



The Circuit Rider



Salmon Creek
United Methodist Church



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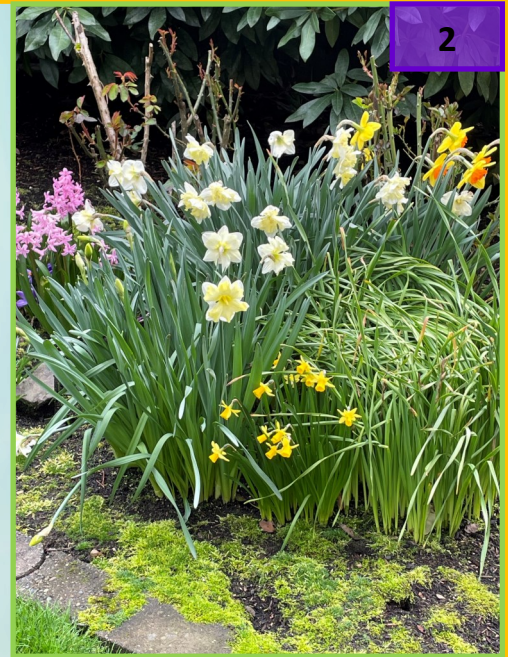
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Dear friends and families of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church,

As I begin this note to you, we are halfway through the season of Lent! I hope you have found a special practice to guide you and draw your heart close to God as we seek together to listen to the teachings of Jesus in this holy season.

Last week was the first day of Spring, and it seems like everywhere I look, something is blooming! The garden along the south side of our parking lot is now filled with daffodil blooms, reminding us that Easter is on the way! Spring is a very special season as trees, bushes, and flowers that have been sleeping through the winter begin to wake up and share their beautiful flowers! Their seasonal cycle fills me with hope as I watch them change. God continues to bring beauty out of barrenness, filling bare branches with new leaves and blossoms. It is a fitting metaphor for our lives lived in Christ. We will have seasons of growth and blooming, as well as seasons of rest and stillness.

The season is not the only this changing around me right now. Brian and I also are moving at the end of the month! We are excited to be moving closer to church and become official Salmon Creek residents! As we have been working at the house getting it ready for our move in, I have enjoyed a patch of beautiful spring flowers blooming in our new backyard. A reminder to me of God's presence and promise of new life!

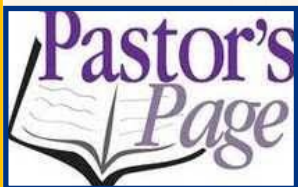
I am really looking forward to my second Easter here at Salmon Creek UMC. In addition to the 8:30 and 10:00 services on Easter morning, I will be participating in a special sunrise service with all of the other Clark County UMC pastors. If you are an early riser, you are invited to join us at the Ft. Vancouver Park Gazebo at 6:30 am for this special outdoor service.

Peace and hope,
Kim

Rev. Kim Poer

*In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Hymn of Promise, UMH 707



TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2025

- 4/1/25 Friends in Faith 1 pm
 4/1/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
 4/5/25 Ushers/Greeters Meeting—9:00 am
 4/7/25 Why are our Teens so Anxious? - 6:00 pm
 4/8/25 Missions 6:00 pm
 4/10/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 4/15/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 4/17/25 Maundy Thursday worship service—6:00 pm
 4/18/25 Good Friday worship service—6:00 pm
 4/20/25 Easter Sunday—Worship 8:30 am and 10:00 am
 4/22/25 Finance 6:30 pm
 4/27/25 Family Promise Week and a half
 4/27/25 Missions Breakfast

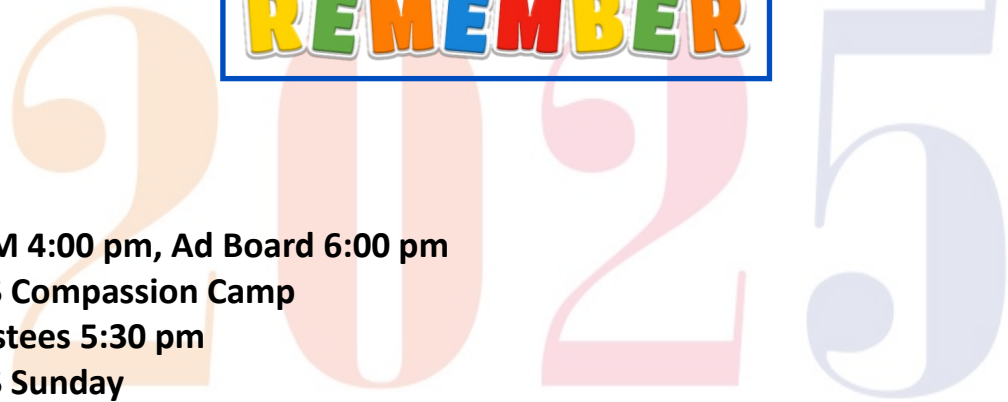
May 2025

- 5/5 – 6/16 You Only Die Once 6-week Workshop begins 6:30 – 8 pm
 5/6/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6 pm
 5/8/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 5/11/25 Mother's Day
 5/20/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 5/26/25 Memorial Day holiday
 5/27/25 Finance 6:30 pm

