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Salmon Creek

United Methodist Church



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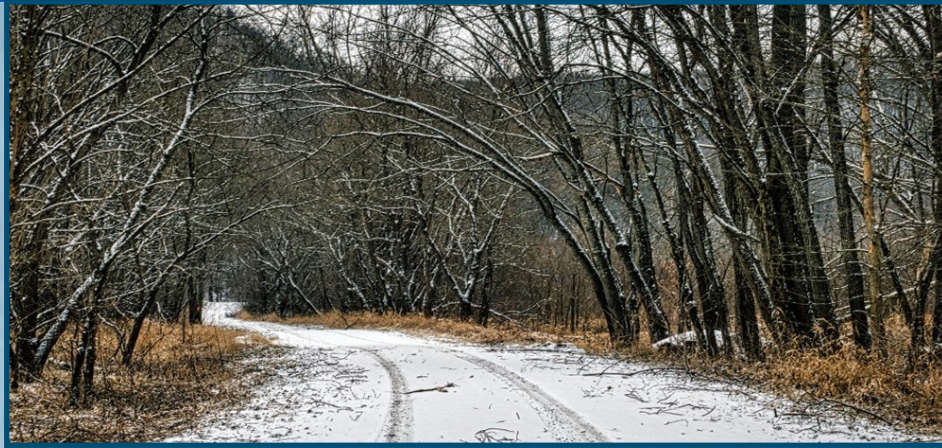
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Grace and peace to you, friends and family of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church!

I know that 2026 is just around the corner, yet, as I write today, we are still planning the final details for Christmas Eve worship and looking forward to the music and worship we will share in the days ahead!

With the church office closed between Christmas and New Year's holidays, this Circuit Rider needed to be sent out to you earlier than most months, so I wanted to jump ahead to 2026 and share some thoughts about the year ahead of us.

Salmon Creek UMC has a great team of people who will be serving in leadership in our administrative and ministry committees, and Lila DeBolt is ready to lead again as our Ad Board Chair into a great New Year! Save the date of Sunday, January 11th and plan to stay for a special New Year Kick-off immediately after worship!

If you are serving on any of our committees in 2026, another important date to save is Saturday, January 24th as we will all gather from 9am -12 noon for some important training and planning!

Our first Mission Benefit Breakfast of 2026 will be the next day, Sunday, January 25th. Funds raised will benefit Family Promise.

I am looking forward to all of the great opportunities already planned for worship, fellowship, learning, serving, and helping others in 2026!

Before we look too far down the road, I want to thank all of you who have turned in 2026 giving pledge cards during our *Invest in God's Nest* stewardship focus. Please know I am grateful to God for the gift that each of you are in my life and to the life of this congregation.

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Through news and social media, most of us are very aware of the extensive flooding that has widely impacted many areas in Washington, especially to our north. I've had conversations with several of you who have expressed concerns and desires to help. Recovery for those who have experienced this flooding will be a long process, more a marathon than a sprint. Currently, there are opportunities to send financial support to help with recovery directly to the PNW Conference, or through UMCOR. In the future we expect training opportunities to be offered for those interested in serving on Emergency Response Teams who will be able to provide hands-on recovery help. We will be sharing more details as we have them.

For now, join me in praying for all those impacted by this flooding and for this on the front lines of response.

Peace and hope,
Rev. Kim Poer

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem, United Methodist Hymnal 230



TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

(Church office closed until Monday January 5th)

- 1 – New Year's Day
- 4 – De-greening of the Sanctuary
- 6 – COM and Ad Board meetings
- 8 – Trustees and SRPC meetings
- 10 – Set-up for kick-off
- 11 – Kick-off Coffee Fellowship
- 13 – Missions meeting
- 17 – Set-up for mission breakfast
- 18 – Mission Breakfast for Family Promise
- 24 – Leadership Training 9-12
- 25 – Family Promise here
- 27 – Finance meeting

February

- 3 – Ad Board meeting
- 8 – Soup-er bowl soup donation
- 10 – Missions meeting
- 12 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 14 – Cookie decorating event
- 17 – Fat Tuesday Pancake dinner
- 18 – Ash Wednesday
- 18 or 25 – You Only Die Once starts (occurs every Wednesday for 6 weeks)
- 24 – Finance meeting

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

March

- 1 – GS cookie sale? and UMCOR Sunday
- 3 – COM and Ad Board meetings
- 8 – DST starts
- 10 – Missions meeting
- 12 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 14 – Set-up for potluck
- 15 – PIF celebration Potluck
- 24 – Finance Meeting
- 29 – Palm Sunday

