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Morgan's Moment...

*"I will set my bow in the cloud
and it shall be a sign of
the covenant between
me and the earth." (Signed, God)*

Genesis uses the rainbow
as God's reminder to God
of a promise of no more flood.

I see a rainbow and am reminded...

It takes both rain and sunshine
to make a rainbow.

I'm in one of those times now
feeling the rain

as I give up some long time traditions.

It's not easy to walk away

from years of great moments
and to disappoint many people.

I'm not good at leaving

have always found it depressing
hoping for the promise of sunshine.

Is there still resilience within me...

that ability to emerge from change
undamaged and buoyant?

Ministry has allowed me to see
that most people live beyond
their darkest moments.

With rain in their faces like tears
they move ahead until one day
they see the rainbow.

— Art Morgan

A TRANSITION MOMENT FOR MOMENT MINISTRIES

This message is hard to write, but here it is: After 35 years Paul and I, along with our wives decided it is time to face several realities, not the least of which is age-related. I am the oldest practicing minister I know (I'm 83 if you haven't been counting...and Paul is gaining on me). For this and other reasons, we have concluded that now is the time to discontinue the three long-time traditional events which Moment Ministries has sponsored.

So, there will be no Christmas Eve at the Deli this year.

In 1983 we connected with Ted Cox and the Old World Deli and Pub, the site of Oregon Trail Brewery, and have done Christmas Eve there for 30 years. We advertised a service for folks who didn't have a church or want a church. It would be a half hour, unrehearsed event, with a do-it-yourself Christmas pageant made up of whoever came. There was always a live baby Jesus picked from the crowd. The doors were opened and people poured in, some up to a half hour early to get a seat. 30 minutes later they poured back onto the street with "Joy to the World" ringing in their ears.

It was an "outside the inn" event, in the shadow of the brewery on a cobblestone floor, with lots of carols, no preaching or announcements or offering..

We know that this will be a disappointment to many community people who have come year after year, some for all 30 years, as part of their family Christmas tradition. It will be a problem getting information out since we have few names or contact information.

All of us who have been involved in this feel sad about this ending. Our local group and especially our families who have helped in so many ways, as well as Ted Cox whose innkeeper hospitality welcomed us every Christmas Eve, all will miss it.

It's easier to begin a tradition than to end it. This has literally been a gift to the community by Ted Cox and Moment Ministries. We paid all expenses (like insurance, programs, ads, candles, and so on). All participants were volunteers. It was part of our mission to offer ministry to people outside the church. We close with some left over haloes, shepherd's crooks, crowns and candles, and enough memories to fill a book.

— For the Moment...

Art

YES THAT'S A DOUBLE RAINBOW

Lots of mystery and superstition is tied to seeing a double rainbow. We saw it last weekend on a walk from our cabin to the ferry dock. It's supposed to be very auspicious. I'm waiting.

YES, we will still continue some activities under the Moment Ministries umbrella. The *Blue Sheet* will continue. There will be semi-occasional Moment gatherings when announced.

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