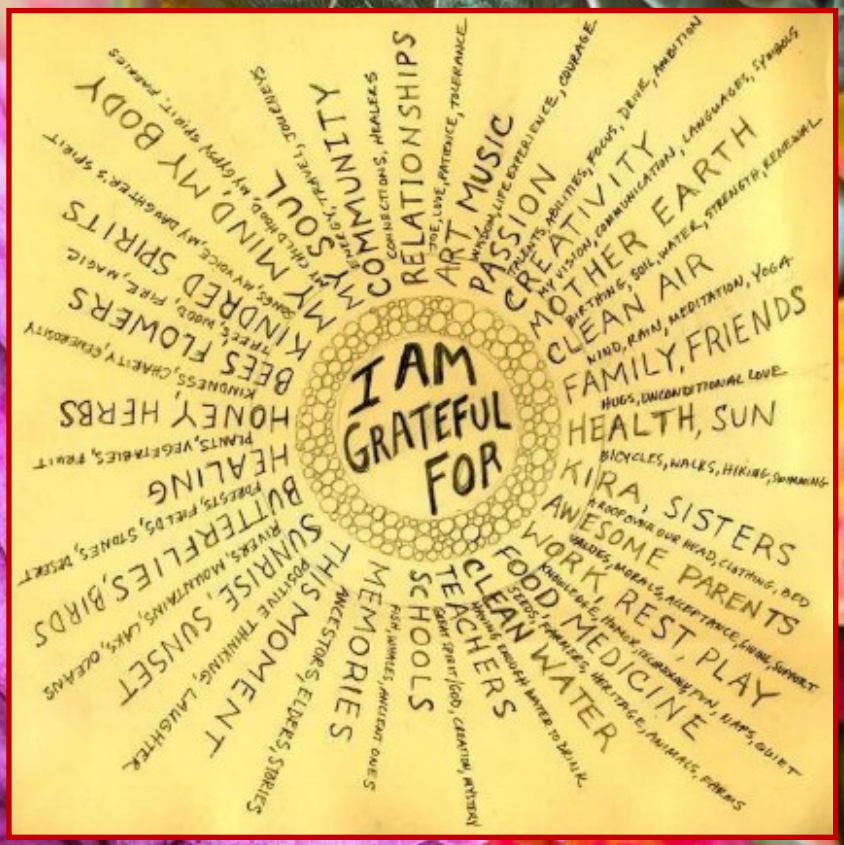
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Salmon Creek United Methodist Church

November 2026



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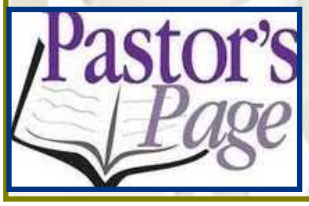
Grace and peace to you, friends and family of Salmon Creek United Methodist Church!

As I have been delighting in the beautiful colors of changing fall leaves, I've been reminded how change is a natural and important part of our lives. Just as nature moves with the changing seasons through times of growth and times of rest, times of blooming and times of dormancy, so do we in the seasons of our lives.

Whether you were in worship with us on October 4th, read the email sent the following Monday, or simply heard it through the grapevine, I'm guessing most of you have heard that I will be retiring at the end of this appointment season in June. This is something I've been praying about and discerning for quite some time.
As I turn 65 in June and complete 23 years serving in pastoral ministry, I've come to believe I am being called into a new season.

Retirement will allow me to spend more time with my grandson in Gresham as I help provide care for him over his summer break and at other times I am needed. Retirement will also allow me and Brian to get away for some long weekends to see more of the beautiful PNW. I am excited to see how God will guide me in the new season of retirement ahead!

Of course, I will miss the work I do as your pastor at Salmon Creek UMC. It has been an incredible blessing to share this season of ministry with all of you. Over the next eight months I will be working diligently to do all I need to do to facilitate a smooth passing of the baton to the pastor who follows me here. As a United Methodist pastor I have always known I am not a cross-country runner, but part of a coordinated relay running team. And, when my season here is completed, I trust the next runner to carry the baton down the road as they serve alongside you in ministry for their portion of the race. I will be praying for them and for you as I cheer you all on from the sidelines!



