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## SELECTIONS FROM A RECENT SERMON:

### CALM...NO MATTER WHAT

Rev. Dan Stern

*"Wait for the Lord; be strong, let your heart take courage."  
- Psalm 27:14*

*"Cast all your anxiety on God, who cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7*

For the good people of Broadview Church, the first part of summer is always full of activity – this year’s been no exception: we’ve been celebrating graduations and birthdays and special family gatherings aplenty; there are weddings and baptisms happening; we recently enjoyed Carrie Hylander’s Piano Recital, and a visiting UCC Youth Handbell Ensemble Concert. We remembered and celebrated the lives of Dave’s dad, Bob Warfield, Tom’s brother, Jack Ward, and longtime BCUCC member, Donald Grevé, at their respective memorial services. And we have our share always of health concerns, among us to be lifted for prayer.

And through all kinds of changes taking place in our own lives, if we are listening, we may hear God say to us, “Cast all your anxieties on me because I care for you.”

I know I’ve had it pretty good in my life, so far. My higher-anxiety moments have not had to do yet with difficult health concerns. I have become anxious at times I felt my life lacked sufficient meaning. In my younger years, I feared that life might get boring more than I feared it might get difficult or dangerous. I didn’t want to succumb to a uninteresting life of middle class privilege. I kind of romanticized poverty. I felt somewhat self-righteous about it. I got so I could quote scripture: I wasn’t “storing up for myself treasures on earth where moth and rust consume and thieves break in and steal.” I suppose if one is to take some part of the Bible literally, the Sermon on the Mount isn’t a bad part to pick. But of course, it gradually kicks in how hard life really can get to be, growing old without a home or a job or a primary relationship!

The poet Stephen Spender speaks of the kind of long-range toll that living takes on one’s body and soul; the daily drag, the weight of a slow aging process:

What I expected was Thunder, fighting, long  
struggles with men, and climbing.  
After continual straining I should grow strong:

the rocks would shake and I should rest long.

What I had not foreseen... Was the gradual day,  
weakening the will,  
Leaking the brightness away,  
The lack of good to touch, the fading of body and soul  
Like smoke before wind, corrupt, insubstantial.

I had expected always... Some brightness to hold in  
trust,  
Some final innocence to save from dust;  
That, hanging solid, would dangle through all  
Like the created poem or the dazzling crystal.

And what about you? Is it anxieties of the “gradual leaking of brightness” variety, or the kind that might better fit into the out of control, “fear of flying” category that seem most disturbing? Is there too much or too little turbulence in your life? And whatever the source or kind, what do you do to alleviate the tension?

When I’ve asked this kind of question before, people have told me of so many different things. Some, of needing quiet time alone that they seldom seem to get, others of their own personal kinds of centering prayer that over time had become their personal anxiety antidote. Some tell me that it’s been mainly a question of discernment, of determining what kind of anxiety it is, and once it is identified, something appropriate can be done about it, like speaking to appropriate persons about some source of undo pressure, or jogging or kickboxing or taking time off from work.

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“Cast all your anxieties on God.” Jesus put it more poetically: “Consider the birds of the air. God cares for each one. And you...are you not of more value than many sparrows?” Or...look to the lilies of the field. Or maybe...imagine yourself fly fishing on a clear, placid lake. One at a time, you put tie flies onto the end of your fishing line, and cast that fishing line out on that lake. **Your fishing line is your prayer; let’s call the flies your anxieties...and the placid lake? God. “Cast your anxieties...on God”**. Take all the time you need...to reel in tranquility. It’s simple.

But if we’re going to be like Opus the comic strip penguin with his anxiety closet, if we must insist on fearing something, we can at least discipline our worrisome natures; we can fill our anxiety closet with things that matter – global warming, maybe, or the terrible example we’re setting as a nation in restarting the nuclear arms race, or at the very least, the cares and concerns of others besides our own selves. I’ve found that when I concern myself with things that matter beyond self-interest, I really do feel better. I’d rather not worry at all, but if I must, I’d rather worry about the big stuff. It seems to leave less room in my anxiety closet more petty anxieties.