June 2025

- 6/1/25 Graduating Senior Recognition Sunday
 6/8/25 Pentecost Sunday
 6/10/25 AD Board 5:00 pm (special Time)
 6/10/25 Missions 6:00 pm
 6/12/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
 6/15/25 Father's Day
 6/17/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
 6/24/25 Finance 6:30
 6/26 – 6/29 PNW Annual Conference—Bothell UMC

DATES TO REMEMBER



July 2025

- 7/1/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6:00 pm
- 7/7—11 VBS Compassion Camp
- 7/10/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 7/13/25 VBS Sunday
- 7/15/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
- 7/20/25 Tentative Potluck
- 7/22/25 Finance 6:30 pm

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August

- 8/5/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
- 8/10 – 8/17 Host Family Promise
- 8/14/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 8/19/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
- 8/26/25 Finance 6:30 pm

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September 2025

- 9/1/25 Labor Day holiday
- 9/2/25 COM 4:00 pm, Ad Board 6 pm
- 9/7/25 Rally Day
- 9/11/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 9/14/25 Church Picnic
- 9/16/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
- 9/23/25 Finance 6:30 pm

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October 2025

- 10/7/25 Ad Board 6:00 pm
- 10/9/25 Trustees 5:30 pm
- 10/18/25 Possible Women's Retreat
- 10/21/25 SPRC 6:30 pm
- 10/25/25 Eek @the Creek – Trunk or Treat
- 10/28/25 Finance 6:30 pm

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DATES TO REMEMBER



November 2025

- 11/13/25** Trustees 5:30 pm
- 11/15/25** Missions Basket Auction
- 11/18/25** SPRC 6:30 pm
- 11/27/25** Thanksgiving—church closed

JANUARY

December 2025

- 12/7—14** Family Promise Week
- 12/11/25** Trustees 5:30 pm
- 12/14/25** Lesson and Carols worship
- 12/15/25** Night of Hope Worship 6:00 pm
- 12/16/25** SPRC 6:30 pm
- 12/24/25** Christmas Eve Worship—5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm

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February, 2025 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church as of February 28, 2025.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	22,971	29,000	(6,029)	78,724	58,000	20,724
Expenses	31,001	30,149	(_ 852)	68,094	67,031	(_ 1,063)
Operating Income / (Loss)	(8,030)	(1,149)	(6,881)	10,630	(9,031)	19,661

We had strong giving / Pledge Income in January (178 % of Plan) which slowed down in February to only (79 % of Plan) with YTD Pledge Income still being slightly ahead of Plan, at 128 % of Plan or ~ 15,000 favorable to Plan. Our expenses for February and Year to Date were very close to Plan.

On a YTD Basis, we have realized a net profit of ~ \$ 10,000, which is ~ \$ 20,000 Favorable to Plan. Praise be to God!

If you have any questions, please contact me or any member of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee

Hello to everyone! Recently, I had the opportunity to speak at a COM meeting, where I shared my vision for the church. Most of these ideas are not new to anyone. But I feel it's important to review them and hear them frequently. We – the entire congregation – have a very important task in furthering the growth and enthusiasm of our church. Our future depends on what we all do now. So, I'd like to share these thoughts with you. Please, prayerfully consider these words, their meaning and how they can impact the livelihood of SCUMC. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Lila DeBolt
Chairman of the Administrative Board



COM VISION DISCUSSION

March 4, 2025

Thanks for having me here today to share

Thanks to everyone who serves on a committee or team as part of COM.

I'm grateful for your commitment to our church and for all your visions, hard work and time you give.

My vision is simple – to keep our church open and thriving!

Continue to be welcoming of everyone

Grow our numbers especially young adults and families

Continue to be disciples of Christ.

Continue to be energized.

Continued financial support

Be Welcoming – I think we do a great job of being open to everyone.

Great welcome team to greet each Sunday

Open to all diversities – race, gender identity, economic status

New attendees receive an informative gift

Inviting, warm coffee fellowship that allows personal interaction

Follow thru for guests and first-time attendees

Grow our Numbers – this is the hard one, especially with young adults and families.

Doing a great job bouncing back after the turmoil

Attendance is continually rising

New members are joining – 14 in 2024!

