Once site of a horrible crime, Oregon City property will now host help for many.

OREGON CITY — Thanks to the generosity of a local retiree, a tract of land here that is sadly remembered now as the site of a heinous crime two decades ago will instead find new purpose as a ministry headquarters.

As reported by The Oregonian, the property where two young girls were murdered in 2002 will become the new home for the Clackamas County chapter of the national outreach Love INC (Love in the Name of Christ). The agency is a coalition of local churches that provide social services, spiritual care and basic household goods for people in need.

Making this possible is a retired businessman Charles Kelsen of Happy Valley, who helped found the local Love INC chapter.

A special message to CNNW readers...

For the first time in our 26 years, we are inviting readers to support Christian News Northwest as a “member” of the newspaper.

We all know now that our world is in an unusual time. Accordingly, this is an unusual edition of Christian News Northwest. It has much fewer pages than normal, and many of our regular sections are not included this month.

The pandemic is hitting the economy HARD, and our newspaper is not exempt. Our ad sales are focused heavily on events, so our revenue is taking a huge plunge during this current national emergency. Printing is our biggest expense, so to avoid red ink, we must run drastically fewer pages. Check cnnw.com for updates on our situation.

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Thank you for understanding, and we solicit your support.

— John Fortmeyer, CNNW publisher
Property

Nearly overwhelmed by the generosity of Kienlen and his wife, Judith, Love INC currently rents space at Zion Lutheran Church in Oregon City, but the expanding ministry has for the past two years sought a bigger space. Jones had envisioned something large enough to serve meals and offer job training and parenting classes.

Since the early 1990s, local businessman Steve Hopkins owned the property, which once included a house that Hopkins had rented to Ward Weaver III. It is there that Weaver killed two local girls — Ashley Pond, 12, and Miranda Gaddis, 13.

Ashley vanished one morning in January 2002, and Miranda disappeared two months later. Both lived in an apartment complex near the house. Their disappearance created great panic among the city’s parents and became national news.

Months after they vanished, investigators discovered that Miranda’s remains were hidden in a shed behind the house, and Ashley’s were buried under a concrete slab in the backyard. Weaver was eventually convicted in the killings, as well as of attacking and raping his son’s 19-year-old girlfriend and raping a 15-year-old girl. Now 56, Weaver is serving life without parole at a state prison in Umatilla.

Aware that the house now represented horror, Hopkins had it torn down. The land was for sale over the years, but once prospective buyers learned what had happened there, they tended to lose interest. So the property sat empty.

Kienlen now envisions a memorial on the site to the two girls and also looks forward to the property being utilized to help many people.
**Definitely not distant, even today**

**Editorial**

Mere words will not suffice in any attempt to comment on the breathtakingly fast events that began only weeks ago in our world. What might work better are images like — jaws dropping in amazement, or eyes glazed over from trying to analyze it all.

As difficult as it is to grasp what is taking place regionally, nationally and globally, virtually every person on our planet can readily see we are experiencing a potential megashift in everyday life. The worldwide COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic is mind-boggling in its implications for the future.

Particular so for followers of Christ, many of whom lean strongly toward the belief that the pandemic is one big step in fulfillment of Bible prophecy. If ever it seemed that the Pale Horse of Pestilence identified in the book of Revelation is galloping, it is now. But opinions about what may vary among observers. Is this one of the “birth pangs” that precede the Great Tribulation to which our world is inexorably headed? Or is it actually the very start of the “tribulation itself”? Stay tuned for further details on that one.

Another thing that begs for analysis is the pandemic’s potential impact on our nation’s spiritual life. A commentary last month in the Wall Street Journal asked, “Could a plague of biblical proportions be America’s best hope for religious revival?”

Local churches — might prayer and fasting for that sorely-needed revival be more appropriate and effective—now please give it serious consideration.

It is also important that who we claim to represent God convey to others His great love in this critical time. This pandemic currently requires each person to maintain “social distancing” to slow the spread of the virus. But God is anything but distant. He is eager to draw all people to Himself, to represent God convey to others His great love in this critical time. This pandemic to us as we have sung and proclaimed over the years: our hearts so that we will be able to discern rightly by the Spirit of God and not be fooled by the spirit of the beast.

We will not fear in our hearts if we truly trust in the Lord as we have sung and proclaimed over the years: our hearts so that we will be able to discern rightly by the Spirit of God and not be fooled by the spirit of the beast. Our faith tested thus far is the true measure of our commitment to Christ.

**Our faith tested**

This is what I received from the Lord last month regarding the coronavirus.

This virus is just the beginning of something on a bigger scale. The coronavirus is being used to set the stage for the arrival of the antichrist. Because the majority of the world’s population and even the church population are reacting to this in fear, it invites the next step of the plan of the people to prepare the people to accept his plan and what is coming.

Because many of God’s people have allowed Church to become an idol, this virus will be off in how to discern the days ahead. Once we start putting our focus back on Jesus Christ, Our Good Shepherd, and asking Him to lead us we needn’t worry. For He will lead us hour by hour in all we need to do, and it will not be done out of fear. It is important that we stop concerning ourselves with the fear of not discerning evil from good.