As the calendar changes to November, there will be many wonderful opportunities for fellowship, fun, spiritual growth and service. Save these dates and plan now to join us!

November 1st – All-Saints Sunday
November 7th – Creation Care Clean-up Day, 9am
November 8th – BOC Concert at Salmon Creek UMC, 4pm
November 11th – Veterans Day Observance, 10am at the flagpoles
November 14th – Mission Dinner & Basket Auction, doors open at 5pm
November 18th – Annual Charge Conference, 6 pm in the St. Paul Room
November 22nd – Hanging of the Greens, after worship
November 26th – Happy Thanksgiving!
November 28th – BSA Troop 14 Tree Lot Opens!
November 29th – 1st Sunday of Advent!

As you can see our calendar is full of abundance! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Peace and joy,
Rev. Kim Poer

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.
UMC Vision Statement





Evergreen Habitat for Humanity®

Salmon Creek United Methodist Church was recently awarded a "Community Partner Award" from Evergreen Habitat for Humanity. Over many decades, this church has served Habitat as one of our missions. We have built homes, we have donated money, time and resources. We sincerely honor and thank all of those many volunteers who make this beautiful dream happen for so many people in need of a little helping hand.

We are very proud to partner with this amazing community of people.

TENTATIVE UPCOMING EVENTS



November

1 – DST ends, Peace Pole Prayer, All Saint's Day, Commitment Sunday, Accessibility Task Force
3 – COM and Ad Board meetings
7—Earth Day 2.0 Fall clean up, BOC concert
8 – Veteran's Recognition, BOC Concert
9—Worship Committee meeting
10 – Missions meeting
11 – Veteran's Day -? gathering at the flagpole
12 – Trustees meeting
13 – Set-up for auction
14 – Mission Basket Auction (new date this year)
15—Stewardship Sunday
18—CHARGE CONFERENCE
19—SPRC, Women's Ministry meetings
22 – Hanging of the Greens
24 – Finance meeting
26 – Thanksgiving
29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

December

1 – Ad Board meeting
3—Preschool Board meeting
6 – Peace Pole Prayer
8 – Missions meeting
10 – Trustees and SPRC meetings
12—Preschool bake sale cookie drop off/assembly
13 – Lessons and Carols Service, Preschool Bake Sale Fundraiser
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

Event Discriptions

	Event Type	Description	Dates
Youth Group Type	Confirmation		Sept. 27 Oct. 4 Oct. 11 Oct. 18 Oct. 25 Nov. 1 Nov. 8 Nov. 15 Dec. 13
	Together @ The Table	We gather at our designated youth group location for food, faith, conversation, games, and meaningful connection. Activities may include lessons, small groups, creative projects, game nights, and other classic youth-group fun. Dinner is always provided, and adult volunteers are needed for every gathering. Event-specific information, permission forms, transportation details, and volunteer needs will be shared in advance.	Sept. 6 Sept. 13 Oct. 4 Oct. 18 Nov. 1 Nov. 15 Jan. 10 Jan. 24 Feb. 7 Feb. 21 Mar. 7 Mar. 21 Apr. 25 May 16 May 23
	Love In Action	We make room for caring for our community and doing service. Some activities include building food bags for kids in need, projects around church, sending cards to elders, etc. Unless otherwise noted, we meet at 4:00 PM at the designated church before traveling together. Dinner is provided, and event details, permission forms, and volunteer needs will be shared in advance.	Sept. 20 Oct. 11 Nov. 8 Dec. 13 Feb. 28 May 2 Jun. 6
	Holy Shenanigans	We make room for joyful chaos with celebrations, traditions, and extra-special activities. These may include holiday parties, lock-ins, scavenger hunts, themed nights, retreats, or other larger events. Details and schedules may vary. Unless otherwise noted, we meet at 4:00 PM at the designated youth group location. If an activity is off campus, everyone will still meet at the church first. Dinner is always provided, and adult volunteers are needed for every gathering. Event-specific information, permission forms, transportation details, and volunteer needs will be shared in advance.	Aug. 30, Kick Off @ Orchards Sept. 27, Live Action Clue Oct. 25, Trunk or Treat @ SCUMY Dec. 6, Christmas Event TBD Jan. 15-18, Holy Shenanigans Retreat @ OP Jan. 31, TBD Feb. 12 - 15, Suttle Lake Retreat Mar. 14, TBD Apr. 4-9, SLAM Apr. 18, TBD Jun. 19, TBD Dates TBD: OP Mid/High Camp OP Elementary Camp OP Kite Camp
HS Coffee Hour	North County	Unless otherwise marked, we meet on the first Sunday of the month at noon at Black Rock Coffee Bar in Salmon Creek, across from Burgerville on NE 20th Avenue. If weather permits, we may meet for a walk instead at the parking lot for Salmon Creek Regional Park/Kline line Pond. Check the calendar and weekly communications for the confirmed location. Adult volunteers are needed for each gathering.	Sept. 13 Oct. 4 Nov. 1 Jan. 10 Feb. 7 Mar. 7 Apr. 11 May 2
	Sounth County	Unless otherwise marked, we meet on the third Sunday of the month at noon at Starbucks on Andresen, near WinCo. If weather permits, we may meet for a walk instead at the Burnt Bridge Creek Trail parking lot on Devine Road. Check the calendar and weekly communications for the confirmed location. Adult volunteers are needed for each gathering.	Sept. 20 Oct. 18 Nov. 15 Jan. 24 Feb. 21 Mar. 21 Apr. 18 May 16
YAM	Theological Foodies	Young adults are invited to gather on select Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM for appetizers and honest conversations about faith, theology, life, and the questions we carry. No perfect answers or church experience are required—just come ready to eat, wonder, and build community together. Locations will be listed on the calendar and shared in advance.	Sept. 10 - Mental Health Oct. 8 - Nov. 12 -