Need for families and young adults – this is what will sustain the church ultimately

Not sure if we can achieve this, especially with the current trend of young people and their church needs. Can we offer what they want? Right now, I don't think we have the tools we need to do that – contemporary service, young adult programming, full time contemporary music, etc. But, I have hope that this trend will change in the near future. We will continue to do everything we can with what we have to provide an environment for young adults and families.

Continue to be inviting with our current congregation and hope that word of mouth will spread within their circles and this will bring us more attendees

Continued visual presence in the community thru advertising, missions, on-sight activities, invitational opportunities

Continue to be disciples of Christ – I think this one of our strongest attributes.

We have a great worship service each Sunday that teaches the Gospel

We have a great music program that offers praise to our Lord

We have many small groups that provide intimate learning opportunities

We have dedicated staff members and leadership teams that lead by Christ's example





Our Missional work is outstanding! We are known in the community as a very giving church -with the basket auction, Family Promise, school sponsorship, summer lunches, food drives, just to name a few. I believe we can do even more to be seen throughout Vancouver. People in action bring in more people who want to be involved.

We provide many fellowship opportunities for congregants to form friendships and relationships and from these, they give and receive support/comfort that everyone needs. We have a great coffee fellowship time, potluck dinners, music programs, and other social engagements that bring people together.

Continue to be energized – this is the basis for the “Be Alive” campaign I developed. This is the time to be active, be enthused, commit, get involved.

There is an opportunity of service for everyone – young and old. New ideas and volunteers are always needed. Don't just come to a morning service, hear the sermon and leave. Be an active part of the church life. I think this idea of being refreshed will offer new life in the church. We need everyone to do something and be excited about it!

Continued financial support – it takes a lot of money to run this church!

We need your tithes to keep the lights on. We have a great staff that we want to keep. We have a lot of programming that we need to do. We have wonderful, but aging, facilities that allow us to do this work.

Let's be honest – all this takes money!

Giving is a very personal gesture. It should come from the heart and soul of every Christian. Giving is another way of making a commitment not only to the future of our church, but to the “right now” of our church.

We want to continue to provide spiritual and meaningful morning services, wonderful music that uplifts and inspires, opportunities to learn about and serve Christ, great comfortable facilities that allow us to serve and gather.

I believe we have what it takes to me a big, wholesome church, doing Christ’s work in a spiritual and loving environment. I believe we have the faith and manpower to go well into the future successfully. To achieve this, it will take the efforts of everyone working together, building hope, sharing ideas and remembering the promise that God will walk with us all along the way. I’m excited for the future! My hope is that you will be too!



COME VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY



Church library

What? Where? When?

YES, we have one! We have been told that it is one of the best of some of the church libraries around! It is located in the Family Ministries building, Room 205. The books are arranged by category and we have lots of categories like: Aging, Children, Finances, Health,, Global issues, fiction, Book Club picks, Audio books and many Bible commentaries and many versions of the Bible. We also have lots of Small Group studies available.

On the counter near the computer is a box with check-out slips, and a basket to put them in when you have filled one out for the book you want to borrow. We don't have a time frame, we just want to get them back when you are finished. We have a plan to make sure the library is open on the **LAST Sunday of the Month**. Faye Wells and Ealine Gilbert will help you find something, help you check out a book. Come visit!!

Elaine Gilbert



Book Club

Book Club at Salmon Creek UMC

You may not know that there is a book club that meets here at the church. We meet the 3rd Friday of every month at noon, in the library. The goal is to help us understand the world we live in, may it be by fiction or nonfiction. What book clubs do well is expose us to something we would never pick up at a library or book shop. We try to have at least 2 titles every year that are nonfiction and for most of us, that is something we have learned to like a lot. Nobody says you have to read that month's pick, we hope you at least try, but not every book is your "cup of tea". Sometimes, in discussion, we are astounded at what someone got out of it, that perhaps we missed. We also have friends who have asked to be on the e-mail list so that they can read the recommended books on their own. That's ok, as well. Just let Elaine Gilbert know and she will put you on the e-mail list. In the library next to the window, is the collection of Book Club picks that we have assembled over the years. Yes, we have been doing this for years! Happy Reading!

Elaine Gilbert



EGG YOUR NEIGHBOR!!

Easter services are coming soon! Wouldn't it be nice to have a packed sanctuary on Easter morning – for both services – all gathering to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!!

Wow – what an exciting thought. Now, let's make it happen. Here's how – Starting on March 30th, there will be little Egg Treat bags available at the Welcome Desk. These contain an egg with a treat inside and an invitation to join us for an Easter service. You are invited to take some to share with your neighbors, friends, and relatives. What a nice way to invite without being intrusive! After all, who doesn't like a little treat every now and again. Take a couple and invite. It's simple and genuine from our Christ-filled hearts. Let's pack the pews! What a great way to celebrate the season.

