



Photo by Charlene Moss

We Have Been Very Blessed

While pastor, Reverend Alec Rivera and several members of the American Lutheran Church in Kellogg watch, Chuck Lewis removes a check for \$5000 to present to Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing.

Accepting the gift are Judy Blalack, PR Chair, Bob Whitman, President, John Boy Delaney, Director, Norm Holtz, Director, and Ellie Arguimbau, Secretary.

This **is** gift truly encourages the Fuller Center's strive to complete its Mission. As an ecumenical Christian ministry, the Fuller Center is dedicated to bringing together affluent and low-income people as a community to build simple, decent and affordable housing.

Bob, John Boy, Norm, Ellie and Judy enjoyed a lovely meal and a chance to visit with the congregation following the service. Thank you, thank you for choosing to help us help others in our community.



On Monday, Treasurer Tami Atkins received the check from Secretary Ellie Arguimbau. It is now deposited in the Greater Blessings account to help with our current focus of helping low-income homeowners with their repairs. With the current cost of building supplies, we cannot afford to start a new home to be sold at a price that low-income families can afford.

Photo by Judy

**Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in the power of your hand to do so.**

Do not say to your neighbor,

“Go and come back, and tomorrow I will give it,”

When you have it with you.

Proverbs 3:27-28



We are selling ad space on the back of our Ride the Wall Shirts. Above, Verne models last year's "virtual" ride shirt holding our new miniature poodle, Chevy, "ride mascot". The cost for an ad is \$200 and that goes toward our costs for the shirts, which is our biggest expense.



Here is 2021's shirt—not sure of the color). Please put your logo on the back. Send an email to Judy at judyblalack@gmail.com to order. Your logo can be emailed this way. If you don't have email, please call Judy at 208-682-3240.

Expanding The Ride

After Verne & I (Judy) participated in the virtual ride due to COVID-19 last year by walking the required distance with our walkers, I realized that this event should not be so exclusive as to only accept bicyclists.

For years we have invited bicyclists to stay on the paved trail if they do not wish to climb the graveled road up to Wall Ridge. That way, they can choose how far to go before returning to The Pit for the BBQ. I did this for several years before deciding that I and those around me would be safer if I were off my bike.

So, this year I would like to invite anyone to join Verne & me doing our part of this event. Bring your walkers, wheel chairs, or just walk to support this fun-d raiser. You will leave the Enaville trailhead after all the cyclists are gone so the trail will not be crowded—just don't go so far that you will be late for the BBQ ☺. The cost will remain the same for you as the bikers and we ask that you fill out a registration form so we know how many shirts and BBQ dinners to prepare and how many are counted for the trail permit.

Registration is \$40 until June 14th and then it is \$50. The price includes a shirt and the BBQ at The Snake Pit.

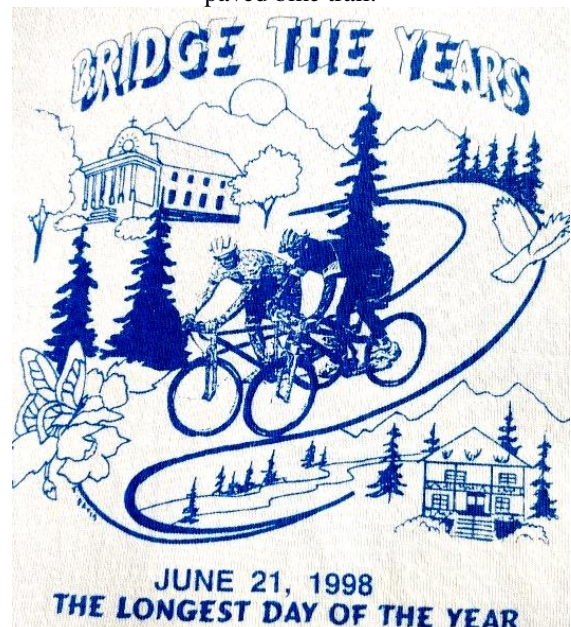
Registration can be online or forms downloaded to be printed from our website www.svfch.org

Or call Cathy Stanford for more information at 1-208-691-5826. 'Register now for the 24th annual Ride-the-Wall!' .

Got Any Ride the Wall Shirts From the Older Rides?

Tom Richards from The Snake Pit would like to make a photo album of all the shirts. We will keep you posted on which years' he needs.

Here us our shirt from the first ride when the bikers assembled at the Old Mission, biked across the Dike Road to Whiteman's Mill, East toward Cataldo, left on the CCC Road along the CDA River, up to Wall Ridge, back down to the Silver bridge at Enaville and on to The Snake Pit. This was, of course, before the railroad became the lovely paved bike trail.



Greater Blessings



Ellie Arguimbau captures a shot of Norm Holtz and Bob Whitman, of the Greater Blessings committee, with Donna Marquette as she completes the application for repair of her roof. It will be in two stages. Jim Taylor will replace the screws on the main roof to keep it from leaking. The repairs for the broken corner will require someone skilled working on a ladder. If you know of a carpenter who will help, please let Judy know at 208-682-3204.



