



The Ride the Wall committee met with Tom Richards at The Snake Pit to organize this year's event. Pictured above are Verne Blalack, Patrick Stanford, Kathy McPeak, Cathy Stanford (Chair of this event), John Wilson, and Tom Richards.

*Photo by Judy*

### The "Ride The Wall" will be held on a different date this year.

- ❖ Since June 21<sup>st</sup> is on Sunday, Father's Day, this year and
- ❖ the Summer Solstice, the longest day, is actually on the 20<sup>th</sup>,
- ❖ the Ride will be held on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are delighted to have a new Chair of this event, Cathy Yergler Stanford. She is handling the registration—both via mail and online, insurance with Idaho State Parks & the Coeur d'Alene Tribe that we need to be able to use the paved trail from Enaville to Cataldo, and coordinating the volunteers.

We will have the registration forms available in a week or so and it will be posted on The Snake Pit's Facebook page and our Facebook and website, [www.svfch.org](http://www.svfch.org). It will also be included in next month's newsletter.

The schedule for the event will remain as in past years. Registration starts about 4 PM with the Ride starting at 6 PM.

See you at The Pit on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendars. Those of you who have Facebook sites and would like to support us on them, please contact Tom Richards' Snake Pit Facebook page.

For more information, contact Cathy at 208-691-5826 or [cstanford50@msn.com](mailto:cstanford50@msn.com).



John Boy Delaney cuts the insulation to be installed in our next Fuller Center home, number 23, which is located in Smelterville.

### Avoiding Misconceptions (edited and reprinted from 2004)

By Marilyn White  
Former Family Selection Chair

A Fuller Center home is a HAND UP not a hand out. A common misconception is that our families are getting their homes for free. The most important people involved in building a Fuller home is the partner family.

#### Here's how it works:

- ◆ Potential homeowners are selected on the basis of need, ability to repay a no-profit, no interest mortgage, and willingness to partner with a Fuller Center Covenant Partner.
- ◆ Fuller Center builds modest houses of about 1,100 square feet in the U.S. Monthly mortgage payments are low.
- ◆ Our homeowners pay for their houses by investing hundreds of "sweat equity" hours and by paying their monthly mortgage payments.
- ◆ House payments revert back to a "Building Fund" so additional houses can be built.
- ◆ Our local affiliate is known as Silver Valley Fuller Center for Housing. SVFCH is a nonprofit housing ministry based on Christian principles.
- ◆ Volunteers fill key roles in the Fuller Center work, both on the construction site and in other positions such as family selection, family support and advocacy, fund raising and gifts of its supporters. SVFCH welcomes all to join in the work.

**The Fuller Center Bikers are not coming here this year. They will go across South Idaho. Go to [www.fullercenter.org](http://www.fullercenter.org) to join them.**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all thy  
diseases; Who redeems thy life from destruction; who  
crowns thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;  
Who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that  
thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Psalm 103:2-5



Tabitha Weaser gets down close to where she is painting a wall of her soon to be home in Smeltermville.

*Photo by John Boy*

### Renovation on home # 23 is almost finished.

It is a good thing that John Boy Delaney is thin enough to crawl under the house. He wrapped the heating ducts down there with insulation. He also helped remove the insulation from the area upstairs with black mold and then reinstall new insulation after Construction Supervisor Shaun Truelove cleared the mold.

Our thanks also go to Shaun for all his work replacing windows, cleaning out the mold, and supervising the other repairs.

Tabitha Weaser has been earning her “sweat equity” hours needed before she can purchase the home. She has helped with snow removal and painting as well as folding newsletters. Mike Humphrey, Tabitha’s sponsor, helped with painting. One of the board members (John Boy or Mike) or Shaun needs to be present when others such as Tabitha are working in the house.



Mike Humphrey paints around a front window.

*Photo by John Boy*

## Appreciation



Judy presents a certificate to Timber Guier at the Silver Moose in Wallace as a thank you for her fund raising donation. She is one of the few in the valley who makes Keto breads.

*Photo by Ellie Arguimbau*



Sally Swanson and Francine Hoch accept their certificate at the BackCounty Café. They contributed a prize for one of our fund raisers.

*Photo by Ellie Arguimbau*



Pam Rank and Emma Gonzales of Silver Valley SignWorks hold their appreciation certificate for their prize donation used for our fund raisers.

*Photo by Judy*



Reyna Rox at the Brooks Hotel receives a certificate presented by Ellie Arguimbau. For years, the Brooks have donated a room voucher as a prize for SVFCH.

*Photo by Judy*



**The following articles were published in this newsletter in July 1998. The concept is the same today.**

### **The Meaning of Poor**

by Judy Blalack

I've been thinking recently about who are the "poor". King David in the Old Testament, one of the greatest men of all time, often asks the Lord for help in the Psalms, *"But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me."* (Psalm 40:17)

One can be poor in health, poor in spirit, poor in worldly goods, poor in strength, poor in memory, etc. Occasionally we make "poor" choices that lead to less than optimum conditions. Sometimes the folks in these circumstances are viewed as unworthy and made to feel that way..