For Questions, please see Lila DeBolt or Pastor Kim.





Salmon Creek UMC School Games Program

Before COVID, several of us from Salmon Creek Church went to Salmon Creek Elementary School from about 11:15 am-12:40 pm one day per week to play board games with children, starting with Kindergartners and finishing with Fifth Graders. Each grade level group of six was selected by teachers and they would bring students to the art room where we played board games with them for 20 minutes per grade level, not more than two groups at one time (max of 12 students). The games are still at the school and teachers are asking whether we would be interested in doing this game time again this Spring, beginning Wednesday, April 9 and finishing Wednesday, June 4.

Originally, teachers were to pick students with social-interaction issues (not behavioral issues) most were just shy or did not interact a lot with other students) but other students soon wanted to play as well, so each grade level focused on the group with whom they intended us to work, but added a few students who just wanted to play board games.

We could not, nor would not, advertise for our Church, but our Salmon Creek Church sign was up for all to see, and we answered questions about the Church if those came up. We rarely had a discipline issue; the students had fun and played well together.

Betty and I are interested in doing this project and wondered if other adults from Church would be interested as well. If you can just do some of the dates, that is fine. Betty and I each have conflicts a couple of Wednesdays. Just email us at JimSelby419@gmail.com or let Nancy Volgamore (Office Administrator) know of your interest. We need four volunteers per week. We will be back in touch to set up a schedule and have a brief orientation following the April 6th services.

Thanks for considering this project!

Jim & Betty Selby



DO YOU FEEL CALLED to provide “Special” care to our church congregation?

We are seeking a special person to volunteer to cover “Congregational Care”.

This person would record the prayers voiced on Sundays during worship, and help Pastor Kim in following up on illnesses, accidents, hospitalizations, and all special needs prayer requests. Because such an important part of a relationship with a church is prayer, imagine what an impact it would make for all of us if our prayers were not only heard, but honored in this way by having someone care deeply enough to follow up on them?

We have our wonderful Pastor who supports and cares for all of us, and we have our Friends in Faith members, who do a caring and wonderful job of sending cards to people, and we have our Stephens Ministers who minister to individuals needing support, but having a person to coordinate the follow up to these prayer requests would be most helpful and appreciated.

We already have a reputation for being a very caring congregation, but imagine the impact it could have if we really were able to follow up on each of these requests that our folks take the time to share? We are looking for ways to grow our church This could be a game changer!

Maybe you’ve been feeling called, but just haven’t found that special area in which your gifts and talents would best serve Maybe this person is YOU!!??

If you think you might be that person Talk with Pastor Kim, Nancy or Lila DeBolt.



USHERS/GREETERS Meeting

Saturday, April 5th

9:00 am

Coffee and donuts provided,

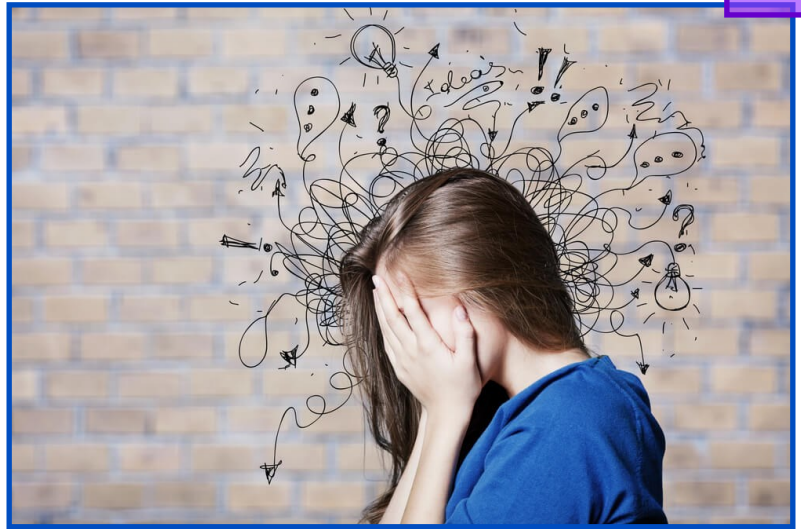
Please come!

What Causes Teen Anxiety?

1. School
2. Peer pressure
3. Social media
4. Difficult life circumstances
5. Stressful relationships
6. College



Anxiety in Teens: Signs & How to Help



Teenage Media Culture.....

Why are our teens so anxious?

