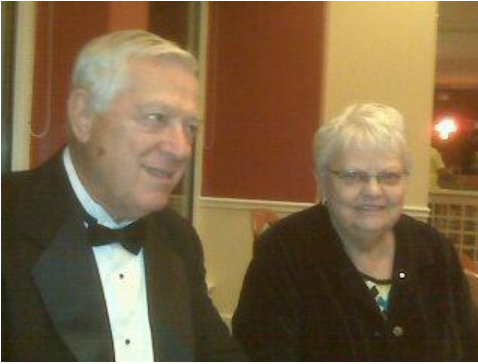


MM Email Blue Sheet from Moment Ministries



HONORING MINISTRY — HONORING A MINISTER

**Paul Pritchard with Mary...
partners in life and ministries
for over 50 years.
His career has led him
to small churches during
University and Seminary.
And some large ones too...
doing it all from Oregon
to Indiana...and back again.
An Associate Minister for a while
then Music Minister
for a long while.
And a colleague with Art
in Moment Ministries
for over 33 years.
His ministry overflowed church
into arenas and auditoriums
with crowds of 1,000's.
He has done "minister" things
like weddings and funerals
and all kinds of Jesus things.
Paul made his living
outside the ministry
but was never out of the ministry.
We'll talk about this and more
and even let Paul sing
when we honor him and the ministry.**

**Albany First Christian Church
432 SW Ferry
Sunday, November 20th at noon
Free Pancake Lunch with Award
of the Honored Minister's Pin**

(Any who wish are also welcome to attend the
worship service at 10:15)

MINISTRY

We were in Seattle last week to attend a reception celebrating the joining of a newer NW Seminary, School of Theology and Ministry, in association with two well-established Seminaries, Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley and School of Theology at Claremont. With degrees from the latter two schools and roots as a Seattle native, I thought we should attend.

There were some students there, each apparently attempting to gain a degree without going too far in debt. Then they hope to be "called" (that's an in-house word for getting employed) to some welcoming congregation. Does anyone tell them how few congregations are out there with ability to pay a living wage? I'm sure they must entertain hope of earning enough to begin to pay down their student loans.

It was a basically happy event, nevertheless.

As often happens I was cornered by someone who wanted to know what the heck Moment Ministries is and does. I have a short-hand response that says "It is a cover for me as I carry on my life-long pastoral calling in the spirit of Jesus." Eyes roll.

They usually ask about my "church" which I describe as an "un-church," small community of people which gathers several times a year or whenever I send an announcement. We have no building or other property, no committees, no budget, no fund-raising, pay no salaries and have no members. Finally, the question comes about what we do. I say, "Whatever comes next". Then I add, "And I've been doing it for 33 years and something always comes next."

I admit to writing an occasional Blue Sheet which often ends up with another e-mail address for my list.

I've been a non-stipend minister for over 33 years. I still have "Standing" (another in-house word for approval), although that is sometimes shaky I think. Once, for reasons never mentioned to me, I found I had lost "Standing". A noted Christian Church scholar and author on the Ministry, Ronald Osborn, wrote a note: "No matter what, you'll always have Standing with me." My Standing returned.

So, friend Paul was ordained many long years ago and maintained a valid (in my eyes, and many others too) ministry that has touched many lives with caring and compassion (something Jesus thought was a good idea) hardly costing the church anything. He also has "Standing." He didn't give up his commitment just because he wasn't paid. Nor did he quit singing. His great baritone voice has comforted, encouraged and inspired more than he can ever know. He has honored the ministry.

We'll give him an Honored Minister's Pin. And I'm going to have him sing "*The Impossible Dream*."

— Art Morgan, November 2, 2011