Church Financial Report

September, 2026 Financial Update

Following is the financial report for the Church for September, 2026.

	Month			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav)
Pledges	17,163	27,500	(10,337)	288,330	247,500	40,830
Other Income	3,764	2,267	1,497	19,527	20,400	(873)
Investments	(6,166)	0	(6,166)	23,532	0	23,532
Total Income	14,761	29,767	(15,006)	331,389	267,900	63,489
Expenses	31,291	30,950	(341)	288,431	293,722	5,291
Operating Income / (Loss)	(16,530)	(1,183)	(15,347)	42,958	(25,822)	68,780

Our pledge income weakened significantly in September as the "dog days of summer" come to a close, and was only 62% of Budget and ~ (10,000) Unfavorable to Plan. Pledges remained strong on a YTD basis, we're 116 % of Plan, and ~ 41,000 favorable to Plan. Our expenses were very close to Budget for both September and Year to Date, with variances of (341) and 5,292, respectively.

Our YTD profit for the Church is now ~ 43,000 and ~ 69,000 favorable to our Budget. In a repeat comment, your commitment to our Church and our Community remains steadfast and we appreciate everyone's generosity. As we head into the Fall and schools opening in September, we remain cautiously optimistic that we will finish the year with a small profit.

Our Preschool program is now open again and has increased its enrollment recently, and we are getting closer to a break-even operation. We actually were ~ break even in September, and we continue to monitor the Preschool's financial results very closely.

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

NEW AEDs ON OUR CAMPUS!

In response to a recent occurrence at another church in our community and in concern for our aging congregation, a campaign to purchase new AEDs for our campus was initiated by Lila DeBolt, Chair of the Administrative Board. Automated External Defibrillators are portable electronic medical devices used to save lives during sudden cardiac arrest. With the assistance from grant funding, Lila was able to find 2 devices at a reduced cost. Upon consideration and approval from the Administrative Board, these devices were purchased and now have been installed on our campus. One is located in the main building in the foyer of the back entryway; the second is located in the FMC mid-hallway above the water fountain. The devices are kept securely in storage containers with the instruction manuals in each.

