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# TOM- TOM

SENDING IMPORTANT MESSAGES TO TILIKUM'S FRIENDS

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## Memories of Irene Baker

On February 26, 1986, Irene Baker's bout with cancer ended. God took her home to be with Him. Tilikum is a result of a gift of Russell and Irene Baker's home and property. Fifteen years ago, when our family came to Tilikum, we moved right into their home with them for a time. I watched this "homebody" process the fall vegetables, bring in bouquets of flowers, and accept with quiet resignation the shift from Baker farm to church-related retreat center. Then they moved to a trailer next door and ultimately to Friendsview Manor. Dusting, washing dishes, arranging flowers and working in the garden - "Martha" tasks willingly done in a new retreat ministry. My warm feelings for Irene and her family can best be summed up in a tribute I wrote for the "Newberg Graphic". Gifts given in memory of Irene's life will be used toward completing the new meeting room in the recently-renamed Bakers' Illahee.

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## Tribute

"The gift of Russell and Irene Baker's property and beautiful home in 1971 is a wonderful example of unselfish generosity. Because of Irene's willingness to move out of her home, and give up her yard and garden, thousands of people have benefited from a retreat experience at Tilikum. The retreat building, renamed Bakers' Illahee - meaning "Bakers' country home" is dedicated to perpetuating the memory of these fine people. Irene's lifestyle personified my image of the traditional farm wife - hardworking, seemingly inexhaustible, persevering, thrifty, always thinking but seldom talking, and deeply committed to the Lord, her country church, and her family. I'm grateful for Irene's example."

-- Gary Fawver

## **Illahee Expansion Progress**

"Sunny", "bright", "warm", "worshipful", "beautiful", "you almost brought the outside inside". These are comments by excited retreat attenders as they experience our new and enlarged meeting room. Each week there is something new being installed, like carpet (soft and sitable). We need about \$15,000 yet for furnishings like chairs, couches, lamps, tables, a sound system, library room and media equipment. Perhaps you could help. Pledges for up to three years are welcomed.

## **Welcome Our Newest Staff Member**

Dennis Littlefield began work on February 1 as Director of Program Services. He and his wife, Joan, moved from Stanwood, Washington. He was most recently the youth pastor and Christian Education Director at the Warm Beach Free Methodist Church, and he and Joan held various positions at Warm Beach Camp the last several years. Dennis is a 1984 graduate of George Fox College. He is overseeing the day camp program, coordinating all Tilikum run retreats and assisting rental retreat groups in promotion and programming. Call and say "Hi Dennis!" - 538-2763.

## **Day Camp 1986 - "Summer Celebration"**

There are many things in the Christian life to be joyful about. Children who come to Tilikum this summer will celebrate some of them: the joys of following Jesus, having fun in God's wonderful creation, being related to each other in the family of God, and even the 15th summer of day camping at Tilikum. Banners, drums, marching, music, balloons, laughing and celebrative worship (plus all the traditional camp activities) are all part of a great summer. Only two weeks of the ten weeks have openings, so if you want to be a part, call now (503) 538-2763. Miriam Staples and a carefully-chosen, talented staff are eager for summer to begin and for Tilikum's day campers to have a safe and fun-filled experience.

## **Retreats For Your Consideration**

### **Women's Retreat - May 2-4.**

If you seem frazzled, overworked and feeling like everyone's servant, you need a weekend at Tilikum. The theme alone - "He restores my Soul" - will let you know that this weekend is designed to provide inner and outer peace and restoration for body and spirit. Cost: \$40.

### **Father/Son Fishing Retreat - June 13-15.**

Guaranteed fish, lots of other exciting activities. Sign up now. \$40 for adults, \$.50 per inch for sons, or \$30, (whichever is less).

### **Family Gettogethers - Six Weekends During the Summer.**

The pressure of everyday living tends to fragment and spin family members apart. A family gettogether brings that family together, if only for a weekend, to give some centering and focus. Tilikum is a wonderful place for families to have outdoor fun together. Teaching times are planned to be very practical and to involve family members in both discussion and application. Write or call for an informative brochure and available dates: (503) 538-2763. 15321 NE North Valley Rd., Newberg, OR 97132.

## **15-Year Day Camp Celebration on August 2**

Saturday, August 2 is being set aside for former campers, counselors and staff to come home to a Tilikum 15-year reunion. Slides from many years will be shown. Various theme displays will be at the Multi-purpose Building - remember those huge farm overalls we signed, and the gigantic quilt we made? Come at 10 a.m. - stay 'til dark. Bring your own lunch, and then, if you make reservations, we'll grill hamburgers for you for supper. Boating, swimming, big swing and farm animals - lots of memories. If you can't make it, send a note telling us about some interesting experience you remember.

## **New Brochure**

Some of our readers have been following Tilikum these past 15 years. You've seen us grow slowly but surely in facility, program and staff. At this, the beginning of our 16th year, we would like to show prospective users what an attractive site Tilikum really has to offer. A new full-color brochure is being printed and we're sure you'll enjoy seeing it. If you would like one to share with a friend or a prospective Tilikum user, call or write for a copy.

## **Memorial Gifts**

Are you aware that by establishing a memorial fund at Tilikum you can keep alive the memory of a loved one who has died? The Quiet Place, fishing dock, beavers lodges, other program equipment, portions of the Illahee expansion and other projects are designations in memory of various loved ones and family members. Donors to a particular fund receive grateful appreciation and a receipt from Tilikum, and the individual establishing the memorial receives a list of donors. Then, almost always, some type of plaque is mounted, in recognition of the gift, the givers, and the loved one.

