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The Communicator

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First Church Recognizes Special Servants

The Servant's Heart Award recognizes and celebrates those in our church family who exhibit a true "Servant's Heart."

This year's "Servant Heart" awards were given to: Jerry Archer, Jim Skadan and Elizabeth Walls.

Jerry Archer

Jerry has lived out his Christian beliefs in a quiet, down-to-earth way, showing his witness in actions rather than words. He began his broader community service seventeen years ago as a volunteer with the newly formed Queen Anne Helpline, in this way giving needy local residents a helping hand. Later, he served on the Helpline Board, and after that as its president.

Our church, too, has been blessed through this man's dedicated service in many behind-the-scenes roles. He also has served as usher through the years.

Since retiring from his role as a public school teacher, Jerry has unobtrusively delivered his special brand of Tender Loving Care to family and friends. Each of his grandchild owns a "Jerry-made-rug". You also, may have seen one of his masterpieces adorning a wall in Jack Arnold's office.



Elizabeth Walls and Jerry Archer

Another hobby in which many of you have shared is his gardening expertise.

The two words, Servant's Heart, fit Jerry Archer to a tee. So this year we honor him for his years of Christ-like servanthood.

Elizabeth Walls

Elizabeth has faithfully served the church for the past sixty years. She has served in many volunteer capacities.

In the 1960's she was active as a director and teacher for the Christian Youth Crusaders and Cadets in our church. She held a number of offices in the Women's Missionary Society, including Circle Leader. She also worked

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**Prime
Time
Lunch
with
John Daily
former
SPU
Landscape
Jan. 20,
11:30 am
Call the
Church
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**Family
Night!
Feb. 25
Join the
Swimming
Party!
Call Kari
at
281-2240
for
details!**

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at such tasks as rolling bandages, and packing boxes for mission hospitals. For several years, she and several other members of her family traveled to Rancho Betania in Mexico, where they did many practical tasks to help the establishment of that conference center.

Along with her husband, Wes, she consented to fill various leadership responsibilities with the Cana Sunday School Class.

For many years, she served in the church library and, in recent times, computerized the library's contents and records. She just retired this year from that position.

For all of these activities and more, we wish to honor you.

Bonnie Brann

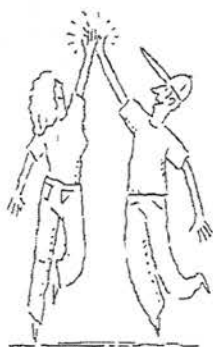
Jim Skadan

In a number of places, the Bible teaches us that it is our responsibility as Christians to take care of the fatherless. For many of us this means caring for those around us, or just sending money to the poor. But Jim was one of the people in our church who took this quite literally and reached out to me. For a boy, growing up without a father is tough, but the sacrifices and investment of a servant of God have made an enormous difference in my life.

But his impact has been far greater than just one person. He has impacted the lives of dozens, if not hundreds, of people in our church. In big ways and small ways, through official channels and otherwise, he has made it his business to invest in others. And with Jim it is more than just a job or obedience to a commandment it has

become a part of him, simply the way he is.

He is not one to shy away from difficult situations or difficult subjects, he will jump right in to see what can be made of



Jim Skadan

them. He is not an example of perfection, but an example of sincere seeking, a man after God's heart.

He has given of himself tirelessly for over twenty years. He has worked in the youth department as both the Junior High and High School Sunday School teacher, and served as a part of the Youth Task Force. He has worked in the Children's Ministry Department as a Wednesday Night volunteer and a fifth and sixth grade Sunday School teacher. He has also served with adults in many ways including Sunday School teacher and Bible study leader. He has served on committees, and lobbied church leadership for everything from less work time for church staff to more money in the youth budget.

In addition, he has given of his personal time and resources for things like sleepovers, trips, and even a smashed car. And believe it or not, there is so much more that I just don't have time to mention.

Jim Skadan, we commend you and we thank you for your efforts. You are an indispensable part of ministry here. You are loved and greatly appreciated. We thank God today for giving you to us, and for giving you a servant's heart.

Paul Tindal