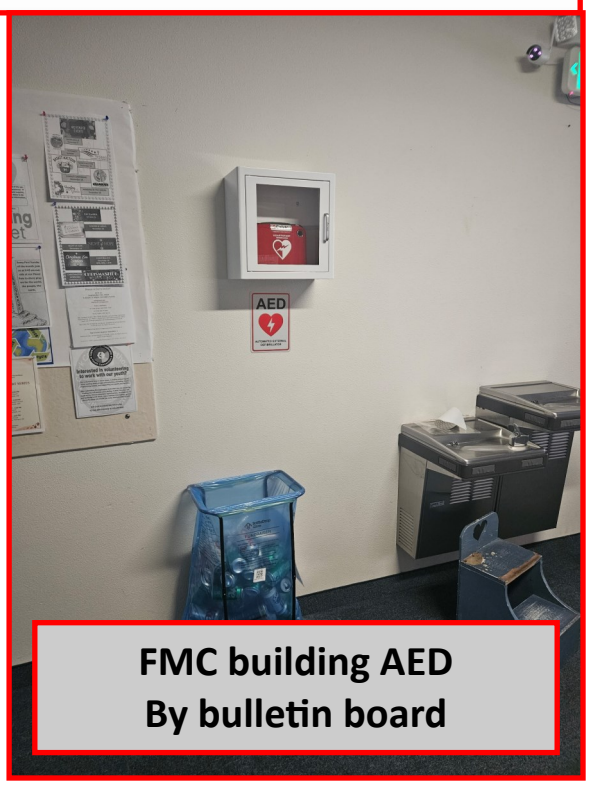
During the recent Emergency Response Training session, these devices were displayed and demonstrated by an AMR paramedic. They are easy to use with voice prompts giving instructions. Having these available in case of emergencies will be a valuable asset in saving lives.

As you walk through our buildings, take a look at where the AEDs are located, just so you know if you are asked to retrieve one. Quick, early response is the best medicine in preventing life-threatening situations.

If you have any questions about our AED devices, don't hesitate to reach out to Lila for further information.



**Main building AED
in between EAST doors**



**FMC building AED
By bulletin board**



Reminder:

Set your clocks BACK one hour

at bedtime on October 31st,

as November 1st ends

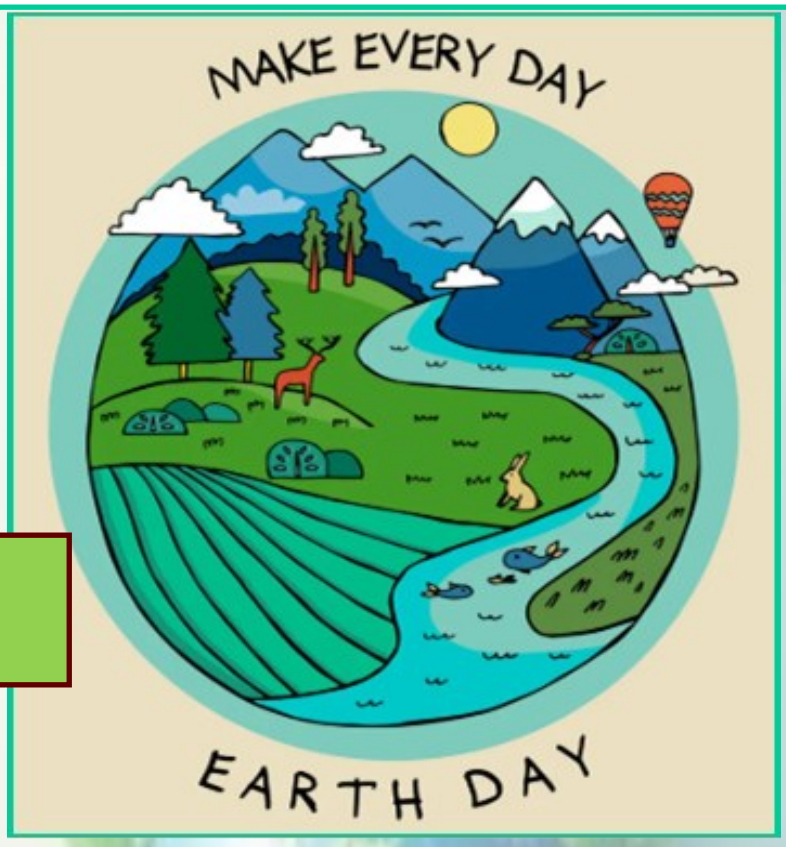
Daylight Savings Time!!