We are being conditioned by the media, and the false prophet that is big brother telling us what is good and evil, what to believe, and what not to believe. But God is anything but distant.

**Letters to the Editor**

**Newberg**

**KRISTINE LANGRIDGE**

Be brave

The specific topic on my — and most everyone’s mind is the COVID-19 Corona virus. The World Health Organization has declared it a worldwide pandemic. I do not intend to downplay the seriousness of this virus. It is killing people, has no vaccine or meds to combat it. The measures being taken will prove to be effective in slowing it down. But what we all need to remember is that it’s a virus and will play itself out. Remember SARS, Ebola, Avian Flu, Legionnaire’s disease? They all ran roughshod through the international population then, poof, they were gone. COVID-19 will be the same way.

I said back in 2003, during SARS, that it was a media and feeding frenzy. I was in Taiwan at the time and I did not see anyone dropping dead on the street or halting all civil society. Yes, folks were masking up but usually do in Asia. Why? Because they ride scooters or tuk tuk on dusty roads, right at the face of it. Dr. Fauci says that the hearts of many will fail from fear for what we are seeing upon the land, and we are seeing that in this day.

There is a great call on the Lord coming and we must, must ask Jesus to remove every idol in our hearts so that we will be able to discern rightly by the Spirit of God and not be fooled by the spirit of the beast.

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Pandemic

postpone and reschedule trips to the Holy Land and Naples, Italy. Both are now set to take place in the spring of 2021.

The Palau team had developed a packed schedule for this year's evangelistic campaigns both in the U.S. and abroad, including Florida, Germany, England, France, New Mexico, Guatemala, Malawi and Argentina. But the status of the virus put an end to that, said Kevin Palau, the association’s president.

“What this outbreak means for each of these festivals, we don't fully know,” he said. “We are not unfamiliar with difficult situations. For more than 60 years our team has acted as a bridge of hope across the globe. In the midst of the work, we have faced epidemics, civil war, terror, activity, natural disasters and the like. Yet now, least in my memory, have been as widespread and far-reaching as this — whatever the days ahead hold for us, we are not afraid — and we carry ongoing plans.

We set it throughout Scripture. It continues to be true today.

Nursing Home Residents

The first COVID-19 case in the U.S. occurred in a Kirkland, Wash., nursing home, and thus any such facility violated its virus spread.

For example, at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg, entry is now restricted to staff, medical personal, and family and friends of residents who are either on hospice care or whose emotional health calls for visitors. Similarly, Molina Healthcare is allowing visits to its care to areas only for certain compassionate care situations, such as an end-of-life situation.

Online Prayer

In response to the crisis, Portland-area Christian leaders on March 25 launched a OnePDX.org event from noon to 12:30 p.m. each Wednesday. It will be led each week by different pastors.

“We are experiencing an unprecedented moment in modern history,” said Kevin Palau. “The spread of the corona-virus has put the health of many people at risk. I am finding a way to continue to minister to people through Facebook and Instagram. We are feeling anxious and afraid. People are feeling anxious and isolated. We must be the hands and feet of Christ to care for those who are suffering the most.”

The prayer meetings can be viewed live on Instagram and Facebook. For more information, go to OnePDX.org

April 2020

This is a guide to Christian-orient- ed performances, activities, speak- ers and ministry events. If you would like your event listed at no cost, please do so one time only through April 30 at 537-9220, by e-mail at cnnw@cnw.com, or by regular mail at P.O. Box 665, Vancouver, WA 98666 (Note: Inclusion of an event in this calendar does not necessarily indi- cate the approval of the event’s host) 

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Good Friday. Observing Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross for all mankind. Some churches may have online observances.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

A day of celebration, shouting out witnessing Jesus’ triumph over sin and death, bringing a glorious hope to all who will follow Him. Churches operating through online services will have observances.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

6 p.m., Mark 29 in Southern gospel concert, Grand View Baptist Church, 14855 S. Evergreen Rd., Battle Ground, Wash. 98604. Free admission; freewill offering taken. 360-879-6395 or www.mark29.com/bkp.html

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

10:45 a.m., Mark 29 in Southern gospel concert, Gladstone Christian Church, 365 E. Dearth St., Gladstone 97027. Free admission; freewill offering taken. 503-977-8395 or www.mark29.com/bkp.html

7 p.m., Mark 20 in Southern gospel concert, Gladstone Christian Church, 365 E. Dearth St., Gladstone 97027. Free admission; freewill offering taken. 503-977-8395 or www.mark29.com/bkp.html

MAY 1

7 p.m., Oregon City Revival sponsored by Tacoma, Wash.-based Revival Ministries, 239 East 5th Street. Free admission; freewill offering taken. 503-977-8395 or www.mark29.com/bkp.html

SATURDAY, MAY 7

National Day of Prayer. At a time it was uncertain if thousands of in-person gatherings would be held in national, or whether small digital gatherings would take place. For more information, go to NationalDayofPray.org