Another Greater Blessings applicant from Wallace is Nancy Elliott. Bob Whitman is explaining the moral contract that she will sign to repay us for our expenses in installing stairs. If you would like to help with this project, please call Judy at 208-682-3240.

Please keep Angelo Teranova, a Greater Blessings recipient, in your prayers. He just came home from the hospital after his aorta burst. Thankfully, he says he is recovering well.

We are sending some of the Greater Blessings applications that we receive on to Clint Kunze in hopes we can work with him and his youth groups that will be arriving soon. The first group of Servant Adventurers will come to the Shoshone Mt. Retreat (formerly Shoshone Base Camp) on June 14. These volunteers learn various skills while being a blessing to our Valley.

Appreciation



Rachael Vesper of Timbers Roadhouse in Cataldo accepted an appreciation certificate from Verne, Chevy, and Judy Blalack. Rachael said that if the Fuller Center has a taco bar with a golf scramble at Pinehurst Days again this year, she would cook the meat for us as she did in 2020—before COVID.

The Roadhouse is now featuring a Farmer's Market at 4 PM on Wednesdays.




Tony Wright of Kohal Pharmacy displays his certificate for buying a newsletter ad which helps pay for mailing the newsletter and donating fundraising prizes.




Suzie Lillie, of Q's Haircuts, accepted a certificate for her fundraising prize donation.

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We are honored to receive these memorials.

*From Judy & Verne Blalack
 In memory of Curtis England*

*From Joann Carlson
 In memory of Tina Knoll*

We were so sorry to learn of Tina Knoll's passing. She was a firm supporter of our efforts for many years and brought her monthly donation to the ReUse Store where she brightened everyone's day.

The Greater Blessings Fund

The American Lutheran Church, Verne & Judy Blalack, Christina & Josh Mace

72 AND YOU

Did you know that you are required to withdraw funds from your IRA beginning at age 72? Those withdrawals will be taxed—unless they are given to charity. See how IRA funds, stocks, wills and more can support our ministry at FullerCenter.org/Planned-Giving. You can designate our local group or support The Fuller Center International with its nationwide and worldwide outreach.

Here's Help for SVFCH . . .

- ❖ I'd like to join the "300 Club" and pledge at least \$10 per month for one year. Please note 300 on your check.
- ❖ Here is my pledge for \$ _____ per month for one year.
- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ _____.
- ❖ I have a house and/or land to donate.
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- ❖ I can provide construction materials either discounted or at no cost.
- ❖ I would like to help with construction and/or committee work. Please call me to help or send a volunteer form.

I do not wish to be on your mailing list.
 I do not wish a receipt or thank-you.

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Coming Events

June 8—Board & Committee meetings, 5:30 PM,
 Mountain View Congregational Church, Kellogg
June 20—Father's Day
June 21—Ride the Wall, family bike event, registration 4-6 PM, ride starts at 6 PM



The dedicated crew works at the May newsletter mailing. Shown above are John Boy Delaney, Bob Whitman, Linda Amonson, Ellie Arguimbau, and Norm Holtz.



Another of Linda Amonson's "slave laborers" folding newsletters is her sister, Nancy Parrett. 😊

The Snake Pit hosts the 24th Annual Ride-the-Wall!

The Snake Pit is proud to host the 24th annual Ride-the-Wall bike ride and fundraiser for the Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing!

This is a great event which last year was moved to a virtual event which meant that for the first time in decades we were not meeting under The Snake Pit's gazebo both before and after the ride. We are so excited to have it back live and in person this year as a great community event and a fun way to celebrate the longest day of the year.

The ride is approximately 13 miles along the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes, the CCC Road and Wall Ridge Road with one climb - just long and hard enough so that you will know you really accomplished something but a ride that most people can complete. The scenery is spectacular with views of the Coeur d'Alene River Valley and there will be plenty of wildflowers in bloom on June 21st. The ride is just enough to really whet your appetite and your thirst for a cold drink and a pulled pork sandwich at the oldest restaurant in Idaho!

We are proud to be able to support the Fuller Center for Housing. Housing has become an even bigger issue in the Silver Valley as our economy bounces back from the pandemic - it is now more important than ever that we make sure that working families are able to find safe, secure and affordable housing. We hope you will come out on June 21st whether you are there to ride or to cheer others on and support this valuable program.

By Tom Richards



**MEET US AT THE PIT ON JUNE 21ST
FOR OUR 24TH ANNUAL RIDE THE
WALL.**

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AT WWW.SVFCH.ORG**

**THIS YEAR WE ARE OPENING IT TO FOLKS
WHO WOULD LIKE TO JUST WALK, USE
WHEEL CHAIRS, OR THEIR WALKERS. SEE
INFORMATION INSIDE.**



THANK YOU

When Rev. Alec invited us to the American Lutheran Church, he said we would be pleasantly surprised—we were rather astonished. Thank you for your very generous gift which will help us be a blessing to others.