Perhaps I'm wrong in assuming that all of us have been in situations where we needed a helping hand. I vividly remember being stranded in what seemed to be the middle of nowhere. It was shortly after Verne & I were married. On our way home from job hunting, we arrived in a small town with only 2 little cans of beans & 57¢. Verne was able to find a short term job with a friendly farmer, and with a small loan, we were able to keep going. My memories now are of a delightful month spent in a friendly town.

The internet has been a forum for discussion between some of the our homeowners. They want us to remember they are people just like us with hopes and trials and dreams. As one lady put it, she is still the same person, but "my curtains don't wave at me."

I asked Rev. Dan Vellinga of our Partnership Committee to help clarify this issue for me:

### **Who Are The Poor?**

by Rev Dan Vellinga

Judy Blalack received a fascinating story about the poor from an e-mail sent to her. It's about a family in 1946, who had very little but decided to give sacrificially when they heard that there was an offering for the poor being collected in their church. When the offering was taken, the family gave the most and were shocked when the pastor came by later to give them the offering. They never dreamed that they were the "poor family in church". One week later, a missionary spoke at the church and asked for an offering to help a church overseas finish their building. The family donated the offering they had received one week before. The missionary was thrilled at the sizable offering and replied, "You must have some rich people in this church!" They were rich this Sunday. The Sunday before they had been the poorest family in the church.

As I thought about this, I asked myself to define "poor" as I understood it. I decided, while walking home from my office the other day, that someone could possibly be considered poor if they could not earn enough money to provide food and adequate shelter, set aside some money to give to those who are struggling; and save for retirement or other future needs, such as children's education. I was struck by the impression that many "middle-class" people work from paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford to save anything. Because of this, one could argue that the majority of the people in our nation are poor. But, compared to the trials of many in other countries, where they are forced to live off of what they can gather from the land and whose shelters are simply whatever they can make with their bare hands, almost everyone in the United States are, if not rich, certainly not poor. "Poor", it seems is a very subjective word.

And, it's a word that, I suspect, Jesus does not want us to work hard to define. Look at the passage in Scripture in which Jesus answers the question, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:25-37) The neighbor, according to an expert in Scripture of Jesus' day, was the person who showed mercy to someone in need. Conversely, any of us can find ourselves in circumstances in which we need help. That, perhaps, is what it means to be poor. Some are poor more often than others, but everybody is poor sometimes. Jesus knew this. That is why he expects us to be neighbors.



CEO Paul Lewis & his secretary, Katherine Hohns, of the Shoshone Medical Center accept an appreciation certificate for the SMC's help with the "Ride the Wall". The SMC bought an ad on the 2019 event shirt. and their nurses & EMTs also helped with the ride.



Linda Jo Yawn accepts a certificate from Verne for her help in 2019. Linda Jo is a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner who recently moved to our area and has her office in Kellogg at 114 McKinley Avenue, [Downstairs](#).

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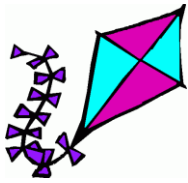


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In Memory of Marvin Lake*

### Coming Events

Mar 13-14

Board Retreat

May 10

Mothers Day

Jun 20

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Ride the Wall" Family  
Bike Event, starting and ending at The  
Snake Pit at Enaville.**

Jun 21

Fathers Day



We were delighted to have these volunteers come to help with mailing the February's newsletter. Since a pilot light had blown out in the St. Rita's kitchen, the gas smell was rather strong in the larger room we usually use—so we moved across the hall into a smaller classroom. Pictured by table are Susan Temby, Verne Blalack, Penny Michael and Dominic Arthur; Ginny Lucas, Frank Lucas, Ellie Arguimbau, Jill Jackson, and Carol Young; Norm Holtz, Maggie Beeler, Kathy McPeak, and Gary Temby. Come join us on the first Tuesdays of the month, 9 AM, at the St. Rita's Parish Hall in Kellogg. *Photo by Judy*



We are blessed by community  
church support.  
This month we thank  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
and Grace Evangelical Free Church.

### 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.
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- ❖ Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
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Under Sheriff Holly Lindsey and Sheriff Mike Gunderson accept a thank you certificate from Verne Blalack. Every year the Sheriff's Department helps to insure we have no problems during our "Ride the Wall" bike event. It is nice to have their presence as security especially since the last part of the ride is along the CDA River Road where speeders are stopped and the drivers given tickets along this stretch.



John Wilson, from Careywood, smiles with Tom Richards for the certificate presentation at The Snake Pit. For several years, John has helped organize the "Ride the Wall" event and has been our ambassador in North Idaho. Tom has graciously offered to take charge of the Fuller Center's website and will be posting information for this year's ride soon.



**Needed:** Committee Members (especially for family selection and family partnership)  
Board Members from Wallace & Mullan  
Newsletter Assistant for layout  
Construction Volunteers and onsite Supervisors  
PR Chair  
Data Entry Volunteer  
Contact Judy to volunteer – 208-682-3240  
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**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR OUR 2020 "RIDE THE WALL"  
BIKE EVENT.  
IT IS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20, [WHICH  
HAPPENS TO BE THE LONGEST DAY THIS  
YEAR].**