I’m not sure I’d recommend hitchhiking as a relaxation technique, but when I write my own memoirs, I’ll include it as such. In the 1970 it was my main mode of travel. I found I could increasingly endure the often-long wait for a ride as I learned, mostly via prayer and song, how to discipline myself to wait with little anxiety. By the time an actual ride came along, the ‘work’ had already been done. The same thing with air travel; though the noise and long security lines in the airport test my patience at times, I find that it’s up to me to decide how I’m going to wait. I think of the Psalmist’s recommendation: Wait for the Lord; be strong; let your heart take courage. Then once I’m actually seated, and at 30,000 feet, I really kick back. I trust the average pilot not to binge drink, I trust my traveling companions not to hijack the plane. I don’t worry that snakes might escape from cardboard crates in the cargo section. I put my life completely in others’ hands. And it feels kinda good.

One last suggestion: Savor your joys, retain moments of grace. Whether it’s fly fishing on a placid lake, or some other such experience, frequently go there. Imagine yourself reliving your holiest, most joyous moments. I hope and pray you’ve all had and can recall them, times when you’re truly at peace. Or just imagine it in your mind’s eye for a moment, no matter where you are. To do that is to do something very different than being nostalgic; you’re not trying to live in the past, you’re recapturing a timeless moment, bringing it into the present moment. The grammar of nostalgia, they say, is past perfect, present tense. The grammar of inner peace is present perfect. The now is holy. And the glass is half full. Celebrate that degree of fullness often and thoroughly. At night, after a long day, what has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done. Let it be. And though the night is

dark, let fears about the darkness of the world rest in God. Now: you’ve caught your ride. You can kick back at 30,000 feet. You can relax about that surgery. You can cast all your anxieties out upon that placid lake. The dawn is quiet. God, let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all who are dear to us, and all who need your peace and tranquility this day. Amen.

## BIOGRAPHIES

**John (Jack) Sanson Ward** (Tom Ward’s Brother)  
February 10, 1930-June 15, 2008

Jack 78, was born in Spokane, WA to Eric and Irene, the second of four brothers. After moving to Seattle, he attended Latona Elementary School, Alexander Hamilton Jr. High, then Lincoln High School. During his four years at the University of Washington, where he earned a B.S. degree in electrical engineering, his skills on the UW basketball team, guided by Coach “Tippy” Dye, earned him the affectionate sobriquet “Jumpin’ Jack”. His basketball passion continued with the Northwest League Buchan Baker’s team which resulted in a N.W. League championship and a national tournament appearance in Denver.

Jack began his working years at Boeing; he moved to Santa Monica, CA, working for Sperry Rand on missile defense systems, followed for a time at TRW. Moving home to Seattle in 1957, he worked again at Boeing for a year, and then returned to Santa Monica to begin working the stock market, investing his own money. He moved “home” to Seattle for the last time in 1959. He continued investing his own money until his stock broker, his younger brother Bill, encouraged him to become a broker himself and join him as a founding partner in a start-up brokerage firm, Heron Northwest. Piper Jaffrey & Hopwood purchased Heron, later purchased by US Bank, and then spun off as Piper Jaffrey again. As one of the very first tenants in the IBM Building in 1964, Jack’s professional desk (and his ubiquitous charts) occupied the same office on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the IBM building for 41 years. Moving in 2006, Jack concluded the final two years of his career at RBC Dain Rauscher in Kirkland. Jim McColley, a former colleague and Piper Branch Manager said of Jack, “He was a great role model for young brokers. This business is simple, but it is not easy. Jack did it in his way, always the right way for his customers”.

Jack could never get enough sunshine, enjoying a vacation home in Rancho Mirage, CA, and cherishing time with his children during many annual beach vacations to Del Mar, CA. He also enjoyed volleyball, tennis, working in his expansive Innis Arden yard. He spent many hours nurturing a diverse rose garden, keeping Betty, his wife of 42 years, supplied with lovely roses.

Surviving Jack are his first wife Kay, their son Bob (Sunnee), grandchildren Elizabeth and Jonathan; daughter Chris (Nathan)

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Serrano, grandchildren Audrey and Joseph; daughter Tammy (Steve) Jorde; daughter Becky, granddaughter Dani; his second wife Betty; stepdaughter Jaime Powlesland, grandson Nicholas; and their son Greg (Linnea), grandchildren Jack, Eveen, and Sadie; brothers Tom (12/5/26) and Art (4/23/31).

Predeceasing Jack is his brother Bill (4/23/31) in 1989, and his grandson by Tammy, John, deceased 9/6/98.