Monday April 7, 2025

6:00 - 8:00 pm

In the St. Paul Room at Salmon Creek UMC

12217 NE Hwy 99 Vancouver WA 98662

Presenter Kathy Hardy - 8th Grade Math Teacher

Sponsored by United Women in Faith

Crest to Coast District

Freewill Offering for the work of United Women in Faith with Women,
Children and Youth

revkeithjoan@hotmail.com

SIGNS OF ANXIETY IN TEENS

Restlessness

Muscle tension

Aches

Sweating

Mood changes

Difficulty
concentrating

Excessive
worry or fear

Trembling

Irritability

Trouble
sleeping

Panic attacks

Rapid heartbeat



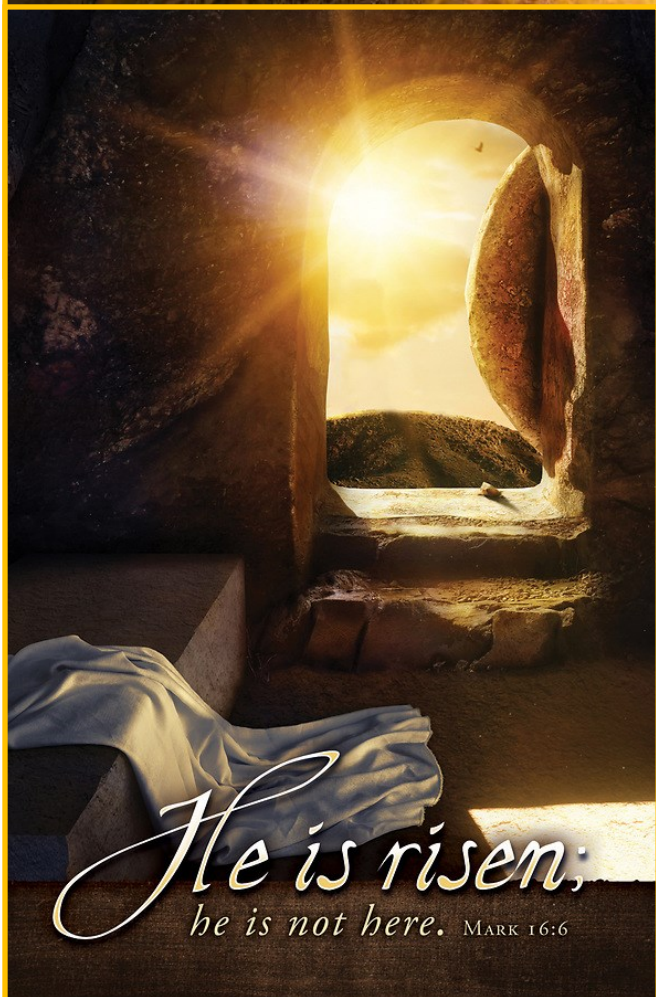


Worship Service
Thursday, April 17th
6:00 pm



Worship Service
Friday, April 18th
6:00 pm

Easter Service



He is risen;
he is not here. MARK 16:6

We will once again offer two services on Easter Sunday this year:

Sunday, April 20th

8:30 am and 10:00 am

Special Sunrise Service by our local Clark County UMC Co-Op at the Gazebo at Fort Vancouver—Easter Morning at 6:30 am.

EARTH DAY PLANT/GARDEN SALE

26 APRIL, 2025
10-3

Fern Prairie
United
Methodist
Church
26112 NE
Brunner Rd
Camas, WA
98607

Uniting for a
Greener
Tomorrow.

Honor Earth Day by purchasing a plant at the Fern Prairie Plant/Garden sale.