## **Tilikum To Sponsor Foster & Medema**

With just a few more details to work out, we should be able to confirm a conference that Tilikum will sponsor, utilizing the ministering gifts of Richard Foster and Ken Medema. September 12 and 13 have been designated as the dates and George Fox College has been chosen as the location. Friday evening Ken Medema will be in concert in Bauman Auditorium. The Saturday program will be a workshop format with Richard Foster and Ken Medema teaching. Tilikum is sponsoring this event because of the significance both men have had in Tilikum's retreat ministry. This happening also will launch a new thrust in Tilikum's retreat programming. Richard and Ken are eager to give it their personal support.

## **Valley View School Update**

Any attempt to relocate the old school house during the winter would have found us and the school mired in the mud. We feel badly about the delay, because we'll not be able to use it this summer. April will be moving month, we hope.

## **Potlatch - 1986**

September 5 and 6 are the dates for our 14th annual Potlatch. Another fine salmon dinner will be served and a marvelous program is being planned. The theme is "Our Children - Our Future - Sharing the Results of 15 Years of Tilikum Day Camps." There will be memorable pictures on display and reminiscences from former campers, staff and counselors. This annual fund-raiser has been Tilikum's main means of soliciting contributor support. It is well attended and quests are cheerful, enthusiastic givers to Tilikum's growing and varied ministries.

## **Calendar of Tilikum Sponsored Events:**

Wednesdays during April and May -- Rest & Refreshing Days.

May 2-4 -- Women's Retreat.

May 26 -- Investor's Day.

June 13-15 -- Father/Son Fishing Retreat.

July 11-13, 18-20, 25-27 -- Family Gettogethers.

August 2 -- Day Camp 15 Year Celebration.

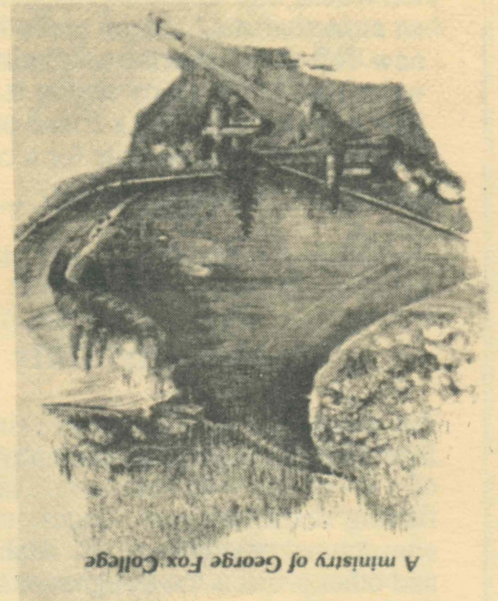
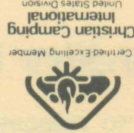
August 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 -- Family Gettogethers.

September 1 -- Hats Off Day.

September 5 & 6 -- Potlatch.

September 12 & 13 -- Richard Foster/Ken Medema.

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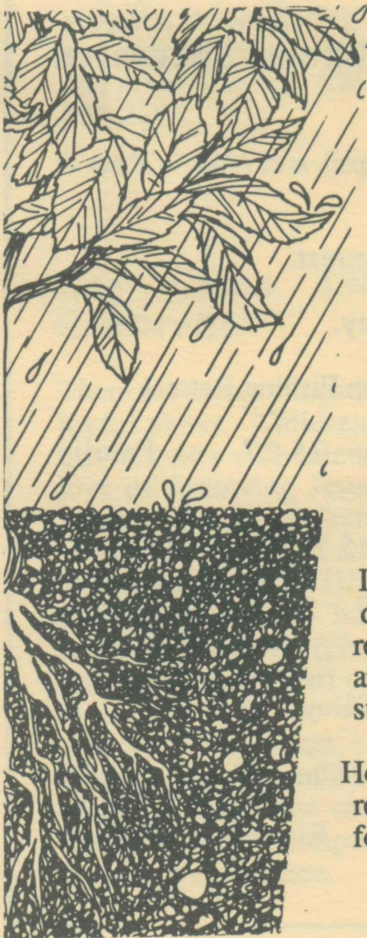
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## Tilikum: Rest and Refreshing Days --- Wednesdays in April and May



A space and a time for quiet and reflection . . .  
A special sense of Presence - in the place,  
In the people you meet, in the air you breathe,  
And in the food you eat . . . (copied)

We invite you to leave the demands of your household chores, your job, school and social commitments, jangling telephones, and noisy televisions for a quiet day in the country.

Every Wednesday during April and May, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tilikum is available for your rest and spiritual renewal. The Quiet place (Meditation Chapel) is available, or time may be spent in Bakers' Illahee (Retreat Center). Follow the trails around the lake or sit at a picnic table in the sun. Although you may find it recreating to float on the lake in a canoe (and that is fine), recreation is not the focus of these days. Some guests will desire uninterrupted silence and solitude, therefore children would probably best be left at home.

If you sense the need for a spiritual friend or guide to share your spiritual journey, direction is available from Tilikum's staff members. They are prepared to recommend resources for you - books, tapes, or devotional readings. Some printed materials are available if you wish to experience a day of self-guided meditation, prayer or study.

Homemade soup and hot bread is available throughout the day. We do not have any regular fee for services during your visit, but contributions will be accepted gladly for the ongoing ministry of Tilikum.

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