wallace via Plumber and the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes in heavy rain. They were glad to get to the Wallace Jr/Sr High School and have the heat turned on. Then they were welcomed to a dinner with the Altar Society at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church. Another great meal was the monthly breakfast at the Osburn VFW where they were only charged the senior rate.

*We do appreciate the help from the Kellogg and Wallace School Districts in housing these groups.*

If you have internet service, go to <https://www.facebook.com/BikeAdventure/videos/1051792578230483/> to see the video captured by a drone of their worksite and an overview of Osburn.



Opportunity really is knocking at our Osburn house site. This is the last week of work crews from out of the area. **Thus we are relying on you locals to come help. Give us a call at 682-3240.**



### An Easy Way to Contribute If You Shop Amazon

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### Pig Roast (Continued from Page 1)

Our thanks go to Darnell Kriedeman, Lou Larson, Norm and Mary Lou Dubiel, Trudy Roberts, Kathy McPeak, Scott Reed, and Ellie Arguimbau who served as servers with the help of the Bikers. Ted Reed, a member of Boy Scout Troop 326, handled ticket sales.

We appreciate the efforts of Bruce Wilson and Steve Davis helping with the table and chairs loaned from the Mountain View Congregational Church. Bruce drove the Silver Valley Worship Center's truck and Steve opened the church and helped load them assisted by some Fuller Center Bicyclists. Later they reversed the process at the end of the dinner.

Lou and Iver Larson took the responsibility of handling all the signing you saw around the valley for this event. When Norm & Mary Lou Dubiel returned for the summer, they assisted the Larsons. Lou also assumed the task of calling everyone about the salad and dessert donations. We could not have the event without their efforts.

I apologize if I have missed someone. Do let me know.

*Thank you all!*



Lou Larson slices a dessert while Kathy McPeak, Darnell Kriedeman and Mary Lou Dubiel help organize the food display.



Norm Dubiel dons his BBQ Cookoff apron from a few years back to serve meat for the Pig Roast to Linda Garner and Marie Carver.

*Photos by Judy*

### Two Groups of Idaho Servant Adventurers




The first group of helpers from the Shoshone Mountain Retreat was from Michigan. A very large contingent came for the week and divided into groups of 10 each with a skilled construction leader and tools. This group tackled building a new roof over the utility room where the old moldy boards had been stripped. When they left, the roof was up and covered with felt and many of those who had no construction background had learned important skills from their leader.



The Fuller Center for Housing International (our parent group) accepts various gift-in-kind donations which they pass on to us. Here the second Idaho Servant Adventure group uses a paint scraper donated by the Hyde Tools Company. Verne tried the tool when it arrived and pronounced it the best scraper he had used. Thanks, Hyde Tools.

*Photo by John "Boy"*

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### Coming Events

Aug 9—Board and Committee Meetings, 6:30 PM, Mountain View Congregational Church  
Sept 17— 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon, 9 AM, Kellogg Middle School



With the help of a Fuller bicyclist, Carl Blalack unloads the meat he picked up at Scheffelemaier Meats. The insulated containers keep the meat *really* hot for at least 6 hours. Thanks, Carl.

### We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Verne and Judy Blalack  
In Memory of Harold Wells  
and of Bob Ladle*

### ReUse Store Operating Fund

John Delaney, Kathy McPeak

### Greater Blessings Fund

Judy Blalack, Debra Bornitz, Diana Burbridge, Paulette Ross, Nancy Elliott



We are delighted to receive a gift from Audrey and Bernie Ussery honoring Verne and Judy Blalack on their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Verne helps Steve Milot unload the building materials he donated. Verne & John "Boy" moved it into the Osburn house where it will be used in the renovation process.

### Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

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Bruce Wilson brings the Silver Valley Worship Center's truck to the Mountain View Congregational Church where Steve Davis is ready to loan table and chairs for the Pig Roast. Fuller Center Bicyclists helped load them.



Although Pastor Jeff & Marta Arthurs of The Bethany Lutheran Church in Osburn were away for a wedding, they opened their church so Penny Michael and Patti Houchin could serve lunch to the 2<sup>nd</sup> group of Fuller Center Bicyclists. Most of this group were working on the Osburn house. Others were helping with the Pig Roast. *Photo by Penny Michael*



Members of one of the construction crews from Michigan staying at the Shoshone Mountain Retreat spent an intense day working to replace the roof over the utility room. They even brought their own tools and a supervisor. One man is shown above adjusting a wall stud.



## WISH LIST

When we were preparing for the Pig Roast, Kathy McPeak and I went to take the coffee makers stored in one of the concession trailers that we use for the Dena Mora fund raiser. **We were extremely dismayed to see that the roof had leaked on the eastern side doing damage such as warping the bottom boards of the upper cabinets on the east wall.**

With all of the available spare time being spent on the Osburn house and the ReUse Store, our small work crew simply does not have time to tackle the trailer. Please help with its repair. The trailer can be moved to a location with electricity. If you can assume this repair, it can be moved to your home if that will make the job easier.

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