November's gathering will be on Sunday, November 1st at 9:45 am.

May Peace Prevail On Earth

Every First Sunday of the month, join us at 9:45 am out-side at our Peace Pole to share pray-ers for the world, the people, the earth.





EARTH DAY 2.0
November 7

Don't forget - Earth Day 2.0 is happening on Saturday, November 7, beginning at 9:00 am. This will be our Fall clean-up day to tidy up the campus. There is leaf raking, shrub trimming and pruning that needs to be done. So, join us at 9 am on the patio for some light refreshments and then the work begins. Bring your work gloves, rakes, trimmers, pruning shears and buckets AND all your energy. Let's make our property look clean and beautiful as we head into winter. If there is a light sprinkle of rain happening, we will still meet. If the rain is heavier, then we will cancel and plan for another day. None of us will melt, but we certainly don't want to invite any potential for sickness or accidents.

See you on the 7th for some fellowship and light work. What a great way to celebrate the God-given gift of our green space!!!

For more information, see Lila DeBolt, Teresa Rivera, Aileen Maddox or Larry Siewert.

VETERAN'S HONOR/RESPECT SUNDAY

VETERAN'S SUNDAY
November 8

Special Ceremony
Wednesday, November 11th
at 2:00 pm—flag poles





Bells of the Cascades is honored to present a concert of rhythms from around the world.
The concert is scheduled for:

- **November 7 at 4pm** (VENUE TBD)
- **November 8th at 4pm—(here at Salmon Creek UMC)**

Save the date to hear a fun and exciting concert!

Portland Area's Finest Handbell Ensemble

- Bells of the Cascades



BASKET AUCTION
November 14

Tickets and forms are available at our- Welcome Desk. Please invite your friends and families!!

THE BIG EVENT

ANNUAL MISSIONS BASKET AUCTION – Saturday, November 15

What is a basket?

Baskets are collections of items combined together with a theme…baking, pampering, movie night, etc. Items may be homemade, purchased, donations by businesses – or a combination of all three!

We encourage individuals, families and groups in the church to put together baskets to be auctioned off at our basket auction. We will also have a raffle, dessert dash and paddle raise where people can contribute.

Where do auction funds go?

1. **Share Inc.** – Non-profit organization that provides food and shelter to the homeless and low income in Clark county. School food backpacks and summer lunches are provided by Share.
2. **Seafarers Center** –Welcomes and provides services for international mariners while docked at the Port of Vancouver and Portland.
3. **Safe Choice** – Shelter and services for women who are victims of domestic violence.
4. **Friends of the Carpenter** – A ministry that serves the homeless and less fortunate in Vancouver. Projects of 'wood' allows those participating to become friends around a table with Christ at the center.
5. **Open House Ministries** – A ministry that serves families who are in transition. A way for them to 'get back on their feet'. Providing them housing, counseling, goal setting and hope.
6. **Battle Ground HealthCare** – Salmon Creek is looking to provide support for this non-profit, faith-based clinic that provides health care to low income adults in Clark County.



How do I donate a basket?

Sign up at our display in the back of the church. Then complete this form and leave it in your basket when you bring it to the church. You may also submit the information prior to bringing in your basket – be sure you also identify the basket at the time it is brought to the church. We are hoping to advertise our auction online this year so we are asking that all basket forms be in by Nov. 1. Baskets can be turned into the church any time after Nov. 1 but must be at the church by Friday, November 13.

Name of person or group donating a basket:

Type of basket or brief description of contents:

Estimated retail value: $

Thank you for your contribution towards missions work in our community and around the world. Your expenditure on your basket is tax deductible, please keep your receipts or you may get a receipt from the church office or the treasurer following the Auction.