Jack will always be remembered as the foundation of his family, strong of heart, and a competitor in all things. Despite his fierce determination, he succumbed in the end to the insidious nature of a cancer named Waldenstrom's Disease.

## Bob Warfield

During his son Dave's adult years (Dave is a BCUCC member), Bob was for more than five years Dave's employer, he was an important mentor, he was his best friend. Dave recalls many happy hours clam-digging and surf-fishing with his beach buddy dad, and many times when he helped him through a difficult or challenging stage in his life.

From Daughter Kathy:

Dad was a real family man – I remember him coming home from work and getting out of his suits and into his Levis so he could play with us kids and BBQ. I always wanted to be around him to learn how to mow the grass and fix stuff. I wanted to grow up to be just like him – he was the best Dad I could ever hope for.

From Cheryl:

I was 20 years old when Bob and Maxine "adopted" me. I had no family here and I worked for their doctor. They had recently moved here from California and we instantly became family. About two years later, I had my son Shawn and they became his God Parents/Grandparents.

Bob and Maxine were happily married for 58 years. He is survived by his wife Maxine, by their three children, Karen, Kathy and Dave, four counting their unofficially adopted daughter, Cheryl Ehrisman, and by Cheryl's son, Shawn and their granddaughter Naomi. Karen's kids Christol, Kris and Aimee, and by Aminee's kids, Araya and Kalea, by David's sons, Jesse and Joshua, and by Joshua's son, Austin

**Donald Albert Grevé**, (former BCUCC member) 83, was born in Seattle, WA on May 26, 1925 to Albert and Pearl Grevé. His younger brother Richard came along 6 years later. Don's mother, Pearl was a stay-at-home mom; his father, Al was in sales for Wayne Pump Company. They resided in Portland Oregon for a few years, then at Brown's Point, Tacoma before returning to Seattle.

Growing up in the Wallingford District, Don delivered the weekly paper, worked at the Pike Place Market on Saturdays for \$1 a day, and also at the Fremont Lumber Mill while attending Lincoln High. After his scouting days, he was a popular Lincoln High yell-leader, and later, had lots of fun playing a drum in the Demolay Drum and Bugle Corp.

Upon graduation from Lincoln High in 1943, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps, and went directly to Miami Beach, Florida as an Air Cadet. He married his first wife, Lillian, in December, 1944, and the next year was spent completing his training as a bombardier. Rumor has it that the only live thing he ever bombed was a cow somewhere in Texas. The war came to an end soon after completing his training, and becoming a civilian again, Don entered the University of Washington School of Architecture in 1945, and graduating in 1950. They had also just welcomed their first-born son, Daniel and had moved into their first home.

Soon Don was thrilled to be hired by Paul Thiry, Architect, and had the privilege of working on the Coliseum, the Museum of History and Industry, and other fine structures.

In September 1953, they moved into a new home for which he had himself supervised the construction in the Broadview neighborhood. There they welcomed their second son, Douglas. Don next became an associate with Alfred Simonson, Architect, and three more children were born: daughter Nancy in 1955, sons David in 1956 and Dean in 1958. Following that period, he and James Bell formed Bell & Grevé, Architects, in Ballard (from 1960-1971). He was a principal at NBBJ Architecture from 1971-2004. Don was a Sunday School teacher for 3rd and 4th graders at Broadview Community United Church of Christ, a member of the Church Council, and active in various church activities. (Note- he designed the home of longtime BCUCC members, Charles and Lorraine Cressey). He had the joy of seeing his own father and mother baptized there, along with his own children, and eldest son Daniel also confirmed. He was a good teacher and parent who involved himself in his kids' lives.

In August 1965 the family moved to Whidbey Island on Mutiny Bay. On October 18, 1965, Don and Lillian became the proud owners and developers of a new waterfront community they called "Tara". Donald opened a part-time office on South Whidbey and also commuted to his Seattle office. He was chosen to design the first retirement center on Whidbey- "Brookhaven" in Langley.

After 25 years, Donald and Lillian divorced in 1971. He moved to Honolulu to work with NBBJ, and married his wife Joyce, with whom he remained for 28 years until his death on June 17. Joyce remembers their first having met at a cocktail lounge where they danced the night away and went for breakfast at a nearby Jack-in-the-box

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Don is survived by his wife, Joyce; previous wife, Lillian Crutchfield; by his children, Daniel Grevé, Douglas (Sandra) Grevé, Nancy Herman, David Grevé, and Dean (Monica) Grevé; by his stepdaughters Yolanda Joy and Jennifer (Craig) Baker; by 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his brother, Richard and stepson Brian Joy.

