

Church Beyond Walls

My name is Kevin Stignani. I come to Friends of the Carpenter to volunteer to make product for them to sell for funds for the year to keep them running. I really enjoy painting the snowflakes.

My background is born-again Christian. I come early in the morning to pray, for morning devotions, and our regular Bible studies. Sometimes we have really great speakers come to share the word of God from many different churches. The one thing that brings us all together is the Word of God.

What we do in early morning prayer is pray together, three to four people at a time. Where 2 or 3 gather is

a place of God - not just at church on Sunday mornings. We pray for the needs of Friends of the Carpenter, Share House, the tent city



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in downtown Vancouver. What impacts me the most is prayer. I have always known about prayer, but I never really knew how to

properly pray before and the meaning behind it. *Matthew 6:9-13*

I attend the Light House Church off of NE 76th Street. I help run their coffee bar on Sunday mornings. On Wednesday nights I practice playing guitar in their youth band. I am also a helper with the youth group.

After devotions and bible study on Wednesdays at the Friendship Center, we have activities to do craft projects. We do drawings for a \$15 gift card and everyone can get Love Gift cards for doing all the hard work we do here for the community of the Friends of the Carpenter.

FRIENDS
of the
CARPENTER



**DONATIONS
NEEDED**

Tea, Coffee, Hot
Chocolate, Cup of
Noodles, Craft Paint
Brushes 1" or less

Holiday Product Sale

December 11th
10 am – 3 pm



November Volunteer Star Spotlight

Rick Caton is a transplant from Santa Clara, California. Now he is firmly rooted here in Vancouver. Rick first heard of Friends of the Carpenter (FOC) from his friend, Sally Aalbue (an FOC volunteer) in 2010. Rick was so impressed with the work done by FOC Founders, Duane and Julie Sich. Rick related "There is nothing like this in the Bay Area." Rick wanted to be a small part of FOC. So in February 2011, Rick starting volunteering as a Hospitality Host. He also began visiting churches to encourage sponsorships for FOC. For the last three years, Rick has been on the procurement committee for



our annual auction and dinner. Rick said FOC "is warm, inviting and hospitable. Everyone is

welcome. No one is turned away." Rick attends Family of Christ Lutheran Church, where Rick serves on the nomination committee for the Church Council. Rick's hobbies are reading historical novels, especially those during the Elizabethan period and true history books. Rick is married to Susie (another FOC volunteer) and has

three grown sons.

by Bernie Gerhardt

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December 5th
3 PM & 7PM**

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4300 Main St. Vancouver 98663**

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A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Friends of the Carpenter

2015 Auction

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by the

Columbia River

Thank you to all who attended the auction & dinner. You helped contribute to its success.



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