10 a.m., BLESS fellowship and service, Chehalem Friends Church, 16700 NE North Willamette Valley Gala, Oregon Golf Club, 2700 S. W. Peters Mountain Road, West Linn. Theme is “Finishing Strong in the Spirit.” 971-400-1091 or revsllarharvest.org

SUNDAY, MAY 8


5 to 11 p.m., Limitless edge for middle and high school students and young adults, hosted by 227th Generation Church at The Country Church, 14000 S. Hwy 211, Milwaukie 97222. Free admission. Includes free meal, on 3 Basketball Tournament, photo booth, “Cega Bar,” open night, volleyball, video games, ballad, air hockey, a dance off, live band, speaker Isaac Miller of City Harvest Church in Vancouver, Wash., give- aways and more. 503-626-5077.

6:30 p.m., Craig Deel of Portland-based Ambassador Ministries in healing and deliverance, Casa de Paz, 7805 S.E. Portland. 97222. Register at https://REGULUSPRO.COM

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MOTHER’S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Mother’s Day. Honoring our moms, grandmoms and great-grandmas. Most churches will have observances even if still no meeting minute.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

6:30 p.m., Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends’ Spring Area Gathering, West Chehalis Friends Church, 16700 NE North Valley Way, Newberg 3712. One in a series of meetings in different locations, this is led by NYNW General Superintendent Jim Le Shana and includes wor- ship, fellowship, and for church health and growth. nyfma.org

FRIDAY, MAY 15

44th Regional Convention sponsored by the North Pacific Union of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, first of three consecutive days, Hazelmere Convention, 16500 Oakfield Road, Gladstone 97027. Theme is “Finishing Strong in the Spirit.” 360-457-7033 or npuc.org

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Northwest Christian U in Eugene to become Bushnell U as of July 1

EUGENE — Northwest Christian University here will change its name to Bushnell University on July 1, honoring James Bushnell, one of the founders of the 125-year-old school.

Bushnell, James Bushnell’s lasting legacy of deep faith, innovative spirit, grit, and commitment to service that represents the WCU of today and will guide the vision of the university in the future,” said President Joseph Womack.

The new name is the sixth in the school’s long history. After 13 years as Eugene Divinity School, in 1908 it became Eugene Bible College, then in 1930, Eugene Bible College (as to be confused with another Eugene Bible College that is now New Hope Christian College). In 1934 it became Northwest Christian College, then in 2008 began 12 years as Northwest Christian University.

The university’s mission, vision commitment to Christ-centered higher education, traditions, school colors and athletic team name (Beacons) remain. Womack emphasized.

Judge rules against fired coach

BREMERTON, Wash. — The school district here was within its rights five years ago when it in 2015 fired a high school football coach who refused to stop praying on the gridiron after games, a federal judge ruled last month.

U.S. District Court Judge Ronald Leighton on March 5 determined former Bremerton High assistant football coach Joe Kennedy’s religious rights were not violated. According to Leighton, the school district’s right to restrict public religious expression on its property outweighs Kennedy’s right to free religious expression.

Kennedy’s attorney, Mike Berry of Texas-based First Liberty Institute, told the Kitsap Sun newspaper of Bremerton that the ruling will be appealed. Karen Bevers, a spokeswoman for the school district, acknowledged that the judge’s decision is subject to an appeal.

Last month’s action was the latest in a series of decisions against Kennedy. Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Kennedy’s appeal of a lower court’s upholding the school district’s decision. His legal team pressed forward in the district court, citing questions the High Court left open.

Multnomah University to build soccer field in center of its Portland campus

PORTLAND — Multnomah University trustees have approved phase one of building a full-size, artificial soccer field on the Portland campus. Because of donations, the first phase of preliminary work is fully funded at $118,000.

Though the university has received financial commitments to cover construction costs, it will not begin any construction until the construction phase is fully funded, permits have been acquired, and trustees approve.

The university is not yet making public the overall project cost estimates since they are likely to change.

The proposed location is in the center of campus, behind the Joseph C. Aldrich Dining Hall and adjacent to the gymnasium. “It will be amazing to walk onto a small campus like ours and see this new turf field,” said Multnomah Athletic Director Louis Viss. “We are so grateful to the people who donated funds to this project. This would not have been possible without them.”

Phase one will include conducting surveys, inspecting the topography of the grounds, engineering designs, construction permits and acquiring construction permits from the city government.

For more information, go to: www.multnomah.edu/blog/2020/03/06/phase-1-of-new-soccer-field-for-multnomah-university/
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I helped lead my church’s AWANA program, and after three years, I decided to attend Dallas Theological Seminary. I graduated with a Master’s in Theology, and it has deeply shaped my life. I have tried to be a faithful follower of Jesus. I have spent my adult life as a computer programmer in the aerospace industry. I have been a small business owner and I have created jobs in Oregon.

I have never been in full-time ministry, but I have actively served in the local church by teaching, preaching and giving of my time and money.

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