Salmon Creek UMC
Missions Basket Auction
November 14, 2026

5pm Doors Open
Coffee, Iced Tea and Cider available

5:00 – 5:55 Silent Auction

6:00 Dinner Served

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Mashed Potatoes
Fresh Green beans

6:20 Dessert Dash Collected

6:30 A Word from our Ministries

6:45 Dessert Dash

7:15 Paddle Raise

7:30 Mission Basket Drawings

8:00 Check out & Collect Baskets

Ministries supported by the Basket Auction

Share Vancouver – Non-profit organization that provides food and shelter to the homeless and low income in Clark County.

Seafarers Center –Welcomes and provides services for international mariners while docked at the Port of Vancouver and Portland.

YWCA Safe Choice – Shelter and services for women who are victims of domestic violence.

Friends of the Carpenter – A ministry that serves the homeless through a day center and fellowship over woodworking projects.

Open House Ministries – A ministry that provides housing, counseling, goal setting and hope for families experiencing homelessness.

Battle Ground Health Care – A health care agency in Battle Ground that provides free health and dental care to those without financial resources.

Back this year! Ministry Basket Drawing!

Each of our community agencies has generously provided a basket for our auction. Purchase a ticket for the chance to win the basket of your choice. Tickets cost $1 each and are for sale until the Paddle raise.





Give Serve

Attend Grow

Stewardship

Bring your pledge card on Sunday, November 15th as we pray over the gifts given to our church.

Pledge Sunday



CHARGE CONFERENCE
November 18
6:00 pm

Charge Conference

Hanging of the Greens

HANGING OF THE GREENS
November 22
Meet after worship
in the sanctuary
Help make our church festive for the Advent season!!





Our annual Troop 14 tree lot will be open from November 28th through December 13th. As soon as we know operating hours, we will let you know.

Come support our scouts—buy your tree and/or wreath!

While supplies last!

CREATION CARE

Is this important ministry calling you?
Talk with Lila DeBolt, Aileen Maddox
or Teresa Rivera

Creation Care Task Force:
Next meeting:
Friday, January 8, 2027—9:00 am



Creation Care

At Salmon Creek United Methodist church

Future 2027 Scheduled meetings:
April 9
July 9
October 8

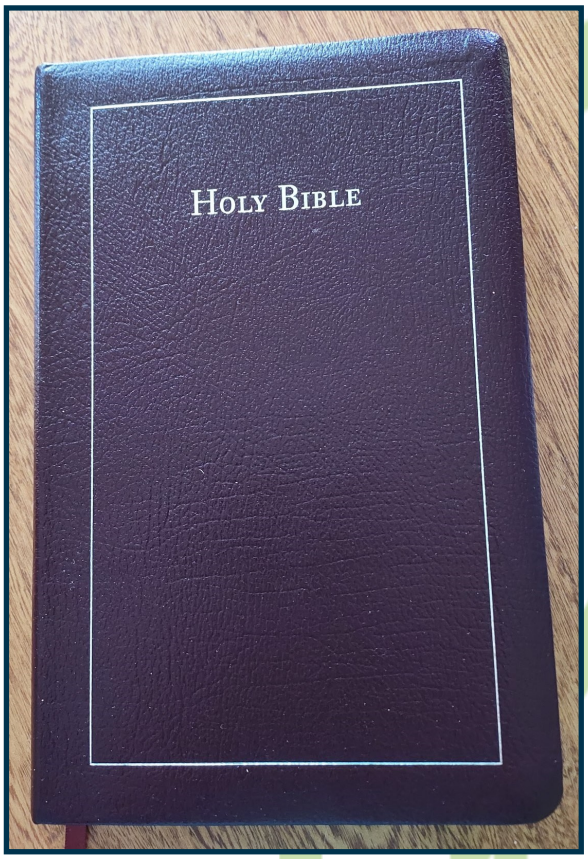
Perspective from a Wheelchair user ...

When I was still able to drive, I remember cruising parking lots to find an ADA parking spot that had room for my ramp to extend so I could roll out in my Wheelchair. One day I was going to pick up pizza for my family. Just as I was coming into park, somebody was ahead of me in a car that swooped into the only available ADA spot. A spry 19– ish year-old sprung out of the car and dashed into the pizza place. She had no ADA parking tag and was clearly not disabled. I had no idea if she would be in there for 20 minutes or 30 seconds. Who knew?
Frustrated, I drove by the now occupied ADA spot and found a couple of spaces next to each other way in the back where I could park and extend the ramp to exit. By the time I crossed the parking lot in my Wheelchair, the girl came dashing out of the pizza place, hopped into her car and zoomed off.