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

- 2 – Maundy Thursday service
- 3 – Good Friday service
- 5 – Easter Services 8:30 and 10
- 7 – Ad Board meeting
- 9 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 14 – Missions meeting
- 18 – Earth Day celebration and workday
- 25 – Set-up for breakfast
- 26 – Mission Breakfast for HFH, Family Promise here
- 28 – Finance meeting

May

- 5 - COM and Ad Board meetings
- 10 – Mother's Day
- 12 – Missions meeting
- 14 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 24 – Pentecost
- 25 – Memorial Day
- 26 – Finance meeting

November

December

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 2 – AD Board meeting
- 7 – Church picnic
- 9 – Missions meeting
- 11 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 14 – Membership Class
- 21 – Father's Day
- 23 – Finance meeting
- 23 – 25 Annual Conference

July

- 4 – Independence Day
- 7 – COM meeting (NO Ad Board meeting)
- 7-10 – VBS
- 9 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 14 – Missions meeting
- 19 – Church without Walls
- 28 – Finance meeting

August

- 4 – Ad Board meeting
- 9 - Family Promise here
- 11 – Missions meeting
- 13 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 22 – Set-up mission breakfast
- 23 – Mission Breakfast for VPS
- 25 – Finance meeting

November

December

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

September

- 1 – COM and AD Board meetings
- 7 – Labor Day
- 8 – Missions meeting
- 10 - Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 13 - Rally Day and Potluck in the gym
- 22 – Finance meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 4 – Blessing of the Pets
- 4 – Stewardship Campaign begins
- 6 – AD Board meeting
- 8 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 10 – Set-up for breakfast
- 11 – Mission Breakfast for UMCOR, Pastor Appreciation
- 13 – Missions meeting
- 17 – Women's Retreat
- 25 – Eek at the Creek 4-6 pm
- 27 – Finance meeting
- 31- Halloween

November

- 1 – DST ends, All Saint's Day, Commitment Sunday
- 3 – COM and Ad Board meetings
- 8 – Veteran's Recognition
- 10 – Missions meeting
- 11 – Veteran's Day -? gathering at the flagpole
- 12 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
- 13 – Set-up for auction
- 14 – Mission Basket Auction (new date this year)
- 22 – Hanging of the Greens
- 24 – Finance meeting
- 26 – Thanksgiving
- 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

TENTATIVE DATES FOR THE YEAR

December

1 – Ad Board Meeting

6 – Family Promise here

8 – Missions meeting

10 – Trustees and SPRC meetings

13 – Lessons and Carols Service

14 – Night of Hope service

22 – Finance meeting

24 – Christmas Eve services – 5, 8, 11 pm

25 – Christmas

27 – Sing-along service 31 – New Year's Eve

DATES TO REMEMBER

**** All dates are subject to change. Some meetings may be cancelled at the discretion of the Chair. More activities may be added as the year progresses.**

For questions or to add an event to the calendar – please see Nancy Volgamore in the church office, Pastor Kim, or Lila DeBolt.

Beginning December 28th, the complete listing of the 2026 Leadership Roster will be available for you to pick-up at the Welcome Desk. This lists names and contact information for all the Leadership Teams that will be serving you. If you have any questions or concerns about any topic or matter within the church, this will be your guide as to whom to contact for information. Please obtain one of these rosters so that you will be in-the-know! These will also be available at the 2026 Kick-off Coffee Fellowship on January 11. Please see Lila DeBolt or Pastor Kim if you have any questions.

Also available will be a 2026 Year-in-Advance Calendar for you to take as well. This will give you a heads-up on activities that will be happening in the next year. While this is not fully inclusive of every activity at this time, there are some very special dates you need to put on your calendar now! As new events are added, the calendar will be updated to give you the latest information. We want EVERYONE to know what is happening here at SCUMC. Don't be left out of an activity because your personal calendar was left blank. Seek out the activities and be a participant. While every activity may not speak to you, there will be plenty that will. Join in and show your support! For more information about any calendar event, please see Nancy Volgamore in the Church office, Lila DeBolt or Pastor Kim.

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November, 2025 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church as of November 30, 2025.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Income	26,432	29,000	(2,568)	373,843	319,000	54,843
Expenses	29,512	41,927	12,415	386,557	384,883	(1,674)
Profit /						
(Loss)	(3,080)	(12,927)	9,847	(12,714)	(65,883)	53,169

Our pledge income slowed slightly in November, and ended up at 94 % of Budget. YTD pledges are still favorable at 106 % of Budget. In a repeat comment, your commitment to our Church and our Community remains steadfast and we appreciate everyone's generosity. Expenses were very close to our original budget, (before the 40,000 in facilities costs added to our budget). November expenses were 12,000 favorable to plan this month, and ended up only ~ (2,000) unfavorable variance for the year. This YTD unfavorable variance should reverse itself by year end.

