



GLACIER CAMP NEWS

[Jesus] said to them, "Come away to a secluded place all by yourselves and rest a while." – Mark 6.31

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Come to the Waters with Dr. Wendy Farley "Falling in Love with Creation: Beauty, Tragedy, and Compassion"

When -- November 6-8

Where -- Spruce Lodge, Glacier Camp

Donor Appreciation Dinner/Scholarship Fundraising Auction

When -- November 20

4.30 pm Fellowship

5.00 pm Dinner

Where -- Spruce Lodge, Glacier Camp

Looking Ahead:

Winterfest 2023

February 10-13, 2023

Dayrider Family to Keynote Donor Appreciation Dinner



One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

-- Psalm 145.4

by Tim Lanham, Glacier Camp Director

In keeping with our theme from Psalm 145, three generations of the Dayrider family have been invited to deliver the keynote address at our annual donor appreciation/scholarship fundraising dinner -- set for

November 20. As you will read in their biographies, Carol and her sons Joe and Mike, her daughter-in-law Wendi, and her granddaughter Bella have deep roots in the ministry of Glacier Presbytery and the Camp.

We are excited to have them share their stories about what happens at Glacier Camp and how the ministry of the gospel can touch the lives of one generation after another after another in a great chain of grace.

As in past years, silent and live auction items will be available for bid. The rumor I heard is that Ron Tjaden had a good fishing trip to Alaska this year -- so get ready to bid on salmon and halibut. Regular items such as a personalized Bible Study and all access pass to adult educational events at the Camp will also be available. Fellowship

time begins at 4.30 pm with dinner following at 5.00 pm. As usual, complimentary Spruce Lodge rooms are available. Make your reservation by emailing timothy@glaciercamp.org.

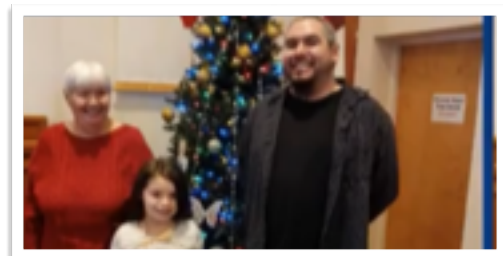
About Our Keynote Speakers

Carol Dayrider was born in Chinook and grew up in the Presbyterian Church there. She was involved in Choir, Vacation Bible School, and taught Sunday School. She graduated from Northern Montana College and taught in the Heart Butte School District for 36 years. She is currently a member of the Conrad Presbyterian Church where she is involved in Choir, Presbyterian Women, and Church School Superintendent. She has served as both an elder and a deacon.

Michael Dayrider was born in Conrad. He attended schools



CAROL SPEAKS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CAMP @ CONRAD



CAROL, BELLA, AND MIKE

in Heart Butte and Valier. He lives in Conrad with his wife Wendi and a daughter, Bella. Mike attended Conrad Presbyterian Church and the high school youth group. He is currently employed by Logan Health Conrad as a Certified Nurses' Assistant in the Extended Care wing of the facility.

Isabella Dayrider is the daughter of Michael and Wendi Dayrider. She is currently a fourth grader at Utterback School in Conrad. She enjoys reading



ISABELLA DAYRIDER AND HER UNCLE JOE SPEAK ABOUT CAMP IN CONRAD.



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and drawing, and would like to be a teacher. Bella has attended camp and has decided that she wants to work at Glacier Camp when she is older.

Joseph Dayrider was born in Conrad. He attended schools in Heart Butte and

Valier. During high school he attended the youth group at Conrad Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Montana State University and is currently a science teacher at Richey Public Schools. Joe has spent many summers on the staff of Glacier Camp, in a variety of capacities.

Your Support Helps!
In 2022, we awarded more than \$10,000 to scholarship recipients -- making Summer Camp possible for anyone who wanted to go but lacked financial means. With costs of everything expected to rise in 2023, your support of our scholarship fund is critical in allowing us to fulfill our mission.