### **PASTOR DAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

(in verse, with added notes on 'what we can say to others'):

In '07 & 8, we all can relate  
To the toll this recession has taken:  
But we're not annoyed; our spirits are buoyed  
And at Broadview, our hope isn't shaken.

In spite of some setbacks, we also got get-backs:  
New members\*, new leadership\*\*, new lights\*\*\*  
We're walking our talk. Now too: *talking our walk*  
And extending our welcome through sound bites\*\*\*\*.

Through Renewal & Growth, Education^, Innovation^^  
God's Spirit is making much impact  
With music and movies and youth programs groovy  
We're grateful; our confidence, intact.

So thanks, one and all for answering God's call  
To BE church! Both diverse and united+  
"Come access our steeple; we're accessible people  
There's a place for YOU TOO, you're invited".

\* Since last Annual Meeting (June, 2007), we have received five new adults into membership- Angela Burke, David and Brooks Ladwig, Christie Dickerson, and Francesco Marshall.

Others too have become active, but have not elected to officially join as of yet. These include Maxine Norton, Allison Victa, Bill and Marilyn Andrews, and Eric and Laurie Ford. ***One thing we can say to others: Come, be warmly received & spiritually nourished here.***

I also officiated for two weddings (relatives & friends of the church) and six memorial services (Les Hillis, Dave Herald, Jessie Paterson, Dick Black, Merle Black & Vernon Work).

\*\*In keeping with our Renewal & Growth priority goal #5, to "*Enhance Children/Youth Leadership*", this year we hired Ellen Ann Chiddox as our Children & Youth Ministries Coordinator (see Children's Education Report). Ellen Ann coaches & assists other teachers/helpers, co-leads Faith Formation (Confirmation Class) with Pastor Dan, and meets regularly both with him and with the Children's Education Team. Ellen Ann's been a God-send; we are grateful to have her among us! ***Some things we can say to others: Children & youth are spiritually nourished & respected here! We are Intergenerational - Kid-Friendly - Welcoming to Young & Old***

\*\* \*Renewal & Growth priority goal # 1- *Increased Visibility*- Our new LED (electronic) sign is up and running! We are the first UCC congregation in our Conference to utilize this up-and-coming, energy-efficient technology. It uses surprisingly little electricity-

much less than traditional kinds of signage/lighting. We've also installed new energy-efficient lighting in and around the building. ***Two things we can say to others: We care about God's created world! We are a greening, growing church.***

\*\*\*\**Re: the 'sound bites' we're putting on our new sign: We will continue to get ideas from members/friends. We can cycle through as many messages as we wish to run. Do give us feedback!*

+ "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, diversity; in all things, charity (love)."

### **WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER**

**Sunday, July 6:** Joint Worship Service AT St. Paul's UCC (6512 12th Ave. NW), 11am. There will be NO WORSHIP SERVICE here at BCUCC! Carpool from

**Sunday, July 27:** Outdoor Worship Service to be held here at BCUCC!

**Sunday, August 3:** Rev. Tim Divine preaching **here AT BCUCC**

**Sunday, August 10: Rev. Jim CastroLang** and his wife, Andy (who is senior pastor at Westminster Congregational UCC) live in Spokane and are the parents of one daughter and one son. Jim is the chair of the Pacific Northwest Conference UCC's Committee on Church Development – the committee that made Renewal and Growth grants and loans possible for our congregation. (Pastor Dan also now serves on the CDC Committee.)

**Sunday, August 17: Rev. Marie M. Fortune** grew up in North Carolina where she received her undergraduate degree from Duke University. She received her seminary training at Yale Divinity School and was ordained a minister in the United Church of Christ in 1976. After serving in a local parish, she founded the Center for the Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence, now known as FaithTrust Institute, in 1977 where she served as Executive Director until 1999 and now serves as Founder and Senior Analyst. FaithTrust Institute, headquartered in Seattle, is a multifaith, multicultural organization providing religious communities and advocates with training, consultation and educational materials to address the faith aspects of abuse. Marie is an active member of BCUCC!