As a result of below plan Pledge income, we ended with a loss for November of (3,080) and remain at a loss for the year with our YTD loss at ~ (13,000) loss. The financial results have been significantly supported by a gain in some of our investments in the Mutual Funds Market, with a YTD profit in investment income of ~ 43,000. Praise be to God! Without this, our YTD losses would be in the ~ (50,000) Loss territory. We continue to keep a watchful eye on our income and expenses every month.

With respect to our Preschool program, we still continue to operate at a loss as we strive to add more students. YTD Losses approximated (13,000) through November. We are vigorously pursuing additional enrollment and are vigilantly watching enrollment figures and daily expenses.

We have received the audit of our financial records for the previous year, and the report was positive, and indicated that we are following sound bookkeeping and financial statement processes. We thank everyone in this regard, including, but not limited to, our Bookkeeper Michelle Westlund, our dedicated Counting teams, our Financial Secretary and our Treasurer.

2026 BUDGET NOTE -- The latest draft of our preliminary 2026 budgeting process is currently indicating an ~ (30,000) Loss for the year. We continue to receive pledges, and we say "THANK YOU" to all who have pledged, and please prayerfully consider whether making a pledge for 2026 is the right decision for you and your family. Our programs and community involvement are great, and we want to continue those commitments by increasing our pledge figures for next year.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions of time, talent and financial resources as we continue to worship together as disciples of Jesus Christ, united in missions, fellowship and service.

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

Respectfully Submitted.

Winston Asai Chair – Finance Committee

De-greening of the Sanctuary

Save the date and come
and join in the fun!

January 4, 2026

After worship service



2026 KICK-OFF MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

We are going to start 2026 with a fun time of fellowship, inspiration and yummy goodies! On Sunday, January 11, there will be a special coffee fellowship time where we will kick-off the new year. Plan to attend worship service that morning, as usual. Then, proceed into the Fellowship Hall for a special time together. There will be lots of yummy goodies to eat, uplifting music, a short message to hear, and door prizes. You won't want to miss it!

The theme for 2026 will be "Greater Together". You'll have to be there to learn more about this topic and appreciate the power of many hands coming together in a unified way that will serve God and every person you encounter. Please, make a special effort to be in our community of faith on January 11th. Let's get our minds set to work hard, come together in love and understand the importance of strength in numbers. Mark your calendar now!

For more information, see Lila DeBolt.



EARLY RESPONSE TEAM**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

We have been in touch with Kathy Bryson, who is the ERT Coordinator for the PNW Conference of the UMC. She will contact us when local training is available. If you are interested in joining the team, please let us know.

**UMCOR**
United Methodist Committee on Relief**DISASTER RESPONSE
ERT BASIC TRAINING**

Little Fish Christian Preschool



LITTLE FISH PRESCHOOL HONORS ITS DONORS

To show their most heartfelt thanks and appreciation, the Little Fish Christian Preschool honored its 2025 Donors with a Certificate of Appreciation, accompanied by a very special picture made individually by the students from the school. These “Friends of the Preschool” have generously supported the mission with their financial assistance. We are very thankful for this year’s “Friends of the Preschool”:

Katie Albrici	Jan & Winston Asai
Jean Berkheiser	Bonnie Jean Brandt
Lila DeBolt	Laurie Doering
E-Lois & Bob Gebhart	Ken & Nancy Heup
Randy & Aileen Maddox	Jim & Betty Selby

If you would like to support the Little Fish Preschool with your donations, you may do so in these ways:

Check or cash to Nancy Volgamore in the office or by mail

Check or cash in the offering plate – with designation “Preschool donation”

On-line giving – under Preschool Donation

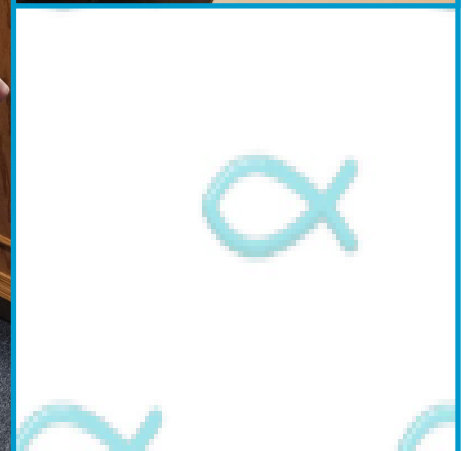
Your generosity will continue to support the Preschool and their endeavor to reach out to young children. We strive to give students perhaps their first exposure to a Christ-filled environment through fun activities, playtime, treats and genuine love from the teachers.