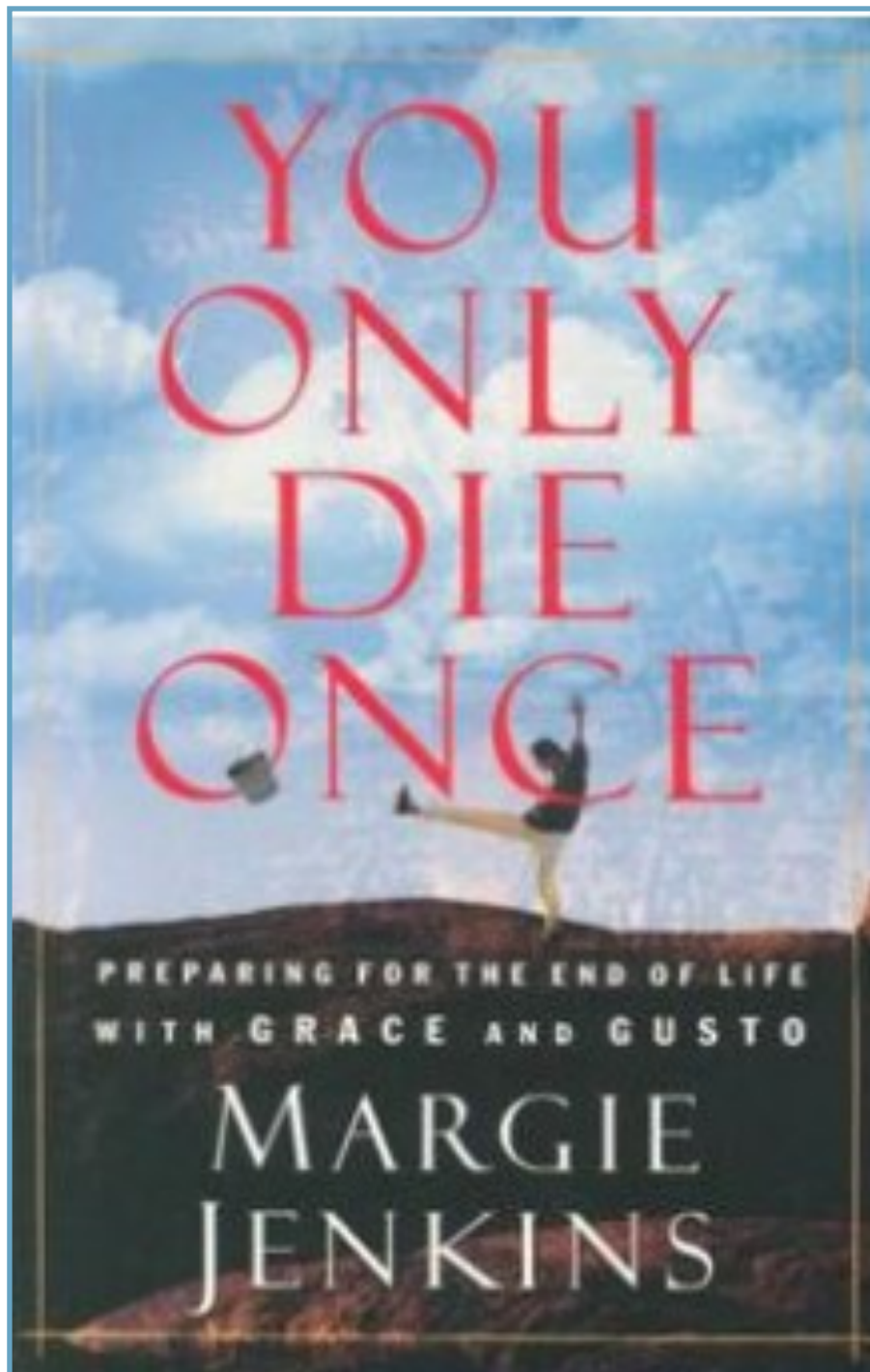
2025 HOSTING:

April 27 -May 7

*(This is a week and a half—
The second half will be at St. John Lutheran.)*

August 10-17

December 7-14



**We are pleased to offer another session of preparatory classes with the series:
“You Only Die Once”.**

Last year was a resounding success and very well attended! Come learn what to do to live the remainder of your life with GUSTO and have all the plans behind you so you can enjoy life!

Monday evenings: 6:00—8:30 PM

May 5th to June 16th—no class Memorial Day

Sign ups available soon.



Habitat For Humanity

Some of you have been asking when we will have another Habitat for Humanity build. I am afraid the new Cottage Home development is getting off to a slow start. Habitat had some problems with the permit processes and they are just now getting started with the infrastructures, clearing the land and installing utilities. They were hoping to get that done by the end of June and start building in July. I will monitor their progress and keep everyone informed about any future construction.

See next two pages for information on the project.

Larry Siewert



Cottage Homes

13210 NE 44th St. Vancouver, WA 98682

About the Project

This is a new construction project of **32 unattached, single-family cottage homes built on 1.82 acres**. All homes are 2BR 1.5BA homes with two stories. Two different layouts will be built, one of which is 1063 sq ft and the other 1167 sq ft.

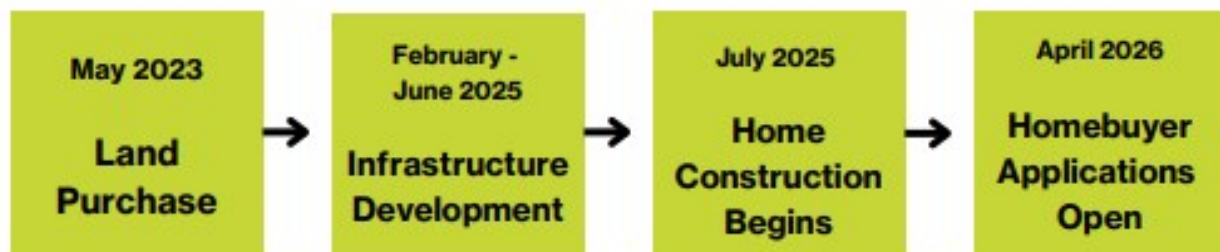
Each home will be sold to income-qualified homebuyers who fall under 80% of the Area Median Income through affordable mortgages by 3rd party partner lenders.