**Sunday, August 24: Craig Rennebohm** is a UCC minister, a parish pastor and founder of the Mental Health Chaplaincy. For the last 20 years, Craig has done outreach on the streets of Seattle, served as a chaplain on the mental health units at Harborview Medical Center, worked with local congregations on ministry in the areas of homelessness and mental illness, and done teaching and advocacy both in the US and internationally.

**Sunday, August 31: Michael Ramos**, *Director of Social Justice Ministries, Church Council Of Greater Seattle* Michael Ramos joined the Church Council as Director of Social Justice Ministries in April 2004 after more than 15 years experience in faith-based advocacy, organizing and pastoral ministry. A native of New York, Michael came to the Pacific Northwest two decades ago and earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Seattle University. Before coming to the Church Council he served with the Washington Association of Churches and helped to coordinate the 2003 Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride. He has also worked for the Catholic Diocese of Oakland as the Director of Latino Ministry. As Director of Social Justice Ministries, Michael works with congregations and community groups - as well as Church Council Task Forces and Commissions - to enhance our common work for peace and economic, racial and social justice. **Joint-Retreat at Pilgrim Firs with St. Paul's UCC that weekend.**

**Sunday, September 14: New Member's Sunday**

**Sunday, October 5: Confirmation Sunday**

#### **OTHER NOTEWORTHY EVENTS/NEWS**

**New online church address/phone list available online.** Check out the 'Activities' page below the annual report. This is a .pdf file and it is password protected. Please contact the church office (206) 363-8060 during normal business hours if you would like to know the password!

#### **Whether it takes 3 years or 34, a degree is a reason to celebrate!**

Please join us! Saturday, July 12 from 1-3pm at the Bloch-Garcia residence (contact the office for address and directions if needed), to honor Christy Qualin, BA and Sara Qualin, BA. Please bring your favorite study snack to share! RSVP to Jennie & Peter Bloch Garcia.

#### **Outdoor Ministry Events for the PNWC Camp/Retreat Dates for 2008**

##### **Pilgrim Firs**

Junior High Camp	July 6-12
Intermediate Camp	July 13-19
Kids' Camp	July 20-23
Family Camp	August 24-28

##### **N-Sid-Sen**

Intermediate Camp	July 8-12
Senior High Aqua Camp	July 13-19
Family Camp #1	July 27-August 2
Junior High Aqua Camp	August 3-9
Family Camp #2	August 10-16

#### **READINGS JULY/AUGUST 2008**

##### **JULY**

##### **July 6, 2008**

##### **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Sacred Rest  
Genesis 24:34-38; Psalm 45:10-17  
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

##### **July 13, 2008**

##### **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Abundant Possibilities  
Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

##### **July 20, 2008**

##### **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Wheat and Weeds Together  
Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

##### **July 27, 2008**

##### **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Pictures of God's Realm  
Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

##### **AUGUST**

##### **August 3, 2008**

##### **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Table of Plenty  
Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17-1-7,15  
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

##### **August 10, 2008**

##### **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Lifted Up  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

##### **August 17, 2008**

##### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Blessed and Forgiven  
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

##### **August 24, 2008**

##### **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Courageous Women  
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

##### **August 31, 2008**

##### **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Called by Name  
Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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## **BIRTHDAY LIST JULY/AUGUST**

### **July**

Pete Thorn	7/5
Peter Kujac	7/7
Day Murti	7/14
Jeff Lundt	7/19
Frances Squaglia	7/19

### **August**

Neva Naf	8/21
Mary Linda Cook	8/22
Dan Clark	8/24

## **SHAREHOUSE**

### **Collection July/August**

**July:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss

**August:** Disposable razors and laundry detergent

## **NOTE FROM REV. MIKE DENTON**

### **New UCC PNW Conference Minister**

Many of you have talked about the sense that it seems as though the PNC is at new moment and that it feels as though there's a breath of fresh air blowing through the conference. Some of you have attributed that to my arrival in to this position. Thanks for that...but I'm seeing something else. I think my timing ended up just being exceptionally good. The truth is that that there's not a thing I'm doing that you all hadn't already started or been working to create and birth. This breath of fresh air? That's *your* breath and *your* breathing new life in to an organization that needed (and still needs) to do something differently. Your invitation to me to come participate in this work with you was because you were so clear with your wonderful search committee about the direction you *already* wanted to be heading and were heading. You needed someone in my role to join you in the work you had already begun.

So the first of those thank you notes? This one goes to all of you. More and more, at the end of the day I simply feel honored you called me and so very thankful to be able to be in ministry with you...