

GREATER PORTLAND ULTREYA  
NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2012

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Our next ultreya will be Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7p,m at the hall under St. Anthony's off Brown St. Our witness speaker will be Rich Poitras.

Our witness speaker for January was Margret Kendall. Her theme for this talk was "God's faithfulness". She started by quoting from Matthew 11, 28-29 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." She wondered how many burdens, Jesus is carrying for us besides our sins. Jesus is saying, "I walk along side you. We are yoked together".

She said starting a new year, is a good time to remember how God has been there for her needs, disappointments, sorrows and joys in her life.

Her first memories of Jesus was when she went to live with her grandparents in Biddeford. Her spiritual grandmother taught her to love Jesus. The nuns that taught her, also helped her to love Jesus and she learned how Jesus loves children.

At the age of 11, she had to move back to Westbrook with her parents who didn't go to church. God gave her a christian friend to go to church with and talk about Jesus.

She met and married her 1<sup>st</sup> husband Bob. They had 3 daughters. Thru Marriage encounter and Cursillo, Jesus became real and personal.

She said God is our strength-believe in your prayers, never give up and trust that they will be answered in God's time. Always keep the faith. We are all different, made in the image of God and each of us has been given special gifts. Together we are the hands and feet of Jesus to continue his ministry.

Jesus made himself very real to her in her grief, when Bob passed away. It was the most difficult time in her life. Shortly after she was feeling very alone as she knelt in prayer. A peace came over her, as she looked at the print "Footprints in the sand"

She knew Jesus was carrying her.

In 2002 Jerry came into her life. He lived in Florida and she in Maine. So they wrote and talked on the phone. She prayed about the relationship. Jerry asked her to marry him and thru prayer she knew it was meant to be. They were married May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2003.

She closed the talk with this prayer.

Thank you Holy Spirit that you dwell within me. Thank you for being present to me so that I can depend on you for strength and grace and may I always be faithful to you as you have been to me.

February birthdays

Joe Godin 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cindy McCormack 10<sup>th</sup>

Gordon Davis 26<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Joe McKenna 21<sup>st</sup>

Jackie Tayman 27<sup>th</sup>

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