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Please, prayerfully consider a donation today. Become a "Friend of the Preschool". Your support may change the life of a child in a very positive and nurturing way. What a blessing it is to have youngsters in the building, laughing, learning, and beginning to know Jesus! **THIS IS OUR MISSION!**

For more information, please contact Director Ashley Skelton, Pastor Kim, or Lila DeBolt.

REMINDER – There are still vacancies open for the beginning of the 2026 year. If you know a family who is looking for a parttime preschool, please direct them to the Little Fish Christian Preschool.





2026 HOSTING:

January 25—February 1st

April 26—May 6th

August 9—16th

December 6—13th

Missions

FPCC Year End Giving Campaign

Every Child Deserves A Home



Website Link: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/family-promise-of-clark-county/every-child-deserves-a-home>



Check Out the FPCC Year
End Giving Website Here



Every child deserves a safe place to sleep and a parent who can dream about tomorrow, not just survive today. At Family Promise, we help families facing homelessness find stability, warmth, and hope. Your support means children can laugh again, parents can rebuild, and families can stay together through life's hardest moments.

Check Out the FPCC
Year End Video Here



Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_ss-UbrurM



In November, Pastor Kim and Karen Beilsmith met with Lori McRae, Coordinator from Felida Bible, Maggie Sullivan & Shane Scalf from Family Promise of Clark County and Molly Wilson our Board rep for our annual review. We discussed what is working well and what challenges we are having as hosts of Family Promise. They thanked us for our ongoing support.

As many of you know, the biggest challenge is the location of the Day Center. It is almost in Battle Ground and not on a bus line. This makes it challenging for participants without reliable transportation to participate. If any of you have knowledge of a building that could be leased to a nonprofit for a minimal fee and a possible tax write off, please let Karen or Doug Lehrman know.

Also, during this holiday season, when you are visiting with friends and family, discuss Family Promise with them. Ask them if they would like to get involved? Would their church like to become part of Family Promise. We really could use two or three more host churches.

For the good news, if you have ever wondered how our hosting Family Promise helps, they provided these numbers.

Salmon Creek UMC has contributed 772 volunteer hours to Family Promise of Clark County throughout 2025. The national estimated value of a volunteer hour is \$34.79. This means that Salmon Creek UMC has contributed \$26,857.88 worth of volunteer hours to Family Promise of Clark County thus far during the 2025 calendar year! These hours are before the December host week.

In addition, through our support, Family Promise of Clark County is on track to provide support to almost 150 families in 2025, either through our shelter program or through the prevention program.

In the spirit of the season, we are truly being the *hands and feet* of God every time we host or raise funds for Family Promise of Clark County at a mission breakfast. Another fun fact is that when we host this December, we will have volunteers from five different churches, Felida Bible, Vancouver Apostolic Lutheran Church, Freedom Community Church and three Latter-Day Saints missionaries!

Thank you, Karen Beilsmith



Bake Sale Fundraiser for our Preschool

December 14, 2025



A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

We so enjoyed the wonderful Lessons and Carols worship service. Our choir, our Bell Choir, and some members of the PSU Chamber Choir all performed beautiful music along with our own Matthew Compton and Josh Billings. What a gift!





Shane Scalf and Family Promise of Clark County wish to thank our generous congregation for all the gifts for three of our graduate Family Promise families this Christmas.

The gifts have been delivered, so families can have a Merry Christmas!

A very special thanks to Lori Layton (Bonnie Jean's daughter) for the very special, hand made Christmas stockings with personalized gifts for each recipient. This added a whole new level above and beyond all the gifts and it was so deeply appreciated!

Lila DeBolt hosted an "Ornament Exchange Party" with many of our ladies on Sunday, December 7th. Everyone had so much fun!!





You're invited to an

Ornament EXCHANGE

Please bring a wrapped
ornament for holiday
friend fun

Happy
JANUARY
Birthdays!



Pam Copeland - January 9
Phyllis Browning—January 11
Sharon Regier—January 11
Gay Enyeart—January 12
Pam Roberts—January 21
Leah Emery—January 25
Ken Heup—January 25
Bob Gebhart—January 26
Jean Berkheiser—January 27

Don't see your birthday?

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



***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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