“FALLING IN LOVE WITH CREATION: BEAUTY, TRAGEDY, AND COMPASSION”

Led by Dr. Wendy Farley -- Rice Family Chair of Christian Spirituality, San Francisco Theological Seminary

November 6-8, 2022

editor’s note: Glacier Presbytery Camp is pleased to renew its partnership with San Francisco Theological Seminary/University of the Redlands and bring back its “Come to the Waters” educational events. We are especially excited to have as our inaugural, post-COVID speaker Dr. Wendy Farley who will reflect on the relationship between beauty and tragedy. Wendy describes her course below:

Although we are all nourished by artistic and natural beauty, we do not always consider its theological significance. Pseudo Dionysius insisted in the 6th century that God was “beguiled by beauty” to create the cosmos and then love and care for it. In our time together, we will ponder the religious

importance of falling more deeply in love with creation and all of the beings who dwell here. But as we love more deeply, we become more aware of the tragic suffering of



DR. WENDY FARLEY

beings – we are first beguiled by the beauty of creation, lament its suffering, and are reborn through compassion. Beauty is both soul-care and compassionate engagement with a suffering world. Pondering beauty, we will understand how opening to beauty fosters our empathy for others and deepens our longing for God. Hopefully, we will also enjoy our time together – with music, food, conversation, and the delight of feeling ourselves part of a beloved community.

Join us November 6-8 for this time of in depth study and great Christian fellowship. As always, our time together will include good food and good fellowship. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Omaha Seminary Foundation, scholarships are available -- so don't let the cost get in the way of your participation. Sign up online (<https://www.glaciercamp.org/adult-programs>) or email timothy@glaciercamp.org to register.

Fees: Generous financial support from the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation helps us keep costs for this event down. Partial and full scholarships are also available. Meals are included in the fees. Make your check out to Glacier Camp.

Commuters \$ 65/person

Single Room \$175/person

Double Room (all meals included) \$ 97/person

Schedule:

November 6:

4:00 Arrive

5:30 Dinner

7:00 Lecture

November 7:

9:00 Breakfast

10:00 Lecture

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Lecture

3:30 Lecture

5:30 Dinner

November 8:

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Lecture

12:30 Sack lunch

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Advent On-Line Bible Study -- Exploring the Book of Amos:

"But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream." -- Amos 5.24

Our on-line Bible Study for the season of Advent will focus on the prophet Amos. One of the so-called "Minor" Prophets ("minor" being a reference to the book's length not its message), Amos' prophetic ministry was directed to Israel -- the northern kingdom which seceded from Judah following Solomon's death. Amos' prophetic ministry took place in the middle part of the 8th Century BC.

One could compare Amos' prophetic witness with the Star Spangled Banner: you might remember a line or two, but most of the text is unfamiliar. Such is the case with Amos. A few of the prophet's images (like the above referenced text of justice rolling like waters or the plumb-line in Amos 7) are well known. But most of Amos remains unfamiliar. Just who is this prophet? What is his message? And, perhaps this is the most important question of all, why should we care?

Our Advent On-Line Bible Study will aim at answering these questions -- particularly the last one. Why should we care about the message of this obscure prophet? What can this prophet of old have said that will be relevant for us, 2700 years later? How can the

A VIEW OF SAMARIA, DURING AMOS' MINISTRY, IT CAPITAL CITY OF ISRAEL



Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. -- Amos 6.1

Probable Site of the Sanctuary at Bethel (see Amos 7.12-13) photo
courtesy of Dr. Robert Coote

witness of
Amos speak
to us
especially in
this season
where we
remember
Christ's birth
and look
ahead toward
his promised
return in
glory?



"On the day I punish Israel for its transgressions, I will punish the altars of Bethel..." --
Amos 3.14a

I won't spoil the surprise by suggesting possible answers to all of these questions here. (Besides, perhaps the most enlightening part of our on-line Bible Study for me is hearing how you would answer them!) I will just share a few reflections -- perhaps just enough to pique your curiosity and induce some of you who have been thinking about being a part of our on-line Bible Study to actually do so.

The book of Amos reminds me, every time I read it, of how very little human society has evolved over the course of almost three thousand years. Of course our world is completely different than the world of Israel and Amos and his prophetic ministry. Science and technology have transformed human society. The world today is fundamentally different than the world of even twenty years ago.

But the human species wrestles with problems it has wrestled with since the eighth century before Christ. The oppression of the poor, the inequitable distribution of wealth, the concentration of political and economic power among a select group of elites -- these problems were as much a blight on Israelite society as they are in our world today. Amos also offers a powerful critique of religion -- religion that is vigorously and elaborately practiced but is so inherently insincere that it offends Almighty God.