All 32 cottage units will be **permanently affordable and utilize a land-trust model** with shared equity, allowing homeowners to gain equity while ensuring this property remains a permanently affordable homeownership community asset.

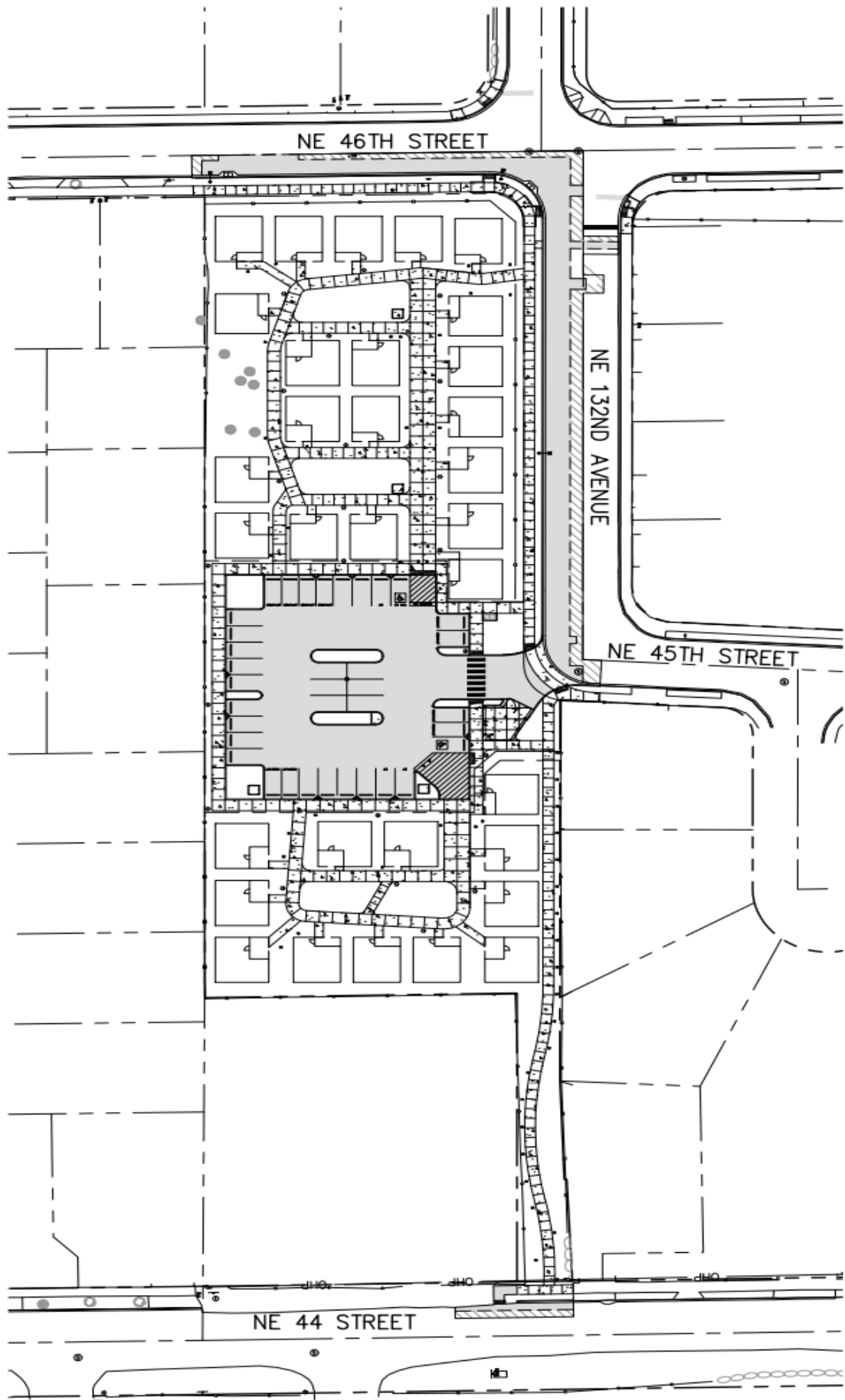
Total Cost of Project: \$11,209,485



Project Current Timeline*



**subject to change*



FAT TUES PANCAKES

A great time was had by all who attended our Youth Group's Fat Tuesday Pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th. Friends joined our youth to play Mardi Gras style jazz, and Pastor Kim was decked out in all the Mardi Gras colors. There were even Mardi Gras colored sugar sprinkles for the pancakes!