I believe that in her mind, she thought there was no harm in parking there just a few minutes. But in reality, it cost a person who truly needed that space time and struggle just to get out of their vehicle. She had other choices that she could have taken instead of taking the only choice a disabled person had.

I believe the same principal holds true for ADA restrooms, ADA shower stalls and any space clearly intended for the use by a person with a disability. If you have the ability to use a regular stall or space, please do. Leave the Accessible stall or space for someone who cannot use anything else. And please teach this to your kids and grandkids too!

— Lilly Longshore



The Church Library now has a copy of the "*Common English Bible*" on the shelf.
Do some stories confuse you?
Check out those stories in this issue.
It may help your understanding.
Thanks to Elaine Gilbert for providing us with this copy!!

Church Library





LESSONS & CAROLS
December 13



NIGHT OF HOPE
December 14



CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24
5PM, 8PM, 11PM



CHRISTMASTIDE
HYMN SING
December 27



Benefits Little Fish Preschool

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE!

On Sunday December 13, following the Christmas Music Program, the Little Fish Preschool will again host the annual Christmas cookie sale in the Fellowship Hall during coffee fellowship time. Mark your calendars now - you won't want to miss this opportunity to purchase delicious cookies for you, your family and holiday guests.

We will be accepting donations of cookies on Saturday morning - the 12th - from 9-11 am in the FH kitchen.



On Sunday, October 11, we celebrated Pastor Appreciation by recognizing our very special Pastor Kim. She was treated with several "sweet" surprises as well as gifts from congregation, presented to her by Lila DeBolt. We are so very glad to have Pastor Kim with us. She is an inspiration and true gift whom we value greatly.

Pastor Appreciation Day















Pastor Appreciation Day











Mission Breakfast Report

Thank you to all who helped out with the benefit breakfast! Teresa Rivera and Bonnie Jacquemin decorated the tables that had been set up by Larry Siewert's evening men's group. They also took care of getting the tables set with everything you needed. Thank you, Kathy Hardy, who helped getting the menus made up and provided specific table decorations. Lila DeBolt helped Gay and Steve prepare the egg casserole and blueberry French toast on Saturday, and in getting the juice ready, the grapes cleaned, along with getting the plates counted out . It was wonderful to have more hands this morning to greet and be servers. Ann Wear, Ted Sherwin, Jan Asai, Winston Asai and Greg Berry, thank you so much for helping. Andy Clayton & Lynne Kingsley helped Steve and Gay in the kitchen while Larry Siewert and Dan Kingsley were busy washing dishes. Kathy Bachman and Teresa Rivera helped with clean-up. Donations were $1,590.00. We served 60 breakfasts, which included *to-go* orders.

Many hands make light work. Bob Gordon was watching everything that was being done after the breakfast, the clean-up and putting everything away and commented on how the group worked together to get it done.

We served 50 Blueberry French Toast, 54 Egg Casserole, 53 Sausage Links, 48 Fresh Fruit, 20 Orange Juice, 5 Apple Juice and 6 V-8 Juice

Thank you again, Gay Enyeart

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

MISSION BREAKFAST



Gay & Steve Enyeart
Lynne Kingsley, Andy Clayton





Larry Siewert & Dan Kingsley
wash dishes







UMCOR
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October 17th Women's Retreat























Salmon Creek Lions Club thanks us for hosting their September 26th Shred Event!

We wanted to let you and the Trustees know we raised $1,580.00 from the September 26th shred event we held. Those funds are being donated to the Gales Creek Camp for children with Type 1 diabetes. This will be a significant donation for them.

We so appreciate your church allowing our Lions Club the use of the church parking lot. — SC Lions Club





Tiffiney Nordby—November 3

Kim Prater—November 3

Rich Bippes—November 5

Greg Berry—November 7

Don't see your birthday?

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



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Join us live on Sunday mornings for worship, or view our past recordings:

https://www.youtube.com/@salmoncreekchurch8931



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