Our study begins on Sunday, November 27 -- at 5.00 pm Mountain Time. Contact timothy@glaciercamp.org to get added to the email list for this study.

Tax Advantaged Giving -- It's a Win Win Situation!

(editor's note: Fall is a busy season in many different ways. Often for churches and other charitable organizations, this is the season of stewardship -- where people are invited to consider and respond to the blessing of the Lord in their lives. I asked Stan -- a CPA and good friend of the Camp -- to share some ways of giving that might be beneficial.)

by Stan Cornell

You can take (transfer) money out of your IRA, make a donation to a qualified charity and not have to recognize the distribution as income. That is called a "Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)."

Those of us that have IRAs and have achieved the magical age of 70 1/2 can make transfers from their IRAs directly (by the trustee) to a qualified charity. The maximum amount is \$100,000 per individual per year are not included in income or allowed as a charitable deduction. Also, QCDs count toward an individual's required minimum distribution (RMD).

With the increase in the standard deduction it has become difficult to itemize. When that happens, any charitable deduction is buried inside the standard deduction. Using the QCD gives you credit with the charity, but you don't have to recognize the income. That is a win win.

Caution: The distribution to the charity must be made by the trustee of your IRA. Under no circumstances can you write the check directly yourself.

Here is a little bonus, any contribution to margin is viewed as a positive. This is why airplanes fly with less than a full load of passengers - the plane had to go anyway. The fares paid by the passengers did contribute to margin.

Interest rates on saving accounts are so low that you wonder why bother. With the last increase by the Federal Reserve many of the brokerage houses are offering Certificates of Deposit for three months at 2.75 % per annum and six months at 3.10% per annum. Rates are a little higher for longer terms. But with rising interest rates I like the short term better. Short term can be rolled over every three to six months to take advantage of rising interest rates. Talk to your broker.

Autumn Musings

The grass withers, the flower fades,
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
 surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. -- Isaiah 40.7,8

Like every other season, Autumn brings with it change. Sometimes the changes can be subtle -- such as the chill which grows more perceptible in the morning air. Sometimes the change are sudden and dramatic, like when an early Winter storm interrupts Autumn's glory and buries it under a half foot of snow. There are changes too that go by almost unnoticed until you realize you haven't seen any ground squirrels run across the lawn in a long time and remember they have already gone into hibernation.

Here at the Camp, perhaps the most dramatic change is seen in the trees. The tamaracks are my favorite -- especially this time of year when their rich green needles turn to gold and the forest is ablaze with their color. The beauty is a gift and remembering it helps me endure through the long and barren weeks of Winter. It has taken a while for that change to



come this year (maybe because our Spring was so cold). But green is giving way to gold now, almost everywhere I look. The seasonal change has come once again.

I think of change as it comes to the Camp and its ministry -- especially as October brings the fourth anniversary of my call to serve as Executive Director. At once, it hardly seems possible. Four years?!? Already?!?! Time flies when you are having fun! But then, I think of the long way we have come since the Autumn of 2018. All the things that have happened between now and then. The world is a different place. And our ministry has had to change and adapt to all those differences.

It hasn't always been easy -- change rarely is. But in this changing world, we have faith in the ancient promise of Isaiah: the grass may wither, the flowers may fade. But our trust is in the Word of the Lord which endures forever. -- Tim Lanham

**The Executive Director
and
Staff of
Glacier Camp and Conference Center
Request the Honor of Your Presence
Sunday, November 20, 2022**



**for
Donor Appreciation Dinner
Scholarship Fundraiser Auction**

"One Generation Shall Praise Your Works to Another"

**Spruce Lodge
Fellowship Time Begins @ 4.30 pm
Dinner @ 5.00 pm**

Auction Following

**Silent Auction Items Accepted
Complimentary Lodging Available
for more information contact: timothy@glaciercamp.org**

**"One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts." -- Psalm 145.4**

Director's Reflections:

Some Thoughts While Standing at an Intersection North of Sheridan, Wyoming

Alternate Title: Meditation on Luther's Maxim "Crux Probat Omnia" (The Cross Tests All)

Faded plastic flowers mark the intersection. At first their colors were gaudily vibrant. But almost two years, now, have passed. And nature's trinity of elements -- sunlight, heat, and cold -- purged the bright reds, oranges, and yellows into a uniformly pale white. Travelers passing this way must look hard to imagine what these flowers once were like. That is, if they even notice them at all.