Don Hardy—April 4

Betty Voght—April 4

Diane Grubel—April 10

Wayne Dudley—April 13

Bonnie Jean Brandt—April 14

Nancy Heup—April 19

Cheryl Anderson—April 23

Allie Matson—April 24

Reid Williams—April 24

Kathleen Zimmer - April 24

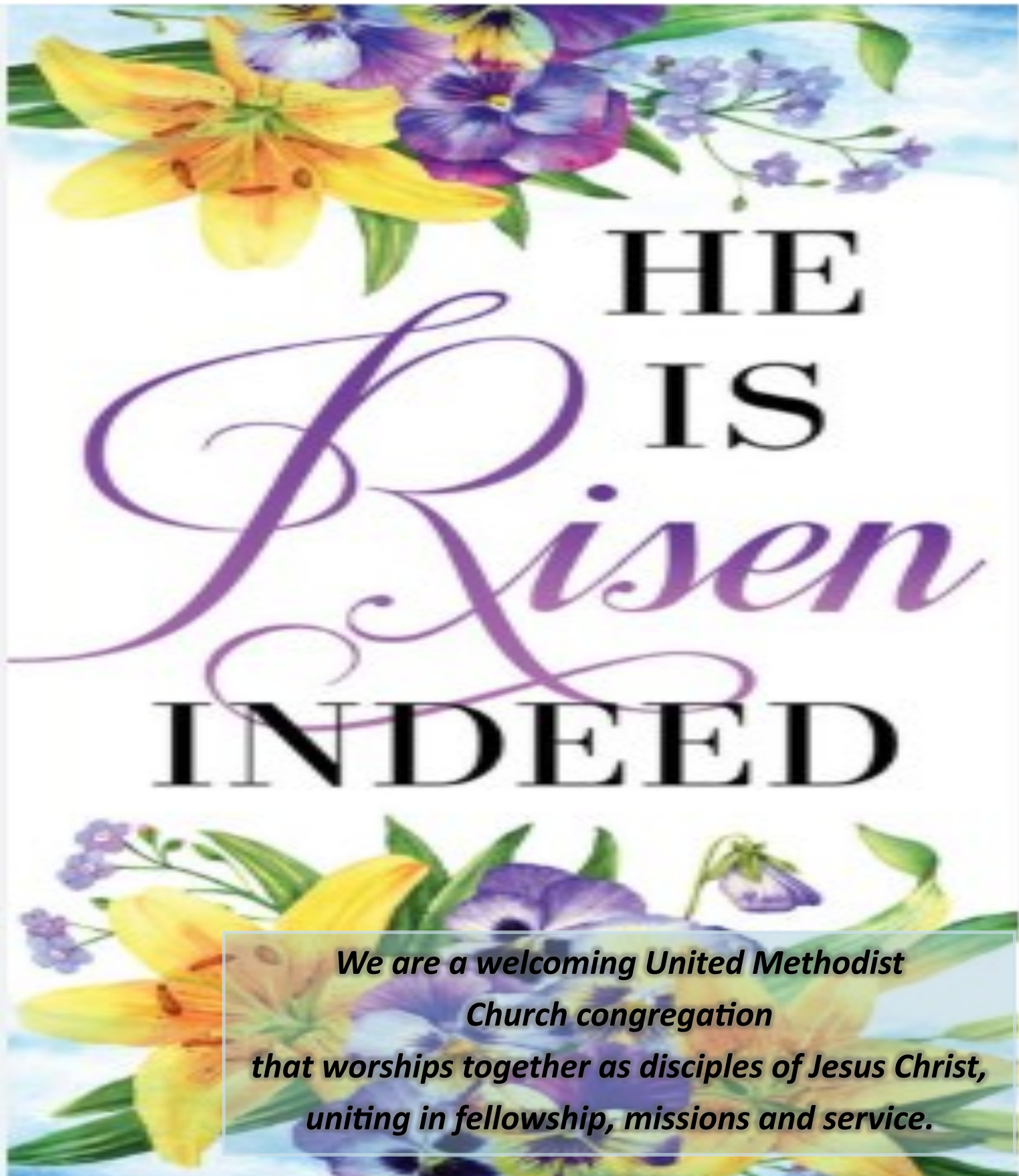
Larry Siewert—April 27

Maggie Mikalatos—April 28

Richard Beilsmith—April 30

Don't see your birthday?

**Let us know when it
is and we'll
update records!**



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*We are a welcoming United Methodist
Church congregation
that worships together as disciples of Jesus Christ,
uniting in fellowship, missions and service.*

Thank you for reading the Circuit Rider! If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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