

Retired and Senior Ministry
Mary Kincaid, Elder

Seniors (people 55 yrs & older) are a large part of our congregation.

One group is Prime Timers. The steering committee is composed of: Dixie Ehrenreich, Judy James, Rachel Harder, Jeanne Keatts and Don Poe. Attendance is about 20-25, and meets on the first Friday of the month in members homes for fellowship, a program and a meal. This year the Prime Timers are visiting community businesses who have a "giving sensibility" I.e. Wilson Ranch, Twin Rivers Physical Therapy facility of Chip Walberg, Poe Asphalt, and Clearwater Paper. The Prime Timers members are involved in nearly every aspect of our congregation. We're grateful for these hard working people.

The Grumpies is a Senior men's Bible study group of faithful members. They meet every Friday at individual's homes for breakfast and Bible study lead by Gary McIntosh. The membership is restricted by the size of the tables in the members homes to seat the group. They are studying 1 Samuel this fall.

On Thursdays (except of 2nd Thursday for fellowship) at 10:00am the Senior Bible Study meets. Our teacher is Dixie Ehrenreich and we are studying, Song of Solomon. We have 18-25 attend for a really interesting study and discussion.

The second Thursday of each month (not June-August) we have OWLS' Fellowship. This includes a program and refreshments. Our attendance is from 20-25. Some of our programs: celebrating 90 yr-old plus members with cake, flowers, history and music; a visit to Williamsburg; Daisy the Clown; Clarkston Choir for a December program. The people who organize the month program: Martin Castle, Chairman; Lucille Schroeder, Devotions; Penny Bosley, Programs; Marie Jackson, callers; Ella Mae Wilson, Secretary; Bondel Phillips, Greeter; Dorothy Locken & Judy James Refreshments; Session Representative, Mary Kincaid.

The OWLS' kick-off for the Fall this year was attending worship service at Lapwai Presbyterian Church, followed by a picnic in the park with Lapwai Church members attending with Wanda Rudolph and family. Wanda has retired as lay minister at the church. The museum sent us a speaker on Indian cultures-especially Papoose boards. Over 50 people attended the picnic.

The special people we honored at our 90 year plus party were: Helen Fuller, Mary Houston, Della Jeffry, Jean Reinbolt, Jeanette Martin, Mary Hirshel, Annice Edmundson, Skip Briney, Carol Wilson, Grace Jones, Esther Martin, Jeanette Wilson, Grace Ayres, Larry Bevins, Helen Barnes, Bill Deale, Mary Beth Maynard, Nadine Johnson. Eleven were able to attend.

Our Seniors continue to be an important part of our church and we appreciate the many years of faithful service they have contributed.

Our hope for our Senior fellowship in 2010 is to be able to maintain our attendance, and add four or five younger seniors to assist with decorations, refreshments, serving, and cleaning up as well as participating in Bible study and Fellowship programs.

Each Senior age group mentioned is self-sufficient with officers (Fellowship & Prime-timers each has a board) and leaders. The Fellowship group meets monthly and needs help as its membership ages. The seniors are a delightful group to work with, and have contributed in many capacities. If you would like to help contact Mary Kincaid.