On this particular journey, that is what I do. I can't explain why -- why, at this particular moment, I pay attention to these faded flowers and remember the tragedy they mark. In my traveling along this way, I hardly notice them. Yet something in this point in time compels me to stop. And I linger here at this place where one road intersects another. The late autumn sun shines brightly. A soft breeze stirs the warm air.

I stand at this crossroads where the trajectories of two lives collided in a sad and tragic way. Even on a quiet afternoon, far removed from the cold Winter morning when the accident happened, I can feel the trauma which occurred here. And, too, the sadness and the loss. The name of the person who died at this place is lost to me. But I remember the lapidary heading of the story which reported the accident. Three words said it all: "Tragedy at Intersection."

As I think, my mind moves from this tragic intersection to another, different Tragedy which took place at another, different Intersection -- one that is both geographically and chronologically far removed from where I now stand. But as I think, so I realize the Tragedy which happened at this Intersection is never far away from our human experience. The Cross casts a long shadow. And the Christian faith can never move very far from it.

That doesn't keep me from trying, though. I would just as soon move quickly beyond this crossroads, willfully ignorant of its shadows. Like travelers hurrying by these faded plastic flowers, so my wont is to rush through this tragic intersection -- hardly even noticing the Cross's long, dark shadow. My mind would just as soon focus on other, more pleasant things than ponder the Tragedy which occurred at this Intersection.

I realize that this aversion, according to the evangelical witness, places me in good company. I recollect how Peter's bold confession of faith was bound to his equally bold rejection of this tragic intersection -- of the cross and its shadow. Jesus embraced his destiny. Peter dismissed even the consideration of such an awful reality. "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you¹."

The declaration of that rejection lingers in the stillness. So too does the Lord's immediate and stinging rebuke. "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things²." Peter wished to hurry through this crossroads -- as if doing so could make its unpleasant reality go away. I always understood that. But a fuller and deeper appreciation of that desire comes to me in this moment.

¹ Matthew 16.22b

² Matthew 16.23. See also Mark 8.33

From Peter, my thoughts turn to Paul. And I ponder that great hymn of Philippians 2, particularly that masterful hesitation in its confession of the Cross and its shadow. A four letter word in English translates the two letter word in Greek which marks the radical nature of this testimony. In it, I hear the inherent difficulty people of faith have had in making the confession that Christ's selfless obedience resulted not just in his death (which was bad enough) but **even** death on a cross³.

I ponder the Tragedy at this Intersection and the different trajectories which mark this place. As familiar as I am with the Passion story, the power and impact of what occurred at this crossroads pulls me more deeply into the narrative. I feel the trauma where contrasting and conflicting realities collided. The emotion, the impact, the dissonance which happened here touch me deeply. And I wonder.

Of Christ's faithfulness which intersected human faithlessness in the cross's shadow, I wonder. "Could you not keep awake one hour?"⁴ Of mortal anger and rage colliding with divine love, I wonder. "Crucify, crucify him!"⁵ Of human bloodlust converging with Christ's willingness to pardon, I wonder. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."⁶ Out of all this chaos comes the final, thunderous statement: "It is finished."⁷

The ultimate force of death directly impacted the ultimate power of life at this Tragic Intersection. And Life prevailed. Life won. Life triumphed. That is the greatest and also the most powerful message which resonates here, where two conflicting and irresistible forces collided. From this crossroads, two contrasting realities emerge. The shadow of the cross brings one close to death. But the light shining beyond it brings one even closer to a new and eternal life.

I think of all this as I stand in the bright sunshine of a warm Autumn's afternoon. A passing traveler slows down to interrupt my thoughts -- he wonders if I am broken down and need a ride. I am broken, of course, but not in the way my friend might think. Like nothing else, the cross exposes and probes my brokenness. But it reminds me that I am also made whole by the grace of the One who died here and then rose again.

After waving off my would-be helper, I realize I need to go. But before I move along my way, I linger for just one more moment at this place, at this intersection. I remember, from one of my old theology books, those three Latin words -- underlined in blue: *Crux probat omnia*. The cross tests all. A meadowlark interrupts my quiet musing. Its song is for me a hymn of faith and praise. And I hurry on my way.

Tim Lanham, Director

³ See Philippians 2.8

⁴ Mark 14.37

⁵ Luke 23.21

⁶ Luke 23.24

⁷ John 19.30